



WS.1: Enhancing and broadening the SNA framework to better capture elements of well-being and sustainability

Outcome of global consultation

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Overview of responses (60 in total)



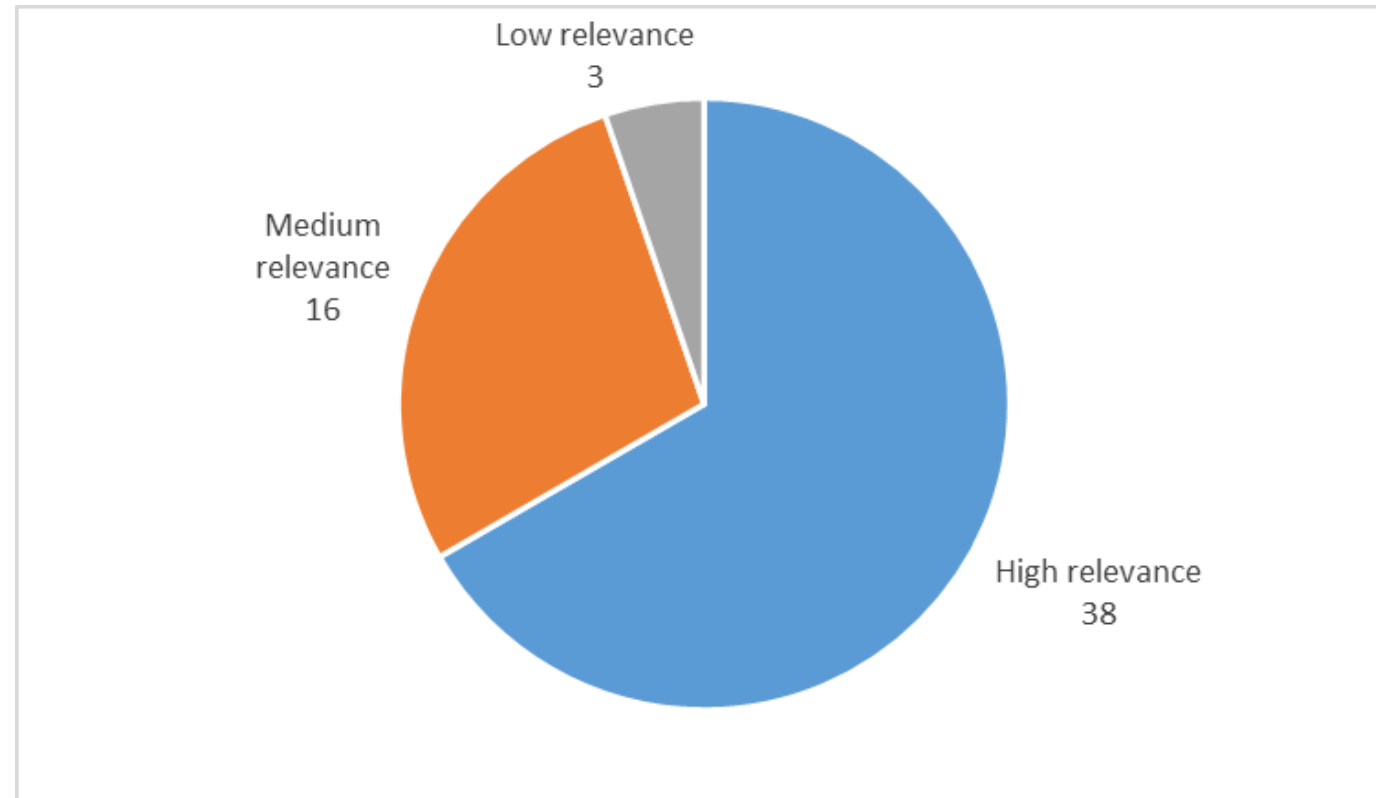
Is the topic of well-being and sustainability relevant for your country?

High:

- Well-being and sustainability are key areas for our users and policymakers
- Importance in view of future developments
- Specific national policy goals on sustainable development
- Information provides more comprehensive view on equity, inclusion and environmental issues, correlated with economic activity

Low:

- Debate on the topic is scarce in our country
- A broad array of indicator sets is available independent from the NA
- Some extensions may be less relevant for us

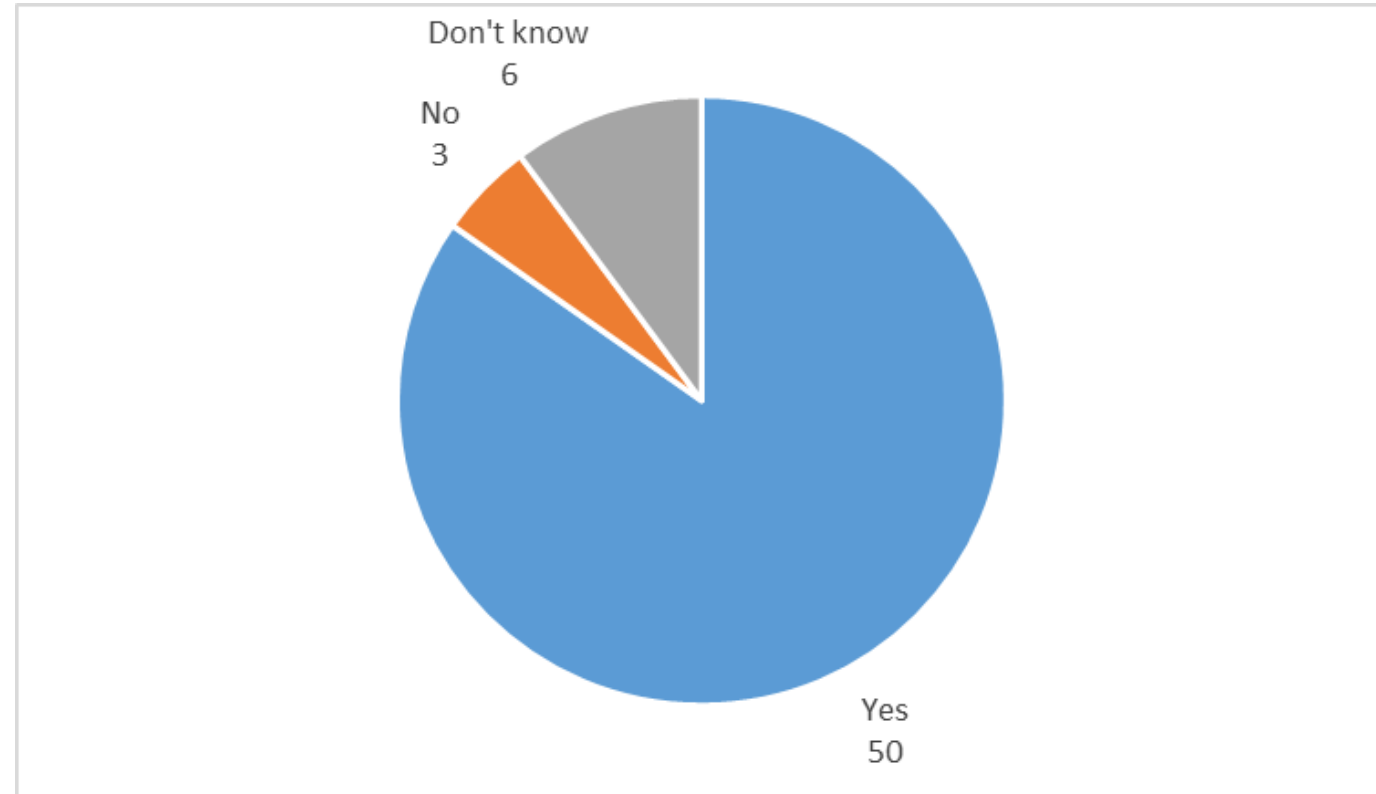




Do you feel the recommendations of the elements in the guidance notes are properly reflected?

No:

- Highly relevant aspects of education and health quality are not mentioned
- Question regarding link between split-asset approach and proposed recording of ETS
- More detailed descriptions of proposed indicators required

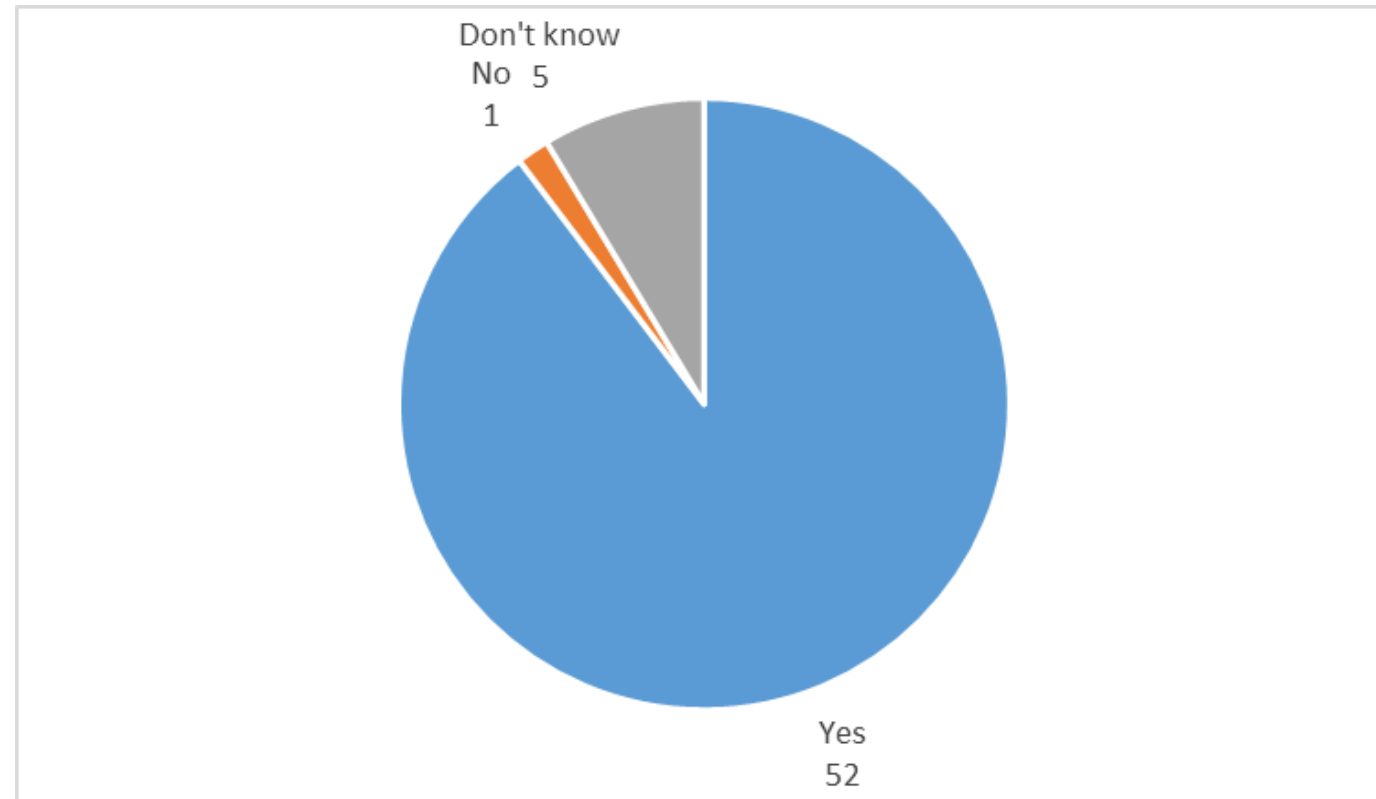





Do you agree with how the topics are linked to current and future well-being in the figure in Section 4.1?

