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Comment Form

Global Consultation Comment Form

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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.

Due to the short time given and to the document dimension, our comments refer mainly to its general structure, not being possible a more detailed analysis. We consider that the structure is clear and well organized. Like mentioned in previous comments for chapter 5, we continue to consider that numerical examples are important, allowing the clarification of some methodologies, creating a more accessible document. These examples could be presented in annexes, in order to minimize changes in the present structure.

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.

Like previously mentioned, due to the short time given for the document analysis, it wasn't possible to analyse the consistency of the technical content across chapters. Nevertheless, we would like to, once again, state our reservations concerning price projections for long life trees, such as pine or cork trees (40 years and more than 100 years, respectively) (§5.110).

As a general remark, we consider the present methodologies quite interesting, from a theoretical perspective. However, a more solid opinion will only be possible after testing data sets. Here we consider that problems will certainly arise, due to the fact that some methodologies will demand huge sets of data and specific technical knowledge, not available in National Statistical Institutes, being particularly difficult to get in a context of resources and budget restraints.