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Introduction

Data Input in the IPCC Inventory Software -hereafter *Software*- to estimate GHG emissions and removals from Land (3.B) categories in a National Greenhouse Gas Inventory (NGHGI)¹ follows these steps:

- Step 1.** Enter in the [Land Use Manager](#) all **land-use subdivisions**
- Step 2.** Enter in the [Land Representation Manager](#) all **Regions** that compose the territory to which the GHG inventory applies
- Step 3.** For each Region, enter a land representation² i.e. a **consistent and independent time-series of activity data**³ in the [Land Representation Manager](#)
- Step 4.** For each **C pool**, enter **C stock gains and losses** or **C stocks at different points in time** (*depending on methods selected*) in the relevant calculation worksheets of 3.B land use categories).

In this [Guide to Land Representation](#), guidance to implement Steps 1 to 3 is provided by the Technical Support Unit of the IPCC Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (IPCC TFI TSU). Guidance on Step 4 are instead provided in the Guidebook for 3.B Land Categories.

Software users must be familiar with the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (2006 IPCC Guidelines)* methods and read the *Software manual* (downloadable from the *Help* menu) before going through this guide. This guide does not replace guidance provided in the *2006 IPCC Guidelines*.

Throughout this guide, text entered in lilac color represents category information taken from the *2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands - (Wetlands Supplement)*

Note the *Software* allows users to apply each of the three⁴ methodological approaches to Land Representation.

¹ Same guidance applies to the use of the *Software* for sub-national entities.

² In a national GHG Inventory, estimates of land-related GHG emissions and removals are based on the consistent representation of land -i.e. land representation- across the inventory time series. Thus, the **Land Representation** deals with: **A. Classification of land** [Land use categories/subcategories/subdivisions] according to bio-physical *-climate, soil, vegetation-* and socio-economic *-use, management (e.g. age-class)-* variables, with the aim to delineate units of land more homogenous for C stocks levels and dynamics; **B. Identification and tracking** across the inventory time series **of units of land** [Area data to estimate C stock changes and other GHG emissions] *-i.e. land area with same current and historical classification*. Consistency of A. and B. across the inventory time series is key to ensure unbiasedness of estimates.

³ A consistent **land representation is a time series of annual area estimates of units of land**, as disaggregated according to variables of stratification, where: **A.** The land classification methodology is consistent across the entire time series *-no artifact land conversions caused by changes in the classification method/ background-data-*; **B.** The total area of the territory is constant across the entire time series.

For Approaches 2 & 3: In each year Y, all units of land under conversion are reported within the *Land under conversion* relevant categories until the end of the transition period (D); In each year Y, all units of land that did not undergo a conversion in the last Y-D years are reported within the *Land remaining* relevant categories.

⁴ **Approach 1:** use/management of land is identified, and the area of land use/management categories is quantified; although, land use/management changes are neither identified nor quantified since data are not spatially-explicit.

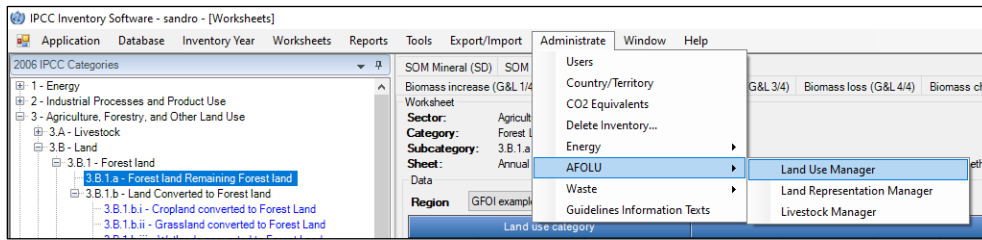
Approach 2: use/management of land is identified, and the area of land use/management categories is quantified; land use/management changes are identified (data spatially explicit) and the area of changes (between 2 points in time) is quantified, although not tracked over time.

Approach 3: use/management of land is identified, and the area of land use/management categories is quantified; land use/management changes are identified (data spatially explicit) and the area of changes (between 2 points in time) is quantified and tracked over time; so that Approach 3 identifies subsequent changes in areas under conversion, while Approach 2 does not.

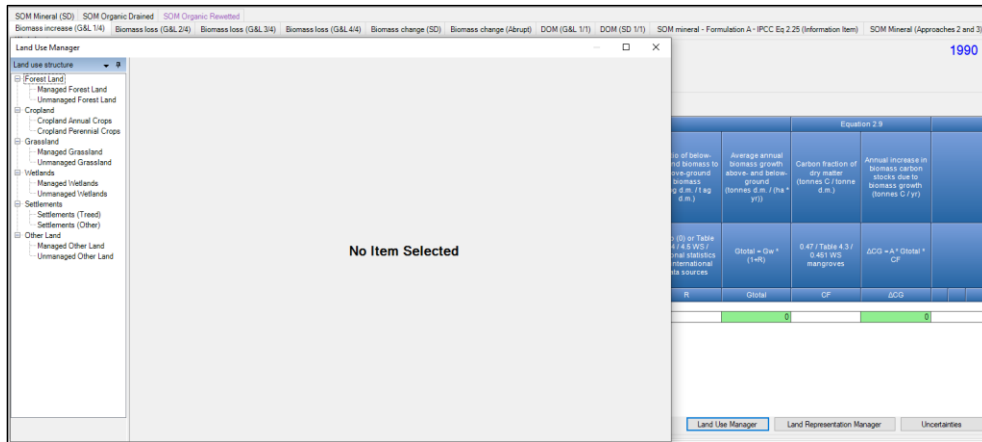
Land Use Manager (LUM)

Land Use Manager is a tabbed dialog window.

Users can open it from **Administrate** main menu, **AFOLU** sub-menu



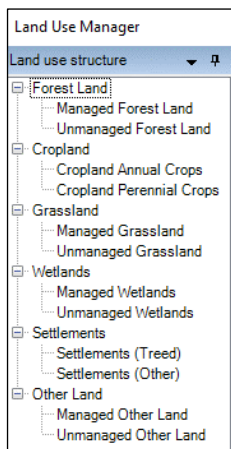
or from the bottom of any worksheets of 3.B categories



On the left-hand side, the **Land Use Manager** shows the **6 IPCC land use categories**

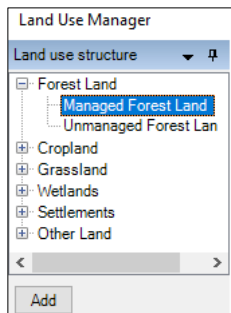
- [Forest land](#)
- [Cropland](#)
- [Grassland](#)
- [Wetlands](#)
- [Settlements](#)
- [Other land](#)

and **12 subcategories** (2 for each Land use category)



While *Forest land*, *Grassland*, *Wetlands* and *Other land* categories are disaggregated in subcategories depending on whether those are managed⁵ or unmanaged lands, *Cropland* and *Settlements* are disaggregated depending on the presence of perennial⁶ biomass stocks.

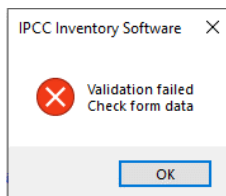
To add a land subdivision, select the relevant subcategory and click button **Add** at the bottom of the window.



Doing so a window mask opens where to enter those data in the relevant fields that the *Software* requires, at minimum, to estimate C stock changes in relevant C pools at selected Tier level. As for instance:

The screenshot shows a form for adding a land subdivision. It is divided into two main sections: 'Land use subdivision - common parameters' and 'Land use subdivision - Managed Forest Land specific parameters'. The 'common parameters' section includes fields for 'Land use subdivision name', 'Soil Type', 'Soil Status', 'Country/Territory', 'Continent', and 'Climate Region'. The 'specific parameters' section includes 'Ecological zone', 'Species', 'Natural Forest' (radio button), 'Abandoned managed land' (checkbox), 'Plantation' (radio button), 'Land mass', 'Age class (yr)', 'Above-ground biomass stock (t d.m. / ha)', 'Above-ground net biomass growth (G) (t d.m. / ha / yr)', 'Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R) (t root d.m. / t shoot d.m.)', 'Biomass carbon fraction (t C / t d.m.)', 'Growing stock level (V) (m3 / ha)', 'Mean annual increment of growing stock (Iv) (m3 / ha / yr)', 'Biomass conversion and expansion factor for increment (BCEF1) (t d.m. / m3 wood volume)', 'Biomass conversion and expansion factor for standing stock (BCEF2) (t d.m. / m3 wood volume)', 'Biomass conversion and expansion factor for wood and fuelwood removal (BCEF3) (t d.m. / m3 wood volume)', 'Basic wood density (D) (t d.m. / m3 fresh volume)', 'Biomass expansion factor for conversion of annual net increment to above-ground biomass increment (BEF1)', 'Biomass expansion factor for conversion of merchantable volume to above-ground biomass (BEF2)', and 'Litter C stock at maturity (t C / ha)'. Several fields have a red 'X' icon, indicating they are required. At the bottom right, there are 'Save', 'Undo', and 'Close' buttons.

Note: most of the parameters may otherwise be entered in the relevant calculation worksheets with the exception of those marked with a white X in red field . Where information is not entered in those parameters marked, the software gives an error message when users attempt to save the subdivision.



⁵ Managed land is land where human interventions and practices have been applied to perform production, ecological or social functions, while unmanaged land is a land not qualified as managed. GHG emissions and removals from unmanaged land are excluded from the NGHGI.

⁶ IPCC methodological approaches to estimate C stock changes from perennial biomass significantly differ from that applied to annual biomass.

The **Land use subdivision** mask is composed of 2 parts:

- ✓ the **Top**, which contains parameters common to any subcategory [with labels in **bold**]:

- ✓ the **Bottom**, which contains subcategory specific information:

Labels in **blue ink** are applied to information relevant for the implementation of IPCC Tier 2 methods, **Note: BCEF_r and Growing stock level in Managed Forest land, although in blue ink, are needed to estimate biomass C stock losses with Tier 1 Gain&Loss method.**

Where the subdivision to add is a variation of a subdivision already entered (e.g. a different age class) a speedy way, which also minimizes potential errors, is to make a copy of the selected subdivision and then change the information according to the new subdivision that is to be entered. This is done by clicking the *Copy* button at the bottom of the *Land use structure* window, as shown below:

Subdivisions are generally used to distinguish different types of vegetation, as well as different management systems and/or age classes; although those are a stratification that can be applied to any other users' need.

Note: You must press the button **Save** to record in the DataBase (DB) every info entered.

Tip: Once the subdivision is applied to one or more units of land in the **Land Representation Manager**, the following fields: *Soil type, Soil Status, Climate Region*, cannot be changed anymore.

Where an error is identified in any of those fields, the Land subdivision (and its data) is to be deleted -to do so users can:

1. first create a copy of the subdivision (to minimize the time to be spent to re-enter data), to do select the subdivision and click on button **Copy** at the bottom of the window:

2. then Delete the original subdivision, to do select the subdivision and click on button **Delete** at the bottom of the window:

Note that all units of land that had this original subdivision are also deleted from the Land representation Manager and thus need to be re-entered with the new subdivision.

