

Ocean accounts

*Advancing official statistics for the 2030
Agenda for Sustainable Development and
national development priorities*

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Summary of session

Part	What will we be doing?	Lead	Timing
Part 1	Short overview of proposal to develop SEEA-Oceans	GOAP, ESCAP and DESA Statistics Divisions	10 mins
Part 2	Discussion		25 mins



Global Ocean Accounts Partnership

Join Us

- A **coordination and communication mechanism** for institutions with common interest to ensure that the values and benefits of oceans are recognized and accounted for in decision-making about social and economic development
- **Chairs:** Fisheries and Oceans, Canada and UN ESCAP
- **Secretariat:** University of New South Wales, Australia
- Membership
 - Government (Australia, Canada, UK, Malaysia, Viet Nam, China, Thailand)
 - Universities (Australia x 2, South Africa, Canada)
 - International (UNEP-WCMC, UNESCAP, World Bank)
 - World Resources Institute (WRI) Indonesia, Indonesia
- Current focus is to **develop a shared technical framework for ocean accounting** coupled with **collaborative capacity-building activities**.

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What has been done so far?



What's next

2021

UNSC - Ecosystem Accounts – Ocean Accounting (13.5)
Expanded membership to GOAP
Expanded pilots
2nd Global Dialogue on Ocean Accounts (Canada)
SEEA-Oceans development (today's proposal)

2022

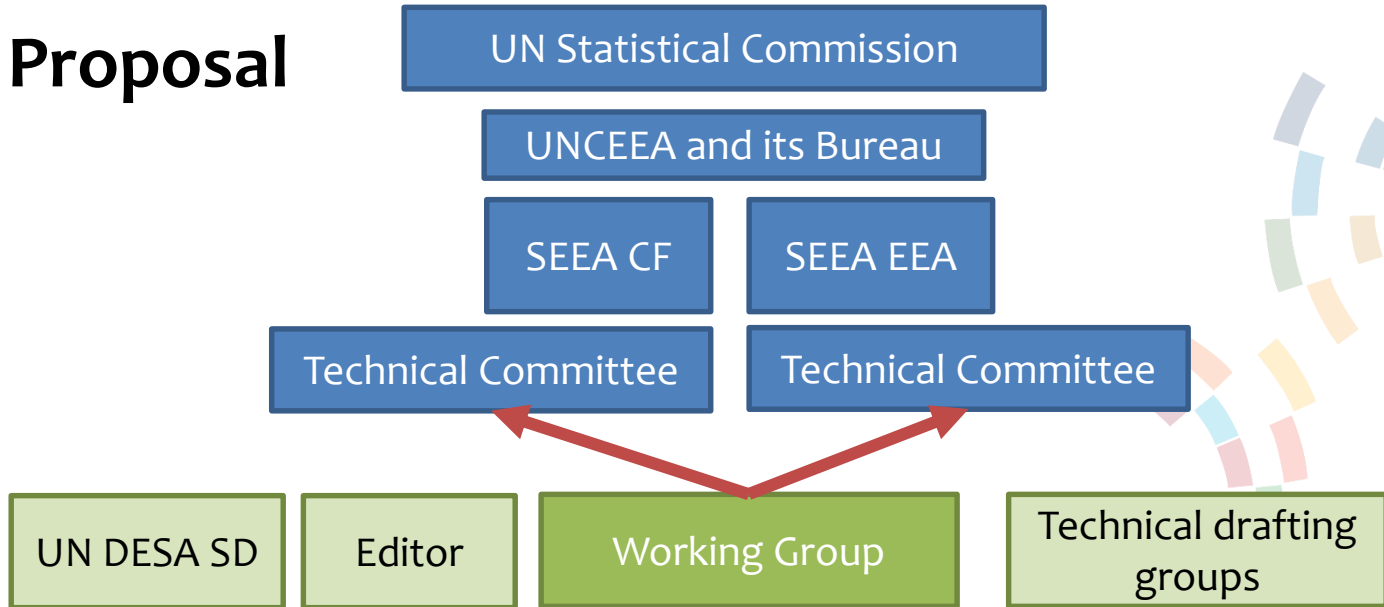
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Proposal



Tasks

1. develop a programme of work and provide technical guidance and support to the development of SEEA-Ocean, including guidance for testing and experimentation by countries
2. Co-develop additional supporting documents

Research Agenda

- Analogous with SEEA-Water
 - A conceptual framework and set of accounts which present hydrological information alongside economic information in a consistent way
- Technical Guidance on Ocean Accounting for Sustainable Development
 - Will provide the input for development of initial list of issues to be including in the research agenda
- Meetings, workshops, other fora will take place
- Forum of Experts on Ecosystem Accounting and London Group to serve as vehicles to inform, engage and obtain inputs

Why now?

Timing is excellent

Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

IUCN World Congress

Second triennium of 2030 Agenda

UN Decade of Ocean Science (2020-30)

UN Ocean Conference (2021)

Our Ocean Summit (The Economist) (2021)

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