



CERTIFIED FOREST PRODUCTS STATISTICS and INFORMATION

Item 8. Special Topic

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Schedule for item 8 session

- I. Introduction to special topic
- II. Clarification questions
- III. Certification systems' experience (15 minutes each)
- IV. Clarification questions
- V. National and international experience (5 minutes each)
- VI. Clarification questions
- VII. Coffee break
- VIII. Discussion (ending 1710)





Topics of presentation

- I. Introduction to special topic, following ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2006/8
 - a. Types and needs for CFP stats and info
 - b. Sources of certification-related stats and info
 - c. Potential roles for UNECE/FAO and partners
 - d. Strategies for UNECE/FAO to expand CFP stats and info activities
- II. Chairman's question summary and strategies
- III. Clarification questions





Why this special topic?

- Outcome from 2005 policy forum on “Forest certification—Do governments have a role?”
 - Lack of info on production, consumption and trade
 - Needed by policy makers, market analysts and market actors
- WPFES asked “to consider how to improve the quality of data on CFPs”





Opportunities today

- Forum of key stakeholders
- Define types of stats and info
- Identify info sources
- Determine needs
- Designate potential roles for UNECE/FAO and its partners
- Does UNECE/FAO have a comparative advantage to provide timely, reliable, objective stats & info?



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Current UNECE/FAO Timber Section certification work

- Chapter in *Forest Products Annual Market Review*
- CFP market sector at TC Market Discussions
- CFP website (out of date)
- *Status of Forest Certification in the UNECE Region*
(former Discussion Paper series, stopped in 2004)



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Types and needs for CFP stats and info

- UNECE/FAO working definition: “CFPs bear labels demonstrating, in a manner verifiable by independent bodies, that they come from forests that meet standards for sustainable forest management”
- Annex 1 table



Annex 1. CFPs stats and info

Parameter	Units	Potential sources	Possible partners	Available
<i>Certified forest area</i>	<i>Hectare</i>	<i>Certification schemes</i>	<i>National correspondents</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Chain of custody certificates</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Schemes</i>	<i>National correspondents</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Harvest (fellings) from certified forest</i>	<i>Cubic metres</i>	<i>Schemes, certifying bodies, owners</i>	<i>Schemes, national correspondents</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Harvest (removals) of certified roundwood</i>	<i>Cubic metres</i>	<i>Schemes, certifying bodies, owners</i>	<i>Schemes, certifying bodies, owners</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Production of certified sawnwood, panels, pulp & paper</i>	<i>Cubic metres, tons</i>	<i>Schemes, industry associations, certifiers</i>	<i>National correspondents</i>	<i>No</i>



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Annex 1. CFPs stats and info con'd

Parameter	Units	Potential sources	Possible partners	Available
<i>Production of value-added goods from certified sawnwood, panels, paper</i>	<i>Value in national currency</i>	<i>Schemes, industry associations, certifiers</i>	<i>National correspondents</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Trade in certified sawnwood, panels, pulp, paper, value-added goods, firewood</i>	<i>Cubic metres, tons, value in national currency</i>	<i>Traders</i>	<i>National correspondents</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Sales of certified goods</i>	<i>National currency</i>	<i>Retailers, promotion groups</i>	<i>National correspondents</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Price of certified products</i>	<i>National currency</i>	<i>Retailers, schemes</i>	<i>National correspondents, official price monitoring services</i>	<i>No</i>



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Types and needs for CFP stats and info

Questions

- Are the potential statistics in the annex list useful, if they could be collected, for policy makers, market analysts and certification systems?
- Are there other statistics and info available and desirable or should any parameters be removed from the list?

Hold your answers for discussion period !



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Sources of certification-related stats & info

- Certification systems
- TC/EFC Network of Officially Nominated National Correspondents on Certification and Certified Forest Products Markets
- Other
 - Industry associations
 - Forest owners' associations
 - Retailers and wholesalers associations
 - Wood and paper promotion groups
- Official statistical correspondents?



Certification Network's 2005 & 2006 responses to survey (as of 1 May)

Country	2005	2006	Country	2005	2006	Country	2005	2006
Albania	Yes	No	Ireland	Yes	No	Slovakia	Yes	No
Austria	Yes	Yes	Italy	Yes	Yes	Spain	Yes	No
Belgium	Yes	No	Kyrgyzstan	No	No	Sweden	Yes	Yes
Canada	Yes	Yes	Latvia	Yes	No	Switzerland	Yes	Yes
Cyprus	Yes	No	Liechtenstein	Yes	No	fYR Macedonia	Yes	No
Czech R.	Yes	Yes	Lithuania	Yes	Yes	Turkey	Yes	Yes
Denmark	Yes	No	Luxemburg	Yes	No	Ukraine	No	Yes
Finland	Yes	Yes	Netherlands	Yes	Yes	UK	Yes	No
France	Yes	Yes	Norway	Yes	Yes	USA	Yes	Yes
Germany	Yes	Yes	Romania	Yes	No	Croatia	n.a.	Yes
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Bold red = countries with CFP market, but no response



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UNECE Region countries not represented on the Certification Network—yet

Andorra

Armenia

Azerbaijan

Belarus

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Bulgaria

Georgia

Iceland

Israel

Kazakhstan

Malta

Moldova

Monaco

Uzbekistan

San Marino

Tajikistan

Turkmenistan

Nominations welcome from heads of TC & EFC



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Sources of certification-related stats & info

Questions

- The Working Party is invited to consider the current and potential sources of certified forest products statistics and information.

Hold your answers for discussion period !



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Potential roles for UNECE & partners

- Neutral source for collection
- Validation
- Analysis
- Publication



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UNECE/FAO comparative advantages

- Networks
- Experience
- Annual stats collection, validation, analysis and distribution
- Intergovernmental and inter-organizational activities
- Linking information and policy
- Neutral and objective



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Potential roles for UNECE & partners

Questions

- Consider an international effort to improve CFP information
- Does UNECE/FAO with partners have a comparative advantage to provide timely, reliable, objective certification-related statistics and information?

Hold your answers for discussion period !



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Strategies for UNECE/FAO to expand CFP stats and info


- Agree on definitions
- Agree methods and channels of reporting
 - Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire?
 - Certification Network?
 - Others
- Consider secretariat resources
 - Establishment
 - Maintenance



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Strategies for UNECE/FAO to expand CFP stats and info--*Questions*

- Discuss possible strategies to expand collection, validation, analysis and distribution
- Modalities for new work
 - Informal group to explore topic, then make recommendations to WPFES in 2007
 - In-kind contribution of resources from countries and organizations

Hold your answers for discussion period !



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Chairman's Summary Questions

- Why do we need improved forest certification info? For what specific needs at the national and international level?
- Are CFPs an important subject to compiling stats?
- In your country, what stats and info are available?
- What are the current and potential sources of CFP stats and info?
- Are data gathered on a regular basis? Consider quality, comprehensibility and timeliness.
- Priorities: What are the most important parameters? Set priorities, delete/add parameters.

Hold your answers for discussion period !



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Chairman's summary of possible strategies

- Role and tasks of UNECE/FAO Timber Section?
Remember comparative advantage vs. resources!
- Roles and tasks of other organisations (Certification Network, certification systems, national statistical correspondents, etc.)
- New data collection system via a loaned expert or team of specialists
- Informal group of interested organisations and stakeholders

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Clarification questions



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