

## Directory of statistical services of international organisations

<p><b>Brief description of the organisation<sup>1</sup></b></p>	<p>The United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) is the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.</p> <p>UN Environment work encompasses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Assessing global, regional and national environmental conditions and trends,</li> <li>•Developing international and national environmental instruments, and</li> <li>•Strengthening institutions for the wise management of the environment.</li> </ul> <p>In the area of data and information, the role of UN Environment is to keep the global environment under review and to bring emerging issues to the attention of governments and the international community for action.</p> <p>UN Environment Statistics is led from the SDG Data and Information Unit in the Science Division; the staff in the Unit co-ordinate statistical activities across all UN Environment Divisions and Offices and provides quality assurance and statistical validation.</p> <p>UN Environment Statistics works closely with the UN Statistics Division and the UN Chief Statisticians.</p>
<p><b>Mission<sup>2</sup></b></p>	<p>UN Environment Statistics aims at playing a leading role in supporting the coherent follow-up and reporting of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the national, regional and global levels.</p>
<p><b>Fields of Activity/ structure</b></p> <p><i>Statistics</i></p>	<p>UN Environment Statistics provides expertise and global stewardship for environmental statistics, indicators, resource accounting and natural capital valuation. The primary activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Developing methodologies and global data collection and reporting mechanisms for the follow-up and Review of environment-related Sustainable Development Goals - UN Environment is the custodian agency for 26 SDG indicators and coordinates with many other agencies on environment-related statistics.</li> <li>▪ Maintaining the Environment Live Global Database (available from <a href="https://environmentlive.unep.org/">https://environmentlive.unep.org/</a>) as a central hub for accessing global environment statistics.</li> <li>▪ Coordinating with the UN Statistical Division and other agencies toward the</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Description of the statistics section/department in the organization

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	<p>improvement of environment-related statistical standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Providing capacity support for Member States in environment statistics, including for SDG monitoring and review, natural capital accounting and shared environment information management systems - UN Environment Statistics works directly with member states, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs Statistics Division, all five UN Regional Commissions, and other international, regional, national and local stakeholders to improve national statistical capacities.</li> <li>▪ Supporting Synergies between SDGs and Multilateral Environmental Agreements.</li> <li>▪ Supporting indicator based environment assessments and outlooks.</li> <li>▪ Developing and piloting guidance on how to disaggregate data by gender, geospatially and by other variables in order to improve the national level analysis and decision making.</li> </ul>
<b>Mandate</b>	To coordinate the development of environmental policy consensus by keeping the global environment under review and bringing emerging issues to the attention of governments and the international community for action. In the area of environmental data, to provide the world community with improved access to meaningful environmental data and information, and to help increase the capacity of governments to use environmental information for decision making and action planning for sustainable human development.
<b>Statistical work programme</b>	UN Environment works with national statistical offices and their partners in specialized ministries and with UN agencies and commissions with a focus on data and statistics related to natural capital, climate, terrestrial and marine ecosystems and biodiversity, resource efficiency, consumption and production, chemicals and waste, environmental protection, and pollution.
<b>Number of staff</b> <i>Total / Statistical division</i>	500/50 Note that staff working on environment statistics is located throughout the Organization, and not grouped in a single Statistical Division. In terms of the SDG indicator work, for each SDG indicator, UN Environment has a task team of statistical and substantive experts who collaborate on developing and refining the SDG indicator methodology and data collection mechanism. In terms of natural capital accounting, much of the work is coordinated by The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) unit of UN Environment.
<b>Flagship Publications</b>	Global Environment Outlook Emissions Gap Report Frontiers Thematic Assessments UN Environment Foresight Brief (monthly) Environment Sustainable Development Goals Policy Briefs (quarterly)
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.unep.org">http://www.unep.org</a> <a href="https://environmentlive.unep.org/">https://environmentlive.unep.org/</a>

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