

WG 2: Forest characteristics

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Purpose

- The participants identified three main purposes of reporting on forest characteristics:
 1. Convey a picture to the public of the kinds of forests which exist
 2. Provide inputs for biodiversity assessments
 3. Provide information for analysis of potential wood/fibre supply

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Proposals for FRA 2010

- **Exclude other wooded land?**
- **Ecological zones.** Include, based on the method used for FRA 2000. Some technical issues to be solved (North America) and need to validate using national information where available.
- **Forest types.** Use broad classification (predominantly coniferous, predominantly broadleaved, predominantly mixed) and add mangroves and bamboo as subclasses.
Ask countries to provide their national classifications with a view to exploring the possibility of generating regional classifications.

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Proposals for FRA 2010

- **Characteristics.** Use 3 main classes: primary, "altered" and plantation. Plus a table on regeneration method and separate table on plantations. Include separate table on species origin.
- **Degradation.** Important topic. More work is needed on how to measure. The Group recommended that FAO hold a workshop on this topic.

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