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REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION'S MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK – FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES

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REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION'S MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK – FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its Eleventh Regular Session, the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the Commission) agreed to review progress made in the implementation of its rolling Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) at its Thirteenth and Fifteenth Regular Sessions.¹
2. The Commission, at its Twelfth Regular Session, adopted the *Strategic Plan 2010-2017 for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work (Strategic Plan 2010-2017)*, a detailed planning framework to assist its Members, the Bureau, and the Secretariat of the Commission, FAO and other organizations, to plan their contributions to the implementation of the MYPOW.² Amendments to the MYPOW should also be reflected in the *Strategic Plan 2010-2017*.
3. This document briefly summarizes the progress made in the implementation of the MYPOW with regard to forest genetic resources, assesses the extent to which MYPOW outputs and milestones foreseen for future sessions of the Commission are still relevant and may realistically be achieved, and proposes new and additional outputs/ milestones related to forest genetic resources.
4. The Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Forest Genetic Resources is invited to review this document and provide comments and recommendations in its area of expertise to the Commission, which will review the progress in the implementation of the MYPOW and consider possible amendments to the MYPOW at its Thirteenth Regular Session.

II. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK

Table 1: The Commission's Multi-Year Programme of Work: Major outputs and milestones (Forest Genetic Resources)

	12th Session	13th Session	14th Session	15th Session	16th Session
Forest Genetic Resources (FGR)	Analysis of key issues in forest genetic resources, for <i>The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources</i>		Presentation of <i>The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources</i>		

5. The Commission, at its Twelfth Regular Session, reviewed an analysis of key issues in forest genetic resources for *The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources (Table 1)*. The Commission endorsed a proposed outline of the report³ and agreed on the indicative timeline and the process for its preparation as provided in the Strategic Plan 2010-2017.⁴

¹ CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 90.

² CGRFA-12/09/Report, Appendix G.

³ CGRFA-12/09/Report, Appendix E

⁴ CGRFA-12/09/Report

6. Acknowledging the important role played by Intergovernmental Technical Working Groups in the preparation of the first report on *The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* and *The Second Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, the Commission, at its Twelfth Regular Session, established an Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Forest Genetic Resources (Working Group). The Commission agreed on the Working Group's statutes⁵ and elected its Members.⁶

7. More detailed information on progress in the preparation of *The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources* is contained in the document, *FAO Progress Report on the preparation of The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources*.⁷

III. PERIODIC ASSESSMENT OF THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK

8. The Commission, through its MYPOW, agreed to consider *The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources* at its Fourteenth Regular Session. In preparation of this report, numerous activities have been initiated in line with the timeline and processes foreseen in the *Strategic Plan 2010-2017*:

- Countries have officially been invited to nominate National Focal Points for the preparation of their country reports for *The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources*.
- FAO prepared guidelines for the preparation of country reports for *The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources*, which have been made available on-line in five official FAO languages.
- FAO initiated a series of global and regional workshops for National Focal Points to assist countries with the preparation of their country reports.
- A number of countries have initiated the preparation of their country report.
- REFORGEN, FAO's global information system on forest genetic resources and a key supporting tool for countries in the preparation of their country reports, is being reviewed and strengthened.
- The majority of the thematic background studies presented to the Commission at its Twelfth Regular Session⁸ are under preparation.
- Inputs from relevant international organizations on their activities, data and possible areas of cooperation in relation to the preparation of *The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources* are being gathered.
- The first Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Forest Genetic Resources to review progress in preparation of *The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources* takes place on 4 to 6 April 2011.

9. In view of the progress made and the activities initiated for the preparation of *The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources*, the presentation of the report to the Commission at its Fourteenth Regular Session can be accomplished. The timely finalization of *The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources* depends on the timely submission of Country Reports which Governments have been requested to submit by 1 July 2011.

⁵ CGRFA-12/09/Report, Appendix F

⁶ CGRFA-12/09/Report, Appendix D

⁷ CGRFA/ITWG/FGR-1/11/2

⁸ CGRFA-12/09/12, Annex 2

IV. REVIEW OF THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK – FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES

10. Considering the outcome of the progress report and the periodic assessment, changes to any of the MYPOW milestones or outputs related to forest genetic resources do not seem to be necessary at this stage.

11. The Multi-Year Programme of Work is a rolling programme. Now might therefore be an opportune time for the Commission to consider extending the MYPOW which currently expires with the Commission's Sixteenth Regular Session (2016/2017) and to plan future work on forest genetic resources beyond the expiry date of the current MYPOW.

12. In view of the presentation of *The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources* foreseen for the Commission's Fourteenth Regular Session, major outputs and milestones in the area of forest genetic resources, beyond the Commission's Sixteenth Regular Session, could include:

- the follow-up to *The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources* (CGRFA-15); and
- a review of progress made in the follow-up to *The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources* (CGRFA-17).

A draft revised Multi-Year Programme of Work related to forest genetic resources is given in *Table 2*.

Table 2: The Commission's draft revised Multi-Year Programme of Work (2013-2021): Major outputs and milestones (Forest Genetic Resources)

	14 th Session 2013	15 th Session 2015	16 th Session 2017	17 th Session 2019	18 th Session 2021
Forest Genetic Resources (FGR)	Presentation of <i>The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources</i>	Follow-up to <i>The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources</i>		Review of progress in follow-up to <i>The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources</i>	

VI. GUIDANCE SOUGHT

13. The Working Group is invited to review the progress made in the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work as it relates to forest genetic resources, to assess the need for adjustments and to review the outputs/ milestones proposed for the Commission's Fifteenth and Seventeenth Regular Sessions.