

Accounting for Environmental Assets

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Objectives of the Day

- Recap: The definition and scope of environmental assets
- The link between environmental assets and economic assets
- The structure of asset accounts
- The definition of depletion of individual resources
- The approaches to the valuation of individual resources
- The possible applications of information from asset accounts



Discussion:

What Questions or Issues do you have about Accounting for Environmental Assets?



Defining Environmental Assets



Definition of Environmental Assets

"Environmental assets are the naturally occurring living and non-living components of the Earth, together constituting the bio-physical environment, which may provide benefits to humanity"



One Environment : Two Perspectives





Scope of Individual Resources

1 Mineral and energy resources

- 1.1 Oil resources
- 1.2 Natural gas resources
- 1.3 Coal and peat resources
- 1.4 Non-metallic mineral resources (excluding coal and peat resources)
- 1.5 Metallic mineral resources
- 2 Land
- **3** Soil resources
- 4 Timber resources
- 4.1 Cultivated timber resources
- 4.2 Natural timber resources

5 Aquatic resources

- 5.1 Cultivated aquatic resources
- 5.2 Natural aquatic resources
- 6 Other biological resources (excluding timber resources and aquatic resources)

7 Water resources

- 7.1 Surface water
- 7.2 Groundwater
- 7.3 Soil water



Physical and Monetary Scope

- In principle, when accounting for environmental assets in physical terms include all environmental assets whether or not they have a monetary value
 - All land in a country is included in physical land accounts
 - Also timber resources, other biological resources, soil, inland water resources
- Mineral and energy resources scope is known deposits
- Aquatic resources scope is all resources within EEZ plus rights on high seas
 - In practice limit to commercial stocks and subsistence



Key Points and Boundary Issues

- Distinct treatment of land
 - Account for its provision of space / area not the resources that are within it
- Include natural and cultivated biological resources
- Oceans and atmosphere excluded
- Stocks of potential energy from renewable sources excluded
 - E.g. solar, wind, tidal power
 - Slight exception for hydropower



Ecosystem Assets

- Areas comprising combinations of individual resources (timber, soil, water, etc) but also having ecological processes and characteristics
- Aim to assess
 - Condition of the ecosystem within an area (i.e. how is it functioning, quality of processes)
 - Flow of ecosystem services to economic and human activity
- Ecosystem asset accounting measures environmental impact rather than environmental pressures



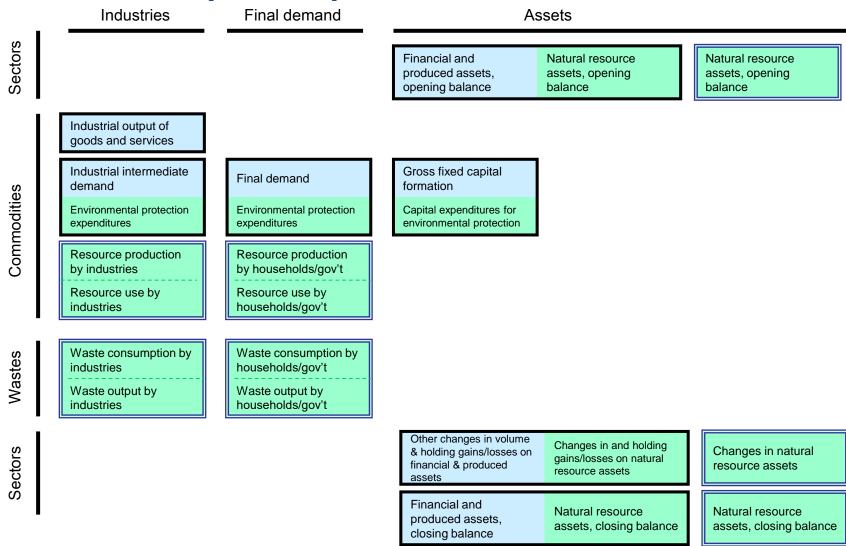
Key Messages

- Environmental assets can be seen from two perspectives: individual resources & ecosystems
- Both natural and cultivated resources are included in scope
- Scope is generally broader in physical terms than in monetary terms
- Land is accounted for in terms of area/space



The Structure of Asset Accounts

System of Environmental-Economic Accounts (SEEA) view



Connections between SUT and asset accounts

| | | | | | | Asset a (Physical and n | ccounts nonetary terms) |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | Industries | Households | Government | Rest of the world | Produced assets | Environmental assets |
| | | | | | - | Openin | g stock |
| - | Product-supply | Output | | | Imports | | |
| supply and use table | Product-use | Intermediate consumption | Household final consumption expenditures | Government final consumption expenditures | Exports | Gross capital | |
| Physical supply and use | Natural inputs- supply | | | | | | Extracted natural resources |
| table | Natural inputs- use | Imports of natural resources | | | | | |
| | Product- supply | Output | | | Imports | | |
| | Product-use | Intermediate consumption | Household final consumption | | Exports | Gross capital formation | |
| | Residual- supply | Residuals generated by industry | Residuals generated by household final consumption | | Residuals received from the rest of the world | Residuals from scrapping and demolition of produced assets; Emissions from controlled landfills | |
| | Residuals-use | Collection & treatment of waste and other residuals | | | Residuals sent to the rest of the world | Accumulation of waste in controlled landfills | Residuals flowing to the environment* |
| | | | | | | assets (e.g. na | s in volume of atural growth, astrophic losses) |
| | | | | | | Revalu | ations |
| | | | | | | Closin | g stock |



