FAO activities on Fire Management in Europe

Since the last EFC session:

• Fire Management project concluded in the FYRM

• UNECE /FAO Regional Forum (Nov 2013) on cross-boundary fire management:
  - Fire Aviation Guidelines
  - Need for UN coordination related to Fire Management
Follow-up on COFO and RFCs recommendations (I)

• COFO, RFC and FAO conference asked FAO to prioritize the Fire management programme (“Smart Fire” Umbrella Programme):
  – SO5, SO2
  – Little success so far in resource mobilization
  – GEF-6 maybe opportunity (DRR and wildfires eligible)
  – CPF’s indicate a needed focus on west and southern Africa
Follow-up on COFO and RFCs recommendations (II)

• At COFO new guidelines were requested, options are:
  – (Sub) regional guidelines on CBFiM
  – Fire management related to Climate change, included in CC guidelines

• At request of COFLAC, FRA 2015 will include global and regional data and trends on fire incidence and areas burned (based on satellite images) per vegetation type and landuse.

With FAO support:
• Last IWFC South Africa (2011)
• next International Wildland Fire Conference Seoul 2015

FAO welcomes ideas for the programme
Points for discussion /consideration

The commission might wish to:

– Discuss fire management guidelines within a landscape approach
– Discuss role of FAO and existing European Networks (Silva Med. WG, European Commission Expert Group on Forest Fires, Balkan network etc)
– Mandate FAO to prioritize/identify additional human and financial resources
– Propose fire management to be part of REDD+ investments
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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