

Navigating the Technical Guidance

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OUTCOME

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ABOUT THIS CIRCULAR

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1 Framework Position

A reader's guide to the full Technical Guidance. This circular maps TG-0.1 to specific circulars and provides role-based reading pathways. Read after TG-0.1.

Not sure where to start? Use **Find the right circular**: guided question flow, faceted topic browser, or free-text search.

1. Outcome

Readers will identify the circulars relevant to their role, understand the dependency structure, and select an appropriate reading sequence.

2. Requirements

Essential prerequisites:

- TG-0.1 General Introduction to Ocean Accounts** – for the conceptual framework and the Ocean Accounts Framework structure

3. Structure Overview

3.1 Stability Classification (Badges)

Each circular carries a stability badge. Full definitions and update triggers are in TG-0.4 Section 3.3.

Badge	Meaning	Example
Core	Based on adopted international standards (SNA, SEEA)	TG-0.1, TG-0.6
Applied	Interprets standards for ocean context; stable but may evolve	TG-3.1, TG-6.1
Emerging	Addresses topics where standards are still developing	TG-3.5, TG-6.5

3.2 Version Numbering

Version numbers appear in each circular's frontmatter **version** field. Full revision policy is in TG-0.4 Section 6.

4. Edge Mapping: Framework to Circulars

Edges from TG-0.1 Figure 0.1.2 mapped to their primary circulars. Edges E3, E4, and E11 are bidirectional.

Abbreviations: FG1 = Focal Group 1: Ocean Economy; FG2 = Focal Group 2: Ocean Society; FG3 = Focal Group 3: Intermediate Ecosystem Services; SG1 = Supporting Group 1: National Accounts (SNA framework); SG2 = Supporting Group 2: Social Conditions; SG3 = Supporting Group 3: Ocean Environment and Ecosystem. Full definitions in TG-0.1 Section 2.

Edge	Direction	Description	Primary Circular(s)	Relevant pathways
E1	FG1 → SG3	Pollution/residuals from economy to environment	3.4 Flows econ → env , 2.7 Pollution flows	5.2 National Statistician, 5.3 Ecosystem Analyst

Edge	Direction	Description	Primary Circular(s)	Relevant pathways
E2	FG2 → SG3	Pollution/residuals from society to environment	3.4 Flows econ → env , 3.5 Social accounts	5.2, 5.6 Social Scientist
E3	FG1 ↔ SG1	Monetary flows between assets and economic sectors	3.1 Assets, 3.3 Economic activity	5.2, 5.4 Blue Finance
E4	FG2 ↔ SG1	Social activities ↔ SNA assets	3.5 Social accounts	5.6 Social Scientist
E5	FG1 → SG2	Economic contributions to social conditions	3.5 Social accounts , 3.3 Economic activity	5.2, 5.6
E6	FG2 → SG2	Social activities to social conditions	3.5 Social accounts , 3.7 Governance	5.6, 5.7 Implementation Coordinator
E7	SG2 → FG1	Social assets enabling economic flows	3.7 Governance, 3.3 Economic activity	5.6, 5.7
E8	SG2 → FG2	Social assets enabling social activities	3.5 Social accounts , 3.7 Governance	5.6
E9	SG3 → FG1	Ecosystem services to economy (SEEA)	3.2 Flows env → econ , 2.4 Ecosystem goods/services	5.2, 5.3, 5.4
E10	SG3 → FG2	Ecosystem services to society	3.2 Flows env → econ , 3.5 Social accounts	5.3, 5.6
E11	FG3 ↔ SG3	Intermediate ecosystem services	3.2 Flows env → econ , 2.1 Biophysical indicators	5.3, 5.2

5. Audience Pathways

¶1 Ten archetypes below with core sequences and extensions. For an interactive match, use **Find the right circular**. A Corporate Sustainability pathway (ESG/TNFD/CSRD) is under development.