Comments made:

- Suggest including new components: environment, family, social welfare, housing and public safety
- It should be made clear that these are topics that can be covered from SNA perspective (but that there are many others outside the SNA)
- There is a need to provide a more systematic distinction between current well-being and future well-being
- The issue is more complex than presented. E.g., it does not include the distribution of resources both domestically and between regions around the world. Furthermore, well-being does not only depend on available resources but also on how these are being used

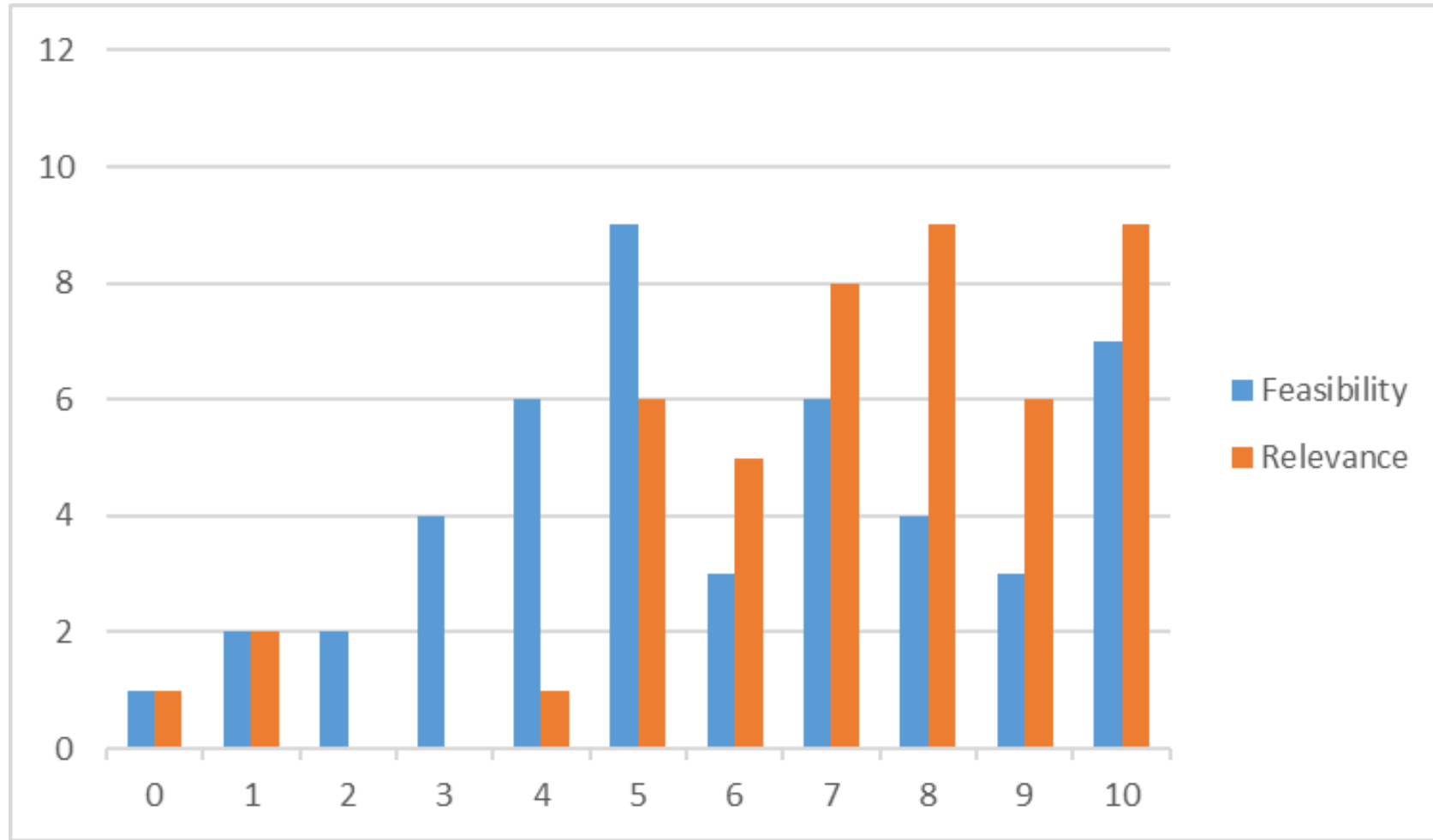




Assessment of feasibility and relevance



Unpaid household service work



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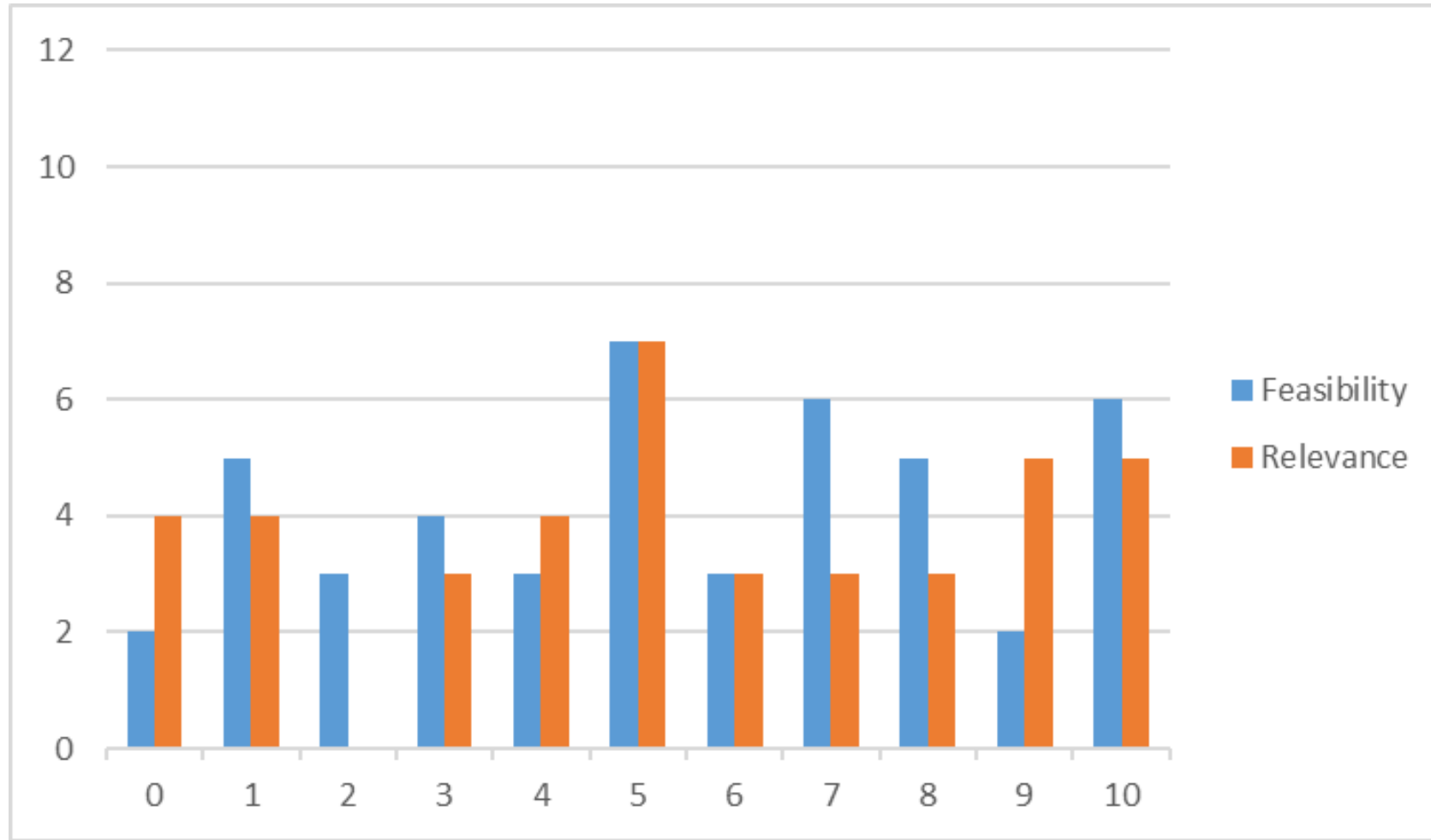
Average scores:

