

FDES toolkit Tool 1: Manual of the Basic Set of Environment Statistics

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Outline



Brief recap about FDES structure, Basic and Core Set of Environment Statistics and the new tools under development



Tool 1: The Manual of the Basic and Core Set of Environment Statistics

What it is, audience

The method of work

The template of the methodological sheets

What we have done and learned so far

Examples

The FDES 2013 structure



- Six components
- At the centre of the FDES:
 Environmental conditions and quality
- All of the components relate to each other
- Multi-layered
- Flexible
- Adaptable

Multi-layered structure of the FDES

| 1 digit 2 digits 3 digits 4 or 5 digits | Component | Sub- | Statistical Topic | Statistics |
|---|-----------|----------|----------------------|---------------|
| | 1 digit | 2 digits | 3 digits | 4 or 5 digits |

Levels of the FDES

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|--|---|
| Component 1: Environmental Conditions and Quality | Sub-component 1.1: Physical Conditions Sub-component 1.2: Land Cover, Ecosystems and Biodiversity Sub-component 1.3: Environmental Quality |
| Component 2: Environmental Resources and their Use | Sub-component 2.1: Non-energy Mineral Resources Sub-component 2.2: Energy Resources Sub-component 2.3: Land Sub-component 2.4: Biological Resources Sub-component 2.5: Water Resources |
| Component 3: Residuals | Sub-component 3.1: Emissions to Air Sub-component 3.2: Generation and Management of Wastewater Sub-component 3.3: Generation and Management of Waste |
| Component 4: Extreme Events and Disasters | Sub-component 4.1: Natural Extreme Events and Disasters Sub-component 4.2: Technological Disasters |
| Component 5: Human Settlements and Environmental Health | Sub-component 5.1: Human Settlements Sub-component 5.2: Environmental Health |
| Component 6: Environment Protection, Management and Engagement | Sub-component 6.1: Environment Protection and Resource Management Expenditure Sub-component 6.2: Environmental Governance and Regulation Sub-component 6.3: Extreme Event Preparedness and Disaster / Management Sub-component 6.4: Environmental Information and Awareness |

Basic Set of Environment Statistics

Component 1: Environmental Conditions and Quality

Sub-component 1.2: Land Cover, Ecosystems and Biodiversity

Topic **Topic 1.2.3:** Biodiversity

Statistics and Related Information (Bold Text - Core Set/Tier 1; Regular Text - Tier 2; Italicized Text -Tier 3) a. Flora - terrestrial, freshwater and marine (also in 1.2.2.c)

1. Number of known species by status category

2. Species population

3. Number of endemic'species

Number of invasive alien species

5. Habitat fragmentation

b. Fauna - terrestrial, freshwater and marine (also in 1,2,2,c)

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4. Number of invasive alien species

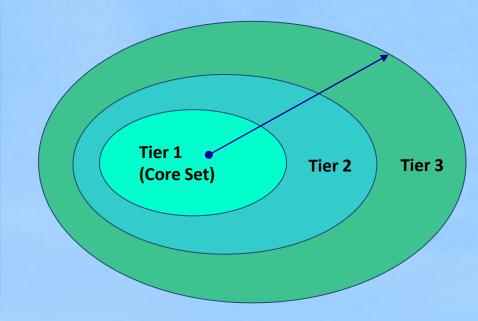
5. Habitat fragmentation

Flexibility and adaptability: prioritizing components, subcomponents and topics

Flexibility and adaptability: tiers

The Basic Set of Environment Statistics

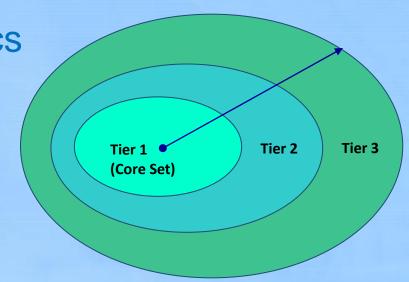
- The Basic Set of Environment Statistics organizes a comprehensive (though not exhaustive) list of environment statistics
- The Basic Set is organized in three tiers, based on the level of relevance, availability and methodological development of the statistics.



