

# Agenda Item 4d. iii.

## Forest Damage/Disturbance Reporting in the UNECE-Region & Conclusions

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# Forest Damage/Disturbance Reporting

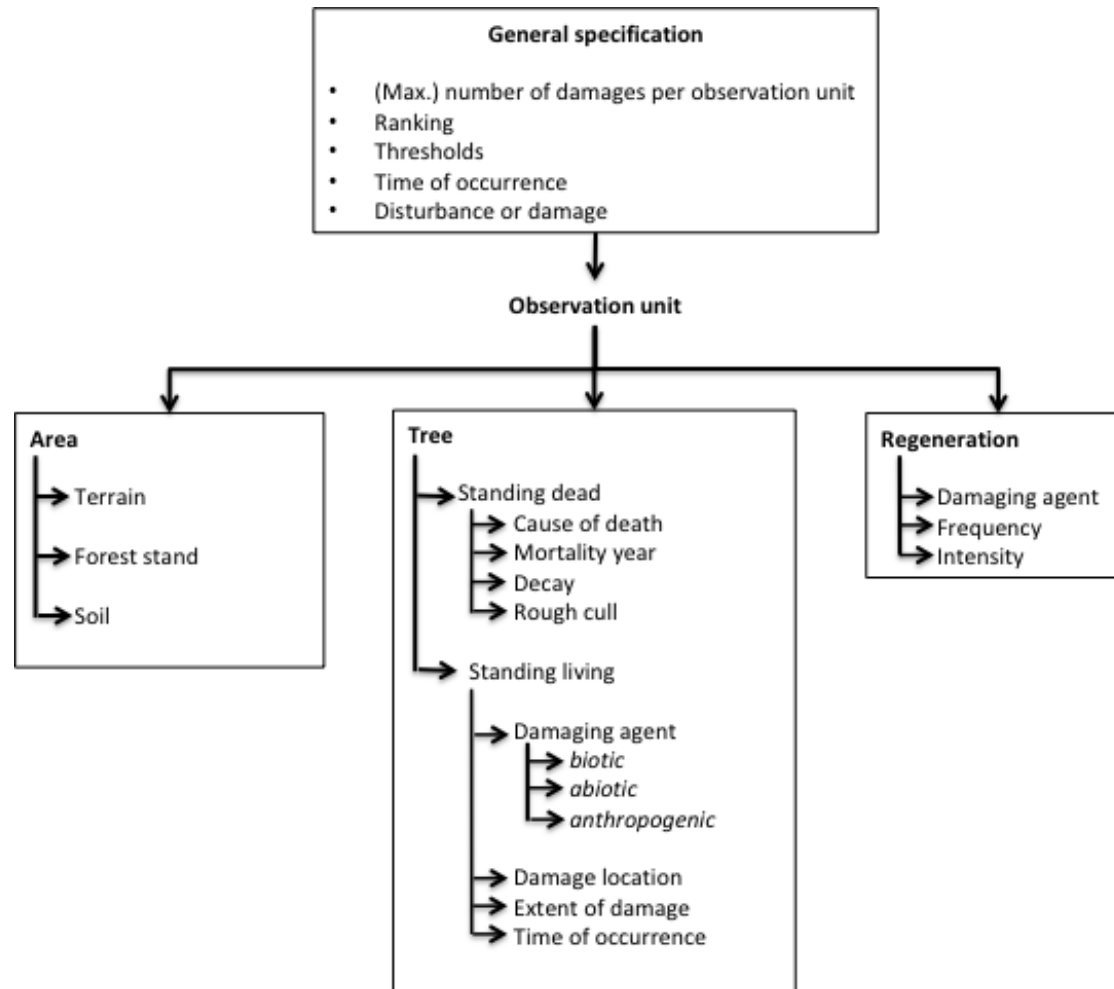
- **No regular reporting activity covering the entire UNECE-region**
- **Central Asia and the Caucasus:** country reports
- **Canada:** National Burned Area Composite/ Pest Strategy Information System/ Disturbance Data Foundation
- **USA:** Montreal Process/ USDA FIA/ Natural Interagency Fire Center/ USDA FS Forest Health Protection Program/ Resources Planning Act Assessment/ National Report on Sustainable Forest
- **Europe:** State of Europe's Forests