- Feasibility: 5.9

- Relevance: 7.2



Split asset approach



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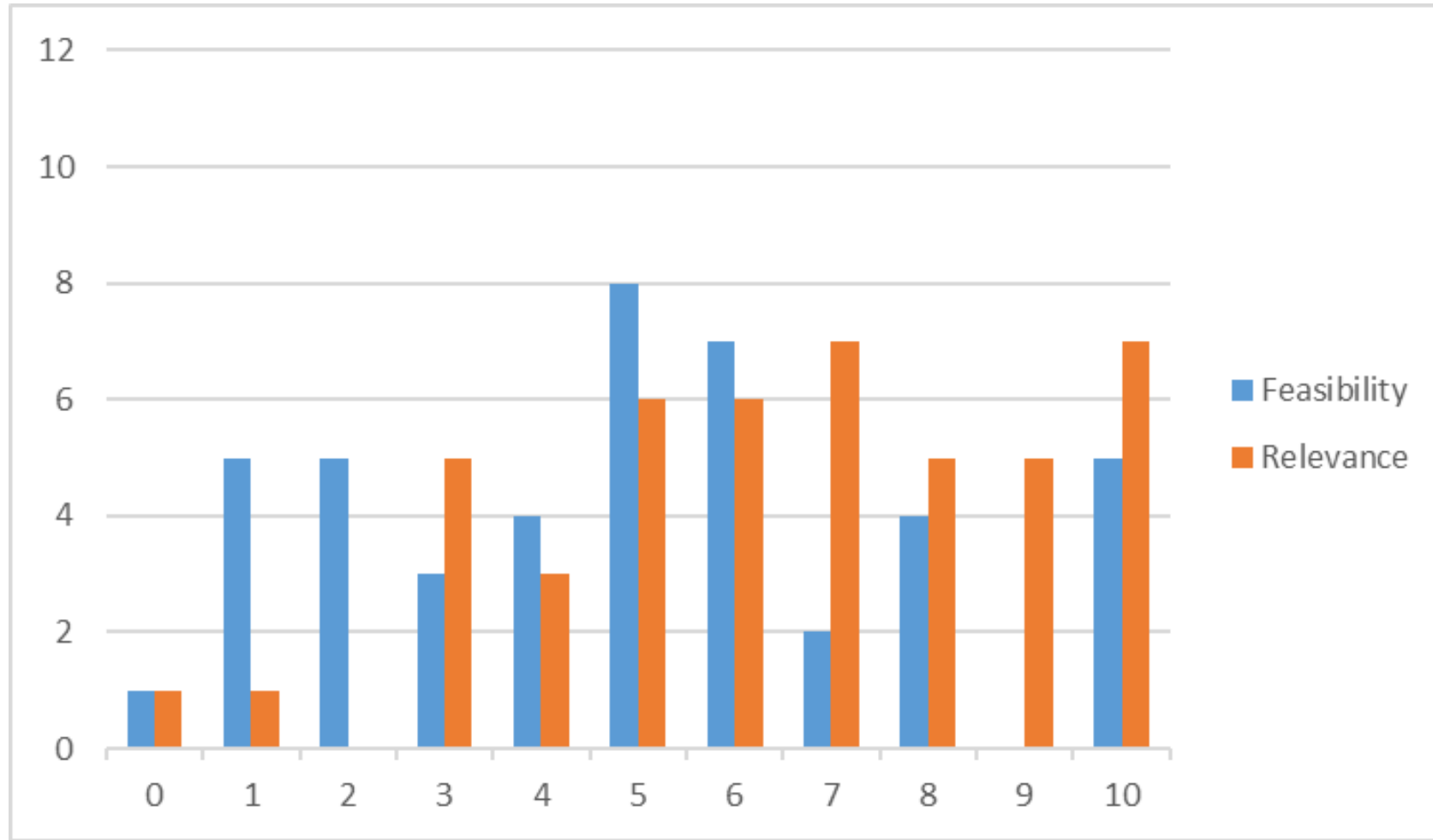
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- Relevance: 5.4



Experimental extended table on human capital



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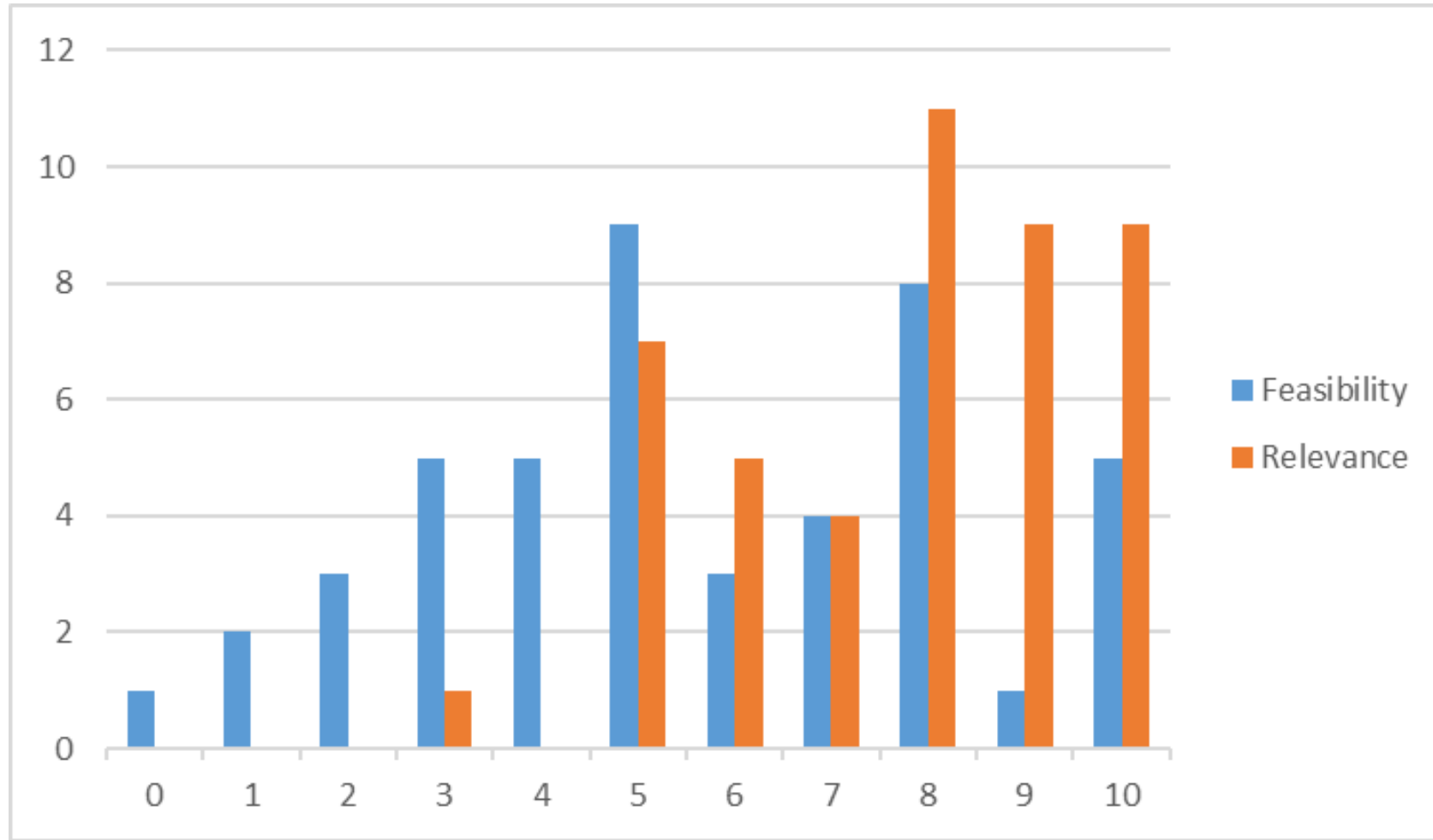
Average scores:

- Feasibility: 5.0

- Relevance: 6.5



Renewable energy resources



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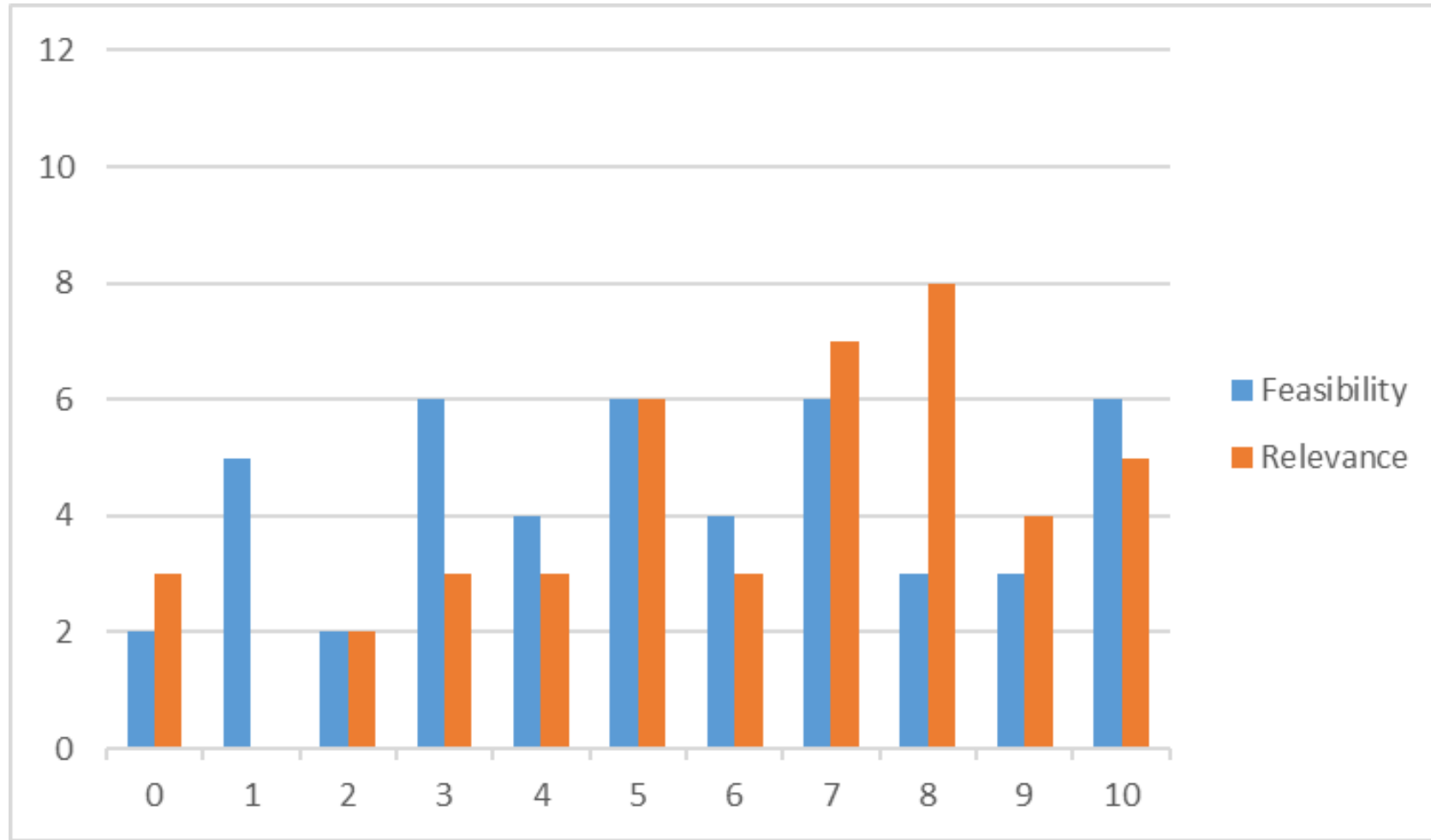
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- Feasibility: 5.6

