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***Ecosystem services and the social value of Nature 2***

***Ecosystem Natural Capital Accounts:  
towards an Ecological Balance-Sheet***

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# Outline

1. Principles and Framework
2. Presentation of ENCA-QSP
3. The making of ecosystem accounts and example of the Mauritius experimental accounts 2013

## National Accounts:

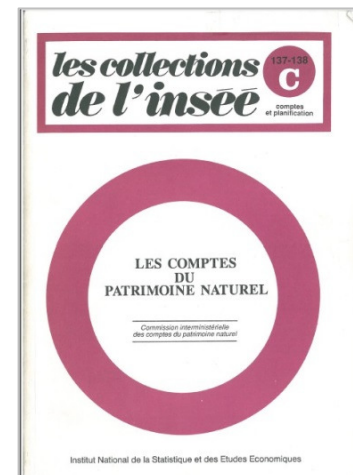
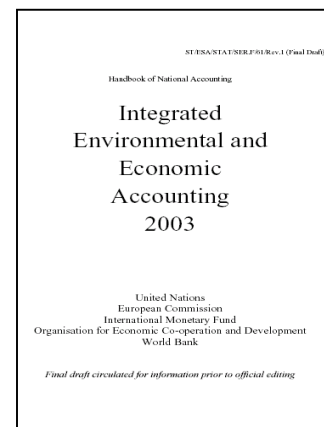
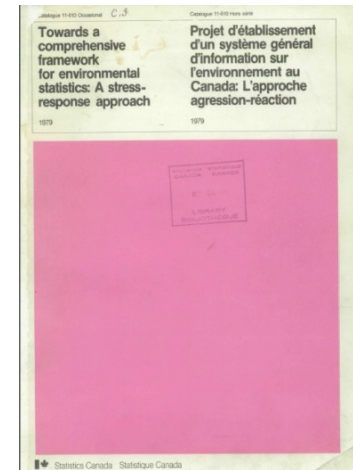
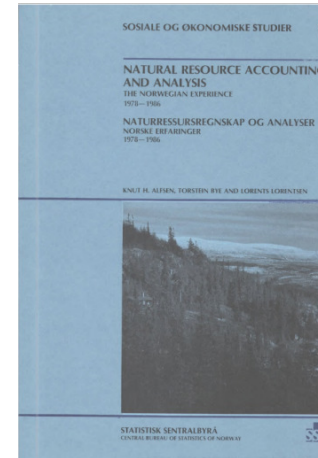
### Recurrent demands for improved economic indicators and aggregates

- Historical pioneer “green accounting” projects: Norway, Canada, France, Philippines, Indonesia, the Netherlands, Spain...
- Rio1992, Agenda 21
- UN SEEA1993 to “adjust” the UN System of National Accounts (“Green GDP”). SEEA revised in 2003
- New SEEA revision 2012/13, including now a second volume on experimental ecosystem accounting
- Recent initiatives:
  - Beyond GDP Conference 2008
  - Potsdam 2008 G8+5 initiative and TEEB
  - Stiglitz/ Sen/ Fitoussi report on the measurement of economic performance 2009
  - World Bank’s new Global Partnership for “Green Accounting” and Ecosystem Valuation (WAVES)
  - CBD Aichi-Nagoya Strategy 2010: demand for the inclusion of biodiversity and ecosystem value into national accounts and launch of CBD TS77 on Ecosystem Natural Capital Accounts – A quick Start Package at the CBD COP12 in South Korea, 2014.
  - References to environmental accounts for measuring progress in Green Economy, Green Growth, Resource Efficiency...
  - SDG: reference to the SEEA
- In Europe:
  - Regulation on Environmental Accounting: Eurostat, the economy-environment interface and
  - Natural Capital Accounts to support the EU Biodiversity Strategy: MAES by the JRC and ECA by the EEA (ecosystem capital accounts)

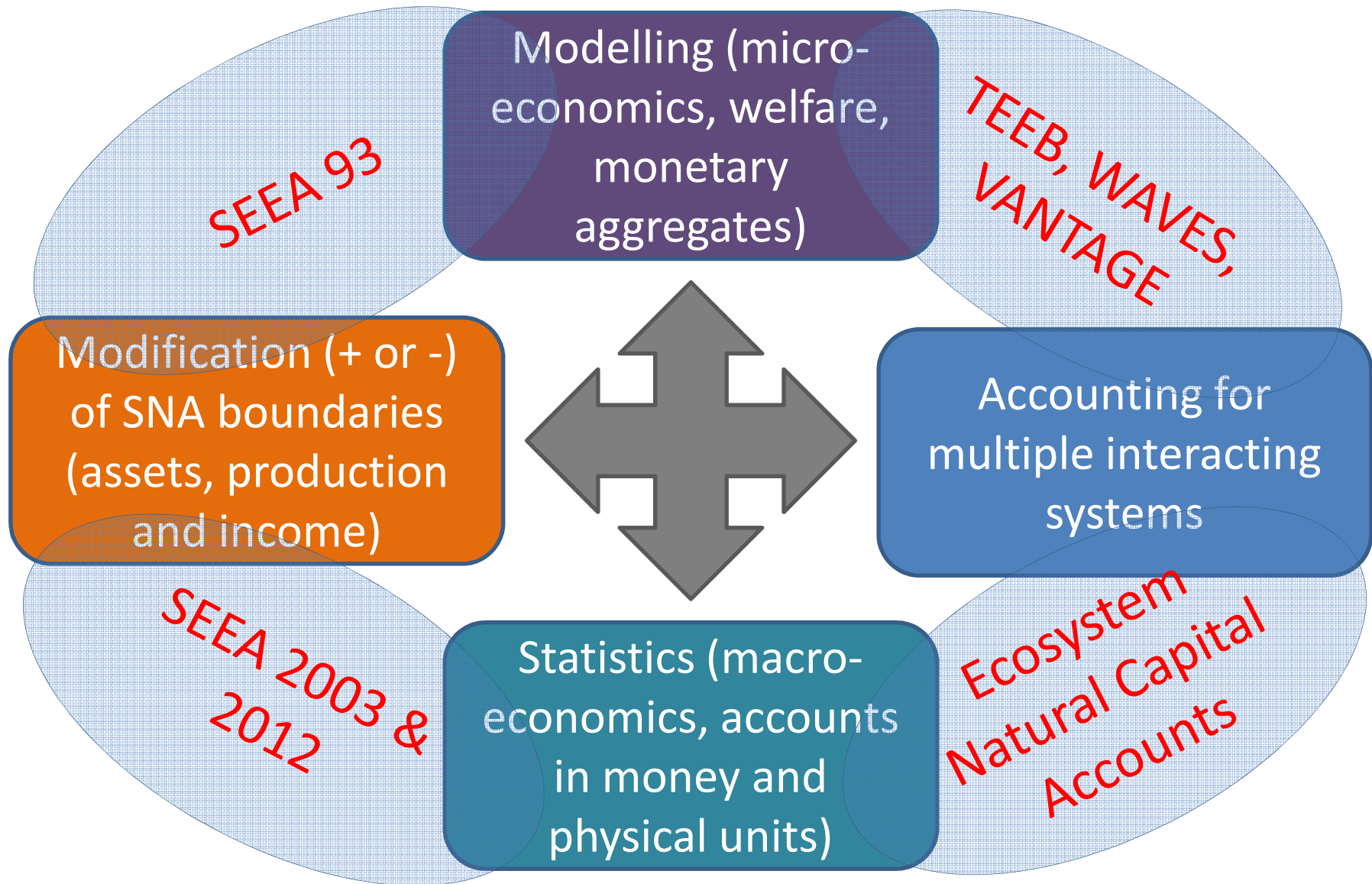
## (very incomplete) history of early works...

- Peskin (“accounting for environmental services”)
- Ganarsjordet, Norway (“Natural Resource Accounts”)
- El Serafy, WB (“User Cost”)
- Repetto, WRI (“net market values”)
- Hueting, NL (“distance to target”)
  - David Rapport & Tony Friend, Canada (“Stress-Response System”)
- CICPN-France (“Les Comptes du Patrimoine Naturel”)
- CICPN-Espagne (Naredo, water accounts in exergy/quantity-quality)
- Hamilton, WB, (“Genuine Savings”)
- SEEA 1993
- SEEA 2003

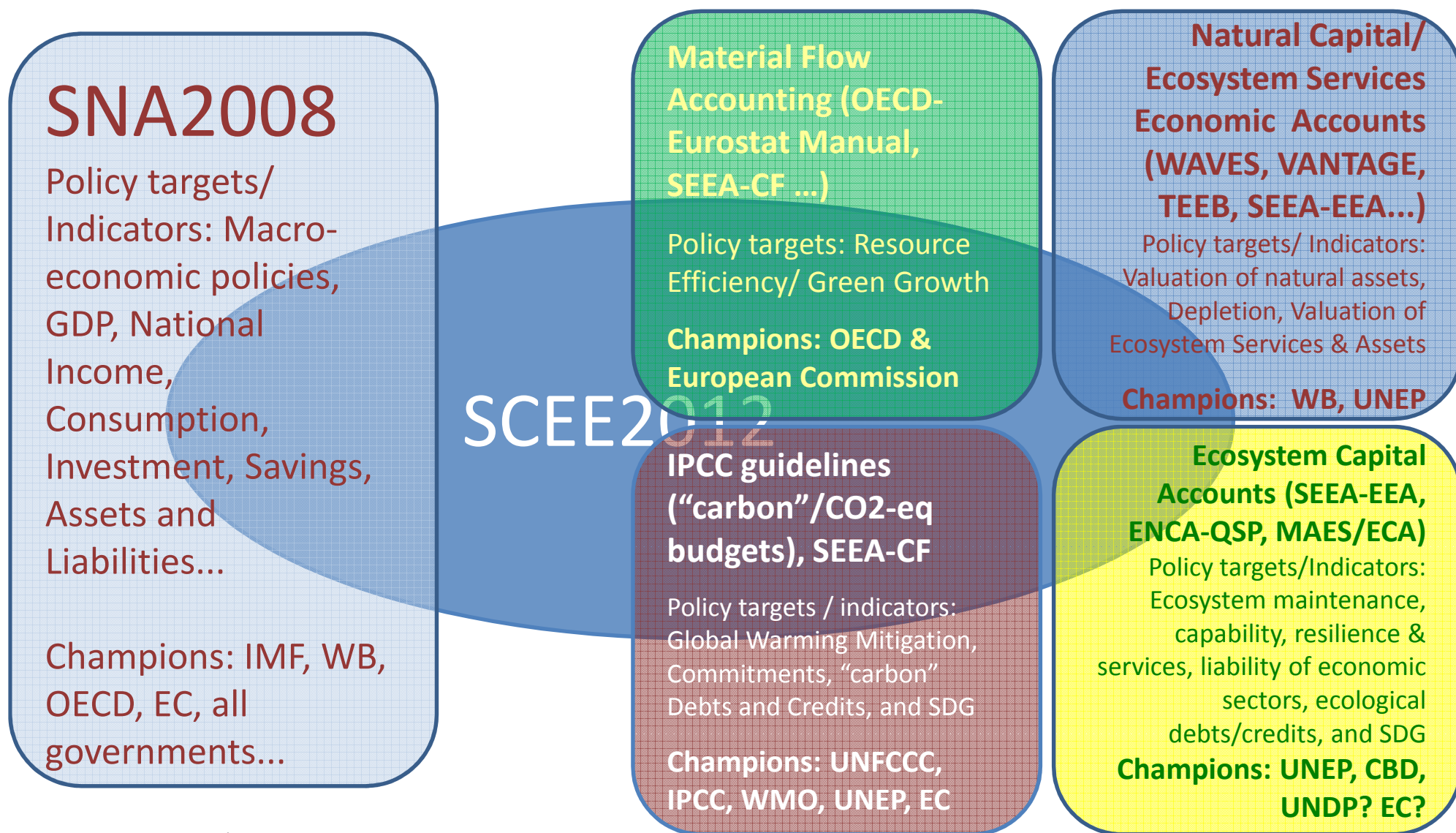
+ IPCC guidelines



# Multiple approaches to environmental accounting



# The SEEA and Related Accounting Frameworks



## Why accounting for nature is important?

- Accounting = a technique to measure the “true” or net outcome of an activity, based on the complete recording of all entries and outcomes; double-entry accounting, cross-checking data
- Accounts’ “balancing items” are key indicators, strictly defined and much used: profit or loss, net income, net savings, accumulation, net worth (assets minus debts)... GDP, National Income...
- Accounting standards allow comparisons between economic agents (International Financial Standards) and between countries (System of National Accounts) as well as the measurement of change (growth, depletion, degradation, time series...)
- Accounts feed models with reliable data and statistics; models outcomes can be compared to the picture of the past and presents situation given by accounts and support policy making
- Physical accounts can be connected to the National Accounts (and to corporate, government accounts...): “carbon/CO<sub>2</sub>-eq accounts” (IPCC), “material flow accounts” (OECD Green Growth)... now ecosystem accounts

→ **REMARK: Ecosystem accounts combine comprehensive and perennial base accounts with more specific and detailed assessments of hot issues**

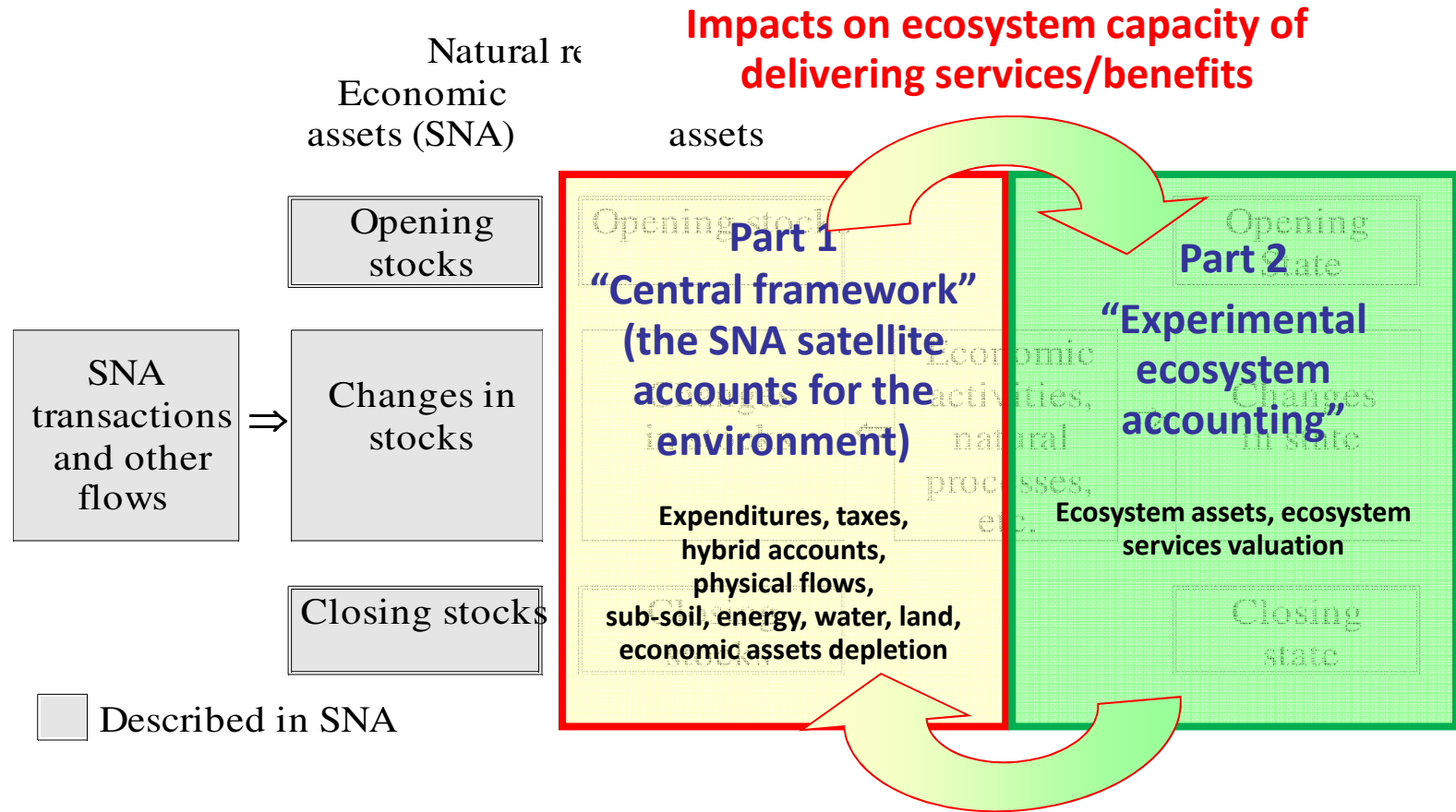
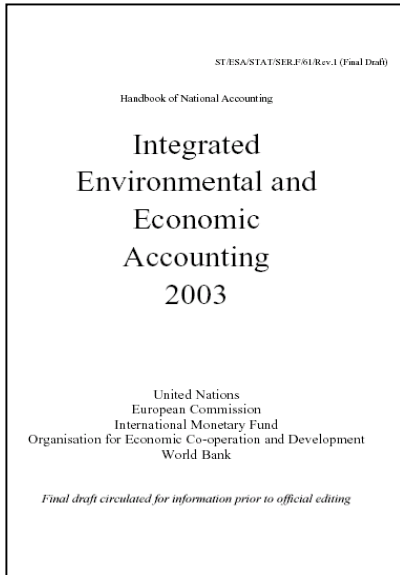
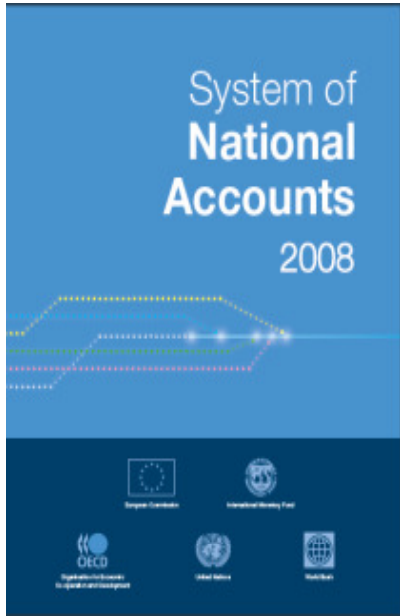
## How are Ecosystem Services & Assets recorded in the SNA?

