

**Right to Food week**  
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**“Right to Food & Forestry”**

“The Right to Food in FAO and Forestry Department work”

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# Part I

## Integrating RtF into FAO





# **Right to Food: Legal foundation**

**International Covenant on Economic Social and  
Cultural Rights (156 State Parties)**

**National constitutions and other instruments**





# **FAO has obligations**

**FAO Constitution**

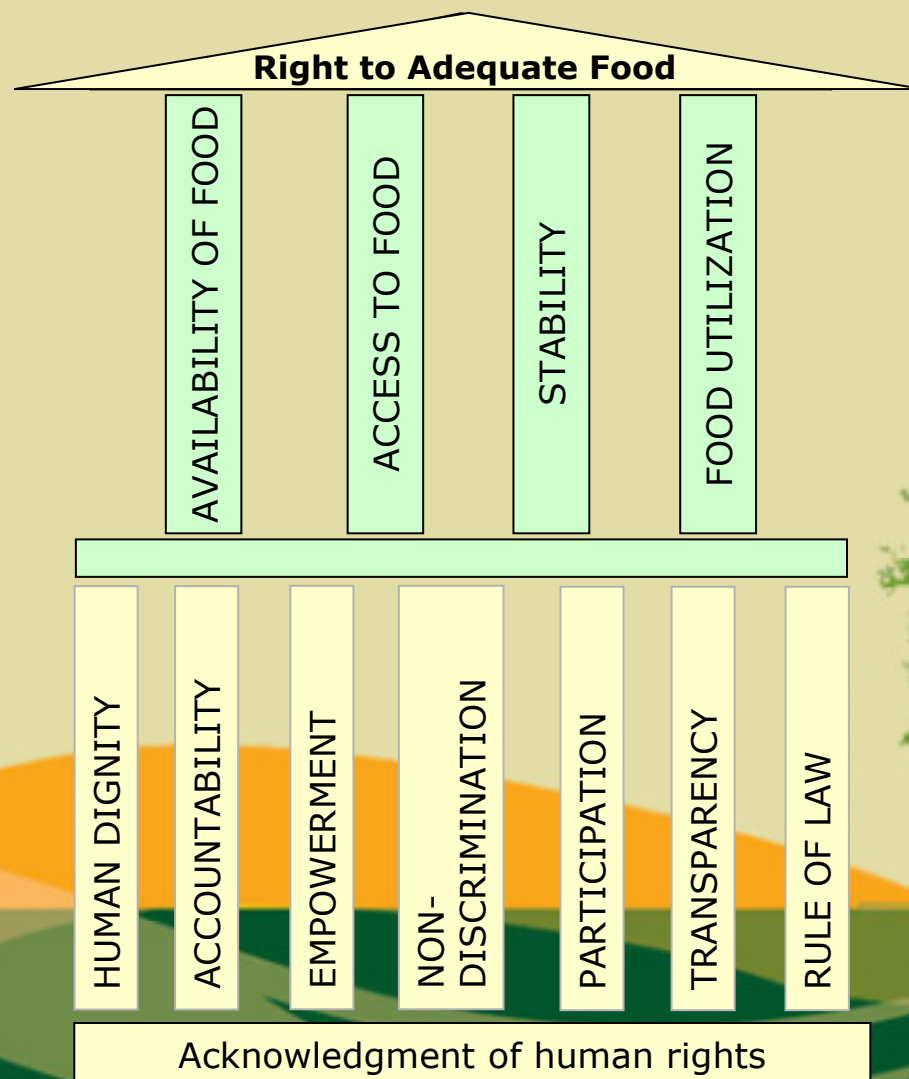
**Right to Food Guidelines**

**Human Rights Mainstreaming in UN System**

**Equip FAO to assist States implement RtF**



# Meaning of Right to Food



# Integrating RtF into FAO

- **Joint Departmental and RtF Unit exercise**
- **Convergence/divergence FO and RtF principles/approaches**
- **Detailed analysis of selected projects by “mini-teams”**
- **Consolidated findings to guide integration of RtF into FO work**
- **Wider sharing and use**





