

System of Environmental-Economic Accounting – Ecosystem Accounting (Area B2)

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SEEA – Ecosystem Accounting at UNSC

- In March 2021 the UN Statistical Commission adopted the revised System of Environmental-Economic Accounting Ecosystem Accounting as:
 - the first international statistical standard to measure ecosystems, their condition and services (chapters 1-7 physical accounts)
 - as internationally recognised statistical principles and recommendations on monetary accounts and valuation of ecosystem services and assets (chapters 8-11 on monetary valuation)



SEEA – Ecosystem Accounting at UNSC

- The UNSC also:
 - appreciated the work of the UNCEEA, Technical Committee
 - Commended the inclusive process with its wide participation and outreach
 - Asked for further work to resolve outstanding methodological issues in chapters 8-11 as identified in the research agenda (-> working group on valuation)
 - Encouraged countries to implement the SEEA EA depending on their priorities and asked for an implementation strategy and methodological and implementation guidelines to help countries (-> implementation strategy and guidelines)
 - Supported the setting up of a working group on ocean accounting and noted the importance of funding for this activity
 - Supported the setting up of a working group on business accounting

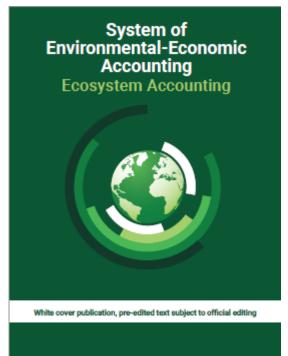


Next steps

• 'White cover' version is currently being finalised, it will be released in July

2021, formal UN edited version probably early 2022

- Extended Technical Committee is continuing
- Further work at world level will focus on implementation
 - -> implementation strategy
 - -> interoperability strategy (better (access to) data/models)
- In parallel, work on UN guidelines continues
 - Biophysical modelling guidance (global consultation completed)
 - Valuation guidance (-> working group on valuation))
 - Technical report on policy scenarios





Implementation of SEEA EA in the EU

- INCA project set up by ESTAT, JRC, ENV, RTD and EEA:
 - Final report of Phase 2 to be released in mid-June
- Legal basis being discussed
- Task Force on practical implementation set up





Thank you



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