

Strengthening MAR : FAO - Japan program

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Strengthening Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting on Sustainable Forest Management in Asia (GCP/INT/988/JPN)

Outcomes and perspectives of the MAR-SFM Project (GCP/INT/988/JPN)

January 2006 – December 2010
Monitoring, Assessment, Reporting (MAR) on Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)
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Project outline

- April 2006 – December 2010 (more?)
- Funded by Government of Japan
- Support harmonized forest monitoring, assessment and reporting (MAR)
- Asia-Pacific region
- Global activities: guidelines/frameworks
- National activities: networks, consultations, training, pilot testing

Regional workshops

- Land Cover Classification System (Dehradun, December 2006)
- National Forest Inventory (Beijing, March 2007)
- Pacific workshop (Nadi, October 2007)
- Database workshop (Rome, October 2007)
- Mid-term review (Bangkok, September 2008)
- Reporting harmonization (KL, October 2008)
- C&I training (KL, Vientiane, 2009/2010)



Regional activities in 2009

- ➔ Overall coordination and planning
 - Recruitment of a consultant on database management
 - Collaboration with International Workshop on National Forest Inventory (Dehradun, April)
 - Workshop planning (with HQs divisions)
 - ✓ Harmonized database management
 - ✓ Harmonized field monitoring
 - ✓ Reporting harmonization
 - Coordination with Group on Earth Observation (GEO)



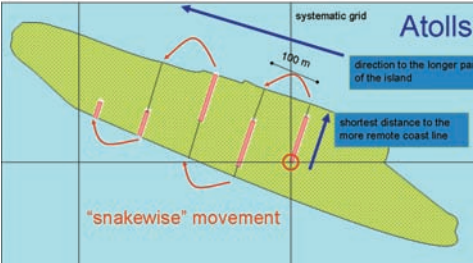
Sub-regional activities in 2009

- ➔ Training workshop on Criteria and Indicators for SFM – ASE
 - Assessment
 - Online C&I
 - Suggestio
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 - Planning of a training workshop

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 **Products in 2009** 

- ➔ Proceedings of Workshop on Harmonization of National Reporting to International Processes
- ➔ Report on the Regional Training Workshop on Strengthening MAR on SFM in ASEAN
- ➔ Reports on MAR programmes
 - 4 countries
 - SPC
- ➔ Newsletter (4 issues)
- ➔ MAR Website (updated) (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/mar>)



 **Considerations/lessons** 

- ➔ Project period: May 2006 – December 2010?
 - Freezing: January - April 2006 (FAO Reform)
 - Time for synthesis?
- ➔ HQs (global) or regional (decentralized) office?
 - Linkages with other related programmes or independent approaches
 - Interactions with countries
- ➔ Synergy v.s. flexibility in activities
 - Common FAO approach v.s. individual country approach
 - Diversity in monitoring v.s. compatibility in reporting
 - Global demands v.s. countries' needs
- ➔ Project scope – budget size/staffing
 - Focused approach v.s. comprehensive package
- ➔ Timing for inputs and sustainability
 - Internal coordination
 - Delayed activities



 **Planned activities in 2010** 

- ➔ Consultancy: database management
- ➔ Regional workshops: with FAO-HQs
 - Harmonized database management
 - Field monitoring techniques
 - Review of reporting and its harmonization
- ➔ Sub-regional/national programmes
 - Strengthening of networks
 - Development of MAR techniques (vegetation mapping, reporting systems, etc.)
 - Pilot testing of suggested MAR systems (C&I, etc.)
 - Training (C&I, etc.)
 - Synthesis of implementation
- ➔ Final project review



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Thank you !

