

# International reporting on forest and forest products

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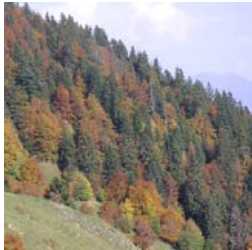
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# Overview

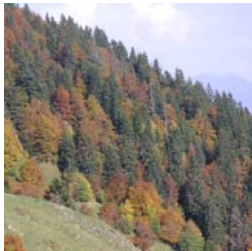
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- The problem
- Present reporting arrangements
- Questions to the Working Party
- Next steps



# The problem for international reporting on forests and forest products

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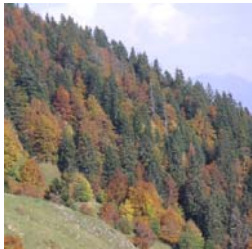


- Complex issues
- Higher expectations
- Limited resources
- New techniques (e.g. RS)
- Multiple players, especially « non-forest »
  - Energy
  - Environment/climate change
  - Etc.



# Risks

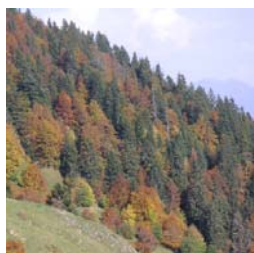
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- Multiple requests
- Similar information, different definitions, timing etc
- Excessive reporting burden
- Opportunities missed

# Solutions

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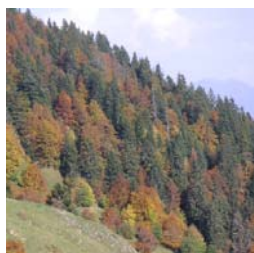


- Agreement on information needs (e.g. through indicators)
- Partnerships and close cooperation between agencies, for instance:
  - JFSQ
  - FRA partners
  - UNECE/FAO/LUW/others for Warsaw
- CPF discussion of MAR (global)



# The Working Party:

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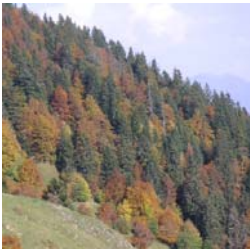
- Guides UNECE/FAO, not others
- Could assess the regional situation
- Could suggest new partnerships and forms of cooperation
- Could help national correspondents make their voice heard





# The players

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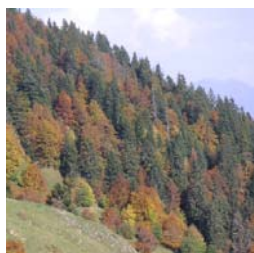


- UNECE/FAO
- FAO
- MCPFE
- EU (Eurostat, JRC, DGs)
- IEA
- EEA
- CBD
- ITTO
- UNFCCC
- UNCCD
- CITES
- ICP-Forest
- OECD
- Others??



# The instruments

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- JFSQ
- TCQ
- JWEE
- C&I ITTO
- FRA
- SFME 2007
- Forest Focus
- Corine
- National reports (CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD)
- ICP Forest level 1, 2
- SoE
- EFFIS
- P&P capacity survey
- Recovered paper

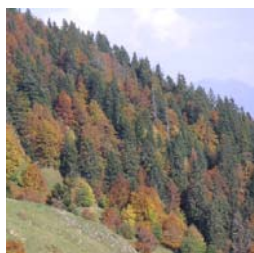




# Review present situation

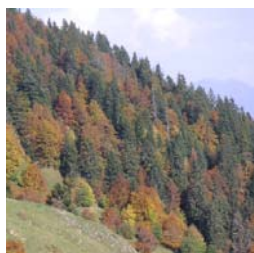
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- Check Annex
- Some already coordinated formally or informally
- Many use same definitions e.g. FRA « forest »



# Questions for delegations

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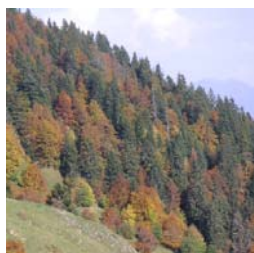


- Correct information in annex?
- Are information needs being addressed?  
Any areas unduly neglected?
- Potential to improve regional inter-organisation cooperation?
- Experience of national correspondents?
- Scope for more cross sectoral cooperation (as with IEA)
- Is information properly used? (also by non-forest agencies)



# Next steps

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- Is this aspect worth pursuing e.g. by more detailed analysis?
- Any « quick wins »?
- Discuss again next year, or drop the topic? Develop for Strategic Review?
- In any case, UNECE/FAO will continue to cooperate closely with its present partners and seek new ones as occasion arises