- ES are input to production of goods and services, valued at the purchase price; ES are part of an economy-nature joint production...
- SNA production includes all goods produced for own account (incl. picking up berries, mushrooms, deadwood etc...).
- SNA natural assets are only economic assets, owned and managed for profit; it includes assets owned by governments but excludes ecosystem functions that benefit to others and the public: they are not taken into account.
- **ISSUES: several prices are not rightly set.**
  - Ignored: the ecosystem functions which are not economic assets are not recorded (zero price).
  - Incomplete: unlike consumption of fixed capital, consumption of ecosystem capital is not included in purchasers' prices (because economic agents don't record it – it is for them an externality).
  - Values are not assigned to the right sectors because of rent extortion: Value Added of agriculture is very low, partly because value of food is recorded as Value Added of Agro-food industry and trade; the Value Added of molecules “discovered” via bio-prospecting is recorded as that of Pharmaceutical Industry, not of regions of origin (the ABS paradigm...)



UN manual for environmental-economic accounting: **SEEA2012/13**  
*On par with the System of National Accounts (SNA) since February 2012*

**Revision of the SEEA2003 → SEEA2012/13, steered by the UNCEEA**



**Impacts on ecosystem capacity of delivering services/benefits**

**Negative feedbacks of ecosystem degradation on production and wellbeing**

*RM HASSAN - UN The System of Environmental and Economic Accounting  
 RANESA Workshop June 12-16, 2005 Maputo*

# What is ecosystem accounting?

## What it is?

- Spatial
- Covering all ecosystems
- Combination of ecology and national accounting



## How did it happen?

- Evolved over many years in academic and government agencies
- A rapidly evolving field



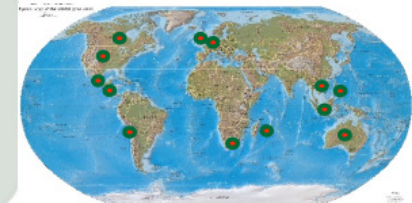
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## Where is it happening

- Several countries are developing ecosystem accounts

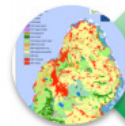


# Example: Mauritius – Experimental Ecosystems Natural Capital Accounts 2014



## Key points

- A suite of accounts with land cover as a starting point
- It is complex but it can be done!
- Focuses on assets (e.g. natural capital) rather than services
- Learning by doing



Land cover



Water



Biomass/Carbon



Biodiversity



Capability

[http://commissionoceanindien.org/fileadmin/resources/ISLANDSpdf/Experimental\\_Ecosystems\\_Natural\\_Capital\\_Accounts\\_Mauritius.pdf](http://commissionoceanindien.org/fileadmin/resources/ISLANDSpdf/Experimental_Ecosystems_Natural_Capital_Accounts_Mauritius.pdf)



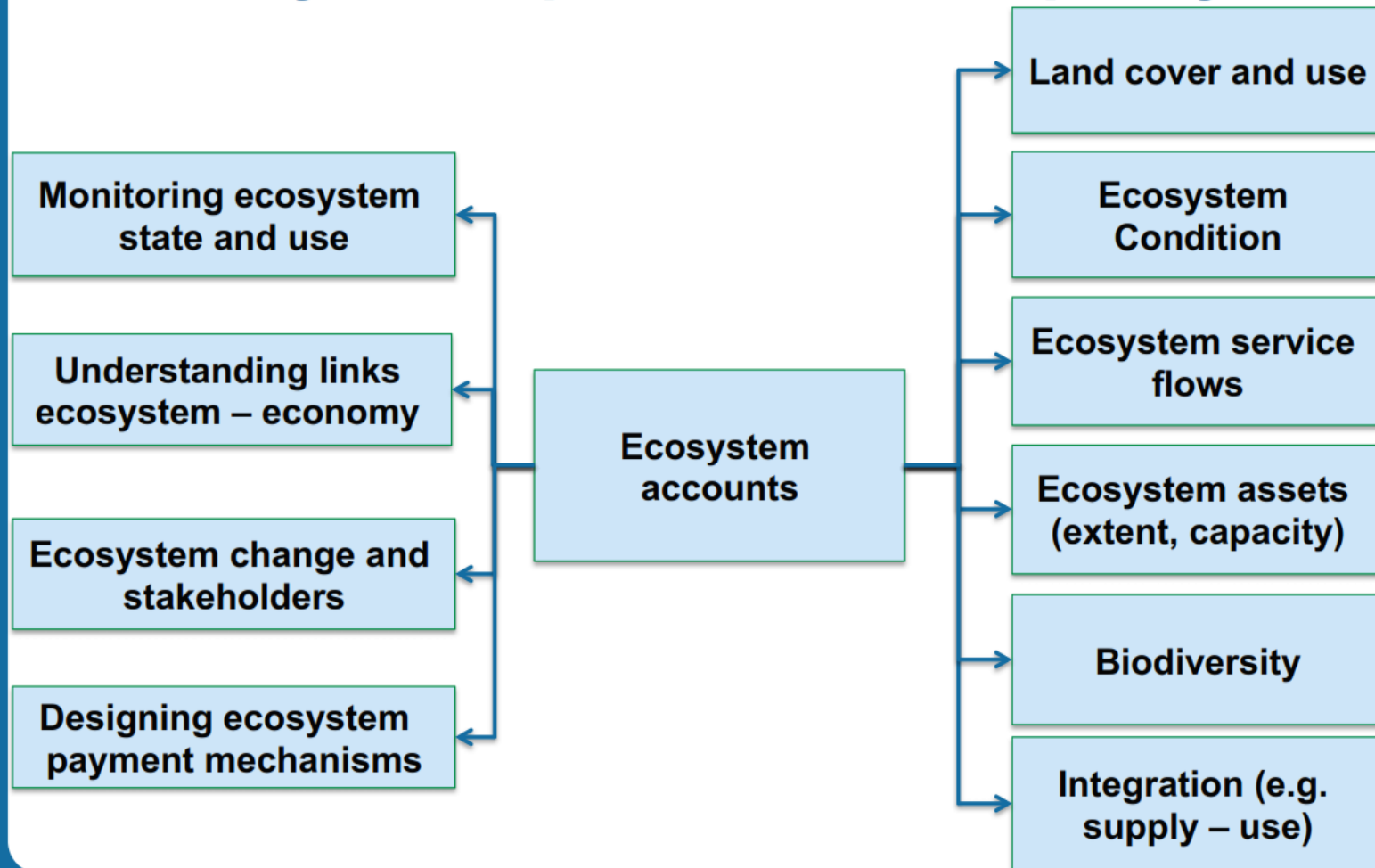
WAVES © 2014

What is ecosystem accounting and why it is important 23 February 2015 5

Source: Michael Vardon's presentation at the World Bank WAVES 1<sup>st</sup> Knowledge Exchange on Ecosystem Accounting, Manila, the Philippines, 23-27 February, 2015

Jean-Louis Weber, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015

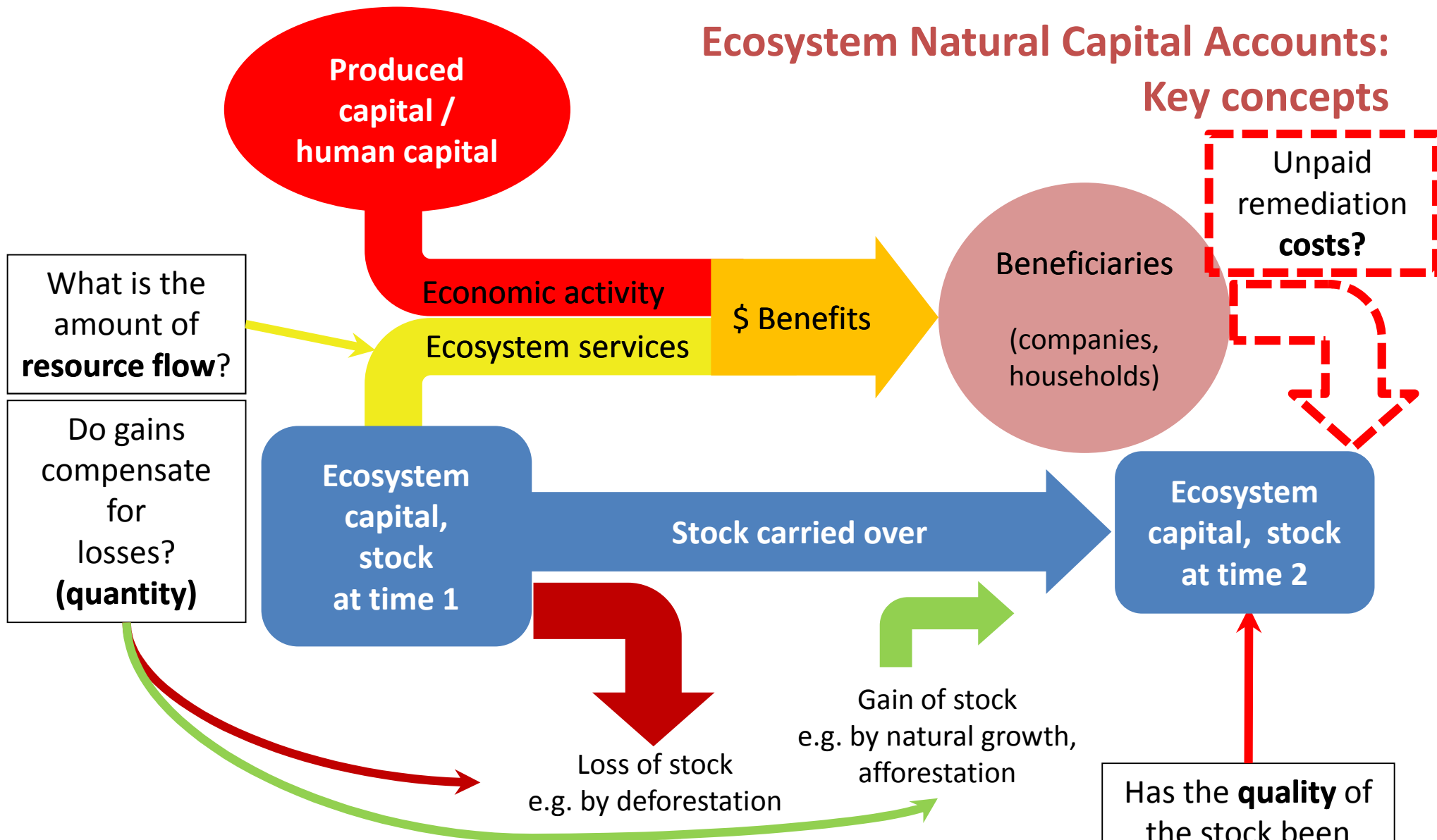
# Key concepts and links to policy



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# Ecosystem Natural Capital Accounts:

## Key concepts



What is the amount of **resource flow**?

Do gains compensate for losses? **(quantity)**

Has the **quality** of the stock been maintained?

*Loss of quantity = **depletion** (of a resource)*

*Loss of quantity and quality = **degradation** (of a system)*

Adapted from Roy Haines-Young, Jean-Louis Weber, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015, Michael Vardon and Lars Hein

## Importance of measuring degradation

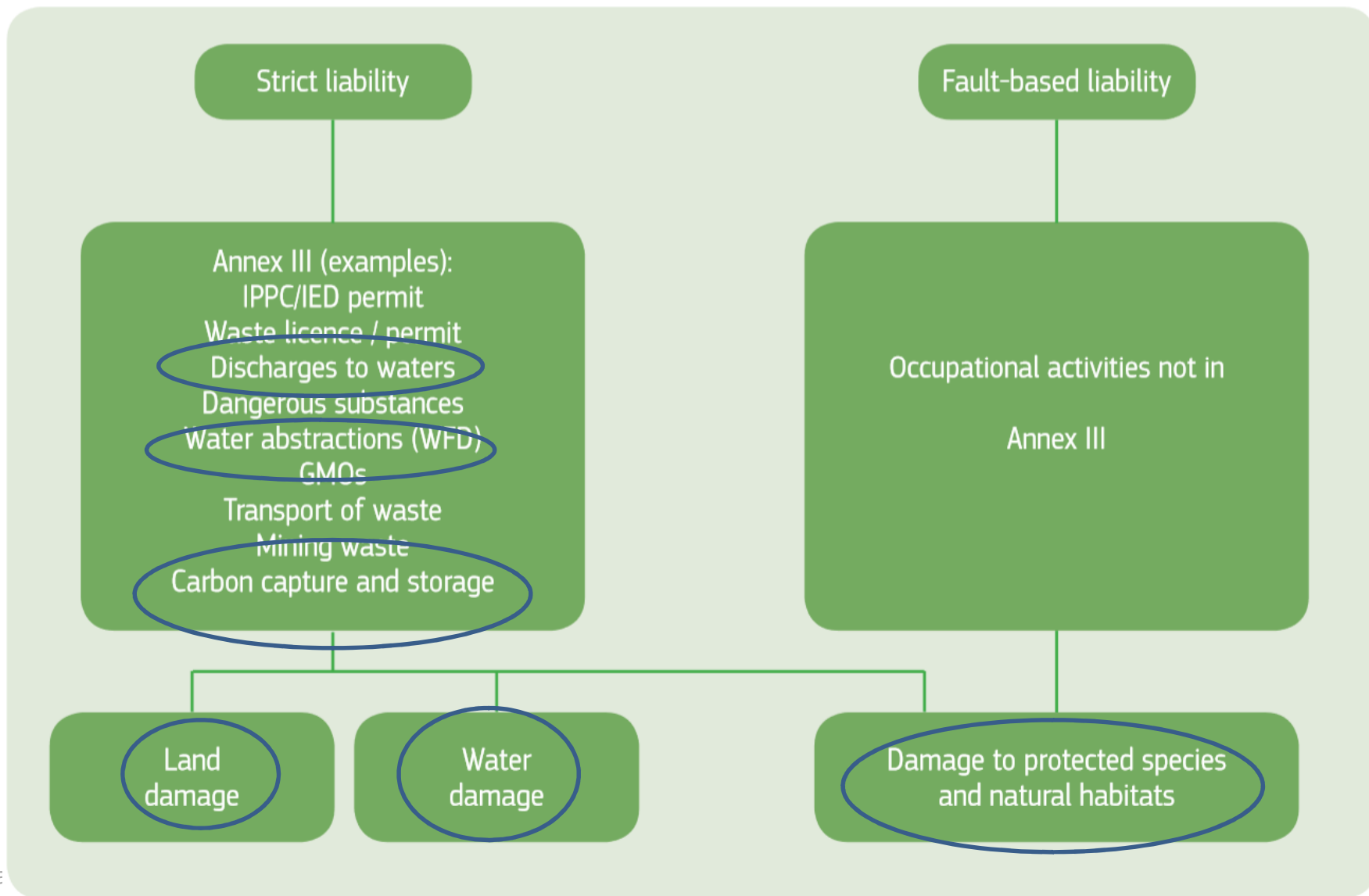
**Example of the EU Environmental Liability Directive of 2004 (ELD2004):** the “Polluter Pays Principle” is enforced regarding environmental damages with 3 purposes:

1. Avoid degradation when possible
2. Repair or restore when 1 is not possible
3. Compensate the damage elsewhere for an equivalent amount when 1 and 2 are not possible



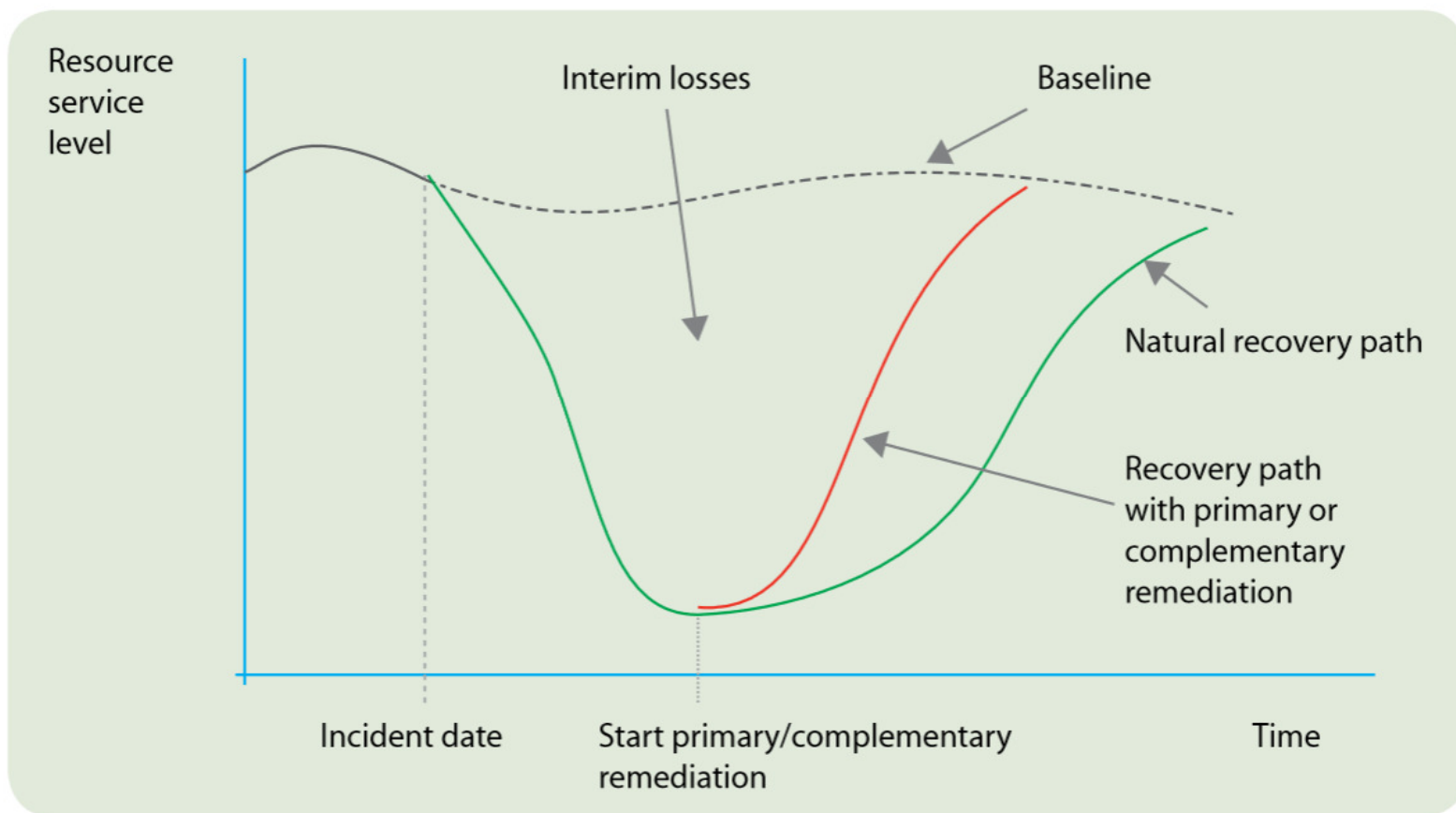
# Scope of the ELD 2004 .. Similar to ecosystem accounts