3. then information to be changed is to be re-entered:

Land Use Manager

Land use structure

- Forest Land
 - Managed Forest Land
 - Copy of Managed secondary
 - Managed secondary
 - Unmanaged Forest Land
 - Cropland
 - Grassland
 - Wetlands
 - Settlements
 - Other Land

Land use subdivision - common parameters

Land use subdivision name: Copy of Managed secondary

Country/Territory: World

Soil Type: Low Activity Clay Mineral

Continent: World

Soil Status: No change in hydrology

Climate Region: Warm Temperate Dry

Land use subdivision - Managed Forest Land specific parameters

Ecological zone: Subtropical dry forest

Species: User-defined laurisilva

Natural Forest: Natural Forest

Plantation: Plantation

Abandoned managed land:

Land mass: Unspecified

Age class (yr): Unspecified

Above-ground biomass stock (t d.m. / ha): 336.840

Above-ground net biomass growth (G) (t d.m. / ha / yr): 3.864

Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R) (t root d.m. / t shoot d.m.): 0.330

Biomass carbon fraction (t C / t d.m.): 0.470

Growing stock level (V) (m³ / ha): >80

401.000

Mean annual increment of growing stock (Iv) (m³ / ha / yr): 4.600

Biomass conversion and expansion factor for increment (BCEFi) (t d.m. / m³ wood volume): Specified 0.840

Biomass conversion and expansion factor for standing stock (BCEFs) (t d.m. / m³ wood volume): Specified 0.840

Biomass conversion and expansion factor for wood and fuelwood removal (BCEFr) (t d.m. / m³ wood volume): Specified 0.950

Basic wood density (D) (t d.m. / m³ fresh volume):

Biomass expansion factor for conversion of annual net increment to above-ground biomass increment (BEF1):

Biomass expansion factor for conversion of merchantable volume to above-ground biomass (BEF2):

Litter C stock at maturity (t C / ha):

Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOCref) (t C / ha): 0.000

Relative C stock change factors

Land use (FLU): 1.000

Management (FMG): 1.000

Input (FI): 1.000

Add Copy Delete Save Undo Close

4. the subdivision name can be modified as needed (in this case the old subdivision name is used again)

Land Use Manager

Land use structure

- Forest Land
 - Managed Forest Land
 - Managed secondary
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 - Grassland
 - Wetlands
 - Settlements
 - Other Land

Land use subdivision - common parameters

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Soil Type: Low Activity Clay Mineral

Continent: World

Soil Status: No change in hydrology

Climate Region: Warm Temperate Dry

Land use subdivision - Managed Forest Land specific parameters

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Basic wood density (D) (t d.m. / m³ fresh volume):

Biomass expansion factor for conversion of annual net increment to above-ground biomass increment (BEF1):

Biomass expansion factor for conversion of merchantable volume to above-ground biomass (BEF2):

Litter C stock at maturity (t C / ha):

Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOCref) (t C / ha): 0.000

Relative C stock change factors

Land use (FLU): 1.000

Management (FMG): 1.000

Input (FI): 1.000

Add Copy Delete Save Undo Close

Land use subdivision mask, top section

Land use subdivision - common parameters	
Land use subdivision name	Organic
Soil Type	Inland Organic soil
Soil Status	Natural
Nutrient content	Poor
Country/Territory	Country X
Continent	Europe
Climate Region	Cool Temperate Moist

It is not possible to change some of the parameters since subdivision is already being used in Land Representation Manager

The top section contains up to 7 fields. 5 fields are present in each and every subdivision - [Land use subdivision name](#), [Soil Type](#), [Country/Territory](#), [Continent](#), [Climate Region](#)- while other 2 are provided for some of the subdivisions - [Soil Status](#), [Nutrient content](#).

Land use subdivision name

This is a field where unique information is to be entered -i.e. 2 subdivisions cannot have the same alphanumerical combination in the name-. Given that in the land representation manager subdivisions are listed by the name, it is suggested to provide in the name information that can easily recall the characteristics specific of that subdivision.


Soil Type

The *Software* provides in a dropdown menu the complete list of IPCC soil types listed in Chapter 2 of the AFOLU Volume, plus *Coastal Wetlands soil* (Chapter 4, *Wetlands Supplement*).

Fullname	Composition	Remark
High Activity Clay Mineral	Mineral	Soils with high activity clay (HAC) minerals are lightly to moderately weathered soils, which are dominated by 2:1 silicate clay minerals (in the World Reference Base for Soil Resources (WRB) classification these include Leptosols, Vertisols, Kastanozems, Chernozems, Phaeozems, Luvisols, Alisols, Rhizogleys, Solonch, Calcisols, Supraquils, Lixisols, Cambisols, Regosols, in USDA classification includes Mollisols, Vertisols, high base entisols, Alfisols, Inceptisols).
Low Activity Clay Mineral	Mineral	Soils with low activity clay (LAC) minerals are highly weathered soils, dominated by 1:1 clay minerals and amorphous iron and aluminum oxides (in WRB classification includes Acrisols, Luvisols, Nitisols, Ferrallics, Durisols, in USDA classification includes Ultisols, Oxisols, acidic Alfisols).
Volcanic Mineral	Mineral	Soils derived from volcanic ash with allophanic mineralogy (in WRB classification Andisols, in USDA classification Andisols)
Spodic Mineral	Mineral	Soils exhibiting strong podsolization (in WRB classification includes Podzols, in USDA classification Spodosols)
Sandy Mineral	Mineral	Includes all soils (regardless of taxonomic classification) having > 70% sand and < 8% clay, based on standard textural analyses (in WRB classification includes Arenosols, in USDA classification includes Psamment)
Inland Wetland Mineral	Mineral	Soils with restricted drainage leading to periodic flooding and anaerobic conditions (in WRB classification Gleysols, in USDA classification Aquic suborders)
Inland Organic	Organic	Soils classified as histosols. See glossary of IPCC GPG 2003 for additional details.
Coastal Wetlands	Mineral	Table 4.11.102

Namely:

- **Mineral soils:**
 - ✓ High Activity Clay (HAC)
 - ✓ Low Activity Clay (LAC)
 - ✓ Volcanic
 - ✓ Spodic
 - ✓ Sandy
 - ✓ *Inland Wetland mineral*
- **Organic soils:**
 - ✓ Inland Organic
- **Mixed soils:**
 - ✓ *Coastal Wetlands*

In addition, by clicking on the symbol  users open a dialog tab where user-specific soil types of either *Mineral* or *Organic* composition⁷ can be entered:

Soil Type Name	Composition	Remark
High Activity Clay Mineral	Mineral	Soils with high activity clay (HAC) minerals are lightly to moderately weathered soils, which are dominated by 2:1 silicate clay minerals (in the World Reference Base for Soil Resources (WRB) classification these include Leptosols, Vertisols, Kastanozems, Chernozems, Phaeozems, Luvisols, Alisols, Rhizogleys, Solonch, Calcisols, Supraquils, Lixisols, Cambisols, Regosols, in USDA classification includes Mollisols, Vertisols, high base entisols, Alfisols, Inceptisols).
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Coastal Wetlands	Mineral	Table 4.11.102
User type	Mineral	
	Organic	

Where a **Subdivision** has a *user-specific* soil type, the *Software* does not provide IPCC default values in the dropdown menu of the *SOCref* parameter.⁸

⁷ Users cannot have user-specific mixed soils.

Soil Status

The *Software* provides in a dropdown menu 4 options:

- **No change in hydrology** -this is the default option applied by the *Software*-,
- **Drained** -it applies to organic and mixed soils as well as to *inland wetland mineral* soils-,
- **Rewetted** -it applies to organic and mixed soils as well as to *inland wetland mineral* soils previously drained-,
- **Extracted⁸** -it applies to soils that have been removed to build infrastructures -e.g. port, harbor and marina construction, aquaculture ponds, salt production ponds. An extracted soil has 0 SOC-.

Extraction implies that all C stocks are removed in the year in which excavation occurs. Thus, to estimate C stock losses associated with extraction users will:

1. **first** generate a dedicated land use subdivision -e.g. shrimp pond in *Coastal Wetlands*- in the **Land Use Manager** with C stocks set to zero in each C pool,
2. **second** report the conversion of the unit of land -e.g. from mangrove to shrimp pond⁹- in the *Land representation table* of the **Land Representation Manager**, and assign the Stock-Difference method to each C pool,
3. **calculate** C stock losses in **Biomass (G&L -Abrupt)**, in **DOM (SD – Approaches 2&3)** and in **SOM (SD – Approaches 2&3)**.

Note: Given *Extraction* determines total loss of C stocks:

- A. the C stock at time **t2** in each of the C pools is to be set to 0
- B. the C stock loss shall be counted in the year of conversion only, even if the unit of land may be reported by the software in the calculation worksheets in the following years¹⁰

Recall: Given *Extraction* is a conversion of a land to a new use and/or management it **SHALL NOT** be applied to **Approach 1 Land representation**.

⁸ This status does not apply to peat extraction activities. A soil subject to peat extraction activities has a soil status *Drained*; while a soil that has been subject to peat extraction activities and it is currently abandoned has soil status either *Drained*, if the drainage system is still working, or *Rewetted* if it is not anymore working or it has been purposely reverted.

Although it has been introduced by the *Wetlands Supplement for Coastal Wetlands*, it is applicable in the *Software* to all soil types to report the complete excavation of SOM from the land (first 30 cm of depth of soils as per IPCC default). The *Software* thus applies the Stock Difference approach to calculate the SOC change by setting to zero (0) the value of SOC at time 2, SOC_{t2}.

⁹ Either as a Settlement (Other) or as a Wetlands Managed (Other Wetlands – *Coastal wetlands* user-specific shrimp pond)

¹⁰ Units of land with soil status *Extracted* not undergoing a conversion are reported by the Software in the relevant calculation worksheets. Although, given that an *Extracted* unit of land has 0 C stocks, no further C stock changes shall be estimated, unless a new conversion occur to a land use category with significant C stocks.

Soil status options do not apply evenly to all soil types under all land use sub-categories. Tables 1 to 5 show occurrence of soil types and possible soil statuses of those as available in the [Land Use Manager](#).

Table 1 shows *Soil status* options available for different *Soil Types*

Table 2 shows the occurrence of soils of *Organic* composition -with the exception of *Coastal Wetlands* soil- in each land use sub-category as well as which soil statuses those *Soil Types* can have under each land-use subcategory

Table 3 shows the occurrence of soils of *Mineral* composition -with the exception of *Inland Wetland* and *Coastal Wetlands* soil- in each land use sub-category as well as which soil statuses those *Soil Types* can have under each land-use subcategory

Table 4 shows the occurrence of *Inland Wetland* soil in each land use sub-category as well as which soil statuses *Inland Wetland* soils can have under each land-use subcategory:

Table 5 shows the occurrence of *Coastal Wetlands* soils in each land use sub-category as well as which soil statuses *Coastal Wetlands* soils can have under each land-use subcategory:

Table 1 Soil Status options of different soil types

Soil Status	Soil composition									
	Mineral ¹¹							Organic ¹²		Mixed
	Soil type									
	High Activity Clay	Low Activity Clay	Volcanic	Spodic	Sandy	Inland Wetland	any user-specific	Inland	any user-specific	Coastal Wetlands
No change in hydrology	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y	NR	Y	Y	Y
Drained	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	X	NA	Y	Y	Y
Rewetted	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	X	NA	Y	Y	Y
Extracted	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Y

NR - Although the option is available, it is Not Relevant for all soils of mineral composition, with the exception of *Inland Wetland* mineral soil.

Y - The option is Applicable.

NA - The option is Not Applicable.

1 - Any soil type can have *Extracted* status which simply means that the entire volume of SOM has been removed; associated SOC total loss is estimated in the relevant calculation worksheet **SOM (SD – Approaches 2&3)**, given the *Software* always applies the Stock-Difference method.

¹¹ All soils with *Mineral* composition have no *soil status* by default, or *Extracted* if selected from dropdown menu

¹² All soils with *Organic* or *Mixed* composition have *soil status* by default *Drained*, or *Extracted* if selected from dropdown menu.