- The Core Set of Environment Statistics correspond to Tier 1
- Tier 2 includes environment statistics that are of priority and relevance to most countries but need more investment in time, resources or methodological development.
- Tier 3 includes environment statistics which are either of less priority or require significant methodological development.

Number of statistics in the Basic and Core Set of Statistics

Core Set or Tier 1 = 107 Basic Set = 492



| | Component 1 | Component 2 | Component 3 | Component 4 | Component 5 | Component 6 | Total |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Tier 1 | 35 | 35 | 19 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 107 |
| Tier 2 | 83 | 46 | 33 | 12 | 17 | 21 | 212 |
| Tier 3 | 64 | 43 | 5 | 17 | 21 | 23 | 173 |
| Total | 182 | 124 | 57 | 33 | 49 | 47 | 492 |

Basic Set = 21 Sub-components and 60 Topics

Basic Set of Environment Statistics

(experts have a print out)

Environment Statistics Section of the United Nations Statistics Division Basic Set of Environment Statistics

Preliminary, subject to change

| Sub-component 1.1: Physical Conditions | | | | | | | | | |
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| Торіс | | Statistics and Related Information (Bold Text - Core Set/Tier 1; Regular Text - Tier 2; Italicized Text - Tier 3) | Category of Measure ment | Potential Aggregations and Scales | Methodological Guidance | | | | |
| Topic 1.1.1: | a. Temperature | | | National | World | | | | |
| Atmosphere, climate | 1. | Monthly average | Degrees | Sub-national | Meteorological | | | | |
| and weather | 2. | Minimum monthly average | Degrees | | Organization (WMO) | | | | |
| (CONTINUES ON | 3. | Maximum monthly average | Degrees | | Intergovernmental | | | | |
| NEXT PAGE) | b. Precipitation (also in 2.6.1.a) | | | | Panel on Climate | | | | |
| | 1. | Annual average | Height | | Change (IPCC) | | | | |
| | 2. | Long-term annual average | Height | | National Oceanic | | | | |
| | 3. | Monthly average | Height | l | and Atmospheric | | | | |
| | 4. | Minimum monthly value | Height | | Administration | | | | |
| | 5. | Maximum monthly value | Height | | (NOAA)/ National | | | | |
| | c. Relative humidity | | | ļ | Aeronautics and | | | | |
| | 1. | Minimum monthly value | Number | | Space | | | | |
| | 2. | Maximum monthly value | Number | | Administration | | | | |
| | d. Pressure | | | National | (NASA) | | | | |
| | 1. | Minimum monthly value | Pressure | Sub-national | | | | | |
| | | | unit | By station | | | | | |
| | 2. | Maximum monthly value | Pressure | | | | | | |
| | | | unit | | | | | | |
| | e. Wind speed | | | • National | | | | | |
| | 1. | Minimum monthly value | Speed | Sub-national | | | | | |
| | 2. | Maximum monthly value | Speed | | | | | | |

The Basic Set is presented into the FDES structure, supplemented with additional guidance

| Component 4: Extreme Events and Disasters | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Sub-componer | component 4.1: Natural Extreme Events and Disasters | | | | | | | | | |
| Topic | Statistics and Related Information (Bold Text - Core Set/Tier 1; Regular Text - Tier 2; Italicized Text - Tier 3) | Category of Measurement Potential Aggregations and Scales | | Methodological Guidance | | | | | | |
| Topic 4.1.1: Occurrence of natural extreme events and disasters | a. Occurrence of natural extreme events and disasters: Type of natural disaster (geophysical, meteorological, hydrological, climatological biological) Location Magnitude (where applicable) Date of occurrence Duration | Descriptive Location Intensity Date Time period | By eventNationalSub-national | Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters Emergency Events Database (CRED EM-DAT) Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Handbook for Estimating the Socio-economic and Environmental Effects of Disasters | | | | | | |
| Topic 4.1.2: Impact of natural extreme events | 6. Hazard prone areas 7. Population living in hazard prone areas a. People affected by natural extreme events and disasters 1. Number of people killed 2. Number of people injured 3. Number of people homeless 4. Number of people affected | | | | | | | | | |
| and disasters | b. Economic loss due to natural extreme events and disasters (e.g., damage to buildings transportation networks, loss of revenue for businesses, utility disruption, etc.) | Number Currency | By event By International Standard Industrial Classification of all | | | | | | | |
| | c. Physical loss/damage due to natural extreme events and disasters (e.g., area and amount of crops, livestock, aquaculture, biomass etc.) | Area, Descriptive, Number | Ecassification of an Economic Activities (ISIC) economic activity National Sub-national By direct and indirect damage | | | | | | | |
| | d. Effects of natural extreme events and disasters on integrity of ecosystems 1. Area affected by natural disasters 2. Loss of vegetation cover 3. Area of watershed affected 4. Other 2. External assistance received | Area Area Area Descriptive Currency | By event By ecosystem National Sub-national By event National | | | | | | | |



