

Environment Statistics Self-Assessment Tool

In Support of the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES 2013)

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Introduction

- the Environment Statistics Self-Assessment Tool (ESSAT) was developed by UNSD in collaboration with the Expert Group on Environment Statistics in support of the FDES 2013.
- The purpose of the ESSAT is to assist countries in:
 - developing their environment statistics programmes;
 - collecting their own data on the environment; and
 - assessing the state of environment statistics and the needs for their development at the national level while being consistent with the scope of the FDES 2013.

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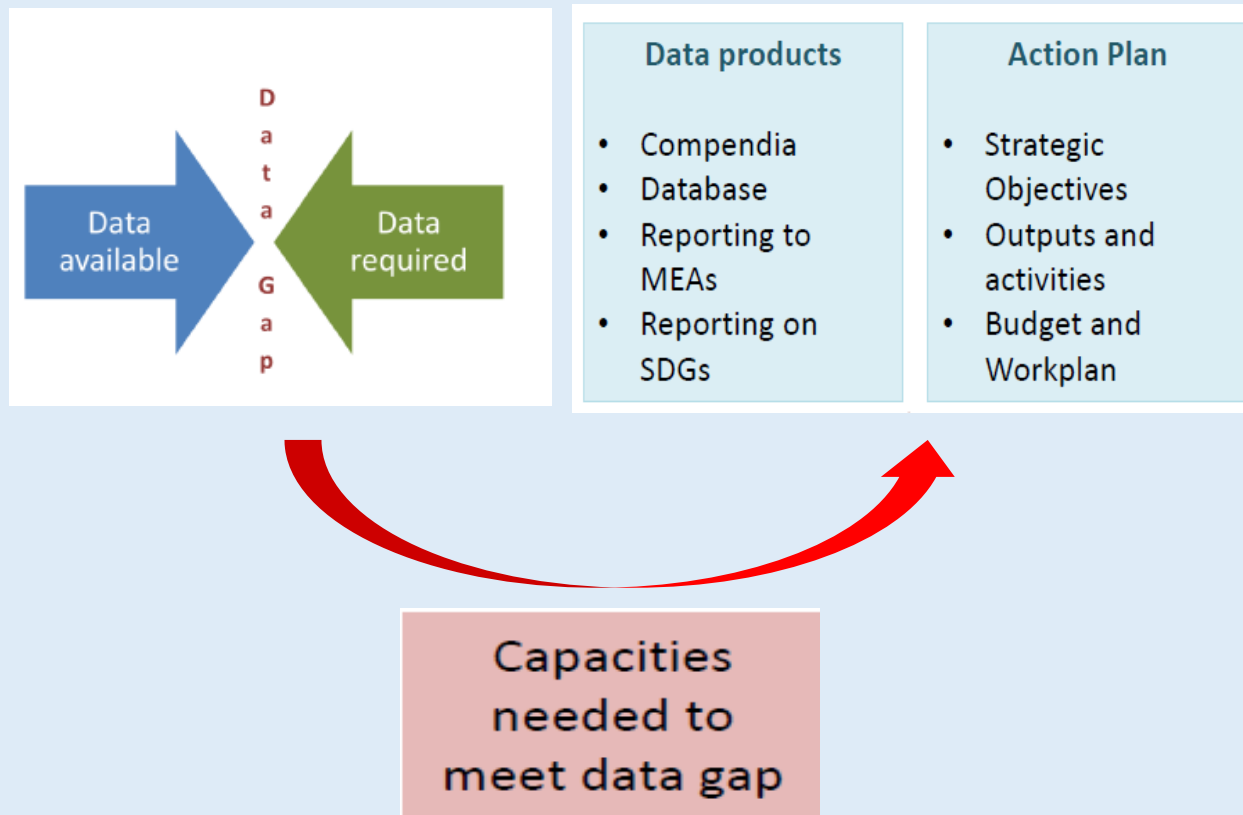


Countries that have already used the ESSAT

- It is a tool containing relevant information on environment statistics at the national level consistent with the scope of the FDES.
- It consists of an assessment and comparison of the Basic Set of Environment Statistics (458 statistics) contained in the FDES with, inter alia, available national environment statistics, environmental policy objectives and reporting requirements/user requests.

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Objective



- Which institutions are involved.
- What data is available.
- What data is needed (national environment plans and policies and M&E indicators). - Reporting for Multilateral Environment Agreements and SDGs.
- To identify the data gaps/additional data needed by comparing data availability with need.
- To identify the capacity to meet existing needs and fill data gaps.
- To prioritize data needed.

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Structure

Part I: Institutional Dimension of Environment Statistics

Focuses on the overall statistical organizational structure and on specific information regarding environment statistics in terms of organization, collaboration, resources, international cooperation, uses, etc.

Part II: Statistics Level Assessment

Goes in more detail and it captures information concerning the whole Basic Set of Environment Statistics, up to the individual environment statistics level.

