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## The Forest Resources Assessment Programme

Sustainably managed forests have multiple environmental and socio-economic functions important at the global, national and local scales, and play a vital part in sustainable development. Reliable and up-to-date information on the state of forest resources - not only on area and area change, but also on such variables as growing stock, wood and non-wood products, carbon, protected areas, use of forests for recreation and other services, biological diversity and forests' contribution to national economies - is crucial to support decision-making for policies and programmes in forestry and sustainable development at all levels.

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## **Report preparation and contact persons**

No report has been received from occupied Palestinian Territories.

This report is the result of a desk study prepared by the FRA secretariats in Rome, which is based on the existing available information using the established format for FRA 2010 country reports

# 1 Table T1 – Extent of Forest and Other wooded land

## 1.1 FRA 2010 Categories and definitions

Category	Definition
Forest	Land spanning more than 0.5 hectares with trees higher than 5 meters and a canopy cover of more than 10 percent, or trees able to reach these thresholds <i>in situ</i> . It does not include land that is predominantly under agricultural or urban land use.
Other wooded land	Land not classified as “Forest”, spanning more than 0.5 hectares; with trees higher than 5 meters and a canopy cover of 5-10 percent, or trees able to reach these thresholds <i>in situ</i> ; or with a combined cover of shrubs, bushes and trees above 10 percent. It does not include land that is predominantly under agricultural or urban land use.
Other land	All land that is not classified as “Forest” or “Other wooded land”.
Other land with tree cover (Subordinated to “Other land”)	Land classified as “Other land”, spanning more than 0.5 hectares with a canopy cover of more than 10 percent of trees able to reach a height of 5 meters at maturity.
Inland water bodies	Inland water bodies generally include major rivers, lakes and water reservoirs.

## 1.2 National data

### 1.2.1 Data sources

References to sources of information	Quality (H/M/L)	Variable(s)	Year(s)	Additional comments
Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics ( <a href="http://www.pcbs.org">http://www.pcbs.org</a> )	M	Forest area	1999-2006	
FAOSTAT		Country area, land area	all years	

### 1.2.2 Classification and definitions

National class	Definition
Forests and wooded land	Land used permanently (i.e. for five years and more) for forests. Permanent meadows and pastures on which trees and shrubs are grown should be recorded under this heading only if the growing of trees and shrubs is the most important use of the area.

Source: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

### 1.2.3 Original data

Category	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Area of forest and wooded land (km <sup>2</sup> )	90.8	90.8	91.7	91.7	91.7	91.7	91.7	91.7

Source: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

Total country area:	621 000 ha
Land Area:	602 000 ha
Inland water (calculated)	19 000 ha

Source: FAOSTAT, 2008

### 1.3 Analysis and processing of national data

#### 1.3.1 Calibration

Not needed.

#### 1.3.2 Estimation and forecasting

Available data from 2000 and 2005 has been used for reporting years 2000 and 2005. No change is assumed for the periods 1990-2000 and 2005-2010.

#### 1.3.3 Reclassification into FRA 2010 categories

Due to lack of a more specific national definition, the entire area of the national class Forest and Wooded land has been reclassified as Forest. Remaining land area is classified as Other land.

### 1.4 Data for Table T1

FRA 2010 categories	Area (1000 hectares)			
	1990	2000	2005	2010
Forest	9.08	9.08	9.17	9.17
Other wooded land	0	0	0	0
Other land	592.92	592.92	592.83	592.83
...of which with tree cover	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Inland water bodies	19	19	19	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>621</b>

### 1.5 Comments to Table T1

Variable / category	Comments related to data, definitions, etc.	Comments on the reported trend
Forest	The area reported under Forest may also include areas of Other wooded land.	
Other wooded land		
Other land		
Other land with tree cover		
Inland water bodies		

#### Other general comments to the table

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Expected year for completion of ongoing/planned national forest inventory and/or RS survey / mapping	
Field inventory	
Remote sensing survey / mapping	