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Global Consultation on the complete document: Comments Form

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General comments

Question 1: Do you have comments on the overall draft of the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?

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Comments by sets of chapters

Question 2. Do you have comments on Chapters 1-2 of the draft SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?

p.1, paragraph 1.1: Remove "well" from line 3, "our well wellbeing".
p.2, paragraph 1.9: Dot missing at the end of second last sentence.
p.8, chapter 1.4.5: This chapter could include a reference to chapter 14.4, where the links and alignments between SEEA EA and global indicator monitoring frameworks are further discussed.
p.10, paragraph 1.43: Remove "almost" from line 5, "Implementation almost involves the active participation..."
p.18, paragraph 2.8: The sentence is incomprehensive and seems to be incomplete, perhaps a verb is missing in the latter part of the sentence "...since they all of the same underlying focus for measurement, i.e., the ecosystem." ?
p.26, paragraph 2.48: The second-last sentence abruptly ends after "or".
p.29, paragraph 2.60: in the first sentence, should be "centered" not "cantered".

Question 3. Do you have comments on Chapters 3-5 of the draft SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?

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Question 4. Do you have comments on Chapters 6-7 of the draft SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?

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Question 5. Do you have comments on Chapters 8-11 of the draft SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?

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Question 6. Do you have comments on Chapters 12-14 of the draft SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?

p.270, paragraph 14.14. Wrong section references. Section 12.4 should probably be 14.3, and section 12.5 should be 14.4.

p.271, paragraph 14.18 The sentence "The base of the pyramid comprises a full range of basic statistics and data from various sources including surveys, scientific measurements, administrative entities and censuses" should also include geospatial datasets, as spatial explicitness is in the core of ecosystem accounting!

p.275, table 14.4. Further descriptions are missing and should be included for the three last monetary indicators.

p.278, table 14.5. In column "Potential SEEA indicators", replace "Coverage of key biodiversity areas by terrestrial protected areas" with "coverage of sites important for terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity by protected areas", and "Coverage of key biodiversity areas by protected areas in relation to marine areas" with "coverage of sites important for marine biodiversity by protected areas". This formulation would better align with formulations in table 14.7.

p.279, paragraph 14.38: The last sentence is too long and hard to follow, consider splitting it. Further, "...identified a list of 21 indicators, as shown in table 3..." should be 22 indicators, and table reference is 14.7.

p.280, paragraph 14.39: last sentence, replace "compiled" with "compile"

p.280, paragraph 14.41: replace "relate" with "related"

p.283, figure 14.2: what is the interpretation of the color coding of the boxes?

p.287, glossary: "ecosystem trustee" should be included