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In October 2014, the CBD has published a “Technical Series 77” report on: “ECOSYSTEM NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS: A QUICK START PACKAGE” for implementing Aichi Biodiversity Target 2 on Integration of Biodiversity Values in National Accounting Systems in the context of the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounts” <http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-77-en.pdf>
The purpose of the TS77 manual is to support the implementation of the CBD Aichi Target 2 which states that “By 2020, at the latest, biodiversity values have been integrated into national and local development and poverty reduction strategies and planning processes and are being incorporated into national accounting, as appropriate, and reporting systems”.

The TS77 manual is supplemented with a set of detailed accounting tables and with a tutorial so-called Kangare-ENCA-QSP. The launch of the TS77 report took place at the CBD COP12 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea and was followed by a two days training session to which attended 30 CBD delegates.

The TS77 manual has been made available by the Secretariat of the CBD for the programme of tests of the SEEA-EEA approved by the UN Statistical Commission, in particular for the ANCA joint programme run by UNSD, UNEP and the CBD (with Norwegian funding). The manual was distributed to the participants in the Forum of Experts in SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting convened by UNSD in NYC, April 2015.

The ENCA-QSP manual has been translated to French and can be downloaded from <https://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-77-fr.pdf>

The sets of detailed accounting tables (in English and French) and the Kangare Tutorial (version 1) can be downloaded from <http://www.ecosystemaccounting.net/>

Several test applications of the ENCA-QSP manual for SEEA-EEA accounting are in preparation or have started in the Indian Ocean region (as a continuation of the Indian Ocean Commission’s experimental project run in Mauritius http://commissionoceanindien.org/fileadmin/resources/ISLANDSpdf/Experimental_Ecosystems_Natural_Capital_Accounts_Mauritius.pdf). In Europe new tests are on their way at the national, sub-regional and river basin scales, taking advantage of the update of the CORINE Land Cover database and Land and Ecosystem Accounts (LEAC) by the European Environment Agency for year 2012 (for more than 30 countries).