

Working Group 3: Forest Designation, Management and Use

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WG 3 Members

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FRA 2005 Variables

Six classes:

- Productive
- Protective
- Conservation
- Social services
- Multiple use
- No / Unknown designated function

By 2 measures:

- 1) Primary function 2) Total area with function

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FRA 2005: General Issues

A. Level of Information (national/ regional/global/ other)

- Difficulties to define primary function for private forests (depends on the owner)
- Depends also on subjective points of view

B. Sources of Information (country reports, RS, thematic studies, other)

- No knowledge on private forests
- Social services is a special difficult issue to report on
- Realities differ very between countries

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FRA 2005 Table 3

- Non-tabular approach is suggested
- Non-additive and not mutually exclusive structure of reporting (duplication is possible)
- Areas should be formally designated with regard to their functions
- Proposal to delete the table and replace it with series of measurable parameters to be reported on "Total area with function"
- No reporting on OWL as information availability and quality is lacking (data are not consistent)

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FRA 2010: List of suggested variables

- a) Areas of forests available for wood supply
- b) Areas of forests available for non-wood goods supply
- c) Areas of forest formally designated as protected areas
- d) Areas of forests with management plans (or systems) (better guidelines needed; are they implemented, sustainable and required?)
- e) Areas of certified forests (to be reported by NC; Is FRA on the right path?)
- f) Areas of forest under SFM (use) - criteria would be needed
- g) Forest with public access?
- h) Legal designation (TE7)?

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Thematic Studies

- **A thematic study on forest functions (as an alternative to T3)**
- **Private Forest Ownership Study**
- **Forest managed/owned/used by indigenous and tribal peoples**

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Conclusions

- Difficulties found with FRA 2005 table (intentions, functions not mutually exclusive)
- Proposals for a list of objective variables
-but problems found here as well
- Subject for further discussion in an open process

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Task Force on forest functions

- **Composition of the task force: to be decided by FRA secretariat**
- **Main tasks: to elaborate reporting format and guidelines taking into account discussion and suggestions of Kotka V on this issue**
- **Tasks to be reviewed by the next global FRA advisory group (Nov. 2006?)**

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