



State of Europe's Forests 2007: lessons learned

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Structure of presentation

- Background
- Process
- Study: structure and content
- Dissemination
- Lessons



Background

- Scientific report for policy audience
- Structured around indicators of SFM
- Major effort over 4 years, involving hundreds of people
- Final responsibility with LU Warsaw and ECE/FAO



Process

- Data collection
 - Quantitative indicators enquiry (23 indicators)
 - International data providers (9)
 - Qualitative indicators (17)
- Validation & dialogue with correspondents: vital
- Report writing



Report process

- 2 lead editors
- 1 coordinating lead author per criterion + lead authors
- Advisory group
- Team of specialists
- Review team
- ECE/FAO and FRA Rome
- Comments from GCC + bureaux
- Resources from Norway, Czech Republic, Switzerland, UK and EC



Report structure

- One chapter per criterion (2-3 pages per indicator)
- Overview on progress towards SFM and policy conclusions (10 pages)
- Executive summary
- Annexes on process and data quality
- 33 data tables
- Data by country group





Notable features

- Comprehensive, balanced
- C6 (socio-economic): demonstrated that data exist for meaningful analysis
- Qualitative indicators: demonstrated usefulness
- C5 (protective): concepts so different that hardly useful
- Overview: « traffic lights » approach

Dissemination

- Paper to ministers
- PDF on website
- Summary (translated)
- Paper widely distributed, + e-mail reminders
- Data base not yet ready



Some suggested lessons

- Choose and brief lead authors much earlier
- Develop methods to move from monitoring indicators to monitoring SFM (« traffic lights » are a good start, but not the last word)
- Bridge the gap between scientific and policy approach
- Get a better spatial dimension
- More time, more money!



What has been the impact of SOEF?

- Media articles etc.
- Citations, especially in policy analysis
- Changes in policy?
- Please provide information (now or later)





Comments welcome on:

- Process of information collection and validation
- Information quality (coverage, comparability)
- Report
 - Clarity and scientific quality of analysis
 - Policy relevance
- Communication



Thank you for your attention