

Working group 1b forest area and forest area change.

Production of table 1

- We need to start now, not in 2008.
 - Planning FRA2010 in each nation.
 - Generating data
- NC empowerment to create national force.
- Make sure to produce a good back up of raw data, assumptions and the report (for NC and is possible also FAO).
- Time table and list of steps to take in preparing for FRA2010
 - Prepare some case studies to assist NC, based on FAO and not FAO assessment supported countries.

Variables

- Keep the same variables from FRA2005.
- It was a discussion about definitions (% of cover, threshold for forest/OWL), and this may be continued on a formal and structure forum (FRA committee? CDB?).
- Primary aim should be to measure net change desirable to report on deforestation, fragmentation, degradation, etc. this last could go on a thematic study since not all the countries are able to report.
- Coconuts and date palms will be accepted only for countries explaining their reasons.
- Do not delete rubber (it is a tree).

Fragmentation

- Fragmentation is important several options:
 1. Do not do fragmentation in FRA2010 (no data)
 2. Yes, collect the data but do not do it as part of FRA, make it available to others to do.
 3. Yes, but keep is small thematic study for volunteer or selected countries.
 4. Yes, do it as part of FRA and use a task force to decide the metrics.
- eventually include other issues such as forest alteration, secondary vegetation,
- harmonised with other processes such as Montreal, IPCC, CBD, etc.

Trees outside forest.

- Trees outside forest are important. NC must review the definition.
- It is possible since there are methods but it needs significant effort by countries.
- Task force is recommended to decide methods.
- Thematic study may be good solution.

Mapping and remote sensing

- Yes!! We want a map product.
- The remote sensing must be at a small scale and not show data equivalent to a country (e.g. big countries)
 - The RS process needs to engage NC – countries to build capacity and gain ownership of the results.
 - RS must be review in advance by regions and eventually agreed before FRA2010.
 - Recognize the RS will produce different results from country tables. Need to explain that the methods are different.

Projection for 2010

- Highlight projections (maybe with another color that data for 2010 is projected).
 - Let the countries again decide if they want to project or not.
 - In case yes, let them decide the method.