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# The Development of Land Cover Accounts and Environmental Indicators for the Coastal Zone of Europe: Final Report

## Part 1: Introduction

### 1.1 Background and Context for Study

The need to develop and apply systems of environmental accounting has been widely recognised by the international community. In the 1990s for example, *Agenda 21* highlighted the need for reform of national systems of economic accounting to ensure that the environmental impacts of economic activity are to be expressed clearly. As a result subsequent work has sought to develop different ways of 'taking the environment into account'.

A key stimulus to recent work has been that of the 'London Group' of the United Nations Statistical Division<sup>1</sup>, which aims to provide an annual forum for leading countries and international organisations to exchange practical and conceptual expertise with respect to the development of environmental accounts linked to the System of National Accounts. Their goal is to play a leading role in defining international standards in the theory and practice of environmental accounting.

Reviews of approaches provided by the London Group and others broadly leads to the definition of environmental accounting as any method that records changes, directly or indirectly, in the quantity or quality of the environment where change is expressed in monetary or physical units. Thus two broad approaches can be recognised:

- Monetary Environmental Accounting (MEA), in which changes in the status of environmental assets or resources are given monetary value.
- Physical Environmental Accounting (PEA), in which changes in the status of environmental assets or resources are expressed in appropriate physical units, rather than in non-monetary terms.

This study focuses on one type of PEA, namely *Land and Ecosystems Accounts*<sup>2</sup> (LEAC). These accounts deal with changes in land cover and land use and seek to trace the wider implications environmental, social and economic implications of these transformations.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/environment/londongroup.htm>

<sup>2</sup> SEEA 2000, draft version, Chapter IX, section C, *London Group website and CBS of the Netherlands, papers of the London Group meeting, Voorburg, 7-11 May 2001* and Emission Structure Information System : Physical Accounts for Land cover /Land use and related Changes in Artificiality of Land and Biodiversity" report for Eurostat by IFEN with contributions from StBA of Germany and the University of Nottingham, 1997.

The methodology underlying PEA has been developed in a consistent way since mid-90's, as the result of a pilot study sponsored by the UNECE and published by IFEN<sup>3</sup> in 1995. The results were presented, the following year, with 3 communications at the IARIW Special Conference on *Environment accounting in theory and practice* in Tokyo<sup>4</sup>.

The research continued in the context of a task force at Eurostat with a set of 3 case studies in France, UK and Germany<sup>5</sup>. These were designed to assess:

- the possibility of building up accounts on CORINE Land Cover (an assessment in Franche-Comté, France);
- the benefits for reporting in an accounting framework an the stratification of land requested (from the Countryside Survey, UK);
- the linkages of land accounts and sectors (Germany)

As a result of such work, the Eurostat working group<sup>6</sup> argued that “... *land accounting techniques, with linkages to both human activities and natural processes, can be regarded as a useful tool for responding to a number of issues set out by policy objectives*”. It was suggested that these included:

- Biodiversity and habitats
- Intensity of land use
- Urbanisation and, in general, changes in land use
- Linear features
- Spatial fragmentation and contiguity
- Soil sealing
- Tranquillity and resilience of ecosystems
- Possibly net primary production and climate change

Initial research on LEAC has led on to the drafting of the Section C (Land and ecosystem accounts) in Chapter VII (Specific resource accounts) of the new SEEA (System of Environmental and Economic Accounting, SEEA 2000, draft version)<sup>7</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> Physical Environmental Accounting : Land Use/ Land Cover, Nutrients and the Environment, UN-Economic Commission for Europe, *Etudes et Travaux n°4*, IFEN, Orléans, France, 1995.

<sup>4</sup> Jonathan Parker, Anton Steurer, Ronan Uhel and Jean-Louis Weber, A general model for land cover and land use accounting (Drafted from the report of the UN-ECE Task Force on Physical Environmental Accounting), Invited paper, IARIW Special Conference on « Environmental Accounting in Theory and Practice », Tokyo, March 5-8, 1996; Andrew Stott, Roy Haines-Young, Linking Land Cover, Intensity of Use and Botanical Diversity in an Accounting framework in the UK, Invited Paper, IARIW Special Conference...; Walter Radermacher, Land Use Accounting - Pressure Indicators for Economic Activities, Invited Paper, IARIW Special Conference...

<sup>5</sup> Jean-Louis Weber (French Institute of Environment, IFEN), Philippe Cour & François-Pierre Tourneux (Unisfere-Besançon, France), Roy Haines-Young (University of Nottingham, UK), Elle Krack-Roberg & Dieter Schäfer, (Federal Statistical Office of Germany, StBA), Emission Structure Information System : Physical Accounts for Land cover /Land use and related Changes in Artificiality of Land and Biodiversity, Final Report of the Contract n°B4-3040/96/021, Eurostat, 1997

<sup>6</sup> Land Accounting - Proposals for a Work programme, A preliminary report by Eurostat B1 for the joint meeting of the Environmental Statistics Working Group and the Environmental Accounts Working Party, 9-11 September 1998

<sup>7</sup> SEEA, System of Environmental and Economic Accounts, rev. 2000, Chapter 8, Section F Land and Ecosystems Accounts, §8.336 to §8.399 – Draft prepared by the London Group on Environmental Accounting and submitted to the UN Statistical Commission in March 2001 – forthcoming publication by UN.

Despite such progress, while the usefulness of the overall approach to LEAC has been established, further empirical applications of the techniques is required to demonstrate the value of Europe-wide applications. When the Topic Centre on Terrestrial Environment of the EEA was created end of 2001, EUROSTAT proposed to test the draft "LEAC" methodology, in view of its possible implementation with CORINE land cover data and European statistics. Two case studies were agreed upon for two areas where CLC data on change were available: the European coast (LACOAST project of the JRC, 1975-1990) and 4 countries of Central Europe (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania) which have made an assessment of CLC for 1975 for the EEA, and also have available the PHARE inventory of 1995.

This Report describes the LEAC approach can be useful in the context of understanding land use and land cover changes going on in the coastal zones of Europe. Some adjustments to these methodologies will be considered when the findings of the "4 countries" will be published in June 2003.

## **1.2 Justification and contribution of the project**

The justification for this project lies in the potential contribution of environmental accounts to tasks such as preparing 'state of the environment reports', and the development and appraisal of environmental policy. In general terms, the main purpose of preparing accounts is to draw up a 'balance sheet' for a set of environmental resources that shows both their current stock and how these stocks are changing over time. The analysis of these temporal changes is, however, particularly significant because accounts seek go beyond the simple plotting of the stocks of resources over time in a simple graphical manner to look at the processes that transform those resources. Thus the construction of 'flow accounts' is particularly significant in this context.

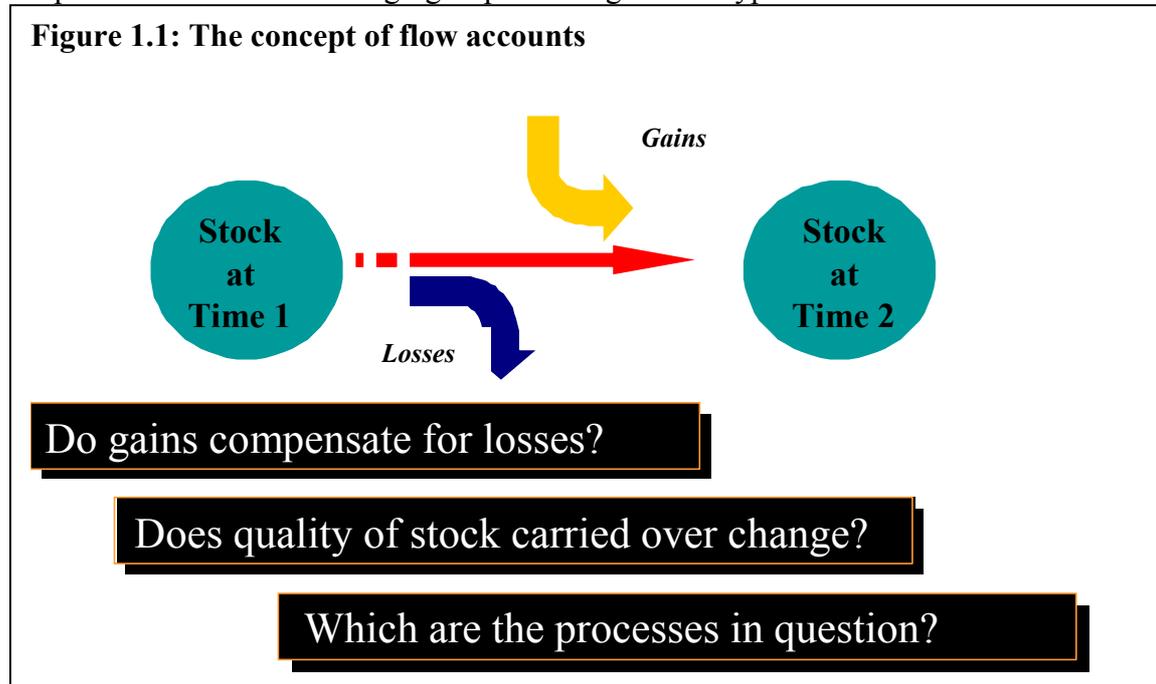
The idea of a flow account, as they might be applied to problem of understanding land cover change is illustrated in Figure 1.1. If the stocks (area) of a given land cover resource, such as woodland, are tracked over time, the change observed is determined by the balance of gains and losses to the initial stock. While in some contexts, an analysis of the net change in area of woodland may be important, it is clearly just as important to understand how the stock 'turns over', because the flux of land into and out of this land cover category may also affect the quality of the woodland resource that is carried forward over time. In terms of making a judgement about the sustainability of the net woodland change, for example, the quality of the woodland resource at the end of the accounting period would only be maintained if the new woodland gained compensated in some way for the woodlands lost.

Looked at in this way, flow accounts in particular provide a powerful set of tools for both monitoring environmental resources, and for evaluating different policy options. They can, for example, provide a systematic basis for the development of indicators of change. In the context of illustration provided by Figure 1.1, for example, the

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proportion of the initial stock carried over from time 1 to time 2 could serve as a potential sustainable development indicator. In addition, by expressing the flows into and out of the different resource categories in a clear and consistent and comprehensive way, targets for future resource levels can be identified, together with the potential costs of encouraging or preventing certain types of transformation.

**Figure 1.1: The concept of flow accounts**



The application of environmental accounting techniques is particularly appropriate in the context of the coastal zones of Europe, which are dynamic but vulnerable environments. The major issues associated with such areas have recently been highlighted in the recommendations Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) of the European Parliament<sup>8</sup>, which notes a continuing degradation of conditions in the coastal zones of Europe both in terms of the coasts themselves and the quality of coastal water, despite the great economic, social, cultural and environmental importance of such areas.

The key biophysical problems associated with this zone are<sup>9</sup>:

- widespread coastal erosion, often exacerbated by inappropriate human infrastructure and development too close to the shoreline
- habitat destruction, as a result of poorly planned building and land development, or sea exploitation;
- loss of biodiversity, including decline of coastal and offshore fish stocks as a result of damage to coastal spawning grounds
- contamination of soil and water resources, as pollution from marine or on-land sources, including landfills, migrates to the coastline

<sup>8</sup> Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2002, concerning the implementation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management in Europe (2002/413/EC)

<sup>9</sup> Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on Integrated Coastal Zone Management: A Strategy for Europe. Brussels, 27.09.2000 COM(2000) 547 final

- problems of water quality and quantity as demand exceeds supply or wastewater treatment capacity.

Which in turn have led a range of social and economic difficulties, including:

- unemployment and social instability resulting from the decline of traditional or environmentally-compatible sectors, such as small scale coastal fisheries;
- competition between users for resources;
- destruction of cultural heritage and dilution of the social fabric following uncontrolled development (especially of tourism);
- loss of property and development options, as the coast erodes;
- lost opportunities for durable employment, as resources are degraded;
- marginalization and emigration, compounded by a lack of appropriate infrastructure, including year-round communications and transport networks.

The need to understand patterns of land use and land cover change are recognised in the Recommendations as being essential elements of future strategies designed to overcome the problems of the coastal zones, which must, according to the recommendations of the European parliament, also include *'adequate systems for monitoring and disseminating information to the public about their coastal zone.'* It is suggested, that these systems *'should collect and provide information in appropriate and compatible formats to decision makers at national, regional and local levels to facilitate integrated management'*. **This project therefore represents one step towards the creation of the information base that is required for the future managements of these areas.**

### 1.3 Terms of reference and Aims

Given the background to this study outlined above the aims of the work are as follows:

- To produce a set of environmental indicators based on CORINE Land Cover data using the concept of land cover accounting as a decision making and integrating framework for the coastal zone
- To investigate the feasibility of producing more general land cover account at the European scale
- To raise general awareness of land cover accounts concept as a framework for indicator development.

In evaluating the contribution of this study to the general development of LEAC, the outputs should be considered alongside those of a parallel study of forested landscapes in the Czech Republic, also funded by the present contract, which uses similar concepts, data and analytical methods to address a different set of environmental issues.

The structure of this report is as follows. In Part 2, the concepts underlying the construction of LEAC are described in detail. The data sources used by the study are described in Part 3. The analytical methods used to create the accounts presented here are summarised in Part 4, and the results provided in Parts 5 and 6. The outputs from this study and the implications of this project for subsequent work are considered in Parts 7 and 8.

## Part 2: Concepts

### 2.1 Introduction

In this section of the report the methodologies underlying the development of LEAC as they may be applied to the coastal zone are described in detail. The different types of account and the relationships between them are described. The issues surrounding the classification methods used to characterise land cover and land use, and the processes that cause them to change over time are then considered. Finally the extent to which the different types of accounts can be disaggregated spatially to produce a set of 'zonal' accounts is considered.

### 2.2 Types of Account

#### *2.2.1 Stock and change accounts for land cover and land use*

For a given region or country there is a finite stock of land<sup>10</sup>, the characteristics of which are determined by physical and ecological factors such as relief, geology, climate, vegetation and soils, together with a range of cultural and economic factors associated with the human use of those areas. However, the character of the land resource is not fixed, for with long term environment change, and changing patterns of human development, the character of the land resource can be transformed over time. **Stock accounts** are one way of describing what types of land resources exist, and what kinds of changes occur over time.

In order to understand some of the key issues underlying the construction of stock accounts for land, it is important to make a distinction between **land cover**, which is a description of the physical or ecological state of a given parcel of land, and **land use**, which is determined more by the human activities that the land supports, or its wider cultural or historic value. The distinction is important to make, for it is clear that in describing land resources, there is no simple relationship between cover and use. Thus

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<sup>10</sup> *Locally or other long periods of time, this is not absolutely true and the LEAC will have to reflect these changes. Exceptions are of limited natural phenomena such as consequences of volcanic and seismic events. Coastal erosion and progradation or the creation of polders, some harbour or airport infrastructure or marinas reduce or expand land available for human use. The sea level rise predicted as a consequence of the climate change will generate a net loss of land in low islands and coastal zones. However, these changes have no consequences on the totals as long as "coastal water" is a class of CLC. This point should be discussed further when the results of the new CORINE coastal erosion will become available, as well as an "official" coastline of Europe.*

a single cover type, such as woodland, may have a number of uses. In one area, for example that woodland may have an economic use through forestry. In another, it may have a recreational use. Conversely, a particular type of land use may involve many different cover types. 'Agriculture', is for example, a specific type of land use that may include a range of different cover types. The complexity of the relationship between land cover and land use is increased further in those situations where a single cover type can have **multiple** uses. The analysis of **multifunctional land use or landscapes, and the compatibility and conflicts between different types of land uses**, has emerged as an important issue within the EU, and it is one that can clearly be addressed by the development of land accounting techniques.

Various schemes have been devised to classify different types of land cover and land use. We may therefore exploit and use them to construct a set of related land cover and use accounts, which ultimately map out how they change over time. A particularly valuable hierarchical classification scheme for land cover is the one devised for CORINE, which was developed as a result of the EU's need to provide up to date information on land cover at scale 1:100.000 for the whole Europe. The classification scheme at its more detailed level includes 44 categories of land cover based on a standard European nomenclature (level 3). These can be aggregated into 15, more general groups at level 2, or just five large groups at level 1, namely artificial surfaces, agricultural areas, forest and semi-natural areas, wetlands, water bodies.

In respect of land use, other classification schemes exist, including the Standard Statistical Classification of land use published by the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE). Such classifications are often problematic in that they often mix cover and use categories, and as a result they are often difficult to apply. For this project, a purpose-built classification of use was constructed, the details of which will be given below.

A conceptual schema showing how stock and change accounts for land cover and use can be constructed is shown in Figure 2.1. A matrix (Figure 2.1a) can, for example, be used to show how the stock of land in each cover category changes over time. Such a device is particularly useful, because it records the transfers between categories as well as the overall change a given stock category exhibits over the 'accounting period'. Traditionally, such a change matrix has been used to present data on cover change from the analysis of satellite imagery or field survey data. Key features to note about the matrix are that the diagonal shows the proportion of each stock category that is stable over the monitoring period, while the row and column totals show the total initial and final stocks for each category.

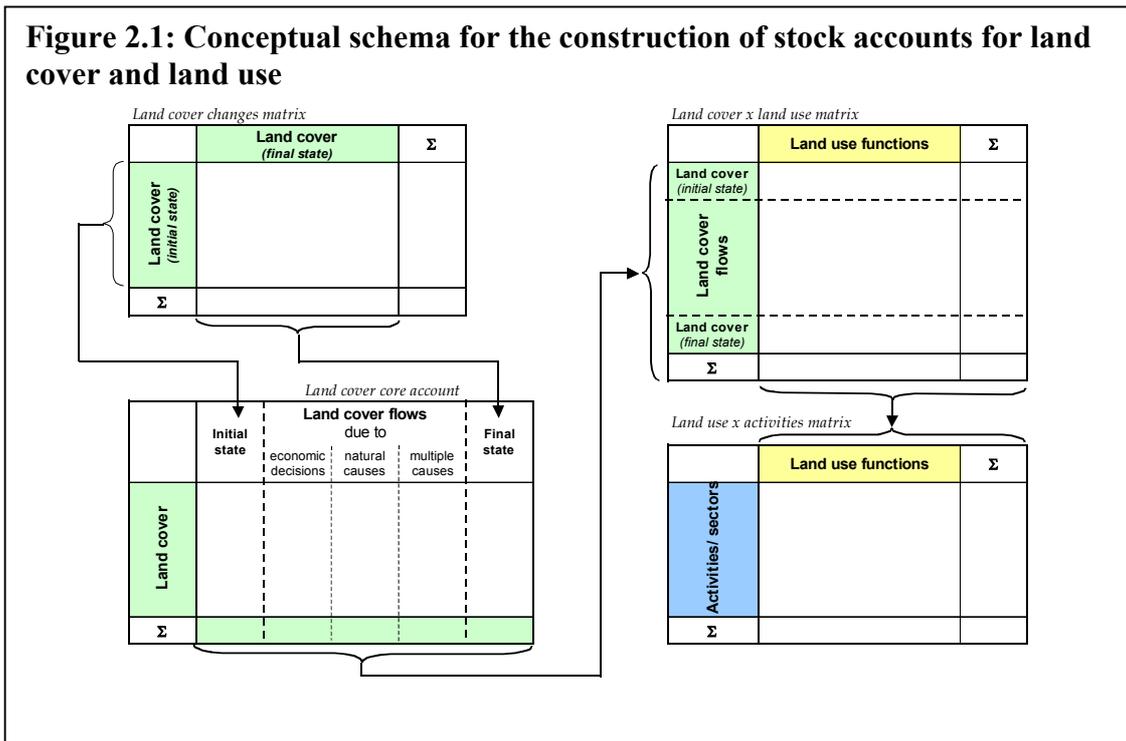
These transformations expressed in the change matrix can be presented more clearly by constructing the table shown in Figure 2.1 (down, left), which shows for each cover type the opening and closing balance, and the magnitude of the gains and losses due to various natural and economic factors. Such a Table is known as a **flow account**<sup>11</sup>. In the Table the (+) and the (-) values are explicit for each land cover, so that the final stock will equal the initial stock plus the algebraic sum of the flows into

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<sup>11</sup> Also known as a 'screen account' in traditional accounting practice

and out of that category. The ability to classify and represent these different types of transformation is a particular advantage of this kind of table over the simple matrix approach shown in Figure 2.1 (up, left).

In order to trace some of the implications of the changes in stock shown in a table such as that shown in Figure 2.1(down, left), a further matrix can be constructed, showing the multiple relationships between land cover and land use (Figure 2.1, up, right). Such a matrix is particularly useful, because it represents the first step in relating land cover and use change to the various economic activity areas that are often a key aspect of any long term policy strategy.



In the schema shown in Figure 2.1, the flow account has a particularly important role to play. Figure 2.2 shows an example of a real account constructed using data from the UK's Countryside Survey. In this account, the flows or types of change are classified into such processes as 'woodland creation', 'agricultural intensification', and 'development'. More generally, for the SEEA it has been accepted that the main flows that should be distinguished are “changes due to economic decisions”, “changes due to natural causes” and “changes due to multiple causes”. This approach has been applied here. As will be described below, it was implemented by classifying the flows represented by the 44x44 CLC (level 3) land cover change matrix. The detail of the method will be described below.

The classification of flows devised was based on a compromise between the types of information required to make an informed environmental assessment and what can be extracted most reliably from CLC data. When the flows are broken down by land cover class, they can have either a negative or positive value. In the first case, the flow is regarded as a *consumption of land cover* (or simply of cover), resulting from the given flow. In the second case, the flow is a *formation of land cover* (of cover). For each flow, the magnitude of the 'consumptions' and 'formations' of cover are equal.

## 2.2.2 Basic and Supplementary Accounts

The flow account described above represents what can be thought of a 'basic account'. In the original UNECE and EUROSTAT work that led to development of the accounting concept, a distinction was made between such accounts and those

**Figure 2.2: An example flow account derived from the UK Countryside Survey**

**Land cover account, Great Britain 1990 to 1998**

Thousand hectares

	Types of changes in stock										1998 Stock	
	1990 Stock	Woodland creation	Woodland rotation	Agricultural intensification	Agricultural rotation	Semi-natural creation	Semi-natural rotation	Water body creation	Development	Developed land recycling		Loss to unknown
Broadleaved and mixed woodland	1 371.2	132,4	13,5	-22,2		-42,1		-0,8	-12,9		-0,4	1 438,7
Coniferous woodland	1 369,3	67,2	-13,5	-9		-48,3		-0,6	-5		0	1 360,2
Woodland sub-total	2 740,5	211,6	0	-31,2		-90,4		-1,4	-17,8		-0,4	2 798,9
Arable and horticultural	5 246,1	-28,8		59,2	118,2	-41,4		-1	-19,3		-0,2	5 332,9
Improved grassland	5 538,6	-34,1		341	-118	-232		-0,5	-53,9		-5,3	5 435,5
Intensive agriculture sub-total	10 784,7	-62,8		400,2	0	-273		-1,5	-73,2		-5,5	10 768,4
Neutral grassland	569,5	-24,4		-154		238,9	-18,2	-0,5	-33,2		-0,1	578,3
Calcareous grassland	81,4	-1,1		-13,3		3,7	-3,8	0	-0,2		0	66,7
Acid grassland	1 470,9	-24		-134		43,3	-34,7	0	-4,6		-0,7	1 316,5
Bracken	456,9	-21,8		-8,7		20,4	38,9	0	-0,5		0	485,1
Dwarf shrub heath	1 487,1	-24,5		-1,2		13,1	-41,4	0	-3,3		0	1 429,7
Fen, marsh, and swamp	456,4	-6,1		-25,1		61	71,3	-0,7	-1,2		-0,6	554,9
Bog	2 297,3	-17,9		-0,7		10,5	-10,1	-0,3	-0,2		-0,1	2 278,5
Montane	49,8	0		0		0	0	0	0		0	49,8
Coastal habitats	274,1	-0,3		-0,8		2,6	-2	-0,3	0		0	273,3
Semi-natural sub-total	7 143,3	-120,1		-337		393,5	0	-1,8	-43,2		-1,5	7 032,9
Standing open water and canals	208,4	-0,2		-1		-0,9		5,2	-1,2		0	210,3
Rivers and streams	66,7	-0,2		-0,1		-1,4		0,3	-0,1		0	65,2
Water bodies sub-total	275,1	-0,4		-1,1		-2,3		5,5	-1,2		-0,1	275,5
Inland rock	53,6	-0,6		-2,2		-7,6		0	13,2	3,8	0	60,2
Built up areas and gardens	1 230,4	-14,2		-12,3		-9,4		-0,7	100,4	-2,1	-1,2	1 291,0
Boundary and linear features	495	-1		-14,5		-7,8		-0,1	21,9	-1,7	-0,1	491,7
Developed sub-total	1 779,0	-15,9		-28,9		-24,8		-0,8	135,5	0	-1,3	1 842,9
Sea	298,5	0		0		-0,7		0	0		0	297,8
Unknown	73,9	-0,3		-1,8		-2		0	0		8,8	78,6
Unsurveyed urban land	463											463
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 557,9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23 558,0</b>

Source: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Areas which are more than 75% built up were not covered by the survey.

constructed for more specific purposes, say, to describe a particular theme or issue. These accounts are known as 'supplementary' or 'targeted' accounts. In many cases such accounts are derived from these basic types of account, and present a more detailed view of the data.

