



HIGHLIGHTS



A selection of five informative reads from 2018

From fish to farms to food waste.

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NEWSLETTERS



**African roots and tubers – Flash news,
December 2018 – Issue No. 6**
(4 pp.)



**FAO ECTAD Vietnam newsletter –
African Swine Fever special edition,
December 2018–January 2019**
(Hanoi, 5 pp.)



**FAO Myanmar newsletter,
December 2018 – Issue No. 4**
(Yangon, 4 pp.)



**FAO ON THE RISE newsletter,
August–October 2018 – Issue No. 8**
(2 pp.)

NEW BROCHURES



**FAO's goal and role for sustainable forest
management in Asia and the Pacific**
(Bangkok, 2 pp.)



**Future Smart Food: Country scoping and
prioritization studies on neglected
and underutilized species**
(Bangkok, 4 pp.)



**GEF-7 Sustainable forest management impact
program on Dryland Sustainable Landscapes (DSL)**
(4 pp.)



**Good practice guide for the handling of sharks
and rays caught incidentally in Mediterranean
pelagic longline fisheries**
(10 pp.) FAO & ACCOBAMS

AFRICA SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK 2050



**Technical consultation, Accra, Ghana,
27–28 November 2018**
(20 pp.)



**The monetary impact of zoonotic
diseases on society – Egypt**
(20 pp.)

STRENGTHENING LINKAGES BETWEEN SMALL ACTORS AND BUYERS IN THE ROOTS AND TUBERS SECTOR IN AFRICA



Cameroon
(2 pp.)



Côte d'Ivoire
(2 pp., available
only in French)



Ghana
(2 pp.)



Malawi
(2 pp.)



Uganda
(2 pp.)

NEW BOOKS AND BRIEFS

AGRICULTURE



**Análisis espacial del balance energético derivado
de biomasa. Metodología WISDOM – Provincia de
Buenos Aires**

This work shows that the bioenergetic potential of the area derives from a variety of dry and wet biomass sources (e.g. tree formations and sawmill waste) that can be used to produce renewable energy.

(Buenos Aires, 108 pp., available only in Spanish)
Colección documentos técnicos



**Blockchain for agriculture:
Opportunities and challenges**

According to this paper, blockchain could be useful for land registrations, where it can provide an incorruptible ledger, as well as in supply chains, where it can provide an immutable record from the farm gate to the store.

(Bangkok, 68 pp.) E-agriculture in action –
FAO & ITU



**Geographical indication schemes in Croatia,
Hungary and Poland – Synthesis report**

Based on the experience of three countries, this report highlights the key role of public institutions in promoting geographical indicators, as well as the importance of establishing an institutional process for scrutinizing and evaluating GI applications.

(32 pp., also available in [Russian](#))

ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HEALTH



**Measuring and modelling soil carbon stocks and
stock changes in livestock production systems**

This study proposes a three-pronged approach to soil organic carbon (SOC) measurement, combining the IPCC empiric model, the RothC-Model, and the CENTURY/DNDC models. It also looks into issues relating to validation of models and uneven data availability.

(92 pp.) LEAP guidelines



**Tilapia Lake virus: Expert knowledge
elicitation risk assessment**

This report suggests that Tilapia lake virus represents a significant risk to countries where tilapia aquaculture is important for food security and trade, and points out that the main risk pathway is the translocation of live fish.

(24 pp.) FAO animal health risk analysis

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



Applying a multi-stakeholder process to develop a vocational education and training strategy for the agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors in South Africa

This study provides useful guidance for setting up effective multi-stakeholder processes in agriculture, fisheries and forestry vocational education and training, including collaboration, transparency, and efficient time management.

(48 pp.) Occasional papers on innovation in family farming



Rapport Spécial – Mission FAO/PAM d'évaluation des récoltes et de la sécurité alimentaire à Madagascar

According to this report, national rice production in 2018 is estimated at about 3.3 million tonnes, 9 percent higher than the reduced output in 2017, while national maize production is estimated at 215 000 tonnes, 24 percent lower than 2017.

(80 pp. A summary version is available in [English](#))
FAO & WFP



Quelles actions politiques pour renforcer l'accès des producteurs agricoles à des engrais chimiques à prix réduits au Burkina Faso?

Among the measures proposed to help reduce the price of fertilizers are the standardization of import fees, the negotiation of integrated logistics contracts to lower port and transport costs, and State quality control over fertilizers to reduce fraud.

(56 pp., available only in French) Monitoring and analysing food and agricultural policies (MAFAP)

FOOD SAFETY AND NUTRITION



Cookbook of common recipes: Strengthening traditional culinary knowledge of Kyrgyzstan through food-based approach for improved nutrition

This book is a collection of recipes belonging to the Kyrgyz culinary tradition, which have been modified in order to improve nutrition outcomes and the dietary diversity of the population.

(Bishkek, 68 pp., available only in Russian) FAO & the “Roza Otunbayeva Initiative” International Public Foundation



Nutrition guidelines and standards for school meals: A report from 33 low and middle-income countries

Among other recommendations, this paper calls for integration of school meal nutrition guidelines and standards with policy frameworks, and identification of factors influencing the regular provision of commodities, including seasonality and local production capacities.

(108 pp.)

PLANT PRODUCTION AND PROTECTION



Pesticide residues in food 2018: Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on pesticide residues – Report 2018

This annual report contains information on acceptable daily intakes (ADIs), and acute reference doses (ARfDs) of pesticides for humans, and general principles for the evaluation of pesticides, including benzovindiflupyr and fluopyram.

(668 pp.) FAO plant production and protection paper

STATISTICS



Recovered paper data 2017

This publication presents the results of a statistical survey on recovered paper utilization by country and by paper sector. The survey results are complemented by global data on the collection, consumption and trade of recovered paper.

(40 pp.)

RECENT RELEASES FROM OTHER UN AGENCIES AND IGOS

ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT – OECD



Biodiversity conservation and sustainable use in Latin America: Evidence from environmental performance reviews

This report aims to provide a sense of the common challenges facing these Latin American countries, the strategies being used to tackle them, the gaps that remain and how these can be addressed.

(Paris, 72 pp.)



Ready to help? Improving resilience of integration systems for refugees and other vulnerable migrants

This report provides a comprehensive assessment of the transition policies in place to support migrants' livelihoods in destination and transit countries, as well as in countries of origin upon return.

(Paris, 84 pp.)



Social protection system review: A toolkit

This toolkit presents methodologies which can be implemented in any country, at any income level and by any institution. It is intended to generate policy recommendations that are actionable through national systems.

(Paris, 64 pp., also available in [French](#))

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION – WIPO



WIPO magazine, December 2018

Among the topics discussed in this issue are the role of intellectual property in development issues, and the packaging of tobacco products.

(Geneva, 56 pp.)