

## **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



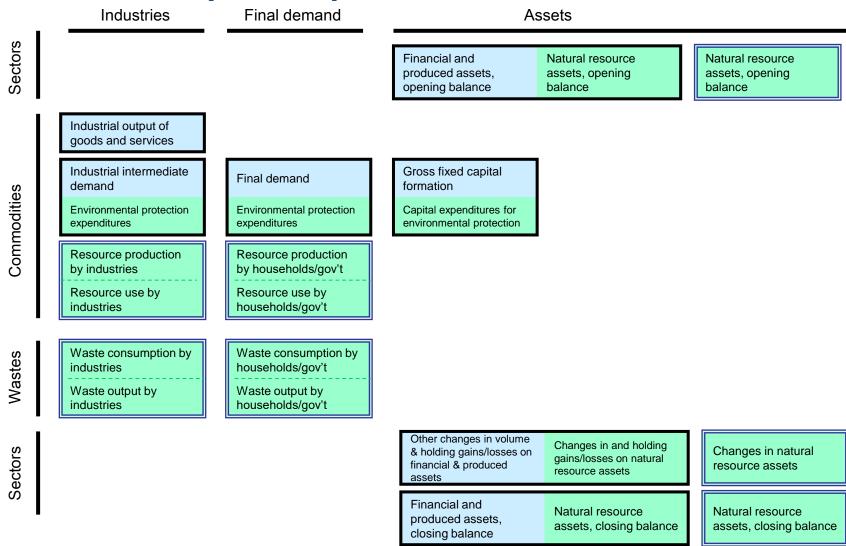
#### Key Messages

- 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



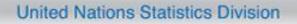
#### Connections between SUT and asset accounts

						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

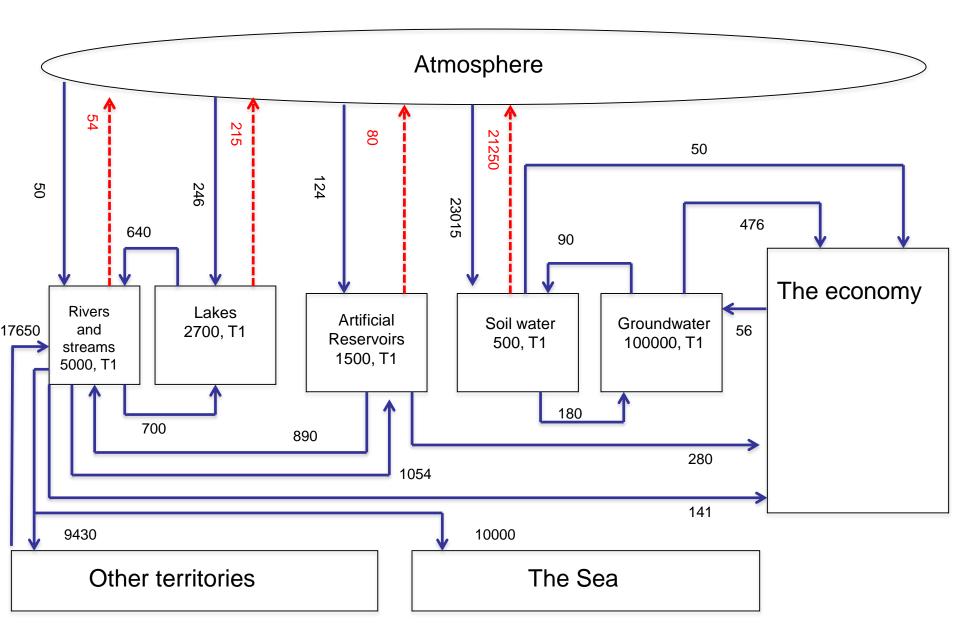
Asset accounts	Topics covered (detailed definition)
Mineral and energy resources	Physical and monetary accounts for minerals and energy stocks (oil, natural gas, coal and peat, non-metallic minerals and metallic minerals) (CF 5.172)
Land	Physical and monetary accounts for land, land cover, land use and 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	<b>12 292.5</b>	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
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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.

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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 <sup>00</sup>
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



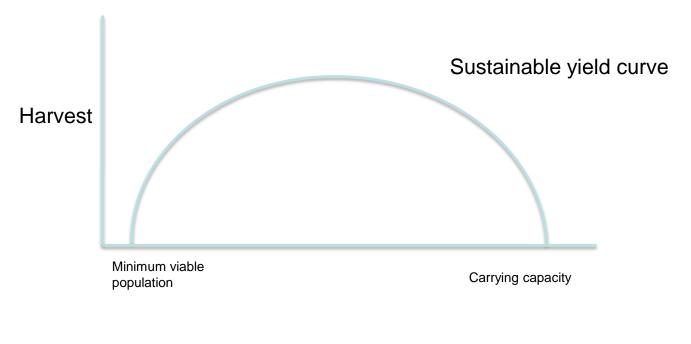
#### **Exercise on Timber Resources: Q1**



#### **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**

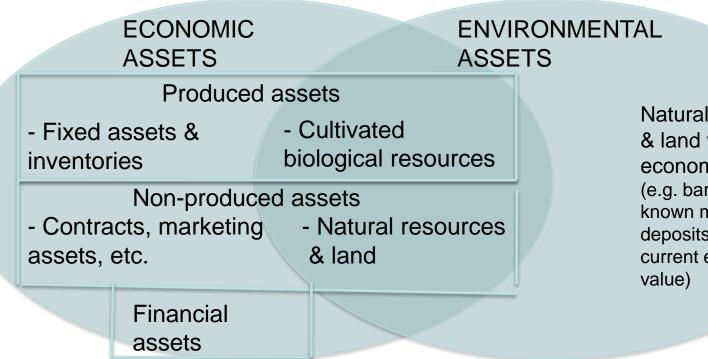


# **Defining Economic Assets**

- 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**

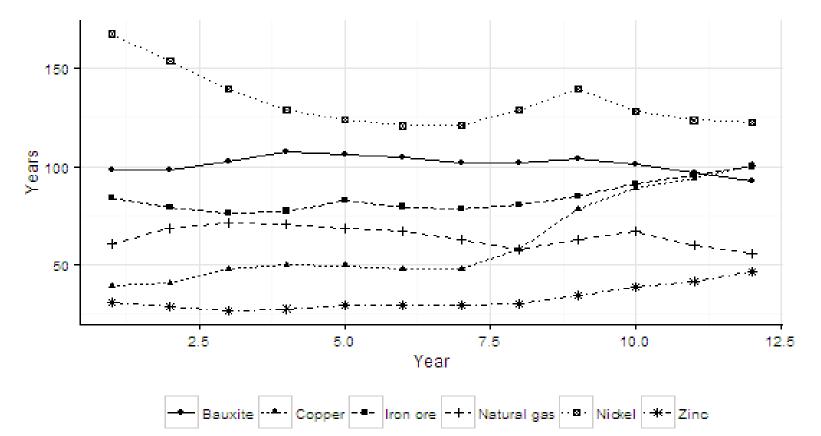


#### **Possible Indicators in Physical Terms**

- 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
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# **Thank You!**

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