



The Montréal Process

Criteria and Indicators for the Conservation and Management of Temperate and Boreal Forests

Montréal Process for the Sustainable Management of Temperate and Boreal Forests

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About the Montréal Process (1)

- MP established in 1994
- Dedicated to the promotion of sustainable forest management through the application of Criteria and Indicators (MP C&I)
- 12 member countries:



Argentina



Chile



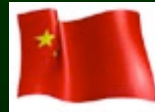
Republic of Korea



Russian Federation



Australia



China



Mexico



USA



Canada



Japan



New Zealand



Uruguay

About the Montréal Process (2)



- MP countries span 5 continents
- Are not contiguous
- possess 90% of the world's temperate and boreal forests
- 94.3% of boreal forests (as reported by FAO)

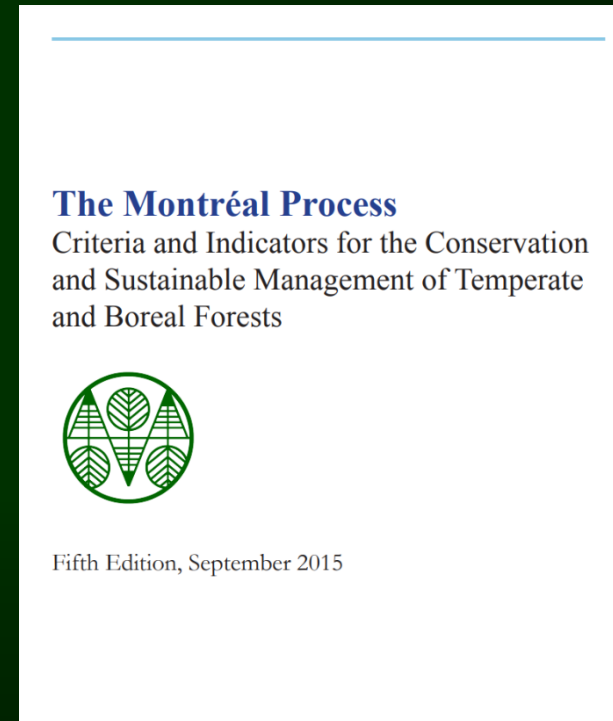
Diversity of:

- Geography and ecology
- History and forest management practice
- Governance and institutional capacity

About the Montréal Process Criteria and Indicators

MP C&I are:

- Designed to be comprehensive
- Cover ecological, social and economic dimensions of SFM
- Hierarchical structure: 7 criteria and 54 indicators
- Are flexibly applied across MP countries



Main points of discussion at the 30th MPWG meeting

- Country presentations of SFM measures and/or inventory activities
- Discussion of forest definitions (e.g. “primary”) and Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs)
- Progress in producing the next Montreal Process Synthesis Report
- Review of Global C&I and Related Reporting Activities (Stephanie Linser, IUFRO)
- Montreal Process business matters

Relevance for Boreal Forests

- Boreal forests are rarely mentioned explicitly in MP discussions and reporting, and the distinction between boreal and temperate forests is seldom made
- In MP countries with boreal forests, the MP C&I is evenly applied to temperate and boreal forests, though challenges in inventorying boreal forests are noted
- Discussions around “primary” forests and related definitions mirror concerns about application of these definitions to boreal forests

Thank you...



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