

Guidance on Work Area 5: **Monitoring Forest Policies & Institutions**

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WP guidance on monitoring policies and institutions

- Policies & institutions: 7th element of **SFM**
- International SFM **reporting processes** encompass policies & institutions
- Revised Working Party mandate since 2008: guidance on **collection, validation and dissemination of information on policies and institutions (WA5)**



Reporting processes on policies & institutions

FAO - Global FRA

■ **Global Forest Resources Assessment 2010 (FRA 2010)**

- ✓ For the 1st time, data collection on:
 - policy & legislation
 - institutions
 - education & research
 - public revenue collection & expenditure
- ✓ **UNECE/FAO validated data** for eastern European & central Asian countries
- ✓ **Final country & global FRA reports** to be released by FAO by **October 2010**



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Reporting processes on policies & institutions

Pan-European enquiry (MCPFE)

■ Pan-European enquiry on qualitative indicators for SFM

- ✓ 6th Ministerial Conference, June 2011 - *State of Europe's Forests 2011 report*
- ✓ Questionnaire based on **MCPFE indicators & experience** from previous reporting
- ✓ Prepared by UNECE/FAO, with Forest Europe & FAO
Reviewed by ToS members & national correspondents
- ✓ **National forest programmes/policies, institutions, instruments for SFM**
Overall & for 12 policy areas (carbon balance, production, protection services...)
Questionnaire available at: <http://timber.unece.org/index.php?id=275>
- ✓ Enquiry **launched in early March**, reports to be submitted by mid-May 2010
Data to be processed by UNECE/FAO, **1st draft report** expected by **end of 2010**



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Facilitating access to information on policies & institutions

- **Global online information repository on forest policies and institutions**
integrated in FAO website - *forestry country profiles*
 - ✓ **Compilation of « official » information** from existing sources: FRA, MCPFE, nfp-updates, FAO-Lex
 - ✓ **Common dataset** for all countries (FRA)
 - ✓ More elaborate **regional or national information** when available (MCPFE)



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Global online information repository on forest policies and institutions - status

- Structure developed with partners through the UNECE/FAO Inter-Secretariat Coordination Group on Monitoring Forest Policies and Institutions
- Proposal endorsed by the Working Party in 2009
- Implemented by UNECE & FAO
 - ✓ First release *without FRA 2010* - March 2010
www.fao.org/forestry/country/18315/
 - ✓ **Full release** once FRA data published - **October 2010**
- **Next step:**
2011 enquiry on qualitative indicators for SFM:
Revision of the structure to integrate new data



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Policy and Institutions - Albania

Scope

The Forest Policy and Institutions pages are structured as follows:

- Policy
 - Policy formulation and implementation
 - National forest programme
- Legislation
 - Legal framework
 - International commitments
- Institutions
 - Main public institutions
 - Non governmental institutions

Sources of information

The information provided has been collected through global (FRA 2010) or regional (MCPFE 2007, nfp UPDATE) surveys. **Blue bar** indicates information comparable for all countries in the world. **Amber bar** indicates information that may not be comparable across countries or regions.

- Forest Resources Assessment - FRA 2010
- FAO Forestry contact database - Foris networking
- FAO Legal Repository - FAOLEX
- Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE 2007 country report)
- nfp UPDATE by country available for Albania:

Additional information can also be found in other international programmes or reports as proposed on the right side of the screen.

Albania

See also

Note, not all countries have submitted reports to all processes listed on the CPF page.

- CPF-national reporting page
- nfp Facility

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Institutions - Austria

This webpage provides information related to forests institutions (public and non governmental institutions) dealing with forest policy formulation and implementation.

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Amber indicates regional or national detailed information that may not be comparable in time or scope MCPFE 2007 or nfp-UPDATE. Regional information in English, French or Spanish is published as received from the countries. Information provided in Arabic, Chinese or Russian is translated into English for a wider audience.

Kindly click headers below to see the full section.

Main public institutions

FRA data

Austria

Public administration

Place holder – to be replaced by table drawn from FRA 2010, expected arrival October 2010.

Human resources within public forest institutions

Employment in forestry

FRA 2005 categories	Employment(1000 person-years)	
	1990	2000
Primary production of goods	8	6
Provision of services	2	1
Unspecified forestry activities	n.s.	-
Total	10	8

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Additional aspects on institutions

MCPFE / FOREST EUROPE data

Source: MCPFE 2007

Name, staff, budget of main public organizations

	Name	Forest-related staff (FTE)	Budget (mil.€)
Forest administration	Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management	65	no data
Public forest agencies (national level)	Federal Forest Office	no data	no data
Research, education and training institutions	Federal Forest and Training Center for Forests, Natural Hazards and Landscape	285 (together with Federal Forest Office)	15,5 (including Federal Forest Office)
Other	no data	no data	no data

Main characteristics of institutional framework

Most actions and activities of the Forest Authority are based on the 1975 Forest Act as amended. There are also a number of other laws that have an impact on the activities of the Forest Authority. The implementation of the Forest Act, which is executed by indirect federal administration, usually falls within the competence of the District Administrative Authorities in the first instance. However, for certain matters the Provincial Governor or the Federal Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management is entrusted with enforcement of the law.

Forest policy coordinating mechanism

The improvement of the protective, welfare and recreational effect as well the sustainable utilization of the forest (with due regard to economic, ecological and social aspects) are important concerns of forest policy. For more than 100 years sustainable management has been integrated in a well-established legal institutional and economic framework in Austria. A range of regulatory, financial and informational tools are being applied to safeguard a sustainable management, conservation and development of the forests

Most relevant institution(s) per policy area

Click the headers below for showing the relevant institutions in the area

Land use and forest area

Carbon balance

Health and vitality

Production and use of wood

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■ Data sources ?

- FAO approach: only officially validated data
- Other sources available...

■ Data update ?

- FAO approach: through existing reporting processes (every 4-5 years)
- Need for **interim updates**: **When? How? Who's responsibility?**

■ Data location ?

- Global repository on FAO website
- **Additional information/sources & potential updates**
 - ✓ FAO website if agreed
 - ✓ UNECE/FAO website otherwise

country information: links to FAO database & to other existing sources
possible updates by national correspondents



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Thank you for your attention!

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