Basic Asset Account Structure

| Opening stock of environmental assets | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Additions to stock | |
| Growth in stock | |
| Discoveries of new stock | |
| Upward reappraisals | |
| Reclassifications | |
| Total additions of stock | |
| Reductions of stock | |
| Extractions | |
| Normal loss of stock | |
| Catastrophic losses | |
| Downward reappraisals | |
| Reclassifications | |
| Total reductions in stock | |
| Revaluation of the stock* | |
| Closing stock of environmental assets | |



Reappraisals and Reclassifications

- Reappraisals: changes due to use of updated information to reassess physical size of the stock
 - Changes in quality
 - Changes in technology to permit additional extraction
 - May imply revisions
- Reclassifications: where an environmental asset is use for a different purpose – particularly permanent changes in land use
 - Decrease in one category leads to increase in another



Accounting structure

 Structure: conforms with a balance sheet structure - opening stocks, closing stocks and annual variations

Table 5.5.3 Physical asset account for mineral and energy resources (physical units*)

| | Type of mineral and energy resource (Class A: Commercially recoverable resources) | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Oil resources | Natural gas | Coal & peat | Non-metallic | Metallic | | | | |
| | ('000 barrels) | resources (m3) | resources | minerals | minerals ('000 | | | | |
| | | | ('000 tonnes) | (tonnes) | tonnes) | | | | |
| Opening stock of mineral and energy resources | 800 | 1 200 | 600 | 150 | 60 | | | | |
| Additions to stock | | | | | | | | | |
| Discoveries | | | | | 20 | | | | |
| Upwards reappraisals | | 200 | | 40 | | | | | |
| Reclassifications | | | | | | | | | |
| Total additions to stock | | 200 | | 40 | 20 | | | | |
| Reductions in stock | | | | | | | | | |
| Extractions | 40 | 50 | 60 | 10 | 4 | | | | |
| Catastrophic losses | | | | | | | | | |
| Downwards reappraisals | | | 60 | | | | | | |
| Reclassifications | | | | | | | | | |
| Total reductions in stock | 40 | 50 | 120 | 10 | 4 | | | | |
| Closing stock of mineral and energy resources | 760 | 1 350 | 480 | 180 | 76 | | | | |

* Different physical units (e.g. tonnes, cubic metres, barrels) will be used for different types of resources.



Asset accounts

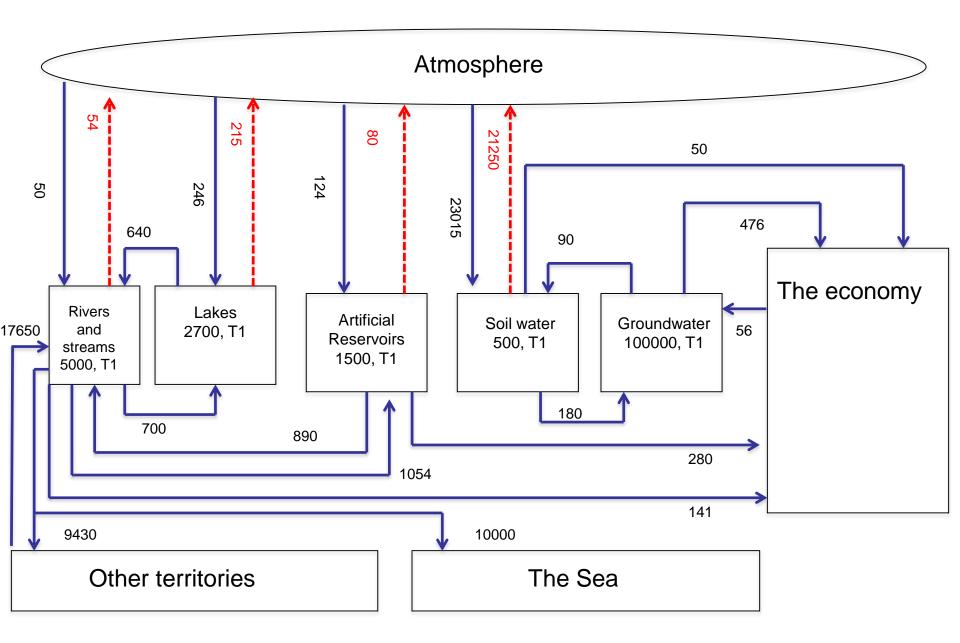
| Asset accounts | Topics covered (detailed definition) |
|------------------------------|---|
| Mineral and energy resources | Physical and monetary accounts for minerals and energy stocks (oil, natural gas, coal and peat, non-metallic minerals and metallic minerals) (CF 5.172) |
| Land | Physical and monetary accounts for land, land cover, land use and forest (CF 5.235) |
| Soil resources | Area and volume of soil resources (CF 5.318) |
| Timber resources | Physical and monetary accounts for timber resources (CF 5.343) |
| Aquatic resources | Physical and monetary accounts for fish, crustaceans, molluscs, shellfish and other aquatic organisms such as sponges and seaweed as well as aquatic mammals such as whales. (CF 5.393) (CO2, pollutants) (CF 3.233) |
| Other biological resources | Cultivated animals and plants including livestock, annual crops such as wheat and rice, and perennial crops such as rubber plantations, orchards and vineyards. (CF 5.462) |
| Water resources | Stock of water resources (CF 5.471) |