- Relevance: 7.7



Environmental taxes and subsidies



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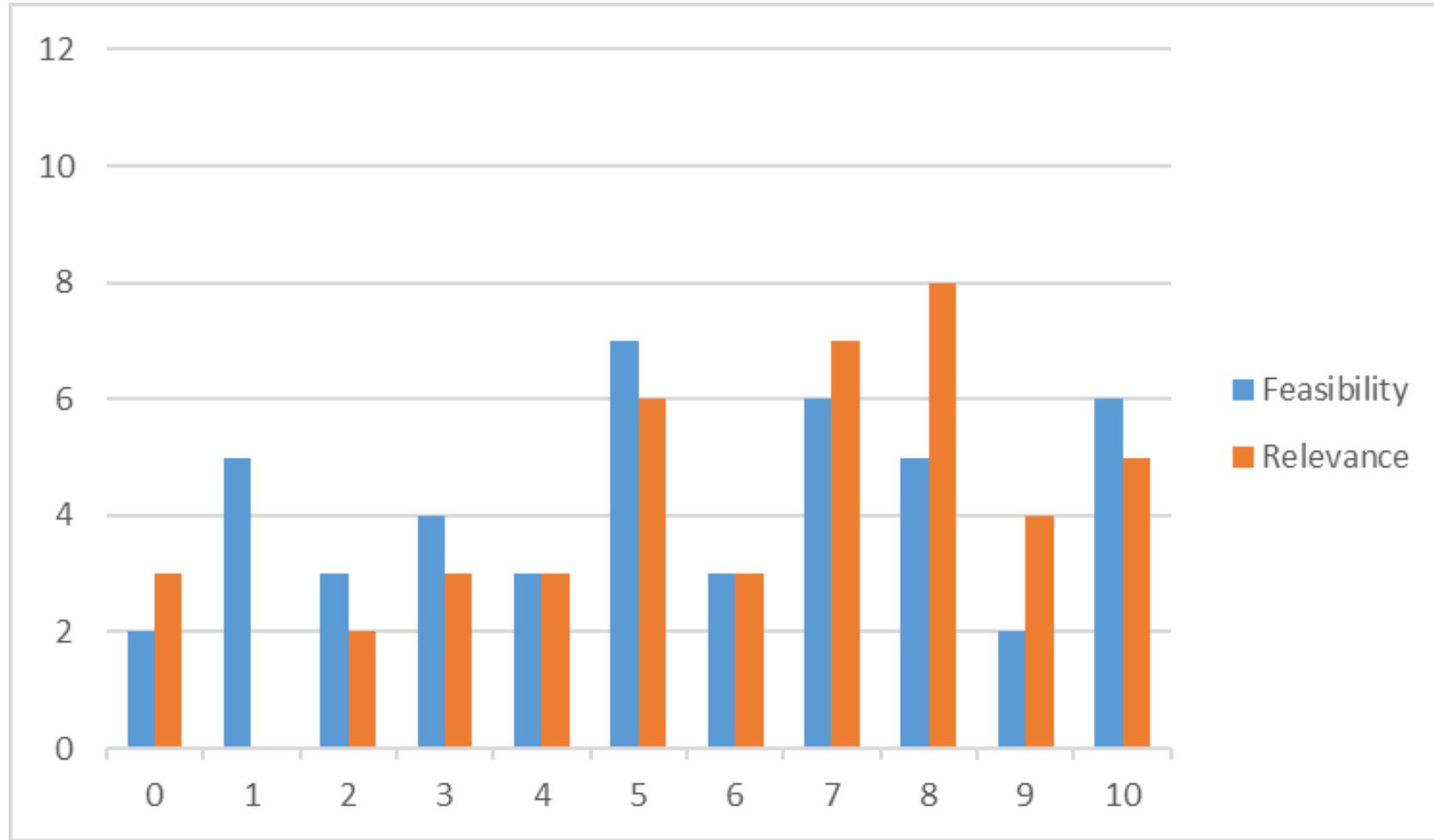
- Feasibility: 5.8

- Relevance: 6.5

Note: Some countries expressed higher feasibility for taxes than for subsidies



Natural resource rent categories



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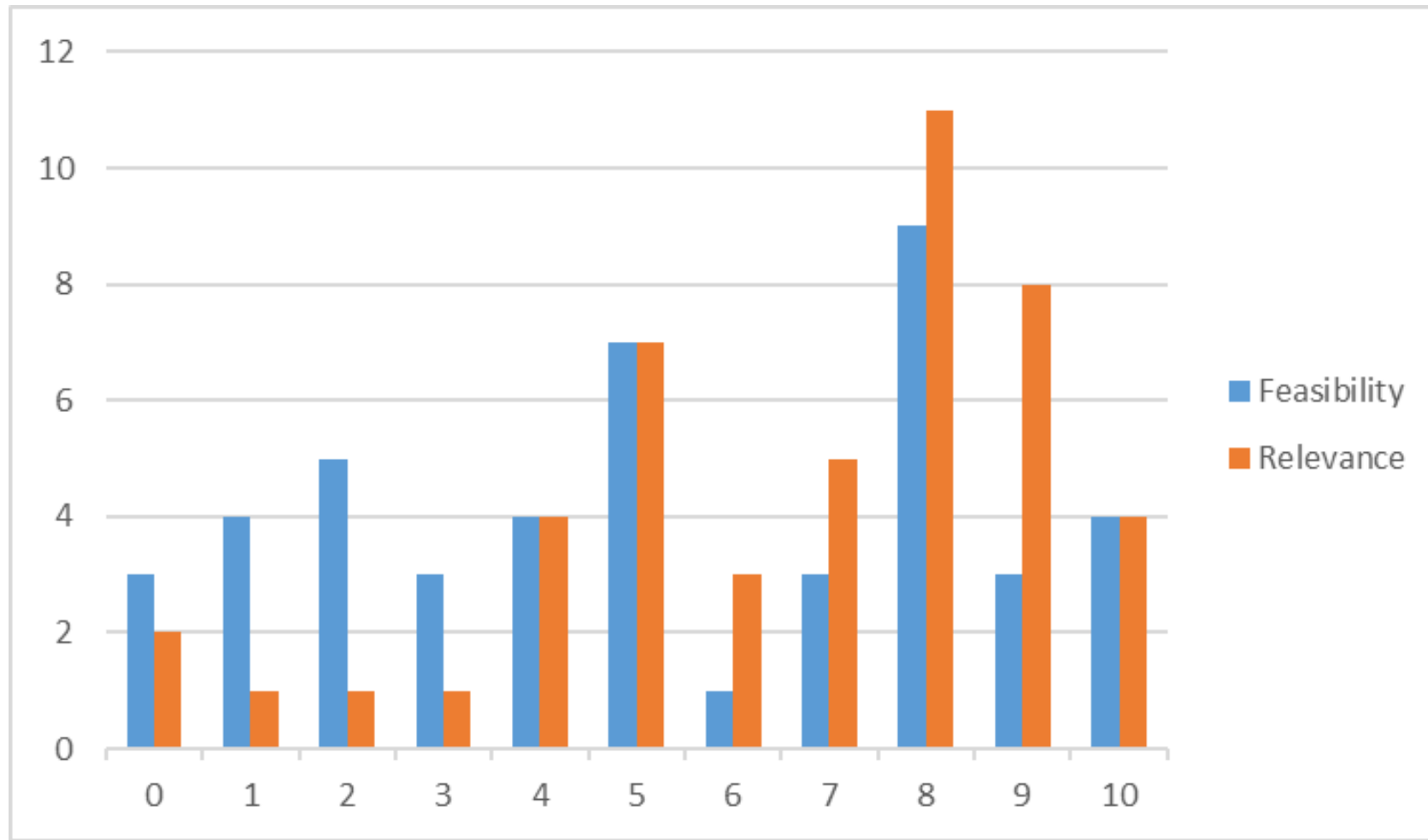
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- Relevance: 6.2



Depletion of natural resources as input cost of production



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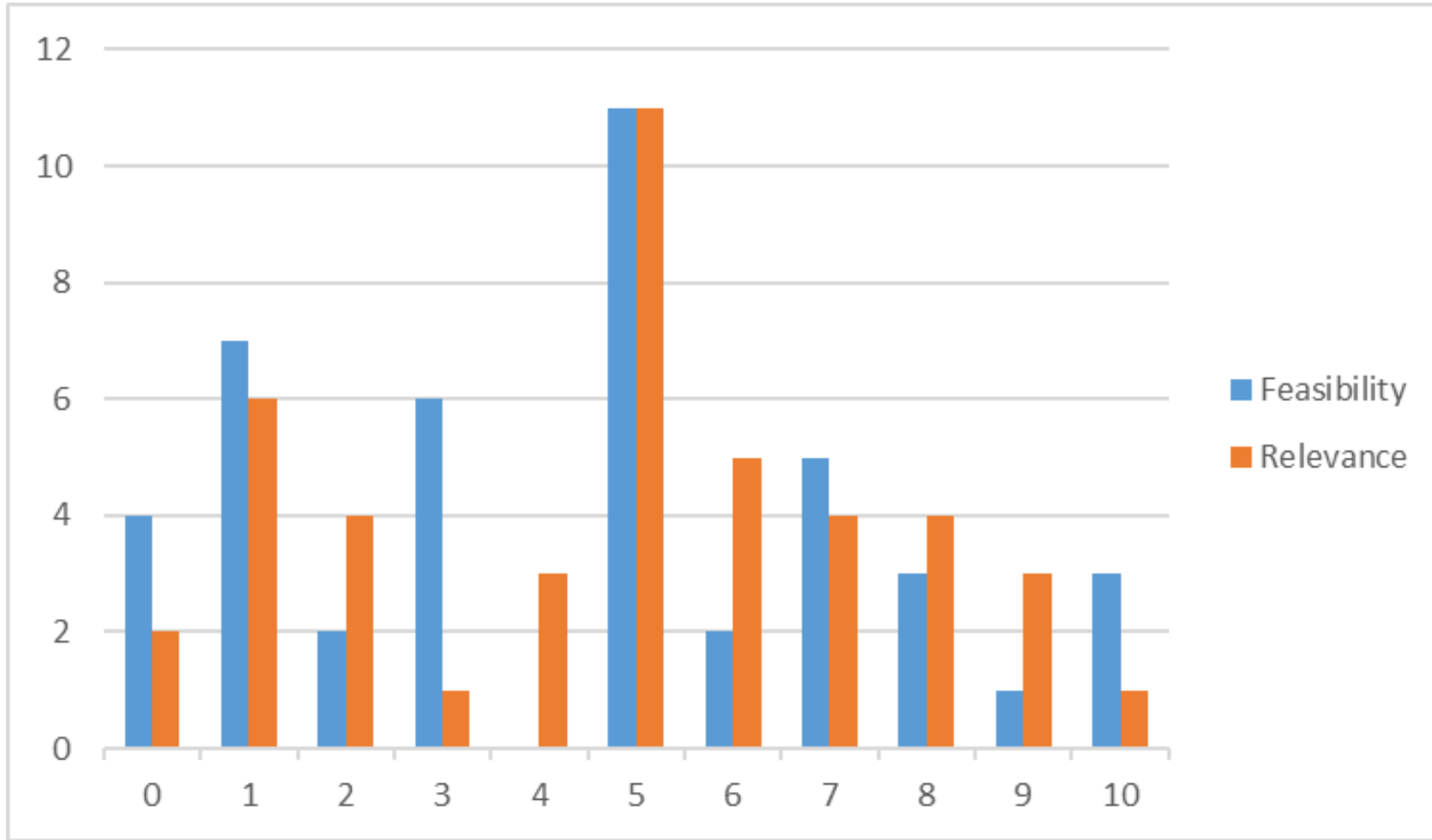
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- Relevance: 6.6



