



System of
Environmental
Economic
Accounting

Update on the UNCEEA and the 52nd Session of the UN Statistical Commission

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Topics of focus

- Current status of implementation
- SEEA Ecosystem Accounting
- Mainstreaming use of the SEEA in policy
 - Monitoring the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
- SEEA-Ocean
- Working group on business accounting and the SEEA
- Statistical Framework for Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism (SF-MST)

SEEA implementation

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- > 2020 Global Assessment for Environmental-Economic Accounting and Supporting Statistics
- > 89 countries implementing the SEEA
- > 38 in Europe and North America
 - Of which 35 regularly compile and disseminate at least one account



SEEA Ecosystem Accounting

- One integrated document, remove “Experimental”
- Chapters 1-7 on accounting framework and physical accounts adopted as an international statistical standard
- Chapters 8-11 on valuation
 - describe internationally recognized statistical principles and recommendations for the valuation of ecosystem services and assets in a context that is coherent with the concepts of System of National Accounts for countries which are undertaking valuation of ecosystem services and/or assets, and requested the Committee to promptly resolve the outstanding methodological aspects in chapters 8-11 as identified in the research agenda
- Chapters 12-14 on applications and extensions
- Next
 - Encourage countries to implement the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting
 - Implementation guidelines
 - Guidelines for biophysical modelling, valuation, scenario analysis
 - ARIES for SEEA

Mainstreaming

- Areas of focus for the Working Group on Coordination and Communication include sustainable finance, biodiversity, circular economy, climate change
- Biodiversity
 - Encouraged UNCEEA to engage in monitoring framework of post-2020 global biodiversity agenda
 - Participation in proposed expert group
 - Link between biodiversity and official statistical communities

SEEA Ocean

- High policy demand for ocean accounting, e.g. High-Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy
- ESCAP and Global Ocean Accounts Partnership (GOAP) developed technical guidance
- Multiple country pilots
- Working group to be established to draft methodological document for SEEA Ocean in support of SEEA Central Framework and SEEA Ecosystem Accounting

SEEA and Business Accounting

- New working group in business accounting and the SEEA
- Opportunities for alignment of SEEA and business reporting on the environment
- Roadmap drafted as part of the EU-funded Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (NCAVES) project
- Focus on coordination, communication, methodological development and capacity building
- Looking for funding and interested NSOs and private sector representatives to join forces

Statistical Framework for Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism (SF-MST)

- Over 13 country pilots tested relevance and feasibility, more in the pipeline
- Document to be finalized this year
- Committee to review prior to final consideration by the UNWTO Committee on Statistics
- Presentation to UNSC foreseen in 2022

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