General structure of the physical account for environmental assets (physical units)

| | Mineral & energy resources | Land (incl. forest land) | Soil resources | Timber resources | | Aquatic | Water resources | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | Cultivated | Natural | Cultivated | Natural | |
| Opening stock of resources | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Additions to stock of resources | | | | | | | | |
| Growth in stock | na | Yes* | Soil formation | Growth | Natural growth | Growth | Natural growth | Precipitation |
| | | | Soil deposition | | | | | Return flows |
| Discoveries of new stock | Yes | na | na | na | na | Yes* | Yes* | Yes* |
| Upwards reappraisals | Yes | Yes | Yes* | Yes* | Yes* | Yes* | Yes | Yes* |
| Reclassifications | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Total additions to stock | | | | | | | | |
| Reductions in stock of resources | | | | | | | | |
| Extractions | Extractions | na | Soil extraction | Removals | Removal s | Harvest | Gross catch | Abstraction |
| Normal reductions in stock | na | na | Erosion | Natural losses | Natural losses | Normal losses | Normal losses | Evaporation Evapotranspiration |
| Catastrophic losses | Yes* | Yes* | Yes* | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes* |
| Downwards reappraisals | Yes | Yes | Yes* | Yes* | Yes* | Yes* | Yes | Yes* |
| Reclassifications | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | na |
| Total reductions in stock | | | | | | | | |
| Closing stock of resources | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |



Exercise on Water Resources





| | | | Type of water resource | | | | | | | | |
|--------|----------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|------------|----------------|-------------|------------|--|--|--|
| | | | | Surfac | e water | | Groundwater | Soil water | | | |
| | | | Artificial | Lakes | Rivers and | Glaciers, snow | | | | | |
| | | | reservoirs | | streams | and ice | | | | | |
| Openi | ng | | | | | | | | | | |
| Additi | ons to | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Returns | S | | | | | | | | | |
| | Precipi | tation | | | | | | | | | |
| | Inflows | s from other territories | | | | | | | | | |
| | Inflows | s from other inland water resources | | | | | | | | | |
| | Discov | eries of water in aquifers | | | | | | | | | |
| | Total a | dditions to stock | | | | | | | | | |
| Reduc | tions | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Abstrac | etion | | | | | | | | | |
| | | for hydro power generation | | | | | | | | | |
| | | for cooling water | | | | | | | | | |
| | Evapor | ation & actual evapotranspiration | | | | | | | | | |
| | Outflow | ws to other territores | | | | | | | | | |
| | Outflow | ws to the sea | | | | | | | | | |
| | Outflow | ws to other inland water resources | | | | | | | | | |
| | Total re | eductions in stock | | | | | | | | | |
| Closin | g | | | | | | | | | | |



Solution

| | | | | | Type of wa | iter resource | | | Total |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|--------|------------|---------------|------------|-------|--------|
| | | | | Surfac | e water | Groundwater | Soil water | | |
| | | | Artificial | Lakes | Rivers and | Glaciers, | | | |
| | | | reservoirs | | streams | snow and ice | <u>.</u> | | |
| Openi | ing | | 1500 | 2700 | 5000 | 0 | 100000 | 500 | 109700 |
| Additi | ons | | | | | | | | |
| | Returns | 8 | | | | | 56 | | 56 |
| | Precipi | tation | 124 | 246 | 50 | | | 23015 | 23435 |
| | Inflows | from other territories | | | 17650 | | | | 17650 |
| | Inflows | from other inland water resources | 1054 | 700 | 640 | | 180 | 90 | 2664 |
| | Discoveries of water in aquifers | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | Total d | additions to stock | 1178 | 946 | 18340 | 0 | 236 | 23105 | 43805 |
| Reduc | ctions | | | | | | | | |
| | Abstra | ction | 280 | | 141 | | 476 | 50 | 947 |
| | | for hydro power generation | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | for cooling water | | | | | | | 0 |
| | Evapor | ration & actual evapotranspiration | 80 | 215 | 54 | | | 21250 | 21599 |
| | Outflov | ws to other territores | | | 9430 | | | | 9430 |
| | Outflows to the sea | | | | 10000 | | | | 10000 |
| Outflows to other inland water resources | | 890 | 640 | 1754 | | 90 | 180 | 3554 | |
| | Total reductions in stock | | 1250 | 855 | 21379 | 0 | 566 | 21480 | 45530 |
| Closir | ıg | | 1428 | 2791 | 1961 | 0 | 99670 | 2125 | 107975 |