One such type of supplementary account is those used to give a **geographical** or **zonal** breakdown of the data. These accounts are particularly useful in the context of land cover and land use policy, because they allow us to see what geographical contrasts and differences occur between different regions and environments. More importantly they can show how a global indicator is expressed spatially.

Ideally, the zonal breakdowns used should be specific to the phenomenon under study. However, when we examine cross cutting issues and/or interactions, it is useful to find some commonalities, including some common geographical pattern.

Pre-existing units such as administrative units, river basins or other types of geographical breakdowns can be used. A classification of potential Land Analytical and Reporting Units (LARU's) is shown in Table 2.1. Other approaches that are available include analysing the territory with a regular grid to which are associated attributes related to physical geography, vegetation and ecosystems and by human

**Table 2.1 Nomenclature for Land Analytical and Reporting Units**

***A - Analytical Units***

- Administrative Units
- Geographic Regions
- Geo-physical regions (River basins (small), Mountains areas (small...))
- Ecological regions (e.g. DMEER, Potential vegetation...)
- Other
- Land Analytical Units
- Geometric Units
- Grids
- Buffers

***B - Reporting Units***

- Administrative Regions, Countries
- Geographic Regions (e.g. River basins (large), Sea catchments, Mountain areas...)
- Bio-Geographic zones
- Geographic Sectors (grouping of LAU or Geometric Units according to proximity or to Landscape Types)

activities. Multi-criteria analysis can be used, to define a set of zones according to the combination of a specific set of characteristics (Figure 2.3).

Other types of targeted or supplementary accounts include those which seek to place a monetary or relative value on the resources or types of change within the flow account. Such accounts many for example, provide an important opportunity for the future in terms of showing how the value of various ecosystem goods and services are affected by different types of lands cover change. Targeted accounts derived from the basic data flow data can also be used to construct various other economic, social and environmental indicators, by linking the flow data to information about demographic change or ecological characteristics of the land cover units, such as biodiversity.

In this study the major type of supplementary account considered was that required to give a geographical breakdown of the data. The zonal units used to give this geographical breakdown are described below. Ultimately the aim is to develop such accounts to give a more detailed view of the important changes occurring in the coastal zone by the creation of an additional set of targeted accounts for themes such

as forestry and tourism. A provisional account for tourism is presented in this study. An overview of the relationship between the different types of basic and supplementary accounts is shown in Figure 2.4.

Figure 2.3: Methodology for the creation of spatial analytical units

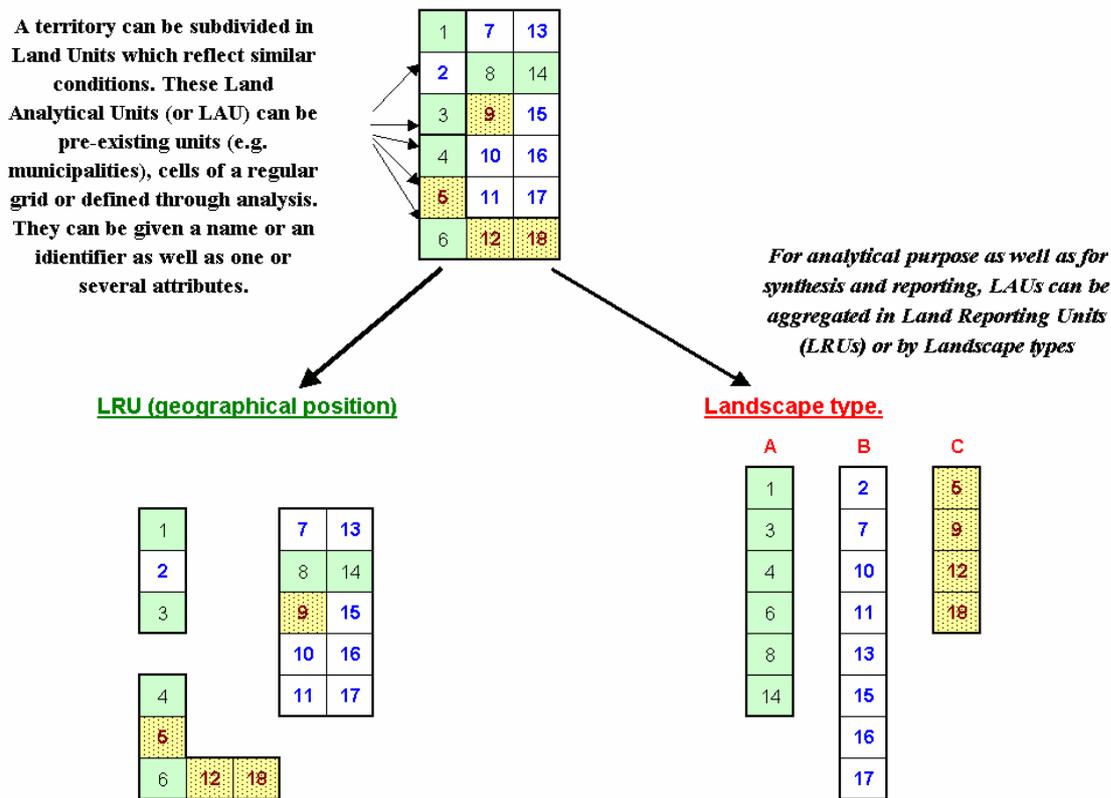
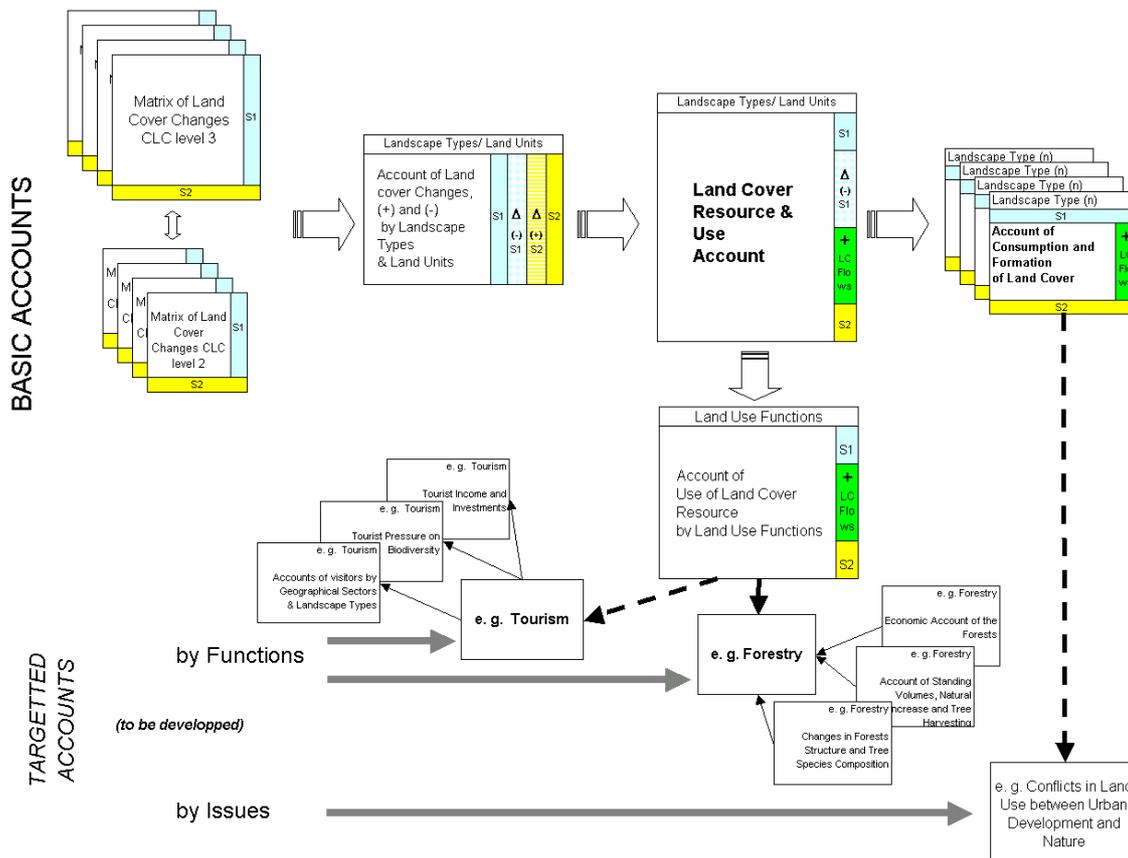


Figure 2.4: The relationship between basic and targeted accounts.



**Table 2.1 CORINE Land Cover Aggregated Nomenclature (Level 1 bis)**

1	Artificial surfaces
2.1+2.2	Arable Land & Permanent Crops
2.3+2.4	Pastures & Heterogeneous agricultural areas
3.1	Forests
3.2+3.2	Shrub and other semi-natural land
4	Wetlands
5	Water bodies

### 2.2.3 Main tables of the basic land accounts

- **Matrix of land cover changes**

This square matrix describes for each land cover type the changes between an initial situation (initial stock of land cover) and a final situation. When no change happens, the values are recorded in the diagonal. The difference between the final and the initial situation is the Net Change of land cover.

The detail of the matrix depends on the database and on the information that is requested. Three complementary options are proposed, starting from CLC: a detailed matrix based on CLC level 3 (44 classes), a semi-detailed matrix based on CLC level 2 (15 classes) and an aggregated matrix based on CLC level 1 supplemented by some details (7 classes) (Table 2.1).

- **Account of Land Cover Changes**

This account is compiled by zones, regions or by landscape types. For one given land cover class, the changes are summarized in (+) and (-) values. Therefore, the final stock is defined by:

$$\text{Initial stock} + \text{algebraic sum of Changes} = \text{Final stock}$$

- **Account of Formation of Land Cover**

This account presents, by zones, regions or by landscape types, the balance between the *Formation of land cover* which has led to the present situation and the *Consumption of land cover* from the past situation. The flows of Formation of cover and Consumption of cover are detailed according to the nomenclature of land cover flows (see the level one of the Nomenclature of the Land Cover Flows used in the LEAC project for coasts, Table 2.2).

In the account, each individual flow of consumption is balanced by a flow of formation of cover. For each Land cover class, the difference between Formation and Consumption is called “Net formation of cover”. It can be positive or negative. The equation of the account is:

$$\text{Formation} - \text{Consumption} = \text{Net Formation of land cover}$$

When the stocks of land cover are introduced, the equation is

$$\text{Initial stock} + \text{Formation} = \text{Consumption} + \text{Final stock}$$

Or

$$\text{Initial stock} + \text{Net Formation of land cover} = \text{Final stock}$$

**Table 2.2: Nomenclature of Land Cover Flows used (Level 1)**

LCF1	Urban land management
LCF2	Urban sprawl
LCF3	Extension of economic sites and infrastructures
LCF4	Agricultural rotation and intensification
LCF5	Conversion of land to agriculture
LCF6	Forests creation and management
LCF7	Water body creation and management
LCF8	Changes of land cover due to natural and multiple causes

Accounting separately for the consumption and the formation has the advantage of presenting a total of flows which is identical, whatever the level of aggregation of land cover classes. This is different from the conventional matrixes of land cover change in which the aggregation leads to the consolidation of changes. This point and possible solutions are discussed in Part 7 of this Report.

The balance of the Formation of Land Cover Account, i.e. the Net Formation of Cover is computed from flows when Net Changes are computed from the Matrix of changes as the difference of two stocks. At the most detailed level, the two results are strictly equal. When the two are compiled with an aggregated Nomenclature, an additional element has to be introduced to reflect the fact that the total of Formation or Consumption remains identical when the Changes vary due to the aggregation that “hides” internal flows in the diagonal of the matrix. These “hidden changes” have to be added to the result of the comparison of the two stocks. The equation is therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Final Stock of cover} - \text{Initial Stock of cover} &= \text{Net Change (at a given scale)} \\ &= \text{Net formation of cover} - \text{“hidden changes” (at a given scale)} \end{aligned}$$

The Formation of Cover Account can usefully be compiled by zones, region or landscape type.

- ***Land cover Resource and Use account***

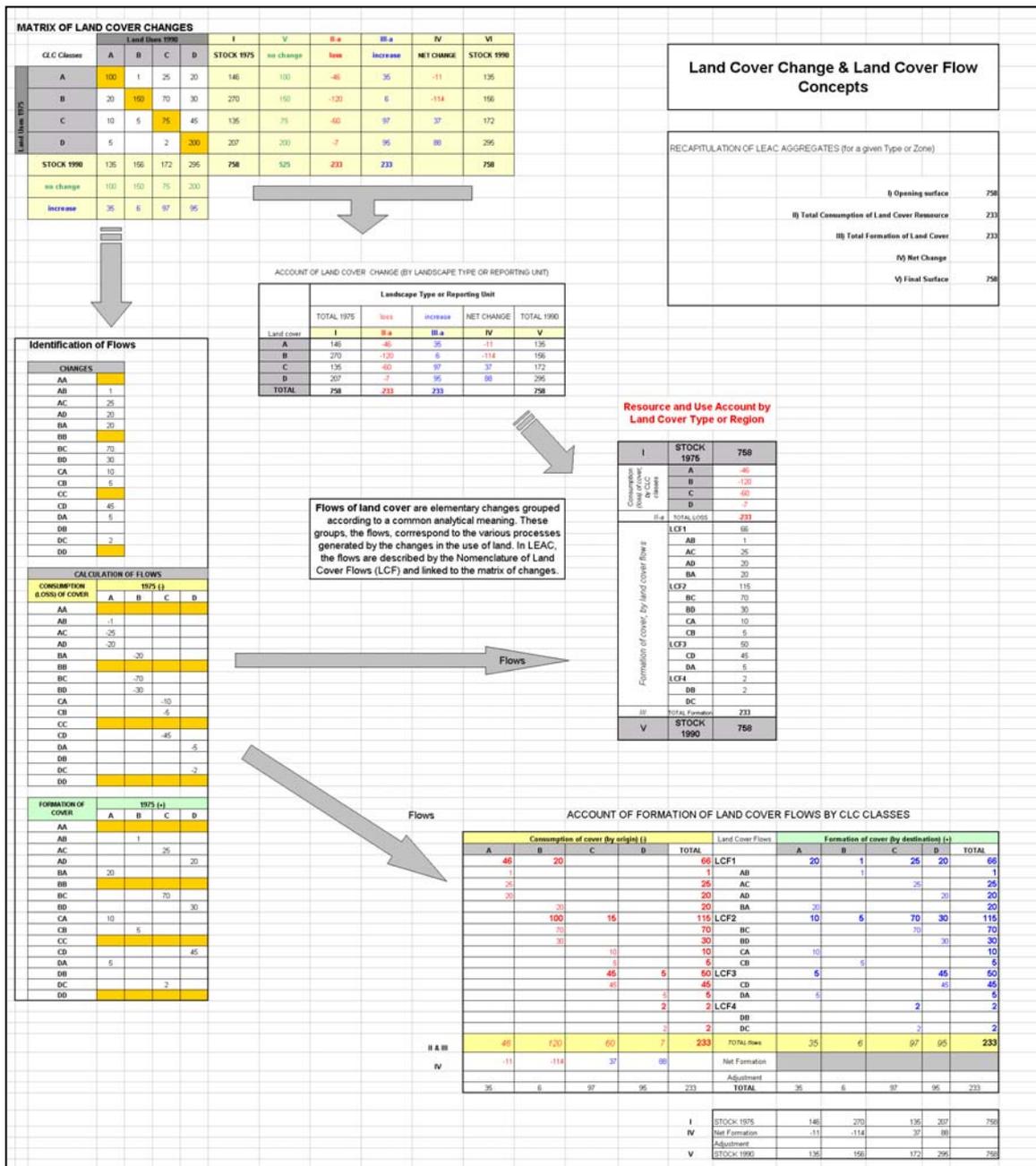
This account aims at presenting a synthesis of stocks, changes (losses by Land Cover Classes) and Formation of cover by zones, regions or by landscape types, as the previous one. This presentation avoids redundancies (i.e. Formation and Consumption accounted with the same value, once + and once). The equation of the account is:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Initial stock} - \text{Loss of land cover (by CLC class)} \\ &+ \text{Formation of land cover (by flows type)} = \text{Final stock} \end{aligned}$$

In most cases, the initial and final stocks are equal, however they may differ in the cases mentioned in 2.2.1 footnote 10.

The concepts of land cover change and land cover flows as well as the relation between the basic accounts are explained with the following scheme with hypothetical numbers (Figure 2.5)

Figure 2.5: Land Cover Change & Land Cover Flow Concepts



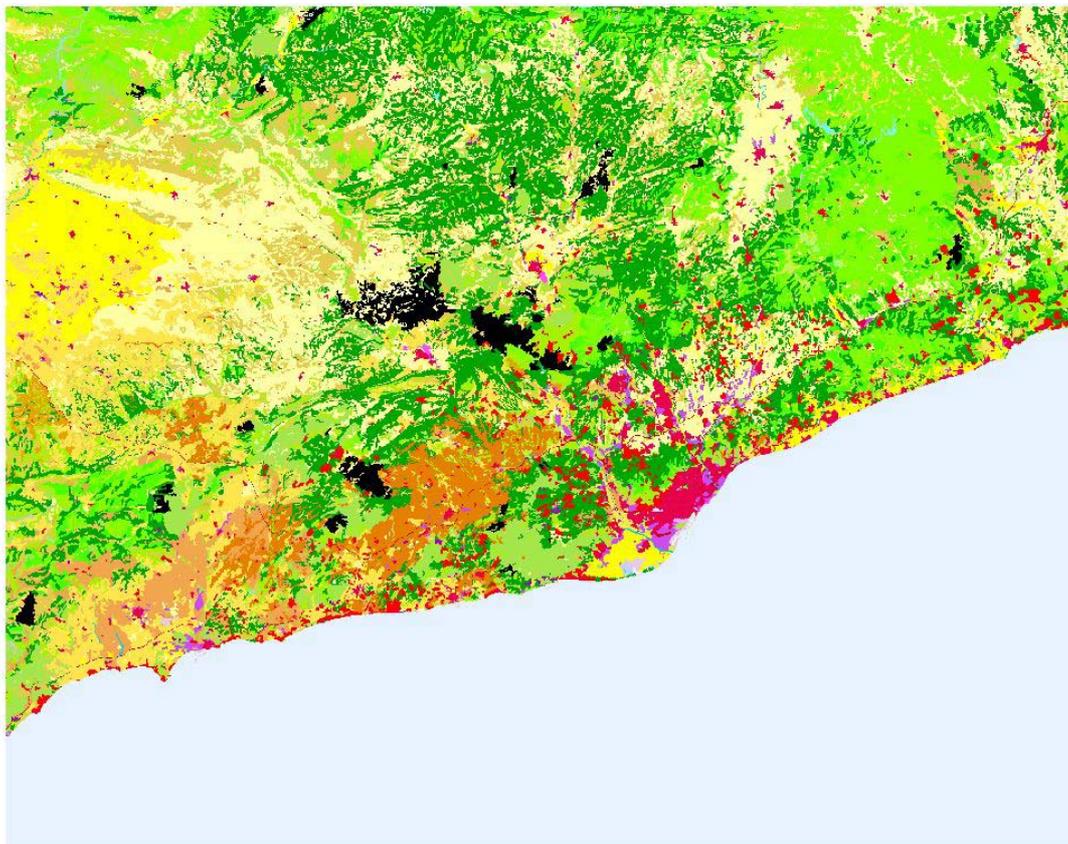
## Part 3: Data Resources

### 3.1 CORINE Land Cover (1975 and 1990, and potential 2000)

CORINE Land Cover (CLC) is a geographic land cover/land use database encompassing most of the countries of the European Community<sup>12</sup>. It provides consistent land cover mapping at a scale of 1:100 000, with a minimum mapping unit of 25 ha. The information was derived from the visual interpretation of satellite imagery, although more recently automated classification methods are being applied to the analysis of these data<sup>13</sup>. The database classifies land cover hierarchically, using at the most detailed level (level 3) 44 standard classes (See Annex). More general representations of these data can be given using the 15-class aggregations at level 2, and 7 classes at level 1. An example of CLC mapping for an area in Catalonia is shown in Figure 3.1.

Currently the database is being updated every 10 years. The present revision cycle will provide a snapshot of land cover/use for the year 2000. The first Europe-wide assessment was made in 1990, although a CLC analysis has been made using 1975

**Figure 3.1: Example of CLC mapping Catalonia**



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<sup>12</sup> [http://dataservice.eea.eu.int/dataservice/other/land\\_cover/lcsource.asp](http://dataservice.eea.eu.int/dataservice/other/land_cover/lcsource.asp)

data for the European coast and for 4 countries of Central and Eastern Europe (Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania & Slovakia)<sup>14</sup> (see below). For the purposes of mapping change, a minimum changes unit of 5 ha is used.

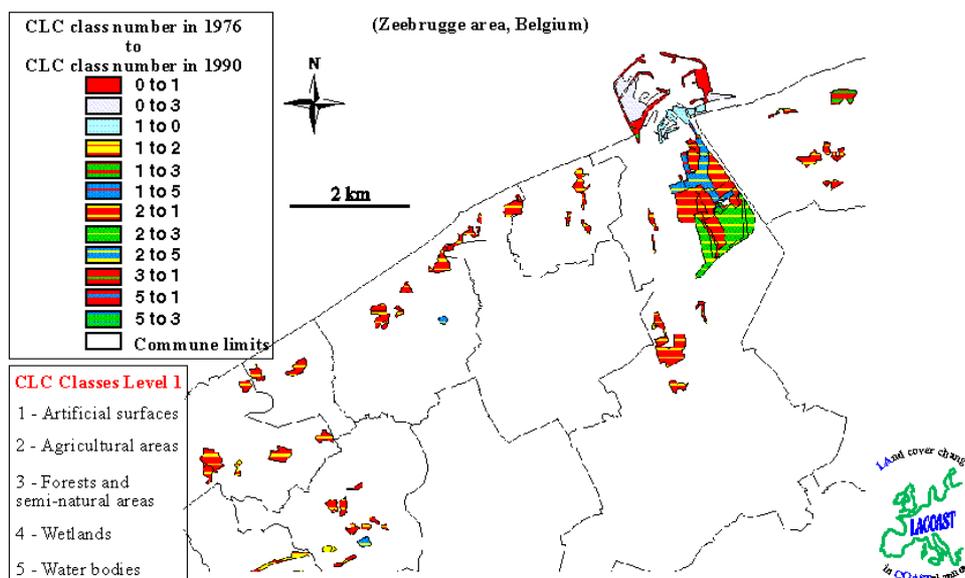
For the assessment of land cover changes, and in particular the problem of urban sprawl, the minimum mapping unit of 25 ha for stock, and 5 ha for change imposes certain limitations. A comparative study carried out on the French coast with aerial photographs at the scale of 1:25 000, shows the importance of a very diffuse urban sprawl, which is poorly detected by the satellite images and ignore in the CLC-type analysis before it reaches the minimum size of 25 ha. In fact, this sprawl is probably identified at a later stage of the process, in a following period, when the process finally generates the apparition of the CLC class “discontinuous urban fabric”, i.e. where the constructions are, on the satellite image, more important than the vegetation. This limited sensitivity of CLC suggests that phenomenon such as urban sprawl should be monitored at a larger scale with high resolution satellites or aerial photos and with a periodicity of 3 to 5 years maximum.

### 3.2 LaCoast (LAND cover changes in COASTal zones)

The LaCoast project of the Joint Research Centre was launched by the European Commission to improve the information systems for coastal environments with particular reference to the needs of the Integrated Coastal Zones Management

**Figure 3.2**

**Land Cover/Land Use changes in Belgium coastal zone between 1976 and 1990**  
(derived from CORINE Land Cover classifications)



<sup>13</sup> M. Bossard, J. Feranec and J. Otahel (2000) CORINE land cover technical guide – Addendum 2000. Technical report No 40. EEA.

Programme (ICZM). The approach adopted was to use CORINE Land Cover data for around the year 1990 and to compare the results with earlier satellite images (Landsat MSS) of 1975 for a buffer zone stretching 10 km inland from the coastline. In addition to the baseline inventory of the changes of land cover, several case studies were planned to assess specific issues and problems. Use of the CLC standard methodology and standard inventory techniques meant that the data produced by LaCoast were of good quality. However, coverage was restricted because some countries of the EU had no data available for 1975, namely the UK, Finland and Sweden.

After an initial feasibility study in Belgium, the programme of mapping and database creation was carried out for the majority of EU countries, by the same teams who carried out the original CLC mapping. Thus the LaCoast database contains 2 temporal land cover classifications for a strip within 10 km of the coast for Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, Ireland, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Mainland Greece including Crete. The LaCoast data are available from the JRC<sup>15</sup>. An example of these data is shown in Figure 3.2.

