



**2nd Global Dialogue on
Ocean Accounting:
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Next steps on ocean
accounting and ocean
accounts**

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Towards SEEA Ocean



Statistics Division

Background

- SEEA Central Framework adopted in 2012 as a statistical standard
- SEEA Ecosystem Accounting adopted by the Statistical Commission in March 2021
 - Section on Accounting for the ocean (Chapter 13)

Next steps

- The Statistical Commission supported the proposal for the development of SEEA Ocean. The ambition is to cover ocean economy, ocean and coastal ecosystems and pressure on them, etc.
- Establish a small working group to set up priorities on the research agenda and start working on issue notes
- Take a pragmatic approach, taking into account demand for implementation and existing programmes/activities on ocean measurement and assessment to be integrated into ocean accounting
- Need for funding



System of
Environmental
Economic
Accounting



Ocean Accounts – Next Steps

- Developments potentially adding **new /more information**
 - World Ocean Assessment II (Did we learn enough from WOA I?)
 - IPCC Assessment report 5 and 6; Special Report on Ocean & Cryosphere
 - IPBES - Regional & Global Assessments + Sustainable Use Assessment
- Developments potentially changing the **Users and Uses**
 - New governance processes will have new needs
 - IPCC and especially IPBES
 - Interpreting information in accounts needs MEANINGFUL BACKGROUND and BENCHMARKS for present and future entries
 - “Values” attached to Accounts need careful rethinking .”Trade-off” analysis are often just neo-colonialism in a modern disguise of ”objectivity”



Fisheries and Oceans
Canada

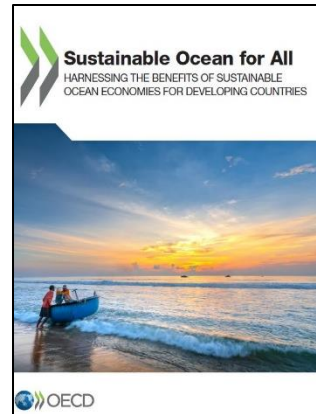
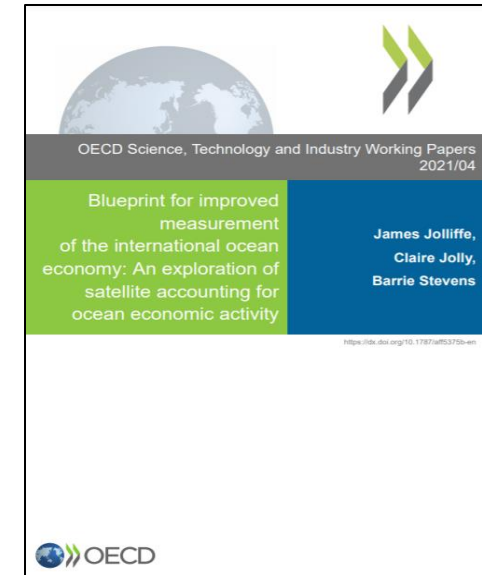
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Blueprint for improved measurement of the international ocean economy: An exploration of satellite accounting for ocean economic activities

Complementing / supporting other efforts, this new [OECD paper](#) informs current international discussions by providing

- ✓ **A status on the measurement of ocean economic activities**
- ✓ **A detailed definition of ocean economic activities** for international statistical purposes and corresponding classification codes
- ✓ **A methodological baseline** for the development of an experimental OECD ocean economy satellite account with pilot countries



And watch out for a Special Issue of **The Journal of Ocean and Coastal Economics** (autumn 2021) featuring breakthrough papers from the “[5th International Symposium on the Oceans in National Income Accounts](#)”, hosted virtually by Ireland this year!



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