

WG Socio-economic functions

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Socio-economic = Social + Economic

2 of 3 parts of Sustainable Development

Important, but is it necessarily for inclusion in FRA?

FRA 2010 ?

- All countries
 - FRA country reports
 - FRA – other sources
 - Other (e.g. FP yearbook)
- Thematic studies
 - Selected countries
 - Regional
- Not FRA 2010

FRA 2005 variables

1. Value of wood removals
2. Value of non-wood forest products removals
3. Employment
4. Ownership
5. Area designated primarily for social services
6. Total area designated for social services

Value of wood

- Value added downstream
- Forest gate? – check best basis
- Including fuel wood
- Need better guidelines for converting to chosen basis
- Exchange rate – not major issue
- Consider PPP to compare countries?
- Cross-reference to trade statistics?

Value of non-wood goods

- Additions
 - Christmas trees and related products
 - Cork
- Need indicative list for country reporting
 - Maybe group for global reporting (vary regional reporting)
- Market value
- Use data from 'official' statistics
- Total including local use (expert opinion) – need for methodology/guidance (see thematic study 2)
- Exchange rate.....same as for wood removals

Employment

Problems for NCs – do not have good data for specific scope.
Should come from other sources than country reports

Consider:

- Forest-dependent population
- Direct forest employment + informal (how to capture?)
- Downstream employment
- Multiplier effects
- Clearer definitions
- Thematic study to look at sources and possible uses

Designated for social services

Differing views (see Tuesday's discussion)

- Additions:
 - Area of forest managed to protect cultural, social and spiritual needs and values
 - Area of forest used for purposes of supporting local population
 - Area of forest upon which people are dependent

Analysis structures

- Total economic valuation
- Total natural capital
- Environmental accounts
- Contribution to GDP (but direct 'forestry' may be small)
- General approach: to share experiences and respond to specific country needs

Thematic study 2

- To develop test and promote techniques for national reporting of forest values (wide definition)
- Can use Analysis structures
- To cover wider benefits (money and non-market)

Wider benefits – money

- Income from tourism + recreation
- Payments for environmental services
- Government grants for SFM
- Rural development – local jobs + businesses
- Carbon sequestration (trading)?
- Expenditure for services

Wider benefits – non-marketed

[Monetize to influence decision-makers]

- Recreation
- Cultural/religious
- Health
- Biodiversity conservation
- Landscape
- Air quality
- Water (incl. hydro-electric)