Table 2 Occurrence and Soil Status options for Organic soils¹³

	Land use category													
	Forest land		Cropland		Grassland		Wetlands				Settlements		Other land	
	Managed	Unmanaged	Annual	Perennial	Managed	Unmanaged	Peatlands extraction	Flooded	Managed	Unmanaged	Treed	Other	Managed	Unmanaged
Occurrence	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y ^A	NO
Soil Status														
No change in hydrology	Y	Y	NA	NA	Y	Y	NA	Y	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NO
Drained	Y	NA	Y	Y	Y	NA	Y	NA	NA	NA	Y	Y	Y	
Rewetted	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Y	NA	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Extracted	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Y	NA	NA	Y	Y	

^A limited to units of land in conversion

Y - Soil type occurring, and Soil status option is Applicable;

NA - Soil type occurring but Soil status option is NOT Applicable

NO - Soil type NOT occurring so NO Soil status

Table 3 Occurrence and Soil Status options for Mineral soils¹⁴

	Land use category													
	Forest land		Cropland		Grassland		Wetlands				Settlements		Other land	
	Managed	Unmanaged	Annual	Perennial	Managed	Unmanaged	Peatlands extraction	Flooded	Managed	Unmanaged	Treed	Other	Managed	Unmanaged
Occurrence	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NO	Y	NO	NO	Y	Y	Y	NO
Soil Status														
No change in hydrology ^B	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NO	NA	NO	NO	NR	NR	NR	NO
Drained	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NA			NA	NA	NA	
Rewetted	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NA			NA	NA	NA	
Extracted	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		Y			NA	Y	Y	

^B With the exception of *Inland Wetland* soil type, this option is not informative for mineral soils although it is retained by the *Software* as a default option.

NR - Although the option is available, it is Not Relevant for all soils of mineral composition, with the exception of *Inland Wetland* mineral soil.

Y - *Soil type* occurring, and *Soil status* option is Applicable;

NA - *Soil type* occurring but *Soil status* option is NOT Applicable

NO - *Soil type* NOT occurring, so NO *Soil status*

¹³ excluding *Coastal Wetlands* soils

¹⁴ excluding *Inland Wetland* & *Coastal Wetlands*

Table 4 Occurrence and *Soil Status* options for *Inland Wetland* soil

	Land use category													
	Forest land		Cropland		Grassland		Wetlands				Settlements		Other land	
	<i>Managed</i>	<i>Unmanaged</i>	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Perennial</i>	<i>Managed</i>	<i>Unmanaged</i>	<i>Peatlands extraction</i>	<i>Flooded</i>	<i>Managed</i>	<i>Unmanaged</i>	<i>Treed</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Managed</i>	<i>Unmanaged</i>
Occurrence	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NO	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NO
Soil Status														
No change in hydrology ^c	Y	Y	NA	NA	Y	Y	NO	NA	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NO
Drained	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA		NA	NA	NA	Y	Y	Y	
Rewetted	Y	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA		NA	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Extracted	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		Y	Y	NA	NA	Y	Y	

Y - *Soil type* occurring, and *Soil status* option is Applicable;

NA - *Soil type* occurring but *Soil status* option is NOT Applicable

NO - *Soil type* NOT occurring, so NO *Soil status*

Table 5 Occurrence and *Soil Status* for *Coastal Wetlands* soils

	Land use category													
	Forest land		Cropland		Grassland		Wetlands				Settlements		Other land	
	<i>Managed</i>	<i>Unmanaged</i>	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Perennial</i>	<i>Managed</i>	<i>Unmanaged</i>	<i>Peatlands extraction</i>	<i>Flooded</i>	<i>Managed^c</i>	<i>Unmanaged^c</i>	<i>Treed</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Managed</i>	<i>Unmanaged</i>
Occurrence	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NO	NO	NO	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NO
Soil Status														
No change in hydrology	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	NO	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NO
Drained	Y	NA	Y	Y	Y				NA	NA	Y	Y	Y	
Rewetted	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA				Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Extracted	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA				Y	NA	NA	Y	Y	

^c Limited to *Other Wetlands* that are *Coastal Wetlands*.

Note: IPCC default values for GHG emissions/removals from *Coastal Wetlands* soils, provided for the aggregation of mineral and organic soils, are offered by the *Software* to *Coastal Wetlands* soils of mineral or organic composition.

According to the *soil status*, the *Software* populates units of land of the relevant subdivisions in the calculation worksheets of AFOLU categories for **Drainage** and **Rewetting** and **Extraction**, to calculate the relevant GHG as:

For CO₂:

➤ **3.B Land Use Categories:**

- ✓ SOM Organic Drained
- ✓ SOM Organic Rewetted
- ✓ SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3) → *Extraction*

For N₂O:

➤ **3.C.4 Managed soils:**

- ✓ Drainage of managed organic soils
- ✓ Rewetting of managed organic soils

For CH₄:

➤ **3.C.8 Drained Organic Soils**

➤ **3.C.9 Drainage Ditches**

➤ **3.C.10 Rewetting of Organic Soils**

➤ **3.C.11 Rewetting of Mangroves and Tidal marshes**

➤ **3.C.11 Rewetted and Created Wetlands in Inland Wetland Mineral Soils**


For more information see [Area Data Transfer to Calculation Worksheets](#).

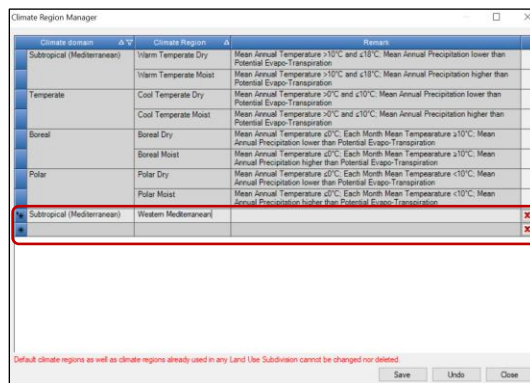
Climate Region

The *Software* provides in a dropdown menu the list of IPCC Climate Regions listed in Table 4.1 (AFOLU Volume, 2006 IPCC Guidelines). A partial snapshot is shown below:

Domain	Region
Tropical	Tropical Wet
	Tropical Moist
	Tropical Dry
	Tropical Montane
Subtropical (Mediterranean)	Warm Temperate Moist
	Warm Temperate Dry
Temperate	Cool Temperate Moist
	Cool Temperate Dry
Boreal	Boreal Moist
	Boreal Dry
Polar	Polar Moist
	Polar Dry

The selection of the *Climate Region* determines the IPCC default values that the *Software* populates in the dropdown menus of the parameters.

By clicking on the symbol  users open a dialog tab where user-specific climate regions can be entered:



In subdivisions with a user-specific climate region the *Software* does not provide IPCC default values in the dropdown menu of relevant parameters.

Land use subdivision mask, bottom section

Hereafter the bottom section of the mask for each land use subcategory is shown with guidance for the data compilation. As a general rule, where applicable, the *Software* provides in a dropdown menu the IPCC default values applicable to the subdivision, while users can always enter their own user-specific values regardless the provision by the *Software* of the IPCC default value.

Parameters populating the mask are limited to those needed to estimate C stock change. Although, not necessarily all parameters needed to estimate C stock changes are populated in the mask, instead data on additional parameters are to be entered directly into the calculation worksheets; this also allow more flexibility to deal with rapidly changing parameters of units of land.

Parameters to estimate non-CO₂ emissions are generally entered directly in the calculation worksheets.

Finally, parameters in black ink are needed for Tier 1, although can be used at higher tiers too, while parameters in blue ink are needed for Tier 2, either in substitution of Tier 1 parameters or additionally to those.

Note that in *Managed Forest land*, the parameters *Growing stock level* and *BCEFr* although in blue ink applies to Tier 1 *Gain&Loss* method and therefore values shall be always entered.

Common parameter across Land use subcategories:

Given conversion of land use and/or management occurs between land subdivisions with same combination of *Soil Type* and *Climate Region*, and given that the **Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOC_{ref})**, depends on the combination of *Soil Type* and *Climate Region*, **users shall enter in every subdivision of a determined combination of *Soil Type* and *Climate Region* the same identical value of SOC_{ref}.**

Value to be entered in the **Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOC_{ref})** can be:

- ✓ either selected in the dropdown menu -i.e. IPCC default value- for the combination of mineral *Soil Type* and *Climate Region* selected
- ✓ or entered in the relevant field.

Notes:

- ✓ In unmanaged land, SOC_{REF} is not further adjusted through stock-change factors since no management occurs/occurred.
- ✓ Given SOC_{REF} is soil-type-specific, the value selected/entered for a land-use type is automatically applied by the *Software* to all other land-use types with the same soil type.
- ✓ This parameter is not provided for subdivisions that have instead soils of Organic composition.

Further Note: Although a data entry for all parameters is not needed to allow the *Software* to compile the relevant Calculation worksheets in category **3.B**, those needed as minimum are presented by the *Software* already precompiled.

Age Class and *Growing stock level* parameters in *Managed Forest land* do **exception to this rule**. Indeed, those are presented blank by the *Software* although require a value, at Tier 1, to allow the *Software* to populate the relevant IPCC default values in the dropdown menu of other parameters; in particular, the selection of:

- ✓ the *Age Class* value determines the IPCC default values present in the dropdown menu of parameters *Aboveground biomass stock* and *Aboveground biomass growth* (see *Managed Forest land* for further information on *Age Class*).
- ✓ the *Growing stock level* value determines the IPCC default values present in the dropdown menu of parameters *Biomass expansion factor of annual net increment to above-ground biomass increment* and *Biomass conversion and expansion factor for standing stock* and *Biomass conversion and expansion factor for wood and fuelwood removal*. (see *Managed Forest land* for further information on *Age Class*)

Forest land

Forest land subdivisions have 3 specific parameters to be entered:

Ecological zone, the dropdown menu presents the IPCC default zones, as shown in the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* figure 4.1, relevant for the climate region selected. Users can enter a user-specific species by selecting *User-defined*, see below.

Species, the dropdown menu presents the list of species for which IPCC provides default values for parameters to be entered in the mask. Users can enter a user-specific species by selecting *User-defined*, see below.

This parameter does not necessarily require entering a tree species, it can more likely be used to enter forest types e.g. *Laurisilva*.

Land mass is active only for Asian countries since the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* tables 4.7 and 4.9 provides different default values for Asia (Continental) vs Asia (Insular); thus, accordingly to the territory to be inventoried users shall select among *Insular* or *Continental* or *Unspecified*. The selection of *Insular* or *Continental* determines that the *Software* provides associated IPCC default values in the dropdown of parameters Aboveground biomass stock and Aboveground biomass growth. While selecting *Unspecified* both sets of IPCC default values are present in the dropdown menu of those parameters.

Unmanaged Forest land

Since C stock changes in unmanaged land are considered not anthropogenic, parameters to be entered in the bottom portion of the land use subdivision mask defines the biomass C stock that, in case of conversion to other land uses can be lost. In particular:

- Aboveground biomass stock, the dropdown menu provides IPCC default value, if available, although users can enter their own data. It applies to Tier 1 only. In case a value is entered in *Growing stock level* [i.e. entered in the field without the dropdown menu] then this parameter is greyed out, and data enter is not allowed; although the *Software* calculates the *Aboveground biomass stock* as the product of the *Growing stock level* by the *Biomass conversion and expansion factor for standing stock* or by $BEF2 * D$.
- Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass, the dropdown menu provides IPCC default value, if available, although users can enter their own data. It applies to all tiers.
- Biomass carbon fraction, the dropdown menu provides IPCC default value, although users can enter their own data. It applies to all tiers.
- Growing stock level, the dropdown menu provides IPCC default value, although users can enter their own data in the field next to it. The *Growing stock level* is also used by the *Software* to select the relevant BCEF value to present in the dropdown menu, if available.
This means that it is a needed parameter at Tier 1 too, although presented in blue ink.
- Biomass conversion and expansion factor for standing stock, the dropdown menu provides IPCC default value, if available, although users can enter their own data. It can be either *Specified*, and in such a case the value is entered in the field, or *Calculated* as $BEF2 * D$ and consequently values of *Basic wood density* and of *Biomass expansion factor of merchantable volume to above-ground biomass* are to be entered.
- Basic wood density, if $BEF2 * D$ is selected for *Biomass conversion and expansion factor for standing stock*, then a value is to be entered by users; otherwise is left blank.
- Biomass expansion factor of merchantable volume to above-ground biomass, if $BEF2 * D$ is selected for *Biomass conversion and expansion factor for standing stock*, then a value is to be entered by users; otherwise is left blank.

Tier 3, depending on data used, is to be accommodated in the above listed variables.

