



Environment Statistics and Accounts in Asia and the Pacific

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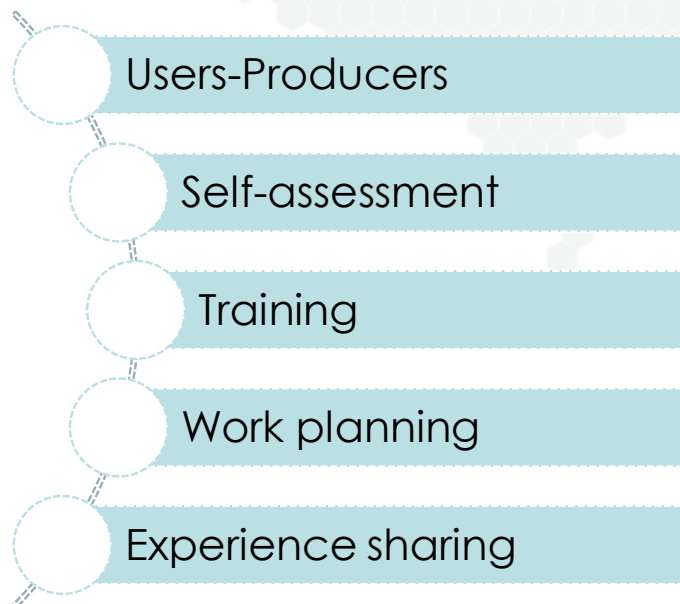
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Overview and approach

- Environment statistics/accounts are
 - Inter-departmental and interdisciplinary, covering a wide variety of topics
 - Relatively new to countries
- Approach
 - Strategic and modular
 - Need-driven (FDES, SEEA, IRES, IRWS, etc.)
 - Sustainable results

Implementation strategy

Sub-regional workshops



In-country support



Preliminary summary

- Most commonly planned & **piloted** accounts and statistics:
 - Water (AFG, BGD, BTN, KHM, **FJI**, IND, IRN, LAO, **MYS**, MDV, NPL, PAK, PLW, **WSM**, LAK, THA, VUT, **VNM**)
 - Land/Forest (AFG, BGD, IND, **IDN**, IRN, LAO, MDV, **MMR**, **NPL**, PAK, **PHL**, LAK, **VUT**, **VNM**)
 - Energy (AFG, BTN, KHM, **FJI**, **FSM**, IND, IDN, LAO, MNG, **MYS**, MDV, NPL, PAK, PLW, **PHL**, LAK)
 - Waste (BGD, KHM, **FJI**, PLW, THA, TUR)
 - FDES (**BDG**, BTN, CHN, **IDN**, IND, MMR, **MNG**, **MYS**, **NPL**, **PAK**, **PHL**, LAK, THA, VNM)
- Most common constraints
 - Institutional: data sharing & collaboration
 - Capacity: knowledge across NSS, too few people, no GIS in NSO

Some recent success stories

Country	Priority	Working Group	Assessment	Work Plan	Accounts/Products
Bangladesh	Poverty Environment	✓		✓	Inventory
Fiji	Climate, Disaster, Waste, Energy	✓		✓	Pilot energy, water, waste
Maldives	Water supply, Pollution	✓			Inventory water, waste
Micronesia	Energy security	✓ + consultant			Pilot energy
Myanmar	Deforestation, biodiversity	✓		✓	Inventory forest
Nepal	Forest value	✓		✓	Pilot land
Palau	Climate, Disaster	✓	✓	✓	Inventory Water, Energy
Samoa	Climate, Disaster	✓ + consultant			Pilot water
Vanuatu	Deforestation, biodiversity	✓	✓	✓	Pilot land

What works

Using **existing** institutional mechanisms
(takes time to establish new ones)

Rapid assessment to work plan
(can be done in one day national workshop)

A **champion**
(can motivate collaboration and funding)

Doing what you can with **available** data

Publishing pilot (in progress) work for feedback

Share the success with stakeholders, other countries and international community

May focus on “**feasible**” rather than “priority” as proof of concept
(sometimes a difficult interdepartmental process to establish priorities)

What doesn't work

Working **without high-level support**
(no support = no commitment, no demand)

Not engaging users (policy & planning)
(results won't be used)

NSO working **alone**
(sector expertise required)

Working **without an inter-departmental coordination**
(joint agreement and commitment necessary)

Consultants creating **one-time outputs**
(no involvement = no capacity building)



Thank you