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**SEEA Revision
Chapter 5
Cover Note**

Global Consultation Cover Note

Chapter 5: Asset accounts

The draft System of Economic and Environmental Accounts (SEEA) Chapter 5: Asset accounts is the first draft chapter to be circulated for global consultation as part of the SEEA revision process. The remaining chapters (1, 2, 3, 4 and 6) will be circulated for global consultation in the coming weeks.

Together the six chapters constitute the central framework of the SEEA. It is intended that this central framework will become an internationally agreed conceptual statistical framework.

The draft chapter 5 covers both a discussion on defining and accounting for environmental assets in general and specific sections on different resources. The chapter discusses both physical and monetary aspects of asset accounting.

In the draft chapter there is reference to “experimental ecosystem accounts”. These are currently under development and are not intended to become part of the internationally agreed conceptual statistical framework.

To facilitate the global consultation a comment form is provided. The comment form has three parts:

Part I: Seeks general comments on the structure, balance and coverage of the chapter

Part II: Seeks feedback on specific topics

Part III: Provides the opportunity to provide any other comments

Deadline for responses: 24 June 2011