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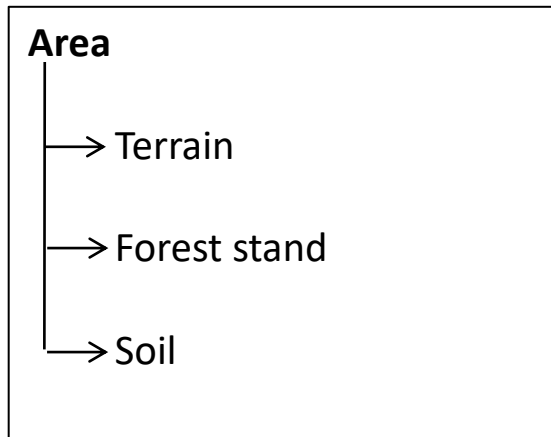
## General specification

- (Max.) number of damages per observation unit
- Ranking
- Thresholds
- Disturbance or damage

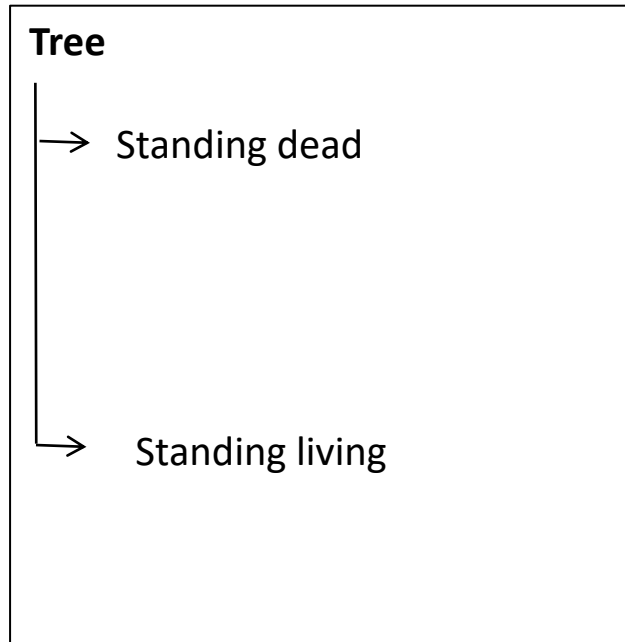
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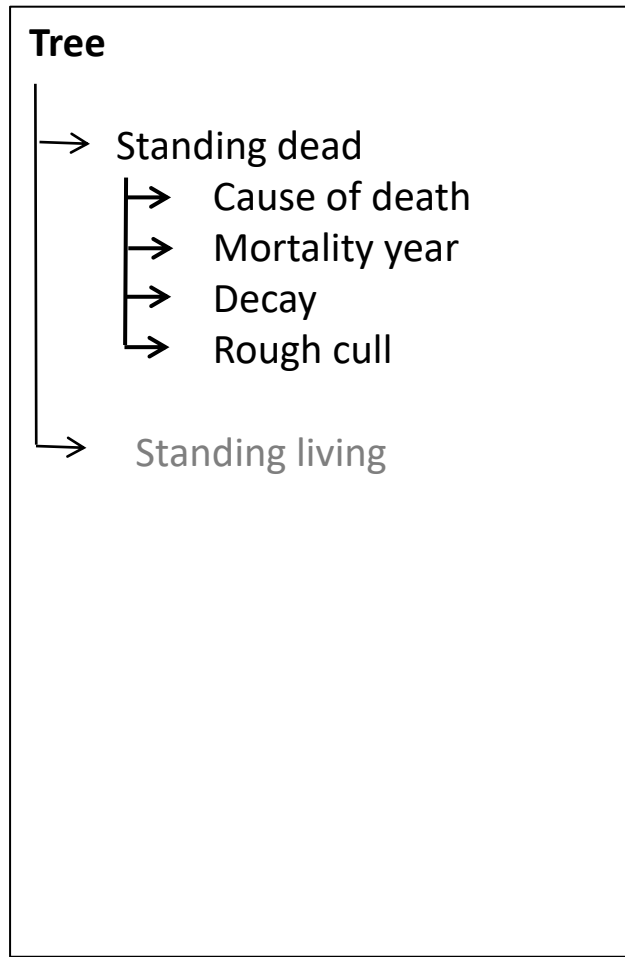
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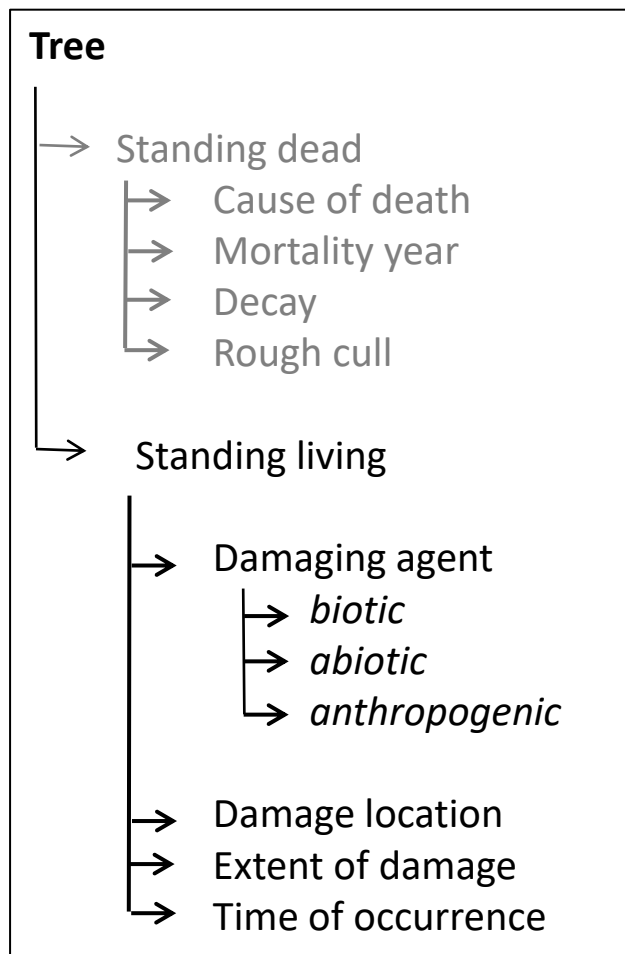
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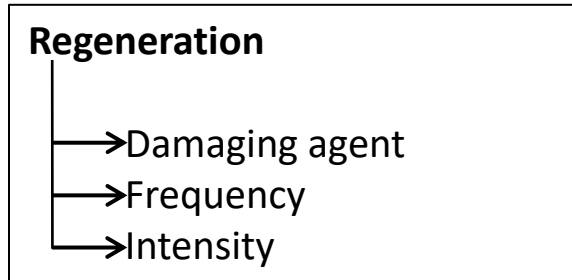


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# Conclusions - Principles

## Respect the following principles

- Identify and promote **best practices** and promising **technical innovations**
- Foster **communication** between countries and international forest experts
- **Build on existing reporting processes**, notably FRA and C&I processes.
- Commit to an incremental process of **continuous improvement** focused on key variables, specific problem areas, or promising innovations.