### **3.3: Elevation data (Digital Elevation Model)**

The digital elevation model (DEM) used in this project is the one from the GISCO database<sup>16</sup>. The resolution of this dataset is very coarse but is, nevertheless, sufficient for the purpose of mapping upland and lowland coasts throughout Europe, and for producing maps of major landscape types. For the purposes of this project, the 50 m elevation threshold was used for splitting the upland and lowland coasts (Figure 3.3). However, when the landscape types are implemented for the whole continent, another threshold will have probably to be adopted. In the UK Countryside Survey, for example a threshold of about 200m was used.

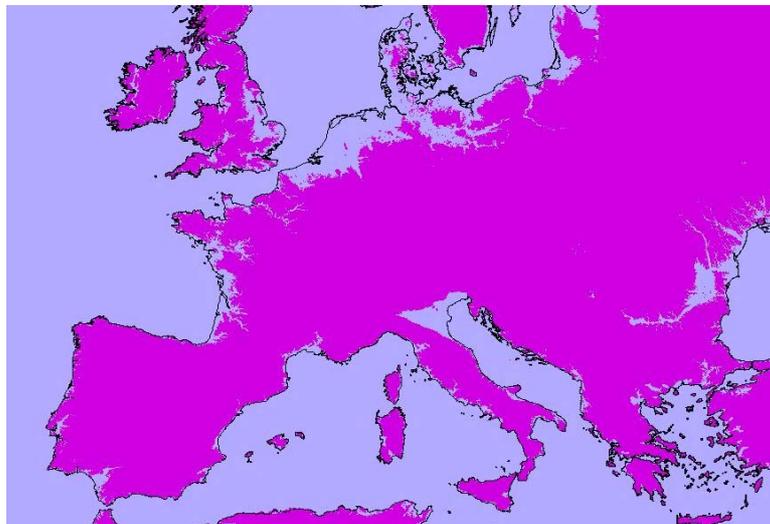
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<sup>14</sup> Image&CLC2000 project to be finalized by 2004

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.aris.sai.jrc.it/en/data-dist/#LACOAST>

<sup>16</sup> Geographic Information System of the Community, at Eurostat

**Figure 3.3: DTM data from GISCO, showing land above and below 50m.**



### **3.4 Administrative boundaries**

Administrative boundaries used in this project also came from the GISCO database. At this stage, only countries and NUTS3 have been considered. Further integration of population and other statistics at the local level requires the use of the NUTS5 database for there are presently problems of access and dissemination.

### **3.5 Physical boundaries**

The major physical units used as the basis for this study were drawn from the Biogeographic Regions and Watersheds contained in the GISCO database. The 'Regional Seas Basins' layer was obtained as aggregation of watersheds.

### **3.6 Information from EUROSTAT**

The socioeconomic statistics used in this pilot study are for Tourism only. These statistics can be linked to the administrative boundaries used in the project (NUTS0, NUTS2 and NUTS3).

## Part 4: Methodologies for Creating Land Cover Accounts

### 4.1 Introduction

In order to implement the accounting concepts described in Part 2 schemes for the classification of land cover, land use and the types of change that can occur over time were created. The details of these classification methods are described in this Part of the Report, together with the data resources used to populate the accounts.

### 4.2 Classification and Nomenclature

A key data resource for land cover information used in this study was CORINE (see below). These data may be reported using a hierarchical classification system which, at its most detailed level (level 3), has 44 classes. These can be aggregated to level 2 (15 classes) or level 1 (7 classes). A summary of the classes at level 1 is given in Table 4.1, the detailed level being in Annex.

**Table 4.1 CORINE Land Cover Aggregated Nomenclature (Level 1)**

<b>1</b>	<b>Artificial surfaces</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Agricultural areas</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Forests and semi-natural areas</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Wetlands</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Water bodies</b>

A 44x44 land cover change matrix was created using the CLC data at its most detailed level (44 Classes). Although a few ambiguities existed, most of the changes could be interpreted in a clear way, and so a typology of transformations was created. In order to illustrate the nature of this typology part of the change matrix is shown in Figure 4.1.

At this stage, this is only a working table that has to be validated further. In particular, some details corresponding to very low values may have to be grouped with the purpose to establish a more simple linkage with CLC level 2. Nevertheless, the approach led to a systematic definition of the land cover flows in terms of clusters of land cover changes. The full table is presented in Annex, but part of it is presented here (Figure 4.2) for illustration. LCF is used for 'land cover flows' and the 3 digit codes refer to the CLC nomenclature. Tables 4.2 shows the full classification of flows at levels 1 and 2.

**Figure 4.1**  
CORRESPONDANCE BETWEEN LAND COVER CHANGES (CLC LEVEL 3) AND THE LAND COVER FLOWS

		132	133	141	142	211	212	213	221	222	223
		Dump sites	Construction sites	Green urban areas	Sport and leisure facilities	Non-irrigated arable land	Permanently irrigated land	Rice fields	Vineyards	Fruit trees and berry plantations	Olive groves
243	Land principally occupied by agriculture with significant areas of natural vegetation	Extension of dumpsites	Construction	Development of green urban areas	Extension of sport and leisure facilities	Intensive conversion of marginal land to agriculture	Intensive conversion of marginal land to agriculture	Intensive conversion of marginal land to agriculture			
244	Agro-forestry areas	Extension of dumpsites	Construction	Development of green urban areas	Extension of sport and leisure facilities	Intensification of agriculture	Intensification of agriculture	Intensification of agriculture	Planting of vineyards, fruit and olive trees over arable & pasture	Planting of vineyards, fruit and olive trees over arable & pasture	Planting of vineyards, fruit and olive trees over arable & pasture
311	Broad-leaved forest	Extension of dumpsites	Construction	Development of green urban areas	Extension of sport and leisure facilities	Intensive conversion of forest to agriculture	Intensive conversion of forest to agriculture	Intensive conversion of forest to agriculture			
312	Coniferous forest	Extension of dumpsites	Construction	Development of green urban areas	Extension of sport and leisure facilities	Intensive conversion of forest to agriculture	Intensive conversion of forest to agriculture	Intensive conversion of forest to agriculture			
313	Mixed forest	Extension of dumpsites	Construction	Development of green urban areas	Extension of sport and leisure facilities	Intensive conversion of forest to agriculture	Intensive conversion of forest to agriculture	Intensive conversion of forest to agriculture			
321	Natural grassland	Extension of dumpsites	Construction	Development of green urban areas	Extension of sport and leisure facilities	Intensive conversion of marginal land to agriculture	Intensive conversion of marginal land to agriculture	Intensive conversion of marginal land to agriculture			
322	Moors and heathland	Extension of dumpsites	Construction	Development of green urban areas	Extension of sport and leisure facilities	Intensive conversion of marginal land to agriculture	Intensive conversion of marginal land to agriculture	Intensive conversion of marginal land to agriculture			

**Figure 4.2: Part of Land Cover Change Definition Matrix**

LCF11	Urban development/ infilling	112>111	14_>11_							
LCF12	Developed land recycling	111>112	12_>11_	13_>11_	13_>12_					
LCF13	Development of green urban areas	11_>141	12_>141	13_>141	142>141	21_>141	22_>141	23_>141	24_>141	
LCF21	Urban continuous sprawl	21_>111	22_>111	23_>111	24_>111	31_>111	32_>111	331>111	332>111	
LCF22	Urban diffuse sprawl	133>112	22_>112	23_>112	24_>112	31_>112	32_>112	331>112	332>112	
LCF31	Extension of industrial & commercial sites	11_>121	122>121	123>121	124>121	13_>121	14_121	21_>121	22_>121	
LCF32	Extension of transport networks	11_>122	121>122	123>122	124>122	13_>122	14_122	21_>122	22_>122	
LCF33	Extension of harbours	11_>123	121>123	122>123	124>123	13_>123	14_123	21_>123	22_>123	
LCF34	Extension of airports	11_>124	121>124	122>124	123>124	13_>124	14_124	21_>124	22_>124	
LCF35	Extension of mines and quarrying areas	11_>131	12_>131	132>131	133>131	14_>131	21_>131	22_>131	23_>131	
LCF36	Extension of dumpsites	11_>132	12_>132	131>132	133>132	14_>132	21_>132	22_>132	23_>132	
LCF37	Construction	11_>133	12_>133	132>133	134>133	14_>133	21_>133	22_>133	23_>133	
LCF38	Extension of sport and leisure facilities	11_>142	12_>142	13_>142	141>142	21_>142	22_>142	23_>142	24_>142	
LCF41	Recent extension of pasture, fallow land, set aside	21_>23_	22_>23_	24_>23_	21_>242	241>242				
LCF42	Planting of vineyards, fruit and olive trees over arable & pasture	21_>22_	21_>241	23_>22_	241>22_	242>22_	244>22_			

**Table 4.2 Detailed Nomenclatures of Land Cover Flows**

LCF1	Urban land management	<i>LCF11 Urban development/ infilling</i>
		<i>LCF12 Developed land recycling</i>
		<i>LCF13 Development of green urban areas</i>
LCF2	Urban sprawl	<i>LCF21 Urban continuous sprawl</i>
		<i>LCF22 Urban diffuse sprawl</i>
LCF3	Extension of economic sites and infrastructures	<i>LCF31 Extension of industrial &amp; commercial sites</i>
		<i>LCF32 Extension of transport networks</i>
		<i>LCF33 Extension of harbours</i>
		<i>LCF34 Extension of airports</i>
		<i>LCF35 Extension of mines and quarrying areas</i>
		<i>LCF36 Extension of dumpsites</i>
		<i>LCF37 Construction</i>
		<i>LCF38 Extension of sport and leisure facilities</i>
LCF4	Agricultural rotation and intensification	<i>LCF41 Recent extension of pasture, fallow land, set aside</i>
		<i>LCF42 Planting of vineyards, fruit and olive trees over arable &amp; pasture</i>
		<i>LCF43 Rotation of annual crops</i>
		<i>LCF44 Rotation of permanent crops</i>
		<i>LCF45 Intensification of agriculture</i>
LCF5	Conversion of land to agriculture	<i>LCF51 Intensive conversion of forest to agriculture</i>
		<i>LCF52 Intensive conversion of marginal land to agriculture</i>
		<i>LCF53 Diffuse conversion of forest to agriculture</i>
		<i>LCF54 Diffuse conversion of marginal land to agriculture</i>
		<i>LCF55 Conversion of wetlands to agriculture</i>
		<i>LCF56 Conversion of developed areas to agriculture</i>
LCF6	Forests creation and management	<i>LCF61 Forests creation</i>
		<i>LCF62 Forests rotation</i>
		<i>LCF63 Recent felling and transition</i>
LCF7	Water body creation and management	<i>LCF71 Water body creation</i>
		<i>LCF72 Water body management</i>
LCF8	Changes of land cover due to natural and multiple causes	<i>LCF81 Semi-natural creation</i>
		<i>LCF82 Semi-natural rotation</i>
		<i>LCF83 Farmland abandonment without significant woodland creation</i>
		<i>LCF84 Farmland abandonment with woodland creation</i>
		<i>LCF85 Other land abandonment (other than farmland)</i>
		<i>LCF86 Forests and shrubs fires</i>
		<i>LCF87 Coastal erosion</i>
		<i>LCF88 Impacts of storms, floods...</i>
		<i>LCF89 Other changes and unknown</i>

### 4.3 Definition of Land Accounting Units & Landscape types using CORILIS

Basically, there are two possible solutions for the problem of defining land accounting units and landscape types. One is to define landscape types by a statistical analysis of land units that are defined a priori. This can be done only if a geographic pattern already exists, e.g. such as administrative units or river basins. This methodology is used, for example, for selecting representative monitoring stations in EuroWaternet; small river basins are classified according to their run off plus to cumulated pressure.

The other solution is to analyse the physical and the bio-physical (land cover) elements in a grid. This method has been used in the Countryside Survey of Great Britain<sup>17</sup> for defining the Landscape types used later on for sampling in the field, as well as for reporting the results.

A similar approach has been chosen for creating LEAC, with the modification of in replacing the raw CLC data by smoothed data, using the CORILIS methodology (from CORIne and LISSage – smoothing in French) at the European level. Using smoothed values creates a *de facto* zoning of the intensity (or potential) of a given land cover theme in one given cell and its surroundings.

The possibility of using CORILIS for a European-wide zoning (or zonings) has been examined by two technical workshops of the previous EEA ETC-LC held in Orleans in 1999 (about the IndiLac project) and 2000 (about the CORILIS potential applications)<sup>18</sup>. Subsequent work by IFEN and GIM-Luxembourg, lead to some practical proposals, which were the starting point of this study. Their common finding was that a good analysis of the dominant characteristics of the landscape can be made using the CORILIS methodology that resulted:

- in a high level of aggregation (statistical generalisation) of the data with a good coverage so that there were a very small number of holes or gaps in the data;
- the creation of sharpen contrasts between zones by referring to the relative local distribution of the classes in relation to their “mean value + standard deviation”.

As a result the advantage of CORILIS is that the methodology delivers maps which indicate the intensity of a given land cover type in an area. It is therefore possible to combine these maps in a simple and transparent way in order to identify a dominant landscape type. The rules (as well as the parameters of the calculation) can be modified easily in order to come to an acceptable representation of the data for an area.

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<sup>17</sup> [www.cs2000.org.uk](http://www.cs2000.org.uk)

<sup>18</sup> A - Présentation et discussion des résultats préliminaires du projet « indicateurs environnementaux appliqués à la base de données LACOAST » (IndiLac) - Étude de GIM-Luxembourg et séminaire organisé dans le cadre du Centre thématique land cover de l'Agence Européenne pour l'Environnement - IFEN-Orléans, 25 et 26 mars 1999  
 B - Présentation et discussion des résultats préliminaires de l'application de la méthode de lissage CORILIS. Séminaire technique réalisé dans le cadre du Centre thématique land cover de l'Agence Européenne pour l'Environnement - IFEN-Orléans, 20 et 21 juin 2000

### Box 4.1: CORILIS: Background

CORILIS is a methodology developed in France jointly by the Hypercarte Research Group, INSEE and IFEN (see the box, below). The purpose is to calculate “intensities” or “potentials” of a given theme on each point of a territory. The principle is based on the smoothing of the values in each cell of a grid with the values of the neighbouring cells (divided by the square of the distance between the centres of the corresponding cells). Use first with demographic statistics, this methodology has been tested successfully with CLC and named accordingly.

As compared to a traditional cartographic generalisation, CORILIS avoids the problem of eliminating the small values and increasing the large ones; the total “smoothed value” remains the same. When combining several themes to assess their relative intensity, CORILIS display homogenous zones which are intense in their centre and, logically, of low intensity in their periphery; these transitions constitute convenient borders. The intensities or potentials calculated in each cell for each theme allow many calculations.

A CORILIS map of Europe (in fact a set of 3 maps/databases, with different radius of smoothing) was computed by Ifen and GIM for the former EEA/ETCLC. The exercise was repeated by the ETCTE. This last version is used in LEAC.

CORILIS is one of the by-products of a research initiated by the Hypercarte Research Group in France. C. Grasland (UMR Géographie-Cités) is the actual coordinator of the project.

The *Hypercarte Research Group* is a network of geographers, statisticians and mathematicians which was established in 1996 for the answer of a call for tender (SUPCOM) proposed by EUROSTAT-GISCO. The aim of this call for tender was to find solutions to the problem of spatial heterogeneity of territorial divisions and related bias in cartographical representation. The answer of the *Hypercarte Research Group* was based on a general multiscalar smoothing method derived from a probabilistic reformulation of the concept of population potential (*The Hypercarte Project, Working Paper n°1*). Although not selected by Eurostat, the research has continued in several directions.

Interesting developments of the methodology were established by P.Chataignon (INSEE) which proposed an alternative function of neighbourhood (bi-weight function as finite approximation of Gaussian neighbourhood) and suggested some links with the theory of non-parametric estimators (kernel functions). P.Chataignon wrote also various SAS-Program for the computation of neighbourhood potentials and contribute to the diffusion of the methodology inside the INSEE but also other organisations like the *Institut Français de l'Environnement (IFEN)* which is part of the *European Environment Agency (EEA)*. In 1998-1999, M. Lacaze (IFEN) realised an application of smoothing methods to the Corine Land Cover database for the French territory and for the whole Europe.

At the same time, the links between multiscalar neighbourhood potential and related measures of accessibility was explored by C. Grasland and presented to an international working group in the framework of the *Study Program on European Spatial Development (SPESP)* coordinated by the DG XVI. A working paper by C. Grasland suggested the possibility to build *multiscalar curves of accessibility* based on the cumulative amount of population located at a given time or kilometeric distance from any point of the European territory and to derive all indexes of accessibility from mathematical transformation or summaries of this curve.

The main results and topics of the Hypercarte Project has been presented at the UNECE Conference of statisticians in Neuchâtel the 10-12 April 2000 (as invited paper from Eurostat). The resulting paper has been published in : Grasland C., Mathian H., Vincent J.M., 2000, "Multiscalar Analysis and map generalisation of discrete social phenomena: Statistical problems and political consequences", *Statistical Journal of the United Nations ECE*, 17, IOS Press, 1-32.

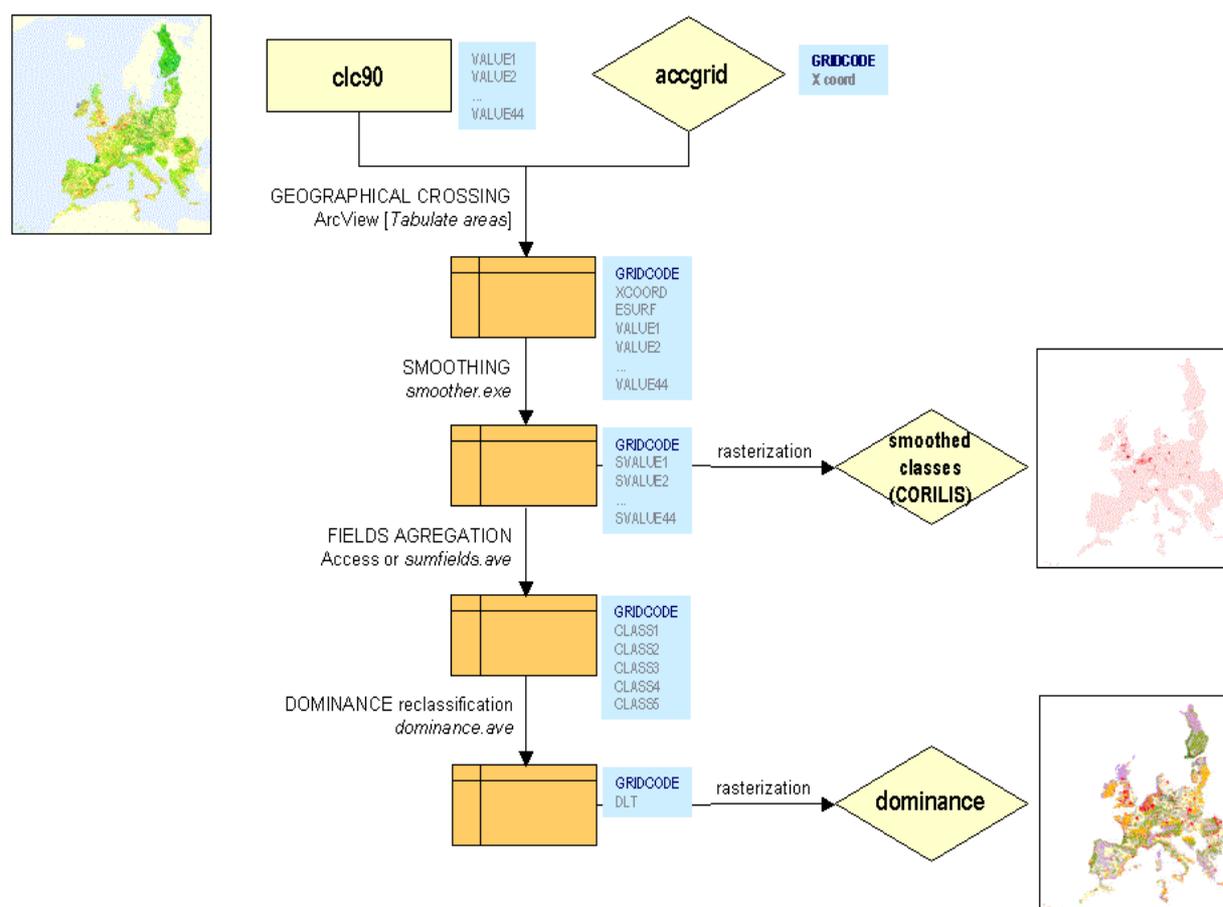
In Sept 2001, The Hypercarte Project has received a subvention from the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) for the establishment of an operational version of the Hypercarte-Software which could be implemented on European territory. The results of this project called "Hypercarte-Europe" will probably be implemented in the framework of the ESPON Program 2001-2006.

More on: <http://www.parisgeo.cnrs.fr/cg/hyperc/index.htm>

In this study, therefore, CORINE land cover data were pre-processed using the CORILIS methodology<sup>19</sup> (see Box 4.1).

**Figure 4.3**

### Dominant Landscape type based on CORILIS smoothing methodology



#### 4.4 Definition of the accounting grid and land accounting units

Given the considerations outlined above the accounts were derived using the following steps:

##### *Step 1: Definition of the accounting grid*

For the purposes of this project, a spatial or geographical 'accounting grid' was used to overcome any spatial mis-adjustment between different data sources for different time periods. It was created using the CLC data using a regular 3x3 km grid, of the same spatial extent as the CORINE database. Once the grid was created it was intersected

<sup>19</sup> For a complete description of the methodology, see Michel Lacaze, *Géostatistique « Grands traits de l'occupation des terres »* (note interne) Ifen, février-novembre 1999 et *Ces terres qui nous entourent...* Données de l'environnement n° 51, Ifen, janvier 2000

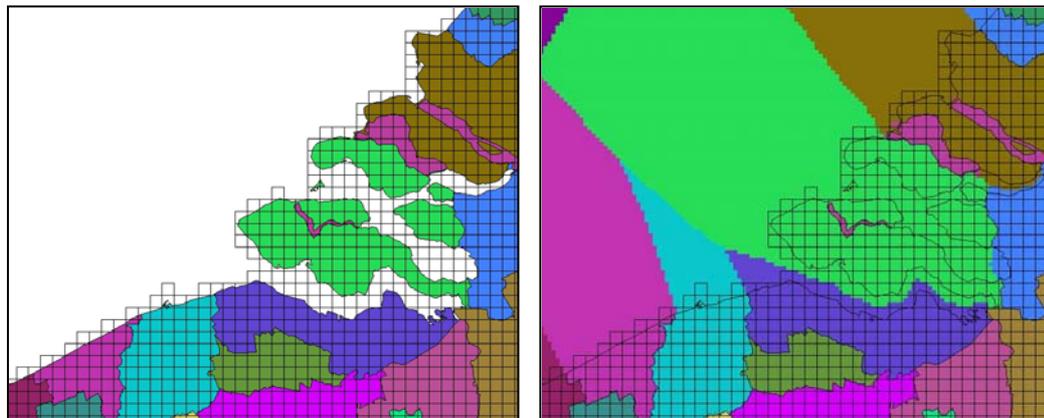
with a land-sea mask, so that the sea areas could be identified and excluded from subsequent analysis.

**Step 2: Input of attributes to the accounting grid**

Geographical attributes were assigned to the cells of the accounting grid, by intersecting it with other data sources, namely:

- **Land Cover and Land Cover Changes data derived from the 100m resolution CLC database.** For each grid cell the stock and change in hectares of each land cover class (Level 3) was recorded. These data were later used for processing using the CORILIS approach. The data on Land Cover Changes came from LaCoast layer, which covered the 10km coastal strip for 10 European countries. Due to the spatial mis-adjustment between LaCoast layer and the accounting grid, some LaCoast data were lost from the strip.
- **Analytical Units (Physical and Administrative boundaries)** for Biogeographic Regions, Regional Seas Basins, Watersheds and the breakdown Lowland/Upland zones derived from the reclassification of the DEM data. The Administrative boundaries were NUTS0 and NUTS3. Following the intersection, if a cell had more than one attribute then the one with the largest surface area within the cell was selected. Where empty cells occurred as a result of spatial mis-alignment, proximity criteria based on Thiessen polygons, were used to make an assignment (Figure 4.3).

**Figure 4.3: Automatic filling of empty cells with the Thiessen method.**



**Step 3: Definition of the coastal strip and the relief issue**

Two possibilities for the definition of the coastal strip were considered:

- The **geometric definition** of the coastal strip 10 km wide, corresponding to that used in the LaCoast Project.
- A **geographic definition** which takes coastal relief into account. The idea is that when coasts are flat, the influence of the sea will extend further inland, whereas, where the coastal relief is high, the coastal strip will be narrower. Such a distinction is commonly used in the mapping of coastal zones.

