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Comment Form

Global Consultation Comment Form

Revised SEEA Chapter 1 - 6

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The comment form has been designed to facilitate the analysis of comments. In Part I general comments on the general style, content and coverage of the chapter are sought. In Part II any technical and other comments should be included.

Relevant documents

Before submitting responses you are encouraged to read the accompanying papers available on the website.

Revision of the SEEA: Draft Version for Second Round of Global Consultation, October 2011 – Chapters 1 – 6

Reading guide for the SEEA Revision Second Round of Global Consultation

Supporting material for selected classifications and lists in the revised SEEA

Part I: General comments

This is the first global consultation based on the complete set of chapters for the SEEA Central Framework. In this section please provide general comments on the drafts chapters. You may like to consider providing comments on the style and tone, the content and coverage, and the general accessibility of the material.

The coverage and content are fine, but some tables and explanations are too complex. Some texts and tables are repeated in different chapters.
SEEA is a useful tool in analysing the relationship between economy and environment, the usefulness are listed a lot in chapter1, but the most important usage of SEEA are not very clearly explained.
SEEA is the system of environmental-economic accounts, the economic part has already described in SNA, the main contents in SEEA should focus on the environmental part.

Part II: Technical and other comments

In the box below please supply any additional comments including those of a more technical nature. As this is the first consultation where the complete 6 chapters have been released, comments on the consistency of the technical content across the chapters would be appreciated.

Please reference your responses with the relevant paragraph number or section number.

Environmental asset is a very important concept in SEEA, but it's definition is not very well described. Other definitions, such as soil resources, resource rent, residual, also need to rewrite.
There are many classifications appear in SEEA, some are clear, some are just mentioned. Our suggestion is that list all of the classifications used in SEEA. "Classification not necessarily appropriate"(paragraph 6.84) is not a good idea.
Residual, waste and loss in chapter3 are overlapped.
The focus of chapter5 is depletion and NPV, but the estimated methods are not clearly explained in the text, after reading the chapter, readers still don't know how to calculate depletion and how to use NPV to estimate resource rent.