

IX.A.1. Environmental Cost-benefit Analysis

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This paper discusses few major elements of the application of Cost-benefit Analysis(CBA) to ecological problems. Firstly, there is the search for an appropriate methodological framework to integrate activities concerning the protection of ecology. The framework is designed to be broad enough to allow its application either to existing programmes or to a proposed project, as well as to a wide spectrum of activities affecting the ecology. Secondly, there is the need to ensure that the most appropriate methodology is applied to all kind of ecological problems. Thus, other available supplementing techniques to CBA, like CEA and RBA (risk benefit analysis) to be considered in the context of a more ample framework of analysis, taking into account the system in which they have to be applied, and the particular characteristics of the environment Thirdly, the scope of the applications of CBA. The preoccupation that underlined the demand to enlarge the scope of the CBA.