**Table 4.4: Nomenclature of Landscape Types**

A1	Urban dense areas
A2	Dispersed urban areas
B1	Broad pattern intensive agriculture
B2	Composite rural landscape
	<i>B21</i> <i>Lowland composite rural landscape</i>
	<i>B22</i> <i>Upland composite rural landscape</i>
C1	Forested landscape
	<i>C11</i> <i>Lowland forested landscape</i>
	<i>C12</i> <i>Upland forested landscape</i>
C2	Open semi-natural or natural landscape
	<i>C21</i> <i>Lowland open semi-natural or natural landscape</i>
	<i>C22</i> <i>Upland open semi-natural or natural landscape</i>
C3	Landscape with no dominant land cover character
	<i>C31</i> <i>Lowland with no dominant land cover character</i>
	<i>C32</i> <i>Upland with no dominant land cover character</i>

The purposes of the present study the zoning of the coast was made using the geographical approach, the extent of the coastal strip made according to the following thresholds:

- 0-1 km: entirely within in the coastal strip
- 1-4.9 km: within the coastal strip if the altitude is <150 m
- 5-9.9 km: in the coastal strip when the altitude is <100 m
- 10-20 km: in the coastal strip when the altitude is <50 m

The full implementation of the definition of the coastal zone was not possible at this stage because of the limited resolution of the LaCoast inventory to a strip of 10 km. However, a more complete analysis will be possible following the release of CLC2000. In the present study a distinction was made between lowland and upland landscape types, using the threshold (depending on the available DEM) 50m<sup>20</sup>.

#### ***Step 4: Definition of the coastal landscape types from CLC and CORILIS***

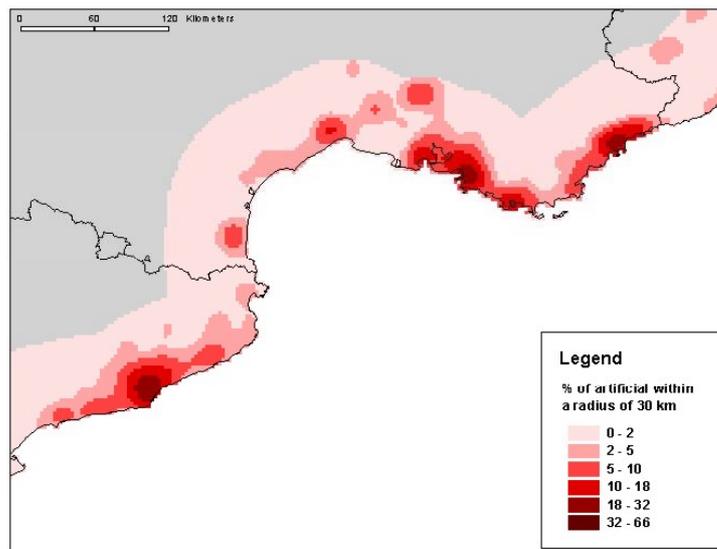
##### *A - Statistical analysis*

Following the conclusions of the previous applications worked out for the ETCLC, it was decided to base the assessment of cover change on an indicator of concentration of CLC themes in the cells of the regular grid. Figure 4.4 illuminates the kind of information obtained about the “intensity in the neighbourhood” or the “potential” of the “Artificial” land cover. This processing of CLC have been undertaken systematically.

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<sup>20</sup> For the whole continent, we consider the possibility to use, instead, the threshold of 200m.

**Figure 4.4: Example of result of CORILIS: Intensity of “artificial/urban” theme on a sector of the Mediterranean.**



The calculations were made at the most aggregated level of the CLC data, using the classes Artificial (1), Broad agriculture (2.1+2.2), Heterogeneous agriculture and pasture (2.3+2.4), Forests (3.1), Shrub and other semi-natural land (3.2+4+5). The CORILIS smoothed values were calculated with a radius of 20 km (see the discussion of the methodological choice below). Finally, the values greater than the mean + one standard deviation of the class were selected.

It was found that, when compared to the others, this method tends to overweight the themes when they are concentrated spatially, in particular in the urban areas. However, it was felt that, as long as the typology of land units reflects the use of land, and as long as the intensity of the environmental pressure by urban is, by hectare, much more important than any over one, including intensive agriculture, this solution was appropriate for the purposes of constructing LEAC.

#### *B - Classification of the cells of the grid in landscape types*

Using the data available for the coastal strip, together with our wider understanding of conditions throughout Europe, a set of landscape types were defined for the coastal zone (Table 4.4). These types reflect the dominant character of the area.

Three of the landscape types correspond to dispersed or composite landscape patterns, which are considered as such. A2 describes landscape where urban agglomerations are present, although in minority, but which are nevertheless significant in terms of functioning and the possibility future urban change. B2 corresponds to traditional European landscapes where mixed agriculture has historically coexisted with forests and other natural habitats. C3 is a type of landscape where no dominant land cover character has been identified, i.e. neither urban is determinant nor the agriculture or forest/natural ones have been detected. Such areas may be open to a particular type of future change (which is not clear for the coast; see results below).

Having defined these landscape types, a correspondence was established between the aggregated CORILIS classes and the Landscape types (Table 4.5). Assignments were

made between cover and landscape type using the condition that the CORILIS dominance value  $V_n > \text{mean} + \sigma$  (where  $V_n$  was the smoothed value of CLC class 'n' in a given cell). The CLC cover level 1 classes were assigned to landscape types as follows:

- **A1 Urban dense areas**  $\leftrightarrow$  Artificial (CLC 1), with no co-dominance
- **A2 Dispersed urban areas**  $\leftrightarrow$  Artificial (CLC 1) when co-dominances exist in the same cell (all other CLC classes)
- **B1 Broad pattern intensive agriculture**  $\leftrightarrow$  Broad agriculture (CLC 2.1+CLC 2.2) with no co-dominance
- **B2 Composite rural landscape**  $\leftrightarrow$  Heterogeneous agriculture & Pasture (CLC 2.3+CLC 2.4), all co-dominances being possible, except Artificial (CLC 1)
- **C1 Forested landscape**  $\leftrightarrow$  Forests (CLC 3.1), with possible co-dominances of CLC 2.1+ 2.2 (Broad agriculture) & CLC 3.2+4+5 (Shrub and other ...)
- **C2 Open semi-natural or natural landscape**  $\leftrightarrow$  Shrubs and other (CLC 3.2+4+5) with possible co-dominance of CLC "Broad agriculture" only
- **C3 Landscape with no dominant land cover character**: No dominant character detected

**Table 4.5: Correspondence between aggregated CLC land cover and Landscape types**

CORILIS based values ( $>\text{mean} + \sigma$ )	Landscape types						
	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2	C3
Artificial							
Broad agriculture							
Heterogeneous agriculture & Pasture							
Forests							
Shrubs and other seminatural land							

Dominant LC character of the type  
 Possible co-dominance, considered as secondary  
 No co-dominance is possible

The influence of changing the territory used to compute the dominance assignment thresholds was tested by comparing the results using the whole European territory or the regional seas basins. The results are shown in Table 4.6, and Figure 4.5.

**Table 4.6: Influence of area used to compute threshold [mean + std dev].**

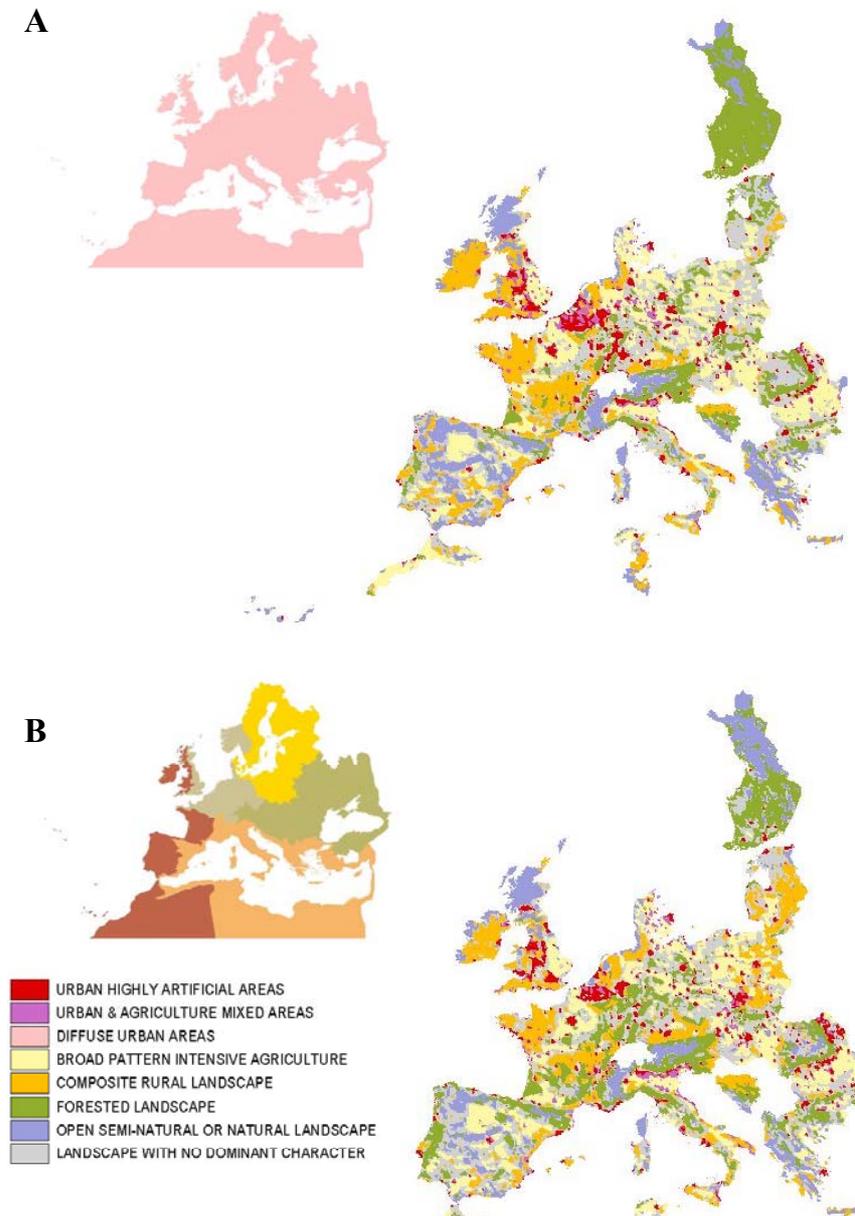
	WHOLE EUROPE	Baltic	North sea	Atlantic	Mediterranean
Artificial	10,0	6,4	17,5	7,1	8,0
Broad agriculture	53,6	51,0	62,9	50,1	44,0
Extensive agriculture	45,4	27,1	46,4	60,9	46,6
Forests	51,8	69,0	39,6	35,0	43,5
Non wooded nat. land	40,0	34,3	27,0	47,4	52,0

The table shows the possible consequences of the application of the criteria at the European level. For example, if we consider the "Artificial" class, which generates the

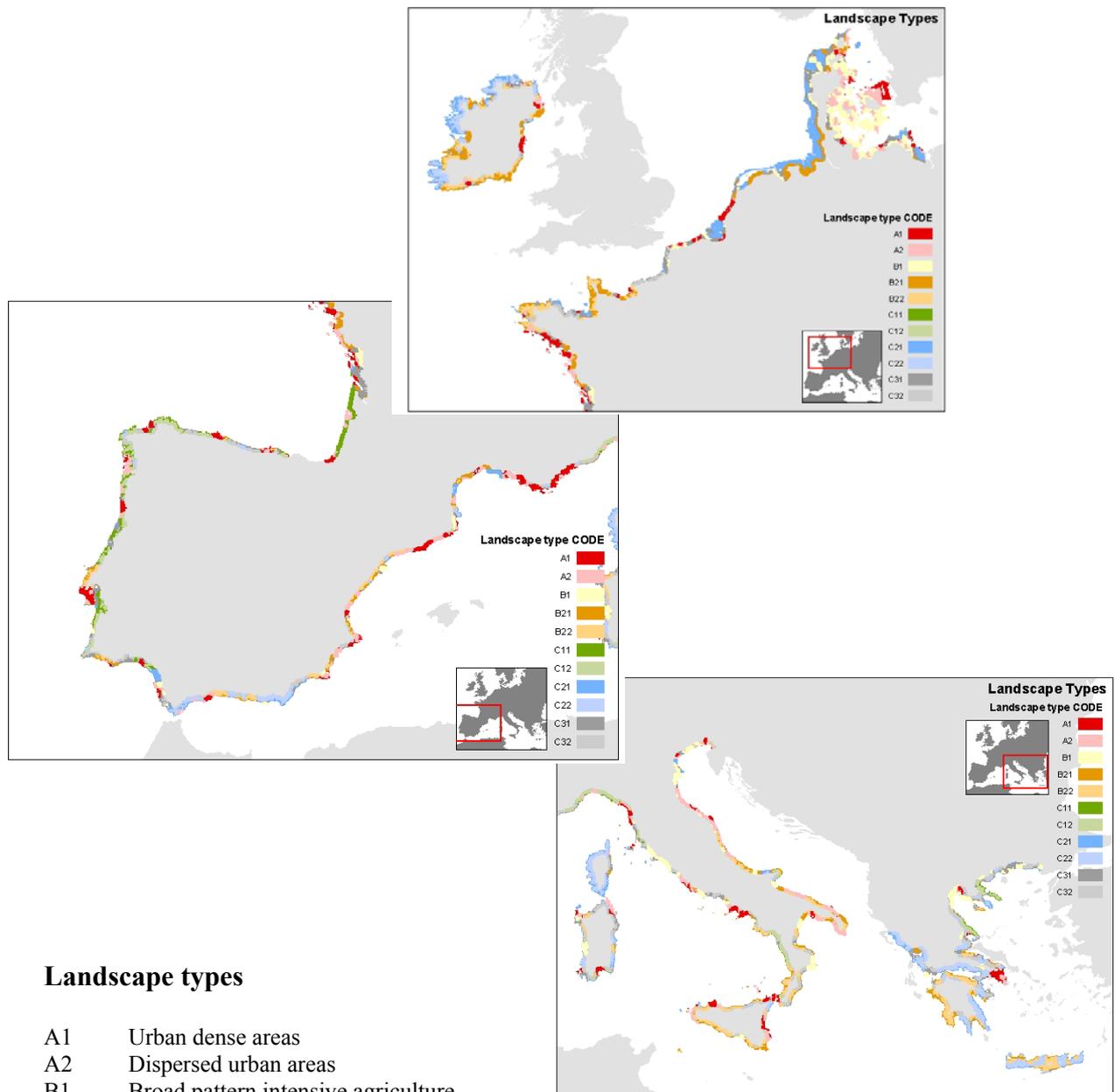
Landscape types A1 & A2 with a priority against all over classes, the average European value would have lead to classifying excessively large areas of the North sea region in the Urban type. Similarly, forests would have been widely mapped (against semi-natural and natural land) in Finland with a symmetric distortion in the Alps and southern Europe.

After comparison of the 2 results (see below) with the aggregated CLC map and with the map of the potential vegetation, it was decided to make the calculations by sea catchments.

**Figure 4.3: Dominant land cover type maps using different thresholds in the reclassification process. A) Thresholds computed for the whole European territory and B) Thresholds computed for each regional sea basin.**



**Figure 4.6 Landscape types of the Coastal Land Accounting Units**



### Landscape types

- A1 Urban dense areas
- A2 Dispersed urban areas
- B1 Broad pattern intensive agriculture
- B21 *Lowland composite rural landscape*
- B22 *Upland composite rural landscape*
- C11 *Lowland forested landscape*
- C12 *Upland forested landscape*
- C21 *Lowland open semi-natural or natural landscape*
- C22 *Upland open semi-natural or natural landscape*
- C31 *Lowland with no dominant land cover character*
- C32 *Upland with no dominant land cover character*

## 4.5 Targeted Accounts

For the purposes of this study it was decided that to demonstrate the value of LEAC in the coastal zone, a set of supplementary or targeted accounts for tourism should be developed. Land use associated with Tourism is complex, and many involve many different land cover types. Even if we restrict the analysis to the specific areas of housing and recreation, tourism activities may be associated with many different types of land. However, the problems associated with tourism are to a large extent typical of those that one would have to face when dealing with any other major land use function. Thus it represented a good test case through which to explore the issues surrounding the construction and use of LEAC.

In order to develop the analysis for tourism, a special table has been created which links land cover stocks and flows (consumption) to land use functions. In this table the last column is an adjustment. Due to the multiple accounting of some land cover classes when they are used by different functions, the total of stocks, flows and other changes of the various functions may be larger than the surface of the area (region, country, river basin, coastal zone...) for which accounts are established. The total of the multiple uses has therefore to be subtracted.

The analysis was based on the classification of land use functions shown in Table 4.6.

**Table 4.6: Nomenclature of Land Use Functions**

<i>UF1</i>	<i>Residential, incl. services</i>
<i>UF2</i>	<i>Commercial</i>
<i>UF3</i>	<i>Transport</i>
<i>UF4</i>	<i>Industrial production</i>
<i>UF5</i>	<i>Energy production</i>
<i>UF6</i>	<i>Mining &amp; quarrying</i>
<i>UF7</i>	<i>Waste dumping</i>
<i>UF8</i>	<i>Water management</i>
<i>UF9</i>	<i>Farming, food production</i>
<i>UF10</i>	<i>Forestry</i>
<i>UF11</i>	<i>Recreation &amp; Tourism</i>
<i>UF12</i>	<i>Nature conservation</i>
<i>UF13</i>	<i>Other uses</i>

The purpose of developing the LEAC/Tourism account is to relate Tourism statistics and patterns to the analysis of the stocks and flows of land cover. The accounts should describe to the accommodation related to tourist activities (hectares, value of the estates), the tourist infrastructure, the natural landscape visited by tourists, the income generated by tourism, the seasonal increase of population.

Tourism statistics are only available at the European level by countries, and for NUTS2 & NUTS3 units. It was not, therefore, possible to match the coastal area as defined in LEAC. Some preliminary results are, however, presented as an illustration of the increase in tourism in the coastal zone.

#### **4.6 Measurement units**

As described in the introduction to this Report, LEACs are designed to highlight the relations between the economy and the environment in a geographical context. They aim at identifying the areas where the process take place or where they are the more intense, and to correlate them to economic and environmental conditions. These conditions may relate to the potential of a given piece of land, which can be identified by spatial analysis the analysis of the physical characteristics of the area. The power of the statistical and geographic analysis is increased by using these types of analysis to define broad landscape types, within which the impacts of land cover and land use changes can be explored in more detail.

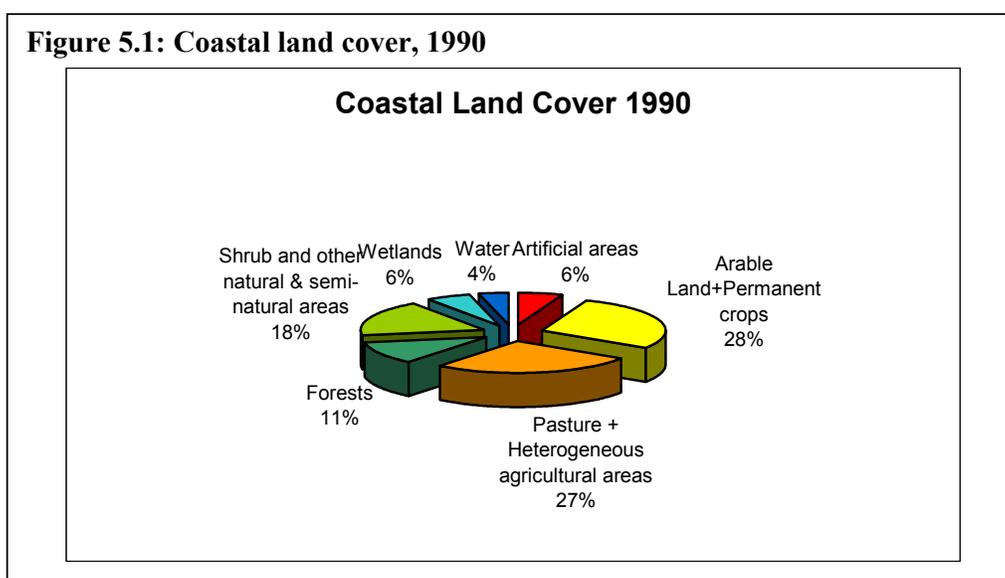
For the construction of basic accounts, the analysis is generally made on the basis of stocks of resources measured in terms of area (hectares or km<sup>2</sup>). These accounts aim at providing a first picture (a first assessment) as well as structuring the whole system of accounts. The targeted accounts (called also “supplementary accounts”) aim at taking the analytical process further. This means first giving new attributes to the geographical objects (land cover types landscape types) by assigning attributes using, say, population data, ecological characteristics, or monetary values. Unfortunately, the construction of these supplementary accounts is often limited by lack of data, in particular for linking the information to the basic land cover or land use tables.

When detailed and exhaustive information is not available for supplementary accounts, they have to be based on a statistical approach. Accounts of the land cover stocks and flows are established for the land reporting units for which statistics are generally computed (e.g. in Europe, NUTS 2 & 3). At this stage, the analysis by landscape types helps in overcoming the loss of information resulting of the aggregation process. To some extent, results from accounts based on regional socio-economic statistics can be compared with the regional picture of the land cover flows by landscape types. In domains where official statistics by regions are not compiled, the same stratification can be used with data collected by monitoring networks or survey by sampling. In the context of tourism, for example, statistics for the value of land and real estate could usefully be integrated in the Land Accounts. Several possibilities for doing this are potentially available, based on existing statistics on the price of urban, agriculture or forest land as well as on calculations of the economic value of ecosystems (e.g. by reference to the maintenance cost).

## Part 5 Results: Basic Accounts

The detailed accounts are presented in annex. A first analysis of the results shows interesting points.

Figure 5.1 shows the proportions of the major land cover types within the European Coastal zone for 1990. The matrix showing the basic land cover change recorded between 1975 and 1990, using the aggregated CLC cover classes are shown in Table 5.1. Looking at the changes at the aggregated level, they are generally small, with the exception of the increase of artificial areas through development processes. This is partly due to compensations between sub-classes as well as to the uneven intensity of changes between landscape types. Figure 5.2 shows the proportions of the different landscape types within the European Coastal zone as defined by this study.