FDES Toolkit

- Tool 1 Manual of the Basic Set of Environment Statistics
- Tool 2 ESSAT
- Tool 3 Handbook for producing/strengthening environment statistics programmes
- Tool 4 Training and capacity building tools



Tool 1: The Manual of the Basic and Core Set of Environment Statistics

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Examples

Manual of the Basic Set of Environment Statistics



What?

- The manual will provide methodological guidance for developing countries with regard to the compilation and collection of environmental data and its transformation into statistics
- The manual is a practical and detailed guide to each of the BCSES themes, including variable definitions, description of sources and data collection, methods of data compilation/processing for environment statistics production, dissemination and other relevant information. The manual will include boxes, diagrams and good practices.

For who?

 Practitioners working in environment statistics programs or within specific areas of environment statistics. They may work at NSOs, Environmental Ministry or other relevant line ministry at the national and sub-national levels. This manual can also serve sub-regional and regional agencies working or planning to work in environment statistics production and dissemination.

Proposed outline of Manual



Introduction

• Present the main objective and audience of the Manual and briefly describe how it can be used.

The Basic and Core Set of the FDES 2013

- •Describe what are the BSES and the CSES, what are their main objectives and how were they built and structured according to the FDES 2013.
- •Describe how the BCSES can be adapted and completed according to each country's priorities, data availability and developmental path.

Methodology and metadata sheets for the BCSES statistics

- •Brief Introduction about how the template works, describing the fields, and its organization
- Collection of methodological sheets following the template (see later)

Compilation of good practices

•A selection of national practices used in the collection/compilation of environment statistics

Concept of Manual



Objective

To develop a set of methodological and metadata sheets in support of the collection/compilation of the variables included in the Basic and Core Sets of Environment Statistics contained in the FDES 2013. (i.e.: definitions, classifications, the most important attributes, data sources, data collection methods, etc.)

<u>Method</u>

This work will be coordinated by UNSD and will be carried out in a collaborative way with the Expert Group on Environment Statistics (EGES) and other thematic experts from specialized agencies as needed, using a common template.

Decisions about describing individual variables or grouping them is to be discussed. From the examples elaborated preliminarily by UNSD the cluster or grouping approach seems to work better.

Concept of manual



Time Frame 2014-2015

The aim is to complete the set of methodological sheets or metadata for the Basic and Core Set of Environment Statistics by the end of 2015. Previously, sets of methodological sheets that are ready will be disseminated through the webpage of UNSD on a first come first uploaded basis

Partners

UNSD Section of Environment Statistics, EGES members, Experts from other specialized agencies as needed

Plan of Work

1. Preparation

This stage includes the preparatory work to be carried out by UNSD, including the following tasks:

- Prepare work program, metadata template
- Discuss with experts
- Distribute work among experts

2. Elaboration of draft methodology/metadata sheets

•Elaboration of methodology/metadata sheets (filling all fields of template) for the topics/statistics by responsible experts: UNSD, EGES, other experts from specialized agencies as needed.

3. Review and finalization

•The peer review of the drafts of the methodological sheets will be carried out on a continuous basis as drafts become available. Both national and international experts will be called upon to review submitted methodology/metadata sheets before their finalization.