5.1 Policy Executive

¶1 **Audience:** Ministers, senior government officials, heads of agencies

Entry Point	Core Sequence	Extensions
0.1 General Introduction	0.1 → 1.0 Ocean Accounting and the Blue/Ocean Economy (the framing circular for Section 1) → relevant 1.x (policy context) → one 5.x case study	Delegate detail to technical staff

5.2 National Statistician

¶1 **Audience:** NSO compilers, official statisticians building ocean accounts

Entry Point	Core Sequence	Extensions
0.1 General Introduction	0.1 → 0.2 → 3.1 → 3.2 → 3.3 → 3.4	4.1 → 4.2 → 4.3 (data methods); 2.x indicators for validation; 3.5–3.8 for expanded account types

¶2 **Note:** Focus on TG–3.1–3.4 before adding social or thematic modules.

5.3 Ecosystem Analyst

¶1 **Audience:** Technical staff measuring ecosystem assets, condition, and services

Entry Point	Core Sequence	Extensions
0.1 → 3.1 Assets	0.1 → 3.1 → 3.2 (env → econ flows) → 2.4 (ecosystem goods/services)	1.9 Valuation, 5.x cases

5.4 Blue Finance Practitioner

¶1 **Audience:** Development banks, fund managers, sovereign debt offices, impact investors

Entry Point	Core Sequence	Extensions
1.7 Multilateral Finance	0.1 → 3.1 → 3.2 → 1.9 → 1.7 → 1.8	5.2 Belize, 5.6 Maldives, 5.5 Indonesia, 2.6 Investment indicators

¶2 **Why this sequence:** TG–3.1–3.2 establish the asset and flow accounts. TG–1.9 explains how to translate these into monetary values relevant to finance. TG–1.7–1.8 then demonstrate how those values inform multilateral and project-level instruments.

5.5 MSP/MPA Practitioner

¶1 **Audience:** Spatial planners, marine park managers, coastal zone managers focused on spatial tools

Entry Point	Core Sequence	Extensions
1.2 MSP	0.1 → 1.2 → 1.3 (MSM/MPAs) → 3.1 (assets) → 4.1 (spatial data and remote sensing)	6.1 Coral Reefs, 6.2 Mangroves – select thematic circulars matching your ecosystem type; 2.4 Ecosystem goods/services; 5.3 Fiji, 5.9 Vanuatu, 5.5 Indonesia

5.6 Social Scientist

¶1 **Audience:** Researchers on livelihoods, equity, governance, traditional knowledge

Entry Point	Core Sequence	Extensions
3.5 Social Accounts	0.1 → 3.5 → 3.6 (traditional knowledge) → 3.7 (governance) → 2.3 (livelihood dependencies)	2.8 Climate indicators , 1.4 Sustainable Ocean Planning

5.7 Implementation Coordinator

¶1 **Audience:** Country project managers, NSO leads, inter-ministerial task force chairs

Entry Point	Core Sequence	Extensions
0.8 Readiness Assessment	0.8 → 0.1 → 4.7 (data coordination) → 3.8 (combined presentations) → relevant 3.x	1.10 (national planning), 5.x case studies

5.8 Research Frontier

¶1 **Audience:** Academics, methodologists extending ocean accounting state of the art

Entry Point	Core Sequence	Extensions
0.2 + “Emerging” circulars	0.1 → 0.2 → all “Emerging”-badged circulars	Contribute to new emerging methods

5.9 Sub-National Planner

¶1 **Audience:** Provincial and municipal planning officers, sub-national resource managers

Entry Point	Core Sequence	Extensions
3.11 Sub-National Accounts	0.1 → 3.11 → 3.8 → 1.2 (spatial planning decisions)	2.1 Biophysical indicators, 6.2 Mangroves, 6.1 Coral Reefs, 5.4 India, 5.5 Indonesia

5.10 Indigenous and Community Practitioner

¶1 **Audience:** Traditional resource managers, community leaders, Indigenous data custodians, or-
ganisations working on Indigenous data sovereignty

Entry Point	Core Sequence	Extensions
3.6 Traditional Knowledge	0.1 → 3.6 → 3.5 → 1.3 (MPA/governance decisions)	2.3 Livelihood dependencies, 3.7 Governance, 5.3 Fiji, 5.9 Vanuatu

¶2 **Note:** Not all sections are equally relevant to community-level practitioners: concentrate on the circulars above. Case studies from Fiji and Vanuatu demonstrate Pacific context applications.

