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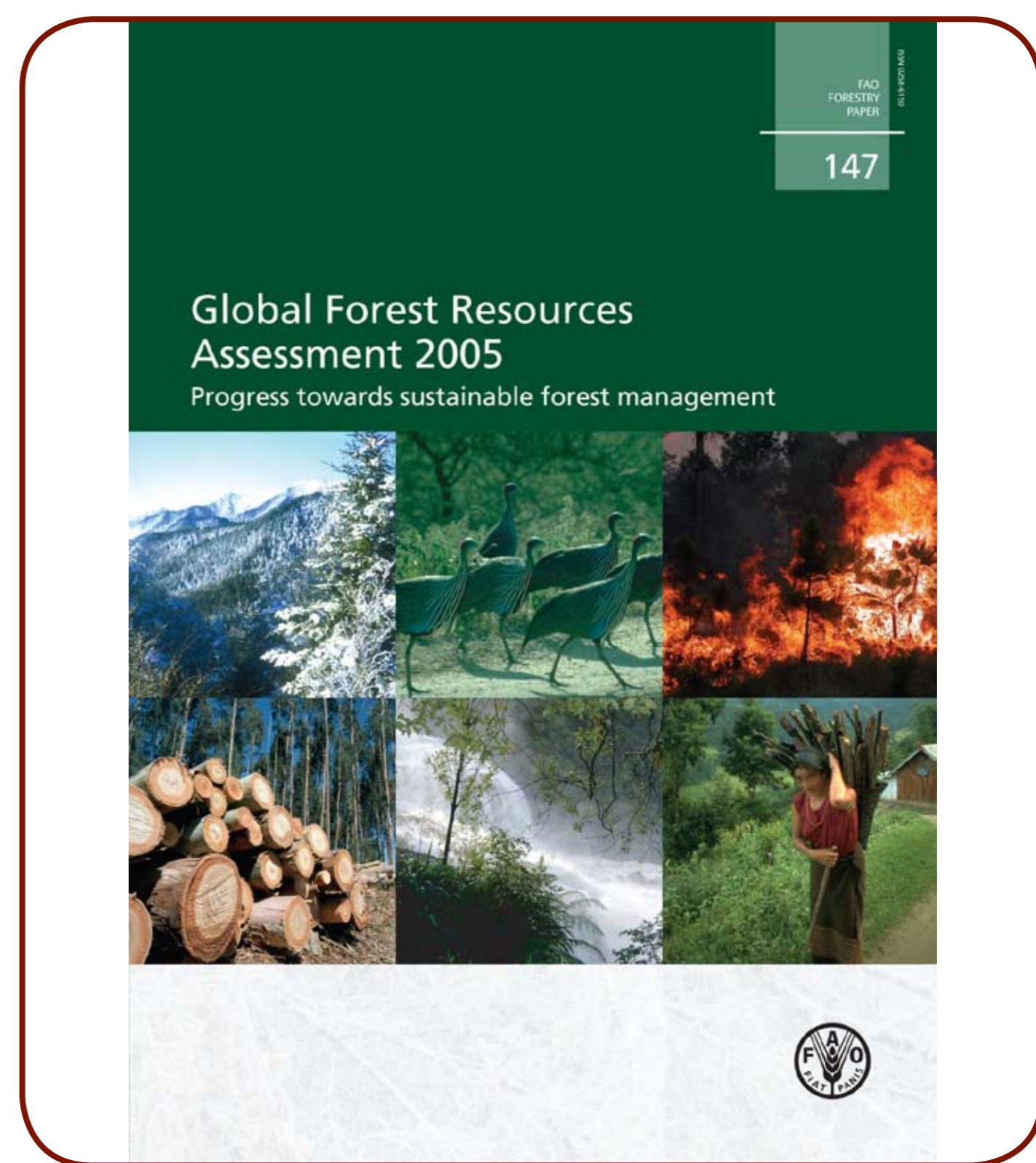
Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA)

Scope

FAO has carried out Global Forest Resources Assessments every five to ten years since 1946.

The latest assessment (FRA 2005) is the most comprehensive to date. It includes information on the extent, condition, uses and values of the forest resources for three points in time: 1990, 2000 and 2005.

In order to increase the relevance and quality of the information provided by the FRA process, a new approach to country involvement was introduced for FRA 2005.



Approach

- Countries were requested to nominate a national correspondent responsible for the compilation of country reports in collaboration with in-country specialists.
- The correspondents received guidance from FAO through a series of workshops and through regular contact with regional focal points.
- For FRA 2005, 172 correspondents were nominated.

Weaving knowledge into development

The network of national correspondents and the guidance provided by FAO has:

- Provided FAO with the best set of information on forest resources available in the country;
- Provided a feedback mechanism to national policy processes;
- Strengthened the capacity of many countries to respond to international reporting requirements.

