

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management

Reference to Integrated Work Programme: Work Area 1, “Data, monitoring and assessment”

A. Objectives

1. Strengthen the work on: (i) forest reporting, (ii) assessing the state of forests and sustainability of forest management and (iii) monitoring the role of the forest sector in the green economy in the ECE region;
2. Advise the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on the implementation of activities in Work Area 1 “Data, monitoring and assessment”, with regard to the collection, review, analysis and dissemination of quantitative information on forests and sustainable forest management (SFM) in the ECE region.

B. Activities

1. Provide contributions to the global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) and the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire 2015: support the data collection process, analysis of the situation and trends, and drafting of the final report;
2. Assist in the process for the preparation of the report: State of Europe’s Forests 2015: contribute to the reporting on quantitative indicators, analysis of information, coordination of inputs, authors’ contributions and dissemination of results;
3. Contribute to the pilot project on assessing the sustainability of forest management;
4. Contribute to the work on criteria and indicators (C&I) for SFM by Forest Europe and the Montréal Process;
5. Contribute to the preparation of a report on forest ownership in the ECE region: development of concept, contribution to data collection, analysis of information and dissemination of results;
6. Contribute to the preparation of a report on the role of the forest sector in a green economy: development of concept, contribution to data collection, analysis of information and dissemination of results;
7. Contribute to the development of the concept and modalities for a statistical data management system on forest resources, functions and services and SFM;
8. Support other work areas and ToS on issues relevant to data, monitoring and assessment, including related capacity building;
9. Support international work and cooperation on monitoring of forest resources and sustainable forest management (SFM), including the European Union and other organizations in this area;
10. Support communication and dissemination, including by contributing to the forest information billboard.

C. Expected major outputs

1. Review of, and input to documents, reports, and meetings related to global reporting framework – in cooperation with the FAO FRA Team;

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2. Review of, and input to documents, reports, and meetings; involvement in the organisation of the workshop for authors and National Correspondents in the ECE region; review of and, whenever possible, involvement in writing, the final report on state of Europe's forests; involvement in dissemination of results;
 3. Consultation and advice on the pilot project on assessing the sustainability of forest management;
 4. Consultation and advice on issues relevant to the C&I processes in the ECE region – if requested;
 5. Consultation and advice on the underlying analytical concepts, and survey as well as the review of the draft report on forest ownership in the ECE region;
 6. Consultation and advice on the underlying analytical concepts, and the survey as well as the review of the draft report on the role of the forest sector in a green economy – in cooperation with other ToS;
 7. Consultation and advice on designing an improved statistical data management system on forest resources, their functions and services, and forest management;
 8. Consultation and advice on the data-related work within Work Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4 – if requested;
 9. Advice on communication activities, dissemination of information in countries/organisations and participation (sharing of information) through the forest information billboard.

D. Background

Established/Approved by:	The Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2013
Duration:	The mandate of the team was renewed for the term 2016-2017.
Methods of work:	Regular ToS meetings (including steering group and thematic sub-groups meetings); Workshops with participation of the ToS members and the FRA national correspondents; Direct and indirect (electronic) reviews and consultations; Review and, if feasible, preparation of background materials, discussion papers, enquiries; Other forms of work can be determined by the ToS, if needed.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
Team leader:	To be elected at first team meeting.