Harmonizing international forest related reporting: ITTO and the FRA

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Forest Reporting

- Forest products
  - already harmonized (JFSQ)
- Forest area and management
  - FRA
  - C&I (ITTO, MP, MCPFE)
  - UN Conventions
  - Others (OECD, etc.)

Streamlining Forest Reporting

- UNFF and other fora requested CPF members to reduce reporting burdens on countries
- CPF response: Work towards more coordinated and joint approaches
- Task force: FAO, ITTO, CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD, UNFF, UNEP-WCMC

Outcomes of CPF Task Force

- Analysis of reporting requirements of major forest-related international processes
- Identification of impediments and opportunities for harmonization
- Portal to access country reports (www.fao.org/forestry/cpf-mar)
- Joint information framework and collaboration especially through FRA

FRA as a harmonization framework

- Comprehensive and global coverage
- Structured around 7 thematic elements of SFM (7th element added to 2010 FRA)
- Already providing information for organizations/processes (MCPFE)

FRA as a harmonization framework

- Kotka V recommended continuing/ increased collaboration with CPF members, C&I processes, etc.
- FRA 2010 to provide forest info to assess 2010 CBD biodiversity target (including SFM areas)
- ITTO will work with FAO, FRA on future assessments of tropical forest management and of progress towards ITTO's Year 2000 Objective

Status of Tropical Forest Management

- Primary data source: C&I reports
- First rigorous attempt to estimate areas of tropical forest under SFM
- Covers 33 tropical countries accounting for over 80% of total tropical forest area

Information base – Quality of country C&I reports

Criterion	Number of indicators	Average score			Overall average
		Africa	Asia & Pacific	Latin America & Caribbean	
1: Enabling conditions for SFM	22	1.6	2.1	2.3	2.0
2: Forest resource security	8	1.1	1.8	2.1	1.7
3: Forest ecosystem health and condition	6	1.0	1.9	1.8	1.6
4: Flow of forest produce	16	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.4
5: Biological diversity	12	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.5
6: Soil and water	8	0.9	1.4	0.9	1.1
7: Economic, social and cultural aspects	17	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.5
Average, all seven criteria		**1.2**	**1.7**	**1.7**	**1.5**

1 = poor, 2 = medium, 3 = good

Data sources: ITTO sources in Africa

Country	ITTO C&I report	ITTO mission	ITTO C&I workshop
Cameroon	★		★
Central African Rep		★	★
Congo	★	★	★
Cote d'Ivoire	★		★
DRC	★		
Gabon	★	★	
Ghana	★		★
Liberia		★	
Nigeria			★
Togo	★		★

Data sources: ITTO sources in Asia & the Pacific

Country	ITTO C&I report	ITTO mission	ITTO C&I workshop
Cambodia	★	★	★
Fiji		★	
India			★
Indonesia	★	★	
Malaysia	★		
Myanmar	★		
Papua New Guinea	★		★
Philippines	★	★	★
Thailand	★		
Vanuatu	★		★

Data sources: ITTO sources in Latin America & the Caribbean

Country	ITTO C&I report	ITTO mission	ITTO C&I workshop
Bolivia	★		★
Brazil		★	
Colombia	★		★
Ecuador		★	★
Guyana		★	
Guatemala	★		★
Honduras	★		
Panama	★	★	★
Peru	★	★	★
Suriname		★	
Trinidad & Tobago	★	★	
Venezuela	★		★

Other data sources

ITTO consultants and staff	Country visits/consultations
FAO	FRA – forest area, etc; FOSA, Forest products
UNEP-WCMC	Forest in IUCN protected-area categories
IUCN	IUCN red list of threatened species
Certification bodies	Certified forest area
Other published and unpublished sources, including official websites	Various data

Information base

Inconsistent/conflicting information

- **eg country estimates of forest area vs FRA vs UNEP-WCMC vs other sources**

PFE – not all countries had clear definition or good-quality data; concept didn't always apply

Little verification of implementation of forest management plans/legal obligations

Ascertaining SFM areas

Sum of FMUs:

- **independently certified or making progress towards certification;**
- **with fully developed, long-term (10 year +) mngt. plan and evidence it is being implemented;**
- **included in model forests with information on mngt. quality; and/or**
- **community based with secure tenure and known high-quality mngt.**

Status of tropical forest management

Total PFE: 859 million hectares

Of which:

353 million hectares natural production forest

45 million hectares production planted forest

461 million hectares protection forest

Status of tropical forest management

Natural-forest production PFE (353 m ha)

Area under management plans	96.2 m ha
Area certified	10.5 m ha
Area managed consistent with SFM	at least **25.2 m ha (7.1%)**

Status of tropical forest management

Natural-forest protection PFE (461 m ha)

Area under management plans	17.8 m ha
Area certified	n.a.
Area managed consistent with SFM	at least **11.2 m ha (2.4%)**

Status of tropical forest management

Total natural PFE (814 m ha)

Area under management plans	114 m ha
Area certified	10.5 m ha
Area managed consistent with SFM	at least **36.4 m ha (4.5%)**

SFM Tropics: Conclusions

Area under SFM has increased significantly but is still a small proportion of the PFE

More work needed to strengthen information base

The PFE needs further clarification, and work to determine its extent, location and integrity

International technical and financial support often pivotal, including in use of C&I

FAO FRA Data Relevance to ITTO

- Around half of ITTO's 57 indicators covered or partially covered by FRA data tables
- Very relevant: extent of forests, designated function(s), characteristic (forest type)
- Relevant: ownership, growing stock, carbon stock, disturbances, tree species, growing stock composition, NWFPs, employment
- Less relevant: biomass, wood removals (JFSQ)

FRA and ITTO

- ITTO will continue to work towards and report on sustainable forest management in tropics
- ITTC requested SFM Tropics 2005 report to be updated for 2010
- Concepts important to ITTO (eg PFE, assessment of sustainability) being incorporated in FRA 2010

FRA and ITTO (cont.)

- Possibility of utilising common database, joint questionnaire approach
- Possibility of joint/shared analytical work for tropical countries, special study or studies
- ITTO has included coordination with/ support for FRA 2010 in 2008-2009 Work Program, more work to do to ensure major countries support this

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