4. Dissemination

•Those methodology sheets that have been finalized will be disseminated through the webpage and finally all will be part of the Manual which, after editing, will also be disseminated electronically and in hard copy.

Preliminary time table for elaboration of Manual

| | | | 2013 | 2014 | | | | 2015 | | | |
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| | Task | Who | NovDic | i | ii | iii | iv | i | ii | iii | iv |
| 1 | PREPARATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.1 | Prepare work program | UNSD | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.2 | Prepare metadata template | UNSD | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.3 | Prepare metadata examples | UNSD | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.4 | Distribution of variables/clusters among collabora | UNSD and experts | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | ELABORATION OF DRAFT METADATA | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1 | Elaboration of metadata for themes/topics Group 1 | UNSD | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.2 | Elaboration of metadata for themes/topics Group 2 | EG experts | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.3 | Elaboration of metadata for themes/topics Group 3 | Specialized agenci | es | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | PEER REVIEW AND FINALIZATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1 | UNSD revision of submitted metadata | UNSD | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.2 | EG revision of submitted metadata | EG experts | | | | | | | | | |
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| 4 | DISEMINATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.1 | Upload sets of metadata to UNSD Website | UNSD | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.2 | Edition of Manual | UNSD Consultant | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.3 | Upload Manual website UNSD | UNSD | | | | | | | | | |

What we've learned with the examples

- 1. We developed and improved the template for the methodological sheet reviewing many other available ones
- 2. We then worked in filling in the template for 9 individual variables
 - Find lot of redundancy for fields other than definitions (for example extreme events and disasters, waste, environmental conditions in general)
 - Difficulty with only core set, since some closely related variables were tier 2 (basic set)
- 3. We discussed about the cluster approach, grouping variables at the topic or sub-component level as appropriate, including but not restricted to tier 1 variables, in one single methodological sheet
 - Find this work better
 - Developed an example (waste sub-component)
 - Would like to discuss with the experts

Template Structure

| Theme | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Code and location in the FDES 2013 | | | | | | | | |
| Component | Sub-Component | Topic | Environment Statistic codes and denomination | | | | | | |
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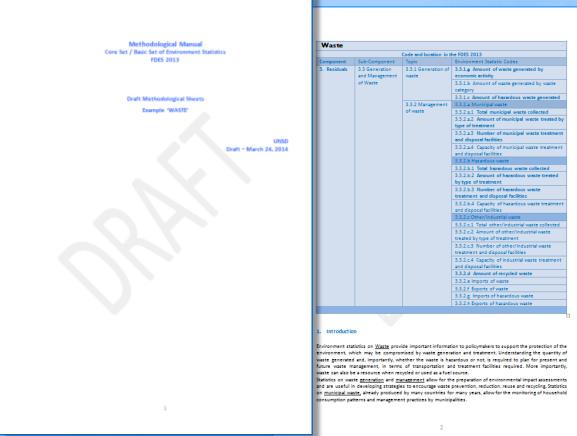
- 1. Introduction
- 2. Definitions and description of the variables
- 2A. Definition of the variables
- 3. International sources and recommendations
- 3A. Classifications and groupings
- 3B. Reference to international recommendations, frameworks and standards
- 3C. Sources of global and regional environment statistics and indicators series
- 4. Methodological Guidance for countries
- 4A. Data collection and sources of data
- [i.e Surveys, Administrative records, Statistical estimation methods, Combination of the foregoing methods]
- 4B. Data compilation (procedures and instruments) and transformation into environment statistics series

Statistical unit, Measurement unit, Statistical population, Validation, Metadata

- 5. Other relevant information
- 5A. Potential presentation/dissemination formats
- 5B. Commonly used indicators that incorporate this statistic
- **5C.** Potential disaggregations:

Examples: Waste and water

Christian will go over the examples with the participants looking at their print out