Managed Forest land

The screenshot shows the 'Land Use Manager' software interface. On the left is a tree view with 'Managed Forest Land' selected. The main window is titled 'Land use subdivision - common parameters' and 'Land use subdivision - Managed Forest Land specific parameters'. The 'Common parameters' section includes 'Land use subdivision name' (Managed secondary), 'Soil Type' (Low Activity Clay Mineral), 'Soil Status' (No change in hydrology), 'Country/Territory' (World), 'Continent' (World), and 'Climate Region' (Warm Temperate Dry). The 'Specific parameters' section includes 'Ecological zone' (Subtropical dry forest), 'Species' (User-defined, laursilva), 'Natural Forest' (checked), and 'Abandoned managed land' (unchecked). Below these are various biomass and growth parameters with dropdown menus and input fields, such as 'Above-ground biomass stock' (336.840), 'Above-ground net biomass growth' (3.864), and 'Mean annual increment of growing stock' (4.600). At the bottom, there are 'Relative C stock change factors' for Land use (FLU), Management (FMG), and Input (FI), all set to 1.000. Buttons for 'Add', 'Copy', 'Delete', 'Save', 'Undo', and 'Close' are visible.

Natural Forest vs **Plantation** given that the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* provide different default values for Plantations for the following parameters: *Above-ground biomass*, *Above-ground net biomass growth*, *Mean Annual Increment*; selecting the forest typology allows the *Software* to populate the dropdowns of those parameters with relevant IPCC default values.

Abandoned managed land, is relevant for reporting under the UNFCCC with non-Annex I Reporting Tables 1 and 2 ([Decision 17/CP.8](#)). Thus, it is to be checked if the subdivision is a formerly managed land and only if users wish to use such reporting tables; otherwise, leave it unchecked.

Note: Do not check this box if you are using the *Software* to generate a JSON file to upload data into the UNFCCC ETF reporting tool.

Additionally to parameters described for *Unmanaged Forest land*, *Managed Forest land* requires the following parameters:

- **Age class**, the dropdown menu provides IPCC default age classification in *older than 20-year* and *from 0 to 20 years*, which selection determines the IPCC default values that the *Software* populates in the dropdown menus of the biomass stand and biomass growth parameters.

Age class (yr)	Remark
≤20 y	
>20 y	
Unspecified	
User-defined range	

Otherwise, users can select *Unspecified* or *User-defined range*. For the latter, users enter, in the next field the user-defined range, e.g.:

The screenshot shows the 'Age class (yr)' dropdown menu with 'User-defined range' selected. Next to it is an input field containing the text '61-80 year'.

The selection of a non-IPCC age class -i.e. *Unspecified* or *User-defined*- prevents IPCC default values from being present in the dropdown menu of parameters *Aboveground biomass stock* and *Aboveground biomass growth*.

Age Class applies to all tiers.

- **Aboveground biomass growth**, the dropdown menu provides IPCC default value, if available, although users can enter their own data. It applies to Tier 1 only, thus in case a value is entered in *Mean Annual Increment* then this parameter is greyed out, and no data enter is allowed; although the *Software* calculates the *Aboveground biomass growth* as the product of the *Mean Annual Increment* by the *Biomass conversion and expansion factor for increment* or by $BEF1 * D$.

- Mean Annual Increment, the value to enter is the increment¹⁵, either the current increment, the average current increment, or the mean increment, where all correspond to the gross increment minus the natural background mortality¹⁶.
- Biomass conversion and expansion factor for increment, the dropdown menu provides IPCC default value, if available, although users can enter their own data. It can be either *Specified*, and in such a case users enter the value in the field next to it, or *Calculated* as $BEF1 * D$ and consequently users enter values of *Basic wood density* and of *Biomass expansion factor of annual net increment to above-ground biomass increment*.
- Biomass expansion factor of annual net increment to above-ground biomass increment, if $BEF1 * D$ is selected for *Biomass conversion and expansion factor for standing stock*, then users enter the value otherwise is left blank.
- Biomass conversion and expansion factor for wood and fuelwood removal, the dropdown menu provides IPCC default value, if available, although users can enter their own data. It can be either *Specified*, and in such a case the value is entered in the field next to it, or *Calculated* as $BEF2 * D$ and consequently values of *Basic wood density* and of *Biomass expansion factor of merchantable volume to above-ground biomass* are to be entered.
 This means that it is a needed parameter at Tier 1 too (*Gain&Loss* method), although presented in blue ink. Note that users can instead enter data for $BEF2$ and D .
- Relative C stock change factors, at Tier 1 are by IPCC default all equal to 1, given that forest SOC is considered to be the reference for all other land use categories. Users can enter a user-specific value according to data collected.
Note: In Forest land the F_{LU} stock-change factor is used to adjust SOC by the natural disturbance regime¹⁷ i.e. F_D .
 Tier 3, depending on data used, is to be accommodated in the above listed variables.

¹⁵ The type of increment likely depends on the breadth of age class

¹⁶ This does not include mortality/losses caused by disturbances

¹⁷ See page Tier 2 for SOC mineral at page 4.24, Volume 4 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines

Cropland

Cropland methods provided by IPCC significantly differ depending on the type of biomass present in the land. Thus, Cropland is subdivided into 2 subcategories, one dealing with that land with annual biomass only the other one dealing with land with perennial biomass, although the latter subcategory may also include an annual biomass component.

Annual Cropland

Land use subdivision - common parameters

Land use subdivision name

Soil Type

Soil Status

Country/Territory

Continent

Climate Region

Land use subdivision - Annual Crops specific parameters

Rice ecosystem

Herbaceous biomass C fraction (t C / t d.m.)

Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R) (t root C / t shoot C)

Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOCref) (t C / ha)

Relative C stock change factors

Land use (FLU)

Tillage (FMG)

Input (FI)

Rice ecosystem is to be checked in order to instruct the *Software* to report units of land with the rice ecosystem subdivision in relevant worksheets for 3.C.7 (*Rice Cultivation*).

Herbaceous biomass can be entered either in *tonne of C* per hectare, and in such a case the IPCC default value can be selected from the drop-down menu -although a user-specific value can either be entered-, or in *tonne of dry matter* per hectare.

Herbaceous biomass C fraction (t C / t d.m.)

Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R) (t root C / t shoot C)

In the latter case, there is not an IPCC default value and the C fraction of dry matter is to be enter, see below:

Herbaceous biomass C fraction (t C / t d.m.)

For all other parametes see [Managed Forest land](#).

Tier 3, depending on data used, is to be accommodated in the above listed variables.

Perennial Cropland

Cropland type provides IPCC default types of perennial crop systems. Users can enter a user-specific species by selecting *User-defined*, see below.

Woody biomass can be entered either in *tonne of C* per hectare or in *tonne of dry matter* per hectare.

In the latter case, the C fraction of dry matter is to be entered as well, see below:

The value to be entered as *Woody biomass* is the total biomass at maturity (i.e. before the final harvest). If a value is entered in *Woody biomass*, then no values shall be entered in: *Age class*.

Alternatively, instead of entering the value of *Woody biomass*, users enter values for *Age class*, and for the parameters *Perennial biomass carbon accumulation rate* and the *Harvest/Maturity cycle* following parameters:

- Age class, users first select “User defined”, then enter a single value in the field.
- Perennial biomass carbon accumulation rate, to ensure mass conservation, it is to be calculated as
$$= \frac{\text{Woody biomass (t C ha}^{-1}\text{)}}{\text{Harvest/Maturity cycle (yrs)}}$$
 and its unit is thus t C ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹.
- Harvest/Maturity cycle, the dropdown menu provides IPCC default value, if available, although users can enter their own value.

Note: if a value is entered for the *Age class*, then the *Software* grays out the field of *Woody biomass*, although it calculates its value, which is shown in grey in the field, as the *Perennial biomass carbon accumulation rate* multiplied by the *Age class*.

Agroforestry is to be checked if an annual biomass component is to be added to the estimates. For parameters of annual biomass component see [Annual Cropland](#).

For all other parameters see [Managed Forest land](#).

Tier 3, depending on data used, is to be accommodated in the above listed variables.

Grassland

Different types of vegetation can be classified under Grassland, ranging from land covered by grass only and managed, e.g. pastures, to land with significant woody vegetation that, although does not meet the forest thresholds, largely determines the C dynamic of the land.

Unmanaged Grassland

Land use subdivision - common parameters

Land use subdivision name:

Soil Type:

Soil Status:

Country/Territory:

Continent:

Climate Region:

Land use subdivision - Unmanaged Grassland specific parameters

Vegetation type:

Herbaceous biomass (t d.m. / ha):

Ratio of below-ground herbaceous biomass to above-ground herbaceous biomass (R) (t root d.m. / t shoot d.m.):

Carbon fraction of herbaceous biomass dry matter (t C / t d.m.):

Woody biomass (t d.m. / ha):

Ratio of below-ground woody biomass to above-ground woody biomass (R) (t root d.m. / t shoot d.m.):

Carbon fraction of woody biomass dry matter (t C / t d.m.):

Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOC_{REF}) (t C / ha):

Vegetation type is to be selected from a dropdown menu containing IPCC default types corresponding to the climate region selected.

Vegetation type	Ratio BGB to AGB (R) (t d.m. BGB / t d.m. AGB)	N	Error
Woodland	0.500	19.000	±50%
Savannah	0.500	19.000	±50%
Shrubland	2.800	9.000	±144%

The selection of the vegetation type determines the value of the *root-to-shoot ratio* the *Software* shows in the relevant fields (either for *annual biomass* or for *perennial biomass*), although users can overwrite that default value with their own data.

For all other parameters for annual biomass see [Annual Cropland](#), while for those of woody biomass see [Perennial Cropland](#). Tier 3, depending on data used, is to be accommodated in the above listed variables.

Note: As with [Unmanaged Forest land](#), the *Reference soil organic carbon stock* (SOC_{REF}) is not further adjusted through stock-change factors since no management occurs.

Managed Grassland

Land use subdivision - common parameters	
Land use subdivision name	<input type="text"/>
Soil Type	High Activity Clay Mineral
Soil Status	Natural
Country/Territory	Italy
Continent	Europe
Climate Region	<input type="text"/>
Land use subdivision - Managed Grassland specific parameters	
Vegetation type	<input type="text"/>
Improved grassland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abandoned managed land	<input type="checkbox"/>
Herbaceous biomass (t d.m. / ha)	0.000
Ratio of below-ground herbaceous biomass to above-ground herbaceous biomass (R) (t root d.m./t shoot d.m.)	<input type="text"/>
Carbon fraction of herbaceous biomass dry matter (t C / t d.m.)	0.470
Woody biomass (t d.m. / ha)	0.000
Age class (yr)	Unspecified
Woody biomass accumulation rate (G) (t d.m. / ha / yr)	<input type="text"/>
Ratio of below-ground woody biomass to above-ground woody biomass (R) (t root d.m./t shoot d.m.)	<input type="text"/>
Carbon fraction of woody biomass dry matter (t C / t d.m.)	0.470
Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOCref) (t C / ha)	0.000
Relative C stock change factors	
Land use (FLU)	1.000
Management (FMG)	1.000
Input (FI)	0.000

Improved grassland is to be checked if the subdivision is subject to additional input of organic matter, e.g. manure and/or sludge application. Otherwise, FI is greyed out and any data entry from users is not allowed.

Abandoned managed land, is relevant for reporting under the UNFCCC with non-Annex I Reporting Tables 1 and 2 ([Decision 17/CP.8](#)). Thus, it is to be checked if the subdivision is a formerly managed land and only if users wish to use such reporting tables; otherwise, leave it unchecked.

Note: Do not check this box if you are using the *Software* to generate a JSON file to upload data into the UNFCCC ETF reporting tool.

Differently¹⁸ than in [Unmanaged Grassland](#), in [Managed Grassland](#) users can enter data for the parameters *Age class* and *Woody biomass accumulation rate* instead of for *Woody biomass*. While if *Woody biomass* is entered the *Age class* and *Woody biomass accumulation rate* fields will remain greyed.