Example: Land accounting



Motivation of land accounting

- Assessment of the ownership and use of land as part of economic production process
- Assessment on various issues such as impacts of urbanization, sustainability of agricultural and forestry, the use of inland water resources, biodiversity conservation, etc.
- Assessment of national and institutional sector wealth
- Provide indicators of change (e.g. land use and land cover) and allow trade-off analysis
- Unlock the power of GIS to locate areas of change and map a wide range of social, economic and environmental information
- Fundamental to ecosystem accounting

Key components in land accounting

Land accounts register

- the state of land cover at certain time (called land stocks) in terms of extent (area) and type;
- changes between two steps in time (called land flows)

Key components of land accounting include

- land cover types and their functions or uses (ecological, economic, social) at broader scale
- Iand ownership and tenure at finer scale.



Important definitions

- Land: A unique environmental assets that delineates the space in which economic activities and environmental processes take place and within which environmental assets and economic assets are located (SEEA Central Framework para 5.239)
- Land cover: refers to the observed physical and biophysical cover of the Earth's surface and includes natural vegetation and abiotic surfaces (SEEA Central Framework para. 5.257)
- Land use: reflects the activities undertaken and the institutional arrangements put in place for a given area for the purpose of economic production, or the maintenance and restoration of environmental functions (SEEA Central 27 Framework para. 5.246)

International guidance of land accounting

- SEEA Central framework section 5.6 "Asset accounts for land"
- SEEA-Experimental Ecosystem Accounting section 4.3 "Compiling ecosystem asset accounts"
- CBD's Quick-Start Package on Ecosystem natural capital accounting – chapter 4 "The Land Cover account"
- Technical guidance on land accounting (*currently* developed as part of SEEA Implementation programme)



Physical assets accounts for land in SEEA Central Framework

- Objective: Describe the area of land and changes in the area of land cover over an accounting period
- Types of land accounts
 - Land cover
 - Land use
 - Land ownership by industry or institutional sector
- Measurement units:
 - Units of areas such as hectares or squares metres



Physical assets accounts for land: properties

- General, a country's area will remain unchanged from one period to the next
- Changes between the opening and closing stock of land in physical terms
 - Primarily encompass changes between different classes of land
- Exceptions:
 - Reclamation of land
 - Land subsidence or high water level
 - Political reasons: war, disputed territory



Land cover classification

- Land cover classification system v3 (LCCS 3) developed by FAO
- Includes land and inland waters

Category

- Artificial surfaces (including urban and associated areas)
- 2 Herbaceous crops
- 3 Woody crops
- 4 Multiple or layered crops
- 5 Grassland
- 6 Tree-covered areas
- 7 Mangroves
- 8 Shrub-covered areas
- 9 Shrubs and/or herbaceous vegetation, aquatic or regularly flooded
- 10 Sparsely natural vegetated areas
- 11 Terrestrial barren land
- 12 Permanent snow and glaciers
- 13 Inland water bodies
- 14 Coastal water bodies and intertidal areas



Land cover basic rules

| Category | Basic rule |
|---|--|
| Artificial surfaces (including urban and associated areas) | The category is composed of any type of artificial surfaces. |
| Herbaceous crops | The category is composed of a main layer of cultivated herbaceous plants. |
| Woody crops | The category is composed of a main layer of cultivated tree or shrub plants. |
| Multiple or layered crops | The category is composed of at least two layers of cultivated woody and herbaceous plants or different layers of cultivated plants combined with natural vegetation. |
| Grassland | The category is composed of a main layer of natural herbaceous vegetation with a cover from 10 to 100 per cent. |
| Tree-covered areas | The category is composed of a main layer of natural trees with a cover from 10 to 100 per cent. |
| Mangroves | The category is composed of natural trees with a cover from 10 to 100 per cent in aquatic or regularly flooded areas in salt and brackish water. |
| Shrub-covered areas | The category is composed of a main layer of natural shrubs with a cover from 10 to 100 per cent. |
| Shrubs and/or herbaceous vegetation, aquatic or regularly flooded | The category is composed of natural shrubs or herbs with a cover from 10 to 100 per cent in aquatic or regularly flooded areas with water persistence from 2 to 12 months per year. |
| Sparsely natural vegetated areas | The category is composed of any type of natural vegetation (all growth forms) with a cover from 2 to 10 per cent. |
| Terrestrial barren land | The category is composed of abiotic natural surfaces. |
| Permanent snow and glaciers | The category is composed of any type of glacier and perennial snow with persistence of 12 months per year. |
| Inland water bodies | The category is composed of any type of inland water body with a water persistence of 12 months per year. |
| Coastal water bodies and inter- tidal areas | The category is composed on the basis of geographical features in relation to the sea (lagoons and estuaries) and abiotic surfaces subject to water persistence (intertidal variations). |