Location in the FDES

| ľ | Waste | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Code and location in the FDES 2013 | | | | | | | |
| | Component | Sub-Component | Topic | Environment Statistic Codes | | | | |
| | 3. Residuals | Residuals 3.3 Generation 3.3.1 Generation of and Management of Waste | 3.3.1.a Amount of waste generated by economic activity 3.3.1.b Amount of waste generated by waste | | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.1.c Amount of hazardous waste generated | | | | |
| | | | 3.3.2 Management | 3.3.2.a Municipal waste | | | | |
| | | | of waste | 3.3.2.a.1 Total municipal waste collected | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.a.2 Amount of municipal waste treated by type of treatment | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.a.3 Number of municipal waste treatment and disposal facilities | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.a.4 Capacity of municipal waste treatment and disposal facilities | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.b Hazardous waste | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.b.1 Total hazardous waste collected | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.b.2 Amount of hazardous waste treated by type of treatment | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.b.3 Number of hazardous waste treatment and disposal facilities | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.b.4 Capacity of hazardous waste treatment and disposal facilities | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.c Other/industrial waste | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.c.1 Total other/industrial waste collected | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.c.2 Amount of other/industrial waste treated by type of treatment | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.c.3 Number of other/industrial waste treatment and disposal facilities | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.c.4 Capacity of industrial waste treatment and disposal facilities | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.d Amount of recycled waste | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.e Imports of waste | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.f Exports of waste | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.g Imports of hazardous waste | | | | |
| | | | | 3.3.2.h Exports of hazardous waste | | | | |
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Component:

3. Residuals

Sub-Component:

3.3 Generation and management of waste

Topic:

3.3.1 Generation of waste

3.3.2 Management of waste

Statistic:

3.3.1.a Core set (Tier 1)

3.3.1.b Basic set (Tier 2)

3.x.y.z Basic set (Tier 3)

Template

- **1.** Introduction [of the sub-component]
- 2. Definitions and description of the variables
- 2A. Definition of the variable: Core set statistics in **bold**
- **2B.** Definition of related variables
- 3. International sources and recommendations
- 3A. Classifications and groupings

Coverage

Groupings

- 3B. Reference to international recommendations, frameworks and standards
- 3C. Sources of global and regional environment statistics and indicators series

Template (continued)

- 4. Methodological guidance for Countries
- 4A. Data collection and sources of data

Surveys

Administrative sources

[...]

4B. Data compilation (procedures and instruments) and transformation into environment statistics series

Statistical population

Statistical unit

Reporting unit

Measurement unit

Validation

[...]

Metadata

Challenges / Questions

More than one definition exists:

"Simple example" Water: 2.6.1.a.1 Precipitation

2.6.1.a.1 Precipitation:

<u>Precipitation</u>: Total volume of atmospheric wet precipitation (rain, snow, hail...). Precipitation is usually measured by meteorological or hydrological institutes.

[Source: OECD/Eurostat: Data Collection Manual for the Joint Questionnaire on Inland Waters, page 30]

- or -

<u>Precipitation</u>: Any kind of water that falls from clouds as a liquid or a solid.

[Source: FAO Aquastat, Glossary of definitions]

- or -

<u>Precipitation</u>: (B.1) is the volume of water that flows from the atmosphere to inland water resources via rain, snow, sleet, hail, dew, mist, etc. Precipitation falls onto land and water surfaces. It is desirable to compile data on precipitation at different spatial levels [...] [Source: <u>UNSD: International recommendations for Water Statistics - IWRS</u>, page 52]

- or -

<u>Precipitation</u>: Precipitation consists of the volume of atmospheric wet precipitation (rain, snow, hail, etc.) on the territory of reference during the accounting period before evapotranspiration takes place. Most of the precipitation would fall on the soil and would thus be recorded in the column under soil water in the asset accounts. [...] [Source: <u>UNSD: SEEA Water</u>, page 94 and <u>SEEA 2012</u>, page 215]

- or -

Atmospheric Precipitation: The settling out of water from cloud in the form of dew, rain, hail, snow, etc.

[Source: EEA GEneral Multilingual Environmental Thesaurus – GEMET]

OECD/Eurostat

> FAO

> IRWS

SEEA

> EEA

Which level of detail will meet your needs?

Example Water: Validation

validation of existing data observations, and possible aggregation and estimation procedures. Complementarily, treatment of missing data points would involve interpolation and imputation procedures as long as the existing data set allows for it.