6. Thematic Entry: Finding the Circular for Your Ecosystem or Sector

¶1 The pathways above start from a reader’s role. Most compilers arrive the other way round – with a mangrove belt, a port, a fishery or a litter problem already in front of them – and need the thematic method first. Section 6 is the entry point for that route, and each of its circulars names the generic circulars it sits on.

If your subject is	Start at	It cross-refers to
Coral reefs (photic, M1.3)	6.1 Coral Reef Accounting	3.1, 4.1, 4.8, 4.9, 2.4
Mangroves, saltmarsh, deltas	6.2 Mangrove and Coastal Wetland Accounting	3.1, 4.1, 4.8, 4.9, 2.8

If your subject is	Start at	It cross-refers to
Seagrass meadows	6.3 Seagrass Ecosystem Accounting	3.1, 4.1, 2.1, and 6.2 for carbon pricing
Kelp forests, rocky reefs	6.4 Kelp Forest and Temperate Reef Accounting	3.1, 4.1, 2.1, 3.6
Open ocean, migratory stocks	6.5 Pelagic and Open Ocean Accounting	3.1, 6.6 for jurisdiction, 6.7 for stocks
Deep sea, ABNJ, seabed minerals	6.6 Deep Sea and ABNJ Accounting	3.1, 3.10, 2.10
Wild-capture fisheries	6.7 Fisheries Accounting	3.1, 3.9, 4.10, 4.11, 1.5
Aquaculture	6.8 Aquaculture Thematic Methods	3.9, 3.4, 4.3, 6.7
Offshore energy, decommissioning	6.9 Offshore Energy Thematic Methods	3.10, 3.4, 1.2
Shipping and ports	6.10 Maritime Transport and Ports	3.3, 3.4, 2.5, 2.8
Seawalls, ports, coastal works	6.11 Coastal Infrastructure Accounting	3.1, 4.1, 4.3, 2.9
Marine litter and plastics	6.12 Marine Litter and Plastics Accounting	3.4, 2.7, 2.10, 2.11
Catchments, estuaries, nutrients	6.13 Freshwater-Marine Interaction Accounting	3.2, 3.4, 3.11, 6.2
Coastal and marine tourism	6.14 Marine and Coastal Tourism Accounting	3.3, 2.5, 2.6
Restoration and nature-based solutions	6.15 Ocean Accounting for Nature-based Solutions	3.1, 2.4, 6.11, and the ecosystem circulars

¶2 Two cautions apply to this route. A thematic circular is not a substitute for the generic one it sits on: it assumes [3.1 Asset Accounts](#) or [3.3 Economic Activity](#) has been read. And where two thematic circulars can record the same entry, the boundary statement at the head of each names the owner – read both before compiling either.

¶3 Not every marine ecosystem has a circular in this edition. The M1 shelf types other than M1.1, M1.2, M1.3 and M1.6, together with M1.4 shellfish beds and reefs and the MT1 shoreline biome, have no dedicated circular; compile them under [3.1](#) with condition variables selected under [4.8](#) and [4.9](#), and document the departure.

7. Dependency Graph

¶1 Figure 0.5.1 illustrates the full prerequisite network across all active circulars. Nodes are coloured by section, and directed edges record which circulars depend on or enable others.

