GLOBAL FOREST RESOURCES ASSESSMENT (FRA)

THE MANDATE
The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has assessed the world’s forest resources since 1948 at the request of its Member States. FRA uses official national statistics to form the most comprehensive assessment of the world’s forests and is now published every five years.

ALL DATA TRANSPARENTLY AVAILABLE
A dedicated online platform is used to collect the data and allows access to external data sources such as the latest satellite images and other geospatial data. All data and metadata reported by the countries are made publicly available online in a number of formats.

A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT
The latest assessment, FRA 2020, received contributions from a network of 150 experts from 187 countries. The data collection for the FRA 2020 reporting cycle started in early 2018.

DATA COLLECTION PROCESS AND REVIEW
The FRA Secretariat trains National Correspondents on commonly agreed terms and definitions and a standardized methodology to ensure consistent reporting across countries.

KEY RESOURCES
- fra-data.fao.org
- FRA 2020 Remote Sensing Survey
- Special Studies
- Forest Kids Video Game

SDG 15.1.1: Progress towards sustainable forest management
SDG 15.4.2: Progress towards conservation of mountain ecosystems

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