The starting point for construction of statistics is the careful analysis of existing raw data that is scattered in different institutions according to the country's institutional system. Starting from the consideration of water rights and concessions as a reference, the statistician can move on to compile data for the households, industries and agriculture using diverse ways to aggregate and estimate as needed. In most cases, the method will involve the estimation and compilation of water uses as proxies to water abstraction. One important consideration about the difference between the amount abstracted and the amount finally used is the amount of water that is estimated as water losses in the distribution of the total water abstracted, depending on the The piping system can be outdated or not enough mainter losses around the network and more abstraction needed for shortened [?] ...

Industry water use can be determined by the same methodological case as households, although the volumes involved in the use will be considerably higher for some economic activities and sectors. Industries such as mining that require high volumes of water can be off the grid, and can extraction water for its own use. The methods will then involve compilation from users if they register and/or estimation using parameters and volume of production per establishment if available.

For agricultural water use, estimation can begin with the determination of the extension of the crops at the national level. The relevant data sources can be an agricultural Census, agricultural surveys or an inventory of the type of crops and the amount of each one in hectares. There are estimations of the water use per crop that can be used as reference (FAO), but caution must be exerted since the amount of water used in agriculture comes from both irrigation and precipitation. Data on irrigation is actually insufficient to say the least

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shortened [?] ...

Household water use is usually compiled referring to ISIC 36 and in most cases it can be measured/estimated because it is one enterprise or company supplying the households per municipality or region according to the country's water institutional set up. In rural areas, some households can bring the water home from municipal supply points, receive the water from water trucks and extract the water for their use directly from wells, in which cases estimation of these amounts using average water consumption per capita parameters and demographic data (possibly geo references data) can be considered as estimation methods.

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- edit/re-write existing material for better comprehension?
- > refer to existing sources only? ... provide (links)
- selection criteria for sources?

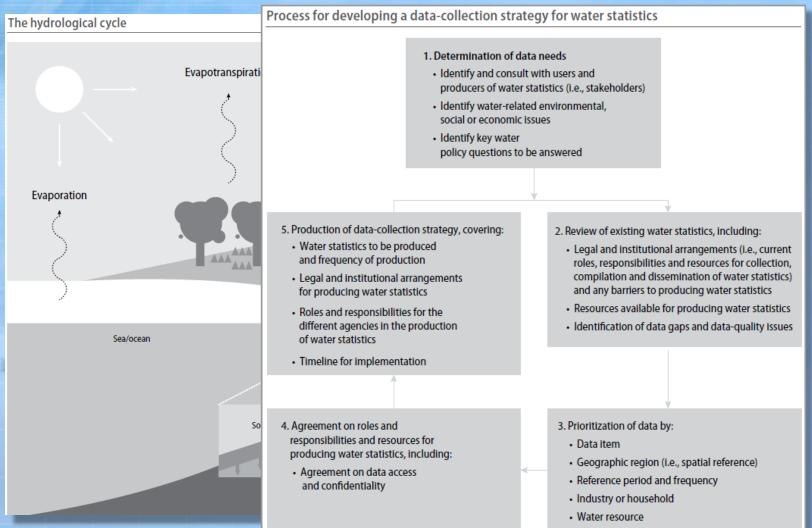
Enhance with graphs / flow charts / decision trees ? Example Waste: Municipal waste treatment

Incineration (separately for with and without energy recovery) Landfilling Recycling (excluding composting or fermentation) Composting Incin. **MBT MSW** Landfill Sorting Composting fermentation)

