

Activities of the Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management

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UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management

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Meetings held in 2019-2020

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- Third (28th) meeting, 3-4 December 2019, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Fourth (29th) meeting, 2 December 2020, online
- Joint workshop of the ToS on Monitoring SFM and the ToS on Forest Products Statistics, 21 January 2021, online
 - shared with both Teams the new INForest communication platform and requested guidance on the platform's final shape and its possible further development.
- Bi-weekly coordination meetings of the core group of the Team, with participation of deputy leaders and coordinators of the task groups on forest damage and forest databanks

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Outputs and impacts in 2019-2020

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- In 2019, the Team initiated work on an international forest damage/disturbance assessment, based on the results of a questionnaire dedicated to this purpose. At the meeting in Copenhagen, the Team analysed the results of the questionnaires and established a sub-group to study new means and formats for forest damage reporting.
- The project “Assessment of forest damage/disturbance in the UNECE region”.
 - was initiated by the ToS to improve knowledge, methodology and reporting capacity on forest damage in the UNECE region.
 - started in October 2020. Planned completion: December 2022.
 - The main aim is to develop an approach to forest damage/disturbance assessment and reporting that would provide decision-makers and general public with reliable and comprehensive information about forest condition, in terms of causes, strength, scale and impact of damage/disturbance. The project covers the whole UNECE region.
- The Team discussed the results and reviewed the process of the reporting on forest ownership in the UNECE region.

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- Forest Databanks – an informal sub-group of ToS experts in the field of forest data banks
 - gathered responses to a questionnaire to identify relevant national level data banks on forests in the UNECE
 - provided advice to the UNECE regarding developing a web portal presenting data and information on forests of the UNECE region
- INForest
 - UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section in cooperation with experts from Poland completed the work on the new web portal <https://forest-data.unece.org/>, presenting key data on forests of the UNECE region in a visually attractive and informative manner. The platform is also accessible on mobile devices.
 - Team members provided advice and insight on the scope and features of the platform.

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- As done in the years before, members of the Team took part in the final phase of the UNDA/UNECE/FAO project *Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia* (2016–2020)
 - participation in the Forest Congress for the Caucasus and Central Asia, 28-31 May 2019, Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan
 - participation in the online Workshop on Forest Monitoring and Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia, 9 December 2020,
 - preparation of five policy briefs on various aspects of C&I for SFM
 - *Criteria and Indicators - An Universal Policy Tools for Sustainable Forest Management*, Stefanie Linser
 - *National Forest Inventory – Tool for Decision Making*, Kari T. Korhonen, Michael Köhl
 - *Information Systems – Tool for better Forest Policy and Management*, Andrzej Talarczyk
 - *Criteria and Indicator-based International Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting*, Annemarie Bastrup-Birk
 - *Criteria and Indicators for Forest-related communication*, Marta Gaworska
- Team Members provided direct contributions to the production of outputs from the global and pan-European reporting processes
- Team Members contributed to the review of the UNECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work

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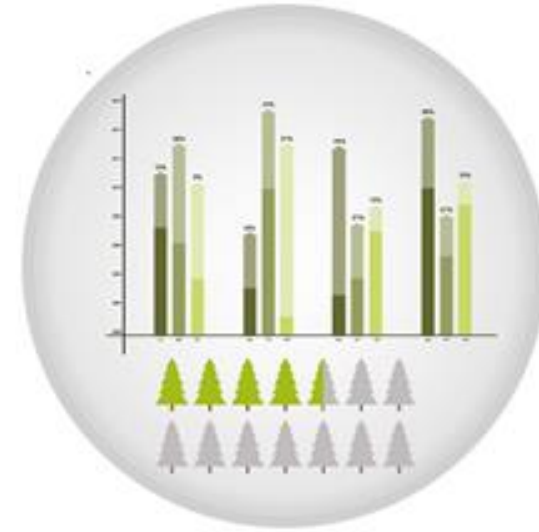
Outputs and impacts in 2021

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- Support to the project “Assessment of forest damage/disturbance in the UNECE region”.
- Support to the presentation and dissemination of the results of the Global and Pan-European 2020 reporting on forests and SFM.
- Support to UNECE, FAO and Forest Europe in the evaluation of the 2020 reporting cycle and in preparation of the next cycle of the global and pan-European reporting.
- Further support to the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section in developing the UNECE/FAO forest sector information website INForest.
- Collection on information about national forest data banks in UNECE countries.
- Advice to the capacity building work led by the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section
 - Team expertise provided to capacity building projects, so far mainly UNDA, but also a new project on a knowledge platform on FLR.

Thank you!



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