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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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The reporting framework for FRA 2005 is based on the thematic elements of sustainable forest management acknowledged in intergovernmental forest-related fora and includes more than 40 variables related to the extent, condition, uses and values of forest resources. More information on the FRA 2005 process and the results - including all the country reports - is available on the FRA 2005 Web site (www.fao.org/forestry/fra2005).

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This report is the result of a desk study prepared by the FRA 2005 secretariat in Rome, which summarizes existing available information using the established format for FRA 2005 country reports.

Only data for table T1 is presented. For the other reporting tables, there is no information available to support any estimates.

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1 Table T1 – Extent of Forest and Other wooded land

1.1 FRA 2005 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 (http://www.pcbs.org)	M	Forest area	2001-2003	
FAOSTAT		Country area, land area	2000 2005	

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	2001-2003
Area of forest and wooded land (km ²)	91.7

Source: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

No information is available that indicates any trends in area of forest and wooded land.

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

Source: FAOSTAT, 2005

1.3 Analysis and processing of national data

The available data has been used directly to provide estimates for the reporting years 2000 and 2005. 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 National reporting table T1

FRA 2005 Categories	Area (1000 hectares)		
	1990	2000	2005
Forest		9	9
Other wooded land			
Other land		593	593
...of which with tree cover ¹⁾			
Inland water bodies		19	19
TOTAL		621	621

1.5 Comments to National reporting table T1

The area reported und Forest may also include areas of Other wooded land.