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## ECE/FAO Contribution to UNFF 11: study on progress towards global objectives on forests, and challenges for the region



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# Outline

- Background
- Progress towards the global objectives on forests in the ECE region
- Challenges and opportunities for the region
- Next steps



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## Rovaniemi mandate, December 2013

- study on *progress* towards the achievement of the global objectives on forests and SFM,
- *challenges* for forests and the forest sector
- *in the ECE region*
- final study to be *presented at the 11th session of the UNFF in mid2015.*



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# Objectives of the study

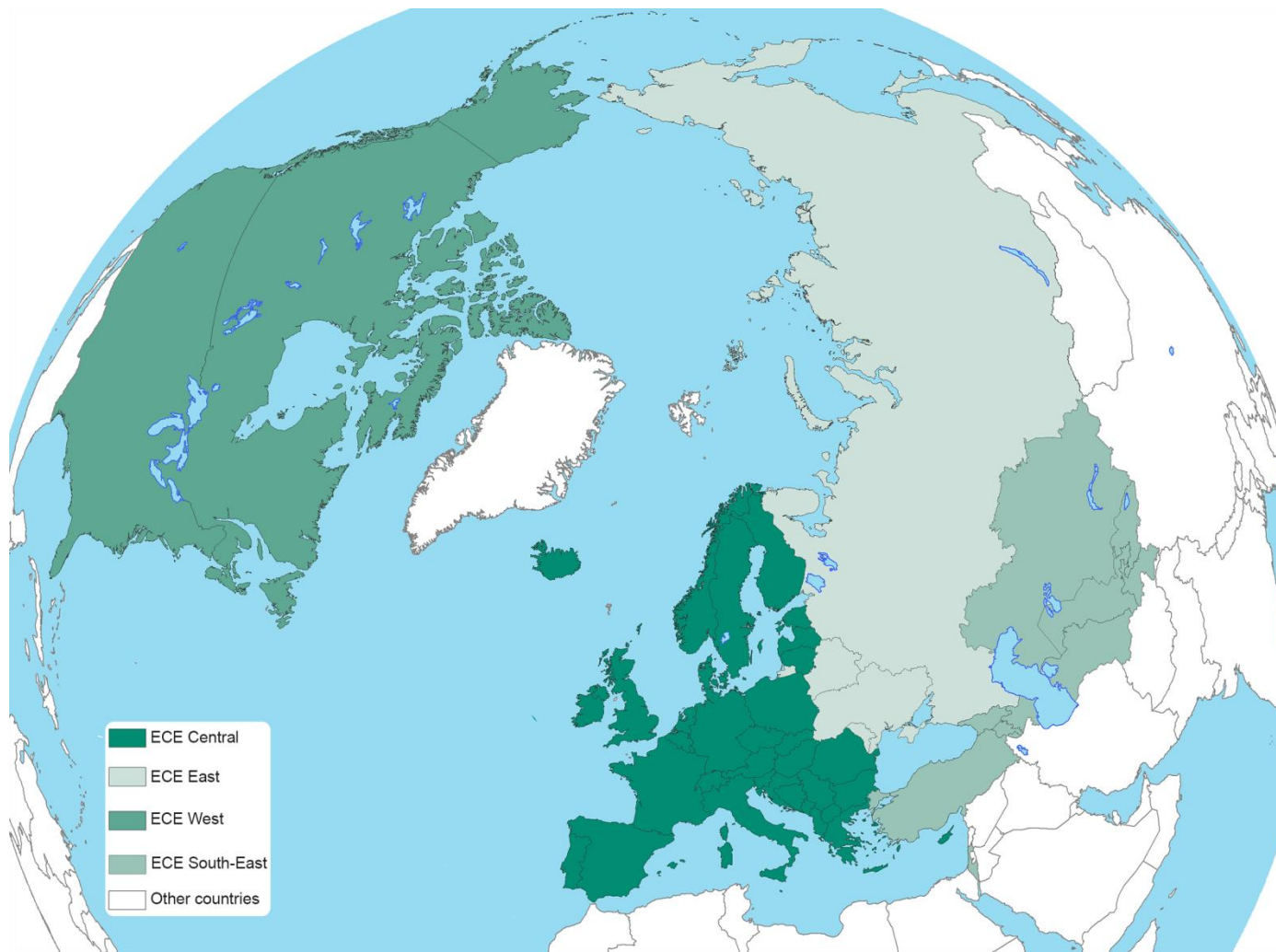
- Describe progress towards the global objectives, on the basis of the best available data
- Focus on the ECE region, and major subregions
- On this basis to identify challenges and opportunities for the region, especially the policy makers
- To pioneer a regional approach to the global objectives
- To communicate



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# Study region and sub-regions



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*Global objective 1: reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation*

- Forest cover expanding in all parts of the region for several decades. Net increase 2000 -2015 27.5 million ha, 1.5%
- ECE forests are a significant carbon sink although there is uncertainty, over its size, its underlying causes and risk of saturation.
- Very significant areas of sustainably managed forest in the ECE region (evidence: management plans, certification, C&I processes); share is growing.
- Forest degradation exists in the ECE region: fire, insects, fragmentation around urban areas, mining, radiation, land mines ...



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*Global objective 2: enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest dependent people*

- Harvest recovering, employment falling (productivity)
- Probably increased recreation use. Safety and health a concern
- Protected forest area expanding, PES much discussed, continuing pressure on habitats
- Endemic poverty in some forest dependent communities, exacerbated by unemployment, but few data.



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*Global objective 3: increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests*

- 11% designated for biodiversity, increased over 20 years. Deadwood higher. Integrated forest management advancing
- Potential supply of certified forest products increasing, as well as chain-of custody certificates, access to markets denied to unsustainably/illegally produced products



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*Global objective 4: reverse the decline in official development assistance for sustainable forest management and mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of sustainable forest management*

- Bilateral ODA multiplied by 5 in five years (80% from ECE countries), not counting ODA labelled for climate, etc. or multilateral ODA
- Inside ECE region, most resources supplied by forest owners themselves, from wood sales. Private financial institutions becoming important (USD 70-80 billion capital)



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# Challenges and opportunities for the ECE region in implementing the global objectives

NB these are hard challenges, not commitments!



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# Challenges and opportunities (1/4)

- Protect the forests and prevent degradation
- Maintain and improve forest biodiversity, through protected areas and active management
- Contribute to climate change mitigation, through carbon sequestration and storage in forest and products, and through substitution
- Mobilise significantly more wood for energy, on a sustainable basis



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# Challenges and opportunities (2/4)

- Exclude all unsustainably produced forest products from ECE region markets, while helping countries outside the region to fight illegal logging and other unsustainable practices
- Promote the consumption of sustainably produced forest products
- Take the lead in developing the green economy, sharing experience with other sectors and learning from them



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# Challenges and opportunities (3/4)

- Put the forest workforce on a sustainable basis, dramatically improving safety and health of forest workers, and providing necessary skills for a changing world
- Continue to help countries in other regions achieve sustainable forest management
- Put the financing of all forest functions on a fair and sustainable basis, through valuation of forest benefits and payment for ecosystem services



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# Challenges and opportunities (4/4)

- Build capacity throughout the ECE region
- Develop a culture of innovation in the face of structural change
- Address the social and economic problems of forest dependent people in the ECE region – remote rural communities, indigenous peoples and forest owners



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# Next steps

- COFFI72 reviews overview and challenges
- Countries check data
- Countries comment on revised draft
- Finalise text in December
- Distribute in early 2015
- Present to UNFF 11



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