Forest ownership in the region – preliminary results & the way ahead

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The previous study - 2010

- PRIVATE forest ownership in EUROPE
- 23 countries
- Joint enquiry by the UNECE/FAO/Forest Europe and Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF)
- Data collected in 2006 – many data refer to 2000-2005
The new study:

- Builds on the expert network of FACESMAP
- Uses the data of the joint questionnaire
- UNECE-wide data coverage incl. N-America and Russia, and all ownership types
- Core group with CEPF, EUSTAFOR, FECOF, EFI
The joint questionnaire:

- Quantitative questions

- Qualitative questions
Quantitative questions

Table 1a: Area of forest and Forest Available for Wood Supply (FAWS)
Table 1b: Area of forest by management status
Table 2: Area and number of forest properties
Table 3: Growing stock, growth and drain
Table 4a: Wood removals and certified area
Table 4b: Main Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFP) in 2015
Table 4c: Main Forest Ecosystem Services (FES) in 2015
Table 5: Institutional framework of the public forest in 2015
Table 6: State forests management organisations in 2015
Table 7: Area and number of forest holdings in 2015
Table 8: Workforce in public forests in 2015
Table 9: Removals from private forest properties in 2010
Table 10: Individual forest owners by age and gender
Table 11: Occupation, residence and objectives of individual forest owners
Qualitative questions

2.1.1 A: Changes between public and private ownership
2.1.1. B: Changes within public forest ownership
2.1.1. C: Changes within private forest ownership

2.2.1: Who typically manages the forests in your country?
2.2.2: Who typically supervises that forest management is carried out according to the national legislation/other binding rules in your country?
2.2.3: Which forest owner organisations (forest producer groups, forest owner co-operatives, co-operations or associations) exist in your country with a focus on joint or cooperative forest management?

2.3.1: Which new forest ownership types emerge in your country?

2.4.1: Is illegal logging considered as a serious problem in your country? Does it affect certain ownership categories in particular and if yes, in which way?
Qualitative questions cont.

2.5.1: What kinds of influence have policies on the development of forest ownership?

2.5.2: Which policy instruments (including financial incentives and taxation) exist that specifically address different ownership categories, in particular new (non-traditional) forest owners? Which policy instruments and organisational concepts do exist in order to reach different ownership types?

2.5.3: The financial flows into and out of forests in regard to different ownership categories. What is the situation in your country?
Replies to the questionnaire

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The future study

➢ Builds on the experience and expertise of the COST Action FACESMAP

➢ Uses the information collected by the joint questionnaire

➢ Will inform and consult with member states

➢ Original data will be made available on the UNECE website
Stucture

- UNECE Forests – Introduction
- Forest Ownership pattern in the UNECE region - overview
- Organization of public and private forest ownership (governance and organizations)
- Applied forest management (goods and services, forest management systems)
- Public and private forest owners and managers (qualitative information)
Timeline

- Advanced draft report presented to and discussed during the 39th session of the Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, Geneva, Switzerland (3-5 May 2017)

- Comments and review by member States

- Results to be presented to the 75th session of COFFI

- Final Results expected to be published in late 2017
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