

Chapter 1 presents the context of MST quite well. The rationale for MST could be more explicitly stated - maybe a section could be included on why this framework is important from a policy perspective.

With respect to chapter 3 - we look forward to the discussion of the consumption versus the production perspectives. As well as further elaboration of the allocation of environmental flows to transportation - especially once one starts looking at spatial measurement at a lower level such as local / tourism destination.

Chapter 5 is heading in the right direction. Defining the spatial area is definitely an important first step to integrating and interpreting data. The challenge will be articulating environmental dimension at these sub-national spatial areas such as local / tourism destination - maybe this area can be elaborated. How would a national table and a tourist destination table reconcile. Pilot studies at lower levels of geography may be of interest.

A few of the comments on how Statistics Canada's Physical Flow Accounts (PFA) would currently be able to respond to the data requirements prescribed in the framework are included below.

- In section 3.3.2 - For example, "Of particular interest for sustainable tourism are the seasonal patterns in water use since in specific locations there will be peaks in the demand for water that may not correspond to the patterns of water supply, e.g. across dry and rainy seasons." (3.3.2 pg 40) . Currently the PFA do not have sub-annual flows. For the source data that does publish monthly water intake estimates "tourism industries" are not covered.
- For 3.3.3, in example on the energy flows for tourism industries: "It contains information on the supply and use of energy by type of energy product including energy from renewable and non-renewable sources." Energy from renewable sources (wind, solar, etc.) is currently not accounted for in the PFA. The PFA currently only includes own-account generation from non-renewable fuels.
- Estimates of physical flows are produced at annual data as they are based on the supply and use tables,

Some minor points - on pg. 45: in Table 5.2: Tourism industries energy flow account, should the flows from the environment from natural resource inputs be highlighted in red as a cell of "most likely importance". On pg. 47: in Table 5.3: Tourism industries GHG emissions account, would Total CO2 equivalent not be a more "important" estimate to include on the supply side, both in terms of comparability as well as measuring the overall impact in the environment.