



# 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 UNCEE, 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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