



Current use of FAOSTAT-Forestry statistics

FORESTRY DATA **FAOSTAT**

For information on the source of FAO statistical data please click here - [Data Source](#)

Select a data collection on which to query the FAOSTAT database

Please Note: The FAOSTAT Database is unavailable from 21:00 Sunday to 00:00 Monday Central European Time

Notes	Domain	Data Collections	Last Update	Next Update
	Forestry Data	Roundwood, Sawnwood, Wood-Based Panels Pulp, Paper&Paperboard	7 February 2006	
(Forestry Trade Flow Provisional Data)				
	Forestry Trade Flow	Bilateral Trade Matrices	23 September 2005	

[Forestry Data User Survey](#)

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Main themes

- FAOSTAT logs analysis
- Questionnaire survey



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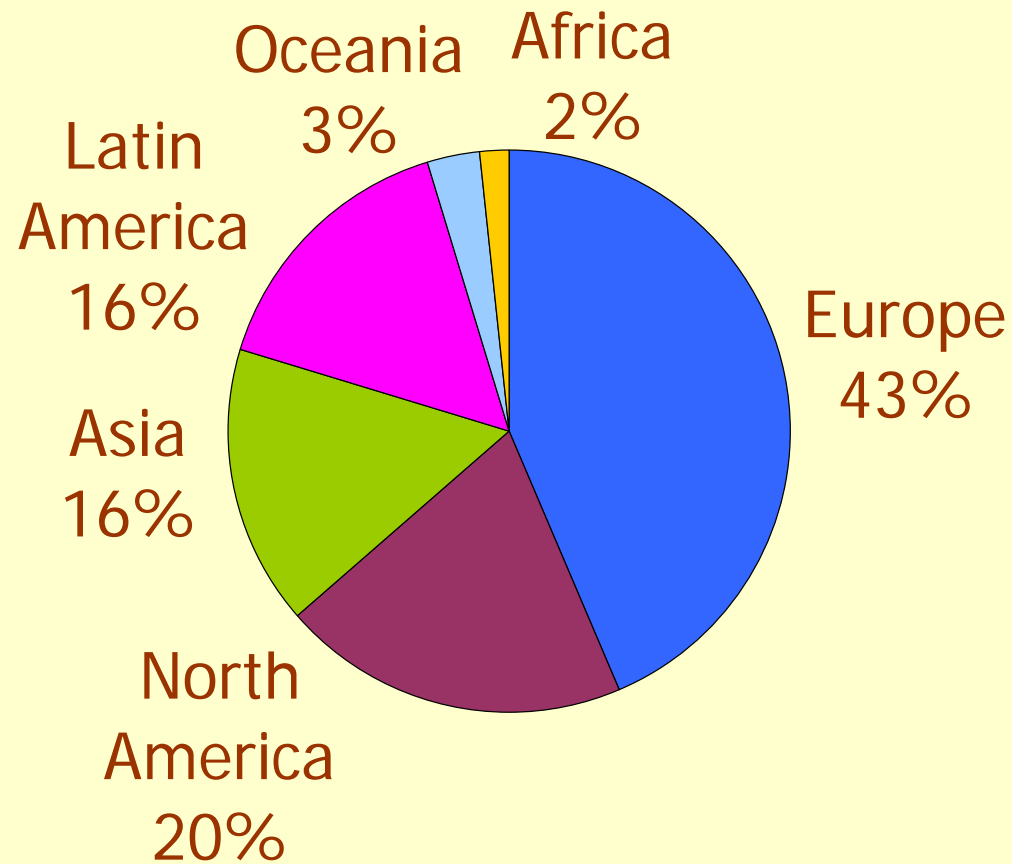



FAOSTAT users

- query every **3 minutes**
- about **8 000** users
- from more than **130 countries**



Users by region





Users by category

25% IPs identified = 1400 entities:

- >770 educ. and research orgs.
- >500 private entities
- >155 public entities
- >20 international orgs.

75% IPs unidentified:

??? entities





What is downloaded mostly

- recent years
- production data
- product aggregates
- Country groups, regional totals and China, Brazil, U.S., Russia...



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FAOSTAT logs - Summary

- high use (every 3 minutes)
- queries from worldwide (130 countries)
- all items/countries are important (downloaded)



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User survey

Respondents:

- more than 670
- from 93 countries
- even distribution by experience, sectors



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Overall users' judgment

- **86%** are satisfied current status
- **94%** see FAO's provision of global stats as important or very important



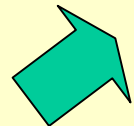
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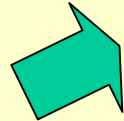


Improvements prioritised

Priority (ranked by users)



- Quality, consistency of existing data



- Coverage (add new series)



- Change format of FAOSTAT



- Change format of FP Yearbook



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Conclusions

- plenty of users
- users are satisfied
- need to focus on quality
- some improvements needed





Next steps (by FAO)

- regular monitoring (IWG work)
- add SPs to FAOSTAT



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“...Key priority must be the basic data...”

(quotation from the user survey in 1996)



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