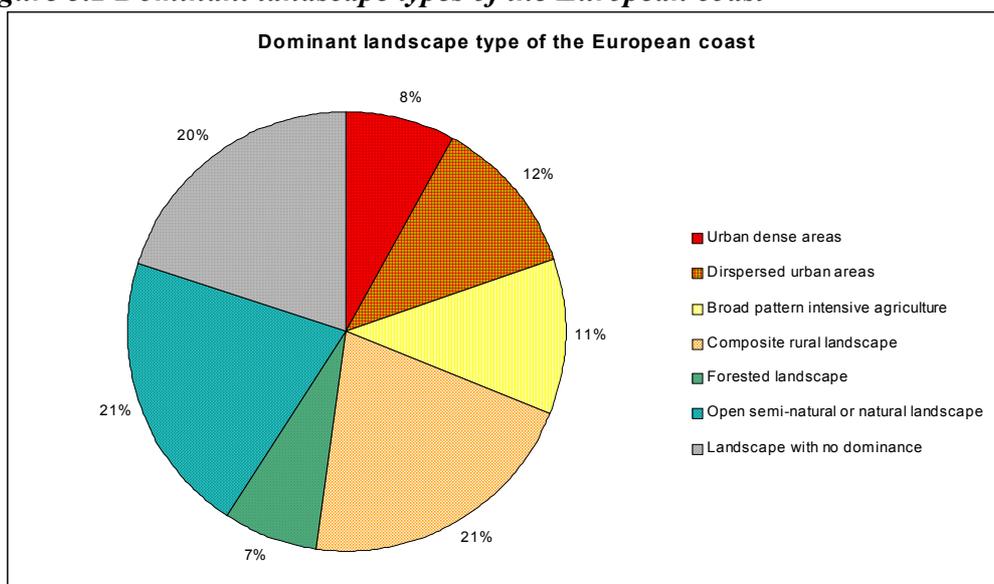


**Table 5.1 Matrix of land cover change**

Consolidated Matrix of Land Cover Change on the European coast 1975-1990; Aggregated CLC classification; ha

	1	2.1+2.2	2.3+2.4	3.1	3.2+3.3	4	5	TOTAL OPENING YEAR	Increase (+)	Decrease (-)	Net Changes 1975-1990	TOTAL FINAL YEAR	
	Artificial areas	Arable Land + Permanent crops	Pasture + Heterogeneous agricultural areas	Forests	Shrub and other natural & semi-natural areas	Wetlands	Water						
1	Artificial areas	1264031	4813	8952	1454	4432	660	885	1285227	186079	21196	164883	1450110
2.1+2.2	Arable Land+Permanent crops	63830	6450313	219568	6578	45874	15191	2421	6803775	401183	353462	47721	6851496
2.3+2.4	Pasture + Heterogeneous agricultural areas	76048	316752	6160890	36559	51498	3040	1383	6646170	291910	485280	-193370	6452800
3.1	Forests	11391	18971	13962	2557291	111889	931	945	2715380	225868	158089	67779	2783159
3.2+3.3	Shrub and other natural & semi-natural areas	26945	57328	45677	171041	4148336	16343	8378	4474048	227330	325712	-98382	4375666
4	Wetlands	4052	2664	3429	10016	10942	1351530	122918	1505551	79790	154021	-74231	1431320
5	Water	3813	655	322	220	2695	43625	821027	872357	136930	51330	85600	957957
TOTAL FINAL YEAR		1450110	6851496	6452800	2783159	4375666	1431320	957957	24302508	1549090	1549090	0	24302508

**Figure 5.2 Dominant landscape types of the European coast**

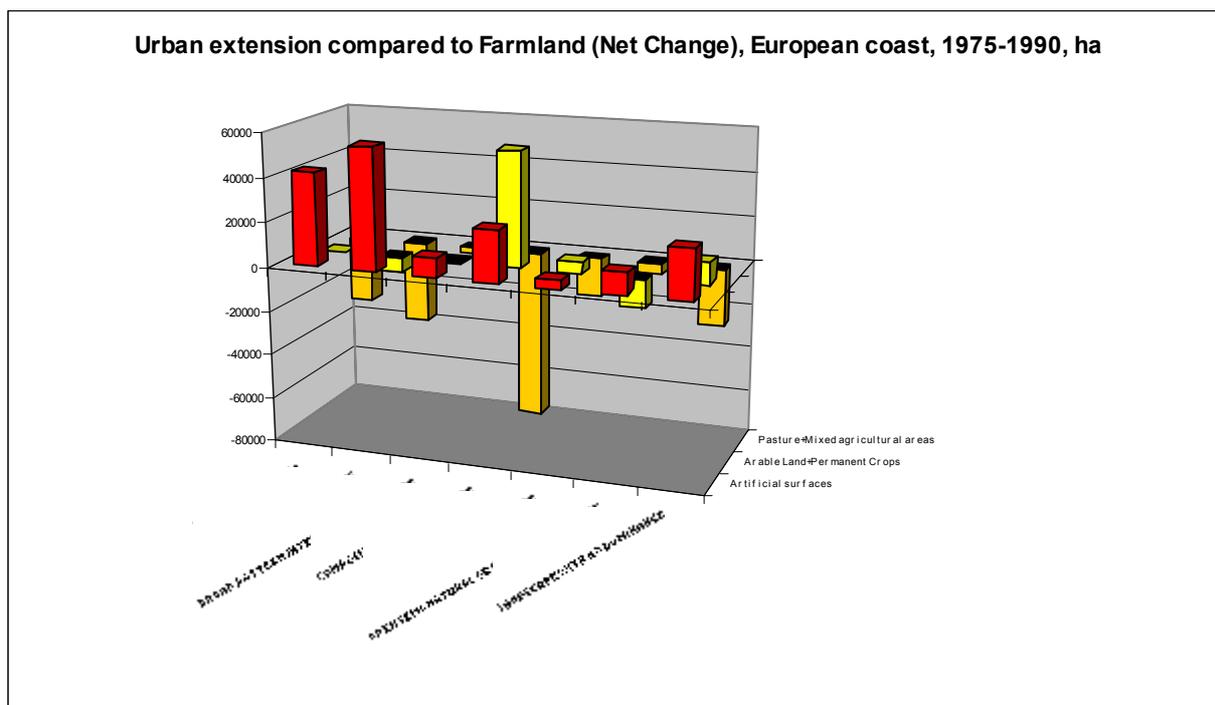


Analysing land cover changes by landscape types is useful in illustrating many of the processes of land cover change at work within the coastal zone. The basic changes account is shown in Table 5.2. Figure 5.3 is based on these data and shows the net changes of Urban/artificial areas and of Farmland between 1975 and 1990, and highlights the concentration of the urban sprawl in areas where Urban was dominant. This expansion has taken place by the consumption of pasture and mixed agriculture (CLC23+CLC24). In composite rural landscapes, urban areas have expanded as well as arable land and permanent crops; mixed agriculture, by contrast, has suffered more severe losses.

**Table 5.2 Land cover change account of the European coast, 1975-90**

Land Cover Changes on the European coast, 1975-1990, km <sup>2</sup>										
<b>Summary table</b>			1	2.1+2.2	2.3+2.4	3.1	3.2+3.3	4	5	TOTAL COAST
			Artificial surfaces	Arable Land+Permanent Crops	Pastures+Heterogeneous agricultural areas	Forests	Shrub and/or other natural land	Wetlands	Water bodies	
A1	URBAN DENSE AREAS	1975	443027	357559	463575	236710	293098	100112	82868	19769
		(-)	12312	26292	63728	16433	33166	20410	2878	1752
		(+)	64324	26810	33926	7985	31476	2936	17763	1752
		1990	486039	358077	433773	228262	291409	82637	97753	20079
A2	DISPERSED URBAN AREAS	1975	356018	1116486	681108	256757	246902	79387	71898	28085
		(-)	12798	67754	89278	11313	27495	8826	1908	2193
		(+)	67693	60826	52189	4965	23354	1130	9215	2193
		1990	410913	1109558	644019	250409	242761	71691	79205	28085
B1	BROAD PATTERN INTENSIVE AGRICULTURE	1975	82468	1868999	369732	174182	93510	71455	101342	27616
		(-)	1805	84251	45308	7494	24419	8176	2201	1736
		(+)	10430	84041	42387	4643	10614	14019	7620	1736
		1990	91093	1868789	366811	171341	79705	77298	106661	27616
B2	COMPOSITE RURAL LANDSCAPE	1975	142553	1360293	2649937	220760	524374	175730	48386	51220
		(-)	5289	97169	401739	14030	49724	11771	1201	6809
		(+)	28267	148987	325568	19904	45187	4572	8438	5809
		1990	165531	1412111	2573766	226634	519837	168531	55623	51220
C1	FORESTED LANDSCAPE	1975	32153	131463	318407	931545	285362	13284	29975	17421
		(-)	1842	10210	33957	71100	61841	668	770	1803
		(+)	6096	15433	16924	80722	59187	366	1661	1803
		1990	36406	136686	301374	941167	282708	12982	30888	17421
C2	OPEN SEMI-NATURAL OR NATURAL LANDSCAPE	1975	64612	532812	775080	282041	2082340	870943	391503	49993
		(-)	1940	58958	71517	38980	258576	87390	43612	6608
		(+)	11977	46128	67139	82932	223588	63653	76466	6608
		1990	74649	519982	770702	325993	2047352	837206	423447	49993
C3	LANDSCAPE WITH NO DOMINANT LAND COVER CHARACTER	1975	164396	1436163	1388331	613375	940461	194640	146386	48917
		(-)	7143	118460	158585	47593	169328	26468	6326	6338
		(+)	29226	128590	132609	73571	132761	12793	24342	6338
		1990	186479	1446293	1382355	639353	911894	180975	164402	48917
TOTAL COAST		1975	1286227	6803775	6646170	2715380	4474048	1606561	872367	243026
		(-)	43129	463094	864112	206943	624549	163689	58795	24243
		(+)	208012	510815	670742	274722	526167	89458	144395	24243
		Net Changes	164883	47721	-193370	67779	-98382	-74231	85600	
1990	1120344	6756054	6839540	2647601	4572430	1579782	786757	243026		

**Figure 5.3: Urban extension compared to Net Change in Farmland**



The analysis shown in Figure 5.3 is carried out at a very macroscopic level, and can in the future be improved by splitting Composite Rural Landscapes between upland and lowland zones. In addition, a regional approach would show different profiles and facilitate a more detailed commentary on the statistics.

**Table 5.3 Account of Formation of Land Cover**

Account of Formation of Land Cover - European coast, 1975-1990, ha																	
Consumption of land cover								Formation of land cover									
1	2.1+2.2	2.3+2.4	3.1	3.2+3.3	4	5	Total	1	2.1+2.2	2.3+2.4	3.1	3.2+3.3	4	5	Total		
Artificial surfaces	Arable Land & Permanent Crops	Pastures & Mixed agricultural areas	Forests	Shrub and other semi-natural land	Wetlands	Water bodies		Artificial surfaces	Arable Land & Permanent Crops	Pastures & Mixed agricultural areas	Forests	Shrub and other semi-natural land	Wetlands	Water bodies			
15403	259	302	48	99		41	16152	LCF1	Urban land management	16152					16152		
	40584	51657	7502	16314	178	131	116366	LCF2	Urban sprawl	116366					116366		
6530	22987	24089	3841	10532	3874	3641	75494	LCF3	Extension of economic sites and infrastructures	75494					75494		
	288686	605684					894370	LCF4	Agricultural rotation and intensification	388641	505729				894370		
13765		57770	32933	103005	6093	977	214543	LCF5	Conversion of land to agriculture	122174	92369				214543		
1454	7108	586	155744	171041	10016	220	346169	LCF6	Forests creation and management		633	238646	106890		346169		
600	1695	1115	532	990			4932	LCF7	Water body creation and management					4932	4932		
4702	101417	122710	6299	322040	141747	48005	746920	LCF8	Changes of Land Cover due to natural and multiple causes		72011	36076	418982	87312	132539	746920	
<b>42454</b>	<b>462736</b>	<b>863913</b>	<b>206899</b>	<b>624021</b>	<b>161908</b>	<b>53015</b>	<b>2414946</b>		<b>Sub/Total Flows</b>	<b>208012</b>	<b>510815</b>	<b>670742</b>	<b>274722</b>	<b>526872</b>	<b>87312</b>	<b>137471</b>	<b>2414946</b>
<b>165558</b>	<b>48079</b>	<b>-193171</b>	<b>67823</b>	<b>-98149</b>	<b>-74596</b>	<b>84456</b>			<b>Net Formation of Land Cover</b>								
675	358	199	44	528	1781	5780	9365		Adjustment				295	2146	6924	9365	
<b>208687</b>	<b>511173</b>	<b>670941</b>	<b>274766</b>	<b>526400</b>	<b>89093</b>	<b>143251</b>	<b>2424311</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>208012</b>	<b>510815</b>	<b>670742</b>	<b>274722</b>	<b>526167</b>	<b>89458</b>	<b>144395</b>	<b>2424311</b>
									<b>Land cover stock 1975</b>	<b>1285227</b>	<b>6803775</b>	<b>6646170</b>	<b>2715300</b>	<b>4474048</b>	<b>1505551</b>	<b>872357</b>	<b>24302500</b>
									<b>Net Formation of Land Cover</b>	<b>165558</b>	<b>48079</b>	<b>-193171</b>	<b>67823</b>	<b>-98149</b>	<b>-74596</b>	<b>84456</b>	
									<b>Net adjustment</b>	<b>-675</b>	<b>-358</b>	<b>-199</b>	<b>-44</b>	<b>-233</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>1144</b>	
									<b>Land cover stock 1990</b>	<b>1450110</b>	<b>6851496</b>	<b>6452000</b>	<b>2783159</b>	<b>4375666</b>	<b>1431320</b>	<b>957957</b>	<b>24302500</b>

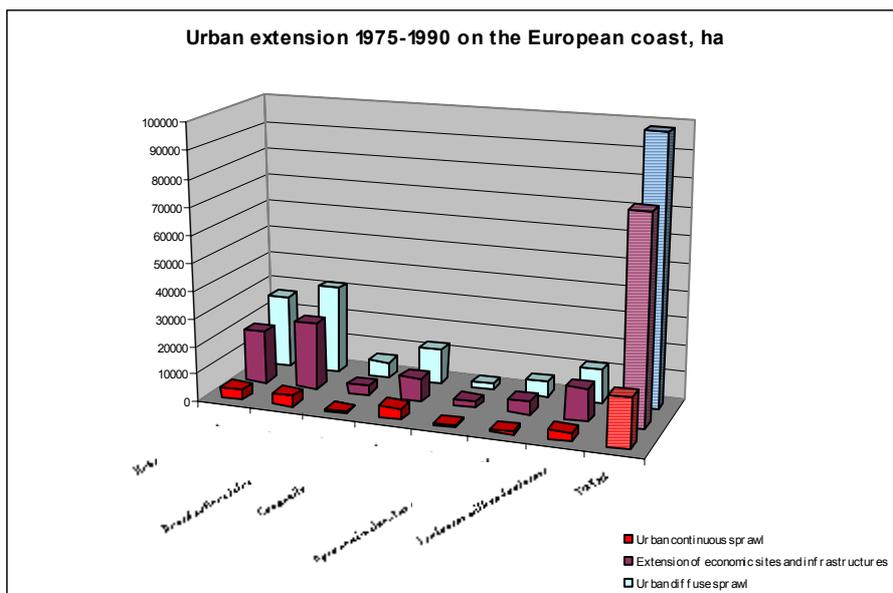
The Account of Formation of Land Cover presents the balance between Formation and Consumption. This account is established by CLC classes, their total being equal for each individual flow. The balance of the account is the Net Formation of Land Cover. An adjustment is added for some uncertainties in the initial matrix of changes. The Net Formation of Cover (plus adjustment) is at the same time the difference between the two stocks, Land Cover 1975 and Land Cover 1990.

The Land Cover Resource & Use account (Table 5.4) provides a more synthetic view of the land cover change data, by identifying both the processes of land cover change (that is the Formation of cover), as well as the losses, which are distributed by landscape type. Several important points are apparent in these data.

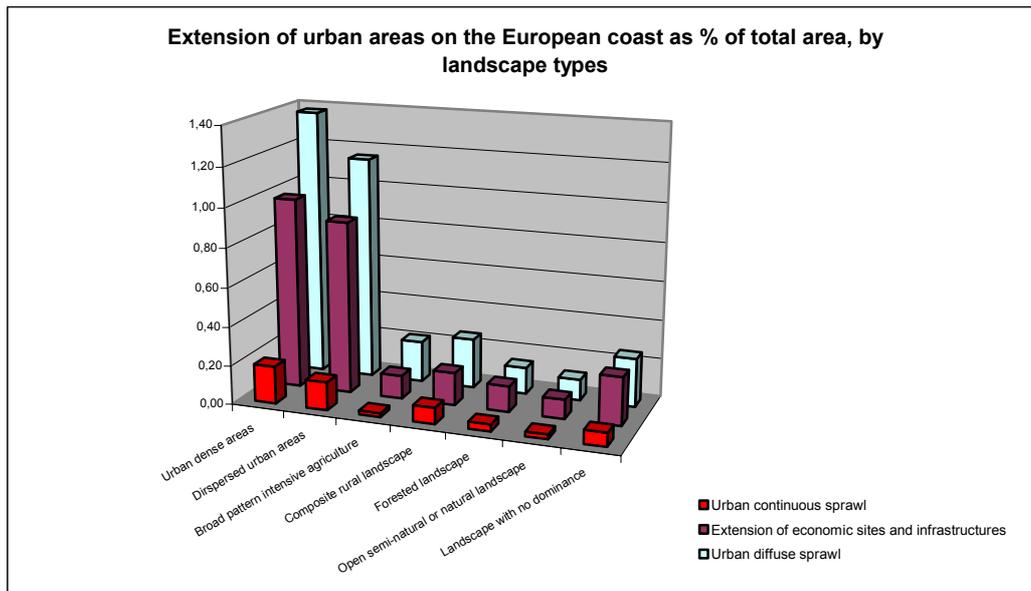
**Table 5.4 Summary Land Cover Resource and Use Account**

Land Cover Resource & Use Account on the European coast, 1975-1990, HA									
Summary Account		Landscape Types							TOTAL
		A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2	C3	
		Urban dense areas	Dispersed urban areas	Broad pattern intensive agriculture	Composite rural landscape	Forested landscape	Open semi-natural or natural landscape	Landscape with no dominance	
<b>A - OPENING SURFACE - 1975</b>		<b>1976950</b>	<b>2808556</b>	<b>2761698</b>	<b>5122033</b>	<b>1742189</b>	<b>4999331</b>	<b>4891751</b>	<b>24302508</b>
<b>Loss of Land Cover Resource</b>									
1	Artificial surfaces	12312	12798	1805	5289	1842	1940	7143	43129
2.1+2.2	Arable Land & Permanent Crops	26292	67754	84251	97169	10210	58958	118460	463094
2.3+2.4	Pastures & Heterogeneous agricultural areas	63728	89278	45308	401739	33957	71517	158585	864112
3.1	Forests	16433	11313	7494	14030	71100	38980	47593	206943
3.2+3.3	Shrub and other semi-natural land	33166	27495	24419	49724	61841	258576	169328	624549
4	Wetlands	20410	8826	8176	11771	658	87390	26458	163689
5	Water bodies	2878	1908	2201	1201	770	43512	6325	58795
<b>B - TOTAL LOSS OF LAND COVER RESOURCE</b>		<b>176219</b>	<b>219372</b>	<b>173654</b>	<b>580923</b>	<b>180378</b>	<b>560873</b>	<b>533892</b>	<b>2424311</b>
<b>Consumption of Land Cover (Flows resulting from Changes in the Uses of Land)</b>									
LCF1	Urban land management	3993	6454	706	2280	757	446	1516	16152
LCF2	Urban sprawl	30962	36367	6408	17422	3026	6572	15609	116366
LCF3	Extension of economic sites and infrastructures	19369	24872	3316	8565	2312	4959	12101	75494
LCF4	Agricultural rotation and intensification	44641	80815	100941	416326	9997	53907	177743	894370
LCF42	Planting of vineyards, fruit and olive trees over arable & pasture	6366	14242	7431	47633	2910	4702	19777	109161
LCF45	Intensification of agriculture	20184	36012	39003	107305	5634	22735	89696	323569
LCF5	Conversion of land to agriculture	14406	19681	22157	49734	18282	33213	57070	214543
LCF52+54	Conversion of marginal land to agriculture	8471	12972	19277	42317	8665	30384	42606	160692
LCF6	Forests creation and management	15929	7524	6083	21826	98909	106252	91646	346169
LCF7	Water body creation and management	452	967	579	498	926	290	1220	4932
LCF8	Changes of Land Cover due to natural and multiple causes	45241	32588	32627	83191	48157	350963	174153	746920
LCF83+LCF84	Farmland abandonment	7691	8672	7573	35977	26914	58917	58009	203852
LCF87	Coastal erosion	16502	7110	4254	7908	66	69786	16870	121485
LCF89	Other changes and unknown	2406	1112	8176	937	183	47200	7236	67399
N.A.		226	104	837	1081	12	4271	2834	9365
<b>C - TOTAL FORMATION OF LAND COVER 1975-1990</b>		<b>176219</b>	<b>219372</b>	<b>173654</b>	<b>580923</b>	<b>180378</b>	<b>560873</b>	<b>533892</b>	<b>2424311</b>
<b>D - Final Surface ~ 1990 (D = A-B+C)</b>		<b>1976950</b>	<b>2808556</b>	<b>2761698</b>	<b>5122033</b>	<b>1742189</b>	<b>4999331</b>	<b>4891751</b>	<b>24302508</b>

**Figure 5.4 Urban extension of the European coast, surface by landscape types**



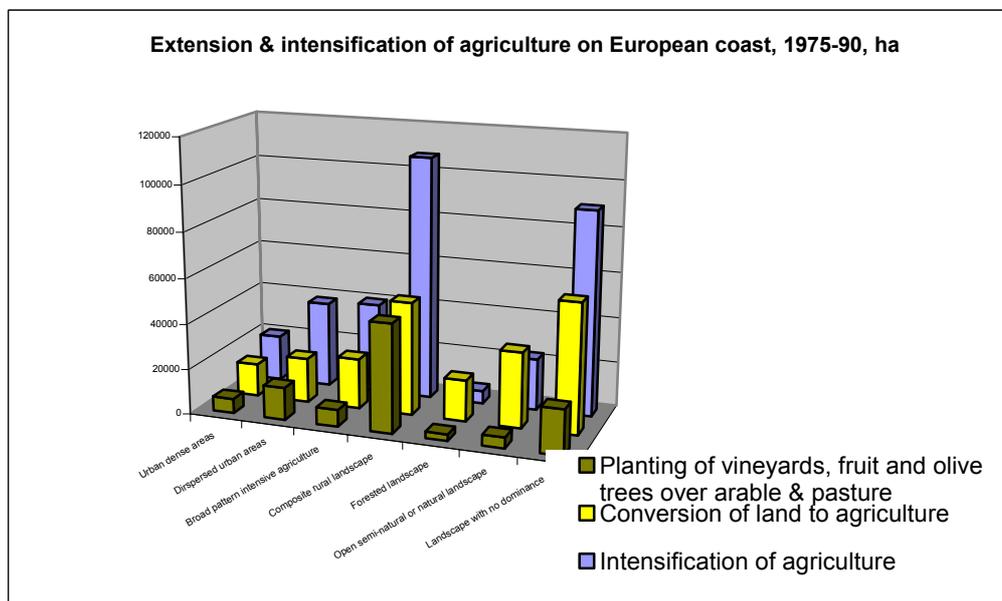
**Figure 5.5 Urban extension of the European coast, % by landscape types**



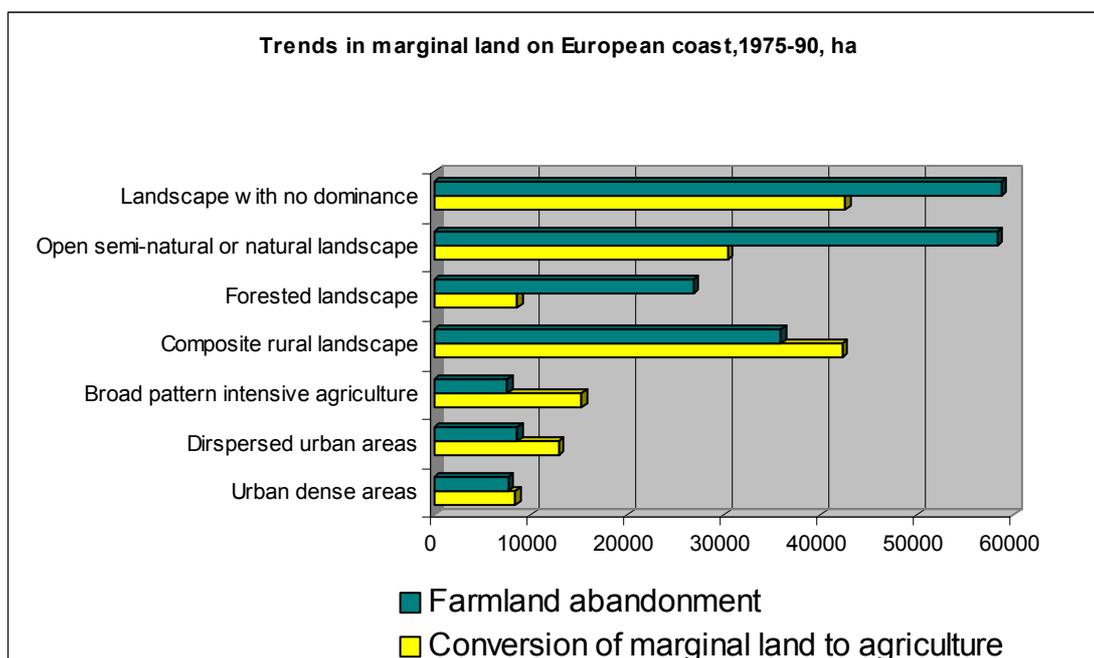
For example, there is extensive conversion of land to urban. Urban extension appears to take the form of diffuse sprawl and extension of activity areas and infrastructures, rather than as dense urban sprawl. The data in Table 5.4 suggest that expansion is more important in those areas already dominated by urban than elsewhere (Figure 5.4 and 5.5).

A second key feature of the data shown in Table 5.4 is that alongside the conversion to urban, an equally significant processes is the of conversion of marginal land to agriculture, intensification of agriculture and the planting of vineyards, fruit and olive trees. These changes are more or less balance by the abandonment of farmland abandonment and, to some extent by the extension of pasture, fallow land and set aside (Figure 5.6 and 5.7).

**Figure 5.6 Extension and intensification of agriculture on the European coast, by landscape types**



**Figure 5.7 Trends in marginal land on European coast: Farmland abandonment vs. Conversion of marginal land to agriculture according to landscape types**



The most important flows have occurred in the composite rural landscapes, the landscape with no dominance, and to a minor extent, in the dispersed rural landscapes. Conversion of land to agriculture is also important as in open semi-natural and natural areas, which suggests the more intensive use of marginal land. When we consider the relative values, it is apparent that the trend towards more intensive agriculture is important in all areas.

The extension of agricultural areas has to be assessed in relation to farmland abandonment, which is clearly an important process in European coastal areas. For example, farmland abandonment occurs on a similar scale to the conversion of marginal land. On the coast (and on the average) these two processes combined are the most important ones affecting open natural landscape, landscape with no dominance and composite rural landscapes.

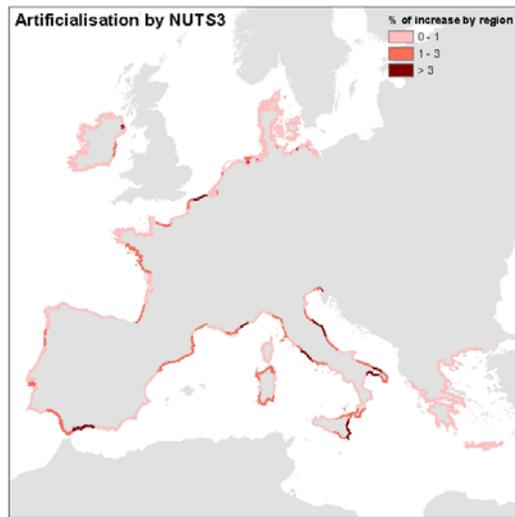
The extent of coastal erosion shown in Table 5.4 should be treated with caution because of the uncertainties associated with photo interpretation using satellite data for these localities (tide effects, etc.). It is likely that more reliable data would be obtained from the CORINE Coastal Erosion study, and it is suggested that these could be exploited more fully in a future survey.