Physical accounts for land cover (hectares)

| Total open | ing stoc | <mark>k = Tot</mark> a | <mark>al closir</mark> | ng stoc | <mark>k</mark> | | | Sparse | | Permanent snow, glaciers | Coastal |
|---------------------------|--|---|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Artificial surfaces | Crops | Grassland | Tree- covered area | Mangroves | Shrub- covered area | Regularly flooded areas | • | | and inland water bodies | water and inter-tidal areas |
| Opening stock of resource | 12 292.5 | 445 431.0 | 106 180.5 | 338 514.0 | 214.5 | <u>66 475.5</u> | 73.5 | 1966.5 | | 12 949.5 | 19351.5 |
| Additions to stock | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Managed expansion | Increas | e of lar | nd cove | r type | due to l | numar | activi | tv | | | |
| Natural expansion | | | | <u> </u> | | | | | | | 1.5 |
| Upward reappraisals | | Increase in area resulting from natural process | | | | | | | | | |
| Total additions to stock | Reflect changes due to the use of updated information that permits a reassessment of the size of different area of land cover. | | | | | | | | | 1.5 | |
| Reductions in stock | • | | llite ima | | | | | | | | |
| Managed regression | Decrea | se of la | ind cove | er type | due to | huma | n activ | /ity | | | |
| Natural regression | Decrea | | | | | | | - | | | |
| Downward reappraisals | | | | | | 4.5 | | | | | |
| Total reductions in stock | | 147.0 | 4 704.0 | 3 118.5 | 10.5 | 1 629.0 | 1.5 | | | | |
| Closing stock | 12 475.5 | 454 641.0 | 101 545.5 | 335 395.5 | 204.0 | 64 846.5 | 72.0 | 1 966.5 | | 12 949.5 | 19 353.0 |

Land cover change matrix (hectares)

| | Total opening area = Total closing area | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Land cover | Opening area | Artificial surfaces | Gops | Grassland | Tree-covered area | Mangroves | Shrub-covered area | Regularly flooded areas | Sparse natural vegetated areas | Terrestrial barren land | Permanent snow, glaciers and inland water bodies | Coastal water and intertidal areas | Net change (increase decrease) | dosing area |
| Artificial surfaces | 12 292.5 | | 147.0 | 27.0 | | 9.0 | | | | | | | 183.0 | 12 475.5 |
| Crops | 445 431.0 | -147.0 | | 4 677.0 | 3 118.5 | | 1 560.0 | 1.5 | | | | | 9 210.0 | 454 641.0 |
| Grassland | 106 180.5 | - 27.0 | - 4 677.0 | | | | 69.0 | | | | | | - 4 635.0 | 101 545.5 |
| Tree-covered area | 338 514.0 | | - 3 118.5 |) | | | | | | | | | - 3 118.5 | 335 395.5 |
| Mangroves | 214.5 | -9.0 | | roool | and a | nd tr | | vorod | loro | | | rtod t | -10.5 | 204.0 |
| Shrub-covered area | 66 475.5 | | -1 560 | | | | | | | au | JIVE | iteu i | 629.0 | 64 846.5 |
| Regularly flooded areas | 73.5 | | -1.5 | τορπε | eld ove | i a p | Deniou | | le | | | | -1.5 | 72.0 |
| Sparse natural vegetated areas | 1 966.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 966.5 |
| Terrestrial barren land | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Permanent snow, glaciers and inland water bodies | 12 949.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 12 949.5 |
| Coastal water and intertidal areas | 19 351.5 | | | | | 1.5 | | | | | | | 1.5 | 19 353 0 |



Classification of land use

- Classification of land use (interim) in the SEEA Central Framework
- 4-digit level classification

| 1 | Land | 3 | Coastal waters |
|-----|---|-----|--|
| 1.1 | Agriculture | 3.1 | Coastal waters used for aquaculture or holding facilities |
| 1.2 | Forestry | 3.2 | Coastal waters used for maintenance and restoration of environmental functions |
| 1.3 | Land used for aquaculture | 3.3 | Other uses of coastal waters |
| 1.4 | Use of built-up and related areas | 3.4 | Coastal waters not in use |
| 1.5 | Land used for maintenance and restoration of environmental functions | | |
| 1.6 | Other uses of land n.e.c. | | |
| 1.7 | Land not in use | | |
| 2 | Inland waters | 4 | Exclusive economic zone (EEZ) |
| 2.1 | Inland waters used for aquaculture or holding facilities | 4.1 | EEZ areas used for aquaculture of holding facilities |
| 2.2 | Inland waters used for maintenance and restoration of environmental functions | 4.2 | EEZ areas used for maintenance and restoration of environmental functions |
| 2.3 | Other uses of inland waters n.e.c. | 4.3 | Other uses of EEZ areas n.e.c. |
| 2.4 | Inland waters not in use | 4.4 | EEZ areas not in use |

B. Classification of Land Use (interim)

1 Land

1.1 Agriculture

The total of areas under "Land under temporary crops", "Land under temporary meadows and pastures", "Land with temporary fallow", "Land under permanent crops", "Land under permanent meadows and pastures", and "Land under protective cover".

