

Let's see the latest achievements of MAIA towards the goal of promoting and mainstreaming ecosystem accounting!



Highlights

MAIA held a hybrid workshop on the SEEA
Ecosystem Accounting 2021 and the immediate
actions ahead



MAIA organised a workshop on Ecosystem accounting and SEEA EA 2021 on 29 March 2022 in Madrid, Spain. A hybrid format allowed for around 60 people to follow the workshop online and more than 35 MAIA members and stakeholders to attend on site.



The main focus of the workshop was for MAIA partners and the representatives from the various European institutions, such as the European Environment Agency(EEA), the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), the Spanish Statistical Office (INE) and the European Commission to review the current status of SEEA EA development and implementation.

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MAIA-funded study investigates the national blue carbon assessment in Spain



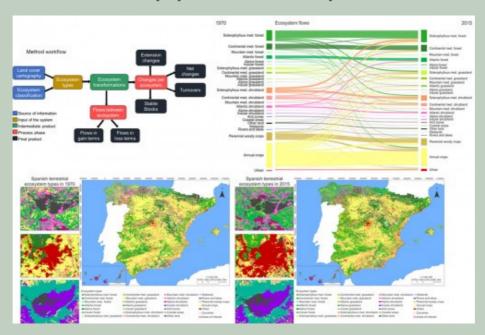
Photo - Study area: Spanish marine demarcations and Natura 2000 site distribution.

A new MAIAsupported article has been published in the Ecosystem Services journal. The research has been conducted by a team of leading European experts, amongst whom is the MAIA project partner Fernando Santos-Martin (Rey Juan Carlos University).

Being titled "National blue carbon assessment in Spain using InVEST: Current state and future perspectives" the paper investigates the highresolution spatial distribution studies of marine ecosystem services knowledge gaps, by applying the InVEST Blue Carbon model in five marine phanerogams in four marine demarcations in Spain.

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funded paper answers the question



A recently published paper, looks into how the ecosystem extent is changing by applying a national level accounting approach. The study is available in the Science of The Total Environment journal and has been conducted by a team of leading experts, amongst whom are the MAIA project partners Adrian Bruzon and Fernando Santos-Martin from the Rey Juan Carlos University in Madrid.

Based on the system of environmental economic accounting (SEEA) framework, the researchers have introduced a novel approach for the development of an ecosystem extent account, which includes an already existing ecosystem classifications.

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MAIA contributes to an INCASE-funded research paper: shifting the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration from aspiration to reality



The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration offers a vital opportunity to advance scaled-up, integrated approaches that reverse ecosystem degradation, biodiversity loss, and climate disruption and deterioration. As

such, the available in the Restoration Ecology journal paper Shifting the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration from aspiration to reality, provides essential ready to use natural capital approaches to engage with policymakers and stakeholders in a transparent way.

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Call for papers

Contribute to the implementation of ecosystem accounts

SEEA EA is a spatially-based, integrated statistical framework for organising biophysical information about ecosystems, measuring ecosystem services, tracking changes in ecosystem extent and condition, valuing ecosystem services and assets and linking this information to measures of economic and human activity.

Therein, the One Ecosystem journal provides a platform for scientists and statisticians to publish newly compiled accounting tables.



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The science of ecosystem services has come of age globally. The data revolution of the last decades has allowed many experts to measure, quantify, model, and map human-nature interactions, yet to use all this information to support public and private decision-making remains a challenge.

Against this background, the Ecosystem Services Partnership (ESP) is hosting for a fourth year in a row ESP Europe Regional conference, the goal of which is to highlight pathways for involving diverse societal groups in ecosystem services science, policy and practice.

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Second national workshops in June-July 2022

Each MAIA country will organise a national stakeholders workshop to draw lessons learnt from pilot accounting works during the project.



Final project conference in September 2022

The final MAIA project conference will take place in Brussels from 20 to 22 September 2022. During this conference, main outcomes of the project will be presented and discussed with the EU ecosystem accounting community.