Age class (yr)	User-defined value	Value	<input type="text"/>
Woody biomass accumulation rate (G) (t d.m. / ha / yr)	<input type="text"/>		

- [Age class](#), users first select “User defined”, then enter a single value in the next field;
- [Woody biomass accumulation rate](#), is the average net accumulation¹⁹ of carbon during the time period determined by the *Age class* value entered. Accordingly, if a value is entered for *Age class* then the *Software* grays out the field of *Woody biomass*, although it calculates a value, which is shown in grey in the field, as the *Woody biomass accumulation rate* multiplied by the *Age class*.

Note: Given that unlimited accumulation of biomass is not possible, this parameter is an active parameter only if the *Age-class* is entered. Further, if a *Woody biomass accumulation rate* is entered then biomass losses shall also be estimated in the relevant calculation worksheet [Biomass change \(G&L\)](#).

For all other parameters for annual biomass and SOC see [Annual Cropland](#), while for those of perennial biomass see [Perennial Cropland](#).

Tier 3, depending on data used, is to be accommodated in the above listed variables.

¹⁸ This corresponds to a Tier 2 IPCC methodological approach

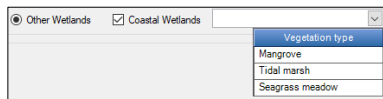
¹⁹ Gross increment minus mortality

Wetlands

IPCC disaggregates *Wetlands* in four types:

- **Peatlands under peat extraction**
- **Peatlands abandoned (former extraction)**
- **Flooded land**
- **Other Wetlands**, including **Coastal Wetlands**

For *Coastal Wetlands* types, users first check **Other Wetlands** box and then check **Coastal Wetlands** box, and select the vegetation type. For *Managed Wetlands* only users can enter a user-specific vegetation type:



While *Peatlands under peat extraction*, *Peatlands abandoned (former extraction)*, *Flooded land* are always managed systems, *Other Wetlands* may include unmanaged and managed land.

Soil types can be applied to subdivisions of *Wetlands* as shown in Tables 6 and 7 below.

Table 6 possible soil types and soil statuses under managed *Wetlands* subdivisions

Soil Status	Soil composition				
	Mineral		Organic		Mixed
	Soil type				
	Inland Wetland ²⁰	<i>any user-specific</i>	Inland	<i>any user-specific</i>	Coastal Wetlands
	Soil Status				
Peatlands under peat extraction	NA	NA	Drained		NA
Peatlands abandoned (former extraction)	NA	NA	Drained or Rewetted		NA
Flooded land	NA or Extracted ^{20,21}		NA or Extracted ²¹		NA or Extracted ²¹
Other Wetlands	No change in hydrology Rewetted Extracted	NA	No change in hydrology Rewetted Extracted	No change in hydrology Rewetted Extracted	NA
Other Wetlands: ----- Coastal Wetlands	NA	NA	NA	NA	No change in hydrology Rewetted Extracted

Table 7 possible soil types and soil statuses under unmanaged *Wetlands* subdivisions

Soil Status	Soil composition				
	Mineral		Organic		Mixed
	Soil type				
	Inland Wetland	<i>any user-specific</i>	Inland	<i>any user-specific</i>	Coastal Wetlands
	Soil Status				
Other Wetlands	No change in hydrology	NA	No change in hydrology	No change in hydrology	NA
Other Wetlands: ----- Coastal Wetlands	NA	NA	NA	NA	No change in hydrology

²⁰ For *Flooded land* any mineral soil type can be applied

²¹ Where the land is converted to flooded land, SOM may first be removed

Unmanaged Wetlands

Unmanaged Wetlands can occur under only one of the land subdivision types: **Other Wetlands**, although *soil composition* can be *mineral*, *organic* or *mixed*. Parameters differ according to the soil composition:

- ✓ Mineral composition, for which *SOC_{ref}* is needed:

Land use subdivision - common parameters

Land use subdivision name:

Country/Territory: World

Soil Type: **Inland Wetland Mineral**

Continent: World

Soil Status: No change in hydrology

Climate Region:

Land use subdivision - Unmanaged Wetlands specific parameters

Type

Other Wetlands

Above-ground biomass stock (t d.m. / ha)

Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R) (t root d.m. / t shoot d.m.)

Carbon fraction of biomass dry matter (t C / t d.m.)

Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOC_{ref}) (t C / ha) 0.000

- ✓ Organic composition, for which *SOC_{ref}* is not needed:

Land use subdivision - common parameters

Land use subdivision name:

Country/Territory: World

Soil Type: **Inland Organic**

Continent: World

Soil Status: No change in hydrology

Climate Region:

Nutrient content: Unspecified

Land use subdivision - Unmanaged Wetlands specific parameters

Type

Other Wetlands

Above-ground biomass stock (t d.m. / ha)

Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R) (t root d.m. / t shoot d.m.)

Carbon fraction of biomass dry matter (t C / t d.m.)

For parameters for biomass see [Unmanaged Forest land](#).

Depending on the soil type selected the mask shows a different parameter.

For *Inland Organic* soils no *Reference SOC* is needed.

For *Wetland Mineral* soils the *Reference SOC* that, likewise [Unmanaged Forest land](#), is not further adjusted through stock-change factors since no management occurs.

Type is not to be selected since there is only one *Wetlands* type in [Unmanaged Wetlands](#).

Tier 3, depending on data used, is to be accommodated in the above listed variables.

Managed Wetlands

Depending on the Wetlands type selected the mask shows a different set of parameters.

Type is to be selected from the dropdown menu among 4 IPCC types. Type selection determines what type of activities is reported and thus what relevant parameter

s are provided in the mask.

- [Peatlands under extraction](#) where the 2 parameters are mutually exclusive (users have to compile one of the two):

- ✓ [Carbon fraction of air-dry peat by weight](#), the dropdown menu provides IPCC default values, if available, although users can enter their own data.

- ✓ [Carbon fraction of air-dry peat by volume](#), the dropdown menu provides IPCC default values, if available, although users can enter their own data.

- [Peatlands abandoned \(former extraction\)](#) where 5 relevant parameters are provided to be compiled only if users wish to estimate vegetation re-installment after abandonment:

The first three: *Above-ground biomass stock*, *Age class* and *Woody biomass accumulation rate* are correlated to each other. Indeed, users can either enter the *Above-ground biomass stock* or the *Age class* and *Above-ground biomass accumulation rate*.

If *Above-ground biomass stock* is entered the *Age class* and *Above-ground biomass accumulation rate* fields will remain greyed.

Otherwise,

- ✓ [Age class](#), users first select “User defined”, then enter a single value in the next field;

- ✓ [Above-ground biomass accumulation rate](#), is the average net accumulation²² of carbon during the time period determined by the *Age class* value entered. Accordingly, if a value is entered for *Age class* then the *Software* grays out the field of *Above-ground biomass stock*, although it calculates a value, which is shown in grey in the field, as the *Above-ground biomass accumulation rate* multiplied by the *Age class*.

Above-ground biomass stock (t d.m. / ha)	45.000
Age class (yr)	User-defined value
Value	15
Above-ground biomass accumulation rate (t d.m. / ha)	3.000

Note: Given that unlimited accumulation of biomass is not possible, this parameter is an active parameter only if the *Age-class value* is entered. Further, if an *Above-ground biomass accumulation rate* is entered then biomass losses shall also be estimated in the relevant calculation worksheet **Biomass change (G&L)**.

The final two parameters are the *Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass*, to be entered directly by users, and the *carbon fraction of biomass dry matter*, where users may select from the dropdown or enter user-specific information.

Note: units of land that are [Peatlands abandoned](#) are mapped:

- to *Peat extraction remaining Peat extraction* or to *Land converted to Peat extraction* (if the land is still undergoing a conversion), if the *Soil status* is *Drained*
- to *Other Wetlands remaining Other Wetlands* or to *Land converted to Other Wetlands* (if the land is still undergoing a conversion), if the *Soil status* is *Revetted*

➤ [Flooded land](#) does not entail calculation of C stock changes, so no parameters are needed:

➤ [Other Wetlands](#):

²² Gross increment minus mortality

If *Inland Wetland mineral* soil is selected, the SOC stock change factors have to be entered. IPCC does not provide default values for SOC stock change factors in *Managed Wetlands*, although guidance for land under conversions is provided in Chapter 5 of the *Wetlands Supplement*.

Note: Chapter 5 of the *Wetlands Supplement* provides refined SOC_{REF} values for *Inland Wetland mineral* soil as well as revised values for Carbon-Stock-Change factors dedicated to *Inland Wetland mineral* soil.

If *Coastal Wetlands* soil is selected, no values for SOC parameters have to be entered.

Note: Table 4.11 of the *Wetlands Supplement* provides SOC values for Coastal Wetlands according to the vegetation type.

For biomass parameters see [Peatlands abandoned \(former extraction\)](#).

Settlements

IPCC provides methodological guidance to estimate biomass C stock changes at Tier 2 only ([Equations 8.2 and 8.3](#)). While SOC change estimates, at Tier 1 and 2, depend on the proportion of land that is:

- paved
- covered by turfgrass
- cultivated
- treed

Thus, the *Software* has 2 subcategories for *Settlements*:

- [Settlements \(Treed\)](#)
- [Settlements \(Other\)](#)

[Settlements \(Treed\)](#) encompasses the portion covered by trees only²³, while [Settlements \(Other\)](#) encompasses the other 3 land cover types.

Thus, users shall share the total area of settlement between the 2 subcategories and for the subcategory [Settlements \(Other\)](#) users shall further estimate the proportion of area covered by each of the non-tree cover types.

²³ It does not include other land cover types mixed within trees.

Settlements (Treed)

Land use subdivision - common parameters

Land use subdivision name:

Soil Type: High Activity Clay Mineral

Soil Status: No change in hydrology

Country/Territory: World

Continent: World

Climate Region:

Land use subdivision - Treed Settlements specific parameters

Above-ground biomass stock (t d.m. / ha):

Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R) (t root d.m./t shoot d.m.):

Carbon fraction of biomass dry matter (t C / t d.m.):

Active growing period (AGP) (yr):

Number of crown cover classes or individual woody plant classes: 1

Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOCref) (t C / ha): 0.000

Relative C stock change factors

Land use (FLU): 1.000

Management (FMG): 1.000

Input (FI): 1.000

Parameters specific for this subdivision are:

- [Age class](#) intends to distinguish those treed land where trees are still in an active growing period (AGP), parameter for which IPCC assumes a 20-years default, and those that are not. For those that are in an active growing period -i.e. Age class ≤ AGP- the net growth is to be estimated in the relevant worksheet, for those that are not -i.e. Age class > AGP- no biomass changes are to be estimated.

Age class (yr)	Unspecified	ΔCG(T2B)
Method (AGP) (yr)	Age class (yr)	Remark
Woody plant classes	Unspecified	
	>AGP	
	≤AGP	

Where *Unspecified* is selected, the *Software* allows an unlimited carbon accumulation in the biomass C pool for the *Gain&Loss* method, thus *Unspecified* is to be selected only if the *Stock-Difference* method is applied to the biomass C pool to the unit of land under this land subdivision.

- [Active growing period](#), users can select the IPCC default value -i.e. 20 years- from dropdown or enter their user-specific value.
- [Number of crown cover or individual woody plant classes](#) both IPCC equations -8.2 and 8.3) calculate biomass C stock changes as the sum of stock changes occurring on a subset of the tree population i.e. the class. The use of classes deals with variability in growth rates among different sub-population (e.g. different age for same tree species) or differences in the tree species or group of species.

Users have three variables: *land subdivision*, *age class*, *number of crown cover or individual woody plant classes* to deal with variability in the net accumulation rate, although the *Gain&Loss* method allows to estimate net C gain only and only until the vegetation achieve its long-term biomass C stock. Thus, where losses are to be estimated the *Stock-Difference* method is to be applied between C stock estimates at time 1 and a time 2, where C stock at time 2 is to be calculated by users -the *Software* does not implement such calculation of C stock at time 2- as C stock at time 1 plus C stock gains between time 1 and 2 minus C stock losses between time 1 and 2.