Remove distinction cultivated vs. non-cultivated and only distinguish migrating vs. non-migrating biological resources

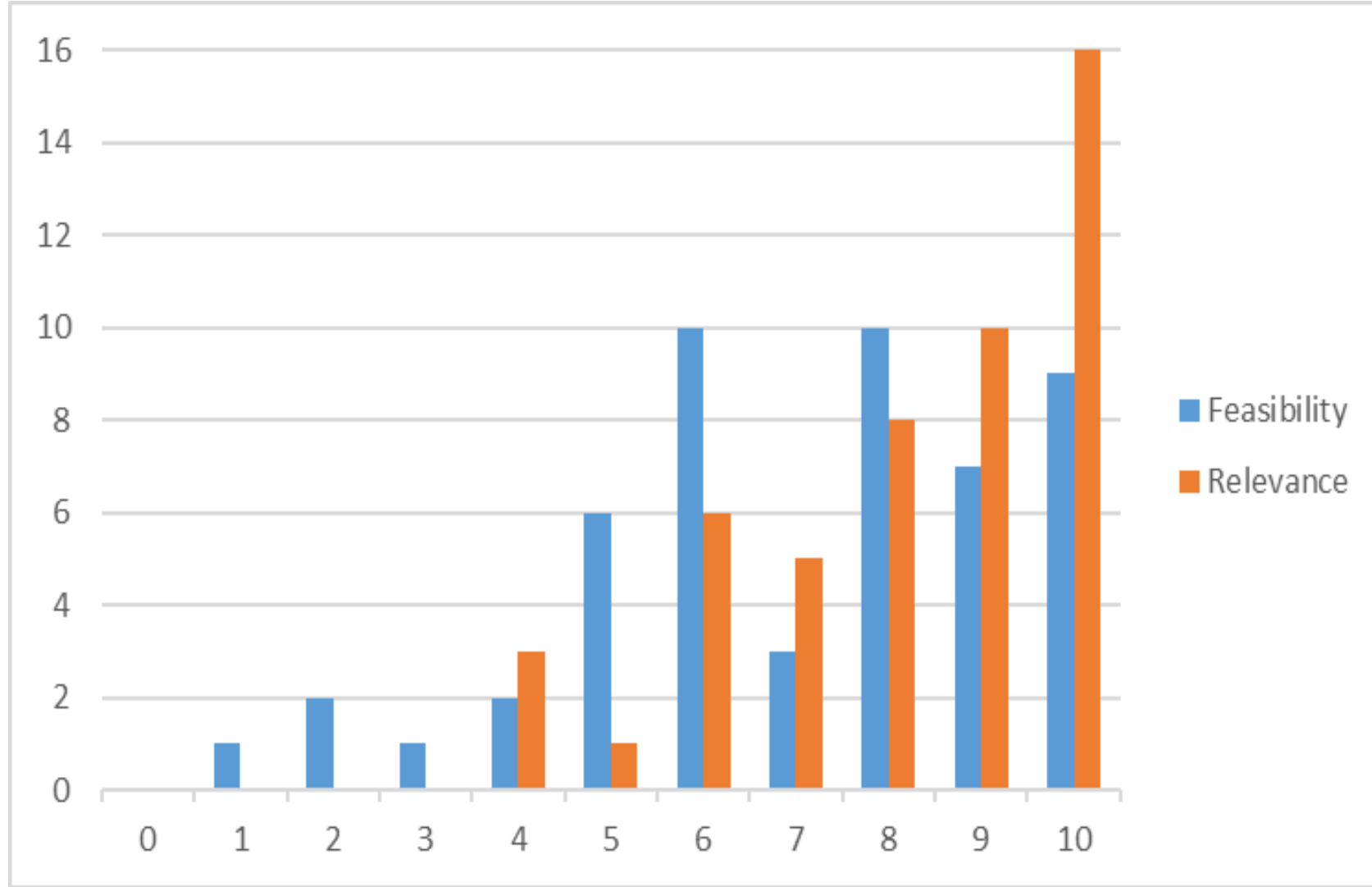


Average scores:
- Feasibility: 4.4
- Relevance: 4.8

Number of responses per score



Household distributions

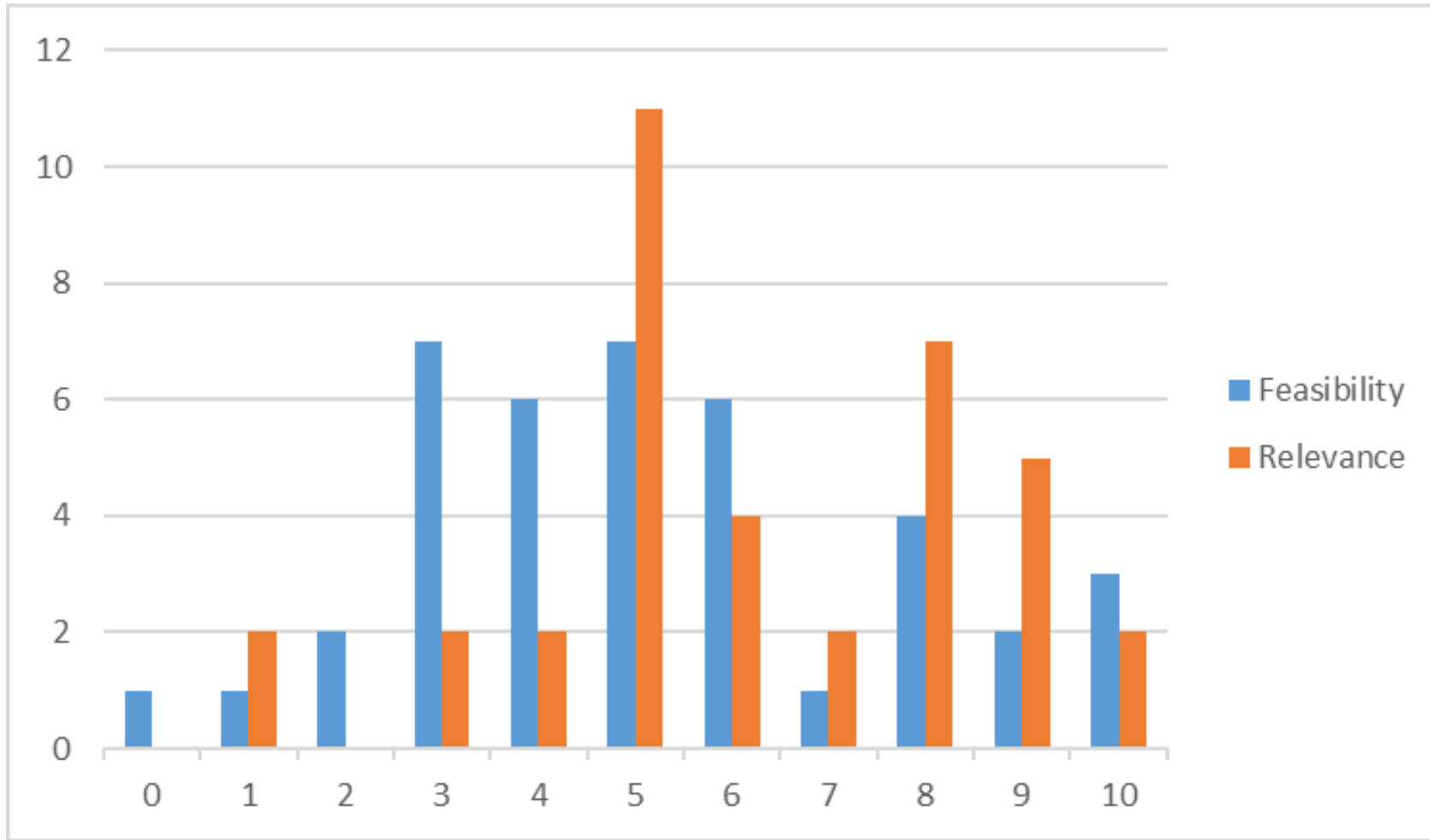


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Average scores:
- Feasibility: 7.1
- Relevance: 8.2



Supplementary table on provisions



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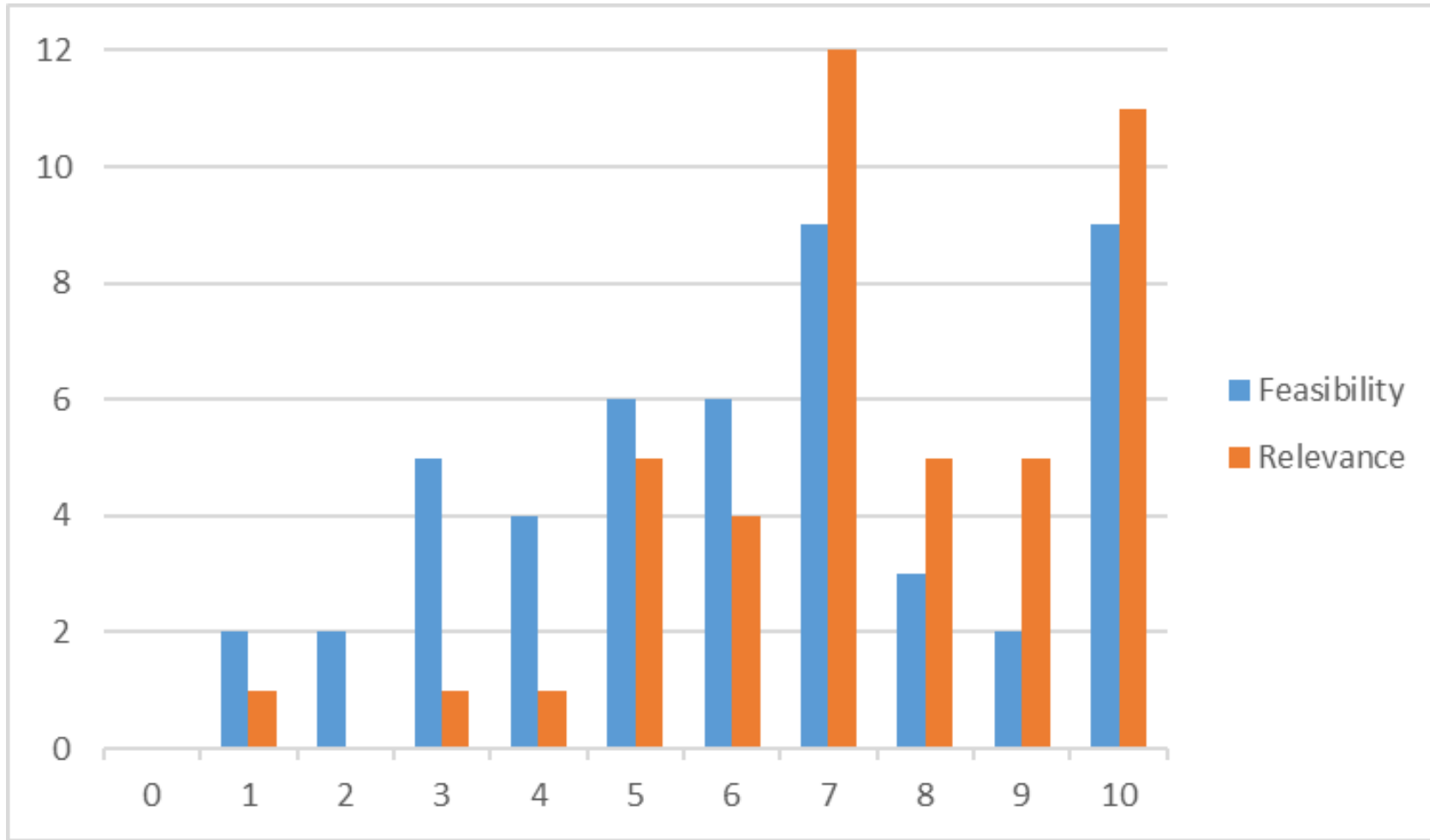
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Supplementary tables on health care



