



# National Forest Monitoring and Assessment Expert Consultation 26-28 November 2008

## Introduction



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## Outline

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## FAO-NFMA Review Process: Responding to Evolving Needs

- Tailored country data & reporting for nfps, policies, strategies & reporting (multiple forest functions)
- International reporting: FRA 2005 & 2010 [Kotka]: harmonized reporting to UNFCCC [REDD], CCD, CBD, UNFF, MDGs
- FAO Strategy for Forests and Forestry
- External Technical Review of Approaches & Methods of NFMA July-Oct 2008
- Participation in UN-REDD partnership
- Expert consultation, Nov 2008
- FAO's 19<sup>th</sup> COFO, March 2009
- Phase II NFMA Technical Programme Review



## Objectives of Expert Consultation

- Explore how NFMA can better meet country needs to:
  - monitor forest cover & land-use change
  - monitor forest resources, uses & users
  - review nfps, policies and strategic planning
  - international reporting to conventions & international processes
- Specific guidance to improve methods for:
  - NFMA as a tool for REDD monitoring
  - Formulating national & international policies, planning & reporting
  - Improved database & information systems for policy & decision makers at national and international levels



## Participation for diversity of perspectives

- Geographic representation of all regions
- Different perspectives in NFMA/ILUA:
  - methodology development
  - inventory field implementation
  - database management
  - information packaging
  - country users (nfps, policy, planners) from industrialized & developing countries
  - international users
  - international technical & funding agencies
  - international donors



## Background Documentation

<http://www.fao.org/forestry/52821/en/>

- Technical Review of FAO's Approach & Methods for NFMA; Erkki Tomppo & Krister Andersson
- NFMA Approach & Process: An Analysis of Cost & Time; NFMA team
- NFMA Knowledge Reference, Dissemination & Networking; Marco Piazza
- Agenda
- Guidelines to Working Groups
- NFMA/ILUA Variables
- Participant List & Biodata
- REDD Overview, MJ Sanz,



## Content & Format

- Mixed plenary & working sessions
  - Plenary Presentations to Set the Scene (refer to agenda)
  - 3 Working Sessions
    - information needs
    - methodology review
    - Information packaging, dissemination & partners
  - 3 Different Working Groups (select preference)
    - national level
    - REDD context
    - international level
  - Presentations to Plenary
  - Recommendations to Plenary



## Expected Outputs

- Improved understanding of NFMA uses & user needs (national, international & REDD)
- Identification of current NFMA strengths & weaknesses
- New opportunities for NFMA (eg REDD)
- Recommendations to FAO for NFMA review:
  - information, methodology, packaging, dissemination & partners
  - national, international & REDD





*Thanks!*