- For [Settlements \(Treed\)](#) the Tier 1 value for all Relative SOC change factors provided in the *Software* is equal to 1 for F_{LU} and F_{MG} while for F_I the value of , users can enter any alternative value.

For all other parameters for biomass see [Managed Wetlands](#).

Tier 3, depending on data used, is to be accommodated in the above listed variables.

Settlements (Other)

Land use subdivision - common parameters	
Land use subdivision name	<input type="text"/>
Soil Type	High Activity Clay Mineral
Soil Status	No change in hydrology
Country/Territory	World
Continent	World
Climate Region	<input type="text"/>
Land use subdivision - Other Settlements specific parameters	
Above-ground biomass stock (t d.m. / ha) <input type="text"/>	
Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R) (t root d.m./t shoot d.m.) <input type="text"/>	
Carbon fraction of biomass dry matter (t C / t d.m.) <input type="text"/>	
Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOCref) (t C / ha) <input type="text" value="0.000"/>	
Cultivated	
Proportion of the area that is cultivated (%) <input type="text"/>	
Relative C stock change factors	
Land use (FLU)	1.000
Management (FMG)	1.000
Input (FI)	1.000
Turfgrass	
Proportion of the area covered by turfgrass (%) <input type="text"/>	
Relative C stock change factors	
Land use (FLU)	1.000
Management (FMG)	1.000
Input (FI)	1.000
Paved	
Proportion of the area paved (%) <input type="text"/>	
Relative C stock change factors	
Land use (FLU)	0.800
Management (FMG)	0.800
Input (FI)	0.800

Parameters specific for this subdivision are:

- Proportion of the area that is cultivated, Proportion of the area covered by turfgrass, Proportion of the area paved data entered shall sum up to 100%.

Users can instead apportion the area of non-treed settlements among three subdivisions²⁴ each of one dealing with a single land cover, and thus assign 100% to the proportion of the relevant land cover.

- For *Settlements (Other)* the IPCC Tier 1 values of the *Relative SOC change factors* are:
 - ✓ For *Cultivated*, are those for *Cropland*²⁵, with no-till F_{MG} values and F_I equal to 1
 - ✓ For *Turfgrass*, are those for *Improved Grassland*²⁶ with no-till F_{MG} values and F_I equal to 1
 - ✓ For *Paved*, the product of F_{LU} , F_{MG} and F_I is 0.8 times the corresponding product for the previous land use and/or management (i.e., 20% of SOC of previous land use and/or management will be lost as a result of disturbance, removal or relocation of soil).

The current version of the *Software* does not have the capacity to compile the Relative SOC change factors as 0.8 of those of the previous land subdivision. To deal with this, the only option currently available is to create *land-conversion-specific* subdivisions for *Paved* areas in *Settlements (Other)*, in such a way the F_{LU} , F_{MG} and F_I can be entered as 80% of the value of the previous subdivision. For example, a subdivision named *forest land converted to paved land* has the value of 0.8 for each of the 3 *Relative SOC change factors*.

For all other parameters for biomass see [Managed Wetlands](#).

Tier 3, depending on data used, is to be accommodated in the above listed variables.

²⁴ E.g. “paved”, “turfgrass”, “cultivated”

²⁵ AFOLU Table 5.5 – F_{LU} value according to climate regions: Temperate/Boreal Dry = 0.80; Temperate/Boreal Moist = 0.69 Tropical Dry = 0.58; Tropical Moist/Wet = 0.48; Tropical montane = 0.64; F_{MG} = value according to climate regions: Temperate/Boreal Dry = 1.10; Temperate/Boreal Moist = 1.15; Tropical Dry = 1.17; Tropical Moist/Wet = 1.22; Tropical montane = 1.16

²⁶ AFOLU Table 6.2 – F_{LU} = 1; F_{MG} = value according to climate regions: Temperate/Boreal = 1.14; Tropical = 1.17; Tropical montane = 1.16

Other land

It includes all land without significant C stocks. This means that *Other land remaining Other land* has no significant C stock changes and thus the *Software* does not provide any calculation worksheets for category 3.B.6.a.; furthermore, every conversion to *Other land* results in the complete loss of C stocks resident in the land according to its previous use and/or management. Note that for organic soils, such a complete loss can be modelled through *Drained* soils status (by selecting in *Land Unit Parameter* the *IPCC default* method for *SOM organic*) or more efficiently through a stock-difference loss of the entire SOC (by selecting in *Land Unit Parameter* the *Stock difference* method for *SOM organic*).

Note: *Coastal Wetlands* soils under *Other land* are always *extracted* (no alternative *soil status* available)

Unmanaged Other land

Managed Other land

Given that *Other land* has not significant resident C stocks, no C stock parameters are present in the *Unmanaged Other land* mask as well as in the *Managed Other land* mask.

Land use subdivision - common parameters			
Land use subdivision name	<input type="text"/>	Country/Territory	World
Soil Type	<input type="text"/>	Continent	World
Soil Status	No change in hydrology	Climate Region	<input type="text"/>

Land use subdivision - Unmanaged Other Land specific parameters

Reporting requirement for C pools at Tier 1 and Tier 2

Table 8 Mandatory C pools as per Tier 1 or Tier 2 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines

C pool		Forest land		Cropland		Grassland		Wetlands		Settlements		Other land	
		R	C	R	C	R	C	R	C	R	C	R	C
Biomass	Aboveground	X	X	X ²	X	X	X	---	X	X	X		X
	Belowground	X ¹	X	X ²	X	X	X	---	X	X	X		X
DOM	Dead Wood	X	X ³	X	X ³	X	X ³	---	X ³	X	X ³		X ³
	Litter	X	X	X	X ⁴	X	X ⁴	---	X ⁴	X	X ⁴		X ⁴
Soil Organic Matter	mineral	X	X	X	X	X	X	---	---	X	X		X
	organic ^{5,6}	X	X	X	X	X	X	X ⁷	X ^{7,8}	X	X		X
Harvested Wood Product		X											

A **black X** indicates that according to Tier 1 C stock changes in the relevant C pool are to be estimated, and a **blue X** indicates those C stock changes to be additionally estimated according to Tier 2. Tier 3 applied to any C pool in any land use category requires users to estimate annual C stock changes in that C pool (either as net change between times or as a sum of all gains and losses).

R indicates subcategories where land is not undergoing a change in use, while **C** indicates those where land is undergoing a change.

Notes: 1. although IPCC provides default values of **R** (root:to:shoot ratio) and so users may estimate changes in belowground biomass at Tier 1 too; 2. limited to perennial biomass; 3. Given that the 2006 IPCC Guidelines do not provide default values for Dead Wood users estimate changes in Dead Wood at Tier 2 or 3 only; 4. Limited to conversion from forest land; 5. where organic soils are drained, IPCC default method applies; 6. the Wetlands Supplement extends IPCC default methodology to revegetated soils; 7. including due to peat extraction; 8. the Wetlands Supplement extends to those soils in Coastal Wetlands that are a mix of mineral and organic origin

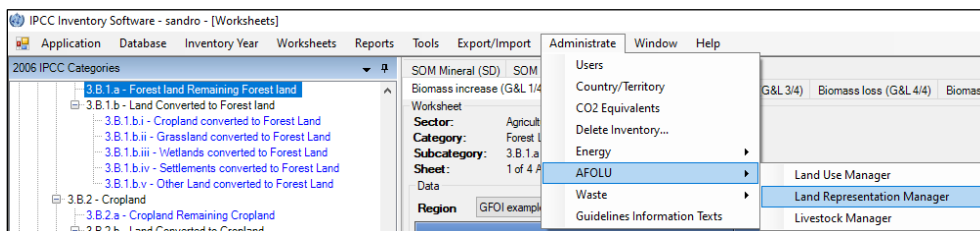
Note: Failing in reporting C stock changes for those C pools for which 2006 IPCC Guidelines provides a Tier 1 method impairs completeness of reporting and is to be noted as “NE” (Not Estimated) in the reporting tables.

Land Representation Manager (LRM)

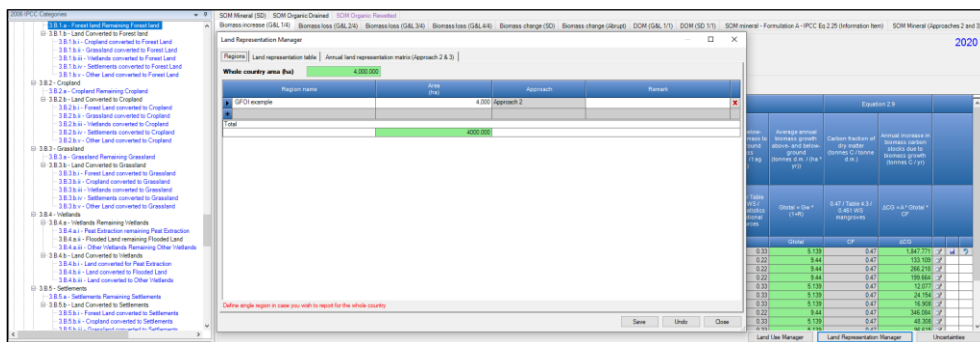
Land Use Representation Manager is a tabbed dialog window containing 3 tabs:

- ✓ [Regions](#),
- ✓ [Land Representation table](#),
- ✓ [Annual land representation matrix](#) (limited²⁷ to Approaches 2 & 3 for land representation).

Users can open it from **Administrat**e main menu, **AFOLU** sub-menu



or from the bottom of any worksheets of 3.B categories



All information shown in the 3 tabs is relative to currently chosen inventory year.

²⁷ Given Approach 1 for Land Representation does not identify land use changes the matrix cannot be built.

Regions Tab

This tab allows subnational representation of land by stratifying the national territory in subnational units, here defined as **Regions**. It requires entering the total area of the country, although apportioned among Regions, as well as selecting for each Region the approach for the land representation.

Region name	Area (ha)	Approach	Remark
Region 1	1,000	Approach 1	
Region 2	2,000	Approach 2	
Region 3	3,000	Approach 3	
Total			
	6,000,000		

users can either enter a single Region that covers the entire territory, for which the GHG inventory is prepared, or a number of Regions. In the latter case, for each Region an independent and consistent time series of activity data is to be entered by users in the Tab [Land representation table](#).

Whole country area: Users must enter total area of the territory for which the GHG inventory is prepared.

The area value entered is saved automatically (no need to press **Save**) and can be changed through a new data entry.

The field has a background color that indicates:

- **Green** – sum of areas across defined regions matches whole country area.
- **Orange** – sum of areas across defined regions is less than whole country area.
- **Red** – sum of areas across defined regions is greater than whole country area.

Note: the area value cannot have more than three decimals, given that area values entered in the [Land representation table](#) can only have three decimals.

Tip: In case of Orange/Red color, placing mouse pointer over the field shows tooltip with a warning and the area difference between the total and the sum of areas entered in the Regions fields.

Table: Users can define one or more regions with the following attributes:

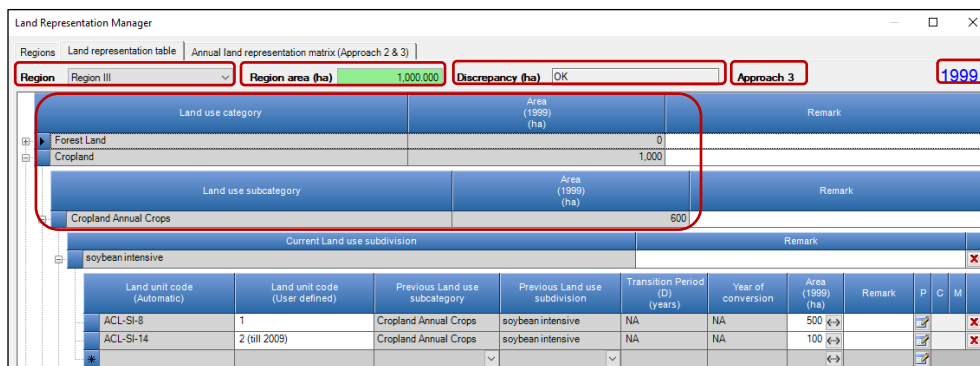
- ✓ **Region name** – to be entered.
- ✓ **Area** – area of the region in ha – to be entered.
- ✓ **Approach** – 1, 2, 3 – **for land representation** – to be selected.
- ✓ **Remark** – users can enter here notes relevant for the row of data (*information is neither transferred to reporting tables nor can be printed*)

Note: the area value cannot have more than three decimals, given that area values entered in the [Land representation table](#) can only have three decimals.