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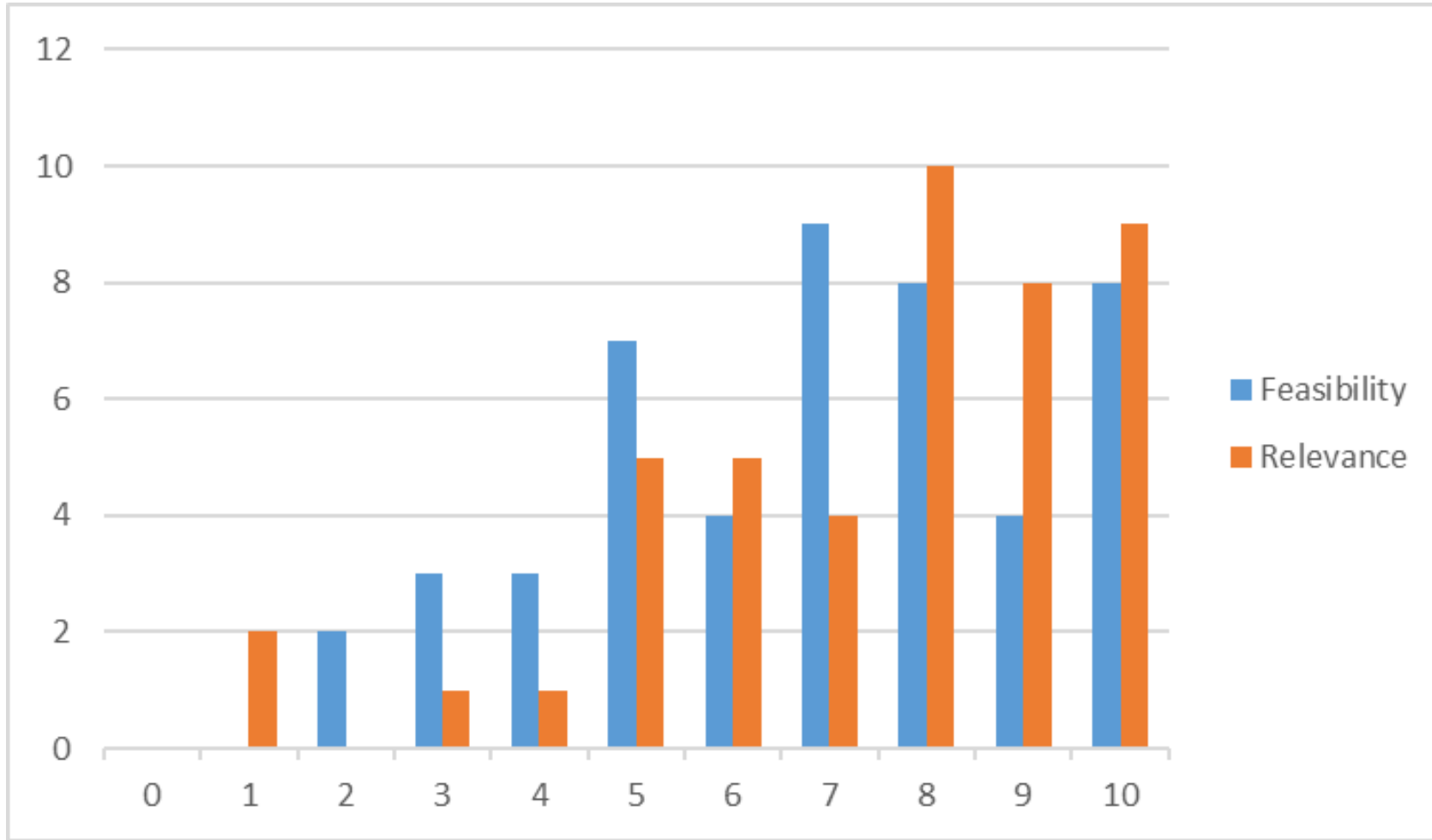
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- Relevance: 7.5



Standard labour tables



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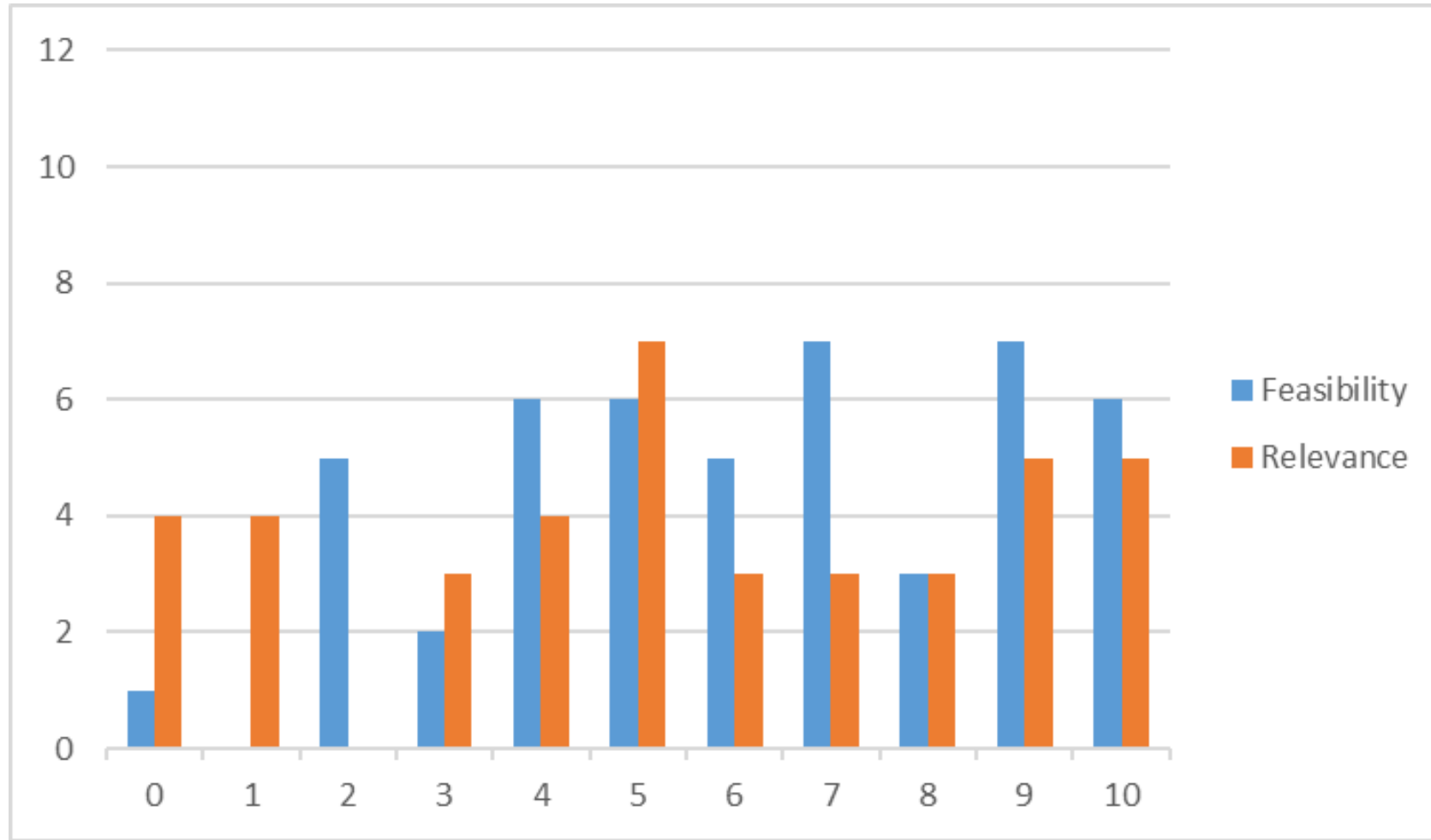
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- Relevance: 7.4



