FRA 2015: Status of Preparations

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One goal, two approaches:

- Goal: Accurate reporting of global forest resources
- Two approaches:
  - Country reports
    - Essential basis for global reporting if more than just snapshots of land cover are desired
  - Remote sensing
    - Integrating global analyses into country reporting

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Guidance from FRA users

Results from first FRA users survey

- Most important topics:
  1. Extent of forest resources
  2. Productive functions of forests
  3. Biological diversity
- Greater emphasis on:
  1. Progress toward SFM
  2. Planted forest
  3. Natural forest

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Guidelines used in selection of 2015 variables

- Finding a set of variables that:
  - Best meet ***user*** needs
  - Are ***important*** in understanding forest resource dynamics
  - Are ***practical*** to collect with some reasonable expectation of quality
  - Contribute to ***improved quality***
  - ***Reduce*** reporting burden

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The 2015 slate of variables...

- Seeks to contribute answers to 20 globally-significant forest resource questions
- Attempts to reduce reporting burdens:
  - 58% of all variables pre-filled from FRA 2010 (1990-2010)
  - 56% of all variables are included in the CFRQ (i.e. >80 countries will report just once for multiple organizations)
  - 13% of all entries of new data will be pre-filled, primarily from remote sensing, FAOSTAT and UN data sources
- Address stated user needs and improve overall quality

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Changes from FRA2010

Category	Nature of change
Degradation	Included for the first time from remote sensing
Deforestation	Included for the first time.
Special categories	Bamboo and rubber dropped
Forest area projection	2030 target, “Forest Futures”
Transition matrix	Area of change across major landuses

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Changes from FRA2010

Category	Nature of change
Forest designation	Substantial change based on NAFC proposal
Wood removals	To come from FAOSTAT
Growing stock	DBH standard set, branches dropped
NWFP	Values for top commercial species only
Permanent forest	Modified to include private forest lands

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Changes from FRA2010

Category	Nature of change
SFM scale	National and operational scales
General SFM question	Dropped
Forest certification	Domestic and international
Policy and regulation related to SFM	Areas covered by policy or legislation
Type of forest monitoring	New
Mean Annual Increment	Old FRA variable restored

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Changes from FRA2010

Category	Nature of change
Employment	Dropped self employment, gender added
Numbers of people in education and research	Dropped
Revenue and expenditure	Simplified, dropped transfer payments
Level of stakeholder involvement	New
Type of forest reporting	New

Changes from FRA2010

Category	Nature of change
Overall: Tiers	A measure of reliability ala IPCC
Burned area/number of fires	To come from remote sensing
Insects and disease	Major outbreaks only
Abiotic	Simplified
Area under forest management plan	Sub-divided into production and conservation

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Collecting and managing data through the FRIMS

- FAO is finalizing an online database called the Forest Resources Information System (FRIMS)
- FRIMS will allow countries to enter and manage FRA and CFRQ data online
- Optional in 2015 – mandatory in 2020
- All Country Reports will be entered into FRIMS by end of 2013 by countries directly or by FAO
- All reviews will be done through FRIMS
- Multiple output options will be provided by the end of 2013

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Key Milestones

- February 2013: Capacity building workshops begin
- April 2013: FRIMS release 1.0
- May 2013: Global meeting of National Correspondents
- July 2013: First country reporting deadline
- December 2013: Country reports completed/reviewed
- March 2014: Initial data analyses completed
- March 2015: Key findings released
- September 2015: FRIMS opened to public, FRA report(s) released

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Thank you...