



System of  
Environmental  
Economic  
Accounting

# **NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTING AND VALUATION OF ECOSYSTEM SERVICES PROJECT**

## **Second Mission**

### **5 – 11 July 2018**

### **India**

## Background

1. As part of the EU-funded project, Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services, India will make further inroads into environmental-economic accounting with piloting SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounts.
2. The project team undertook an initial mission to Delhi in October 2017, to discuss with CSO India and conduct consultations with a range of national stakeholders. As a result a national consultant was recruited to conduct a landscape assessment, to review existing ecosystem accounting initiatives and literature in India, conduct a stocktaking of data sources for compiling ecosystem accounts, and identify and engage institutions and agencies active in this field. Finally, these activities should result in a draft National Plan for Advancing Environmental-Economic and Ecosystem Accounting broadly.
3. A second follow-up mission is proposed to take place from 5-11 July 2018. The project team will consist of: Bram Edens, senior statistician and project manager, UNSD; Kavita Sharma, UN Environment; Bethanna Jackson, international consultant.
4. The focus of this mission is to provide technical support and training to the project team that has been formed within CSO India.

## Objective

5. The objectives of the mission are to:
  - a. Discuss the draft landscape assessment report with CSO India, the national consultant, and other stakeholders;
  - b. Train and sensitize the national project team on biophysical modelling in the context of ecosystem accounting;
  - c. Conduct bilateral meetings with key stakeholders of the project in India.
  - d. Organize a meeting of the technical committee to agree on a list of pilot studies to be undertaken as next steps within the project.

## Agenda



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**Ministry of Statistics and**  
**Programme Implementation**



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Date/Time	
<b>5 July 2018</b> <b>(Thursday)</b> <b>Venue:</b> <b>CSO India +</b> <b>various</b>	<p>Morning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bilateral meetings between project team and CSO India to discuss the draft landscape assessment;</li> </ul> <p>Afternoon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bilateral meeting with UN Environment</li> <li>▪ Bilateral meeting with MoFECC</li> </ul>
<b>6 July 2018 (Friday)</b> <b>Venue: CSO India</b>	<p>Training and technical discussion with CSO India project team + junior consultants <i>It would be very helpful to invite also a representative from ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation)</i></p> <p>Morning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecosystem types and how to build an ecosystem extent account</li> </ul> <p>Afternoon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Training on biophysical modelling of ecosystem services using models such as Invest, MIMES and/or LUCI</li> </ul>
<b>9 July 2018</b> <b>(Monday)</b> <b>Venue: CSO India</b>	<p><b>Meeting of the technical committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the landscape assessment</li> <li>• Presentation of the general project</li> </ul> <p>Discussion on priority case studies and national plan</p> <p><b>Afternoon:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of project management issues with CSO India</li> </ul>
<b>10 July 2018</b> <b>(Tuesday)</b> <b>Venue CSO India</b>	<p>Training and technical discussion with CSO India project team + junior consultants</p> <p><b>Morning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training on biophysical modelling of ecosystem services using models such as Invest, MIMES or LUCI</li> </ul> <p><b>Afternoon:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soil accounts (using input from Wageningen University)</li> </ul>
<b>11 July</b> <b>(Wednesday)</b> <b>Venue: other</b>	<p>Visit to agency/ university likely to be involved in conducting pilot study.</p> <p>Debrief at EU</p>

