

Forest Information Billboard

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All are invited to share information and developments on forest related reporting processes among organizations and countries.

To contribute your ideas contact UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section (elina.warsta@fao.org). Deadline for the next issue is 15 June 2013.



Forest Reporting

Reporting on Global and Pan-European Forest Resources

For the first time, reporting according to the pan-European Criteria and Indicators on SFM will be carried out in a coordinated way with the global (CFRQ and FRA) data collection processes. The activity is done in the framework of the FOREST EUROPE and ECE/FAO programmes of work and led by ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section. Professional assistance is provided by the Team of Specialists on Monitoring SFM.

The preparatory work has already started. National correspondents will review the first draft of the pan-European Questionnaire on quantitative indicators in April. The discussion will be continued at the regional session of the global workshop in Thailand, in May 2013. The official release of the pan-European Questionnaire is scheduled for June 2013, while the deadline for regional reporting is the same as for the global one – the end of 2013.

The new, harmonized reporting will improve consistency, quality and visibility of forest related information, while at the same time reduce the national reporting burden and facilitate reporting processes. The global and regional questionnaires will be complementary; preparation of both will be coordinated by the same national correspondent, who will be assisted by one reviewer. The ECE-FAO Forestry and Timber Section will be in charge of the collection process from countries of Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus, with the national correspondents from these countries holding their regional workshop in Geneva, on 16-18 October 2013.

For more information visit: <http://www.unece.org/forests/tos-sfm-2013.html>

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For more information about FRA visit: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/fra/76871/en/>

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Forest Products Markets – Forecasts for 2012-2013

The UNECE Timber Committee, at its October 2012 meeting, approved a market statement, based on forecasts of production and trade for over 20 products covering 30 countries. The statement provides an overview of results and expectations for the period 2011-2013. The forecasts, organized by product and country, are now available. Countries also provided national market statements, describing in detail forest products market activities and outlook.

For more information visit: <http://www.unece.org/forests/fpm/timbercommittee.html>
or contact alex.mccusker@unece.org

Forest Products Statistics

The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section collects, validates and disseminates data for over 40 countries in the region. The data include removals, production and trade (in volume and value) for over 60 products including roundwood, sawnwood, wood-based panels, pulp and paper. Information on trade by value in secondary products (e.g. furniture) is also available.

Data for the UNECE region are now available through the UNECE website in PDF and Excel format. Global data for the period 1961-2011, including the above figures, were published in December 2012 by the FAO through FAOSTAT. A new website with improved data management is now available. We gratefully acknowledge the work carried out by national correspondents in providing these figures and by our partners at Eurostat, FAO and ITTO.

We are currently working on revising the Harmonised System's trade classification for 2017 to provide an improved and more comprehensive understanding of global trade flows in forest products. Further information on this work will be provided during the upcoming Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.

For more information visit: <http://www.unece.org/forests/fpm/forestproducts.html> or
<http://faostat3.fao.org/home/index.html>
or contact alex.mccusker@unece.org

Forest Products Prices

The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section provides two kinds of price information on its website.

- Approximately 50 different price series covering primarily logs but also forest products such as sawnwood or panels in the UNECE region. Prices are mostly in nominal national currency and are available on a quarterly or monthly basis. These series are provided by publicly available sources, listed on the website and was last updated in July 2012.
- A longer-term series provides export unit prices (value divided by volume) in \$ for over 60 forest products from 40+ countries for the period 1964-2010 (soon to be updated to 2011).

For more information visit: <http://www.unece.org/forests/output/prices>
or contact alex.mccusker@unece.org

CI-SFM – Implementing Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management in Europe

The pan-European Criteria and indicators for Sustainable Forest Management (CI-SFM) were developed as a common policy instrument to monitor, evaluate and report progress towards sustainable forest management (SFM). The Criteria and Indicators for SFM were adopted in 1988 in Lisbon and further improved and endorsed at the fourth Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe in 2003 in Vienna, Austria. CI-SFM is an integrated element of the FOREST EUROPE work program and is coordinated and conducted by EFI, in close cooperation with UNECE, FAO and METLA.

The six Pan-European criteria for SFM describe the different aspects of sustainable forest management in Europe. The fulfillment of the criteria can be evaluated through a set of 35 quantitative indicators. Besides these criteria the status and changes in policies, institutions and instruments related to sustainable forest management is assessed through a set of 17 qualitative indicators.

