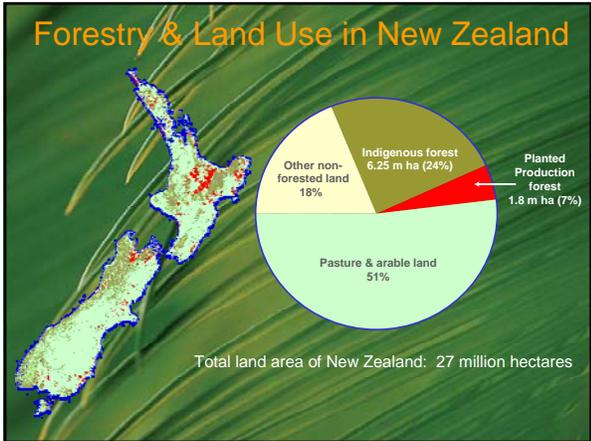


2010 Global Forest Resource Assessment New Zealand – Pilot Study

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Outline

1. Background on New Zealand
2. Planning for 2010 FRA
3. Pre-filled report
4. Priority of tables for NZ
5. Challenges
6. Summary





2010 FRA Planning

- Started planning in late 2007
- Employed a research assistant
- Prioritised tables and identified areas of greatest challenge
- Now working through tables in order of priority
- Made early contact with key holders of data

Pre-filled report

- Useful to have 2010 report populated with 2005 data
- Should assist with consistency of data
- Creates two way process with FAO staff
- Helpful to have comments and definitions from FAO staff pointing to priority areas to update (e.g. NZ country area, growing stock estimates)

Most relevant tables

- Tables 1, 2, 4, 5, 6-8
- T1 – Forest and land areas fundamental
- T2 (forest ownership) – public / private split straight forward
- T6-8: Indigenous forest growing stock analysis needs to be completed (CMS data)

Most relevant tables - cont

- T10 – Invasive species – both weeds and introduced browsing mammals, also wind
- T11 and 13 – forestry is a significant business and NZ has good economic data

Lesser relevance

- T9 – forest fires not significant for NZ
- T12 – value of non-wood forest products currently insignificant.

Challenges

- Only limited new mapping completed since 2005 report
- Rapid changes in forest ownership
- Growing stock, biomass and carbon for indigenous forests. Until very recently no national scale inventory undertaken
- Patchy national level data on biotic & abiotic disturbance

Summary

- New Zealand strongly supports the FRA process and approach
- 2010 questionnaire has been simplified and streamlined
- Good planning and liaison with FAO is required
- Start early
- Build networks of experts and involve them early in the process
- Identify priorities, gaps/challenges early

Summary

- The FRA process is assisting New Zealand domestically by:
 - Focusing attention on data interpretation
 - Assisting in building inter-agency cooperation/connections
- Ultimately we would like to produce periodic 'State of the Forests' reports that encourage greater debate on the role of forest, forest policy and sustainable land management policies.

Thank you