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Part I: Institutional Dimension of Environment Statistics

- A. Identification of institutions
- B. Existing national policies relevant to the environment
- C. Mandate and organization of national statistics
- D. Mandate and organization of environment statistics
- E. Production of environment statistics
- F. Uses of environment statistics
- G. Inter-institution collaboration for the production of environment statistics
- H. Existing and required resources for environment statistics
- I. International and regional work
- J. Technical assistance and training
- K. The way forward in environment statistics

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Part II: Statistics Level Assessment

- It is a diagnostic tool, designed to allow nations to assess the status of their own Environment Statistics production/systems.
- The Self-Assessment Tool consists of a set of questions comparing the statistics in the Basic Set with available national environment statistics, environmental policy objectives and international reporting requirements
- These questionnaires are not intended for international statistic compilation.

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Part II: Statistics Level Assessment (continue)

<p>Statistics and Related Information</p>	<p>Category of Measurement</p>	<p>Potential Aggregations and Scales</p>	<p>Relevance of Statistic at the National Level (High /Medium /Low/Not Relevant/Not Applicable)</p>	<p>Priority for National Data Collection (High /Medium /Low/Not a Priority)</p>	<p>Availability of Statistic at the National Level (Identical/Similar/Not Available)</p>	<p>Primary Institution(s) Responsible for Collecting Statistic Check all that apply</p>	<p>Type of Data Source</p>	<p>Requirements or User Requests for Collection/ Reporting on this Statistic Check all that apply</p>	<p>Periodicity (Annual/Monthly/Daily/Hourly/Other [specify])</p>	<p>Earliest Year Available</p>	<p>Latest Year Available</p>	<p>Format of Statistic (Publication/Excel/Database/Website/Individual records)</p>	<p>Unit of Measurement</p>	<p>Main Reasons why Statistic is not Available Check all that apply</p>
<p>Bold Text - Core Set/Tier 1 Regular Text - Tier 2 <i>Italicized Text - Tier 3</i></p>			<p>NSO</p>	<p>Ministry of Environment or equivalent institution</p>	<p>Other (specify):</p>	<p>Sub-national</p>		<p>National</p>	<p>Regional</p>	<p>International</p>	<p>Resource constraints</p>	<p>Methodological/Technical difficulty in data collection</p>	<p>Insufficient quality</p>	<p>Inaccessibility</p>

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The Basic Set of Environment Statistics

The structure of the Basic Set of Environment Statistics follows the hierarchical structure of the FDES (in descending order: component, sub-component, statistical topic, statistic).

The Basic Set of Environment Statistics includes three tiers of statistics:

- Tier 1 (the Core Set of Environment Statistics, in **bold** font) is the basic minimum set of environment statistics which all countries, at any stage of development, are recommended to consider collecting.
- Tier 2 (regular font) includes environment statistics that countries are highly encouraged to have if the situations apply.
- Tier 3 (*italic* font) includes environment statistics which, while still important and widely applicable, require a more significant investment in time, resources or technological development.

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The Basic Set of Environment Statistics (continue)

Number of Statistics	Component 1	Component 2	Component 3	Component 4	Component 5	Component 6	Total
Tier 1	32	30	19	4	12	3	100
Tier 2	58	51	34	11	22	24	200
Tier 3	51	43	5	16	20	23	158
Total	141	124	58	31	54	50	458

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Filling of the ESSAT

Component 2: Environmental Resources and their Use																
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Sub-component 2.1: Mineral Resources																
Topic 2.1.1: Stocks and changes of mineral resources																
a. Mineral resources	1. Stocks of commercially recoverable resources	Mass, Volume	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By mineral (e.g., metal ores including precious metals and rare earths, coal, oil, gas, stone, sand and clay, chemical and fertilizer minerals, salt, gemstones, abrasive minerals, graphite, asphalt, natural solid bitumen, quartz, mica) National Sub-national 													
	2. New discoveries	Mass, Volume														
	3. Upward reappraisals	Mass, Volume														
	4. Upward reclassifications	Mass, Volume														
	5. Extraction	Mass, Volume														
	6. Catastrophic losses	Mass, Volume														
	7. Downward reappraisals	Mass, Volume														
	8. Downward reclassifications	Mass, Volume														
	9. Stocks of potentially commercially recoverable resources	Mass, Volume														
	10. Stocks of non-commercial and other known resources	Mass, Volume														

Methods:

1. Fill in individual cells directly. Drop-down menus can be used as appropriate.
2. Macros must be enabled in Microsoft Excel. Then one only needs to click on the cells containing the names of statistics within the component spreadsheets, and pop-ups will appear to help fill in the questionnaire.

Both methods can be used at the same time. An index is also available with hyperlinks within Excel which can be used to go directly to the FDES 2013 component, sub-component or topic of interest.

Thank you



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