Figure 2: Types of environmental liability and damage



# The ELD 2004 “accounting” of damage and assessment of remediation

Figure 3: Illustrating baseline, initial damage, interim loss and remediation measures



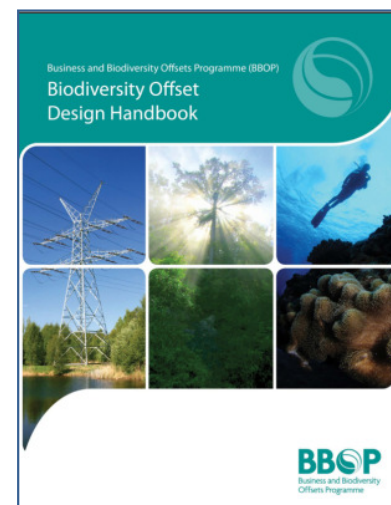
**Remediation measures are then converted into Euros**



## Examples of offset / cap & trade schemes

- ELD2004 is a Directive → country regulations (Natura 2000 context)
- USA: wetlands mitigation banking schemes...
- UNFCCC / Clean Development Mechanism: “carbon” offset permits
- Various private initiatives

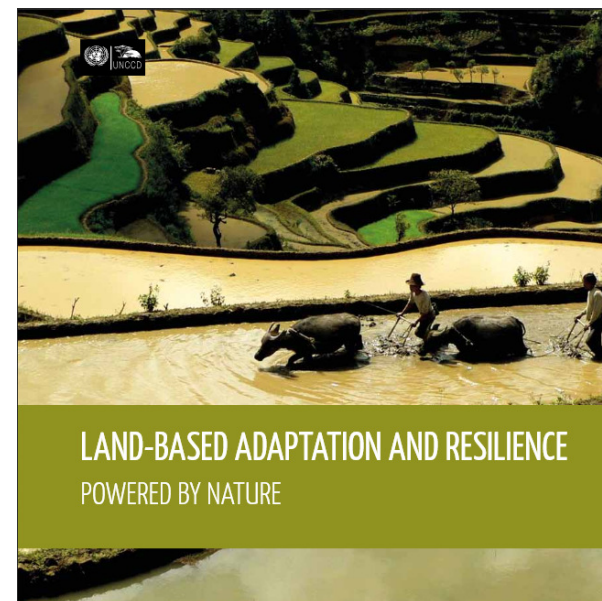
*e.g. BBOP (Business and Biodiversity Offset Programme)*



## UNFCCC (Desertification): Land-Degradation Neutral World

The LDN concept was first introduced as “zero net land degradation” in a proposal tabled at Rio+20.

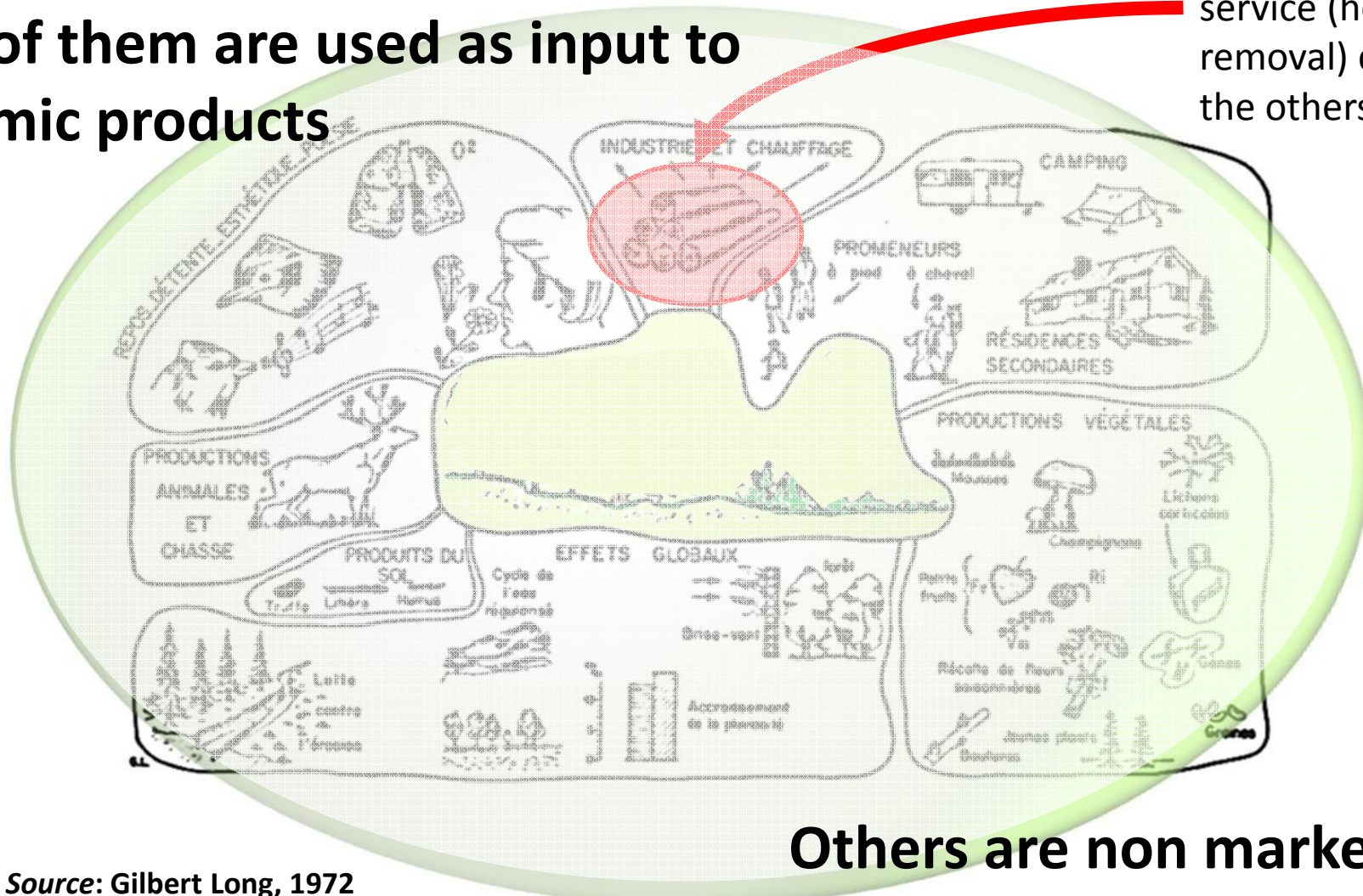
- *“In a land-degradation neutral world, the amount of healthy and productive land resources needed to support vital ecosystem services remains stable or increases in a given time and space.”*
- *“Restoring land at large scale improves watersheds and water drainage, refills aquifers, increases tree and plant cover, and helps to recover biodiversity and soil fertility.”*



# Ecosystems deliver altogether multiple services

NOTE: Excessive extraction of 1 service (here wood removal) can ruin all the others

## Some of them are used as input to economic products



## Others are non marketed public goods

Source: Gilbert Long, 1972

A propos du diagnostic écologique appliqué au milieu de vie de l'homme.  
Options Méditerranéennes, 13, CHIEAM, Montpellier, Juin 1972

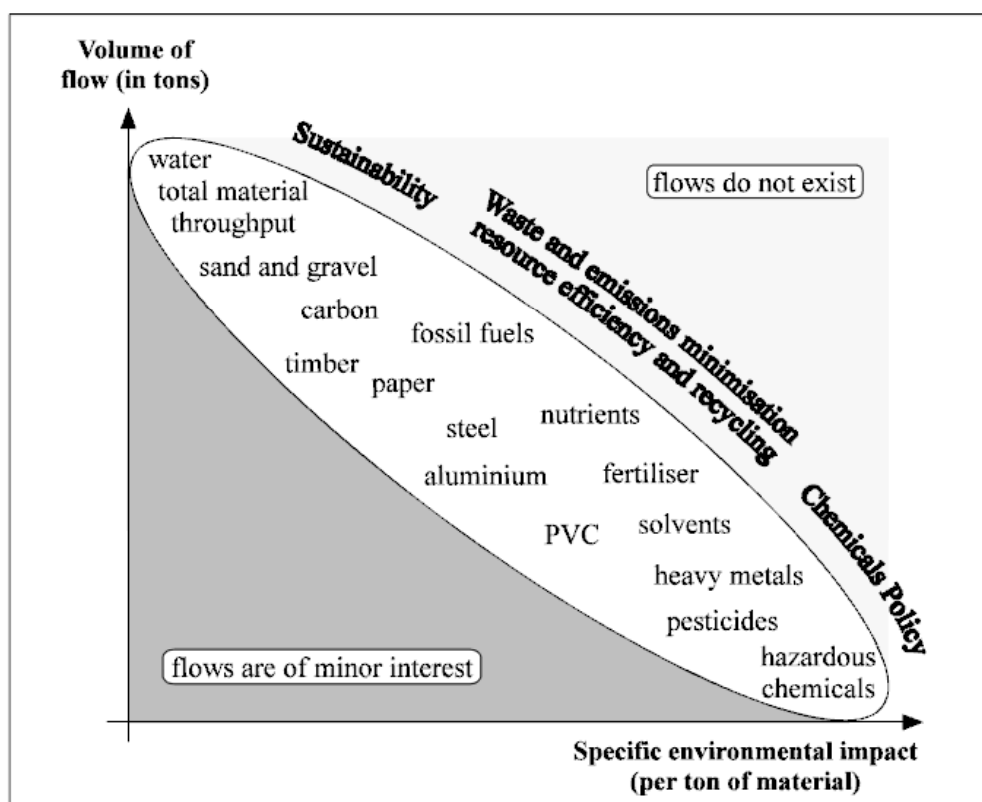
## Accounts are about recording and summarizing values...

- Counts, inventories are limited, standalone “accounts”, issues in aggregating measurements done in physical units

# Difficulty to Aggregate Physical Data

## Ecosystem services in various units

### Material flows in tons



Steurer (1996),<sup>11</sup> as developed with W. Rademacher (StBA) in 1995

Jean-Louis Weber, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015

**Table 14.** Available indicators for assessment of ecosystem services across different ecosystems.

Ecosystem services	Leader	Indicator	Marine systems
Cultivated crops	Agro	• Area and yields of food and feed crops	• Yield
Reared animals and their outputs	Agro	• Livestock	• Landings
Wild plants, algae and their outputs	Forest	• Distribution of wild berries (modelling)	• Catch per unit effort (where applicable)
Wild animals and their outputs	Forest	• Population sizes of species of interest	
Plants and algae from in-situ aquaculture	Water		
Animals from in-situ aquaculture	Water	• Freshwater aquaculture production	
Water (Nutrition)	Water	• Water abstracted	
Biomass (Materials)	Forest Agro	• Area and yield of fibre crops • Timber production and consumption statistics	
Water (Materials)	Water	• Water abstracted	
Plant-based resources	Forest	• Fuel wood statistics	
Animal-based resources			
Animal-based energy			
(Mediation of waste, toxics and other nuisances)	Forest	• Area occupied by riparian forests • Nitrogen and Sulphur removal (forests)	• Nutrient load to coast • Heavy metals and persistent organic pollutants deposition • Drysk
Mass stabilisation and control of erosion rates	Forest Agro	• Soil erosion risk or erosion protection	• Coastal protection capacity
Buffering and attenuation of mass flows			
Hydrological cycle and water flow maintenance			
Flood protection	Fresh	• Floodplains areas (and record of annual floods) • Area of wetlands located in flood risk zones	• Coastal protection capacity
Storm protection			
Ventilation and transpiration	Agro	• Amount of biomass	
Pollination and seed dispersal	Agro	• Pollination potential	
Maintaining nursery populations and habitats		• Share of High Nature Value farmland • Ecological Status of water bodies	• Oxygen concentration • Turbidity • Species distribution • Extent of marine protected areas
Pest and disease control			
Weathering processes	Agro	• Share of organic farming • Soil organic matter content • Ph of topsoil • Cation exchange capacity	
Decomposition and fixing processes	Agro	• Area of nitrogen fixing crops	
Chemical condition of freshwaters	Water	• Chemical status	
Chemical condition of salt waters	Marine		• Nutrient load to coast • HM and POP loading • Drysk
Global climate regulation by reduction of greenhouse gas concentrations	Forest	• Carbon storage and sequestration by forests	• Carbon stock • Carbon sequestration • pH; • Blue carbon • Primary production
Micro and regional climate regulation	Forest	• Forest area	
Physical and experiential interactions	Forest Agro WaterMar ine	• Visitor statistics	
Intellectual and representative interactions			
Spiritual and/or emblematic			
Other cultural outputs		• Extent of protected areas	

All services at CICES class level except services in italic at CICES group level. CICES Division indicated by brackets.

## Accounts are about recording and summarizing values...

- Counts, inventories are limited, standalone “accounts”, issues in aggregating measurements in physical units
- Accounts or balances, integrated by double-entry rules are about **values**:
  - Assets value → Wealth
  - Flows, receipts, expenditures → Net Income
- Monetary value is important but it is not the only value that we acknowledge

**Value is not just about money**

**...but maintaining an asset may have a cost**

**Paid  
maintenance/  
restoration  
costs**

**Estimated cost of  
repairs (not yet paid) =  
Measurement of asset  
depreciation**

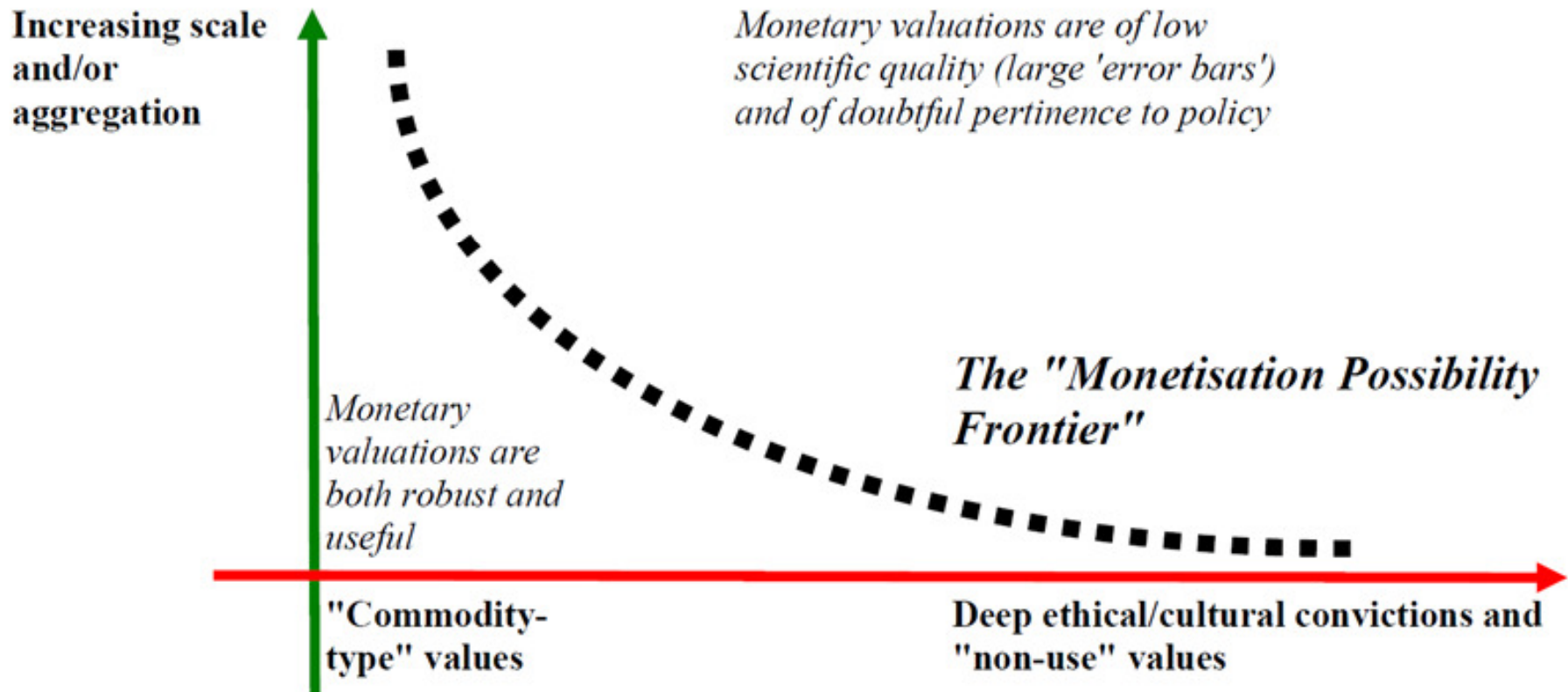


**Invaluable asset  
→ no monetary  
value...**

**Cultural  
services,  
may  
generate  
income**

O'Connor and Steurer: The "Frontier of Monetisation" in Environmental Valuation, paper presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the London Group on Environmental Accounting, Canberra November 1999