# Conclusions – General Aspects

- Concept on damage/ disturbance  
*reporting on damages/disturbance as a compromise*
- Periodicity  
*adjust reporting periods (FRA: provision for annual reporting)*
- Thresholds  
*use country specific thresholds; provide natl. Criteria applied; explanation in report*
- Double counting  
*distinguish between primary damage and consequential damage/  
disturbance according to national approach*

# Conclusions – General Aspects

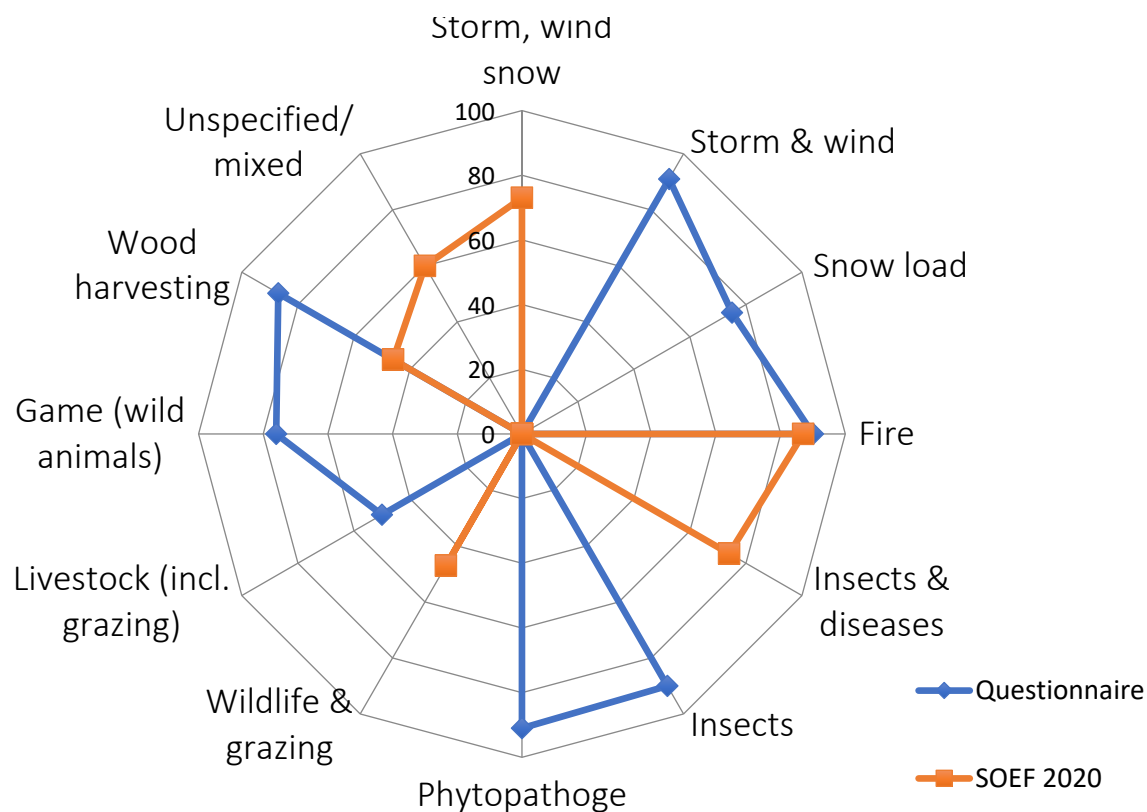
- Completeness versus efficiency  
*e.g. insects, weather events in more detail for cost of coverage*
- Harmonization  
*Continue harmonization efforts*  
*International Data Providers*
- Time allocation of damages  
*Establish a uniform nomenclature for the temporal allocation of the damage/ disturbances*
- Data integration  
*Integrate auxiliary data*

# Conclusions – General Aspects

- Additional attributes to be included
  - *Volume of growing stock affected*
  - *Salvage timber (volume and value) accrued*
  - *Market value affected*
  - *Forest age of the affected area*
  - *Attributes related to terrain,*
  - *Damage/ disturbance of forest soils*
  - *Damage/ disturbance of regeneration*
  - *Status of wood decay in dead trees*
  - *Damage/ disturbance caused by invasive species*

# Conclusions– Increase Response Rates

## Response rates SOEF 2020 (% Forest Area)



# Conclusions

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- General principles
- General aspects
- Increase response rates
- **Refine international data collection**
- *comprehensive review and refinement of the global and pan-European reporting on forest damage and (purpose, format, frequency, and extent)*
- *Consider requirements of state-of-the-art forest policy, forest management, as well as the societal demands.*

# Thank you

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