The interest of a zonal approach can also be put in evidence by mapping accounting results. Some tests have been done in reference to NUTS3 coasts (Figure 5.8).

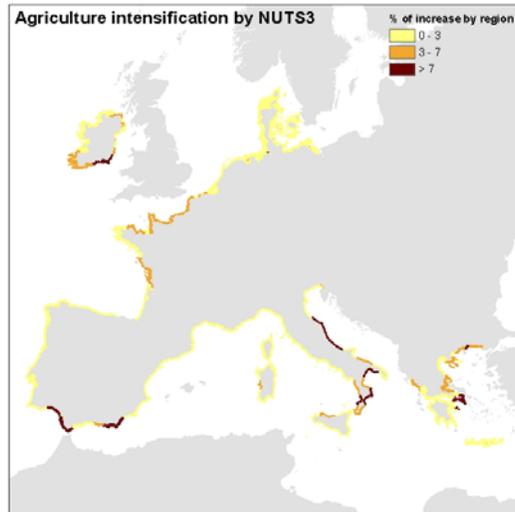
All these preliminary results will be developed in the future, in particular in the context of extending the zonal approach by providing an analysis by sea catchments, NUTS2 or 3 regions or other geographical sectors.

Figure 5.8 Three indicators derived from LEAC

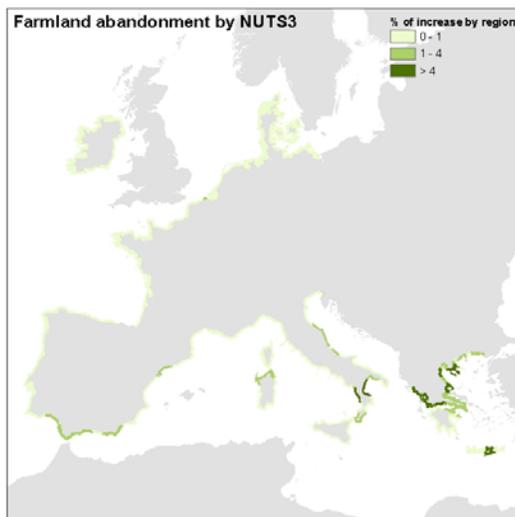
LCF12+LCF13



LCF45+LCF5



LCF83+LCF84



## Part 6: Targeted Accounts

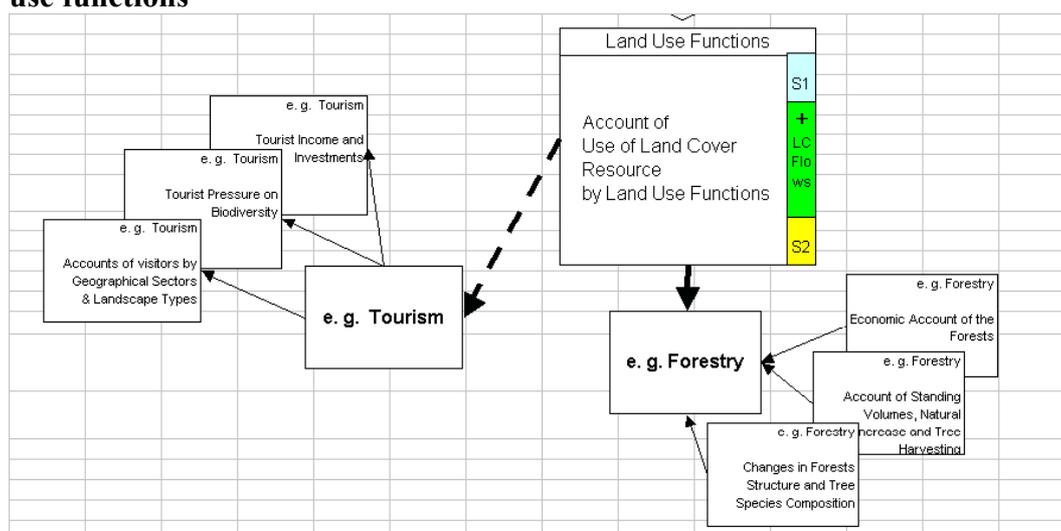
Targeted (or Supplementary) accounts are a set of accounting tables connected to the LEAC basic accounts via the Land Use Functions account (Figure 6.1). Such accounts can incorporate detailed information on land such themes as biotopes and small linear features that occur in the landscape (hedgerows, lanes, walls...), rivers, buildings or transport networks, as well as data such for human population, vegetation, wildlife, crops. Such accounts can express stock and change in physical units, such as area or numbers, or there can be some attempt to monetarise the account if this is appropriate.

The formal relationship of targeted accounts and basic accounts can be made at the level of land analytical units, where detailed and continuous statistics exist, as for population. More often, however, only more general information is available and more aggregated reporting units have to be created. Such accounts could, for example, be developed for large reporting units like Administrative Regions or River Basins when statistics are collected at this level.

The aggregation and linking process required to produce targeted accounts can be made either statistically or, as in the case of the present project, by landscape types, or be specific landscape characteristics derived from CORILIS, or from multi-variate statistical analysis of grids or of pre-established land units (as in the case of EuroWaternet).

The value of targeted accounts is that they allow the calculation of a wider range of indicators that can describe the potential or value or quality of particular resources, such as nature, or of the intensity of pressure upon them. As a result, they allow the wider use of environmental accounts in decision making processes.

**Figure 6.1: Relationship between basic and targeted accounts, linked by land use functions**



## 6.1 The Use of Land Cover by Functions

Table 6.1 shows the Supply & Use of Land Cover Resource by Land Use Functions. This describes the use of land by the function and the way it expands or shrinks over the accounting period.

These changes may result in formation of a new land cover, e.g. the expansion of farming resulting in Conversion of land to agriculture. But it is not always the case and the change in the area of a function may take place without any modification of land cover. For example, the expansion of cattle husbandry may as well simply use “CLC321 Natural pasture” without any land cover change (at least, during the accounting period). More generally, the possible multiple uses of a given land cover requires a separate accounting of changes in use that does not result in the formation of a new cover. Extensive Tourism (e.g. camping in forests) does not lead to major changes in cover. The new protection of a forest (an extension of the Use Function “Nature protection”) does not generate loss of forests, although it may have consequences on the function “Forestry”. Consequently, the total allocation of land to these functions is important in environmental and economic assessment and in policy making, in particular when multiple uses result in possible conflicts of use.

The basic equation of the Supply & Use of Land Cover Resource by Land Use Functions (Figure 6.1) is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \textit{Initial surface} \\
 & + \textit{Net Formation of Land Cover by Use} \\
 & + \textit{Net Extension of Use without Formation of Cover} \\
 & = \textit{Final surface}
 \end{aligned}$$

This equation is valid for each individual function. When addressing several functions, overlaps generally happen due to possible multiple uses. Therefore, an additional column is necessary to adjust the total by deducing the multiple uses and maintain a formal identity between the sum total of land use and of land cover.

*This last point is disputable when considering the Change in Use without Formation of Cover. As long as the total surface depends on the number of functions identified, it seems reasonable not to present results for this total. However, the land used by each individual function is presented and can always be added to others for specific analysis.*

**Figure 6.1: Supply & Use of Land Cover Resource by Land Use Functions**

Supply & Use of Land Cover Resource by Land Use Functions	UF1	UF2	UF3	UF4	UF5	UF6	UF7	UF8	UF9	UF10	UF11	UF12	UF13	ADJUSTMENT FOR MULTIPLE USES	TOTAL
	Residential, incl. services	Commercial	Transport	Industrial production	Energy production	Mining & quarrying	Waste dumping	Water management	Farming, food production	Forestry	Recreation & Tourism	Nature conservation	Other uses		
<b>Initial surface</b>															
1 Artificial surfaces															
2.1+2.2 Arable Land & Permanent Crops															
2.3+2.4 Pastures & Mixed agricultural areas															
3.1 Forests															
3.2+3.3 Shrub and other semi-natural land															
4 Wetlands															
5 Water bodies															
<b>A - TOTAL INITIAL SURFACE ~1975</b>															
<b>Net Formation of Land Cover by Use</b>															
LCF1 Urban land management															
LCF2 Urban sprawl															
LCF3 Extension of economic sites and infrastructures															
LCF4 Agricultural rotation and intensification															
LCF5 Conversion of land to agriculture															
LCF6 Forests creation and management															
LCF7 Water body creation and management															
LCF8 Changes of Land Cover due to natural and multiple causes															
<b>B - TOTAL Net Formation of Land Cover</b>															<b>0</b>
<b>Net Extension of Use without Formation of Cover</b>															
1 Artificial surfaces															
2.1+2.2 Arable Land & Permanent Crops															
2.3+2.4 Pastures & Mixed agricultural areas															
3.1 Forests															
3.2+3.3 Shrub and other semi-natural land															
4 Wetlands															
5 Water bodies															
<b>C - TOTAL Net Extension of Use without Formation of Cover</b>															
<b>Final Surface</b>															
1 Artificial surfaces															
2.1+2.2 Arable Land & Permanent Crops															
2.3+2.4 Pastures & Mixed agricultural areas															
3.1 Forests															
3.2+3.3 Shrub and other semi-natural land															
4 Wetlands															
5 Water bodies															
<b>D - TOTAL FINAL SURFACE ~1990 (D = A+B+C)</b>															

As suggested by the column of Recreation and Tourism, the functions can be in turn detailed for analytical purpose. It corresponds to the concept of “Targeted Accounts” introduced earlier in the report. These accounts present, first, details of land cover flows related to specific zones, landscape types, and environmental issues. Second, they organise the information on a given function in the framework of Accounts of Land Use Functions.

## 6.2 Framework of a targeted account for Tourism

In the pilot studies on the feasibility of LEAC with Corine Land Cover, 2 issues have been identified for tests: Tourism on the coastal zone and Forestry for the Czech Republic. The second test is presently carried out by GISAT.

In the case of Tourism, the test has been twofold: methodology and statistical implementation. Due to difficulties in collecting statistics, the methodological framework has not been tested and has to be considered as a very preliminary proposal. However, it shows clearly how the various sub accounts match and what is the interest in bridging them together.

**Table 6.1 Land Use functions of Tourism**

- *Housing & accommodation of tourists*
- *Hotels and similar*
- *Tourist campsites*
- *Holiday dwellings and other collective accommodation*
- *Second homes*
- *Accommodation by family and friends*
- *Transport of Tourists*
- *Shopping and restauration areas*
- *Airports in Tourism areas*
- *Other airports*
- *Specific transport infrastructure of Tourism areas*
- *General transport infrastructure*
- *Organised recreation*
- *Recreation parks and resorts*
- *Marinas*
- *Golf courses and other sport grounds*
- *Countryside recreation*

First, a classification of sub-functions has been established for Tourism. This classification takes into account the categories commonly used in Tourism statistics and Indicators (Table 6.1)

The framework is composed of 5 accounts:

- Supply & Use of Land Cover Resource for Recreation & Tourism
- Population Account of Tourism areas (no. of persons)
- Supply & Use of Water in tourist areas (to be detailed), Quarterly accounts
- Tourism and Nature: Tranquillity Accounts (to be detailed)
- Tourism economic accounts (satellite account)
  - Account of specific tourism parameters (physical units)
  - Expenditures of the tourists (in €)
  - Investments in tourist areas (in €)
  - Tourism Balance of Payments (in €)

Their linkage is presented in Figure 6.2 to 6.6.

The account of Supply & Use of cover (Figure 6.2) details Recreation and Tourism by sub-functions. A column for adjustment of multiple accounts is incorporated in order to have totals equal to the specific column of Recreation & Tourism.



The Population account (Figure 6.3) aims at measuring the total pressure in each Tourist zone. A distinction is made between the permanent and seasonal populations. The total of the two is the Maximum Cumulated Population of the Area. The assessment of the seasonal population needs to be discussed further. As long as the intensity matters, even if limited in time, a maximum value could be preferred to an average value (although the two might easily be presented in the same table). If an exhaustive statistic of visitor frequency is not available, the tourist pressure might be assessed by the arrivals in the area. This probably makes sense if the period of time is not too long, maybe a month (or the maximum month in the quarter or in the year). This question has to be discussed further, bearing in mind feasibility and issues of the availability of data.

**Figure 6.4 Supply & Use of Water in tourist areas (to be detailed), Quarterly accounts**

Supply & Use of Water in tourist areas (to be detailed), Quarterly accounts	Housing & accommodation of tourists						Transport of tourists				Organised recreation		Countryside recreation	Site seeing		ADJUSTMENT FOR MULTIPLE USES	TOTAL	
	Hotels and similar	Tourist campsites	Holiday dwellings and other collective accommodation	Second homes	Accommodation by family and friends	Shopping and reaturation areas	Airports in Tourism areas	Other airports	Specific transport infrastructure of Tourism areas	General transport infrastructure	Recreation parks and resorts	Mairias	Golf courses and other sport grounds	Rest and excursion	Fishing and hunting			Cultural sites
Total supply of water to tourist uses																		
Total return of waste water from tourist use																		

The account of Supply & Use of Water in tourist areas aims at identifying possible stress (and even water shortages). As in the population account, it needs to be set up on a seasonal basis.

**Figure 6.5 Tourism and Nature: Tranquillity Accounts (to be detailed)**

Tourism and Nature: Tranquillity Accounts (to be detailed)	Housing & accommodation of tourists						Transport of tourists				Organised recreation		Countryside recreation	Site seeing		ADJUSTMENT FOR MULTIPLE USES	TOTAL	
	Hotels and similar	Tourist campsites	Holiday dwellings and other collective accommodation	Second homes	Accommodation by family and friends	Shopping and reaturation areas	Airports in Tourism areas	Other airports	Specific transport infrastructure of Tourism areas	General transport infrastructure	Recreation parks and resorts	Mairias	Golf courses and other sport grounds	Rest and excursion	Fishing and hunting			Cultural sites
Consumption of high nature value areas related to tourism																		
Noisy areas in the proximity of zones of tourist activity																		
Noisy areas in the proximity of roads, seasonal transport																		
Frequentation of natural areas by tourists																		

Extent of 'Nature' is an attraction for tourists. It can turn to be a severe cause of damage to the natural environment due to urban sprawl as well as to transport and even walks and the subsequent noise disturbing wildlife. A summary account could capture the main aspects of this important issue.

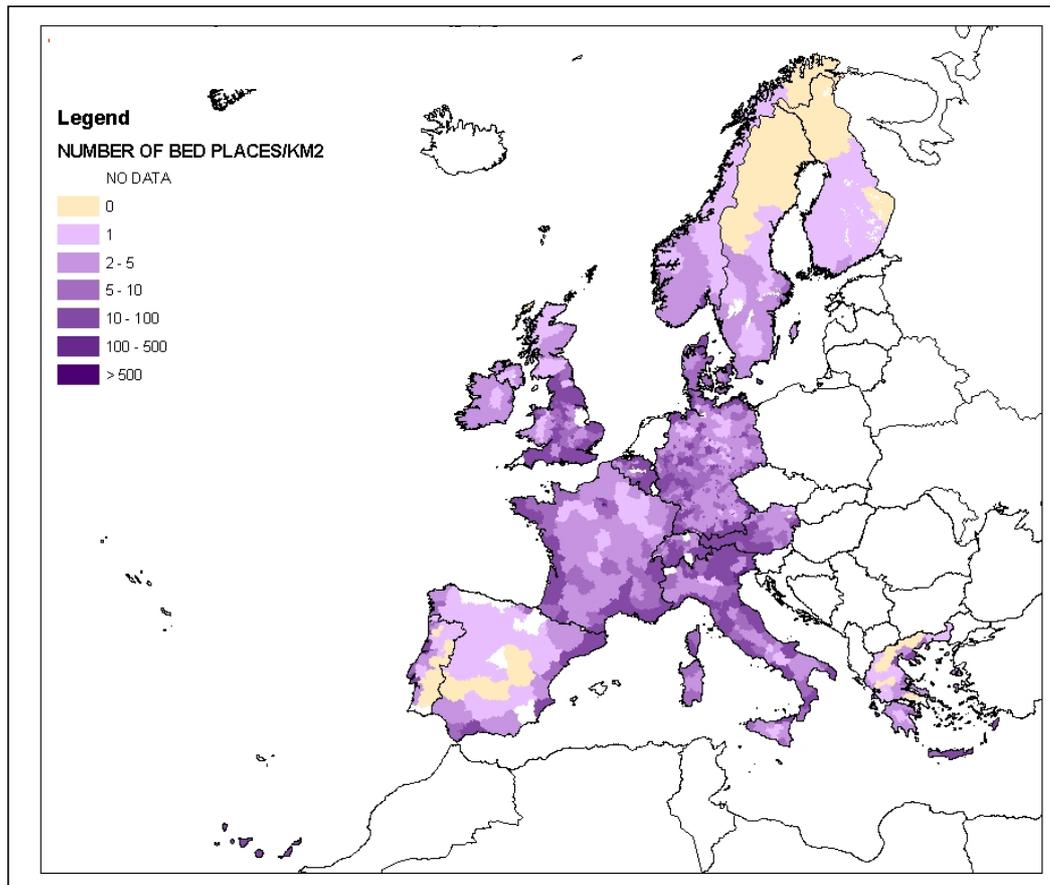
**Figure 6.6 Tourism economic accounts (satellite account)**

Tourism economic accounts (satellite account)	Housing & accommodation of tourists					Transport of tourists				Organised recreation		Countryside recreation		Site seeing		ADJUSTMENT FOR MULTIPLE USES	TOTAL	
	Hotels and similar	Tourist campsites	Holiday dwellings and other collective accommodation	Second homes	Accommodation by family and friends	Shopping and restaurant areas	Airports in Tourism areas	Other airports	Specific transport infrastructure of Tourism areas	General transport infrastructure	Recreation parks and resorts	Mairnas	Golf courses and other sport grounds	Rest and excursion	Fishing and hunting			Cultural sites
<b>Account of specific tourism parameters (physical units)</b>																		
Employment in the tourist sector																		
Hotels and similar establishments (nb)																		
Bedrooms (nb)																		
Bed places (nb)																		
Night spent/ non-residents																		
Night spent/ residents																		
<b>Expenditures of the tourists (in €)</b>																		
Hotel & other accommodations																		
Fictitious rent																		
<i>Fictitious rent of owners of second homes</i>																		
<i>Free accommodation</i>																		
Restaurant services																		
Transport																		
Leisure, entertainment																		
Tour operators services																		
Food																		
Other consumption																		
<b>Investments in tourist areas (in €)</b>																		
Dwellings																		
Other Buildings																		
Urban infrastructure																		
Transport infrastructure																		
Other investments																		
<b>Tourist balance of payments (in €)</b>																		
Tourist Expenditure of non-residents in the EU/country/region/tourist area																		
Tourist Expenditure of EU/non-residents outside EU/abroad																		

The Tourism Economic Account exists or under development in 8 EU countries and its main features are commonly surveyed in tourism statistics. It is a “satellite account” of the National Accounts. The purpose in LEAC is to bridge this account to the Tourism functions.

Although in designing of the framework attention has been paid to existing data sources, it was not possible at this stage to compute accounts for the project on coasts. The reasons are basically linked to the availability of Tourism statistics at the European level for NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions only (see Annex). In addition, NUTS3 data are only available for most countries from 1990 onwards. It was, therefore difficult to match the statistics with the narrow coastal strip as well as with the period of LaCoast. Things will be easier for the recent period when CLC will be updated for 2000. In addition, the possibility of using tourism statistics in the context of LEAC will be higher for the whole Europe, as shown with the map of “Tourism intensity” computed by the ETCTE.

**Figure 6.7: Tourism intensity in Europe, ~1999, bed-places / km<sup>2</sup>**



*(NB: Data for NI are available at NUTS2 only; considering their size, they will be integrated in the database as quasi-NUTS3 and the map will be reprocessed accordingly).*

An attempt has been made to use NUTS2 statistics available from 1980 to calculate changes in “tourism intensity” for coastal regions and have a rough idea of the possible linkage with indicators of intensity of land cover. It was unfortunately not possible due to a mix of difficulties linked to the incompleteness of the database for many regions, problems of aggregation of small and large regions in the calculation of the indicator and possible other inconsistencies. This idea was therefore abandoned.

Solutions to overcome the real difficulty of using Tourism statistics in an environmental perspective are discussed in the last Part of this report.

## **7. Discussion of results, limitation of the study and implications for further work**

The analysis of the data has shown a number of gaps in available data sources.

First, Lacoast 1975, clearly has to be completed for the countries or regions not currently available. The problem of the maritime accession countries (except Romania) will therefore have to be examined. A step in this direction will be achieved in the context of the EuroSION project, which is expected to deliver missing elements for the EU coast. In addition, some revisions are still necessary, in particular due to some problems of limited geometry.

Conversely, the forthcoming CLC2000 will deliver a 3<sup>rd</sup> temporal snapshot of land cover in the coast zone. The full implementation is expected for 2004, and this will make it possible to cover the coastal zone on a geographical basis, in line with the first ICZM report and the recommendations of the IndiLac project of the EEA's former ETCLC. The final revision of CLC1975 will have probably to be made when integrating 1990 and 2000, to have a consistent database. This database will have to take into consideration the updating of Corine Coastal Erosion presently ongoing within EuroSION. The results provide a single, unique coastline, a common definition and location of the estuaries and deltas (little needs to be done on this specific point) and some geomorphological attributes for the coastal units. It is also expected that a more precise DEM will be available and this will help to give a more precise definition of the coastal units. When this information will be available, a second generation of LEAC basic accounts for the EU coast will be possible.

Other types of data have been missing for the full development of LEAC. For example, a Nature targeted account was envisaged, starting from a database on protected sites used for 2 purposes:

- To give an attribute of "natural value" to the CLC forest and natural areas
- To establish an account of the sites disturbed by the noise of human activities (including tourism)

Neither has been possible due to the difficulty to access the Natura2000 database at the date of the completion of the report.

Considering the issue of Tourism, limitations of the accounting approach have been mentioned above. Probably, they will not be solved in the near future. Therefore, it may be necessary to collect local statistics on tourism the National or even Local levels. This is not an easy task and perhaps it should be combined with other more simple ways to get useful information. One possibility is to apportion the regional statistics to local parameters. The urban areas of CLC have been used in this respect for population statistics. In the case of Tourism, we propose to use the Postal Address Files, such as those available in the UK, to calculate the number of Hotels, tourist dwellings, campsites, restaurants, clubs, etc... and the proportion of the tourist infrastructure within the coastal zone. Other sources of information can be combined if necessary, for example, the comparison of the light observed at night on the coast by a satellite in winter and in summer (this methodology being probably restricted to the South of Europe).

An additional problem with local statistics is the difficulty of exchanging and disseminating the data in a geographic format (by NUTS5) because of problems of copyright. This is a serious shortcoming, considering the many groups of researchers and organisations involved. A solution presently discussed would be to use a unique km grid for Europe. The advantages are many, from the storage of local information to the facility of overlays and multi-variate studies. Solutions to these issues could come from the Inspire Project of the European Commission, which has identified the gaps and difficulties in the use of geographical information.

In the near future, LEAC will benefit from the study carried out by GISAT/Prague for the “4 countries”. The targeted accounts will address forestry issue.

In the longer term, three additional ways of development the accounting approach can be envisaged.

The first one is the compilation of targeted accounts for new functions. Possibilities include “Nature protection”, “Farming, food production”, “Water management”, “Residential” and “Transport”.

A second way relates to the local and/or regional levels, if LEAC are considered relevant for them. The implementation can be made on a systematic basis or, more probably, for selected areas belonging to a common network with similar interests. Such networks do exist along the coast and could be interested, in order to have comparable data. Of course, in this case, the framework of LEAC should be adapted to the local scale in terms of specification and identification of users needs.

The final way to develop LEAC is for scenario development. Two aspects are to be considered. The first is the structured dataset of accounts presenting consistent flows of changes. All or part of them can be used as an input to modelling. In addition, the spatial analysis techniques used for defining the Land Analytical and Reporting Units can be used as well in the perspective of scenarios in which the influence, the access or the attractiveness are important parameters. In addition, the representation of the European landscape can be used in other types of modelling in order to assess potential impacts of scenarios of urban or transport development or scenarios of impacts of the CAP on the most natural territories (for example). This point has to be considered in particular in the development of scenarios at the EEA as well as in programme such as ESPON, of DG REGIO and modelling activities in the JRC (fires, storms and floods). Last, considering the coastal zone, the accounts can contribute in assessing the impacts of scenarios of climate change, in order to identify which areas will be the more impacted and in which way. These scenarios are developed in various arenas, and some of them will be proposed in the context of the EuroSION project of DG ENV.

