



Strengthening the knowledge on forest assessments

Expected participants: 25
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Refreshment will be offered (from 9:50)
Some copies of the publications will be available

This COFO23 Side-Event aims to strengthen the knowledge on national forest assessments, introducing and sharing information about new FAO's publications and related web portals developed by FAO's partners.

Agenda

08:30 – 08:35	Opening remarks	Eva Muller <i>Director Forestry Policy and Resources Division, FAO</i>
08:35 – 08:45	FAO's support to National Forest Monitoring and Assessment	David Morales, <i>FAO</i>
08:45 – 08:55	FAO's knowledge reference for national forest assessment	Marco Piazza, <i>FAO</i>
08:55 – 09:05	Development of field methods for assessing the forest protective function for soil and water. Testing field methods: Mexico's case study	Adikari Yoganath, <i>FAO</i> Jorge Rescala-Pérez <i>Director CONAFOR Mexico</i>
09:05 – 09:15	The Mesoamerican Virtual Center of Excellence in Forest Monitoring	Jorge Rescala-Pérez <i>Director CONAFOR Mexico</i>
09:15 – 09:25	AWF-Wiki	Christoph Kleinn <i>Georg-August-Universitaet Goettingen, Germany</i>
09:25 – 09:35	Map Accuracy Assessment and Area Estimation: A Practical Guide	Erik Lindquist, <i>FAO</i>
09:35 – 09:50	Discussions and closing remarks	Anssi Pekkarinen, <i>FAO</i>



Knowledge reference for national forest assessment

The knowledge reference for national forest assessments is a tool to be used for country support with the objective of giving countries autonomous and continuous capacity to monitor their own forests. The KR encompasses a collection of scientific articles prepared specifically to cover the wide range of activities involved in setting up and carrying out an assessment of forest resources at the national level.

Available at: www.fao.org/3/a-i4822e.pdf



Testing field methods for assessing the forest protective function for soil and water

FAO in collaboration with the Government of Japan has field tested and evaluated four different methods for assessing forest protective functions in order to identify the most practical and cost efficient method for reliable data collection. Field testing was carried out in Mexico, Nepal and Vietnam during the summer of 2014.

Final methodology is available at: www.fao.org/3/a-i4509e.pdf



Map Accuracy Assessment and Area Estimation: A Practical Guide

This document provides the methodology and practical implementation for the procedure for estimating area and assessing accuracy of a land cover map from a single period in time or for change between two time periods. The document guides the user through the aspects of an accuracy assessment which can be used to quantify and reduce uncertainty of map data for transparent reporting.

Available at: www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/e5ea45b8-3fd7-4692-ba29-fae7b140d07e



AWF-Wiki

A platform for sharing information, knowledge and expertise in the context of forest inventory and remote sensing. It was initiated by the Chair of Forest Inventory and Remote Sensing at the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany to extend academic offers to students and interested scientists.

Available at: wiki.awf.forst.uni-goettingen.de/wiki/index.php/AWF-Wiki:Community_Portal



Mesoamerican Virtual Center of Excellence in Forest Monitoring

The Center is an initiative of the Mesoamerican Strategy for Environmental Sustainability (EMSA), which is part of the Mesoamerican Integration and Development Project. The center is working in coordination with the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the environment region ministers and the National Forestry Commission of Mexico (CONAFOR).

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