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Classification of Environmental Functions

Global Consultation

Comments Form

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Question 1: Do you have any comments on the proposed structure of the Classification of Environmental Functions?

The proposed structure is very elaborate and would be very useful provided the data is available at such a disaggregated level.

A concordance with the Classification of Functions of Government (COFOG) - Environment Protection Component and the Classification of Environment Protection Activities & Expenditure, 2000 (CEPA, 2000) may be provided so that countries already working on these formats can easily switch to the new one.

Question 2. Do you have any comments on the explanatory notes and on the heading reference?

Para 4.2: Protection of Biodiversity and Landscape

- (i) Management of zoos, oceanariums, aquarium, and of city greenery may be included under 4.2 assuming that they directly or indirectly impact the biodiversity and the landscape.
- (ii) As regards recreational structures and spaces such as urban parks and gardens, golf courses and other sports facilities, these may be considered under 1.1, i.e. Reduction and Control of air emission.
- (iii) The establishment and maintenance of green spaces along road may also be considered under 1.1, i.e. Reduction and Control of Air Emission assuming that the green spaces along the road will reduce the pollution impacts.

Question 3. Do you have any other comments on the Classification of Environmental Functions?

Ocean related functions may be appropriately included in the Classifications.