

Temperate and Boreal Forest Resources Assessment 2000

ToS on TBFRA-2000 meeting

(22-24 March 1999)

Annex III

Recommendations of the ToS break-out Working Groups

Working Group I (Moderator: Mr. Albert Knieling)

General points

- Better lay out of graphs, charts and some tables is needed;
- Country/regions groups should be standardized;
- Comments and notes on tables (statistics) should be checked over once more for relevance (some participants would prefer to see notes and comments printed (published) in the same volume as the tables, but question of a "reasonable size" of this volume should be taken into account);
- There should be a mark (symbol) in the tables against the countries which have provided comments;
- All Chapters 1 to 6 should have a short (small) front box (at the beginning of the chapters) dealing with data quality;
- Better discussion on non-European countries in the text of Chapters (sections) is recommended;

Introduction

There should be a section in the Introduction of the TBFRA-2000 report which would clearly define the role of the Temperate and Boreal Forest Resources Assessment (TBFRA-2000).

To indicate in the Introduction that now is the time to start preparation for the next FRA. There should be also advice in this section with reference to the next TBFRA, which would indicate that the TBFRA is a fluent and continuous process, there are many publications referring (and relevant) to the Forest Resources Assessment, and some slight changes in the definitions might appeared be necessary.

Reliability and Comparability

To add two tables: a) presenting "likely ranges" of some top parameters in national replies to the enquiry, and b) indicating whether or not data are "in conformity" and "non conformity" with the TBFRA-2000 definitions.

Chapter I

To fill out the section on change and revise the conclusions.

Chapter II

To revise and rewrite conclusions in this chapter.

Working Group II (Moderator: Mr. Michael Köhl)

Chapter III

To make clear the to which time periods data in the chapter are relating, indicating in the tables and text of the Chapter "Reference period I" and "Reference period II" (instead of 1990 and 2000), and provide brief and clear explanations to that part of data (also with a reference to Table 17 of the enquiry).

Country groups should be left in the Chapter as they are now, but the content of country groups should be explained clearly (ideally, it is desirable to include a map and specification with country groupings). To show data on Russia (within the CIS) specifically. To ensure consistency of groups with other chapters.

Jari Liski and Erkki Tomppo will re-calculate some figures in their respective sections on the basis of the statistics on "fellings of natural losses" to be included by the secretariat (Alex Korotkov) in one of the main summary tables (presumably Table 47).

To improve conclusions in the Chapter IIIa (Erkki Tomppo) in accordance with the recommendations of the work group and the ToS meeting, so that to make it more objective (to add sustainability issue to the conclusion part).

To add some relevant charts, conclusions and specific information to the Chapter III b) from the presentation at the meeting by Jari Liski. To make a stronger "accent" on TBFRA data in the section (Jari Liski).

Working Group III (Moderator: Mr. Erik Sollander)

Chapters IV, V, & VI

Authors of the Chapters are urged to contact outside (topic) experts with the request to check informally, but route their enquiries on data through the secretariat and National Correspondents.

To put some non-TBFRA data (information) in the report as illustrations of specific points. Informal consultations on areas of "forest undisturbed by man" and "plantations" (Nigel Dudley) will help to check and streamline data.

On "protection status", concentrate on the IUCN I-II categories. For IUCN III-IV, many caveats and explanations will be necessary. Nigel Dudley will approach specialized bodies on species lists to fill gaps on present "globally threatened" and "nationally threatened" numbers of species.

Country groups: 2 (two) levels (by continent and by sub-regions) are possible; to keep table 5.3 in Chapter V of the report. To discuss (and consider necessity) to present graphs from ICP Forest instead of main summary tables 75-77. To have time series as long as possible.