Thematic tables on education and training



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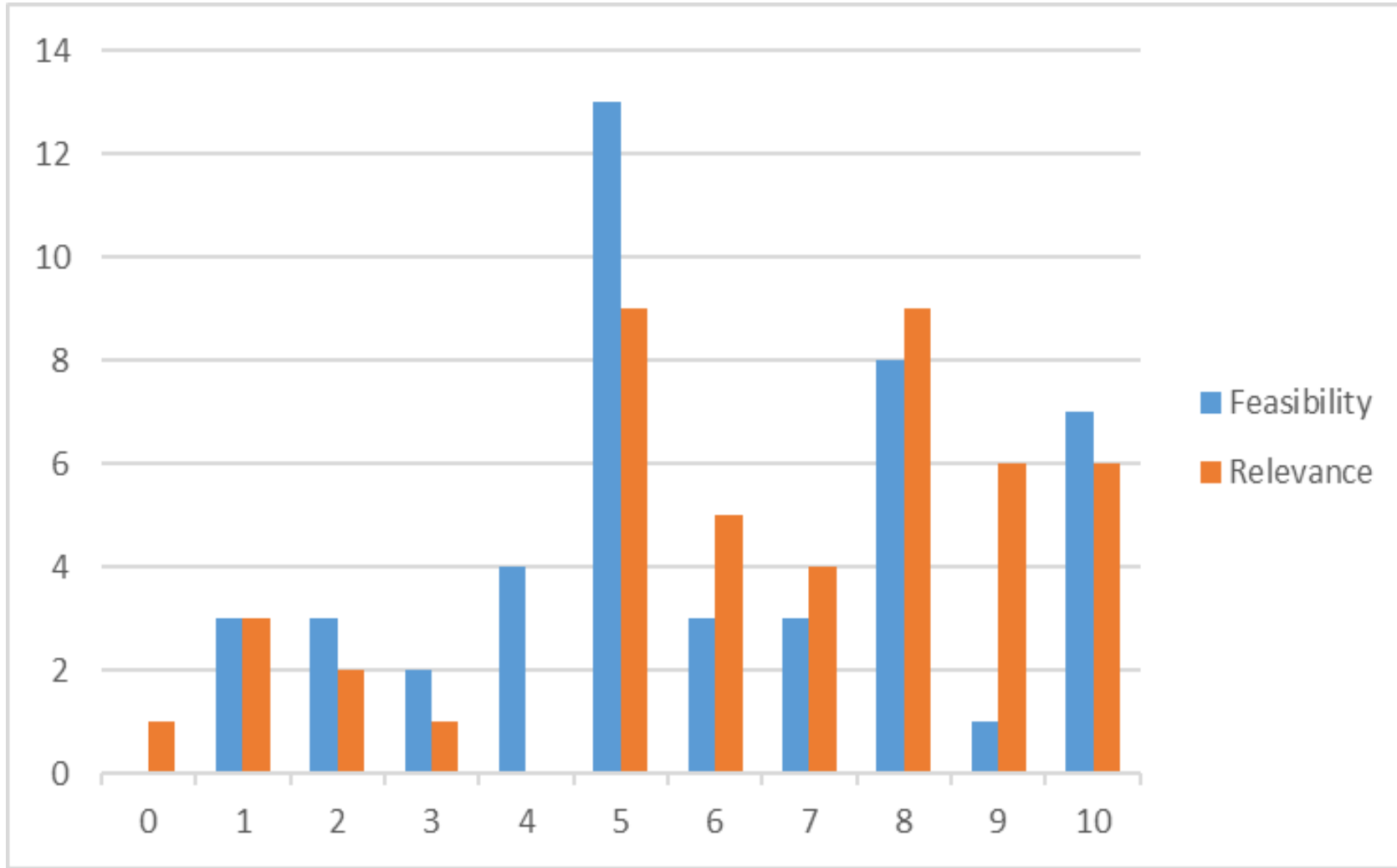
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- Relevance: 7.3



Separate asset class for natural capital



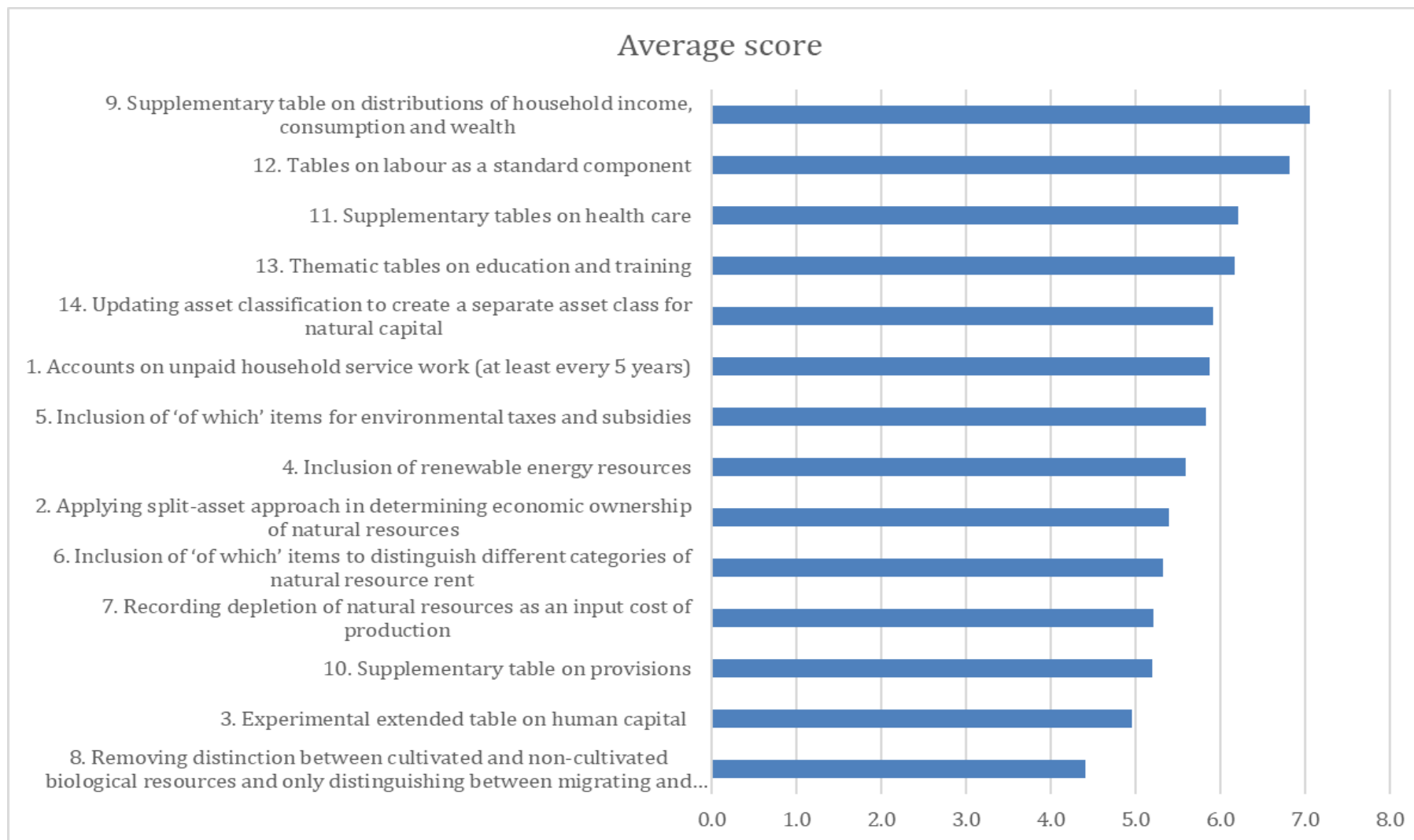
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Please rate each proposal in terms of feasibility

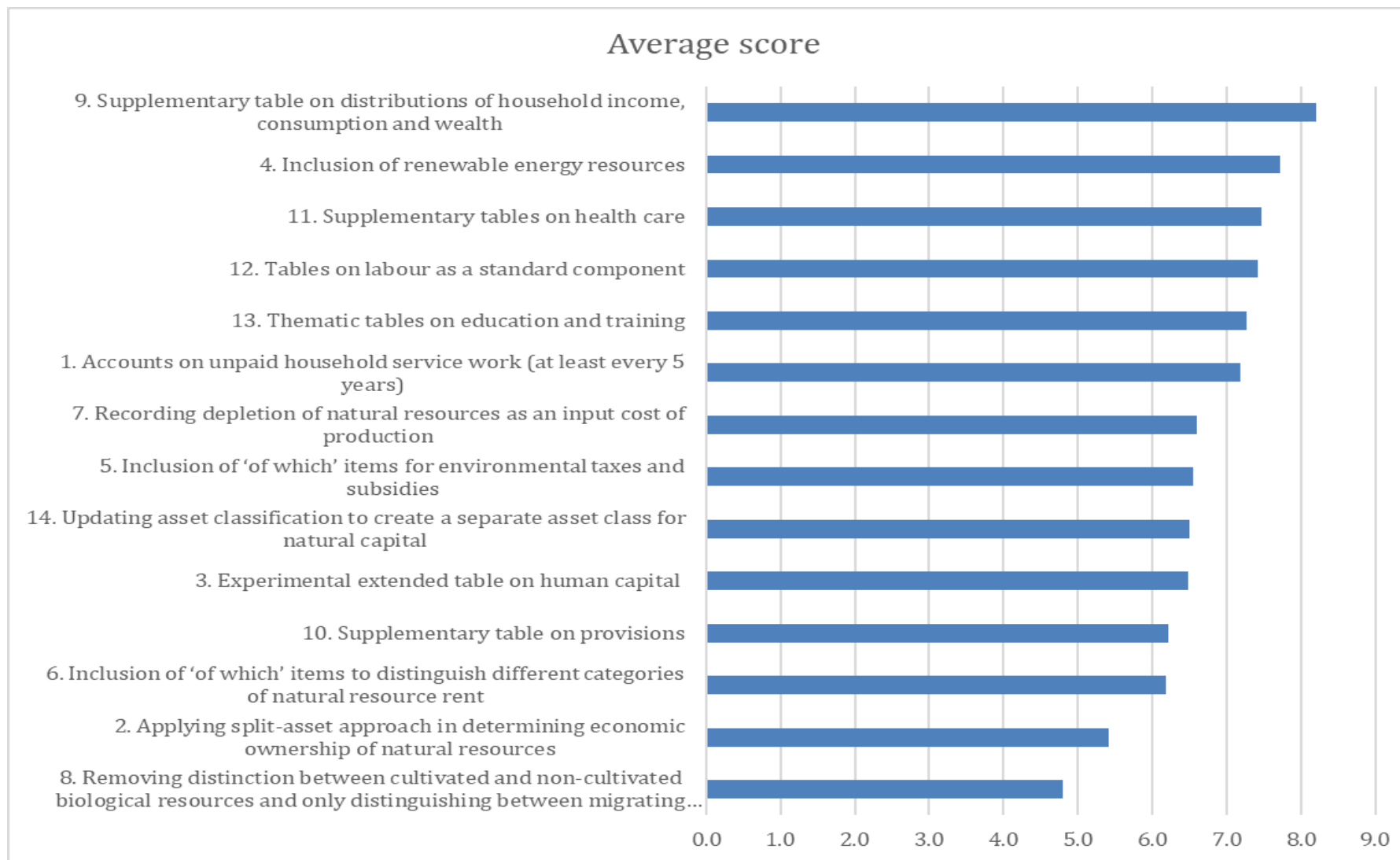




Main issue regarding feasibility

- “Lack of data sources” (among others on natural resources and unpaid service work)
- “Lack of human resources”
- “Majority of proposals require a fundamental change of our processes and significant broadening of data collection”
- “Some proposals (e.g., removing split cultivated vs non-cultivated) require development of proper methodology first before considering inclusion in 2025 SNA”
- “Some proposals still require proper definitions (e.g., ESG/Green finance, environmental subsidies, natural capital)”
- “Large estimation errors for asset value that will be based on future projections and other factors”
- “Separate category for natural capital will make it more difficult to understand the link between stocks of produced assets and (their role in) production”