### A stylised map: the 'Monetisation Possibility Frontier'





# The conventional economic valuation of resource depletion is not appropriate for ecosystem degradation

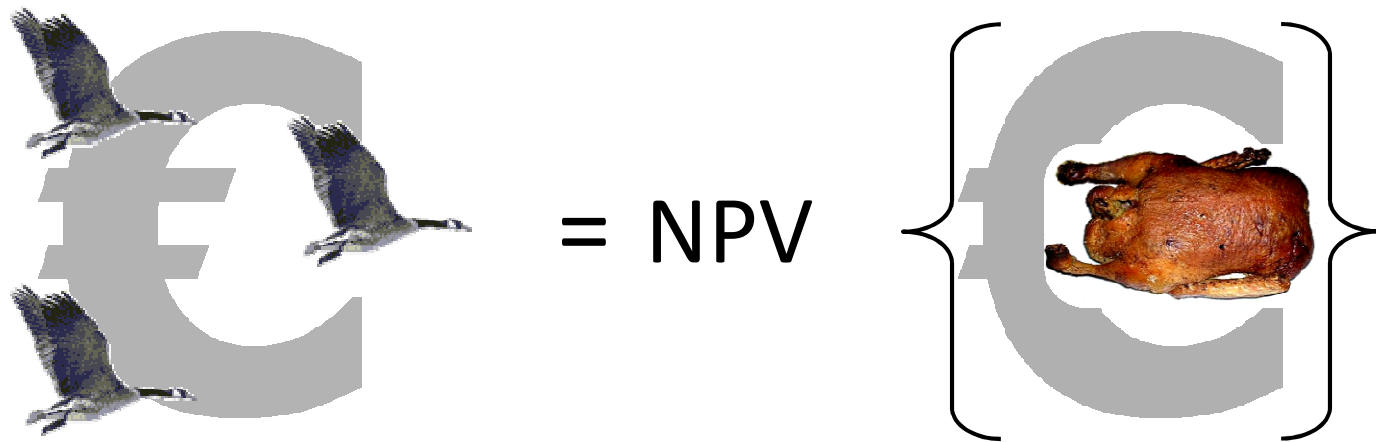
Conventional economic theory:

Asset depreciation =

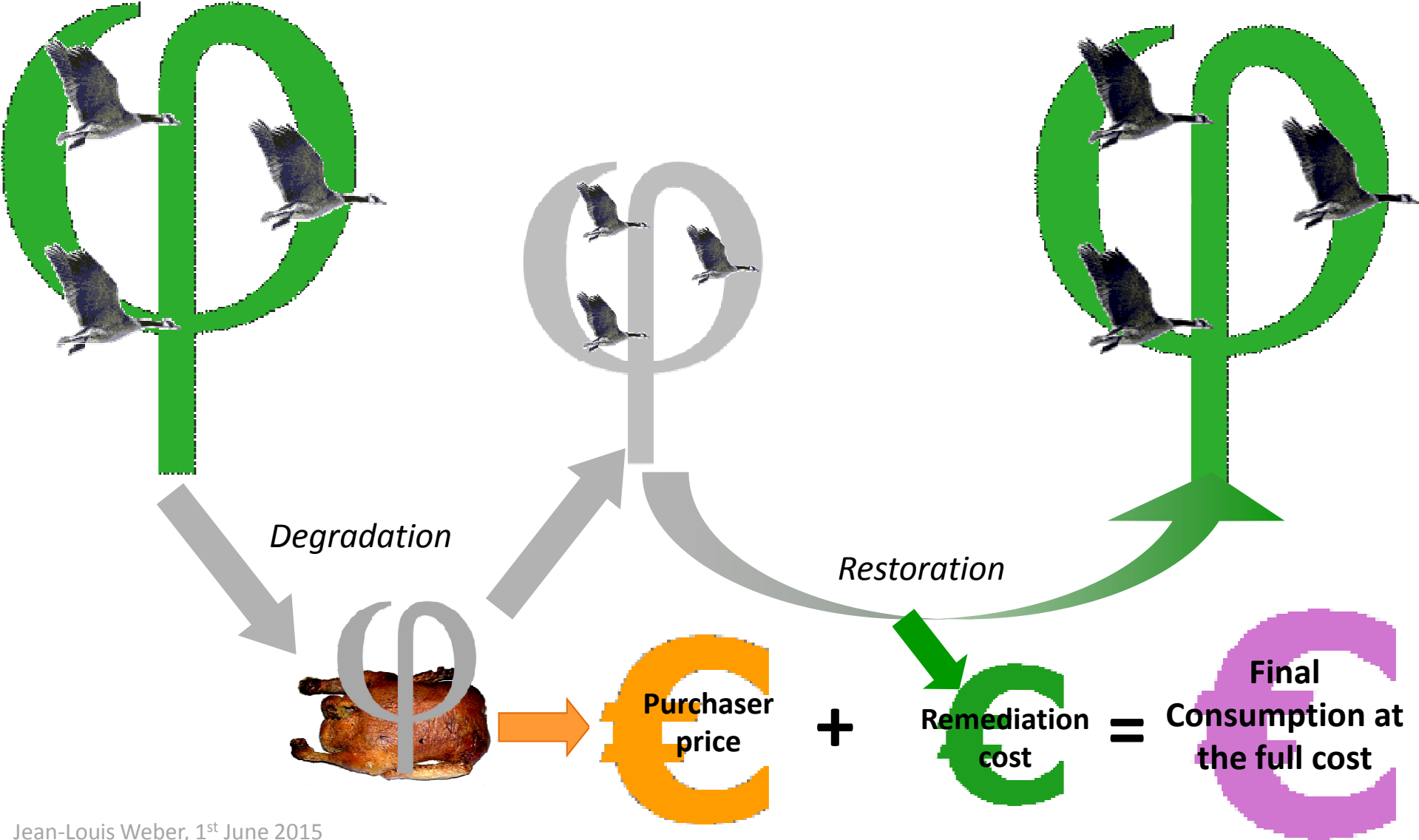
1. difference between asset values at two dates
2. cumulated loss of future benefits (financial approach, “Net Present Value”)

NB: 1. and 2. are assumed to be equivalent under the condition of “perfect market”

Financial value of natural assets = “Net Present Value” of expected future benefits



Ecosystem natural capital accounting: asset = “quantity\*quality” (physical measurement)  
only change is priced (imputed remediation costs)



## Moving from Quantities to Values: Economic value vs. Ecological value

- **Economic value = quantity x price**

*Financial & national accounts: values are established by the market; prices are decided by the transactors, they relate to production costs, to the capacity for the seller to make profit, to the quality for the buyer, to its capacity to negotiate discounts...*

- **Ecological value = quantity x unit values (price-equivalents)**

*Ecosystem capital accounts: values need to be calculated, knowing quantity and defining an overall “quality” index equivalent to market price*

- ***General equivalency, measurement of stores of various ecosystem capabilities and of their change (degradation, improvement), useable for offset transactions...***
- ***Conventional but transparent and verifiable measurement to be used to record ecological credits (ecosystem enhancement) and debts (degradation)***

## Examples of equivalent-units to measure physical ecosystem flows/stocks

- **Tonne** (Ayres): Material Flows Accounts (MFA); all tonnes are equivalent...
- **Tonne of Oil Equivalent (TOE)** (International Energy Agency, OECD...): energy released by burning one tonne of crude oil
- **Livestock Unit (LU)** (FAO, ...): all grazing livestock animals measured in “adult cow” ...
- **Environmentally weighted tonne**: EWMF, tonnes adjusted for potential environmental impacts (toxicity, life cycle...)
- **Global Hectare** (Wackernagel): Ecological Footprint Accounts, “biocapacity” of 1 hectare
- **EMERGY** (Odum): embedded renewable energy as universal equivalent
- **Ecointegrador** (Naredo/Valero): total exergy (energy available for uses) of water systems integrating quantity and quality, with reference to environmental targets
- **Econd** (Cosier, WGCS/Australia): ecosystem condition unit (a currency) to measure ecosystem biodiversity comparing historical and present condition (extent and health)
- **ECU** (Weber, EEA): ecosystem capability (or potential) equivalent-unit (a currency) integrating quantity (productivity) and quality (ecosystem health)

ECU: a composite currency to measure ecological value

**Economic value: Quantity x Price (in money)**

**Ecological Value: Quantity x Price-equivalent (in ECU)**

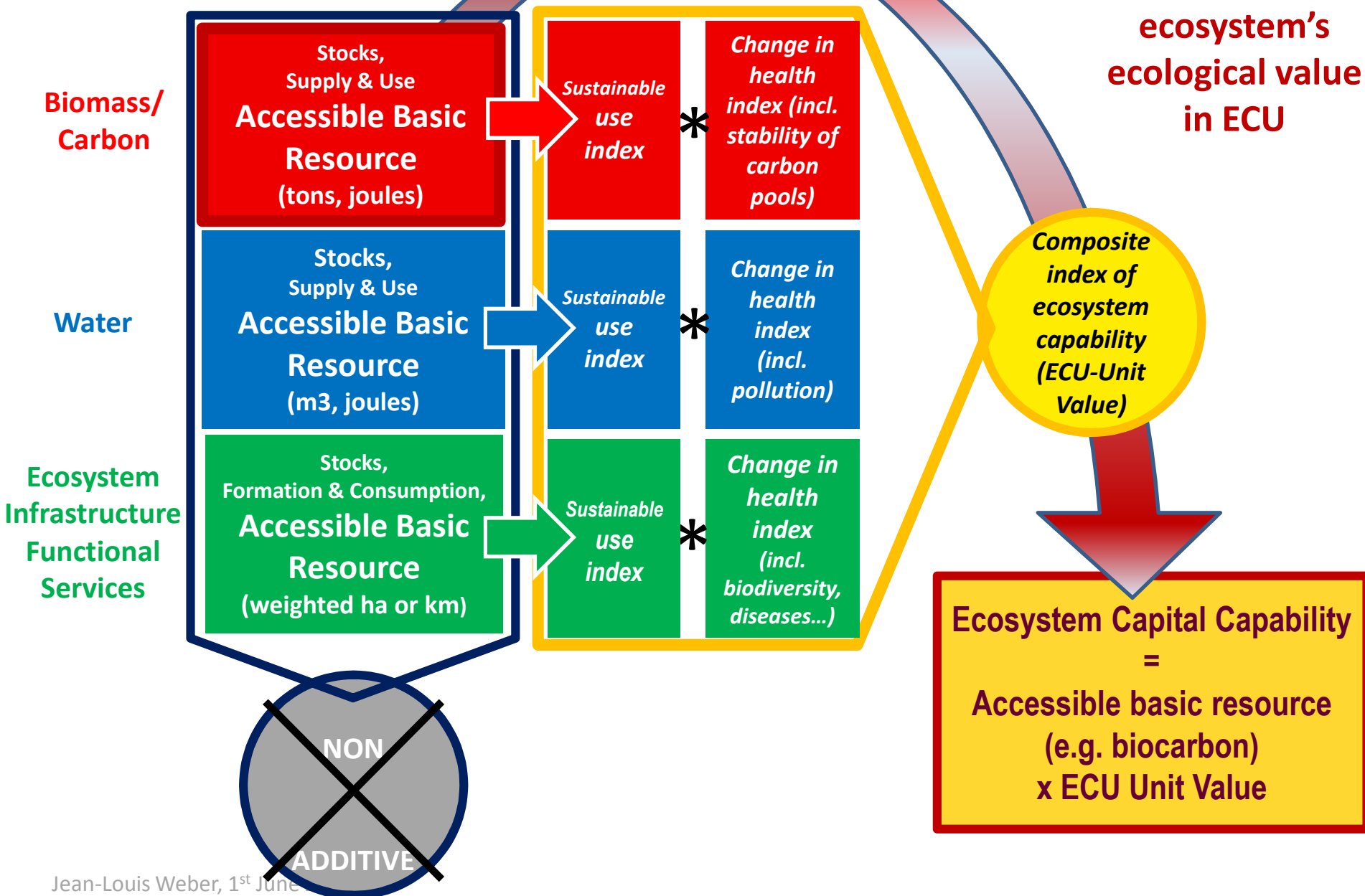
In physical accounts, measurements are made in basic units (tons, joules, m<sup>3</sup> or ha) which cannot be aggregated. These measurements have to be converted to a special composite currency named **ECU for 'Ecosystem Capability Unit'**.

The price of one physical unit (e.g. 1 ton of biomass) in ECU expresses at the same time the intensity of use of the resource in terms of maximum sustainable yield and the direct and indirect impacts on ecosystem condition (e.g. water contamination or biodiversity loss, inversely ecosystem restoration).



*1 ECU =  
1 unit of accessible  
ecosystem resource*

The 3 basic accounts



# System and Services approaches

**Ecosystem capital  
productivity  
& resilience**

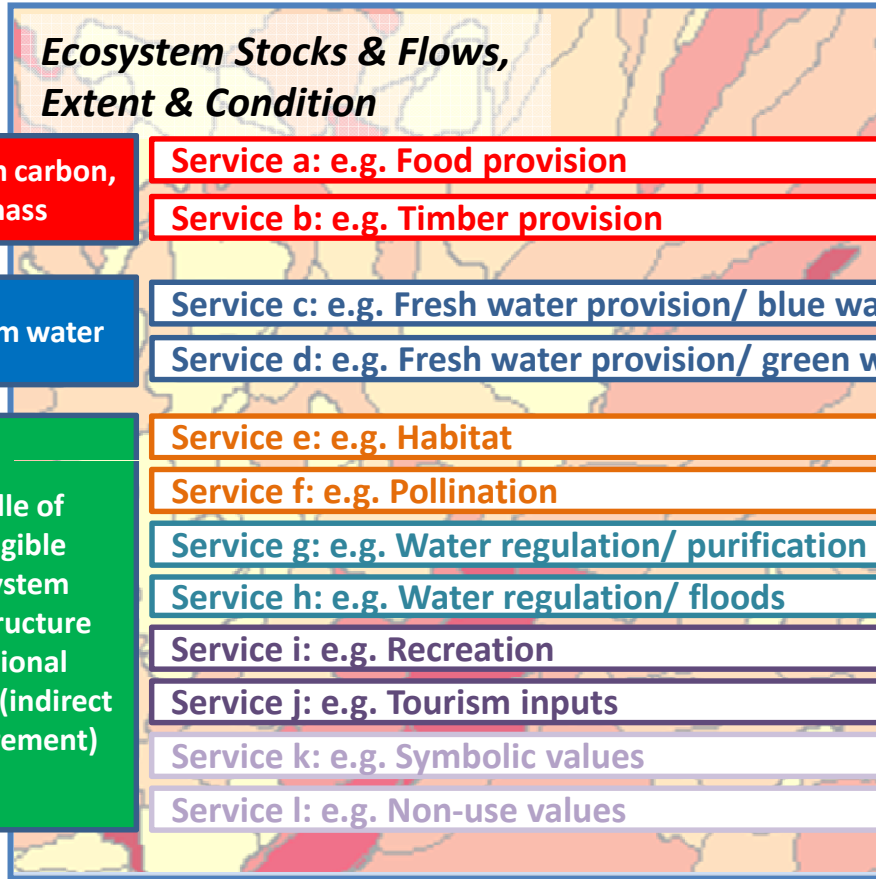
**Physical ecosystems & Ecosystem services**

Natural & modified inland socio-ecosystems + Sea, Atmosphere

*Provisioning, regulating & socio-cultural services*

**Monetary values**

*Ecosystem services valuation (market & shadow prices),  
Payments for Ecosystem Services  
Wealth assessments*



Balance,  
Sustainable Use Index  
Health Index

Balance,  
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Health Index

Balance,  
(systems potential)  
Sustainable Use Index  
Health Index  
(incl. Biodiversity change)

Service a \$ valuation  
Service b \$ valuation

Service c \$ valuation  
Service d \$ valuation

Service e \$ valuation  
Service f \$ valuation  
Service g \$ valuation  
Service h \$ valuation  
Service i \$ valuation  
Service j \$ valuation  
Service k \$ valuation  
Service l \$ valuation

**Total Ecosystem  
Capability  
(in ECU)**

**Integrity of ecosystem structures & functions  
Sustainability of ecosystem services delivery**

*Maintenance & remediation costs,  
Ecological Taxes,  
Mitigation banking/ Offset  
Certificates...*

Degradation / Enhancement

# The CBD ENCA-QSP guidance manual



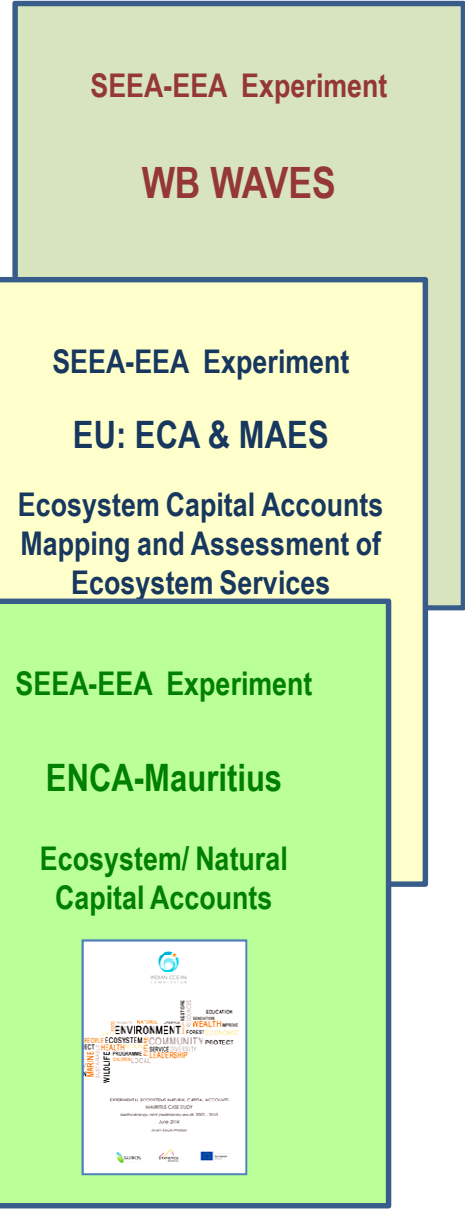
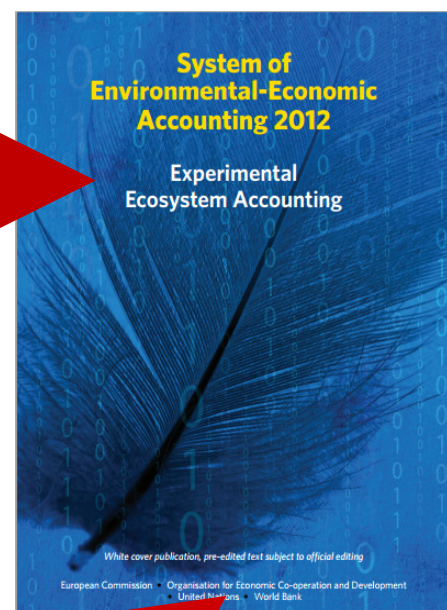
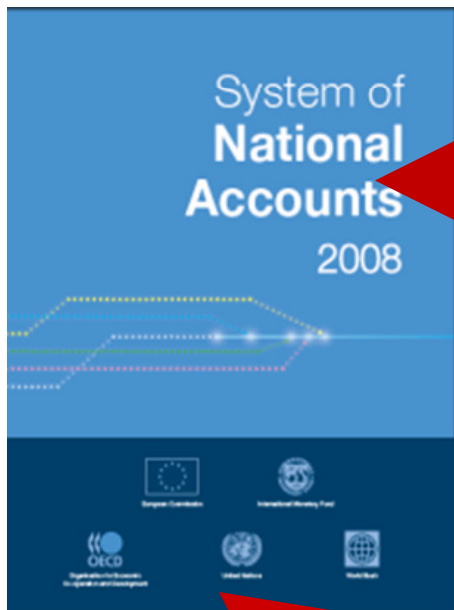
# SNA and SEEA volumes 1 & 2

The System of Environmental-Economic Accounts “Central Framework” (SEEA-CF) adopted by the UN Statistical Commission in 2012 as an international statistical standard on par with the System of National Accounts (SNA 2008). It has been supplemented in 2013 by a volume on “Experimental Ecosystem Accounting” (SEEA-EEA). While the SEEA-CF is recommended for implementation, the SEEA-EEA which is a conceptual framework is now tested in various projects for which additional methodologies need to be defined. The CBD TS77 ENCA-QSP is a contribution to the development of such tests.

