About Natural Capital Accounting

Natural capital accounting (NCA) is a way of understanding our world and the choices we make as a society. It links natural capital to a country’s system of national accounts. Using best available information and robust, globally endorsed methodologies, it can help public and private sector actors to understand more about the interactions between the economy, society and the environment. Natural capital accounting can also be applied to monitor progress against achieving the goals of the National Development Plan and the global Sustainable Development Goals.

Learn More

Natural capital accounting enables us to:

- **Know more**: Measure how ecosystems contribute to the economy and society
- **Understand more**: Empower people to plan and make better development decisions
- **Do more**: Invest in ecological infrastructure and natural resources to achieve national development goals
NCA in Brazil
A timeline

2012
FIRST LAND ACCOUNTS
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2017
GREEN GDP
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2018
WATER ACCOUNTS
IBGE releases Brazil's first ever water accounts. The accounts, a result of collaboration between IBGE, the National Water Agency (ANA) and the Ministry of Environment, responded to a critical policy need, as over 850 cities in Brazil faced major water shortages.

2018
ECOSYSTEM ACCOUNTS
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2020
ENERGY/FOREST ACCOUNTS
IBGE has announced that Environmental-Economic Accounts of Forests and Energy, which will be part of the Green Gross Domestic Product - GGDP, are scheduled for release in 2020.

The new Accounts will pinpoint the stock and use of forests and energy in the Brazilian economy, by revealing, for instance, whether the amount of native forests increased or decreased in a certain period of time.