This category includes tilled and fallow land, and naturally grown permanent meadows and pastures used for grazing, animal feeding or agricultural purpose. Scattered land under farm buildings, yards and their annexes, and permanently uncultivated land, such as uncultivated patches, banks, footpaths, ditches, headlands and shoulders are traditionally included.

1.1.1 Land under temporary crops

Land used for crops with a less-than-one-year growing cycle, which must be newly sown or planted for further production after the harvest. Some crops that remain in the field for more than one year may also be considered as temporary crops, e.g., asparagus, strawberries, pineapples, bananas and sugar cane.

Excludes: Herbaceous forage crops.

1.1.1.1 Cereals

Land used for the growing of cereals, e.g., wheat, rice, maize, sorghum, barley, rye, oats, millets.

1.1.1.2 Vegetables and melons

Land used for the growing of vegetables and melons.

1.1.1.3 Temporary oilseed crops

Land used for the growing of oilseeds crops, e.g., soya beans, groundnuts, castor bean, linseed, mustard seed, niger seed, rapeseed, safflower seed, sesame seed, sunflower seed, other oilseeds.

1.1.1.4 Root/tuber crops with high starch or inulin content

Land used for the growing of roots and tubers, e.g., potatoes, sweet potatoes, cassava, yams.

| | | | sset ac use <i>(c</i> | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|----------|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| stock) of land | are record l assets ta | ded wher | Type of and disposal (n transactions s between ins | in | | Inland water | Total |
| Opening value of stock of land | d 420 000 | 187 500 | 386 000 | 2 000 | | | 995 500 |
| Additions to stock | | | | | | | |
| Acquisitions of land | 3 500 | | | | | | 3 500 |
| Reclassifications | | 200 | 2 500 | | | | 2 700 |
| Total additions to stock Reductions in stock | Reclassi purpose | | occur in situa | ion in which | a land is use | d for diffe | rent ⁰⁰ |
| Disposals of land | | 3 500 | | | | | 3 500 |
| Reclassifications | | 1 250 | | 200 | | | 1 450 |
| Total reductions in stock | | 4 750 | | 200 | | | 4 950 |
| Revaluations | 18 250 | 15 350 | 65 000 | | | | 98 600 |

453 500

1800

1 095 350

Closing value of stock of land

441 750

198 300



Data

- Visual photo-interpretation of satellite images
- National cartographic sources of land-cover information
- National field survey

Existing global sources of land cover maps

Non-exhaustive list:

- Global land cover information service (for 2000 and 2010, at 30m, based on Landsat, mapped by China):
- MODIS Land cover (annual since 2001, at 250m, by NASA):
- GlobCover (for 2005 and 2009, at 300m, based on MERIS, European Space Agency):
- Global Land Cover-SHARE (compilation of the available best data sources for land cover from the countries, at 1km, by FAO):

Issues:

- Problems of spatial accuracy and details
- Lack of time series



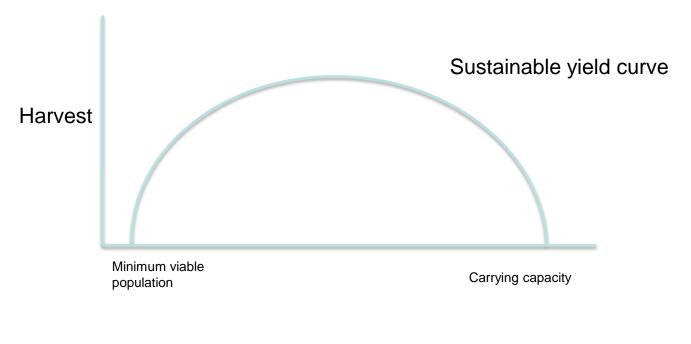
Exercise on Timber Resources: Q1



Depletion of Environmental Assets



Depletion and Sustainable Yield



Population size

Definition of Depletion

"Depletion, in physical terms, is the decrease in the quantity of the stock of a natural resource over an accounting period that is due to the extraction of the natural resource by economic units occurring at a level greater than that of regeneration"



Key Points

- Depletion must be a <u>physical flow</u> before valuation takes place
 - Monetary estimates equal physical flow * average price of resource before extraction
- Only for <u>natural resources</u> not cultivated resources
- Only extraction by <u>economic units</u> not all reductions in stock
- <u>Discoveries</u> of non-renewable resources are not considered regeneration
- Depletion will generally not equal change in the value of the stock
- Depletion is distinct from degradation which reflects reductions in the functioning of ecosystems