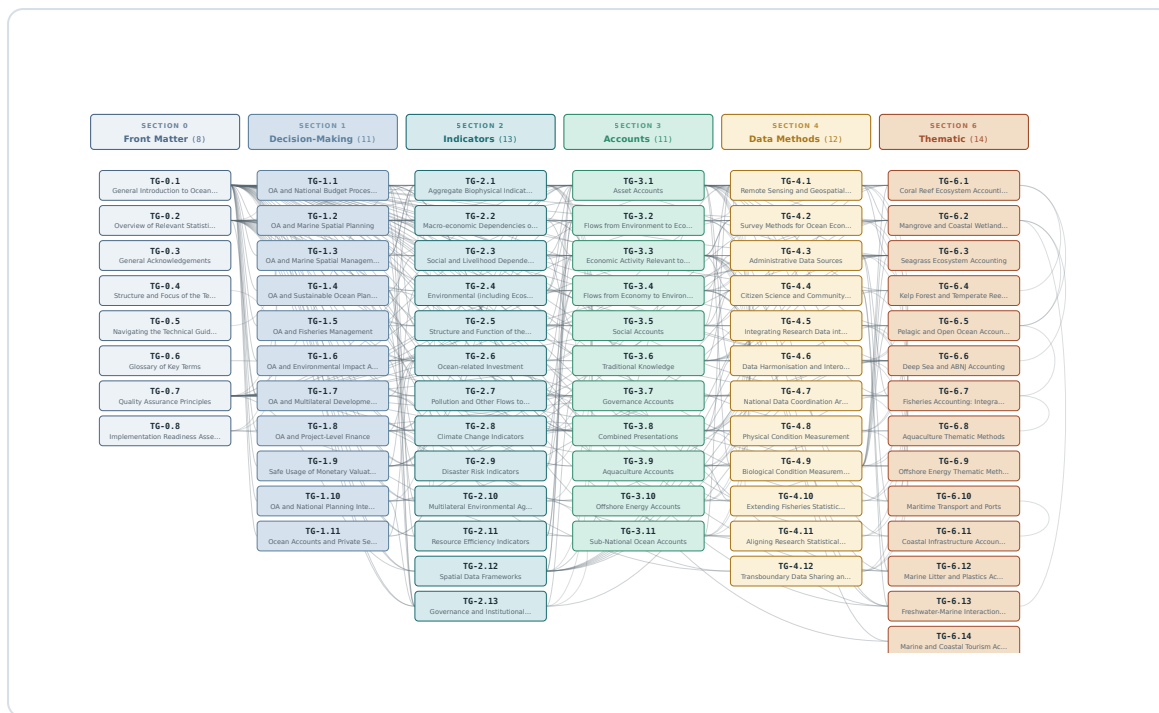


Figure 0.5.1 Prerequisite network of 69 active circulars across six sections; nodes coloured by section.

Source: TG circulars frontmatter prerequisites: and enables: fields, snapshot 2026-06-01 across `src/circulars/section-{0,1,2,3,4,6}/`.

- ¶2 **Foundation chain:** [TG-0.1](#) → [TG-0.2](#) → [TG-0.5](#) (this circular). [TG-0.1](#) is the universal entry point.
- ¶3 **Accounts compilation chain:** [TG-0.1](#) + [TG-0.2](#) → [TG-3.1](#) → [TG-3.2](#) → [TG-3.3](#) → [TG-3.4](#). [TG-3.5](#) – [TG-3.8](#) extend from this core.
- ¶4 **Decision-making chain:** [TG-0.1](#) → Section 1 (accessible after [TG-0.1](#)). Section 2 indicators typically require [TG-3.1](#) for context.
- ¶5 **Data methods chain:** Section 4 supports Section 3. Read it in parallel with or after [TG-3.x](#).
- ¶6 **Case study and thematic methods:** Sections 5 and 6 draw on Sections 3 and 4. Read them after the relevant compilation circulars.
- ¶7 [TG-0.7](#) and [TG-0.8](#) may be read independently at any stage.

8. Quick Reference: All Circulars

- ¶1 For a complete, up-to-date listing of all circulars with badge, status, and dependencies, see the [Circulars Overview](#). Use [Find the right circular](#) for guided topic and audience-based navigation.

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