

Working group on conservation of biodiversity

Terms of Reference

Working group session: Wednesday, June 14 10:30-12:00 and 13:30-15:15
Plenary session: Wednesday, June 14 15:30-17:30

When appropriate, the questions below should be discussed in the context of the three levels of biodiversity:

1. Ecosystem / landscape level
2. Species level
3. Genetic level

Questions to be discussed in the working group

1. Which are the most important variables at national and international level as regards forest biodiversity? Which of these are feasible given current information availability, recent technologies and (limited) resources? How well are these already covered by FRA 2005?
2. Any suggestions on how FRA could address biodiversity at genetic level? Some information on area managed for gene conservation (in situ and ex situ) and for seed production is available (IPGRI/REFORGEN/EUFORGEN)
3. How can FRA best support the information requirements from CBD?
4. How should FRA address the differences between IUCN redlisted species by country and national lists?
5. Could information from other sources be used for getting the number of threatened tree species (e.g. the WCMC tree database)
6. Are there any specific proposals on changes and/or additions to existing country reporting tables? (Please refer to tables 3, 4, 9 and 10 and the summary proposals in the background document)
7. Additional variables that could be addressed within the FRA 2010 Remote Sensing Survey (e.g. fragmentation, intact forest landscapes, etc.)
8. Would the group recommend making any specific thematic study related to conservation of biodiversity as part of FRA 2010? If so, what specific issue should be covered?
9. Is there a need to create a small task force to deal with any outstanding issues? If so, what are the main tasks and how should it be composed?
10. Other guidance as appropriate.

Expected output

A written report, containing a summary of discussions and recommendations. The report should be presented by the group at the plenary session.