

# UNCEEA Webinar Series: Webinar 1

## Using the SEEA for Monitoring and Informing the Global Biodiversity Framework

### Concept Note

The SEEA Ecosystem Accounting (EA) represents a significant milestone in the field of environmental accounting, offering a comprehensive and standardized framework for measuring ecosystems and their services to humanity within an accounting framework. This achievement stems from extensive collaboration with experts, thorough consultation with data users and producers, and official endorsement by the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) in March 2021.

The SEEA provides the methodological basis for a number of indicators of the monitoring framework of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). In particular, the SEEA EA will provide the methodological basis for three headline indicators adopted for high-level monitoring of the GBF, including in National Reports under the Convention—Indicator A2 Extent of natural ecosystems; B1 Services provided by ecosystems and 9.1 Benefits from the sustainable use of wild species (as a disaggregation of B1). In addition, the SEEA Central Framework (CF) includes accounts which contain information on biodiversity expenditures and investments, which are relevant to the GBF's financing indicators, such as D.3 on Private Finance. The full list of indicators can be found here: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-15/cop-15-dec-05-en.pdf>.

This webinar is part of a webinar series on the SEEA organised by the [UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting \(UNCEEA\)](#). It aims at providing a foundational understanding of the SEEA and how the SEEA can support national implementation of the monitoring framework of the Kunming-Montreal GBF.

### Objectives

1. To understand the SEEA Central Framework and SEEA Ecosystem Accounting framework and its relevance to the headline indicators of the Kunming Montreal GBF monitoring framework, with a focus on indicators A2 and B1.
2. To discuss the challenges and opportunities in applying the SEEA EA for national level monitoring of biodiversity.

**Audience:** CBD focal points, national statistical offices, policy makers, environmental economists, conservationists, researchers, and other practitioners of SEEA EA accounts

### Expected Outcomes

Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the SEEA, particularly the SEEA EA framework and its role in informing the Kunming-Montreal GBF, and how to integrate the SEEA EA framework into their own biodiversity monitoring efforts. In addition, participants will gain insight into the

importance of building links between the biodiversity community and national statistical offices to take forward implementation of SEEA ecosystem accounts in support of the GBF.

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**Tentative agenda:**

Chair: Jonathon Khoo, Chair of the UNCEEA Working Group on Coordination and Communication

- 7:30 – 7:35 Welcome and Introductions – Chair
- 7:35 – 7:45 Introduction to the GBF monitoring framework and the headline indicators (Jillian Campbell, CBD)
- 7:45 – 8:10 Introduction to the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting Framework (UN Statistics Division)
  - *An overview of the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting framework, its objectives, and methodology*
  - Q&A
- 8:10 – 8:40 GBF headline indicators based on SEEA EA (Mandy Driver, Chair of UN Technical Committee on SEEA Ecosystem Accounting)
  - *Indicators A2 Extent of natural ecosystems and B1 Services provided by ecosystems, and the link to national level monitoring, reporting and use for policy*
  - Q&A
- 8:40 – 9:25 Country panel (Australia, Canada, Mexico)
  - *Reflections on country implementation of the SEEA EA, in particular extent and ecosystem service accounts, in support of the GBF, including the importance of interinstitutional collaboration*
  - Q&A
- 9:25 – 9:30 Closing remarks and next webinar by Chair