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The IMF supports the adoption of the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting as a statistical standard and encourages its implementation by countries. The IMF recognizes the committee could not reach an agreement regarding the concepts and methods related to the valuation of ecosystems. Pending such agreement, countries could be encouraged to start developing experimental estimates. Estimating the value of ecosystem assets and services in alignment with the concepts and methods used to value other types of services and assets would help policymakers to improve understanding of the macroeconomic implications of environmental policy choices.”

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