SNA

SEEA volume 1  
“Central Framework”


SEEA volume 2  
“Experimental  
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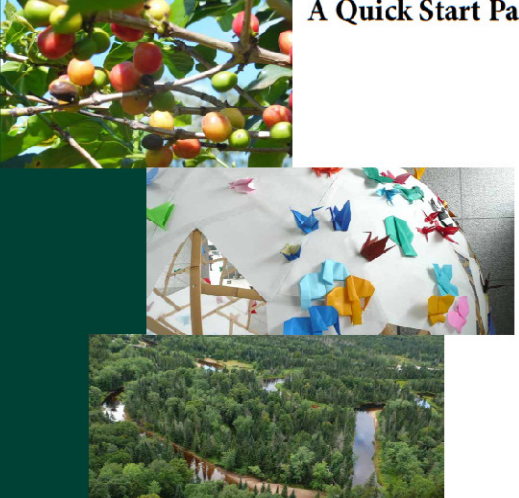
# An accounting framework to put the SEEA-EEA to work NOW : Ecosystem Natural Capital Accounts

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

CBD Technical Series No. 77

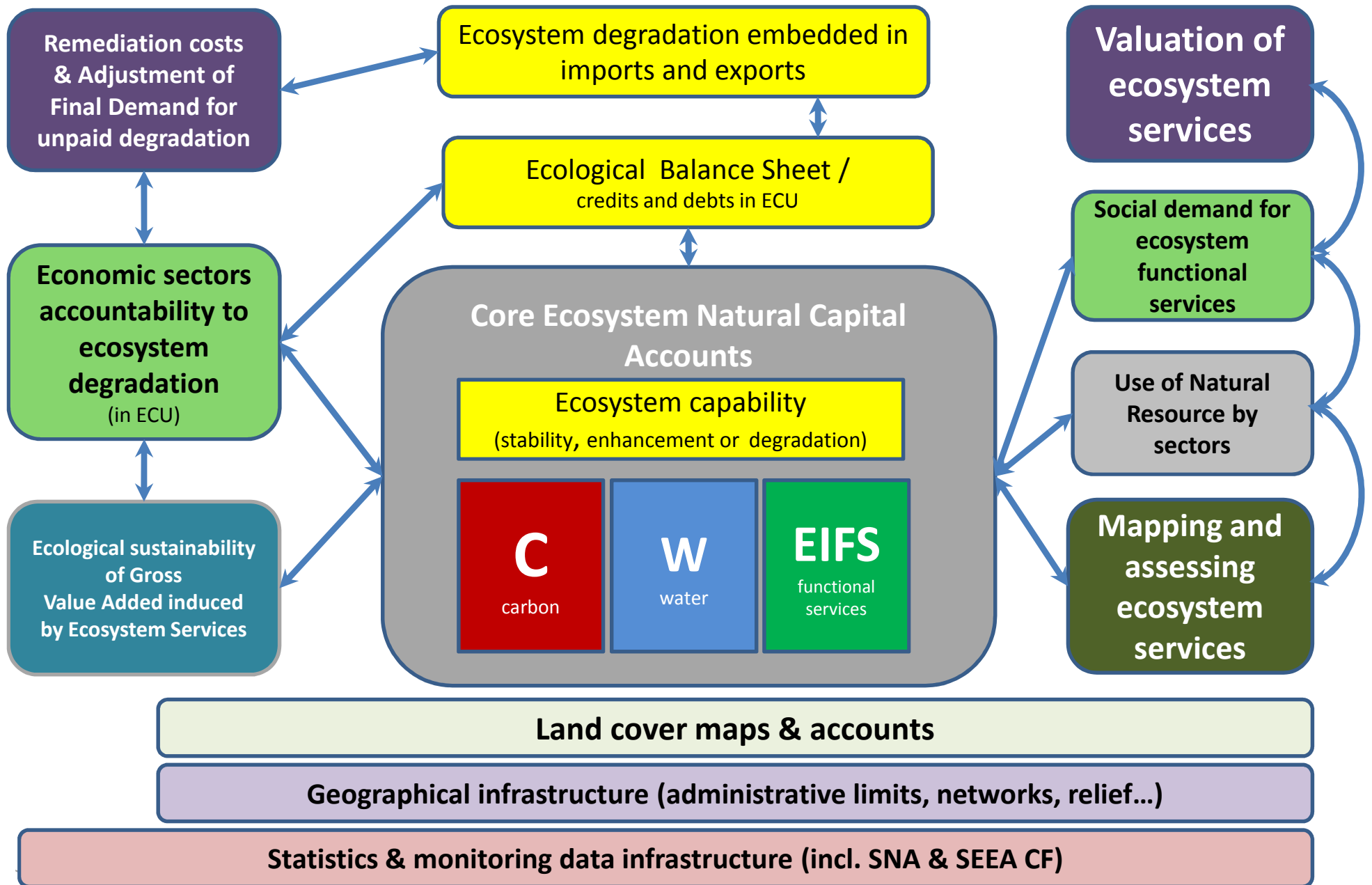


ECOSYSTEM  
NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS:  
A Quick Start Package

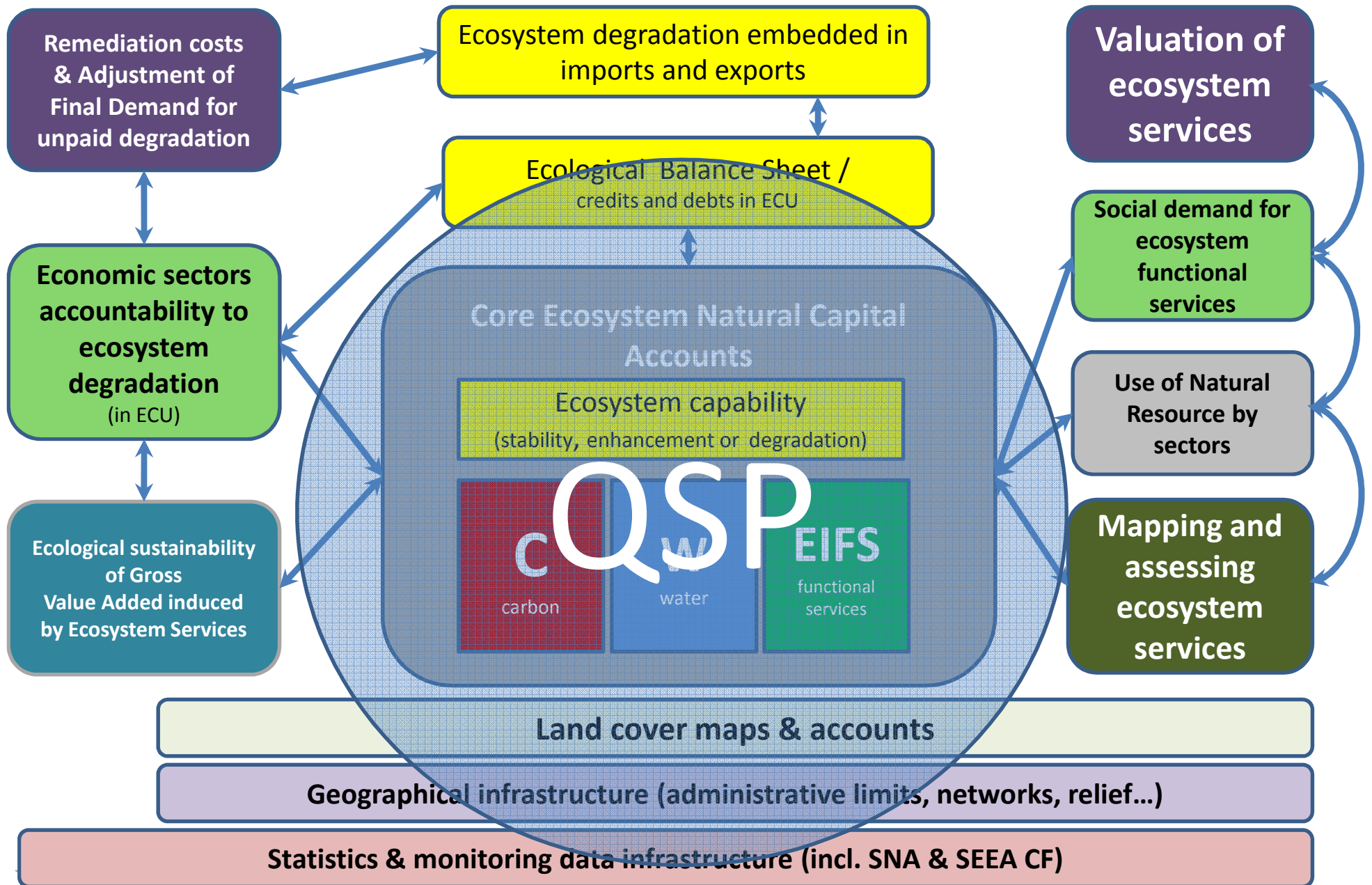


- A response to the requirement of the CBD Aichi Target 2 call for *incorporating, as appropriate and by 2020 at the latest, biodiversity values into national accounting.*
- A technical accounting framework for measuring ecosystem sustainable capacity, resilience and economic sectors' accountability to the ecosystem. It includes a set of tables and compilation guidance
- A “distribution” (in the sense used for open source software) of the SEEA-EEA, aimed at putting it to work
- A Quick Start Package for experimentations
- Supported by a tutorial for technical training of experts

# Structure of Ecosystem Natural Capital Accounts



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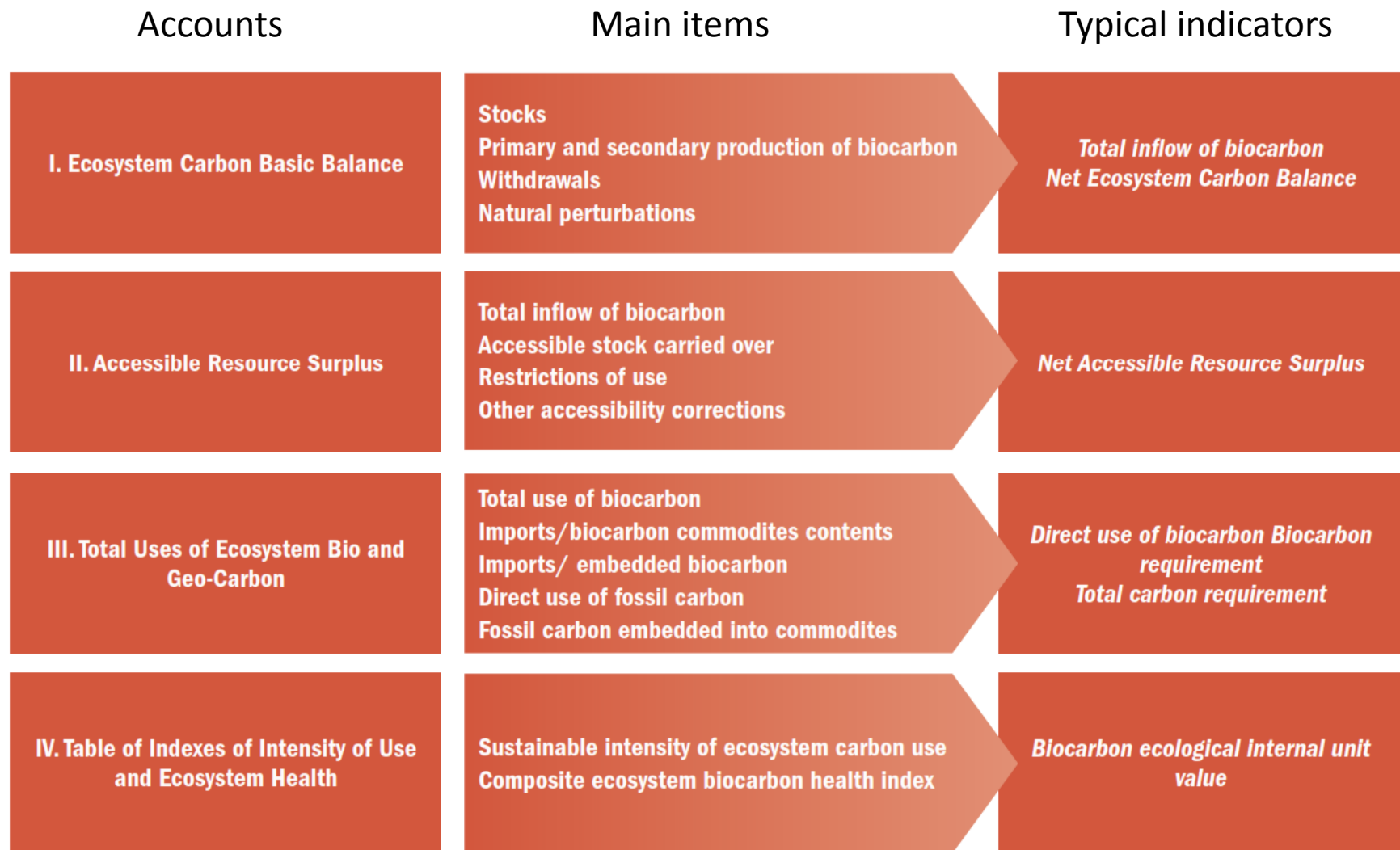
## Simplified classifications of land cover types and land cover flows, to be detailed according to national/local conditions

Land cover types	
01	Urban and associated developed areas
02	Homogeneous herbaceous cropland
03	Agriculture plantations, permanent crops
04	Agriculture associations and mosaics
05	Pastures and natural grassland
06	Forest tree cover
07	Shrubland, bushland, heathland
08	Sparsely vegetated areas
09	Natural vegetation associations and mosaics
10	Barren land
11	Permanent snow and glaciers
12	Open wetlands
13	Inland water bodies
14	Coastal water bodies and inter-tidal areas
	Sea (interface with land)

Land cover flows	
If1	Artificial development
If2	Agriculture extension
If3	Internal conversions, rotations
If4	Management and alteration of forested land
If5	Restoration and development of habitats
If6	Changes of land-cover due to natural and multiple causes
If7	Other land cover changes n.e.c. and reclassification
If0	No observed land-cover change

Land cover flows regroup elementary changes according to land use and natural processes

# Ecosystem carbon account



# Ecosystem water resource account

Accounts	Main items	Typical indicators
I. Ecosystem Water Basic Balance	<b>Stocks</b> Primary and secondary production of water Transfers between water bodies and basins Actual Evapotranspiration Abstraction of water, supply and use Returns to waste water and losses	<i>Total inflow of water</i> <i>Net Ecosystem Water Balance</i>
II. Accessible Resource Surplus	Total renewable water resources Accessible stock carried over Restrictions of use Other accessibility corrections	<i>Net Accessible Water Resource Surplus</i>
III. Total Uses of Water	Total use of ecosystem water: blues, grey & green water Imports/water commodities contents Imports/ embedded water	<i>Total use of ecosystem water</i> <i>Direct use of water</i> <i>Total water requirement</i>
IV. Table of Indexes of Intensity of Use and Ecosystem Health	Sustainable intensity of ecosystem water use Composite ecosystem water health index	<i>Water internal ecological unit value</i>

