



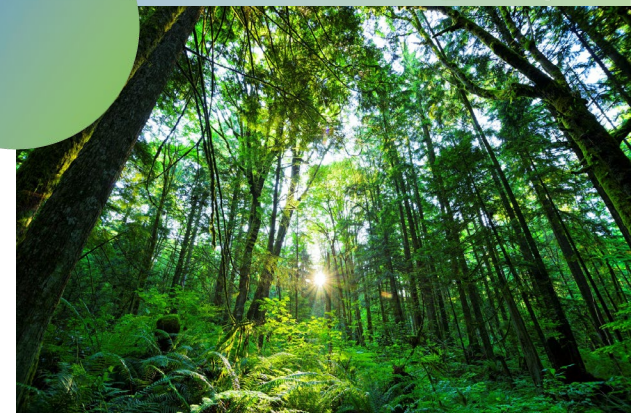
Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management

Report

April 2021 – May 2022

Agenda Item 5. (a)

Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, 1-3 June 2022



Mandate

- **Contribution to the Programme of Work**
 - Work Area 1, "Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment",
 - Work Area 2, "Policy dialogue and advice"
 - Work Area 4, "Capacity-building"
 - **focus on sustainable forest management monitoring, assessment and reporting and work on criteria and indicators.**

- **Objectives**
- **To strengthen the work on:**
 - (i) forest monitoring and reporting,
 - (ii) assessing the state of forests and sustainability of forest management and
 - (iii) monitoring the role of the forest sector in a green circular and bioeconomy in the region;
- **To advise the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on the implementation of activities in Work Area 1 "Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment", with regard to**
 - the collection, harmonization, review, analysis and
 - dissemination of information on forests and sustainable forest management in the region.

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Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, 1-3 June 2022

Members

- **Leader**
 - Friedrich Schmitz, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Germany
- **Deputies**
 - Markus Lier, Ministry of Agriculture and Forest, Finland;
 - Stefanie Linser, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna;
 - Andrzej Talarczyk, Forest and Natural Resources Research Centre, Warsaw
- **Secretary**
 - Roman Michalak
- **69 Members from 26 Countries and 12 Organizations**
 - Several members of the Team take part also in the work of other TOS's, including the members of the Core Group:
 - Markus Lier is also a member of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Boreal Forests
 - Andrzej Talarczyk is also a member of the UNECE/FAO Team Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products

Meetings 2021-2022

- **The fourth (29th) meeting of the “UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on monitoring sustainable forest management”**
 - the second session was held on 21 April 2021
- **Webinar by the TOS on 21 April 2021**
 - on “Relevance, challenges and expectations from the global and regional reporting on forests and sustainable forest management”
- **UNFF17 side event on 9 May 2022**
 - “Every tree counts: Past, present and future of forests in the UNECE region and beyond”
 - focus on sharing data on forest and the forest sector
- **Monthly coordination online meetings of the TOS core group**
 - leader, deputy leaders and coordinators of the task groups on forest damage and forest data banks

Outputs and Impacts 2021 - 2022

- **Project on the “Assessment of forest damage/disturbance in the ECE region”**
 - to improve knowledge, methodology, and reporting capacity on forest damage in the ECE region.
 - coordinated by Michael Koehl, with the support of the members of the ToS Frank Koch, Stefanie Linser, Guy Robertson, Andrzej Talarczyk.
 - supported by Austria, Canada, Finland, Germany, and the United States of America.
 - **Scientific-Technical Symposium in Vienna, September 2022**
 - **Finalization of the publication, December 2022**

Outputs and Impacts 2021 - 2022

- **The Forest Databanks Network**
 - is an informal sub-group of ToS experts in the field of forest data banks
 - led by Andrzej Talarczyk
 - provided advice to the UNECE for improving INForest – a web portal presenting forest data of the UNECE region.
 - improved functionality and refreshed data on forest products and trade in a new version of INForest.
 - in collaboration with the Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics.
- **The publication “Reporting on forests and Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia”**
 - coordinated by Stefanie Linser
 - input of the members of the ToS
 - Annemarie Bastrup-Birk, Michael Koehl, Kari Korhonen, Andrzej Talarczyk

Expected outputs and Impacts 2022 - 2023

- **Supporting the project “Assessment of forest damage/disturbance in the UNECE region”**
 - Publication on the current state of reporting on forest damages in the ECE region
 - Recommendations to improve reporting under the impacts of climate change on forest ecosystem health and vitality
 - Presenting the project results at the Scientific-Technical Symposium “Assessing Forest Damage and Disturbance”
 - 29-30 September 2022 in Vienna, Austria
 - Jointly organized by UNECE, FAO, and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism
- **Supporting the presentation and dissemination of the results of the global and pan-European 2020 reporting on forests and sustainable forest management.**

Expected outputs and Impacts 2022 - 2023

- **Supporting UNECE, FAO, and Forest Europe in preparation for the 2025 cycle of the Global and Pan-European reporting.**
- **According to the mandates received the Team's work will focus on:**
 - preparing the interactive pan-European forest data collection portal, integrated with the one developed for FRA;
 - providing advice and support to the project on developing Forest Policy and Management Support Information Systems, which will be initiated by the Joint ECE/FAO Section in 2022;
 - conceptual developments in forest monitoring, assessment, and reporting.
- **The next meeting of the TOS on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management will be held on 28 September 2022, back-to-back to the forest disturbance/damage symposium in Vienna, Austria.**



At your disposal

Friedrich Schmitz

Roman Michalak

Leader

Secretary

Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable
Forest Management

1st of June 2022, Geneva

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