# Part II

## Right to Food FAO & FAO Forestry work





# Integrating RtF into Forestry

## Possible Linkages

**Review and harmonization of  
legal framework**

**Capacity building at all level;  
Monitoring & Accountability**

**Education and Awareness;  
NGOs and advocacy for right  
claims; negotiation skills and  
conflict management**

**PES, environmental  
compensations, Small & medium  
enterprises**

## Possible Outcomes

**Accession to rights - legal  
framework**


**Maintain rights: mechanisms  
in place**

**Empower poor & vulnerable  
groups**

**Reinforce economic status of  
forestry**



# RtF & FO: exploring 4 examples

Themes	RtF Guidelines	FO & ...
<b>nwfp</b> (Central Africa)	G2: Economic dvpt. policies G4: Market systems G7: Legal Framework G8: Access to resources	FOIP FOEP LEGN ...
<b>Inter-sectoral linkages</b> (Afghanistan)	G 1: Governance G18: National HR institutions G8: Access resources & assets G10: Nutrition G11: Education & awareness raising	FOIM FOMC ESWD AGNP FAO-AFG, ...
<b>Legal framework</b> (Central America)	G5/G6:Institutions/Stakeholders G7: Legal framework G12: National financial resources	LEGN FOIP AGPS, ...
<b>Policy &amp; Institution</b> (nfp & nfp facility)	G3: Strategies G5/G6:Institutions/Stakeholders G 17: Monitoring, indicators & bench.	FOED FOEP ... 



# **“nwfp”**

## **- The case of Central Africa -**

**3 projects with the following objectives:**

- ***“Enhancing FS through nwfp in CA”***
- ***“SME strengthening in nwfp chain in CA”***
- ***“Impact of forest concessions on access to nwfp”***

### **Progress/Opportunities**

- ***“Loi Modèle” (draft) : Analysis & RtF elements proposed***
- ***Desk study assessment of 398/GER outputs (in-house)***

# Inter-sectoral linkages - The case of Afghanistan -

4 projects in support to Food Security, Nutrition & Livelihood

## Objectives

- *Household FS & Nutrition*
- *Managing Biodiversity*
- *Initiating Participatory Forestry*
- *Environment & Rangeland (MDG UNPD/FAO)*

## Progress/Opportunities

- *RtF into Project Document formulation*
- *Context : Preparatory work for AFG to ratify ECOSOC treaty (+ RtF)*
- *Now: Survey amongst Ministries to assess the situation of HR, including a questionnaire to MAIL on the RtF section (standard ECOSAC survey)*





# ***Legal Framework***

## ***- The case of Central America -***

### **Objective**

**“Forest and Agro-biodiversity in support of Food Security”**

### **Progress/Opportunities**

- **Review of national related Laws & Policy with RtF Voluntary Guidelines**
- **Participatory – decentralized – inclusive process**
- **Honduras: 1<sup>st</sup> National Strategy on PES (“El Coyolar”)**
- **Nicaragua: RtF framework law drafted; Indigenous peoples & Local Forum (“Chorotega”)**
- **Central America: Agricultural Policy**

# ***Policy & Institution***

## ***- The case of “national forest programmes (nfp) -***

### **Objectives**

- Integrating **SFM** into **poverty reduction** strategies and broad intersectoral processes
- Developing a **consensus** on how to address issues relevant to forests at the **national** level
- Translating commitments at the **international** level into **national** forest policy and planning

### **Integrating RtF into NFPs**

- Enable policy, institutional and legal changes to include **RtF perspective**
- Include **RtF in coaching/capacity building**
- Include **RtF message and materials** in NFP Information Service
- Share experience on monitoring methodology

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# The way forward: RtF & FO

- Build a common understanding on issues-needs-opportunities
  - Analyze the 4 examples
    - PWB 2008/2009

Exploring why and how to integrate RtF & Forestry into FAO and Forestry Department works