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## ANNEX 1 - Nomenclatures

### CORINE Land Cover nomenclature, Levels 1, 2, 3.

#### 1. Artificial surfaces

##### 1.1 Urban fabric

*1.1.1 Continuous urban fabric*

*1.1.2 Discontinuous urban fabric*

##### 1.2 Industrial, commercial and transport units

*1.2.1 Industrial or commercial units*

*1.2.2 Road and rail networks and associated land*

*1.2.3 Port areas*

*1.2.4 Airports*

##### 1.3 Mines, dump and construction sites

*1.3.1 Mineral extraction sites*

*1.3.2 Dump sites*

*1.3.3 Construction sites*

##### 1.4 Artificial non-agricultural vegetated areas

*1.4.1 Green urban areas*

*1.4.2 Sport and leisure facilities*

#### 2 Agricultural areas

##### 2.1 Arable Land

*2.1.1 Non-irrigated arable land*

*2.1.2 Permanently irrigated land*

*2.1.3 Rice fields*

##### 2.2 Permanent Crops

*2.2.1 Vineyards*

*2.2.2 Fruit trees and berry plantations*

*2.2.3 Olive groves*

##### 2.3 Pastures

*2.3.1 Pastures*

##### 2.4 Heterogeneous agricultural areas

*2.4.1 Annual crops associated with permanent crops*

*2.4.2 Complex cultivation patterns*

*2.4.3 Agriculture land with significant areas of natural vegetation*

*2.4.4 Agro-forestry areas*

#### 3 Forests and semi-natural areas

##### 3.1 Forests

*3.1.1 Broad-leaved forest*

*3.1.2 Coniferous forest*

*3.1.3 Mixed forest*

##### 3.2 Shrub and/or herbaceous vegetation associations

*3.2.1 Natural grassland*

*3.2.2 Moors and heathland*

*3.2.3 Sclerophyllous vegetation*

*3.2.4 Transitional woodland shrub*

- 3.3 Open spaces with little or no vegetation
  - 3.3.1 *Beaches, dunes and sand plains*
  - 3.3.2 *Bare rock*
  - 3.3.3 *Sparsely vegetated areas*
  - 3.3.4 *Burnt areas*
  - 3.3.5 *Glaciers and perpetual snow*

#### 4 Wetlands

- 4.1 Inland wetlands
  - 411 *Inland marshes*
  - 412 *Peat bogs*
- 4.2 Coastal wetlands
  - 421 *Salt marshes*
  - 422 *Salines*
  - 423 *Intertidal flats*

#### 5 Water bodies

- 5.1 Inland waters
  - 511 *Water courses*
  - 512 *Water bodies*
- 5.2 Coastal waters
  - 521 *Coastal lagoons*
  - 522 *Estuaries*
  - 523 *Sea and ocean*

### **CORINE Land Cover Aggregated nomenclature used in LEAC**

- |         |                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 1       | Artificial surfaces                 |
| 2.1+2.2 | Arable Land & Permanent Crops       |
| 2.3+2.4 | Pastures & Mixed agricultural areas |
| 3.1     | Forests                             |
| 3.2+3.3 | Shrub and other semi-natural land   |
| 4       | Wetlands                            |
| 5       | Water bodies                        |

## **Nomenclature of Land Cover Flows**

- LCF1 Urban land management
  - LCF11 Urban development/ infilling
  - LCF12 Developed land recycling
  - LCF13 Development of green urban areas
- LCF2 Urban sprawl
  - LCF21 Urban continuous sprawl
  - LCF22 Urban diffuse sprawl
- LCF3 Extension of economic sites and infrastructures
  - LCF31 Extension of industrial & commercial sites
  - LCF32 Extension of transport networks
  - LCF33 Extension of harbours
  - LCF34 Extension of airports
  - LCF35 Extension of mines and quarrying areas
  - LCF36 Extension of dumpsites
  - LCF37 Construction
  - LCF38 Extension of sport and leisure facilities
- LCF4 Agricultural rotation and intensification
  - LCF41 Recent extension of pasture, fallow land, set aside
  - LCF42 Planting of vineyards, fruit and olive trees over arable & pasture
  - LCF43 Rotation of annual crops
  - LCF44 Rotation of permanent crops
  - LCF45 Intensification of agriculture
- LCF5 Conversion of land to agriculture
  - LCF51 Intensive conversion of forest to agriculture
  - LCF52 Intensive conversion of marginal land to agriculture
  - LCF53 Diffuse conversion of forest to agriculture
  - LCF54 Diffuse conversion of marginal land to agriculture
  - LCF55 Conversion of wetlands to agriculture
  - LCF56 Conversion of developed areas to agriculture
- LCF6 Forests creation and management
  - LCF61 Forests creation
  - LCF62 Forests rotation
  - LCF63 Recent felling and transition
- LCF7 Water body creation and management
  - LCF71 Water body creation
  - LCF72 Water body management
- LCF8 Changes of Land Cover due to natural and multiple causes
  - LCF81 Semi-natural creation
  - LCF82 Semi-natural rotation
  - LCF83 Farmland abandonment without significant woodland creation
  - LCF84 Farmland abandonment with woodland creation
  - LCF85 Other land abandonment (other than farmland)
  - LCF86 Forests and shrubs fires
  - LCF87 Coastal erosion
  - LCF88 Impacts of storms, floods...
  - LCF89 Other changes and unknown

## **Nomenclature of Land Units**

### **A - Analytical Units**

Administrative Units (NUTS5, NUTS3...)

Geographic regions

*Geo-physical regions (river basins, mountains areas...)*

*Ecological or bio-geographic regions (DMEER...)*

*Other*

Land Analytical Units (produced by spatial analysis)

Geometric Units

*Grids*

*Buffers*

### **B - Reporting Units**

Administrative Regions (NUTS2, NUTS3), Countries

Geo-physical regions (river basins, sea catchments, mountains areas...)

Bio-geographic regions

Geographic Sectors (grouping of LAU or Geometric Units according to proximity or according to Landscape Types)

## **Nomenclature of Landscape Types used in LEAC**

A1 Urban dense areas

A2 Dispersed urban areas

B1 Broad pattern intensive agriculture

B2 Composite rural landscape

*B21 Lowland composite rural landscape*

*B22 Upland composite rural landscape*

C1 Forested landscape

*C11 Lowland forested landscape*

*C12 Upland forested landscape*

C2 Open semi-natural or natural landscape

*C21 Lowland open semi-natural or natural landscape*

*C22 Upland open semi-natural or natural landscape*

C3 Landscape with no dominant land cover character

*C31 Lowland with no dominant land cover character*

*C32 Upland with no dominant land cover character*

## **Nomenclature of Land Use Functions proposed for LEAC**

UF1 Residential, incl. services  
UF2 Commercial  
UF3 Transport  
UF4 Industrial production  
UF5 Energy production  
UF6 Mining & quarrying  
UF7 Waste dumping  
UF8 Water management  
UF9 Farming, food production  
UF10 Forestry  
UF11 Recreation & Tourism  
UF12 Nature conservation  
UF13 Other uses

## **Land Use functions of Tourism proposed for LEAC**

Housing & accommodation of tourists

*Hotels and similar*

*Tourist campsites*

*Holiday dwellings and other collective accommodation*

*Second homes*

*Accommodation by family and friends*

Transport of Tourists

*Shopping and restaurant areas*

*Airports in Tourism areas*

*Other airports*

*Specific transport infrastructure of Tourism areas*

*General transport infrastructure*

Organised recreation

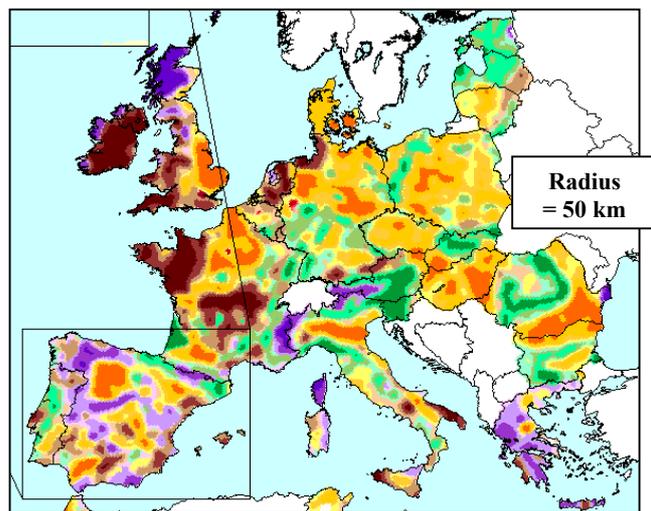
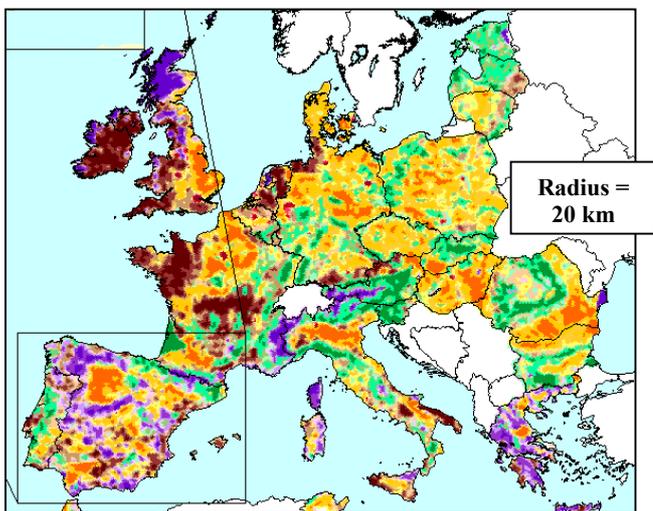
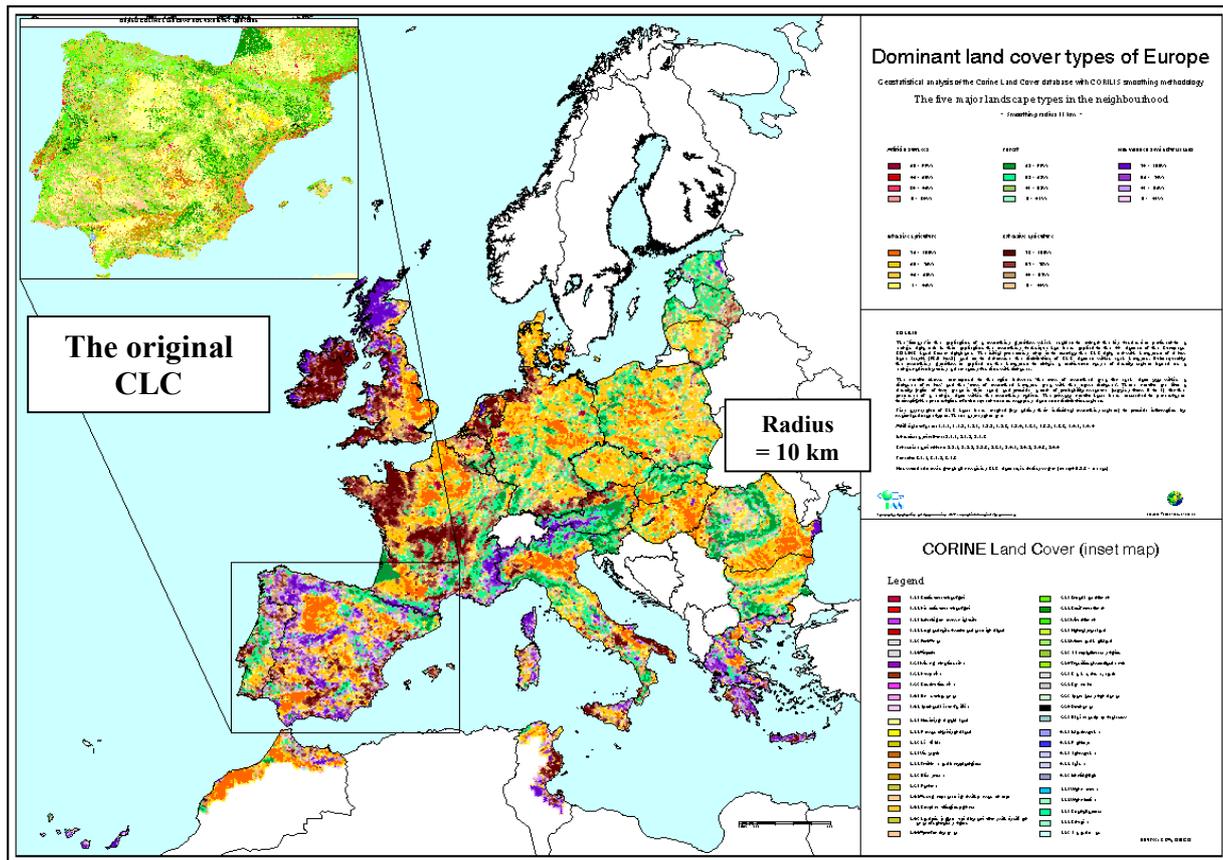
*Recreation parks and resorts*

*Marinas*

*Golf courses and other sport grounds*

*Countryside recreation*

## ANNEX 2: CORILIS: Comparison of various radiuses for smoothing Corine Land Cover



Test of CORILIS have been carried out by the EEA former Topic centre on Land Cover, IFEN and GIM being in charge of the project. The sensitivity of the results to the smoothing radius chosen is a well known characteristic of the methodology, broadly used for spatial analysis (e.g. the Hypermap project). The 3 maps above are based on the selection of the most important land cover class in the grid. The intensity of the colour reflects the CORILIS value of the given class. After comparison of the test-maps it has been decided 1) to adopt for LEAC, in first instance, the radius of 20 km 2) to modify the rule of selection in order to given more emphasis to the Artificial them which is covering less land than other but which is far more impacting the environment. See **4.3 Definition of Land Accounting Units & Landscape types using CORILIS.**





# ANNEX 5 a: ACCOUNT OF LAND COVER CHANGES 1975-1990 BY LANDSCAPE TYPES - CLC Level 3 - European coast, 1975-90, ha

Landscape types	A1				A2				B1				B2				B21				B22				C1				C11							
	URBAN DENSE AREAS				DISPERSED URBAN AREAS				BROAD PATTERN INTENSIVE				COMPOSITE RURAL LANDSCAPE				LOWLAND COMPOSITE RURAL LANDSCAPE				UPLAND COMPOSITE RURAL LANDSCAPE				FORESTED LANDSCAPE				LOWLAND FORESTED LANDSCAPE							
	1975	(-)	(+)	1990	1975	(-)	(+)	1990	1975	(-)	(+)	1990	1975	(-)	(+)	1990	1975	(-)	(+)	1990	1975	(-)	(+)	1990	1975	(-)	(+)	1990	1975	(-)	(+)	1990	1975	(-)	(+)	1990
<b>Land Cover (Corine Land Cover level 3)</b>	<b>443027</b>	<b>12312</b>	<b>54324</b>	<b>485039</b>	<b>356018</b>	<b>12798</b>	<b>67693</b>	<b>410913</b>	<b>82468</b>	<b>1808</b>	<b>10430</b>	<b>91093</b>	<b>142553</b>	<b>5289</b>	<b>28267</b>	<b>165531</b>	<b>94566</b>	<b>2995</b>	<b>16803</b>	<b>108374</b>	<b>47987</b>	<b>2294</b>	<b>11464</b>	<b>57157</b>	<b>32153</b>	<b>1842</b>	<b>6095</b>	<b>36406</b>	<b>20138</b>	<b>1290</b>	<b>4162</b>	<b>23010</b>				
<b>1 Artificial surfaces</b>	<b>325499</b>	<b>3648</b>	<b>34695</b>	<b>356546</b>	<b>262659</b>	<b>6726</b>	<b>42433</b>	<b>298966</b>	<b>69497</b>	<b>1089</b>	<b>7047</b>	<b>75443</b>	<b>110745</b>	<b>2431</b>	<b>19637</b>	<b>127978</b>	<b>72787</b>	<b>1096</b>	<b>11884</b>	<b>83575</b>	<b>37959</b>	<b>1335</b>	<b>7777</b>	<b>44401</b>	<b>25466</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>3783</b>	<b>28362</b>	<b>15762</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>2428</b>	<b>17660</b>				
1.1 Urban fabric	62983	371	5297	87889	49524	674	7420	56270	6315	28	1087	7353	24054	128	6238	30185	14770	64	3068	17774	9294	64	3171	12391	5544	142	1243	6645	3534	87	678	4113				
111 Continuous urban fabric	242536	3277	29398	288657	213135	5452	35013	242696	63176	1060	5974	68090	86892	2303	13422	69811	58017	1032	8816	65801	28675	1271	4606	32010	19922	745	2540	21717	12228	431	1758	13547				
112 Discontinuous urban fabric	69674	2736	11057	77995	49373	1296	15107	73544	7458	134	2127	9451	18298	786	4390	21902	13074	438	2509	15145	5224	348	1881	6757	4304	565	1407	5146	3015	562	1019	3472				
1.2 Industrial, commercial and transport units	40402	760	7087	46729	37572	538	12447	49480	4329	145	1806	5816	8961	443	3157	11675	6408	434	1699	7673	2553	9	1458	4002	3467	558	1052	3961	2575	558	823	2840				
121 Industrial or commercial units	3605	47	1114	4672	3242	6	809	4046	145	138	283	1621	2392	1164	418	1582	457	353	810	228	4	4	306	528	169	4	147	312	20	239	81					
122 Road and rail networks and associated land	14269	438	2174	16005	10978	745	1557	11790	867	15	300	1152	2342	4	307	2645	2299	4	307	2802	43	3	20	288	219	4	20	288	219	4	20	239				
123 Port areas	11398	1491	682	10589	7941	7	294	8228	2117	83	2200	5374	339	155	5190	3203	85	3288	2171	339	70	1902	340	29	369	52	29	369	52	29	369					
124 Airports	18709	5585	6401	19525	16575	7059	7492	19008	6783	2044	1442	1881	8156	3351	1442	1881	3790	3432	802	1536	4366	1405	388	475	1492	438	198	305	545							
1.3 Mines, dump and construction sites	5109	350	1799	6558	8803	1536	4065	11332	1252	71	502	1683	4385	727	1773	5431	1507	347	536	1696	2878	380	1237	3735	976	168	243	1051	188	48	98	238				
131 Mineral extraction sites	1734	116	775	2393	1575	1	730	2304	29	44	73	386	14	77	1149	248	10	731	969	138	4	46	180	26	26	48	74	26	23	49						
132 Dump sites	11866	5119	3827	10574	6197	3522	2697	5372	480	450	294	324	2012	1303	867	1576	1596	1085	614	1125	416	218	253	451	403	220	184	367	224	150	184	258				
133 Construction sites	29145	343	2171	30973	17051	317	2661	19395	3758	61	422	4119	6726	28	799	7497	5354	19	529	5864	1372	9	270	1633	978	2	430	1406	923	2	412	1333				
1.4 Artificial non-agricultural vegetated areas	14067	155	280	14172	4910	125	388	5173	1142	21	73	1194	531	41	572	511	41	41	552	20	20	171	20	171	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	
141 Green urban areas	15078	188	1911	16801	12141	192	2273	14222	2616	40	349	2925	6195	28	758	6925	4843	19	488	5312	1352	9	270	1613	807	2	430	1235	756	2	412	1166				
142 Sport and leisure facilities	821134	90020	60736	791850	1797594	157032	113015	1753577	2238731	129559	126428	2235600	4010230	498908	474555	3985877	1877981	226712	215286	1866555	2132249	272196	259269	2119322	449870	44167	32357	438060	144107	10432	11206	144881				
<b>2 Agricultural areas</b>	276275	18931	17624	274968	853729	47808	40991	846912	1835931	80260	76568	1832240	568598	59061	79849	589386	337470	34329	38985	342126	231128	24732	40864	247260	90673	34276	5728	9946	94891	46975	3587	5515	48903			
2.1 Arable Land	251240	16732	15272	249780	783481	32903	35977	786555	1626540	40331	53682	1639891	515107	50810	71864	536161	298246	29858	35170	303558	216661	20952	36694	232603	79162	4843	3290	77609	37499	2785	2071	36785				
211 Non-irrigated arable land	20033	2188	2352	20197	62730	14823	5000	52907	185250	39641	17507	163116	50727	7852	7648	50523	36548	4072	3581	36057	14179	3780	4067	14466	2495	308	6608	8795	1733	226	3435	4943				
212 Permanently irrigated land	5002	11	4991	7518	82	14	7450	24141	288	580	29233	2764	399	337	2702	2676	399	234	2511	88	103	191	9016	577	48	8487	7743	577	9	7175						
213 Rice fields	81284	7361	9186	83109	262757	19946	19835	262646	33068	3991	7472	36549	791695	38108	69138	822725	246673	8830	26139	263982	545022	29278	42999	558743	40790	4482	5487	41795	10309	913	1172	10568				
2.2 Permanent Crops	28165	1754	3377	29788	69057	4287	6982	71752	13447	1728	3581	15300	186983	3891	10345	193437	74406	2581	5278	77103	112577	1310	5067	116334	9687	737	1360	10310	4972	219	484	5237				
221 Vineyards	31285	2765	4167	32687	88058	4181	6191	90068	6459	694	2847	8612	176578	5201	20963	192340	844126	2861	14998	96612	92103	2340	5965	95728	6935	1361	1222	6796	1905	324	546	2127				
222 Fruit trees and berry plantations	21834	2842	1642	20634	105642	11478	6662	100826	13162	1569	1044	12637	428134	29016	37830	416948	87792	3388	5863	90267	340342	25628	31967	346681	24168	2384	2905	24689	3432	370	142	3204				
223 Olive groves	96697	10723	13913	99887	109279	6860	15190	117609	76065	6495	3162	72732	45913	243378	616978	638669	28192	112575	723052	333844	17721	130803	446926	12207	1818	564	10953	4933	397	144	4680					
2.3 Pastures	96697	10723	13913	99887	109279	6860	15190	117609	76065	6495	3162	72732	45913	243378	616978	638669	28192	112575	723052	333844	17721	130803	446926	12207	1818	564	10953	4933	397	144	4680					
231 Pastures	366878	53005	20013	333886	571829	82418	36999	526410	293667	38813	39225	294079	1677424	355826	82190	1403788	655169	155361	37587	537395	1022455	200465	44603	866393	306200	32139	16360	290421	81890	5535	4375	80730				
2.4 Heterogeneous agricultural areas	11239	274	1270	12235	51483	3843	1445	49085	4013	877	2061	5197	108667	3482	10431	115616	31472	1667	6233	44038	69195	1815	4178	17578	29562	1778	2496	30280	7356	243	486	7599				
241 Annual crops associated with permanent crops	229864	40331	13416	202949	387981	62995	29973	354959	183792	31359	32660	185093	1147163	320195	57178	884146	515054	147522	27149	394681	632109	172673	30029	489465	152388	10158	6023	148253	52899	1481	50781					
242 Complex cultivation patterns	123591	11238	5312	117665	130723	15529	5440	120634	105266	6514	4504	103256	406427	30642	14418	390203	98977	5156	4205	98026	307450	25486	10213	292177	110638	19606	7527	98559	15690	1355	2288	16623				
243 Agriculture land with significant areas of natural vegetation	2184	1162	15	10367	1642	51	141	1732	596	63	533	15167	1607	163	13823	1666	1016	163	13823	1666	1016	163	13823													

