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Chapters 1-6**

**Comment Form**

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## Global Consultation Comment Form

### Revised SEEA Chapter 1 - 6

**Deadline for responses: 7 December 2011**

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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.

Click here and start typing (The length of your response is not limited by this text box.)

## 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.

A general comment on physical flow accounts:

International comparability of physical flows of especially forestry and agricultural products is rather much dependent on national measurement practices. When these products are recorded in mass unit in the physical flow accounts, it should be made clear to which products fresh weights, and to which products dry weights, should be used in SEEA accounts. It should also be noticed, that fresh weights can in national practises be reported in different water content. Agricultural statistics of the FAO include some recommendations on practises in measuring agricultural products, and greenhouse gas inventory systems give some guidance on measuring timber in mass units.

In the para. 5.255 on land use classification it is stated, that e.g. strict nature reserves ...primary use is more likely to be maintenance and restoration of environmental functions... On the other hand, in the land use classification category 0121 'Forest land' (explanatory notes) include ...forests in national parks, nature reserves etc.

It should be clarified in both para 5.255 and in the classification, whether national parks, nature reserves (with forest cover) etc. fall into category 0121 'Forest land' or into category 015 'Land use for maintenance and restoration of environmental functions'.

The present text in the classification gives an impression, that the only possible land use category for forests in nature reserves etc. is category 0121 'Forest land'. If this really is the case (hopefully not), then it should be added to the classification that category 015 'Land use for maintenance and restoration of environmental functions' Excludes: Forest land (which is not realistic).

One possibility would be to state in the classification, that category 0121 'Forest land' excludes those forests, where the primary use is maintenance and restoration of environmental functions, and which are recorded in the category 015 'Land use for maintenance...'.  
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List of solid waste categories:

The class 04 'Other recyclables' is unpractical. As wood waste and paper and cardboard waste (organic origin, high amounts) differ clearly from glass, rubber and textile waste (inorganic origin mostly, relatively small amounts), a separate class including wood, paper and cardboard waste could be useful.