



System of
Environmental
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Accounting

Updates from the Indicator Working Group

Process of drafting indicator chapter in the revised SEEA EA

□ June 2020

- Initial version of the annotated outline agreed by SEEA EEA Technical Committee

□ July & August 2020

- Working paper on SEEA EA indicators developed as input for indicator chapter
- Comment on draft monitoring framework for the post-2020 GBF

□ Sept 2020

- Establishment of SEEA EA indicator working group to support drafting of the indicator chapter and link SEEA EA indicators to existing monitoring framework
- 1st meeting of the group conducted to seek comments on working paper

□ October & November 2020

- Draft indicator chapter included in SEEA EA circulated for global consultation;
- SEEA EEA Forum to discuss the indicator chapter

□ January & February 2021

- 2nd SEEA EA working group meeting
- Revised draft chapter 14 circulated for final review
- Final draft of SEEA EA submitted to UNSC for adoption

□ March 2021: Adoption of the SEEA EA

Adoption of the SEEA EA

- The United Nations Statistical Commission at its 52nd Session in March 2021:
 - *Agreed to remove the “Experimental” from the title of the revised SEEA Ecosystem Accounting, adopt chapters 1-7 describing the accounting framework and the physical accounts as an international statistical standard, keep all chapters together in one document, with chapters 8-11 describing monetary valuation and integrated accounting for ecosystem services and assets, and chapters 12-14 describing the applications and extensions, and regularly evaluate and report on the usefulness and pertinence of the accounts; [decision 8(c)]*
 - *Welcomed the progress of the Committee in mainstreaming the use of the SEEA in policy, including climate change, circular economy, sustainable finance, and biodiversity policy, and particularly encouraged the Committee to engage in the monitoring framework of the post-2020 global biodiversity agenda and participate in the proposed expert group under the auspices of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to provide the connection between the biodiversity and official statistical communities; [decision 8(e)]*

Proposed activities

□ Post 2020 GBF Monitoring Framework

- Submit an information note documenting the linkage of SEEA EA with the GBF monitoring framework to Open-Ended Working Group on the GBF scheduled for August 2021.
- Analyze existing metadata developed by the scientific community with regard to consistency with SEEA in collaboration with the relevant agencies (e.g. GEOBON on genetic diversity, BIP indicators and their partners, etc.)
- Prepare Metadata sheets for selected SEEA EA indicators in the current list, for example, indicators related to Goal A (size and condition of natural ecosystems) and Goal B (nature's contribution to people) of the monitoring framework

Proposed activities

□ Metadata

- Support the development of metadata, identification of data sources and models for SEEA EA indicators, prioritizing the following indicators:
 - Indicators to be included in ARIES.
 - Indicators that are relevant for different indicator initiatives – like the SDGs.

Discussion

- Members of the UNCEEA are invited to share their thoughts on the above-mentioned proposals on priorities for this working group.

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