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# Natural Capital Accounting and XBRL

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# **Today's Agenda**

- About Natural Capital Accounting (NCA)
- Why Natural Capital Accounting?
- The INCA-SDTF Project
- Key Takeaways



# **About Natural Capital Accounting (NCA)**



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- The process of calculating the total stocks and flows of natural resources and services in a given ecosystem or region.
- Natural capital includes all of the resources that we easily recognize and measure, like minerals, energy, timber, agricultural land, fisheries and water.
- NCA aim to document an organization's ownership, liability and assets related to natural capital.

## Why Natural Capital Accounting (NCA)?





- Gross Domestic Product (GDP) looks at only one part of economic performance—income—but says nothing about wealth and assets that underlie this income.
- Natural capital accounts will be a vital tool for policy makers and embedded in strategic economic decision making of a nation.

# Why Natural Capital Accounting (NCA)?

- A nations economic prosperity and well-being is underpinned by its **natural capital**, i.e. its biodiversity.
- The UK Government has pledged to develop full UK Natural Capital Accounts by **2020**.
- The project is led by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).
- In December 2012, the ONS published a 'roadmap' that sets out the work-plan for the project.

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- The INCA-SDTF project aims to encouraging corporations that own or manage natural resources to develop natural capital accounts and make the data publicly available.
- The INCA-SDTF XBRL Feasibility Study provides a market evaluation of implementing an XBRL strategy for the UK Office of National Statistics (ONS) and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) for their natural capital reporting program.

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#### **MISSION:**

The mission of the INCA-SDTF is to provide recommendations and guidance that will inform the UK's Office of National Statistics' (ONS) and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) decision on whether to implement an XBRL strategy and program for its reporting framework.

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- To assess the possibility of using the Global XBRL Data Standard to enable natural capital information so that it can be discovered, aggregated, analyzed, repurposed and communicated in a machine readable format.
- To assess feasibility of an XBRL implementation using the TELOS Methodology (the acronym TELOS refers to the five areas of feasibility - Technical, Economic, Legal, Operational and Scheduling).

### **INCA-SDTF Key Stakeholders**

Government & Policy Makers	Corporates	Service & Solution Providers	Standards Setters and Framework Providers
Accountancy	Academias	Natural Capital	Other Key
Professions		Data Providers	Influencer's

### **The INCA-SDTF Project Timeline**



### **INCA-SDTF Project Co-Chairs**





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### **Call to Action**

**VOLUNTEER TO REVIEW AND COMMENT:** 

THE PROJECT'S ASSESSMENT OF INTEGRATING XBRL INTO NATURAL CAPITAL STATISTICAL DATA
THE ALIGNMENT WITH CURRENT MARKET DEFINITIONS AROUND NATURAL CAPITAL