## PART III FNPP CENTRAL AMERICA

# “Forests and Agricultural Biodiversity in support of Food Security”

CASE STUDIES HIGHLIGHTING THE RIGHT TO FOOD APPROACH



# Project context

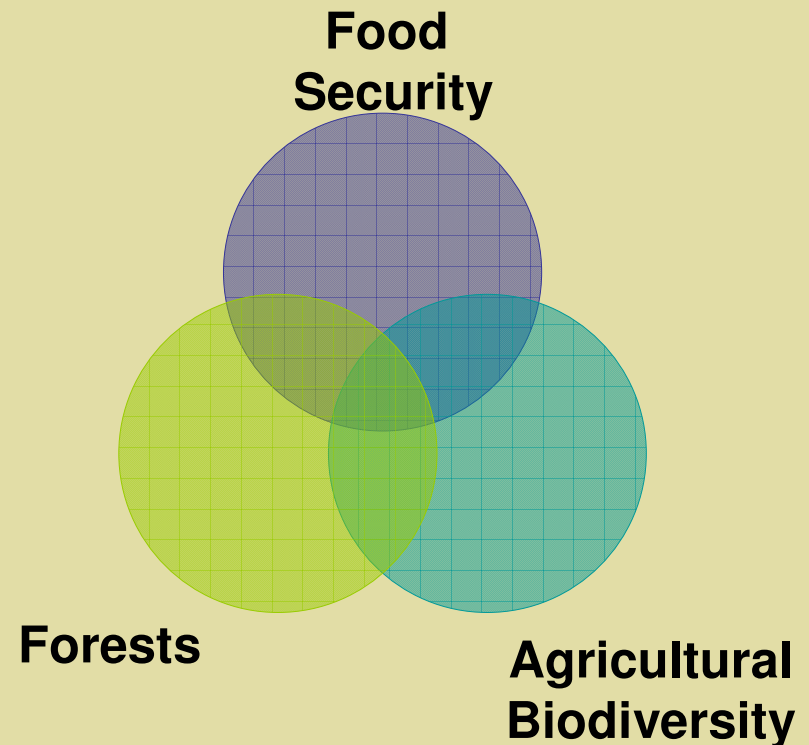
## Central America objective

**Gaps and inconsistencies** among **policies** and **laws** regarding **forests**, **agricultural biodiversity**, **food security** in Central America addressed by **FNPP** taking into account the **voluntary guidelines**.

## Central America Governments intervention

Following the **request** of the **Council of Ministers of Agriculture, Environment and Health** of **Central American countries** and from the **Governments of Honduras** and **Nicaragua**.

## FNPP Central America



# Honduras

	Intervention Area	FNPP contribution
Pilot areas	- Villa San Antonio	- projects to implement PES developed (El Coyolar)
	- Mamuca	- strategy on illegal logging developed - technical norms for Mgt plans reviewed
	- El Yeguaré	- legal analysis on inconsistencies produced
	- Mancosol	- discussion-forums to analyzed legal gaps created
	- Gualaco	- forest communitarian management plans elaborated and adopted
Nation wide	- Forest Policy	- reviewed in a participatory way through the AFH following the request from the gov. (VG 3-5-8)
	- Forest Law	- formulated in a participatory way and approved by the National Congress (VG 7-8)
	- Forest National Program	- launched in 2005, reviewed and implemented in pilot areas (VG 3-5-8)
	- National Strategy on PES	- formulated in a participatory way (VG 3-5-8)



El Coyolar watershed



Teocinte plant

# Nicaragua

	Intervention Area	FNPP contribution
Pilot areas	- Nueva Segovia (Mozonte & Macuelizo)	- the draft law of the indigenous peoples reviewed (VG 1- 8)
	- RAAN (Waspan & Rosita)	- the strategy on integrated communitarian forest management currently developed (VG 6-8)
	- Rivas ( Bélen)	- the guide on agricultural biodiversity to improve food security elaborated (VG 6)
Nation wide	- Forest Policy	- following the request of MAGFOR, reviewed in a participatory way through the support of the Committee on Forest Governance (VG3-5-8)
	- Forest Legal framework	- inconsistencies identified, analyzed in a participatory way, environmental law reviewed (VG 8-7)
	- Biodiversity Policy	- following the request of MARENA, currently under revision to integrate agricultural biodiversity elements (VG 3-5-8)
	- Framework law on food security	- following the request of the National Assembly, drafted including RtF approach in line with Zero hunger program (VG 7)



The Chorotega Coordinator



Guanacaste Tree - Nicaragua

# ...Honduras

## The Voluntary Guidelines in practice

**VG 3: Strategies**

**VG 5: Institutions**

**VG 8: Access to resources and assets**

**The Cuenca/watershed El Coyolar:**  
*How to improve access to natural resources assets through the legal framework*

### Main steps:

- Development of a project on payment for environmental services
- Draft law to declare the watershed El Coyolar as a protected areas formulated
- National Strategy on payment for environmental services formulated
- PES provisions integrated in the Forest Law

**Benefits to the vulnerable groups:**

*A Human Rights perspective*

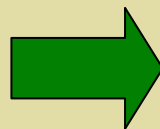
# ...Nicaragua

## The Voluntary Guidelines in practice

**VG 1: Democracy, good governance, human rights and the rule of law**

**VG 5: Institutions**

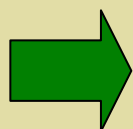
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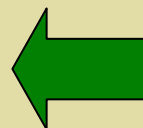
## The Chorotega coordinator : *How to improve access to natural resources assets through the legal framework*

the draft law of the indigenous peoples formulated in a participatory way promoting communitarian property land system and communitarian governance

Creation of a local forum in Mozonte with indigenous groups and the Chorotega coordinator to analyze their successful experience on communitarian forest management



