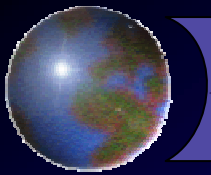




National Reporting to the United Nations Forum on Forests

*CPF Task Force on Harmonizing and
Streamlining Forest-Related Reporting
Bonn, 19-20 November 2002*

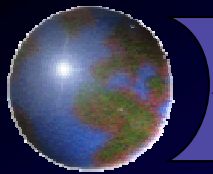
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Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting in the UNFF Context

MAR function in UNFF includes:

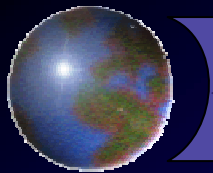
- Progress in implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action
- Progress toward sustainable forest management
- Review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests



National Reporting to UNFF

UNFF 1 (June '01) decisions on reporting:

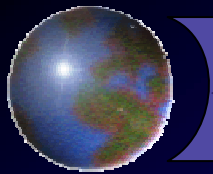
- Voluntary
- Annual
- Focused on implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action
- Consultative process



National Reporting to UNFF

UNFF 2 (March '02)

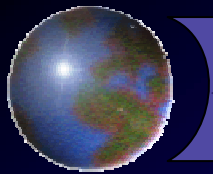
- Limited number of reports submitted
- Variable in content, length, etc.
- UNFF requested UNFFS to provide format for UNFF 3



National Reporting to UNFF

Guidelines and format for reporting to
UNFF 3 (May '03):

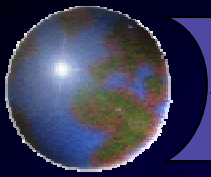
- Based on substantive issues of UNFF3
- Simple, streamlined, structured yet flexible
- Draws on experience of CSD reporting
- Builds on national reports to WSSD



National Reporting to UNFF

UNFF 3 reporting format: 8 questions

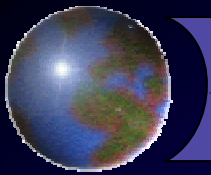
- General (1)
- Economic aspects of forests (2)
- Forest health and productivity (1)
- Maintaining forest cover to meet present and future needs(2)
- Emerging issues (1)
- Preparation of the report (1)



Information Needs

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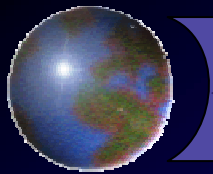
- Progress in implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action
- Progress toward sustainable forest management
- Criteria and indicators of SFM a useful tool for monitoring and assessing progress
- Review of the effectiveness



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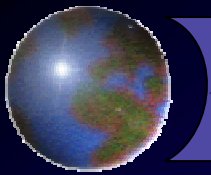
Criteria of SFM:

- Forest cover and forest carbon
- Forest health and vitality
- Forest biodiversity
- Productive functions of forests
- Protective functions of forests
- Socio-economic functions
- Political, legal and institutional frameworks



IPF/IFF PfA Related to MAR

- Develop a common understanding of forest-related concepts, terms, definitions
- Strengthen national and international forest assessments
- Develop C&I for SFM
- Improve data quantity, quality and availability
- Streamline reporting & reduce reporting burden
- Strengthen national capacity



UNFF/CPF Efforts Related to MAR

- By UNFFS:
 - harmonizing UNFF and CSD reporting
- By CPF members:
 - harmonizing forest-related definitions
 - data/information collection and dissemination
 - harmonizing/streamlining reporting across processes (UNFF-CBD, MEAs, joint reporting format for forest products, etc.)
 - strengthening national capacities in MAR