System of Environmental-Economic Accounting 2012 – Experimental Ecosystem Accounting Revision

First Global Consultation on:

Chapter 8: Principles of valuation for Ecosystem Accounting

Chapter 9: Accounting for ecosystem services in monetary terms

Chapter 10: Accounting for ecosystem assets in monetary terms

Chapter 11: Integrated and extended accounting for ecosystem services and assets

Comments Form

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Questions related to Chapter 8

Question 1: Do you have comments on the principles proposed to underpin monetary valuation for the revised SEEA EEA, including the use of exchange values and net present value approaches?

Question 2. Do you have any suggestions for topics to include in Annex 8.1?

“Valuation in national accounts” should be added under sub-heading 2.b Valuation in accounting.

“Welfare measures and national accounts” should be added under heading 3. Aggregate measure of income and wealth.

Moreover, “the scope of income in the SNA (production boundary, households production and firms production, GDP, NDP)” should be replaced instead of the scope of income in the SNA (production boundary, GDP, NDP)

As new sub-heading, “Natural assets and An example of natural asset pricing” should be added under heading 4. Measuring the value of assets and net wealth.

Question 3. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 8?
Questions related to Chapter 9

Question 4. Do you have comments on the range of valuation methods proposed for use in estimating exchange values of ecosystem services?

Existing paragraph 9.64 to 9.68 should be maintained. The new paragraphs should start from 9.69.

Question 5. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 9?

Questions related to Chapter 10

Question 6. Do you have comments on the definitions of entries for the ecosystem monetary asset account including ecosystem enhancement, ecosystem degradation and ecosystem conversions?
Question 7. Do you have comments on the recommendations concerning the selection of discount rates for use in NPV calculations in ecosystem accounting?

Question 8. Do you have comments on Annex 10.1 describing the derivation and decomposition of NPV?

Question 9. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 10?
Questions related to Chapter 11

Question 10. Do you have comments on the proposed structure of the extended balance sheet that integrates the monetary values of ecosystem and economic assets?

Question 11. Do you have comments on the approaches to assigning the ownership of ecosystem assets that underpins the structure of the extended sequence of institutional sector accounts?

Question 12. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 11?