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Forthcoming sourcebook and survey modules to measure the role of forests in household income and livelihoods

Why: Forests and other environmental resources contribute significantly to household welfare and livelihoods in many rural areas in developing countries, as shown in numerous case studies. Yet, a lack of systematic data collection on forest-related socioeconomic variables at the national level limits the use of such information in policy decisions. More and better nationally representative data are needed to demonstrate the ways in which forests contribute to national development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

What: The sourcebook offers guidance on implementing the forestry survey modules to collect data on the socioeconomic contributions of forests to household welfare and livelihoods at aggregate scales. Thirteen key themes are covered: income from forests and wild products, food and nutrition, employment and business benefits, forest-related assets, wood energy, health, structural and fibre products, other forest/tree products, climate change-related and other environmental services, extension services, forest clearance, shocks and coping strategies, and governance.

For whom: The sourcebook and survey modules are intended to support national statistical offices and forestry administration agencies in collecting nationally representative data on welfare and livelihoods. They can be used in customized ways by a wide range of bodies aiming to collect data on the topic, including government agencies, researchers and NGOs.

Status and way forward: This draft was developed by five bodies (FAO, CIFOR, IFRI, the World Bank's LSMS and PROFOR), and has been field-tested in three countries. A draft version of the sourcebook and modules can be downloaded at <http://foris.fao.org/preview/90390> (not for citation/further dissemination). Any comments and feedback received by the end of December 2015 will be appreciated and considered for the final publication.

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