

Metodological notes

Details in English language concerning context, meaning, purposes, data sources and estimation methods of the Italian economy-wide material flow accounts and derived indicators can be found in chapter 2 the following volume, freely available online on this website:

http://www3.istat.it/dati/catalogo/20100604_00/annali_serie_XI_vol_2_anno_138_contabilita_ambientale.pdf

In the same volume, chapters 3 and 4 contain further information on the material flows of the Italian economy, and on the accounts and indicators describing them. The other chapters of the volume broaden the perspective on related, but more detailed, information on the pressures exerted by the socio-economic system on the environment, measured – as appropriate – in physical units.