



COFO (Committee on Forestry)

WORKING GROUP

on Dryland Forests and Agrosilvopastoral Systems

The Committee on Forestry (COFO) Working Group (WG) on Dryland Forests and Agrosilvopastoral Systems works to protect and restore drylands to enhance local livelihoods and boost resilience, recognising the need for integrated development of forests, trees and livestock.



THE WORKING GROUP'S MANDATE

- Review and report to COFO on the status, trends, issues and developments in dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems
- Enhance and contribute to environmental and socio-economic resilience and sustainable livelihoods.
- Contribute to develop a comprehensive understanding of dryland forest and agrosilvopastoral systems and the people who depend on them
- Promote scaling-up of good practices for the protection, sustainable management and restoration of dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems.



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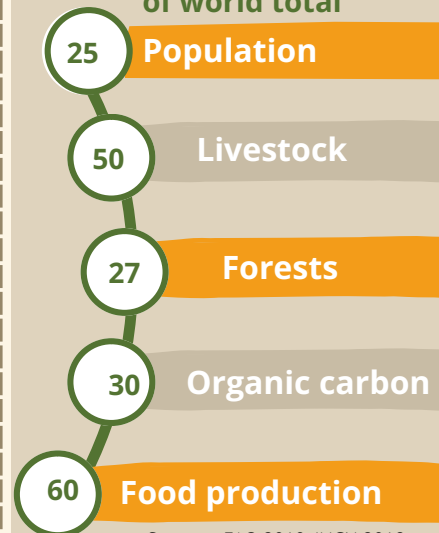
Member countries

Membership of the Working Group is open to all Members of the Committee on Forestry whose territories are situated wholly or partly in drylands or that are interested in contributing to the objectives of the Working Group

WHY DRYLANDS FORESTS AND AGROSILVOPASTORAL SYSTEMS?

- Dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems are vital for our planet! Drylands play crucial ecological, social and economic roles, while improving the environmental sustainability.
- Dryland forests are resilient! They are home to species adapted to extreme ecological conditions, provide essential goods and ecosystems services and the means to adapt to climate change, and increase the resilience of the communities who live in the world's dryland areas.
- Unfortunately, they are under threat from degradation. Extensive areas of drylands are degraded or at high risk of further degradation and associated environmental and socio-economic impacts.
- Through better management and restoration, forests and agrosilvopastoral systems can help alleviate poverty and contribute to the food security and sustainable livelihoods of two billion people worldwide.

Drylands as %
of world total



Sources: FAO 2019, IUCN 2018

ONGOING AND UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Dryland Restoration Initiative Platform (DRIP)
- Elearning course & 2023 Summer School on Transformative Approach to Dryland Resilience
- Supporting policy uptake and regional knowledge sharing under the Global Environment Facility-7 through the Sustainable Forest Management Impact Programme on Dryland Sustainable Landscapes (DSL-IP). Produced the first global Drylands Assessment report and many other publications
- Making Every Voice Count for Adaptive Management Initiative (MEV-CAM)
- Women Community of Practice (WeCan)

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