

NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTING

IN MEXICO

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. Mexico is an acknowledged global leader in natural capital accounting and is using it to create a sustainable future.

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



United Nations



System of
Environmental
Economic
Accounting



SOME ONLINE NCA RESOURCES

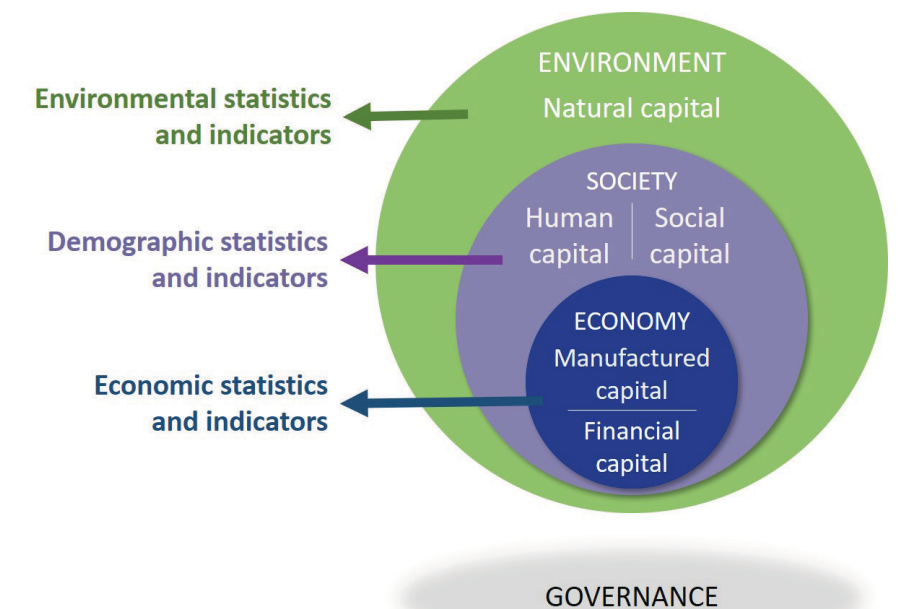
A glossary of terms: seea.un.org/eea-glossary

Frequently Asked Questions: seea.un.org/NCA-FAQ

e-Learning courses: elearning-cms.unstats.un.org

NCA in Mexico

A timeline



Natural Capital Accounting shows the economy's dependency on well-functioning natural ecosystems

1991

PIONEERING ACCOUNTS



Mexico becomes one of the first countries to compile environmental economic accounts.

Mexico's National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) takes part in a pilot project launched by the World Bank with technical support from the UN Statistical Office, to explore environmentally-adjusted national product aggregates for Mexico.

2010

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

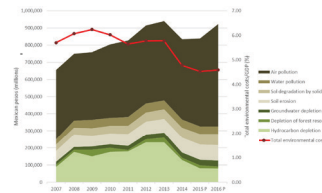
INEGI begins compiling and publishing annual updates of its Sistema de Cuentas Económicas y Ecológicas de México (Mexico's System of Environmental and Economic Accounts, SCEEM).



2001

PINE

Mexico's National Development Plan 2001-2006 chooses Ecologically-Adjusted Net Domestic Product (PINE) as one of the indicators to assess the sustainability of Mexico's economic growth.



2006

CAPITAL NATURAL DE MEXICO



Inauguration of influential assessment of Mexico's natural capital. The assessment shows that Mexico's biodiversity constitutes a natural capital equally or perhaps more important than financial and manufactured capital.

2017

ECOSYSTEM ACCOUNTS

Building on its decades of leadership, Mexico joins four other countries in the European Union-funded Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (NCA&VES) project.

Work is underway to develop a range of ecosystem asset accounts.

