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## FIGIS – FIRMS

### Management of updated information

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#### Abstract

In this session, we will have a look at the requirements and issues regarding the management of updated information in FIGIS.

There can be different sources of information reporting on the same stock or resource. E.g. : FAO's global documents, a commission's regional report and local studies.

There can also be information reported on a stock or resource by the same source on different dates.

E.g. : yearly reports by an institution.

In both cases, we have different information on the same stock or resource. This is what we call observations.

In FIGIS, requirements expressed by partners drove us to organize the various observations on one stock or resource by source (concept of ownership) and by date for the same source (concept of reporting date).

A number of issues arise with the multiplicity of observations on the same stock or resource : organisation, structuring, access rights etc.

In this perspective, the concept of **ownership** is capital : it defines who will have the responsibility for the maintenance of the data on a stock or resource, and decide of which information will be accessible.

Quality assurance rules are already existing, to ensure the quality of the information provided by FIGIS. New rules will have to be defined and existing rules adapted, to suit the needs of partners. An information management policy will have to be enforced by the steering committee.

A number of tools are also (or will be) provided, that can be tailored to suit that policy (customisation of the outputs, access rights, hierarchical organization of the data...).