**ANNEX 5 b: ACCOUNT OF LAND COVER CHANGES 1975-1990 BY LANDSCAPE TYPES - CLC Level 3 - European coast, 1975-90, ha**

C12				C2				C21				C22				C3				C31				C32				TOTAL					
UPLAND FORESTED LANDSCAPE				OPEN SEMI-NATURAL OR NATURAL LANDSCAPE				LOWLAND OPEN SEMI-NATURAL OR NATURAL LANDSCAPE				UPLAND OPEN SEMI-NATURAL OR NATURAL LANDSCAPE				LANDSCAPE WITH NO DOMINANT LAND COVER CHARACTER				LOWLAND WITH NO DOMINANT LAND COVER CHARACTER				UPLAND WITH NO DOMINANT LAND COVER CHARACTER									
1975	(-)	(+)	1990	1975	(-)	(+)	1990	1975	(-)	(+)	1990	1975	(-)	(+)	1990	1975	(-)	(+)	1990	1975	(-)	(+)	1990	1975	(-)	(+)	1990	1975	(-)	(+)	Net Changes	1990	
12015	552	1933	13396	64612	1940	11977	74649	50800	1046	8244	57998	13812	894	3733	16651	164396	7143	29226	186479	117866	3899	18858	410913	46530	3244	10368	53654	1285227	43129	208012	164883	1120344	
9704	359	1357	10702	45025	427	7018	51622	35304	180	4785	39909	9721	247	2233	11713	124570	1769	17086	139688	89395	1024	10829	299966	35175	744	6257	40688	963456	16370	131717	115347	848709	
2010	45	567	2532	10828	11	1278	12095	18484	6	728	9208	2344	5	550	2989	22529	144	4318	26703	17709	30	1714	56270	4820	54	2604	7370	201757	1499	26862	25363	176394	
7694	314	790	8170	34197	410	5740	39527	26820	174	4057	30703	7377	236	1683	8824	102041	1624	12768	113185	71686	934	9115	242696	30355	890	3853	33318	761689	14871	104855	89984	671715	
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52	3	2717	49	2717	565	3282	2275	5	544	2819	442	21	463	2952	27	369	3294	2647	27	349	11790	305	325	34396	1232	5292	4060	30336					
288	174	288	1724	115	1839	1519	1519	205	52	1571	205	63	268	5766	1316	570	5020	3660	294	446	8228	2106	1022	124	1208	34660	3153	1928	-1225	35885			
967	190	170	947	5483	1361	2178	6300	3248	809	1195	3634	2235	552	983	2666	11332	3614	4774	12492	6785	2266	2298	19008	4547	1346	2476	5677	62048	18572	25577	7005	55043	
788	120	145	813	1801	124	1046	2723	433	24	1368	100	654	1922	5600	1356	2576	6820	1722	353	348	11332	3878	1003	2228	5103	27926	4332	12004	7672	20254			
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5030	1037	676	4669	20078	1173	2497	21402	6161	527	858	1639	14910	55476	5828	5703	52401	24461	3493	3520	90068	31015	2335	2183	30863	384869	21203	43590	22387	362482				
20736	2014	2763	21485	111070	16353	4923	99640	20358	3277	1194	18275	90712	13076	3729	81365	159312	22518	16589	153383	29563	5876	3297	100826	129749	16642	13292	126399	863322	86160	71595	-14665	877887	
7274	1421	420	6273	261928	5322	8971	265577	154759	4133	3946	154572	107169	1189	5025	111005	342213	27567	30692	345338	217793	19496	14406	117609	124420	8071	16286	132635	1870902	104698	315870	211172	1659730	
7274	1421	420	6273	261928	5322	8971	265577	154759	4133	3946	154572	107169	1189	5025	111005	342213	27567	30692	345338	217793	19496	14406	117609	124420	8071	16286	132635	1870902	104698	315870	211172	1659730	
224310	26004	11985	209691	513152	66195	58168	505125	168289	17286	13799	344883	48909	44369	340343	1046118	131018	101917	1017017	485194	51558	44192	526410	560924	79460	57125	539189	4775268	759414	354872	-404542	519810		
22206	1535	2010	22681	5800	847	124	5077	4177	499	93	3771	1623	348	31	1306	59827	1834	3508	61501	29081	1090	1531	49085	30746	744	1977	31979	270591	12935	21335	8400	262191	
99489	6559	4542	97472	188270	30880	22420	179810	77215	9351	8338	76202	111055	21529	14082	103608	598939	87819	57134	559154	326027	42170	32569	354959	263812	45649	24565	242728	2879297	583737	218804	-364933	3244230	
94948	18251	5239	81936	297368	26541	34260	305807	83648	6825	4910	81733	213720	19716	29350	223354	353283	32922	39646	360007	121272	6770	9974	120634	232011	26152	29672	235531	1527296	142992	111107	-31885	1559181	
7667	259	194	7602	21714	7927	1364	15151	3229	611	458	3076	18485	7316	906	12075	43169	8443	1629	36355	8814	1528	118	1732	34355	6915	1511	28951	98084	19750	3626	-16124	114208	
875122	105410	116376	886088	2364381	297556	306520	2373345	493762	57154	51062	487670	1870196	240402	255458	1885675	1561836	216921	206332	1551247	406496	44827	32670	493170	1155340	172094	173662	1156908	7189428	831492	800889	-30603	7220031	
647930	55070	73042	665902	282041	38980	82932	325993	69266	2234	12762	79794	212775	36746	70170	246199	613375	47593	73571	639353	204995	9772	8405	250409	408380	37821	65166	435725	2715380	206943	274722	67779	2647601	
270077	18445	54074	305706	81326	8960	8557	80923	18187	752	2052	19487	63139	8208	6505	61436	261452	16577	21276	266151	65312	4882	1537	66766	196140	11695								

## ANNEX 6 - Account of Formation of Land Cover - summary - European coast, 1975-1990, ha

Consumption of land cover								Land cover flows	Formation of land cover							
1	2.1+2.2	2.3+2.4	3.1	3.2+3.3	4	5	Total		1	2.1+2.2	2.3+2.4	3.1	3.2+3.3	4	5	Total
Artificial surfaces	Arable Land & Permanent Crops	Pastures & Mixed agricultural areas	Forests	Shrub and other semi-natural land	Wetlands	Water bodies	Total	Artificial surfaces	Arable Land & Permanent Crops	Pastures & Mixed agricultural areas	Forests	Shrub and other semi-natural land	Wetlands	Water bodies	Total	
15403	259	302	48	99		41	16152	LCF1 Urban land management	16152							16152
	40584	51657	7502	16314	178	131	116366	LCF2 Urban sprawl	116366							116366
6530	22987	24089	3841	10532	3874	3641	75494	LCF3 Extension of economic sites and infrastructures	75494							75494
	288686	605684					894370	LCF4 Agricultural rotation and intensification		388641	505729					894370
13765		57770	32933	103005	6093	977	214543	LCF5 Conversion of land to agriculture		122174	92369					214543
1454	7108	586	155744	171041	10016	220	346169	LCF6 Forests creation and management			633	238646	106890			346169
600	1695	1115	532	990			4932	LCF7 Water body creation and management							4932	4932
4702	101417	122710	6299	322040	141747	48005	746920	LCF8 Changes of Land Cover due to natural and multiple causes			72011	36076	418982	87312	132539	746920
								<i>Adjustment</i>								
<b>42454</b>	<b>462736</b>	<b>863913</b>	<b>206899</b>	<b>624021</b>	<b>161908</b>	<b>53015</b>	<b>2414946</b>	<b>Sub/Total Flows</b>	<b>208012</b>	<b>510815</b>	<b>670742</b>	<b>274722</b>	<b>525872</b>	<b>87312</b>	<b>137471</b>	<b>2414946</b>
<b>165558</b>	<b>48079</b>	<b>-193171</b>	<b>67823</b>	<b>-98149</b>	<b>-74596</b>	<b>84456</b>		<b>Net Formation of Land Cover</b>								
<b>208012</b>	<b>510815</b>	<b>670742</b>	<b>274722</b>	<b>525872</b>	<b>87312</b>	<b>137471</b>	<b>2414946</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>208012</b>	<b>510815</b>	<b>670742</b>	<b>274722</b>	<b>525872</b>	<b>87312</b>	<b>137471</b>	<b>2414946</b>

<b>Land cover stock 1975</b>	1285227	6803775	6646170	2715380	4474048	1505551	872357	24302508
<b>Net Formation of Land Cover</b>	165558	48079	-193171	67823	-98149	-74596	84456	
<b>Land cover stock 1990</b>	1450785	6851854	6452999	2783203	4375899	1430955	956813	24302508



**ANNEX 8 - Land Cover Resource & Use Account, European Coast, 1975-1990, ha**  
(by Landscape Types &/or by Land Reporting Units)

Detailed account	Landscape Types															TOTAL
	A1	A2	B1	B2	B21	B22	C1	C11	C12	C2	C21	C22	C3	C31	C32	
	URBAN DENSE AREAS	DISPERSED URBAN AREAS	BROAD PATTERN INTENSIVE AGRICULTURE	COMPOSITE RURAL LANDSCAPE	LOWLAND COMPOSITE RURAL LANDSCAPE	UPLAND COMPOSITE RURAL LANDSCAPE	FORESTED LANDSCAPE	LOWLAND FORESTED LANDSCAPE	UPLAND FORESTED LANDSCAPE	OPEN SEMI-NATURAL OR NATURAL LANDSCAPE	LOWLAND OPEN SEMI-NATURAL OR NATURAL LANDSCAPE	UPLAND OPEN SEMI-NATURAL OR NATURAL LANDSCAPE	LANDSCAPE WITH NO DOMINANT LAND COVER CHARACTER	LOWLAND WITH NO DOMINANT LAND COVER CHARACTER	UPLAND WITH NO DOMINANT LAND COVER CHARACTER	
<b>A - Opening surface ~ 1975</b>	<b>1976950</b>	<b>2808556</b>	<b>2761698</b>													<b>24302508</b>
<b>Consumption (loss) of Land Cover Resource</b>																
<b>1 Artificial surfaces</b>	<b>12312</b>	<b>12798</b>	<b>1805</b>	<b>5289</b>	2995	2294	<b>1842</b>	1290	552	<b>1940</b>	1046	894	<b>7143</b>	3899	3244	<b>43129</b>
1.1 Urban fabric	3648	6126	1089	2431	1096	1335	887	528	359	421	180	241	1768	1024	744	16370
1.2 Industrial, commercial and transport units	2736	1296	134	786	438	348	565	562	3	115	14	101	1743	590	1153	7375
1.3 Mines, dump and construction sites	5585	5059	521	2044	1442	602	388	198	190	1361	809	552	3614	2268	1346	18572
1.4 Artificial non-agricultural vegetated areas	343	317	61	28	19	9	2	2		43	43		18	17	1	812
<b>2 Agricultural areas</b>	<b>90020</b>	<b>157032</b>	<b>129559</b>	<b>498908</b>	226712	272196	<b>44167</b>	10432	33735	<b>130475</b>	42884	87591	<b>277045</b>	133928	143117	<b>1327206</b>
2.1 Arable Land	18931	47808	80260	59061	34329	24732	5728	3587	2141	37386	16497	20889	81857	49188	32669	331031
2.2 Permanent Crops	7361	19946	3991	38108	8830	29278	4482	913	3569	21572	4968	16604	36603	13686	22917	132063
2.3 Pastures	10723	6860	6495	45913	28192	17721	1818	397	1421	5322	4133	1189	27567	19496	8071	104698
2.4 Heterogeneous agricultural areas	53005	82418	38813	355826	155361	200465	32139	5535	26604	66195	17286	48909	131018	51558	79460	759414
<b>3 Forests and semi-natural areas</b>	<b>49599</b>	<b>38808</b>	<b>31913</b>	<b>63754</b>	13177	50577	<b>132941</b>	27531	105410	<b>297556</b>	57154	240402	<b>216921</b>	44827	172094	<b>831492</b>
3.1 Forests	16433	11313	7494	14030	2568	11462	71100	16030	55070	38980	2234	36746	47593	9772	37821	206943
3.2 Shrub and/or herbaceous vegetation associations	28309	22878	14556	40802	7499	33303	50873	7536	43337	213343	39279	174064	145470	26977	118493	516231
3.3 Open spaces with little or no vegetation	4857	4617	9863	8922	3170	5812	10968	3965	7003	45233	15641	29592	23858	8078	15780	108318
<b>4 Wetlands</b>	<b>20410</b>	<b>8826</b>	<b>8176</b>	<b>11771</b>	9436	2335	<b>658</b>	658		<b>87390</b>	76538	10852	<b>26458</b>	24824	1634	<b>163689</b>
4.1 Inland wetlands	331	323	658	2602	273	2329	234	234		13512	2758	10754	2416	854	1562	20076
4.2 Coastal wetlands	20079	8503	7518	9169	9163	6	424	424		73878	73780	98	24042	23970	72	143613
<b>5 Water bodies</b>	<b>2878</b>	<b>1908</b>	<b>2201</b>	<b>1201</b>	1201		<b>770</b>	740	30	<b>43512</b>	42693	819	<b>6325</b>	6233	92	<b>58795</b>
5.1 Inland waters	276	74	616	127	127		175	145	30	1119	375	744	355	305	50	2742
5.2 Coastal waters	2602	1834	1585	1074	1074		595	595		42393	42318	75	5970	5928	42	56053
<b>B - TOTAL CONSUMPTION (LOSS) OF LAND COVER RESOURCE</b>	<b>175219</b>	<b>219372</b>	<b>173654</b>	<b>580923</b>	253521	327402	<b>180378</b>	40651	139727	<b>560873</b>	220315	340558	<b>533892</b>	213711	320181	<b>2424311</b>
<b>Formation of Land Cover</b>																
<b>LCF1 Urban land management</b>	<b>3993</b>	<b>6454</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>2280</b>	1032	1248	<b>757</b>	497	260	<b>446</b>	308	138	<b>1516</b>	997	519	<b>16152</b>
LCF11 Urban development/ infilling	1174	3587	503	1926	815	1111	553	327	226	92	34	58	845	411	434	8680
LCF12 Developed land recycling	2559	2479	130	313	176	137	204	170	34	354	274	80	632	563	69	6671
LCF13 Development of green urban areas	260	388	73	41	41								39	23	16	801
<b>LCF2 Urban sprawl</b>	<b>30962</b>	<b>36367</b>	<b>6408</b>	<b>17422</b>	10893	6529	<b>3026</b>	1929	1097	<b>6572</b>	4477	2095	<b>15609</b>	9855	5754	<b>116366</b>
LCF21 Urban continuous sprawl	3798	4052	557	4318	2256	2062	642	301	341	1186	694	492	3410	1259	2151	17963
LCF22 Urban diffuse sprawl	27164	32315	5851	13104	8637	4467	2384	1628	756	5386	3783	1603	12199	8596	3603	98403
<b>LCF3 Extension of economic sites and infrastructures</b>	<b>19369</b>	<b>24872</b>	<b>3316</b>	<b>8565</b>	4878	3687	<b>2312</b>	1736	576	<b>4959</b>	3459	1500	<b>12101</b>	8006	4095	<b>75494</b>
LCF31 Extension of industrial & commercial sites	7087	12447	1606	3157	1699	1458	1052	823	229	1479	1096	383	3847	2796	1051	30675
LCF32 Extension of transport networks	1114	809	138	771	418	353	306	147	159	104	104		1071	934	137	4313
LCF33 Extension of harbours	2174	1557	300	307	307		20	20		565	544	21	369	349	20	5292
LCF34 Extension of airports	682	294	83	155	85	70	29	29		115	52	63	570	446	124	1928
LCF35 Extension of mines and quarrying areas	1799	4065	502	1773	536	1237	243	98	145	1046	392	654	2576	348	2228	12004
LCF36 Extension of dumpsites	775	730	44	777	731	46	48	23	25	191	142	49	745	688	57	3310
LCF37 Construction	3827	2697	294	867	614	253	184	184		941	661	280	1453	1262	191	10263
LCF38 Extension of sport and leisure facilities	1911	2273	349	758	488	270	430	412	18	518	468	50	1470	1183	287	7709
<b>LCF4 Agricultural rotation and intensification</b>	<b>44641</b>	<b>90815</b>	<b>100941</b>	<b>416326</b>	202098	214228	<b>9997</b>	3892	6105	<b>53907</b>	22723	31184	<b>177743</b>	99162	78581	<b>894370</b>
LCF41 Recent extension of pasture, fallow land, set aside	17371	27752	32922	258756	120887	137869	1130	357	773	19346	8308	11038	57849	31961	25888	415126
LCF42 Planting of vineyards, fruit and olive trees over arable & pasture	6366	14242	7431	47633	24545	23088	2910	792	2118	4792	1411	3381	19777	7025	12752	103151
LCF43 Rotation of annual crops	483	9387	20382	1370	949	421	85	50	35	5623	3039	2584	8428	7650	778	45758
LCF44 Rotation of permanent crops	237	1422	403	1262	613	649	238	44	194	1411	368	1043	1793	833	960	6766
LCF45 Intensification of agriculture	20184	38012	39803	107305	55104	52201	5634	2649	2985	22735	9597	13138	89896	51693	38203	323569
<b>LCF5 Conversion of land to agriculture</b>	<b>14406</b>	<b>19681</b>	<b>22157</b>	<b>49734</b>	9646	40088	<b>18282</b>	1665	12117	<b>33213</b>	8789	24444	<b>57070</b>	19945	37125	<b>214543</b>
LCF51 Intensive conversion of forest to agriculture	1218	1049	3554	2465	408	2057	4740	2284	2456	146	40	106	6481	3280	3201	19653
LCF52 Intensive conversion of marginal land to agriculture	3946	4669	13855	28860	5649	23211	4615	996	3619	17184	5311	11873	25631	9112	16519	98760
LCF53 Diffuse conversion of forest to agriculture	878	1400	423	2405	203	2202	3900	901	2999	937	74	863	3420	809	2611	13363
LCF54 Diffuse conversion of marginal land to agriculture	4525	8303	1422	13457	2019	11438	4050	1101	2949	13200	2633	10567	16975	4105	12870	61932
LCF55 Conversion of wetlands to agriculture	234	368	2315	565	271	294	244	244		1405	587	818	1939	1639	300	7070
LCF56 Conversion of developed areas to agriculture	3605	3892	588	1982	1096	886	733	639	94	341	134	217	2624	1000	1624	13765
<b>LCF6 Forests creation and management</b>	<b>15929</b>	<b>7524</b>	<b>6083</b>	<b>21826</b>	3219	18607	<b>96909</b>	15593	81316	<b>106252</b>	14275	91977	<b>91646</b>	11398	80248	<b>346169</b>
LCF61 Forests creation	6557	3113	2898	13597	1687	11910	37330	4837	32493	70469	12386	58083	56461	7302	49159	190425
LCF62 Forests rotation	574	355	1021	2397	404	1993	24946	1700	23246	11033	72	10961	8528	480	8048	48854
LCF63 Recent felling and transition	8798	4056	2164	5832	1128	4704	34633	9056	25577	24750	1817	22933	26657	3616	23041	106890
<b>LCF7 Water body creation and management</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>498</b>	97	401	<b>926</b>	688	238	<b>290</b>	172	118	<b>1220</b>	563	657	<b>4932</b>
LCF71 Water body creation	452	967	579	498	97	401	926	688	238	290	172	118	1220	563	657	4932
LCF72 Water body management																
<b>LCF8 Changes of Land Cover due to natural and multiple causes</b>	<b>45241</b>	<b>32588</b>	<b>32627</b>	<b>63191</b>	20577	42614	<b>48157</b>	10139	38018	<b>350963</b>	161929	189034	<b>174153</b>	60964	113189	<b>746920</b>
LCF81 Semi-natural creation	1008	559	1107	913	297	616	685	25	660	4117	1110	3007	2219	993	1226	10608
LCF82 Semi-natural rotation	10523	11186	11059	15361	4673	10688	20055	6140	13915	165776	32279	133497	83159	21217	61942	317119
LCF83+LCF84 Farmland abandonment without significant woodland creation+Farmland abandonment with woodland creation	7691	8672	7573	35977	6270	29707	26814	3531	23283	58317	11348	46969	58808	13821	44987	203852
LCF85 Other land abandonment (other than farmland)	1693	819	273	453	441											

## ANNEXE 9

5/06/2002 NEWCRONOS - CLASSIFICATION PLAN DOMAIN : REGIO  
Regional statistics  
COLLECTION : REG\_YBK Regions: Statistical yearbook 2001

*TABLE : TU\_T1 Hotels and similar establishments, 1999 - EU*

**LIST OF DIMENSIONS :**

**TOURINFO Tourism information**

**GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)**

**EDITION Regions: Statistical yearbook**

**DIMENSIONS' DETAIL :**

**TOURINFO Tourism information**

ESTABLISHMENTS Number of establishments

BED\_ROOMS Number of bedrooms

BED\_PLACES Number of bed-places

ARRIVAL\_RESID Arrivals of residents

ARRIVAL\_NON\_RESID Arrivals of non-residents

NIGHTS\_RESIDNights spent by residents

NIGHTS\_NON\_RESID Nights spent by non-residents

**GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)**

See dimension 'geo' in annexe

**EDITION Regions: Statistical yearbook**

YB2001 Regions: Statistical yearbook 2001 (data as at June 2001)

**TABLE : TU\_T2 Tourist campsites, 1999 - EU**

**LIST OF DIMENSIONS :**

**TOURINFO Tourism information**

**GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)**

**EDITION Regions: Statistical yearbook**

**DIMENSIONS' DETAIL :**

**TOURINFO Tourism information**

ESTABLISHMENTS Number of establishments

BED\_PLACES Number of bed-places

ARRIVAL\_RESID Arrivals of residents

ARRIVAL\_NON\_RESID Arrivals of non-residents

NIGHTS\_RESIDNights spent by residents

NIGHTS\_NON\_RESID Nights spent by non-residents

**GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)**

See dimension 'geo' in annexe

**EDITION Regions: Statistical yearbook**

YB2001 Regions: Statistical yearbook 2001 (data as at June 2001)

**TABLE : TU\_T3 Holiday dwellings, 1999 - EU**

**LIST OF DIMENSIONS :**

**TOURINFO Tourism information**

**GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)**

**EDITION Regions: Statistical yearbook**

**DIMENSIONS' DETAIL :**

**TOURINFO Tourism information**

ESTABLISHMENTS Number of establishments

BED\_PLACES Number of bed-places

**GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)**

See dimension 'geo' in annexe

**EDITION Regions: Statistical yearbook**

YB2001 Regions: Statistical yearbook 2001 (data as at June 2001)

**TABLE : TU\_T4 Other collective accommodation, 1999 - EU**

**LIST OF DIMENSIONS :**

**TOURINFO Tourism information**

**GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)**

**EDITION Regions: Statistical yearbook**

**DIMENSIONS' DETAIL :**

**TOURINFO Tourism information**

ESTABLISHMENTS Number of establishments

BED\_PLACES Number of bed-places

ARRIVAL\_RESID Arrivals of residents

ARRIVAL\_NON\_RESID Arrivals of non-residents

NIGHTS\_RESIDNights spent by residents

NIGHTS\_NON\_RESID Nights spent by non-residents

**GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)**

See dimension 'geo' in annexe

**EDITION Regions: Statistical yearbook**

YB2001 Regions: Statistical yearbook 2001 (data as at June 2001)

5/06/2002 NEWCRONOS - CLASSIFICATION PLAN DOMAIN : REGIO

Regional statistics

COLLECTION : TOUR-R Tourism statistics

**TABLE : T04\_2R Arrivals of residents - NUTS 2 - annual data (derived table)**

**LIST OF DIMENSIONS :**

**UNIT Units**

**ACTIVITY Activity**

**GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)**

**TIME Period of time (a=annual, q=quarterly, m=monthly, d=daily, c=cumulated from January)**

**DIMENSIONS' DETAIL :****UNIT Units**

NBR Number/Absolute value/Unit

**ACTIVITY Activity**

A100 Hotels and similar establishments

B010 Tourist campsites

B020 Holiday dwellings

B040 Other collective accommodation n.i.e

B100 Other collective accommodation establishments, total

**GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)** See dimension 'geo' in annexe**TABLE : T05\_2R Nights spent by residents - NUTS 2 - annual data (derived table)****LIST OF DIMENSIONS :****UNIT Units****ACTIVITY Activity****GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)****TIME Period of time (a=annual, q=quarterly, m=monthly, d=daily, c=cumulated from January)****DIMENSIONS' DETAIL :****UNIT Units**

NBR Number/Absolute value/Unit

**ACTIVITY Activity**

A100 Hotels and similar establishments

B010 Tourist campsites

B020 Holiday dwellings

B040 Other collective accommodation n.i.e

B100 Other collective accommodation establishments, total

**GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)** See dimension 'geo' in annexe**TABLE : T06\_2R Arrivals of non-residents - NUTS 2 - annual data (derived table)****LIST OF DIMENSIONS :****UNIT Units****ACTIVITY Activity****GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)****TIME Period of time (a=annual, q=quarterly, m=monthly, d=daily, c=cumulated from January)****DIMENSIONS' DETAIL :****UNIT Units**

NBR Number/Absolute value/Unit

**ACTIVITY Activity**

A100 Hotels and similar establishments

B010 Tourist campsites

B020 Holiday dwellings

B040 Other collective accommodation n.i.e

B100 Other collective accommodation establishments, total

**GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)** See dimension 'geo' in annexe**TABLE : T07\_2R Nights spent by non-residents - NUTS 2 - annual data (derived table)****LIST OF DIMENSIONS :****UNIT Units****ACTIVITY Activity****GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)****TIME Period of time (a=annual, q=quarterly, m=monthly, d=daily, c=cumulated from January)****DIMENSIONS' DETAIL :****UNIT Units**

NBR Number/Absolute value/Unit

**ACTIVITY Activity**

A100 Hotels and similar establishments

B010 Tourist campsites

B020 Holiday dwellings

B040 Other collective accommodation n.i.e

B100 Other collective accommodation establishments, total

**GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)** See dimension 'geo' in annexe**TABLE : T\_3R Number of establishments, bedrooms and beds - NUTS 3 - annual data (derived table)****LIST OF DIMENSIONS :****UNIT Units****INDICAT Indicator****ACTIVITY Activity****GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)****TIME Period of time (a=annual, q=quarterly, m=monthly, d=daily, c=cumulated from January)****DIMENSIONS' DETAIL :****UNIT Units**

NBR Number/Absolute value/Unit

**INDICAT Indicator**

A001 Establishments

A002 Bedrooms

A003 Bed-Places

**ACTIVITY Activity**

A100 Hotels and similar establishments

B010 Tourist campsites

B020 Holiday dwellings

B040 Other collective accommodation n.i.e

B100 Other collective accommodation establishments, total

**GEO Geopolitical entities (declaring)** See dimension 'geo' in annex