

On the scope of FRA (2010)

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Outline

1. Defining FRA (drawing the line)
2. Key issues at Kotka

What defines FRA?

1. Sustainable forest management
2. Information
3. Policy / Institutions
4. Socio-economic
5. Productive
6. Health
7. Biodiversity
8. Extent

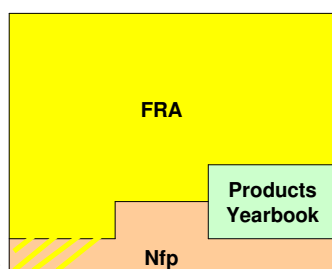
1. Sustainable forest management

- 7 themes
 - Successful and relevant structure in FRA 2005
 - Connects to policy processes
- "Primary goods and services from all forest resources"
 - All land
 - Resources, their management and use
 - "Ecosystem services"

SFM in reporting processes

Theme:

- 1 Extent
- 2 Biodiversity
- 3 Health
- 4 Protective
- 5 Productive
- 6 Socio-economic
- 7 Policy / Institutions



2. Information / Process relevance

- Use by international **AND** national arrangements and studies
 - not only in forestry!
- The users:
 - Countries
 - UNFF, CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD
 - C&I processes
 - GEO, MEA, Forestry outlook, Fibre supply
 - Broader applications, MDG, Land use,
 - Science and education
 - Media reference
- Which tables and variables?

3. Information coherence

- What makes sense to analyse at the global level?
 - What analysis is actually needed?
 - Which set of tables and variables?
 - Trends vs. comparability between countries
- **Example:**
 - Forest types - difficult and relatively local
 - Instead: Characteristics – generic classes that make sense globally (and that can be further refined at regional/national levels)
 - Documentation of local classification
- Influence international decisions

4. Information availability

- The problem:
 - Least common denominator (all must have data) vs.
 - Minimum useful dataset (don't simplify too far)
- How deal with important aspects where data are missing?
 - Push new data by requesting it (creative tension)?
 - Push by displaying the gaps (wip)?
 - Capacity building (long term)

5. Interface with others

- Harmonization / Synergies / Global platform
 - Internally at FAO, Examples:
 - Removals, Value of removals
 - Ownership / Tenure
 - With other reporting processes
 - Conventions, C&I, UNFF
- Who does what? Is overlap always bad?
- What is most important?
 - Synchronization of reports, or
 - Harmonized categories, or
 - Common information management
- Political vs technical reporting
 - Remote sensing survey considerations

(Other) Key issues for discussion

- Delineation / Definition of FRA
- Relationship between FRA and partners/users
 - supply / demand of information
 - harmonization, streamlining, information management
- Do we need a FRA 2010 report (or is it SOFO)?

Key issues to discuss (2)

- Dynamic (continuous) approach to reporting?
- Documentation and Quality control
 - country reports
- Network management
 - combine communication channels?
 - within FAO: FRA, Yearbook & nfp
 - with conventions, C&I..
 - country level networking

Key issues to discuss (3)

- Expand FRA data? eg:
 - logging areas
 - landscape data
 - management plans / systems
 - finance and revenues
 - institutions
 - **services**
- Incorporate regional add-ons?
- Incorporate thematic add-ons?
 - are they part of FRA or associated?