Recycling

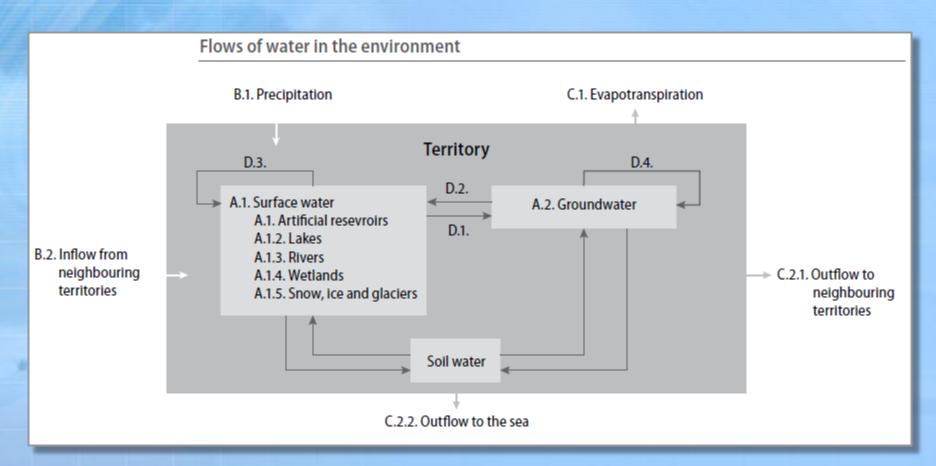
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Example Water: Planning data collection



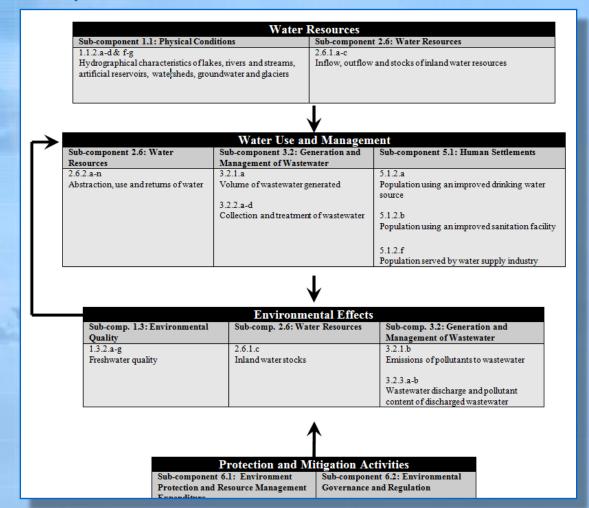
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Example Water: Flows of water in the environment

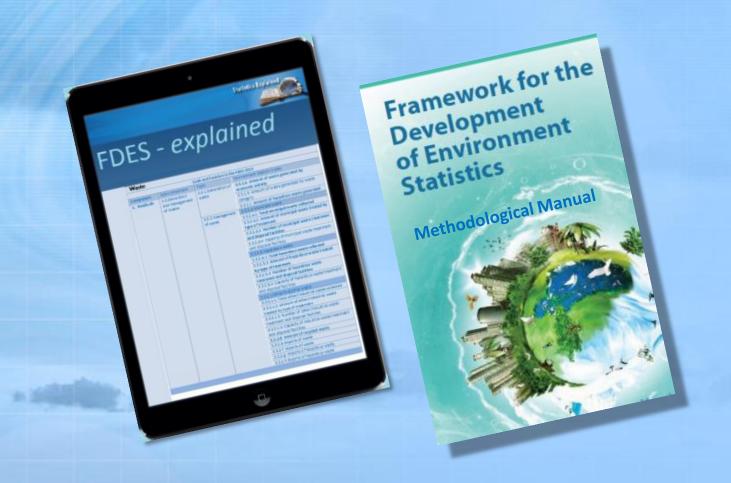


Enhance with graphs / flow charts / decision trees?

Example Water: How are FDES Topics, Components, Subcomponents and Statistics related?



"Living" document / printed manual?



Questions (to guide discussion later)

- a. Is the template for the methodological sheets OK?
- b. For the manual: grouping 'environment statistics' or individual variable? Recall commonalities in the fields within closely related statistics
- c. Scope will cover the Basic Set of Environment Statistics, not only the Core Set. Tier 1, 2, 3 variables are very interrelated
- d. What level of detail in the description?
- e. Examples, diagrams and boxes to be included OK?
- f. How to link best to SEEA core tables?
- g. Is the program of work OK? Time table 2014-2015
- h. Is the organization of the work OK?
- i. Is the modular and incremental dissemination proposal OK?
- j. Collaboration from experts?