# Ecosystem infrastructure functional services account

Accounts	Main items	Typical indicators
<b>I. Basic Balances</b> I.1 Basic land cover account I.2 Basic river account	Stocks of land cover (km <sup>2</sup> ) Formation & Consumption of land cover Stocks of rivers (SRMU) Change in rivers stocks	<i>Net change/ land cover</i> <i>Net change/ river systems</i>
<b>II. Accessible ecosystem infrastructure potential</b>	Stocks of Landscape Ecosystem Potential Stocks of River Ecosystem Potential Total Ecosystem Infrastructure Potential	<i>Change in LEP</i> <i>Change in REP</i> <i>Change in TEIP</i>
<b>III. Overall access to ecosystem infrastructure potential</b>	Population local access to TEIP Agriculture local access to TEIP Nature conservation local access to TEIP Basin access to water regulating services Regional access to TEIP [tourism] Global nature conservation access to TEIP	<i>Change in access to key ecosystem infrastructure functional services</i>
<b>IV. Table of Indexes of Intensity of Use and Ecosystem Health</b>	Ecosystem infrastructure intensity of use index Composite ecosystem infrastructure health index	<i>Annual change in ecosystem infrastructure services ecological internal unit value</i>



# Ecosystem capability account, creation of ecological debts & credits

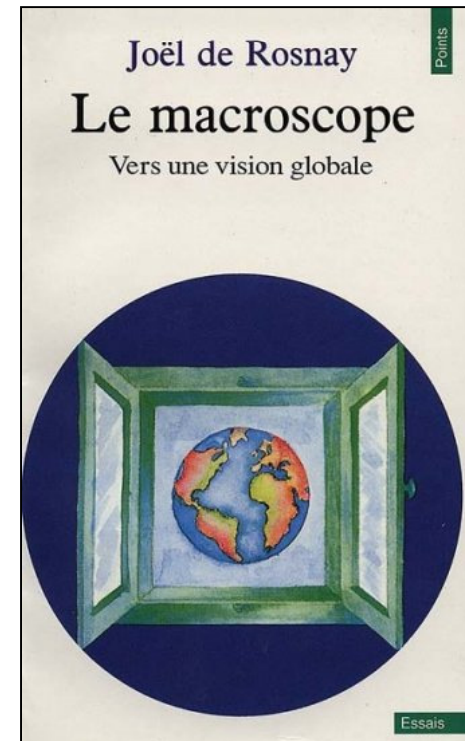
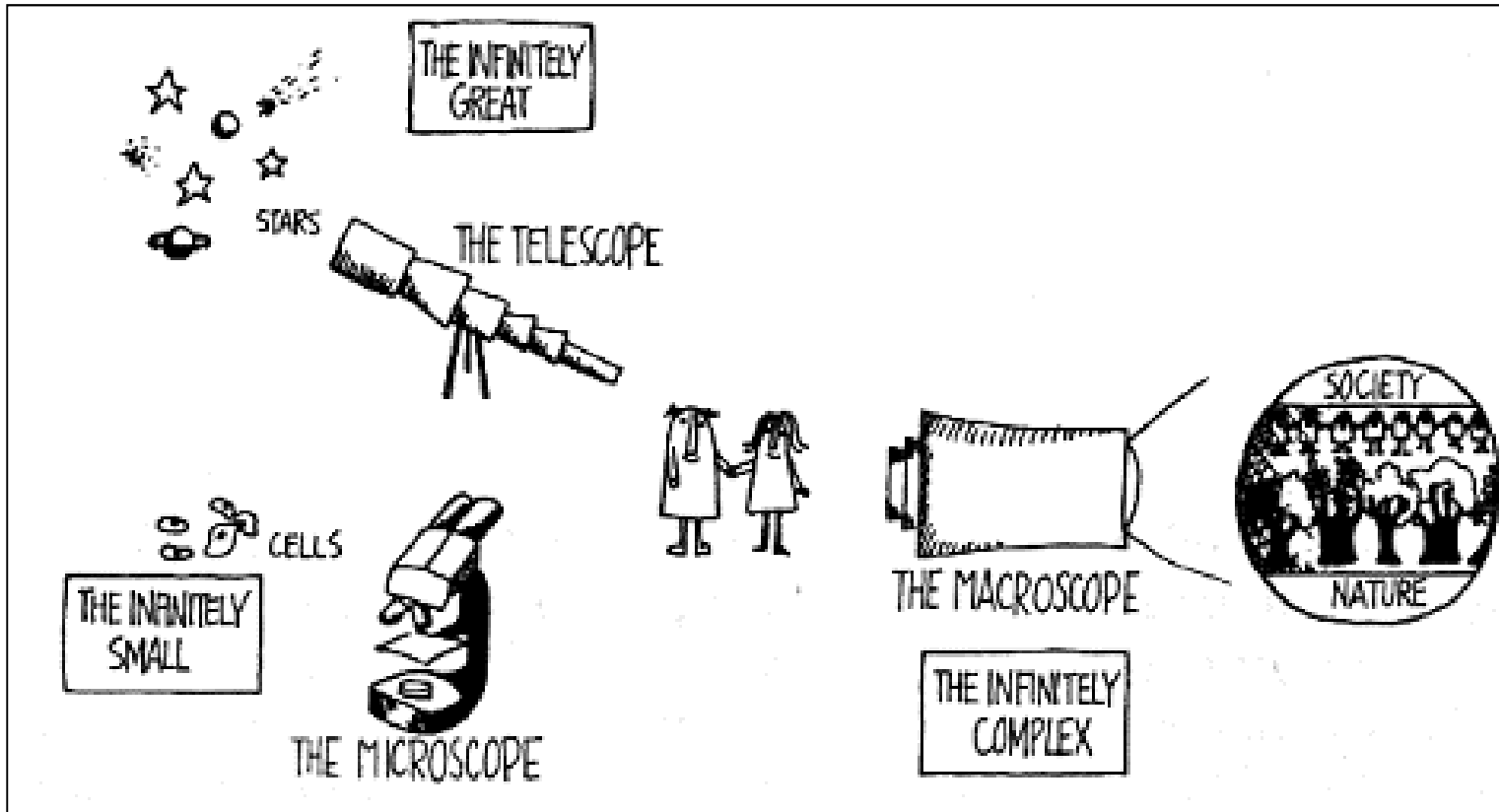
YEAR (2)			[C]	[W]	[EIP]	[ECC]
			Biomass/ Carbon	Water	Ecosystem infrastructure potential	Ecosystem Capital Capability
Accessible Ecosystem Resource and Use			t or j	m <sup>3</sup> or j	Weighted ha_or_km	NA
Accessible Basic Resources	EC1	Net Accessible Ecosystem Resources, year (t-1) (NEACS, NEAWS & Net Ecosystem Infrastructure Potential)	1270	1980	2331	
	EC211	Change due to Use of Accessible Basic Resources	90	-30	-11	NA
	EC212	Other Change due to Natural & Multiple Causes	-60	50	0	NA
	EC21	<b>Total Change in Basic Resource Accessibility</b>	30	20	-11	NA
	EC2	Net Accessible Ecosystem Resources, year (t) (NEACS, NEAWS & Net Ecosystem Infrastructure Potential)	1300	2000	2320	NA
Use of ecosystem resource	EC3	Use of ecosystem resource	1210	2030	2331	NA
Ecosystem Capability Account			ECU	ECU	ECU	ECU
Calculation of unit values in ECU	EC4	Mean ECU unit value of Accessible Resources & Ecosystem Capital Capability in year (t-1)	0.963			
	EC511	Indexes of sustainable intensity of resource use [IF<1, = overuse, dilapidation; IF>1, accumulation]	1.074	0.985	0.995	NA
	EC512	Indexes of change in ecosystem health [IF<1, = deterioration; IF>1, improvement]	0.910	0.960	0.950	NA
	EC51	<b>Annual change in accessible resources internal unit values &amp; change of ECU unit value</b>	0.992	0.973	0.973	0.979
	EC5	Mean ECU unit value of Accessible Resources & Ecosystem Capital Capability in year (t) [EC5 = EC4 x EC51_ECC]	0.943			
Accessible Resources & Ecosystem Capital Capability	EC6	Net Accessible Resources & Ecosystem Capital Capability, ecological value in ECU, year (t-1)	1222.7	1906.3	2244.2	1222.7
	EC7	Net Accessible Resources & Ecosystem Capital Capability, ecological value in ECU, year (t)	1225.5	1885.4	2187.0	1225.5
	EC71	<b>Activities' Net Accumulation of Ecosystem Capital Capability, in ECU [IF&lt;0, = degradation; IF&gt;0, = renewal]</b>	0.8	-22.9	-59.2	0.8
	EC722	Global/continental/regional processes	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	EC722	Change caused by neighbouring/interacting ecosystems	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	EC72	<b>Change in Ecosystem Capital Capability Due to Natural and Multiple Causes, in ECU</b>	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
	EC73	<b>Total Change in Accessible Resources &amp; Ecosystem Capital Capability, in ECU = EC7-EC6</b>	2.8	-20.9	-57.2	2.8
Creation of Ecological Debts & Credits	EC81 = EC71	<b>Activities' Net Accumulation of Ecosystem Capital Capability, in ECU [IF&lt;0, = degradation; IF&gt;0, = renewal]</b>	0.8	-22.9	-57.2	0.8
	EC821	Indirect change caused, Global/continental/regional processes	-3.0	-2.0	-4.0	-3.0
	EC822	Change caused to neighbouring/interacting ecosystems	-1.0	-10.0	-15.0	-1.0
	EC82	<b>Net Change Caused to Other Ecosystems' Capability, in ECU [degradation (-) or enhancement (+)]</b>	-4.0	-12.0	-19.0	-4.0
	EC8	<b>Creation of New Ecological Debts &amp; Credits (in ECU) [direct &amp; indirect ecosystem degradation or renewal]</b>	-3.2	-34.9	-78.2	-3.2
	EC9	<b>Cumulated Net Balance of Ecological Debts (-) &amp; Credits (+) in ECU (from baseline year 0)</b>				-16.5
Indexes						
Indexes	EC51	<b>Annual change in accessible resources internal unit values &amp; change of ECU unit value</b>	0.992	0.505	0.498	0.665
	EC5	<b>Mean ECU unit value of Accessible Resources &amp; Ecosystem Capital Capability in year (t)</b>	0.943			
	EC22	<b>Index of Change in Volume of Basic Resource Accessibility = EC2/EC1</b>	1.024	1.010	0.995	NA
	EC23	<b>Index of Change in Ecological Value of Ecosystem Capital Capability = EC22xEC5</b>	0.965	0.952	0.938	0.965

# Ecological balance- sheet in ECU

	Domestic physical assets [a]	Ecological credits [b]	Ecological debts [c]	Net Ecological Worth = [b]-[c]
<b>I - Short term assets and liabilities</b>				
<b>Opening balance sheet/ short term</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>100</b>
Degradation by activities	-12		12	-12
Natural losses	-9	-9		-9
Restoration from previous degradation	2		-2	2
Ecosystem creation/ enhancement	7	7		7
Natural gains	4	4		4
<b>Net change in short term assets and liabilities</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-8</b>
<b>Closing balance sheet/ short term</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>II - Long term assets and liabilities</b>				
Ecosystem restoration commitments		50	50	0
Accumulated ecological credits/ allocations		13		13
Accumulated ecological debts			35	-35
<b>Opening balance sheet/ long term</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>-22</b>
Change in ecosystem restoration commitments		0	0	0
Change in accumulated ecological credits/ allocations		8		8
Change in accumulated ecological debts			11	-11
<b>Net change in longterm assets and liabilities</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-3</b>
Ecosystem restoration commitments		50	50	0
Accumulated ecological credits/ allocations		21		21
Accumulated ecological debts			46	-46
<b>Closing balance sheet/ long term</b>		<b>71</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>-25</b>
<b>III - International liabilities</b>				
<b>Opening balance sheet/ Embedded ecosystem degradation</b>			<b>30</b>	<b>-30</b>
Acquisition of embedded ecosystem degradation			15	-15
Compensation of embedded ecosystem degradation			-5	5
<b>Net change in ecosystem degradation embedded in trade</b>			<b>10</b>	<b>-10</b>
<b>Closing balance sheet/ Embedded ecosystem degradation</b>			<b>40</b>	<b>-40</b>
<b>Consolidated balance sheet (I + II + III)</b>				
<b>Opening balance sheet</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Net change</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-21</b>
<b>Closing balance sheet</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>27</b>

# The Ecological Balance Sheet: an integrated framework

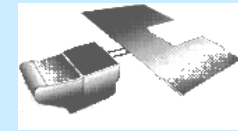
QUESTION: Is the Ecological Balance Sheet similar to the Macroscope?



# Implementation of (Integrated) Ecosystem Natural Capital Accounts and Example of experimental results for Mauritius

# Spatial Integration of Environmental & Socio-Economic Data

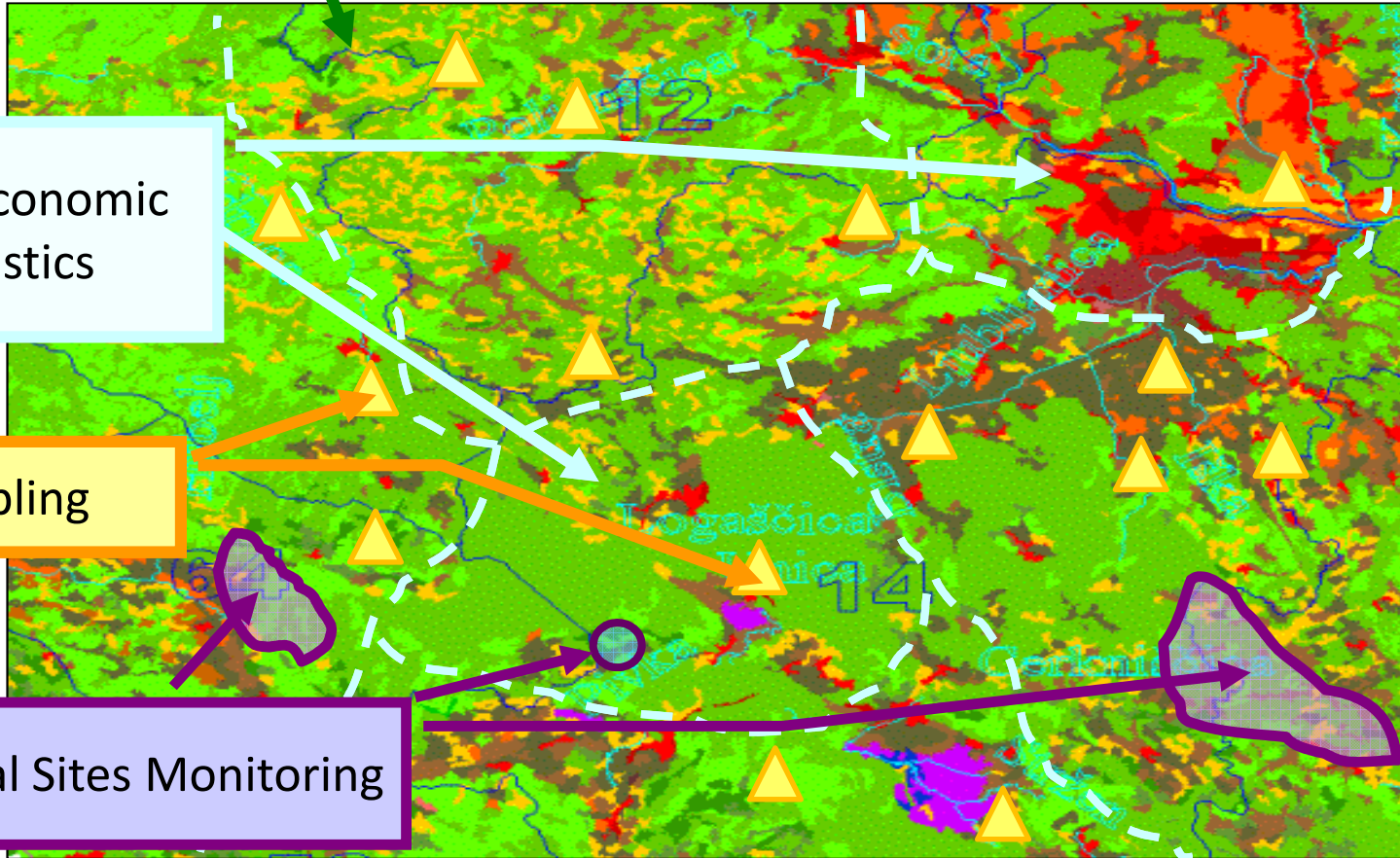
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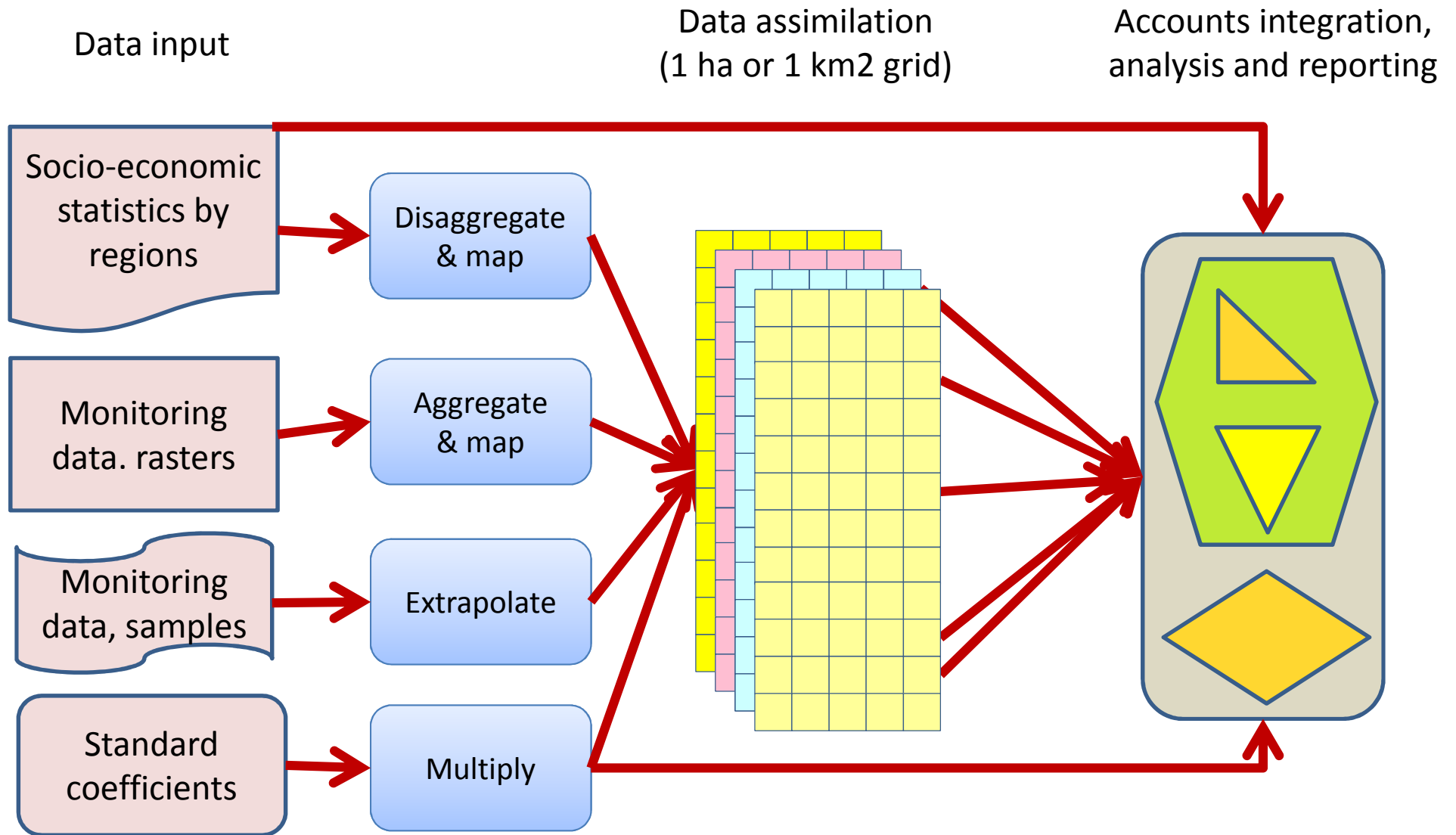
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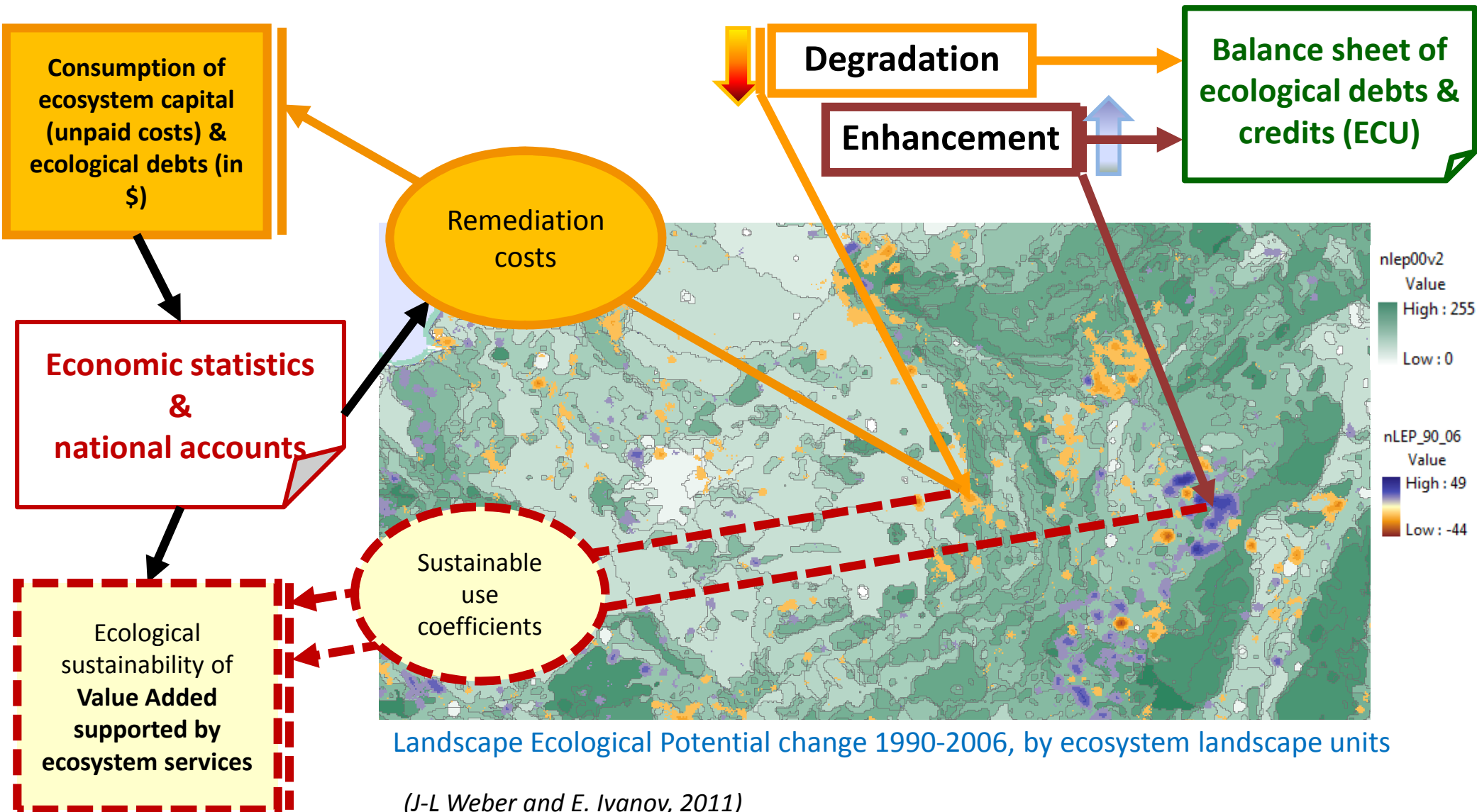
Individual Sites Monitoring



