

FRA 2010 Framework



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Global Forest Resource Assessment (FRA)

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Historical Background

- FRA programme is at the centre of the mandate of FAO Forestry Department
- Two major components of FRA Prog.:
 - *Global assessment and reporting*
 - *Support to national forest assessments*
- Other international org. associated:
CBD, UNFCCC, UN-ECE, UNEP, UNFF, ITTO, etc.

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Historical Backgroundcontd.

- National Forest Inventory – Sweden-1923
- At the first FAO Conference in 1945, recommendation was made for undertaking World Forest Inventory
- First WFI carried out in 1947-48
- WFI 1948 (*“.. World suffering from shortage of forest products”*)
- FAO decided to undertake WFI every fifth year
- WFIs were done for 1953, 1958 and 1963
- Timber Trends Studies were made in the 1960s
- FRA 1980 (*emphasis on resource as well as deforestation*)
- FRA 1990, FRA 2000, FRA 2005

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Themes

Global assessments by FAO evolved overtime to respond to changing information needs



FRA 1948
Timber

FRA 1990
Deforestation

FRA 2000
Conservation

FRA 2005
Sustainability

Process

- FAO used questionnaire approach during 1947-1963 assessments
- Capacities of many countries reduced after the 1960's
- As dialogue with countries reduced, FAO used “expert method” (*subjective*)
- For FRA 1990, “scientific method” used; FORIS developed by improving dialogue with countries
- FRA 2000 further developed these methods
- Relationship with countries strengthened further
- Remote sensing as an independent instrument
- FRA 2005 modified the process further

About FRA 2005



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- Road map during Kotka IV – April 2002
- Endorsement by COFO – March 2003
- National correspondents (172)
- Advisory group
- Theme: Sustainability
- Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)
 - *from Agenda 21 of UNCED (1992)*
- Criteria & Indicators (C & I)
 - *based on regional and international processes*

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- Six criteria used
 - Extent of forest resources
 - Biological diversity
 - Forest health and vitality
 - Productive functions of forests
 - Protective functions of forests
 - Socio-economic functions
- Data on 40 variables
- Information from 229 countries
- Trends over 1990, 2000, 2005

The Road Ahead: FRA 2010



Expert Consultation—Kotka V – June 2006

The Road Ahead: FRA 2010

- Recommendations from – Kotka V
- Add seventh thematic element
 - "legal policy and institutional framework"
- Limited changes in existing variables
- Network of national correspondents
 - "to be maintained and strengthened; nominate alternate NCs"
- Support to regional networks
- Special/Thematic Studies
 - removals of woodfuel and non-wood forest products
 - comprehensive estimates of environmental, social & economic values
 - on employment in forestry sector
- Remote sensing component as part of FRA 2010



Thanks