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Global Economy Wide Material Flow Accounting Manual

Global Consultation Comment Form

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The comment form has been designed to facilitate the analysis of comments. In Part I general comments on the general style, structure, content and coverage of the chapter are sought. In Part II any technical and other comments should be included.

Relevant documents

Relevant documents are available on the SEEA website at:

<https://seea.un.org/content/global-consultation-global-economy-wide-material-flow-accounting-manual>. The documents provided include:

- A cover note on the global consultation
- Draft manual and accompanying questionnaire
- Copy of comment form

1 GENERAL COMMENTS

In this section please provide general comments on the draft. You may like to consider providing comments on the style and tone, the structure and organisation, the content and coverage, and the general accessibility of the material.

1. Easy to navigate from one topic to another
2. It would be easier to comprehend if the arrangement of chapters is according to the six modules.
3. Including a glossary would also help

2 TECHNICAL AND OTHER COMMENTS

In the box below please supply any additional comments including those of a more technical nature. Please reference your responses with the relevant paragraph numbers or section numbers.

Chapter 1 Introduction, 9th paragraph of 1.3.3.4 Stocks and flows:

Aquaculture, a cultivated biological resource, is treated as socioeconomic stock while A.1.1 Primary crops in the MFA Questionnaire likewise cultivated are treated as natural inputs in terms of the MFA system boundary. What sets apart aquaculture from other cultivated biological resources for them to be in different sides of the MFA system boundary?

Chapter 4 Material outflows, 4.2 Emissions to air, Conventions:

It was mentioned that emissions to air listed under output balancing items should not be included in the domestic processed output to avoid double counting. Following this, the subcategories of emissions to air were elaborated and included some items which should be under the output balancing item instead of emissions to air. However, it was impossible to see the complete picture of output balancing

items since no comprehensive list of it was provided. Having the list will avoid any misclassification.

Chapter 4 *Material outflows*, 3rd paragraph of 4.3.2 *Conventions and system boundaries*:

In the Philippines, uncontrolled landfill or *D.2 Waste land filled (uncontrolled)* in the MFA Questionnaire is not a good practice thus illegal, difficult to monitor, and unlikely to be accounted for MFA. However, it was mentioned in the MFA manual that we may take account of controlled landfills as memorandum item. Additionally, this item is excluded from the net additions to stock (NAS). If controlled landfill and NAS are mutually exclusive, does this imply that controlled landfill is treated as an output to the economy and therefore should be included in the total domestic processed output?