




Annex 3. Presentations

Presentations are available in full on the CPF site:

<http://www.fao.org/forestry/cpf/degradation/en/>




Technical Meeting
Assessment and Monitoring
of Forest Degradation
Rome, Italy
8 – 10 September 2009




Objectives

1. Review analytical study on definitions
2. Review case studies
3. Discuss indicators of forest degradation and related assessment methodologies



Outcomes

1. Better understanding of forest degradation
2. List of possible indicators & assessment methodologies
3. Recommended actions to improve measurement, assessment and reporting on forest degradation



Agenda


Day 1:

Morning:

- Opening session
- Defining Forest Degradation

Afternoon:

- Extent of Forest Resources
- Biological Diversity
- Reception



Agenda


Day 2:

Morning:

- Productive Functions of Forests
- Contribution to the Carbon Cycle

Afternoon:

- Socio-economic functions/ Community level assessments
- Reversing Forest Degradation



Agenda

Day 3:

Morning:

- Working Group Sessions

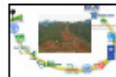
Afternoon:

- Presentations by working groups
- Discussions
- Key messages and recommended actions
- Wrapping up



Assessment and Monitoring of Forest Degradation: Why? What? and How?

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Why?

- Global problem
- Adverse impacts on:
 - provision of ecosystem goods and services
 - human wellbeing
 - the Earth
- Prioritisation of scarce human and financial resources
- Fulfill international reporting requirements



Global Goals and Targets

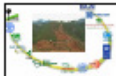
- UNFF Global Objective 1: Reverse the loss of forest cover ... and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation
- UNFCCC COP 13 – Reduction of Emissions from Deforestation & Forest Degradation (REDD)
- 2010 Biodiversity Target of the CBD (indicator on ecosystem fragmentation and connectivity)



The Challenge

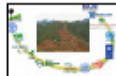
- Many definitions
- Forest degradation is the **reduction of the capacity of a forest to provide goods and services**
- Broad definition, not operational
- Numerous perceptions





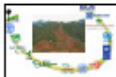
Issues

- Which functions or values?
- What time frame?
- What scale?
- Which causes?
- What reference state?
- Which indicators?
- Which assessment methodologies?



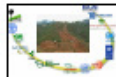
This initiative will:

- Highlight different aspects of forest degradation
- Review assessment methodologies
- Facilitate improved access to new tools, especially in developing countries
- Lead to action to reduce current rates of forest degradation



How?

- Survey of existing country practices
- Analytical study of definitions
- Case studies
- Technical discussions
- Development of guidelines and tools
- Capacity building and support to implementation



Outcomes

- A better understanding of forest degradation
- Guidelines & tools
- Increased assessment and reporting ability
- Action to reduce forest degradation

