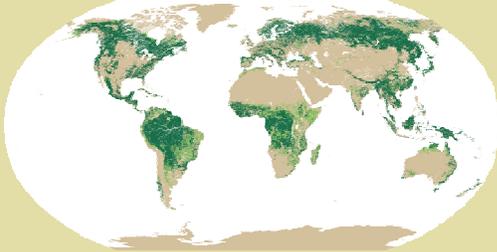


## FRA 2010 Remote Sensing Survey Task force report



## Objectives and tasks

1. To formally establish the Task Force
2. To provide country knowledge and expert information to guide the FRA 2010 Remote Sensing Survey
3. To discuss related technical and implementation issues



## Defining the pilot project

1. 20 countries participated in RSS task force (2 apologised)
2. Wide range of geographical coverage (80% worlds forests)
3. 5 working groups based on continents and language
4. Established general views and scope for the this first pilot stage



## Points raised in discussions 1

1. General agreement of cooperation and commitment to the project
2. Task force noted: Remote sensing by itself does not report land use
  - this needs country input and validation – a vital part of the FRA process.
3. Coarse remote sensing data doesn't give reliable statistics
  - needs sample tile approach + country validation
4. Countries will receive technical support, quality control and validation from FAO



## Points raised in discussions 2

1. Regional training workshops will be held after pilot testing
2. Land use dynamics will be tested because it needs additional data (eg NFI's)
3. This project will be useful for those countries that already use remote sensing for comparison
4. Assist countries new to remote sensing – provide data/images, software and training



## Technical issues

1. Definition and scale of the final products
2. Distribution of data/images using FAO internet to all countries
  - raw images and processed products will be available
3. Available imagery
  - (MODIS coarse quality but full coverage and LANDSAT better for sample tiles)
4. Specification of the format for delivering the product (by biome, continental)
5. Provide guidance to software development to process the data





## Conclusion - product outputs

1. **Global tree cover map (trees, non-trees, water bodies) –not in FRA tables**
2. **Tree cover area and change (+/-) for 1975?**(will be evaluated)  
**1990, 2000**  
**2005** (when ready, late 2008)
3. **Task force countries will test and refine the FRA RSS methods before available for all other countries to use**