# Main data flows to compile ecosystem capital accounts



# From ecosystem physical degradation to capital consumption, ecological debts and sustainable benefits



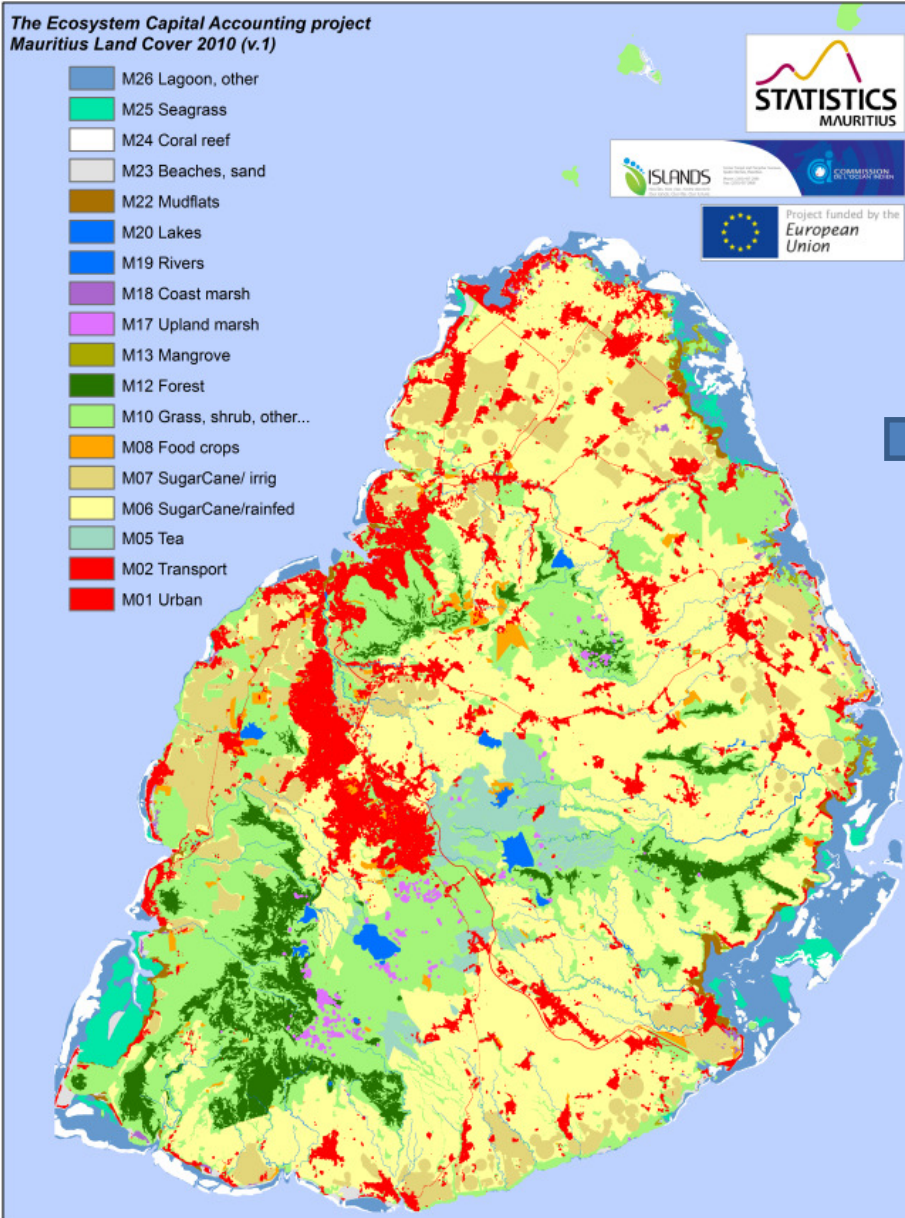
(J-L Weber and E. Ivanov, 2011)

# SEEA-ENCA Mauritius preliminary results :

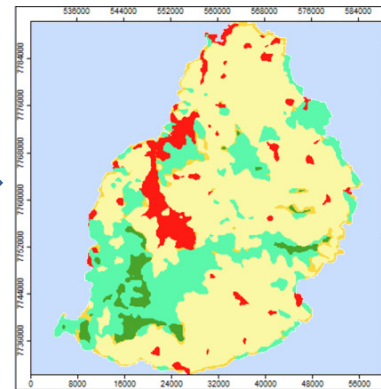
## Creation of Ecosystem Accounting Units

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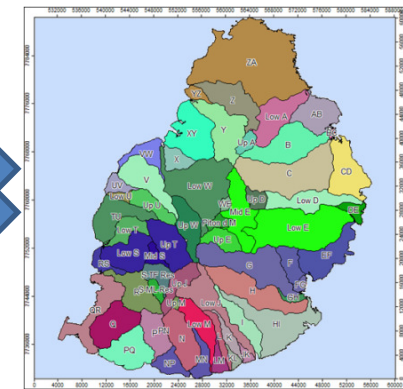
1. Defining statistical units for accounting (EAU) and
2. Computing the land cover account (next slide)



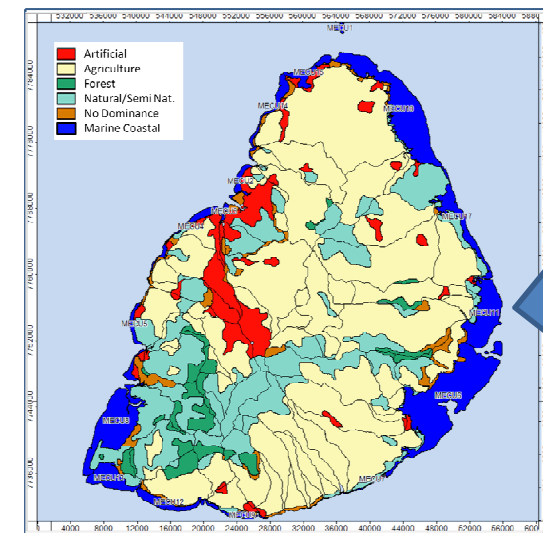
Dominant land cover types (>50%)



River sub-basins



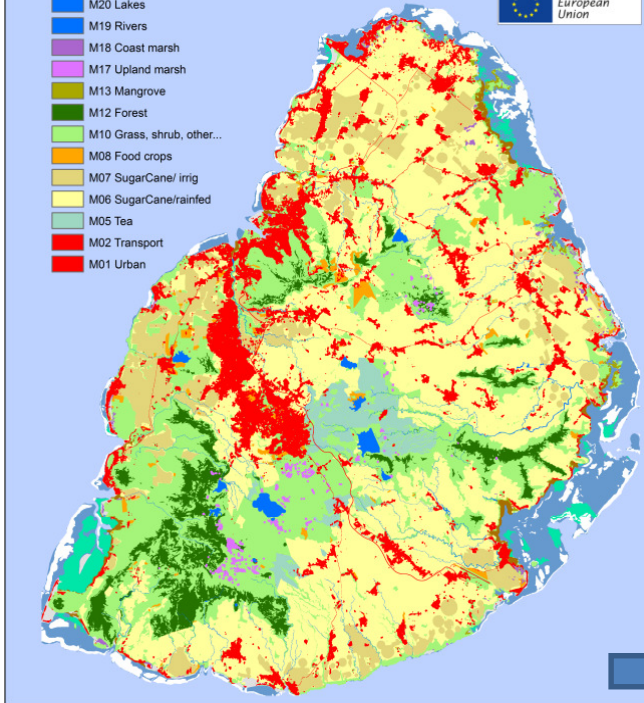
Socio-ecological  
landscape units (SELU)  
&  
Marine Coastal Units (MCU)





The Ecosystem Capital Accounting project  
Mauritius Land Cover 2010 (v.1)

- M26 Lagoon, other
- M25 Seagrass
- M24 Coral reef
- M23 Beaches, sand
- M22 Mudflats
- M20 Lakes
- M19 Rivers
- M18 Coast marsh
- M17 Upland marsh
- M13 Mangrove
- M12 Forest
- M10 Grass, shrub, other...
- M08 Food crops
- M07 SugarCane/ irrig
- M06 SugarCane/rainfed
- M05 Tea
- M02 Transport
- M01 Urban

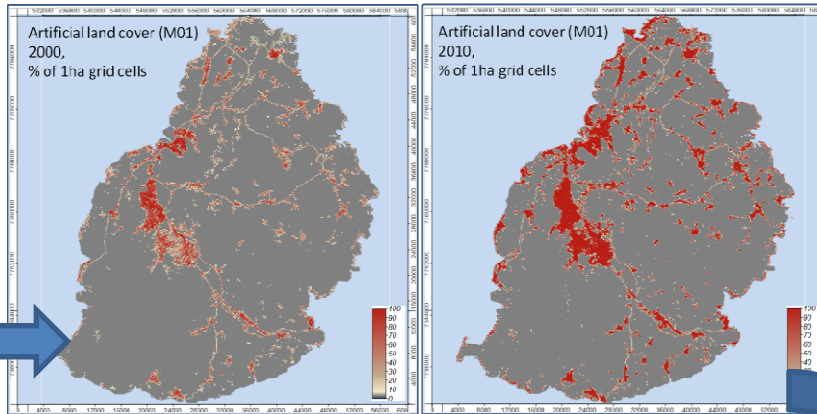


# SEEA-ENCA Mauritius preliminary results : Land cover and change from 2000 to 2010

The land cover data are stored using geographical datasets which use grids (10m x 10m and 100m x 100m) at the most detailed level.

These grids allow computing statistics and producing ecosystems/natural capital accounts for various statistical units such as municipal and village council areas, districts, coastal zones, river basins, socio-ecological landscape units and any relevant zoning.

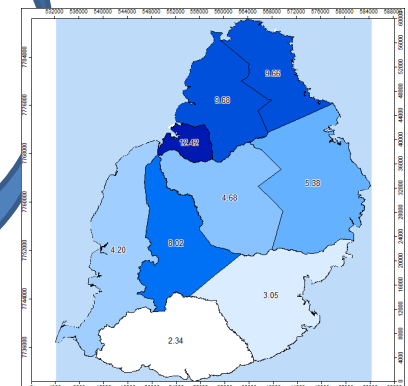
Urban land cover 2000 & 2010



Land cover stock and change account/ urban sprawl

Provisional	2000 2010 - km2									
	Rivière du Rempart	Pamplemousses	Flacq	Moka	Grand Port	Plaines Wilhems	Black River	Savanne	Port Louis	TOTAL
District AREA SQKM	14703	18019	29826	23512	26134	19839	25558	24758	3976	186325
M01 Urban land cover 2000 v0	747	705	405	282	406	2060	334	266	2667	7872
M01 Urban land cover 2000 v1, adjusted	1225	1172	667	510	549	2456	542	379	3284	10782
lf1 Urban sprawl	478	467	263	228	143	396	208	112	616	2911
M01 Urban land cover 2010	1704	1639	930	738	691	2852	749	491	3900	13693

Urban sprawl 2000-2010 by Districts



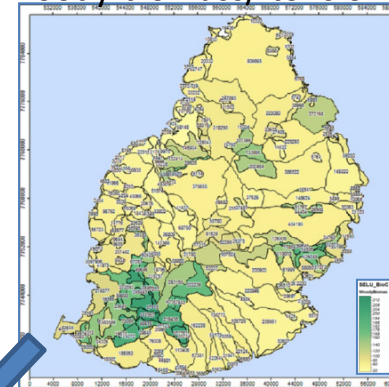
# SEEA-ENCA Mauritius preliminary results :

## The biomass-carbon account

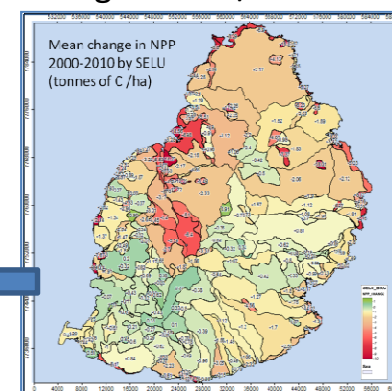
Carbon Accounts show the capacity of the ecosystems to produce biomass and the way it is used by crops harvests and trees removal or sometimes sterilised by artificial developments or destroyed by soil erosion or forest fires (in line with IPCC guidelines).

Accounts are compiled using various sources such as products based on earth observation by satellite (e.g. MODIS NPP), on in situ monitoring (for IPCC-LULUCF, FAO/soil, FRA2010) and official statistics .