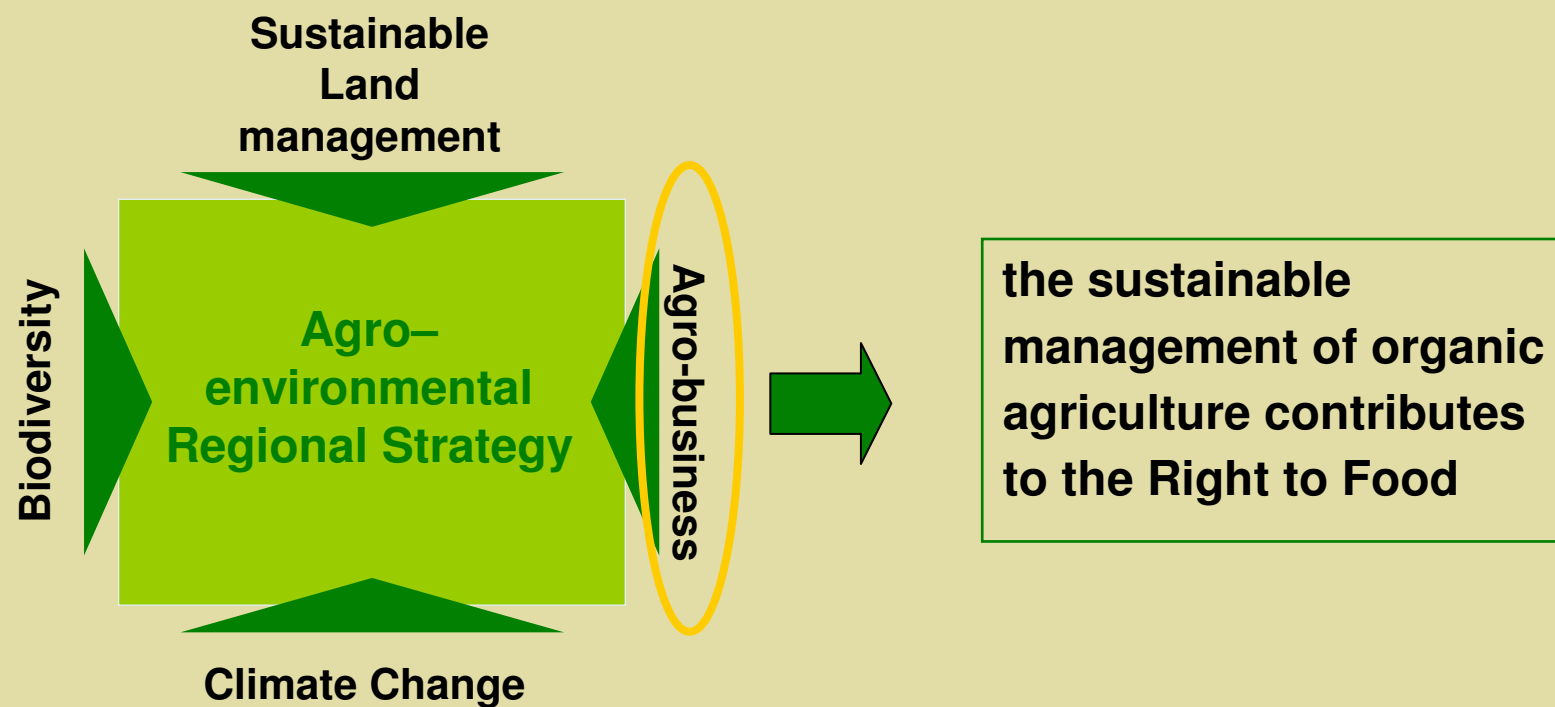
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# Agro – environmental Regional Strategy

From the Strategy Guidelines...

...To the Right to Food approach



# Central American Agricultural Policy

## PACA

-The **CAC** (Central American Agricultural Council) is promoting the **formulation of the PACA** aiming to **develop conditions for a modern, competitive, equitable agriculture for Central America** adapted to new roles and opportunities and contributing to a **sustainable development of the agriculture** from **economic, social, environmental, and institutional point of view**.



## Right to Food

- The link with the RtF is related with the need to strengthen the **good governance**, to improve the **institutional coordination** and the **efficiency of mechanisms** contributing to improve or modernize **intermediary trade services**, promoting **agricultural markets** and **small scale enterprises**

- The Voluntary Guidelines in practice -

**VG 1: Democracy, good governance, human rights and the rule of law**

**VG 3.10: Regional Strategies**

**VG 5: Intersectoral coordination**



# Ongoing activities – The legal framework

## Harmonization of CA Laws

Analysis of **Laws** on **forests** and **agro-biodiversity** in the **7 countries** of **Central America**



## Right to Food

The **voluntary guidelines** integrated in the legal analysis aiming to **support food security** through a compatibility review

**Thank you for your attention...**

