

Working group on productive functions

Terms of Reference

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

Questions to be discussed in the working group

1. Which are the most important variables as regards productive functions (list in priority) and to what extent has FRA 2005 succeeded in covering these?
2. Which of the above would be feasible to include in FRA 2010 given current information availability, recent technologies and (limited) resources?
3. How could FRA 2010 best capture the “forest area available for wood supply”? Is it also important to get “forest area available for wood supply” by forest type (e.g. modified natural, seminatural, planted, plantations...) and if so, are data available in the countries? Is total forest area designated for production good enough as a proxy for “forest area available for wood supply”?
4. What is the use of the variable “commercial growing stock”? Should it be maintained or dropped?
5. Should FRA aim at estimating potential sustainable yield? If so, how should it best be done and what additional information is needed in order to make such estimates?
6. Should FRA 2010 report on felling or removals? Which is most appropriate?
7. How could the reporting on wood removals to FRA and to the forest product statistics through the JFSQ be further harmonized? Is it necessary that both processes request countries to report on removals? If not, which of the processes is most appropriate for removals reporting?
8. Should FRA 2010 aim at also estimating informal / illegal removals? If so, how could it best be done?
9. Is there any need to change the term or definition of woodfuel removal? If so, suggestions?
10. How should FRA proceed in order to improve information on removal of NWFPs?
11. Would the group recommend making any specific thematic study related to the productive functions of forest as part of FRA 2010?
12. Is there any need to create a small task force to deal with specific technical issues related to the reporting on productive functions as part of the FRA 2010 preparations? If so, what specific issues need further work and how should such a task force be composed?
13. Any other matters of interest related to the theme.

Expected output

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