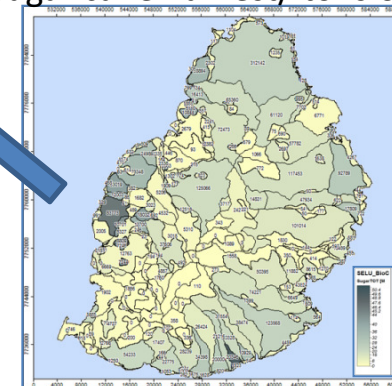
Woody biomass/ tons of C



Change in NPP/ tons of C



Sugar cane harvest/ tons of C

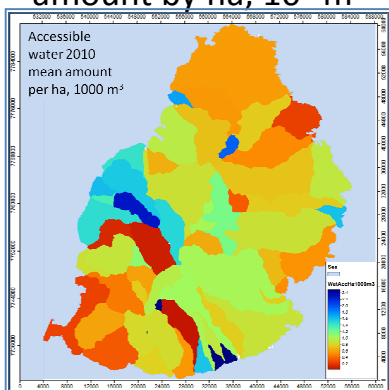


Simplified bio-carbon accounts by districts, 2010											
Provisional	Tons of carbon										
	2010	Riviere du Rempart	Pamplemousses	Flaacq	Moka	Grand Port	Plaines Willerns	Black River	Savanne	Port Louis	Total
<b>Initial stock 2010</b>	<b>1457955</b>	<b>2101934</b>	<b>4135543</b>	<b>4165122</b>	<b>2855365</b>	<b>3327114</b>	<b>3173857</b>	<b>3196601</b>	<b>432317</b>	<b>2484586</b>	
Woody biomass	873403	1137222	2068571	1744337	1796040	1643485	2224653	2409579	265193	<b>14162483</b>	
Topsoil organic carbon	584551	964712	2066972	2420785	1059325	1683629	949204	787022	167124	<b>10683324</b>	
<b>Flows/inputs</b>	<b>335582</b>	<b>417954</b>	<b>819601</b>	<b>675923</b>	<b>736068</b>	<b>454057</b>	<b>642970</b>	<b>739278</b>	<b>68922</b>	<b>4890354</b>	
Net Primary Production	335582	417954	819601	675923	736068	454057	642970	739278	68922	<b>4890354</b>	
<b>Flows/outputs and decrease</b>	<b>349143</b>	<b>448659</b>	<b>870542</b>	<b>708508</b>	<b>725853</b>	<b>481532</b>	<b>650835</b>	<b>744290</b>	<b>74976</b>	<b>5054339</b>	
Removals, harvests	65446	90345	108405	56498	90172	35596	87914	81900	1698	<b>617974</b>	
Wood removals										<b>0</b>	
Sugarcane	63718	86585	104230	52531	87208	31984	83773	80223	912	<b>591165</b>	
Food crops	1727	3759	4175	3656	2918	3565	4141	1633	786	<b>2634</b>	
Other cops	0	0	0	311	46	46	0	44	0	<b>447</b>	
Decrease due to land use change	4102	4761	5762	3629	3240	5216	2881	2290	1388	<b>33269</b>	
Other decrease (fire, erosion...)	14580	21019	41355	41651	28554	33271	31739	31966	4323	<b>248458</b>	
Soil/decomposers respiration v2	265016	332534	715020	606730	603888	407449	528301	628133	67567	<b>4154638</b>	
<b>Net Ecosystem Carbon Balance 1 (flows)</b>	<b>-13562</b>	<b>-30705</b>	<b>-50941</b>	<b>-32585</b>	<b>10215</b>	<b>-27475</b>	<b>-7865</b>	<b>-5012</b>	<b>-6054</b>	<b>-163985</b>	
Statistical adjustment	16597	28379	33235	15034	-29421	11163	-19714	-15632	6178	<b>45819</b>	
<b>Net Ecosystem Carbon Balance 2 (stocks)</b>	<b>3035</b>	<b>-2326</b>	<b>-17706</b>	<b>-17551</b>	<b>-19206</b>	<b>-16312</b>	<b>-27579</b>	<b>-20644</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>-118166</b>	
<b>Final Stock 2010</b>	<b>1460990</b>	<b>2099608</b>	<b>4117837</b>	<b>4147571</b>	<b>2836159</b>	<b>3310802</b>	<b>3146278</b>	<b>3175957</b>	<b>432440</b>	<b>24727642</b>	
Woody biomass	876438	1134896	2050865	1726786	1776835	1627173	2197074	2388935	265316	<b>14044318</b>	
Topsoil organic carbon	584551	964712	2066972	2420785	1059325	1683629	949204	787022	167124	<b>10683324</b>	
<b>Net accessible bio-carbon resource 2010</b>	<b>73600</b>	<b>83094</b>	<b>86875</b>	<b>51642</b>	<b>112974</b>	<b>30296</b>	<b>87089</b>	<b>90500</b>	<b>1479</b>	<b>617550</b>	
Change in stocks in the previous year	3035	-2326	-17706	-17551	-19206	-16312	-27579	-20644	123	<b>-118166</b>	
Flows/inputs (+)	335582	417954	819601	675923	736068	454057	642970	739278	68922	<b>4890354</b>	
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<b>Index of intensity of use of bio-carbon 2010</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>100</b>	

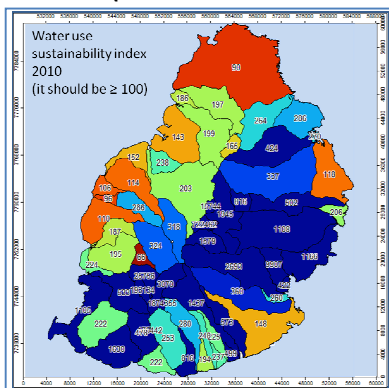
# SEEA-ENCA Mauritius preliminary results : The ecosystem water account

The ecosystem water accounts follows the SEEA Water methodology and use preliminary results of the national water accounts. They are detailed by river basins and sub-basins where the hydrological system can be described consistently. Stocks of water are mainly aquifers and lakes/reservoirs, which play important role in Mauritius. Data have provided by the meteorological and water agencies. Water use by sub-basins is estimated from population census data and irrigation map. Satellite products have been used for evapotranspiration. The outcome is the calculation of the water really accessible for use and of an index of stress from water use intensity.

Accessible water, mean amount by ha,  $10^3 \text{ m}^3$



Water use intensity stress index (stress when <100)



Simplified water accounts by Districts, 2010

2010	Mm3									Total
	Riviere du Rempart	Pampletous	Flacq	Moka	Grand Port	Plaines Millicents	Black River	Savanne	Port Louis	
<b>Provisional</b>										
AREA ha	14703	18019	29826	23512	26134	19839	25558	24758	3976	186325
Boreholes nb	105	164	100	83	110	146	131	30	12	881
River runoff districts coeff	35	20	150	150	100	100	80	100	20	755
Lake 2010 ha	0	103	0	468	41	511	109	19	0	1251
<b>Stocks</b>	<b>3345</b>	<b>5231</b>	<b>3189</b>	<b>2681</b>	<b>3510</b>	<b>4687</b>	<b>4183</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>28170</b>
Aquifers	3343	5222	3184	2643	3503	4649	4171	955	382	28052
Lakes/reservoirs	0	7	0	32	3	35	7	1	0	86
Rivers	2	2	5	6	5	3	4	4	1	32
Soil/vegetation										
<b>Net Inflows</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2052</b>
Rainfall	173	236	579	633	629	484	302	603	49	3688
EvapoTranspiration (actual), total	155	199	367	290	338	224	308	326	40	2247
EvapoTranspiration (actual), spontaneous	109	115	310	268	294	207	167	269	40	1779
Net transfers surface - groundwater	11	14	23	18	20	15	20	19	3	143
Transfers between basins		41		-41						0
<b>Abstraction and Uses</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>678</b>
Municipal Water Production	17	23	23	13	18	64	11	11	22	202
<i>Use of water</i>	8	12	11	7	9	32	5	6	11	101
<i>Loss of water in distribution</i>	8	12	11	7	9	32	5	6	11	101
Irrigation	46	85	57	22	44	17	141	57	0	468
Other	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	1	8
<b>Waste water to rivers</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Outflow to the sea</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1632</b>
Rivers runoff	74	42	318	318	212	212	170	212	42	1602
Waste water to the sea	4	4	6	0	5	0	2	1	8	30
<b>Induced ETA, Evaporation</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>468</b>
Net Flows	-103	-52	-156	-29	41	2	-304	19	-46	-626
<b>Closing stocks</b>	<b>3242</b>	<b>5179</b>	<b>3034</b>	<b>2652</b>	<b>3551</b>	<b>4690</b>	<b>3879</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>27544</b>
<b>Accessible renewable water</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1507</b>
<b>Water use intensity (1): Average/ha</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>155</b>	
<b>Water use intensity (2): 1st decile</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>143</b>	

# SEEA-ENCA Mauritius preliminary results :

## The functional services account (depending from integrity and biodiversity)

The biodiversity of systems and species account is made of two accounts which describe the state of ecosystems green infrastructure (landscapes, rivers and sea coastal zones) on the one hand and changes in species biodiversity on the other hand.

The NLEP index combines the green character of ecosystems and their fragmentation by roads which may alter their good functioning. Land cover is then weighted with NLEP.

Highest NLEP values can be found where forests, shrubs, grass and natural habitats are predominant, in particular in mountainous and land coastal areas. Low NLEP values correspond to urbanised areas and intermediate score reflect agriculture dominated catchments.

### Green Infrastructure Accounts

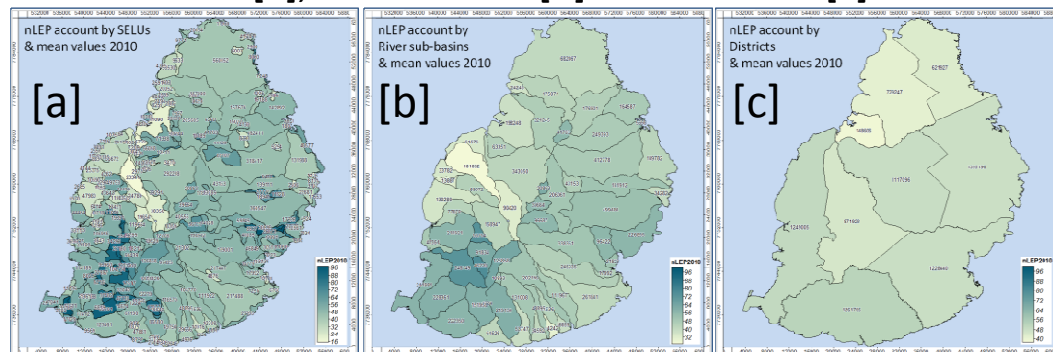
Provisional	Riviere du Rempart	Pamplemousses	Flacq	Moka	Grand Port	Plaines Willerns	Black River	Savanne	Port Louis	Total / Mean values
	AREA_ha	14703	18019	29826	23512	26134	19839	25558	24758	3976
<b>Indexes (0-100 value per ha)</b>										
GBL 2000 index	43.4	41.7	49.7	55.6	50.1	53.4	61.0	53.7	58.6	51.9
Fragmentation index	8.6	9.8	7.3	6.2	6.9	7.9	5.1	5.1	6.9	6.9
nLEP 2000 index	39.7	37.6	46.0	52.1	46.6	49.2	57.9	51.0	54.5	48.4
<b>Green Infrastructure Account</b>										
GBL 2000 / weighted ha	638105	751152	1481482	1307506	1309039	1060139	1559660	1330151	232911	9670145
nLEP 2000 / weighted ha	583021	677761	1373059	1226033	1218167	976061	1479992	1262700	216727	9013521

<b>Indexes (0-100 value per ha)</b>										
GBL 2010 index	42.0	40.6	49.2	55.1	49.8	52.4	60.5	53.5	50.7	51.1
Fragmentation index	8.6	9.8	7.3	6.2	6.9	7.9	5.1	5.1	6.9	6.9
nLEP 2010 index	38.4	36.7	45.6	51.6	46.4	48.2	57.4	50.8	47.2	47.7
<b>Green Infrastructure Account</b>										
GBL 2010 / weighted ha	617999	732184	1468542	1294945	1301938	1039397	1547086	1324150	201660	9527900
nLEP 2010 / weighted ha	564651	660647	1361066	1214254	1211558	956963	1468060	1257003	187648	8881851

<b>Change in nLEP 2000-2010</b>	<b>-18370</b>	<b>-17114</b>	<b>-11993</b>	<b>-11779</b>	<b>-6608</b>	<b>-19097</b>	<b>-11932</b>	<b>-5697</b>	<b>-29079</b>	<b>-131670</b>
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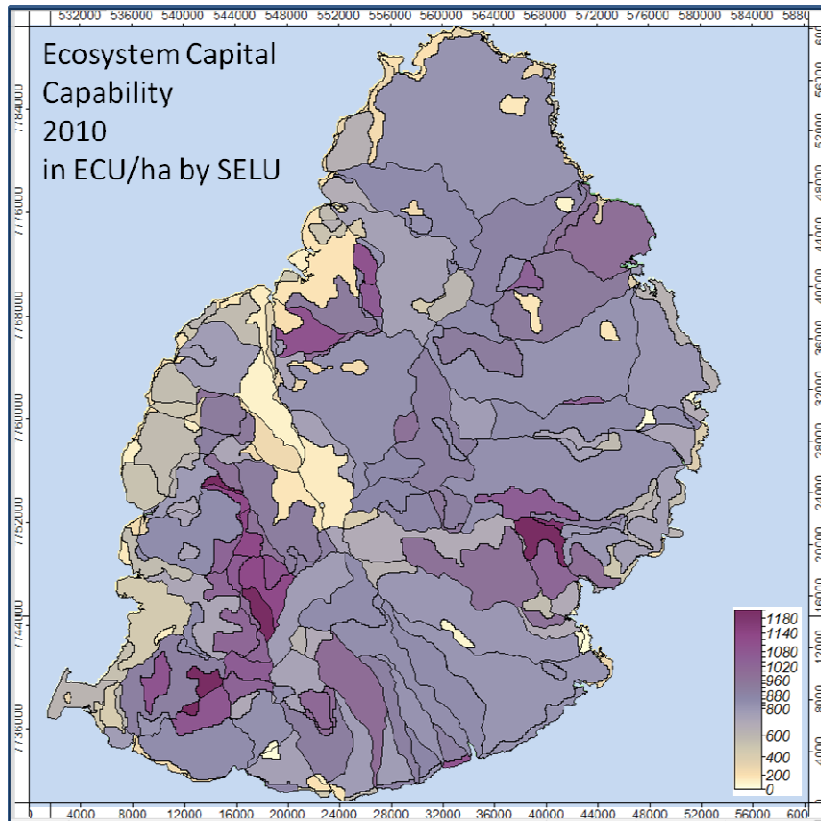
<b>Change in nLEP index % 2000-2011</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-13.4</b>	<b>-1.5</b>
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### Net Landscape Ecosystem Potential (NLEP) 2010 by SELU [a], River basins [b] and Districts [c]

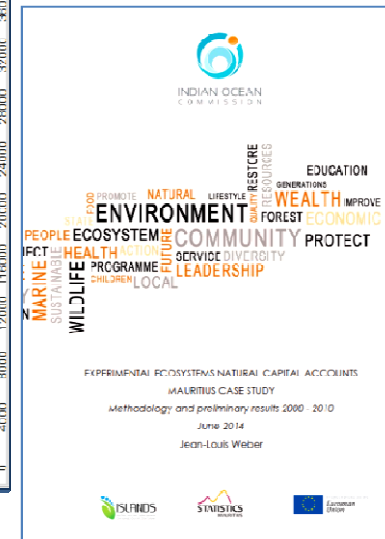
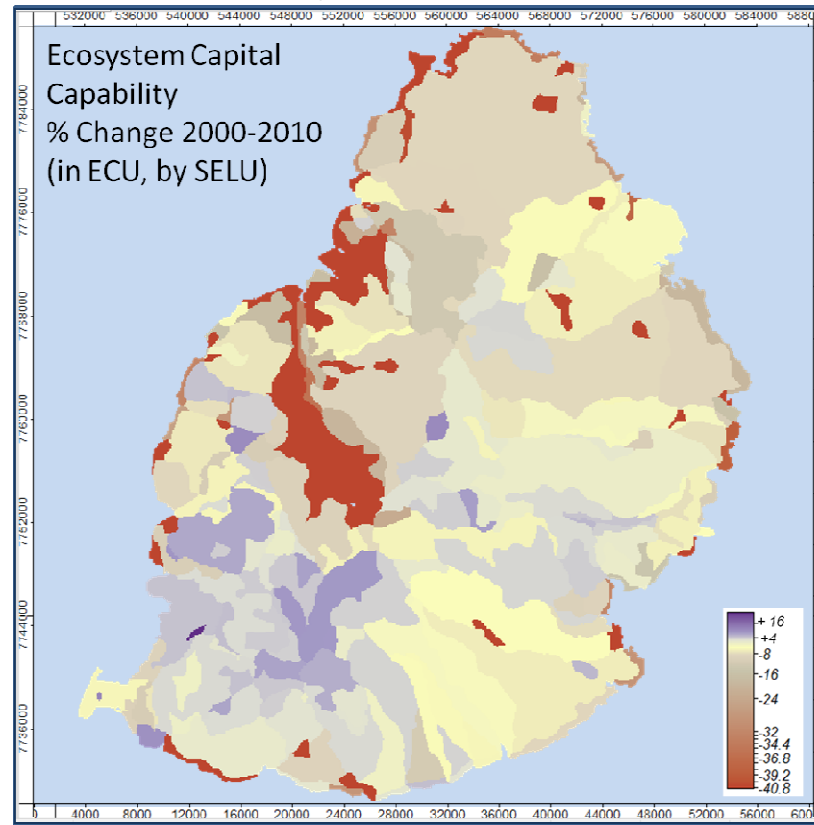


# A first attempt to calculate Ecosystem Capital Capability (in ECU) for Mauritius

Ecosystem Capital Capability:  
ECU value by Socio-Ecological Landscape  
Units, 2010




Ecosystem Capital Capability (inland):  
Change in ECU value, % by Socio-Ecological  
Landscape Units, 2000-2010



*Provisional results*

Experimental ENCA,  
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