

WAVES country reporting

The Netherlands

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Publication Environmental accounts in the Netherlands 2011

- Physical flow accounts:
 - Energy; Water; Material flows; Waste; Air emissions; Water emissions
- Asset accounts:
 - Oil and gas reserves
- Environmental transactions / activities:
 - Environmental taxes;
 - CO₂ emission permits;
 - Environmental expenditure;
 - The environmental goods and service sector (EGSS);
 - Environmental subsidies (under development)



New developments

1. National Monitor for material flows
 - *indicators for resource efficiency, import dependency etc.*
2. Economic Radar of the Sustainable Energy Sector in the Netherlands
 - Green jobs, economic opportunities, energy transition
3. Indicators for green growth (update 2013)
4. National Water balance and water quality accounts



Ecosystem Accounting in the Netherlands

Policy makers: gradual increase of interest

- EU Biodiversity strategy:
 - *“Member States assess the state of ecosystems and their services in their national territory by 2014*
 - *assess the economic value of such services, and promote the integration of these values into accounting and reporting systems at EU and national level by 2020”*
- National ecosystem assessment (Ministry of infrastructure and environment)
- TEEB Netherlands
- Ministry of Economic affairs aims to develop an indicator to capture ES as % of GDP
- Wageningen University (WUR) is doing research on a provincial level (Ecospace EU grant)
- Statistics Netherlands
 - Currently no active program in ES, but follow developments
 - Potentially develop a joint program (policy makers, research institutes, NSI)