Exercise on Timber Resources: Q1



Monetary Valuation

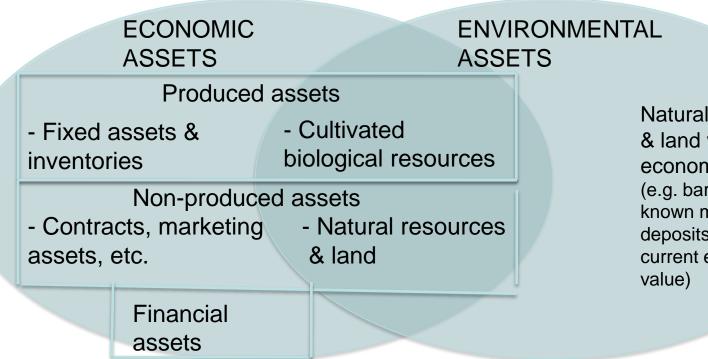


Defining Economic Assets

- Economic owner:
 - The institutional unit entitled to claim the benefits associated with the use of an asset in an economic activity
- Economic benefits
 - Include operating surplus from sale of extracted resources, rent earned by allowing use of resources, receipts from sale of assets
- Economic asset
 - Store of value representing the benefit or series of benefits accruing to the owner by holding or using the asset over time



Economic and Environmental Assets



Natural resources & land with no economic benefits (e.g. barren land, known mineral deposits without current economic value)

Valuation Principles & Methods

- Value at balance sheet date (e.g. end of financial year
- Value using market prices
 - Market prices are amounts of money that willing buyers pay to willing sellers
 - Exchange prices/value or transaction prices generally observable
- If prices not observable need to determine a price that would be applicable if a market had existed

Methods for Estimating Market Prices

- Market price equivalents
 - Prices for similar products or assets
- Written down replacement costs
 - Used for buildings and machines equal to the original purchase price adjusted for depreciation and the current replacement cost
- Net present value (NPV)
 - Assess the value of the future flow of benefits (income) from using or owning the asset



Logic of NPV

- 1. Estimate past Resource Rent (RR) from sale of resources
- 2. Estimate the physical stock and remaining asset life assuming a rate of extraction
- 3. Estimate future annual flows of RR over the asset life
- 4. Discount each future annual estimate of RR
- 5. Sum the discounted estimates => NPV

Measures of Resource Rent

- Residual value method
 - Generally obtained from national accounts and related data see Table 5.4.1
- Appropriation method
 - Based on payments made by extractors of resources to owners of resources – e.g. royalties paid to government for mining
- Access price method
 - Based on payments made by extractors for access rights and licences – e.g. quotas in fishing
- In theory all provide the same estimate but in practice all can be quite different



Residual Value Method

Output (sales of extracted environmental assets at basic prices, includes all subsidies on products, excludes taxes on products)

Less Operating costs

Intermediate consumption (input costs of goods and services at purchasers' prices, including taxes on products)

Compensation of employees (input costs for labour)

Other taxes on production plus Other subsidies on production

Equals Gross Operating Surplus – SNA basis (a)

Less Specific subsidies on extraction

Plus Specific taxes on extraction

Equals Gross Operating Surplus – for the derivation of resource rent

Less User costs of produced assets

Consumption of fixed capital (depreciation) + Return to produced assets

Equals Resource rent

Depletion + Net return to environmental assets (b)



Asset life

- The asset life is the expected time over which an asset can be used in production or the expected time over which extraction from a natural resources can take place
- In a very simple case

Asset life =

closing physical stock/expected annual extraction over expected annual growth

 However, especially for natural biological resources, need to consider biological model and associate sustainable yields of biological resources to ensure the impact of changing age and biological structure is taken into account in the determination of the asset life



Valuation — Net present value

- Net present value (NPV) is the discounted value of future economic benefits from a given asset
 - Follows conventions adopted in the System of National Accounts to value capital assets

$$NPV = \sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{RR_1}{\left(1+r_i\right)^t}$$

where:

RR=*resource rent T*= *reserve life, i.e. Closing stock* \div *extraction* r_i = *discount rate*



Exercise:

Valuation of a Coal Deposit



Use of Asset Accounting Information

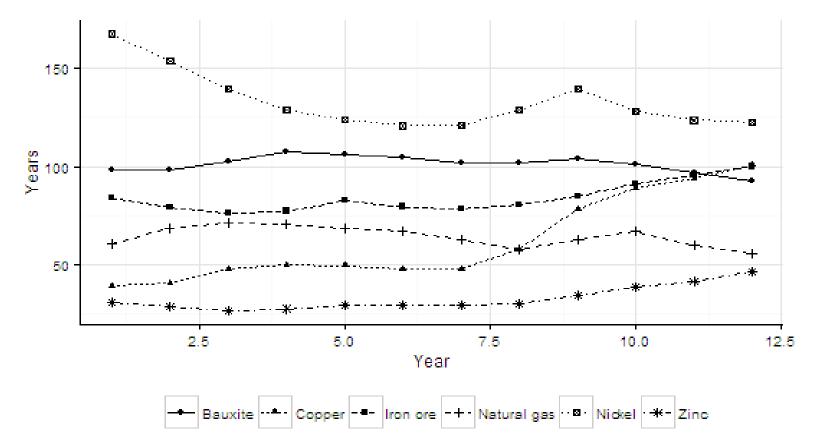


Possible Indicators in Physical Terms

- Changes in land use and land cover
 - E.g. rates of conversion of agricultural and forest land
- Shares of resources that are cultivated or natural biological resources
- Ratio of extraction to natural growth for natural biological resources
- Intensity of water use: abstraction / stocks
- Availability of resources per capita
- Asset lives: expected extraction rates / stocks



Expected Asset Lives of Mineral Resources



Possible Indicators in Monetary Terms

- Total wealth including environmental assets
 - Shares of wealth attributed to individual assets
 - Rates of return to different assets
- Estimate future government revenues royalties, taxes, rent, quotas, licences
- Depletion
 - Adjusted GDP
 - Productivity measures adjusting for cost of natural capital in addition to cost of fixed capital

Depletion-adjusted aggregates from the sequence of recommic accounts

| | | Institutional sect | ors | | Total |
|--|----------------|--------------------|------------|--------|---------|
| Accounting entry | Corporations | General | Households | NPISH* | Economy |
| | | government | | | |
| roduction account | | U | meo Nano | | |
| Output | 2 954 | 348 | 270 | 32 | 3 60 |
| Taxes less subsidies on products | na | na | na | na | 13 |
| Less Intermediate consumption | 1 529 | 222 | 115 | 17 | 1 8 |
| Gross Value Added** | 1 425 | 126 | 155 | 15 | 1 8: |
| Less Consumption of fixed capital | 169 | 27 | 23 | 3 | 2 |
| Net Value Added | 1 256 | 99 | 132 | 12 | 16 |
| > Less Depletion of natural resources | 6 | | | | |
| Depletion adjusted Net Value Added | 1 250 | 99 | 132 | 12 | 16 |
| Seneration of income account | | | | | |
| Gross value added | 1 425 | 126 | 155 | 15 | 18 |
| Less Compensation of employees payable | 1 030 | 98 | 11 | 11 | 1 1 |
| Less Other taxes less subsidies on production | 57 | 1 | - 1 | 1 | |
| Less Taxes less subsidies on products | na | na | na | na | 1 |
| Gross operating surplus | 338 | 27 | 145 | 3 | 5 |
| Less Consumption of fixed capital | 169 | 27 | 23 | 3 | 2 |
| Less Depletion of natural resources | 6 | | | | |
| Depletion adjusted Net Operating surplus | 163 | | 122 | | 2 |
| Allocation of primary income account | | | | | |
| Depletion adjusted Net Operating surplus | 163 | | 122 | | 2 |
| <i>Plus</i> Compensation of employees receivable (Households only) | | | 1 154 | | 11 |
| Plus Taxes less subsidies on production receivable (General | | 191 | | | 1 |
| government only) | | | | | |
| <i>Plus</i> Property income receivable (interest, dividends, rent) | 245 | 22 | 123 | 7 | 3 |
| Less Property income payable | 302 | 42 | 41 | 6 | 3 |
| Depletion adjusted balance of primary income | 106 | 171 | 1 358 | 1 | 16 |
| Distribution of secondary income account | | | | | |
| Depletion adjusted balance of primary income | 106 | 171 | 1 358 | 1 | 16 |
| Plus Current transfers receivable | 347 | 367 | 420 | 40 | 11 |
| Less Current Transfers payable | 375 | 248 | 582 | 7 | 1 2 |
| Depletion adjusted Net Disposable Income | 78 | 290 | 1 196 | 34 | 1 5 |
| Jse of disposable income account | ,0 | 270 | 1 190 | | 10 |
| Depletion adjusted Net Disposable Income | 78 | 290 | 1 196 | 34 | 15 |
| Less Final consumption expenditure | | 352 | 1 015 | 32 | 13 |
| Depletion adjusted Net Saving | 78 | - 62 | 181 | 2 | 1 |
| Capital account | | | | | |
| Depletion adjusted Net Saving | 78 | - 62 | 181 | 2 | 1 |
| Less Gross fixed capital formation | 288 | 35 | 48 | 5 | 3 |
| Less Changes in inventories | 26 | 55 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Less Acquisitions less disposals of valuables | 20 | 3 | 5 | | |
| Less Acquisition less disposals of natural resources and land | - 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | |
| Less Acquisition less disposals of other non-produced, non | - 1 | 2 | | 1 | |
| financial assets | | | | | |
| | 33 | 6 | 23 | | |
| | | | | 2 | |
| Plus Capital transfers receivable | 23 | ·2 A | | | |
| Less Capital transfers payable | 23 | 34 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| * | 23 169 6 | 34 27 | 23 | 3 | 2 |



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