



WB Users' comments on FRA 2005

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**Results of "mini-survey" on the use of
FRA 2005:**

Target group: WB Forestry Community
Knows FRA: 100%
Has browsed through: 100%
Keeps a paper copy for reference: 45%
Has used FRA data for any kind of Bank work: 77%

- Analytic and advisory work: 66%
- CAS or PRSP: 11%
- Project identification and preparation: 0%
- Project supervision and M&E: 11%

Considers FRA a valuable global and country data set: 55%

Finds serious problems with the accuracy, completeness, compatibility or relevance: 100%

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Other comments:

- Yes, there are many data problems with the FRA, but it's probably the best we have at the global scale
- Useful information for preparation of baselines: forest area and change statistics, country area statistics, descriptions of forest cover, maps of country forest cover
- Deficiencies: plantation info should be increased at the country level, revised estimates need to be explained in detail in order not to undermine credibility (Mexico from 2000 to 2005)
- Useful mainly for regional and other multi-country work e.g. regional forest strategies, for country-level work better data available from government sources
- Big problem: consistency of data over time (makes comparisons difficult), unified time series should be a priority

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Hot topics related to forest information :

- Monitoring avoided deforestation
- Monitoring illegal logging

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