Please rate each proposal in terms of relevance

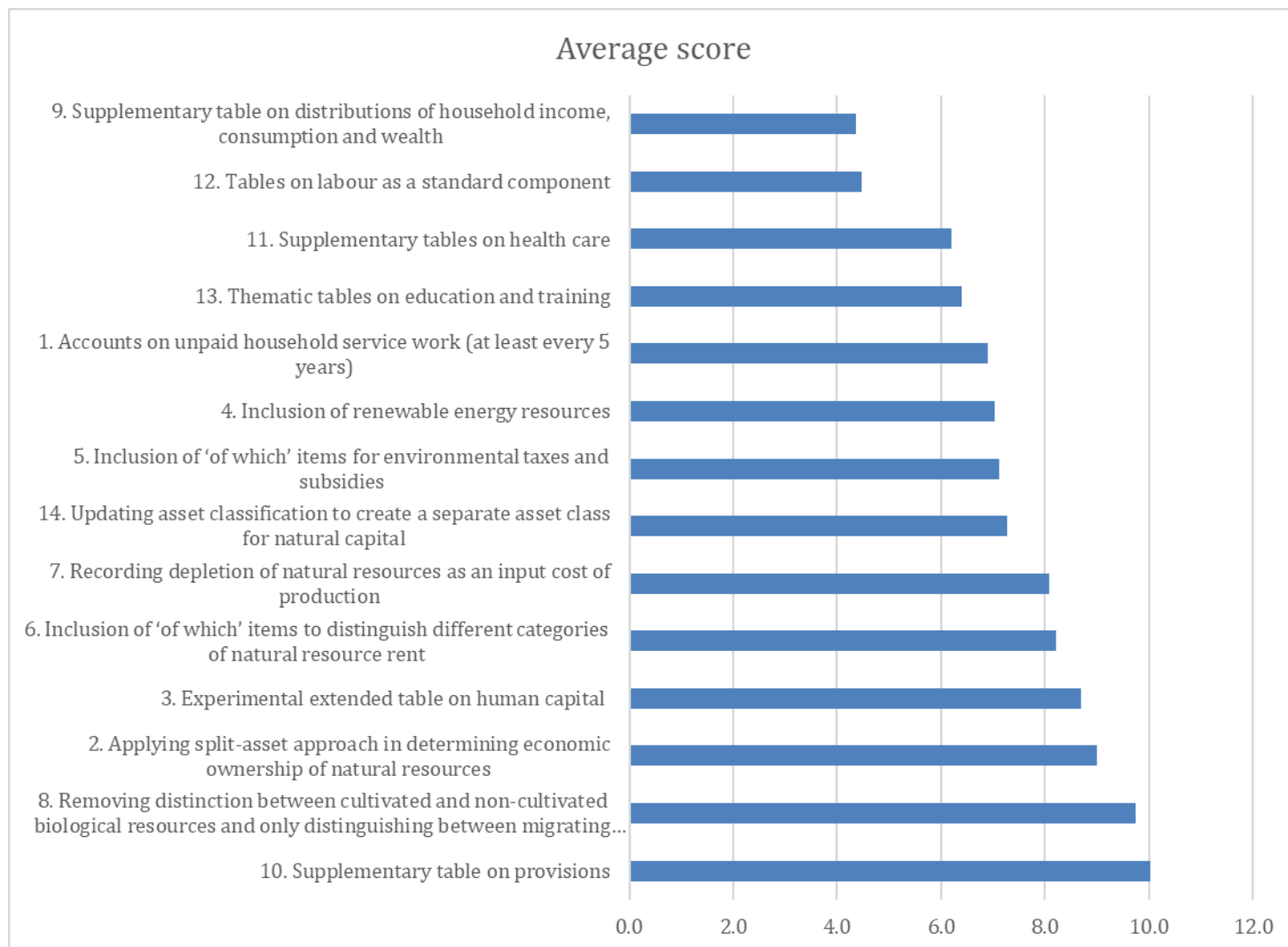




Main issue regarding relevance

- “We do not have a lot of natural resources, so they are of less relevance to us”
- “Users have not yet been consulted”
- “Information on depletion and human capital is mainly demanded by academia, whereas government institutions are more interested in assessing and evaluating policies”

How would you prioritise the proposals?

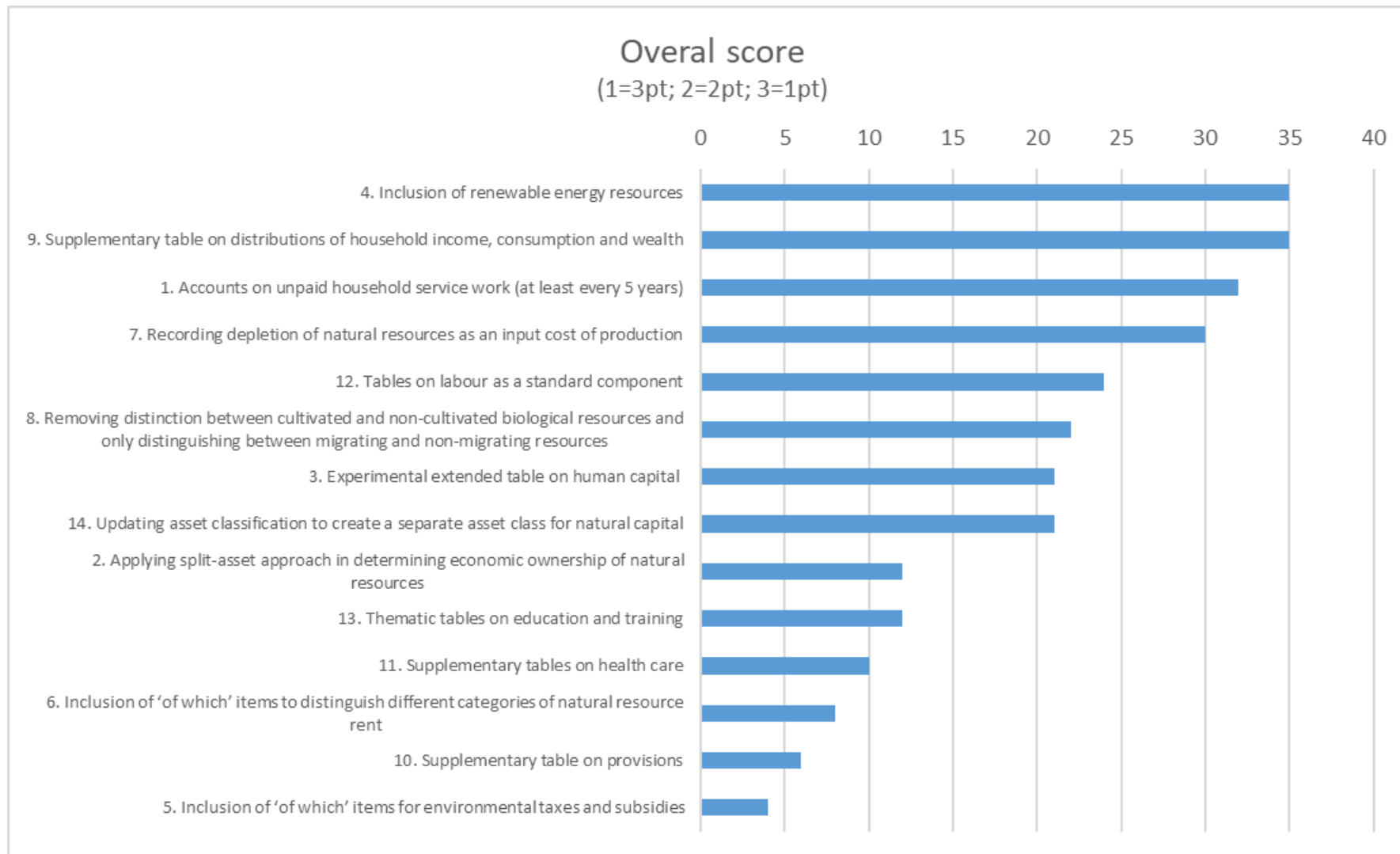




Main comments regarding prioritisation

- “Highly subjective”
- “Users have not yet been consulted”
- “Priorities may change after more widely user consultation”
- “Difficult to rank; would be easier to distinguish ‘high priority’ versus ‘low priority’
- A lot of respondents seem to have ranked according to feasibility (and ‘low hanging fruit’ principle)

Where do you see largest need for additional guidance?





Main comments regarding need for additional guidance

- “Some proposals (e.g., removing split cultivated vs non-cultivated) require development of proper methodology first before considering inclusion in 2025 SNA”
- “In area of distributional results, more guidance is needed on matching data from different surveys and from administrative data”
- “More guidance is needed for unpaid household work given the difficulties measuring it”
- “Considerably more challenges in proper accounting of today’s (and tomorrow’s!) natural resources than in the amplification of social statistics”
- “Specific guidance is needed on the recording of depletion”
- “First focus should be on what will be included in main sequence of accounts”
- “Recording of renewables is fraught with measurement challenges”



Any additional suggestions?

- “Incorporate the issue of financial sustainability”
- “Given recent inflationary pressures, evaluate impact of price changes on income measures”
- “Further collaboration with UNESCO would be welcomed to conduct research on measurement of heritage, cultural capital, etc. (i.e., cultural satellite accounts)”
- “Also explore alternative estimation approaches when data may be lacking”
- “Stress importance of providing separate information on volumes of activity (e.g., volunteer work, participation in education, health care use, etc.) in addition to monetary values”
- “A broader set of data is needed to support different approaches in describing the economy in relation to climate policy”
- “Bear in mind the limited resources available at statistical offices to do this work”
- “UNECE Guide on Education and training is missing in the list of references”



Conclusions



Conclusions on the guidance note

- 2/3 feel that the topic of well-being and sustainability is of high relevance for their country
- More than 85% agree that recommendations of underlying GNs have been properly reflected
- 90% agree with the visual representation of how the various topics link to current well-being and sustainability
- Still some concerns with specific recommendations by a few countries, but no issues raised that warrant changes to the guidance note



Lessons for implementation

- Lack of **data, resources** and **methodological guidance** as well as high dependency on **assumptions** for some specific topics are raised as main areas of concern
- Results provide useful insights into countries' priorities and need for additional guidance:
 - There is a group of topics that are seen as **both relevant and feasible** so ranked as *top four priorities*: household distributions, labour accounts, health, education and training
 - Some topics are seen as **high relevance** but **low feasibility**, e.g., inclusion of renewable energy resources, which therefore ends up as top of the list for needing **additional guidance**
- These outcomes can help us decide on how to target guidance and support in the early implementation phase
- Exchanges on **prioritisation** at the national level would also be useful (not only focusing on well-being and sustainability, but on the SNA update more broadly)



Questions for AEG



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- What are your views on the main outcomes of the global consultation?
- Do you agree with the main conclusions?
- Do you agree that the global consultation does not warrant any update of the GN?
- Do you endorse this GN (pending small updates to align with final decisions on a few remaining notes)?



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