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REPORT OF THE FOREST INVENTORY, MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP

PERIOD: June 2014 – December 2015

1. WORKING GROUP COMPOSITION

Chairperson	Country	Organization
Enrique Serrano Gálvez	México	CONAFOR
Member Names	Country	Organization
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Juan Carlos Leyva Reyes	Mexico	CONAFOR
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		Inventory Monitoring & Assessment Research
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2. LIST OF ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING THE PAST 2 YEARS

Activity	Location	Date	Status (completed /ongoing)
North American reporting to the 2015 Global Forest Resources Assessment coordinated to ensure continental-scale reporting consistency.	USA-Mexico-Canada	2013-2014	Done
Proposal to FAO for improving international reporting on forest related employment prepared and presented to the FAO Advisory Group	Durban, South Africa	September 2015	Done
Harmonized North American ecoregion map produced with the assistance of the Commission on Environmental Cooperation (available at www.cec.org) ready to use for harmonized North American forest reporting and assessment	USA-Mexico-Canada	2013-2014	Done
Prototype North American Forest Database (NAFDB) built for harmonized North American forest inventory and monitoring data aggregated at the level of CEC ecoregions	USA-Mexico-Canada	2014-2015	Done
North American forest inventory data harmonization rules developed for populating the NAFDB with data from Canada, USA and Mexico	USA-Mexico-Canada	2014-2015	Done
NAFDB concept and first preliminary results presented at World Forestry Congress	Durban, South Africa	September 2015	Done

3. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT 2 YEARS

Activity	Location	Date	Status (ongoing/new)
Dr. Enrique Serrano (Chairman of the Working Group) report to the NAFC at its 28th session (January 2016, Campeche, Mexico).	Mexico	January 2016	Ongoing

Preparation and publication of a technical report describing NAFDB and North American forest assessment results, aggregated at the scale of ecological regions.	USA-Mexico-Canada	2013 -2016	Ongoing
Expansion of the NAFDB to include additional reporting variables.	USA-Mexico-Canada	2016-2017	New
Maintain and Update the website of the IMWG	USA-Mexico-Canada	2013-2017	Ongoing
Share protocols to measure and report on mangroves	USA-Mexico-Canada	2016	New
USA will host the next meeting of the Working Group (2016) (Venue to be confirmed by the President and the host); Canada will host in 2017 (probably co-location WG meeting with BoA meeting, which will also host Canada in 2017)	Most likely in Florida, USA	Most likely in April or May of 2016	New

4. WORKING GROUP FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AND/OR NETWORKING

Period 2014 – 2015

Activity	Amount US\$	Amount US\$
	(cash)	(in-kind)
Working Group Meeting 2015 in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico	4 100	--

5. REQUEST FOR FUNDING AND/OR OTHER SUPPORT

The group is currently working on developing a results report data on forest of North America.

A brochure was generated with this important information as well as a scientific article is intended to make the translation into the three languages English, Spanish and French.

Amount of funding requested: US\$3 500

Relation to the group's objectives and action plan: Taking as consumption data generated from national forest inventories in the countries of Canada, the United States and Mexico has managed to integrate forest data base (NAFD) of North America, which has among its objectives the generation of forest basic figures in this first stage, chances of getting more forward-looking indicators that allow for joint action for conservation, restoration, management and use of forest resources for the benefit of society.

Other funding sources: Each of the three countries invest their own resources to the analysis and processing of information, in order to achieve the goals established as a working group.

Benefits anticipated: The expectation is to promote the report to the community of interest at the regional level, to make it the full knowledge of the Commissioners and replicated in the other working groups of the North American Forest Commission and later to the level of FAO. As deliverable will have the printed brochure and publication of the scientific paper.

Date by which funding is required: The date required for funding could be the first week of December; the date of completion of this first stage is December 2015.

Impact of not carrying out the specified activities: The project might be postponed; it is considered important at the regional level both for the countries and FAO.

6. CLOSING REMARKS

None