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Objectives for the implementation

**Overall objective:** scale up the uptake of the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting

**Suggested target:** at least 60 countries implement at least one account of the SEEA EA by 2025

**Proposed specific objectives:**

- Regular production of selected ecosystem accounts, starting from ecosystem extent accounts to ecosystem condition and ecosystem services in physical and monetary terms;
- Mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystems into (sub)national policies;
- Use of the SEEA EA for monitoring and reporting in particular in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), the Voluntary National Reports that present country progress towards achieving the SDGs, and the National Determined Contributions (NDCs) that present country progress towards climate targets and highlight the government actions and policies to combat climate change;
- Dissemination of ecosystem accounts through global data sets.
Mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services into national statistical systems and development policies remains poorly articulated in many countries. New tools and operational approaches need to be developed in order to (i) determine and quantify the benefits that ecosystems and biodiversity provide to economic sectors, and (ii) provide a framework for policy assessment. Communication and advocacy are important elements to address the problem.

**OVERALL OBJECTIVE**

Uptake if the SEEA EA in countries following the adoption by the UN Statistical Commission

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

- Regular compilation of the ecosystem accounts, starting from ecosystem extent and expanding to ecosystem condition, ecosystem services in physical and monetary terms
- Mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystems in (sub)national level policy planning and implementation
- Use the SEEA EA for monitoring and reporting to global initiatives (VNRs, NBSAPs, NDCs)
- Development of tools, E-learning and guidance documents to support the implementation
- Dissemination data on the SEEA website

**OUTPUTS**

- Enhanced capacity on ecosystem accounts in countries and regions
- National work programme on SEEA EA in countries
- Adoption of internationally agreed methodologies to compile ecosystem accounts
- Release of the accounts, initially as experimental
- Raised awareness of SEEA EA

**ACTIVITIES**

- Training, E-learning, in-country support, communities of practices
- Guidelines and technical notes to support compilation
- Tools (e.g. ARIES for SEEA Explorer)
- Exchanges, events and knowledge sharing
- Communication material to support disseminating the results and making the case for the SEEA EA

**INPUTS**

- Governance
- Financial resources
- Human resources

**NEEDS / PROBLEMS TO BE ADDRESSED**

- The implementation of the monitoring framework of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to be adopted by the CBD COP15; the increased focus on nature in the climate change discussions, the implementation of the SDGs present opportunities to scale up the uptake of the SEEA EA
Approach and main principles

- Multi-stakeholder engagement
- Flexible and modular approach
- Tiered implementation
- (Sub)regional approach
- South-south cooperation
Activities in support of the implementation

- Capacity building
- Development of guidelines and material to support compilation
- Communication and advocacy
- Data and tools
- Strengthening collaboration
Governance mechanism

Area A: Collaboration
- Strengthening collaboration

Area B2: Substantive support
- Working Group on biophysical aspects
- Working Group on valuation and accounting treatments

Area C: Data
- Data dissemination

Area D: Capacity building
- Global assessment
- Capacity building
- Working Group on indicators
  - Thematic areas:
    - Accounting for biodiversity
    - SEEA Ocean

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Questions to the UNCEEA

1. Structure and content of the implementation strategy, including the scope of the strategy, which currently focuses on the SEEA EA but could easily apply to the SEEA CF as well

2. The use of the theory of change logic to organize the objectives, outputs and activities of the strategy

3. Governance and in particular the mechanism providing oversight of the strategy considering that it goes beyond the technical expertise of the various groups and involves aspects of resource mobilization.
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