CI-SFM planned events:

WP4: Regional Workshops on C&I development and implementation

Zagreb, Croatia 26-27 March 2013

Budapest, Hungary 23-24 April 2013

Lisbon, Portugal 20-21 May 2013

WP5: pan-European Forum on C&I

Vienna, Austria – 8-9 October 2013

CI-SFM website:

WP7: Networking and webplatform

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<http://www.ci-sfm.org/experts.html>

Download our CI-SFM leaflets and poster.

Consult and download our project literature.

Check also our project presentation on prezi.com.

For more information visit: <http://www.ci-sfm.org/>

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Publications

Strategic Forest Management Map

In Europe where resources are scarce, forests are important for provision of raw materials, but also for provision in ecosystem services. Since the demand for both continues to increase (and not all functions can be fulfilled at one location), Alterra made a strategic forest management map for European Forests. This first map was recently published in the open access journal 'Ecology and Society'. By combining several sources of information, a map was created which indicates which type of forest management would fit best on which location; from strict reserves to intensive short rotations. The map creates a combination of reality with a strategic vision on European forest management.

This paper is part of special section based on the FP6 EFORWOOD project. Authors: Geerten Hengeveld, Gert-Jan Nabuurs, Markus Didion, Isabel van den Wyngaert, Sandra Clercx en Mart-Jan Schelhaas.

Ref: ecol & society, special issue <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/issues/view.php?sf=53>
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Urban Trees Can Help Combat Climate Change Temperature Rises in Cities

The vital role of urban trees in helping to lower temperatures in cities is described in Air Temperature Regulation by Urban Trees and Green Infrastructure, a new Forestry Commission Research Note, by Dr Kieron Doick and Tony Hutchings from Forest Research, the research agency of the Forestry Commission.

The report provides an extensive survey of research on the cooling effects of urban trees. They examine how the type of tree, its planting location, together with the mix of vegetation and paved surfaces in greenspace all contribute to countering the effects of urban heat islands. Strategic selection and placement of trees in cities can cool the air by between 2°C and 8°C, which could reduce heat-related stress and premature human deaths during heat waves.

The review was published on 5 March 2013 and is available free of charge from:
www.forestry.gov.uk/publications/whatsnew
For more information contact: dianne.stilwell@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Report on Rural Development in the European Union

"Rural Development in the European Union - Statistical and economic information - 2012" elaborated by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development is now publicly available on internet, http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/statistics/rural-development/2012/index_en.htm.

For a number of years now, this annual report presents a comprehensive set of information on key indicators for rural development and on the implementation of the EU's rural development policy, as background information to policy makers, researchers and practitioners in rural development. In particular, this report summarizes the latest available statistical and economic information covering the three objectives of the rural development policy for the period 2007-2013.

An overview of the rural development budget over the period is also included, together with information on the financial implementation of rural development programmes in the Member States and in the IPARD beneficiary countries. For more information contact: Francesca.D'ANGELO@ec.europa.eu

PEFC study reveals that certified forest-based products are very warmly received by Spanish 'haute cuisine'

The study reveals that 81.6% of leading Spanish chefs consider their customers would value the presence of sustainable wild products on their plates. Furthermore, Spanish chefs believe that certification could provide the consumer with guarantees about traceability and improve the marketing of these products in Spain.

The report, undertaken with technical assistance from the Institute of Environmental Studies and funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, is based on a survey of seventy-six restaurant managers, including establishments such as Arzak, El Celler de Can Roca, Martin Berasategui, Sergi Arola Gastro or Santceloni, as well as a survey of executive and sales managers from seventy five producer firms and interviews with eight members of the gourmet sector, experts in areas such as distribution or communications.

According to the study, chefs see wild, forest-based products as "aromatic", "natural" and "local". When asked what products they currently use, 71.1% of answers respond automatically to mushrooms. Of the replies they suggested, most also state they use berries, acorn-fed Iberico pork, honey, truffles and aromas.

Respondents believe that certification could provide the consumer with guarantees about traceability and improve the marketing of these products in Spain. 54.1% of the chefs and 54.7% of the producers think that forest certification could be given greater prestige. The study shows that sustainable wild products have a niche in the gourmet segment, for example, in sales of potential gifts.

