

FAO, Green jobs and Occupational safety and health

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FAO and Forestry 1948- present

- 50's focused on reconstruction after WW2
- 60's training & industrial development in new countries
- 70's similar to the 60's influential reference texts
- 80's environmental issues, the first account of reduced impact logging (RIL), appropriate technology
- 90's environmental issues stronger much work with RIL, code of practice for logging, the last reference text (ergonomics)
- 00's numerous case studies and work with RIL
- 10's reduce rural poverty, decent rural employment, occupational safety and health, across agricultural sectors, small and medium size companies



Past in summary

- Close cooperation with the ILO
- Industrial/professional forestry
- Activities on dedicated forest land
- Mainly major state authorities and/forest companies
- Basic activities related to logging
- Reference texts of outstanding quality
- World Forestry Congress Jakarta 1978 a turning point



Two examples of prime quality publications

- FAO Forestry Paper 2 on forest roads and harvesting systems
- <http://www.fao.org/3/ap002e/ap002e00.pdf>
- FAO Forestry Paper 100 on ergonomics in forestry in developing countries
- <http://www.fao.org/3/ap419e/ap419e00.pdf>



Present Context

- Cooperation with ILO hopefully to restart
- SMEs and rural households. Producer organisations and training institutes are also a target group.
- Not restricted to dedicated forest land and professional forest workers
- OSH in an operational efficiency context
- Forest sector development
- Salvage after disasters
- ***And green jobs on the OECD region***



Two Working Papers



Food and Agriculture
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Managing heat in agricultural work

Increasing worker safety and productivity
by controlling heat exposure



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Accident reporting and analysis in forestry

Guidance on increasing the safety
of forest work



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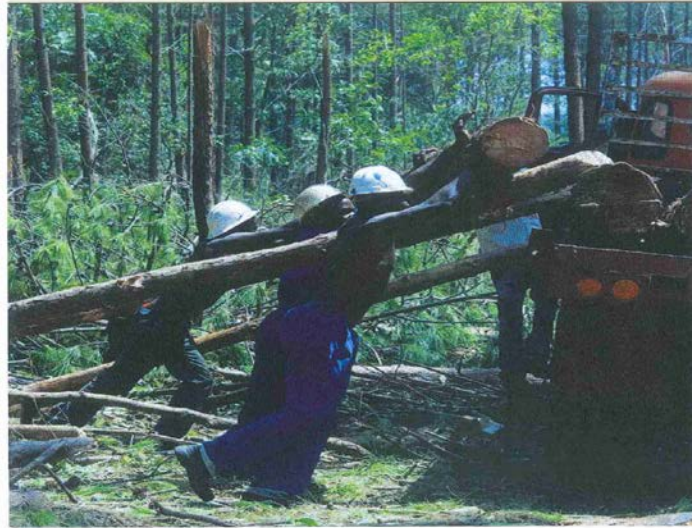
A brochure, released about now



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Accident analysis in forestry

A practical field guide



About the Brochure

- Practical advice on how to investigate, in an unbiased manner, accident causes
- Contributes to the pursuit for decent employment
- The availability of of an investigation protocol for those at accident scenes will assist in accident investigation and analysis. Bias can obstruct investigations and needs to be recognised and minimised
- It is difficult to estimate the number of accidents/fatalities per year in forestry



1700 death in 1980 in USA: Why

- Desire to succeed
- Desire to be accepted
- Peer pressure, perceived or real
- Playing tough
- Delayed thirst mechanism
- Inappropriate protective clothing
- 1700 deaths does not include the informal sector



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In pipeline

- A working paper on lessons learnt from three disasters
- A working paper, a "starter" on OSH with a focus on how to develop a safety culture, essential advice and a rather detailed account of personal protective equipment
- Cooperation with ILO
- Bilateral cooperation

