

Simplified ecosystem capital accounts – state of works.

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EEA continues works on simplified ecosystem capital accounts. A methodology and associated methods have been developed for individual physical accounts for land, carbon/biomass and water. For biodiversity and landscape, methodological approaches are ongoing and should be tested. The integration of these accounts to provide indicators on the evolution of the status of ecosystems and their services (degradation or enhancement) are based on the disaggregation of all data in a grid reference of 1 km², ecosystems being determined by the majority occupation in each cell given by Corine Land Cover (CLC). The upcoming availability of CLC2012 will allow the Agency to develop a series of accounts (1990-2000-2006-2012), which will be submitted to the experts from the fields and will develop the overall approach and provide relevant indicators to policy makers.