You can find the complete information in english in: <http://pefc.org/news-a-media/general-sfm-news/1164-haute-cuisine-values-pefc-certified-products-study-reveals>

And the study and a guide (spanish PDF version) in this link: http://pefc.es/sabores_pefc.html

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Meetings

The Second Scientific ICP Forests Conference, May 28-29, 2013, Belgrade, Serbia

The Conference addresses scientists within and beyond the ICP Forests community, their partners and respective stakeholders, as well as interested scientists and experts from National Forest Inventories and other related fields, such as biodiversity, global change, forest health and air pollution effects on forests. Researchers engaged in successful projects, evaluations and modeling exercises based on ICP Forests data, or working in co-operation with ICP Forests are invited to present and discuss their work and results. In particular, scientists and programme managers envisioning future monitoring perspectives are warmly invited to contribute. Sessions will focus on:

- Stress factors and European forests: evidence from monitoring data (morning)
- Forest Monitoring: towards the next generation (afternoon)

Interested scientists are invited to submit abstracts before **March 15, 2013**.

All background information is available under

<http://icp-forests.net/events/2nd-icp-forests-science-conference>

For further questions contact richard.fischer@ti.bund.de

The Forest Sector in the Biobased Economy– Perspectives from Policy and Economic Sciences, August 28-29, 2013, Uppsala, Sweden

The workshop aims at identifying the state of the art and future needs regarding the Nordic forest sector within the biobased economy - from a political science/economics/business administration perspective. This includes the following objectives:

- 1) Examine how the biobased economy concept could be defined and how it applies to the forest sector.
- 2) Identify important actors and drivers for improving the forest sector's role and contribution in a bio-based economy.

Researchers on forest policy and economics aspects of the forest sector are invited to submit extended abstracts. The workshop starts with lunch on August 28 and ends in the afternoon on August 29th. It is divided in keynote sessions with invited speakers, research presentations and discussions.

Call for extended abstracts (1500-2000 words) by **15 April 2013**. The presentations will be selected on the basis of scientific quality, their relevance in addressing the two aims of the workshop, information content and clarity of the submitted extended abstracts. The authors of accepted presentations and workshop organizers will be notified after 10 May 2013.

For more information contact: anders.roos@slu.se or visit <http://www.nbforest.info/events/upcoming>

XVIII Congress of the Union of European Foresters August 27–31, 2013 in Saariselkä, Finland

After Jedlnia, Poland in 2009, the Congress of the Union of European Foresters, which is held every 4 years in various parts of Europe, will be convened from 27 to 31 August 2013 in Saariselkä, Finland. The local arranging organizations are METO – Metsäalan Asiantuntijat and Metsänhoitajaliitto. The Congress is the supreme authority of the Union of European Foresters and consists of the Presidency and delegates from all member associations. They will meet at the Congress room in Hotel Riekonlinna.

In addition to the Statutory Congress of UEF, a Seminar on “Multiple Use of Forests beyond the Arctic Circle” will take place.

Saariselkä is a village located in Northern Lapland and is partly situated in Urho Kekkonen National Park. It is located in a mountainous area within Finland and is a popular tourist destination, providing activities such as skiing, hiking and a spa. Apart from the Congress and seminar, delegates will be able to enjoy the surrounding areas during the sightseeing tours organized by the hosts, while during the last day of the program they will be able to get acquainted with the forestry activities in the Upper Lapland, Landscape planning and to visit Siida, Sámi Museum.

Further information and the registration forms will be available at the UEF website: <http://www.european-foresters.org>. In case you need more information about the UEF Congress in Saariselkä, contact Ilpo Puputti at ilpo.puputti@meto-ry.fi

APF 2014 – Forestry, Woodland and Arboricultural Exhibition, September 18-20, 2014

The UK's largest forestry, woodland and arboricultural Exhibition will take place on the 18-20 September 2014 at Ragley Estate, Alcester, Warwickshire, UK

270 Exhibitors and over 20 000 visitors are expected over the three day Exhibition. Full details can be found on our website www.apfexhibition.co.uk

Exhibitor booking forms will be available from July 2013.

For other queries contact Exhibition Secretary, Ian Millward on info@apfexhibition.co.uk

Deadline for contributions to the next issue is 15 June 2013.

Other information sources:

Global Forest Information Service: <http://www.gfis.net/gfis/en/en/>

IISD Forests Update: <http://forests-l.iisd.org/forests-update/2013-03-19/>

UNited Forests: <http://www.unece.org/forests/aboutus/newsletter.html>

Infosylva: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/infosylva/en/>