Tip: to record info entered in the DataBase (DB) press the button Save. Once saved the information cannot be changed anymore. Where an error is identified in information entered, the Region (and its data) is to be deleted. To do so click the red **x** on the right hand of the table- and enter again information.

Land representation table Tab

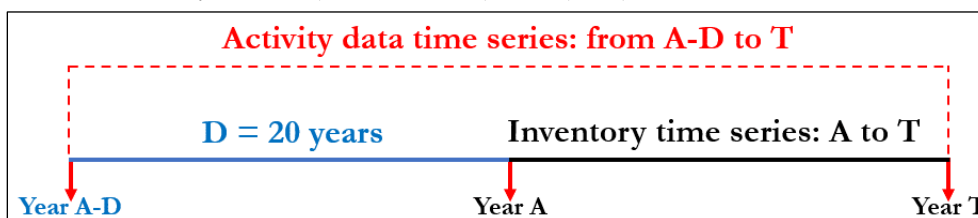
Allows defining units of land for the selected Region according to Region’s defined Approach for land representation.



The **Land representation table** requires users to enter a consistent land representation. Where a consistent land representation is a time series of annual area estimates of units of land, as disaggregated according to stratification, that:

- ✓ reports the total area of the territory constant across the entire time series
- ✓ classifies land using a consistent methodology across the entire time-series (no artifact land conversions caused by changes in the classification method/background-data)
- ✓ in each year **Y**, all units of land under conversion are reported within the *Land converted to* relevant category until the end of the transition period (**D**)
- ✓ in each year **Y**, all units of land that did not undergo a conversion in the last **Y-D** years are reported within the *Land remaining* relevant category.

Being **A** the first year of a time series and **T** the last one, a Time series of activity data consists of annual area (ha), for each of the units of land, for each year of the inventory time period (**A to T**, composed by a number of years equal to **T-A**) plus for a number of years, prior to year **A**, equivalent to the transition period (**D**) applied to conversions of land use and/or management i.e. **A-D**; which means that the complete time series of data needed for the land representation is equal to **T-D**. For example, **A** is the year 2005, **T** is the year 2024 and **D** is a 20-year period, then the time series of activity data needed is from the year **A-D** (2005-20=1985) to **T** (2024), which means **T-D**=2024-1985=39 years.



Region – dropdown menu for choosing one of the defined regions to work with. By choosing region, region’s area is filled in automatically together with information on the Approach defined for that region in the tab *Regions*. Multi-level table below is automatically filled with data on IPCC land use categories and associated area (as the sum of areas entered for the units of land belonging to the category/sub-category).

Region can be any level of stratification of the territory users wish to apply, e.g. administrative regions, ecological zones, parks, land subject to specific project activities, as well as a mix of those. *Nevertheless, it is suggested to use the stratification in “Regions” to aggregate all land that has the same soil type and climate region while subject to different land use and/or management.* Other levels of disaggregation -e.g. administrative, ownership, management systems- can be managed through the use of land-use subdivisions as well as of units of land²⁸. For each Region the *Software* requires an independent²⁹ and consistent Land Representation.

Region area – background color meaning:

- **Green** – sum of areas across land use subcategories equals region’s total area.

²⁸ A unit of land is an area homogenous per climatic and pedologic characteristic as well as per current and past use/management.

²⁹ No land transfer allowed among different Regions

- **Orange** – sum of areas across land use subcategories is less than region's total area.
- **Red** – sum of areas across land use subcategories is greater than region's total area.

Discrepancy – In case of **Orange/Red** color, shows the area difference between Region's total area and area entered in the [Land representation table](#) for that Region. Negative value means that the area entered in the [Land representation table](#) is larger than the area entered for the Region in the [Regions tab](#); a positive value vice versa indicates that the area entered in the [Land representation table](#) is smaller than the area entered for the Region in the [Regions tab](#). Otherwise, the zero value means no discrepancy.

Current inventory year is indicated on the right-hand side.

Table levels

The Multi-level table contains all 6 IPCC land use categories as well as all 12 land use subcategories, where users can enter 4 levels of information for each unit of land:

- [1st level](#), where to select the current land use category of the unit of land
- [2nd level](#), where to select the current land use subcategory of the unit of land
- [3rd level](#), where to select the current land use subdivision of the unit of land
- [4th level](#), where to enter all information that qualifies the unit of land conversion status, the area and the methods applied to estimate C stock changes in each C pool.
- [5th level](#), information on historical conversions of the land is stored.



NOTE: Units of land SHALL be entered from the first year of the inventory time series onwards

1st level

Contains the 6 IPCC land use categories:

Land use category	Area (1999) (ha)	Remark
Forest Land	0	
Cropland	1,000	
Grassland	0	
Wetlands	0	
Settlements	0	
Other Land	0	

In **Remark**, users can enter notes relevant for the entire category (*information is neither transferred to reporting tables nor can be printed*)

Clicking on the element , on the right-hand side of the TAB, the lower level of the relevant category opens. So, to enter a unit of land click on the  of its current use.

Tip: in case of Approach 3, in the first inventory year of the inventory time series i.e. year **A**, the land use category to be selected for a unit of land may not be the actual land use and/or management in the first inventory year; it could instead be the land use and/or management in the time period **A-D** to **A** if any use and/or management change occurred in that time period [section on 5th level].

2nd level



Contains **12 land use subcategories**, a pair for each IPCC land use category. While for Land-Cover-based categories -i.e. Forest land, Grassland, Wetlands and Other land- the variable determining the split in the pairs is the presence of human activity -i.e., Managed vs Unmanaged land- for those categories that are purely Land-Use-based the variable determining the split in the pairs is on the presence of woody biomass -i.e. for Cropland, annual vs perennial crops; Settlements, treed vs other-:

The screenshot shows the 'Land Representation Manager' window. At the top, it displays 'Region III' with a total area of 1,000,000 ha and a discrepancy of 0 ha. The year is set to 1999. The main table is organized as follows:

Land use category	Area (1999) (ha)	Remark
Forest Land	0	
Land use subcategory	Area (1999) (ha)	Remark
Managed Forest Land	0	
Unmanaged Forest Land	0	
Cropland	1,000	
Land use subcategory	Area (1999) (ha)	Remark
Cropland Annual Crops	600	
Cropland Perennial Crops	400	
Grassland	0	
Land use subcategory	Area (1999) (ha)	Remark
Managed Grassland	0	
Unmanaged Grassland	0	
Wetlands	0	
Land use subcategory	Area (1999) (ha)	Remark
Managed Wetlands	0	
Unmanaged Wetlands	0	
Settlements	0	
Land use subcategory	Area (1999) (ha)	Remark
Settlements (Treed)	0	
Settlements (Other)	0	
Other Land	0	
Land use subcategory	Area (1999) (ha)	Remark
Managed Other Land	0	
Unmanaged Other Land	0	

Area – specified area of the subcategory for a chosen inventory year.

In **Remark**, users can enter notes relevant for the entire subcategory (*information is neither transferred to reporting tables nor can be printed*)



Clicking on  the lower level of the relevant subcategory opens. So, to enter a unit of land click on the  of its current use.

3rd level

Contains all land use subdivisions entered by users in the Land Use Manager (LUM) for the relevant subcategory:

Land use category		Remark	
Forest Land		remark upd	
Land use subcategory		Area (ha)	Remark
Managed Forest land		300,000	rupd
Current Land use subdivision			Remark
Plantation 1			✘
Plantation 2			✘
Plantation 3			✘
Forest drained			✘
Natural forest			✘
Organic plantation			✘
new forest custom type			✘

In **Remark**, users can enter notes relevant for the entire subdivision (*information is neither transferred to reporting tables nor can be printed*)

Clicking on  the lower level of table opens where information on previous use and/or management of the unit of land as well as its area is to be entered. So, to enter a unit of land click on the  of its current type.

Tip: placing mouse pointer over any subdivision shows tooltip with information on that subdivision as entered in the Land Use Manager.

4th level

Allows entering Units of land, according to the Approach for the Land Representation selected for the Region. The set of guidance to enter information on units of land is subdivided in 2 subsets:

- ✓ Data input guidance to create a new unit of land. *Note that some steps do not apply to all Approaches, as indicated*
- ✓ Data input guidance to add/modify information of a unit of land

Note: although all possible combinations of subdivisions³⁰ are available in dropdown menu of relevant land use subcategories, users need to add information (areas) for those actually occurring only.

³⁰ as entered by users in the [Land Use Manager](#)

Data input guidance to create a new unit of land

For each unit of land, when first entered in the representation, the following step-by-step procedure applies:

- **first step** selecting, from dropdown menu, **previous land use subcategory**. *It does not apply to Approach 1*
- **second step** selecting, from dropdown menu, **previous land use subdivision**. *It does not apply to Approach 1*
- **third step** adding **user-defined land unit code**³¹
- **fourth step** adding **Transition period**. *It does not apply to Approach 1*
- **fifth step** adding **Year of conversion**. *It does not apply to Approach 1*
- **sixth step** adding **Area**. *For Approach 1 only, the area of the unit of land 20-year before is to be added too*
- **seventh step** selecting, from Land Unit Parameters table under column “P”, **method to be applied to estimate C stock changes** in each C pool
- **eighth step** adding any notes in *Remark* field
- **ninth step** save unit of land by clicking button **Save**

³¹ Users can insert an alphanumeric code to track, and so recognize, the unit of land across the entire inventory time series.

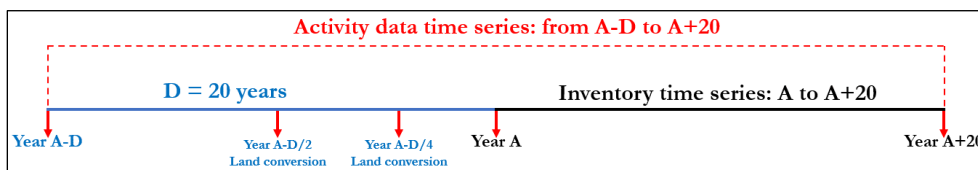
First step, select, from the dropdown menu, the land use subcategory the unit of land had in the previous inventory year:

Land use category		Area (1990) (ha)		Remark						
Forest Land		100								
Land use subcategory		Area (1990) (ha)		Remark						
Managed Forest Land		0								
Current Land use subdivision		Remark								
Organic										
Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1990) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
*		Unmanaged Forest La...		20	1990					
Current Land use su...		Land use category	Land use subcategory	Remark						
		Forest Land	Managed Forest Land							
Land use subcategory		Cropland	Cropland Annual Crops	Remark						
		Grassland	Managed Grassland							
Unmanaged Forest Land		Grassland	Unmanaged Grassland	0						
Current Land use su...		Wetlands	Managed Wetlands	Remark						
		Unmanaged Wetlands	Unmanaged Wetlands							
Land use category		Settlements	Settlements (Treed)	Remark						
		Settlements (Other)	Settlements (Other)							
Other Land		Managed Other Land	Managed Other Land	0						
		Unmanaged Other Land	Unmanaged Other Land							

Note: In a consistent land representation, the time-series of land activity data needed begins **D** years before the first inventory year, where **D** is the transition period applied to land use and/or management conversions. Nevertheless, units of land are entered in the *Software* from the first inventory year onwards only. Consequently, given the first year of an inventory time series **A**, where users are adding a unit of land:

- **When Approach 2 is applied:** the information to be entered as previous subcategory is the subcategory to which the unit of land belonged in the year **A-D**. Where the **previous land use subcategory** or **previous land use subdivision** is different than the current one, a conversion occurred and thus users are required to enter the length of the Transition period **D** [Fourth step] as well as the year of conversion [Fifth step]
- **When Approach 3 is applied:** the unit of land may have undergone multiple land use and/or management changes in the period from year **A-D** to year **A**, and consequently multiple changes need to be entered for the same unit of land. In such a case, moving from the year **A-D** onwards, users shall select as current land use category/subcategory and subdivision the category/subcategory and subdivision the land had after the conversion, even if the land in the first inventory year has a different current land use; same applies for subsequent land use and/or management changes that occurred before the first inventory year. Where the **previous land use subcategory** or **previous land use subdivision** is different than the current one, a conversion occurred and thus users are required to enter the length of the Transition period **D** [Fourth step] as well as the year of conversion [Fifth step]. For example:

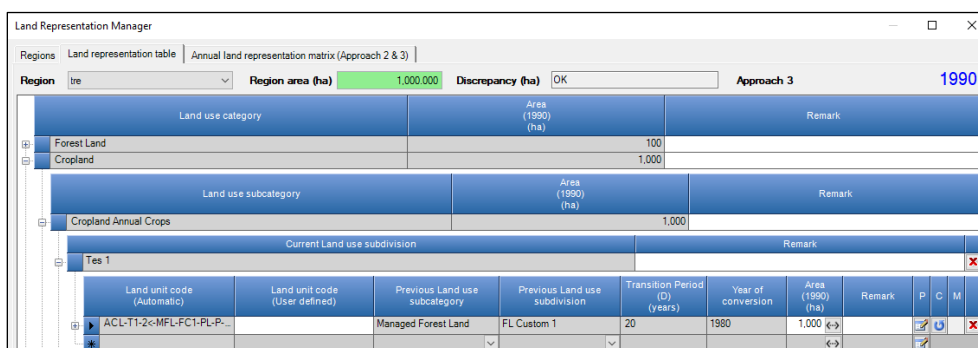
For an inventory time series from year **A** to year **A+20**, a times series of activity data for the period **A-D** to **A+20** is needed. The activity data time series of unit of land **X** shows a first conversion -*managed forest land to annual cropland*- in the year **A-(D/2)** and a second conversion -*annual cropland to managed grassland*- in the year **A-(D/4)**; no conversion in inventory year **A** and in any following inventory years occurred.



Given that:

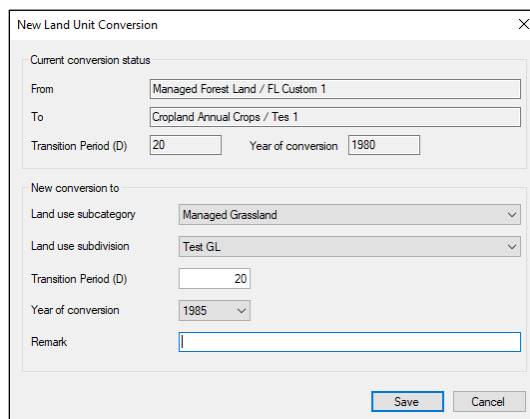
- ✓ data input shall start from the first inventory year -i.e. year **A**- onwards, and
- ✓ data input of land use and/or management changes occurring before the first inventory year shall also be made from the first year of that period -i.e. year **A-D**- onwards, data input in the inventory year **A** in the land representation manager follows the following steps:

1. first, enter the conversion from *managed forest land* to *annual cropland* occurred in the year **A-(D/2)**, where *annual cropland* is the *current land use subcategory* and *managed forest land* is the *previous land use subcategory*:

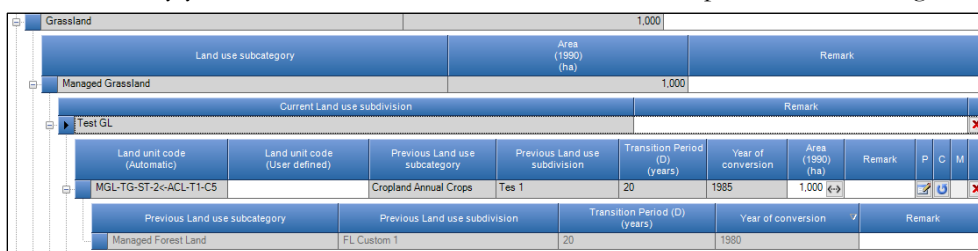


2. second, enter the conversion from *annual cropland* to *managed grassland* occurred in the year **A-(D/4)**, where *managed grassland* is the *current land use subcategory* and *annual cropland* is the *previous land use subcategory*. This is

done by using the functionality for “further conversion” “**C**” that is available when Approach 3 for land representation is applied [section on “Data input guidance limited to units of land under Approach 3 for land representation”]



Thus, in the first inventory year **A** the unit of land is shown in the land representation manager as:



which means that the unit of land was first classified under cropland and finally classified under grassland; although information on first conversion remains associated with the unit of land, but shown in gray to indicate that such dynamic isn't anymore ongoing in the year **A**.

NOTE: data entry for conversions of a unit of land is to be done from the first year of the inventory time series forward; trying to enter data in the reverse order -i.e. from the latest inventory year backward- does not work.

In case of **Approach 1** for land representation, this **first step** does not apply since land use and/or management changes are neither identified nor tracked.

Second step, select, from the dropdown menu, the land use subdivision the unit of land had in the previous inventory year:

Land use category		Area (1990) (ha)	Remark
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forest Land	0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cropland	0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grassland	1,000	

Land use subcategory		Area (1990) (ha)	Remark							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Managed Grassland	0								
Current Land use subdivision			Remark							
Test GL			<input type="checkbox"/>							
Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1990) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	*	Cropland Annual Crops		20	1990					<input type="checkbox"/>
Current Land use subdivision			Land use subcategory	Land use subdivision	Soil Status	Age class				
			Cropland Annual Crops	DW2	Natural	N/A				
				Tes 1	Natural	N/A				

Note: see **Note** at **first step**. Same applies here.

In case of **Approach 1** for land representation, this **second step** does not apply since land use and/or management changes are neither identified nor tracked.

Tip: Within each region, conversions from one subdivision to another subdivision is restricted by the following rules:

- ✓ cannot convert any subdivisions of managed subcategories -[Managed Forest land](#) [MFL], [Cropland](#) (both subcategories) [CL], [Managed Grassland](#) [MGL], [Managed Wetlands](#) [MWL], [Settlements](#) (both subcategories) [SL], [Managed Other land](#) [MOL]- to any subdivisions of unmanaged subcategories -[Unmanaged Forest land](#) [UFL], [Unmanaged Grassland](#) [UGL], [Unmanaged Wetlands](#) [UWL], [Unmanaged Other land](#) [UOL]-
- ✓ soil type in previous and current land subdivision shall be the same [[Land Use Manager](#)]
- ✓ climate region in previous and current land subdivision shall be the same [[Land Use Manager](#)]
- ✓ for Forest land only, ecological zone in previous and current land subdivision shall be the same [[Land Use Manager](#)]

Third step, enter the **user-defined land unit code**, while the *Software* compiles the **automatic land unit code** [section on “Automatic unit of land codes”].

Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (T) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1990) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
	example 1	Cropland Annual Crops	Tes 1	20	1990	↔				

Although this is not a mandatory information to enter, it is recommended to do so in order to facilitate users in data entry in the calculation Worksheets for C stock changes and associated GHG emissions and removals. Indeed, in those worksheets a number of units of land are visualized together and the **land unit code** allows to distinguish among those.

Automatic unit of land codes

In any given point of time, the automatic code is generated from Current land use subdivision under which the unit of land is classified. In case there is an ongoing transition, automatic code also contains a code of the subdivision from which the unit of land is being converted together with indication of the age of conversion (using “Cx” suffix, which means *xth year in conversion* (relative to current inventory year, see picture below):

	Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (2010) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
(a)	PCL-AP-UD-10	3	Cropland Perennial Crops	agroforestry - pepper	NA	NA	400 ↔				✖
(b)	PCL-AP-UD-15<-ACL-SI-C0	2	Cropland Annual Crops	soybean intensive	20	2010	100 ↔				✖
(c)	PCL-AP-UD-18<-ACL-SI-C...	0	Cropland Annual Crops	soybean intensive	20	2000	100 ↔				✖

Coding elements according to land use categories are shown hereafter:

Forest land

[M,U]FL-NAMEabbr-[PL,NF]-FTabbr-LUID

[M,U] = either Managed or Unmanaged

NAMEabbr = Subdivision name abbreviation (automatically generated from Subdivision name)

[PL,NF] = either Plantation or Natural forest

FTabbr = Forest type name abbreviation (automatically generated from Forest type name)

LUID = unit of land database ID

Example:

MFL-OP-PF-TG-48 = Managed Forest land - Organic plantation - planted forest - *Tectona grandis* - 48 DB ID

Cropland

[P,A]CL-NAMEabbr-[CTp,RE]-LUID

[P,A] = either Perennial or Annual

NAMEabbr = Subdivision name abbreviation (automatically generated from Subdivision name)

[CTp,RE] = CTp – either crop type abbreviation (for perennial) or RE in case of rice ecosystem (for annual)

LUID = unit of land database ID

Example:

PCL-BF-OP-62 = Perennial cropland – Belvedere Farm - Oil palm - 62 DB ID

Grassland

[M,U]GL-NAMEabbr-VegType-[IMP]-LUID

[M,U] = either Managed or Unmanaged

NAMEabbr = Subdivision name abbreviation (automatically generated from Subdivision name)

VegType = vegetation type

IMP – only in case of improved grassland

LUID = land unit database ID

Example:

MGL-TG-ST-IMP-67 = Managed GL - Test grassland – Steppe – improved - 67 DB ID

Wetlands

[M,U]WL-NAMEabbr-[P,F,O]-LUID

[M,U] = either Managed or Unmanaged

NAMEabbr = Subdivision name abbreviation (automatically generated from Subdivision name)

[P,F,O] = either Peatlands (P) or Flooded land (F) or Other land (O)

LUID = unit of land database ID

Example:

MWL-P2-P-82 = Managed WL - Peatlands 2 – Peatlands - 82 DB ID

Settlements

[T,O]SL-NAMEabbr-LUID

[T,O] – either Treed or Other

NAMEabbr = Subdivision name abbreviation (automatically generated from Subdivision name)

LUID = land unit database ID

Example:

TSL-S1-59 = Treed SL - Settlements 1 - 59 DB ID

Other land

[M,U]OL-NAMEabbr-LUID

[M,U] = either Managed or Unmanaged

NAMEabbr = Subdivision name abbreviation (automatically generated from Subdivision name)

LUID = unit of land database ID

Example:

MOL-OL1-67 = Managed OL - Other land 1 – 67 DB ID

Additional Suffix (Approach 2 and 3 only)

Relative to current inventory year: C_x (where x indicates the xth year in which the land is under conversion.

Note: the xth year in which the conversion occurs has number 1

Fourth step, enter the **Transition period**, in years. By default the value of **20-year** is used by the *Software*:

Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1990) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
	example 1	Cropland Annual Crops	Tes 1	20	1990	1,000				

The **Transition period (D)** is the time period according to which the *Software* tracks the previous land use subcategory/subdivision of a unit of land undergoing a land use subcategory/subdivision conversion.

In case of **Approach 1** for land representation, this **fourth step** does not apply since land use and/or management changes are neither identified nor tracked.

Fifth step, select the **Year of conversion** from a dropdown menu populated by the *Software* with all years of the time period **Y-D**:

Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1990) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
	example 1	Cropland Annual Crops	Tes 1	20	1990	1,000				


The **Year of conversion** precompiled by the *Software* is the current inventory year **Y**.

In case of **Approach 1** for land representation, this **fifth step** does not apply since land use and/or management changes are neither identified nor tracked.

Sixth step, enter the **Area**, in hectares (ha), of the unit of land in the relevant inventory year.

Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1990) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
	example 1	Cropland Annual Crops	Tes 1	20	1990	1,000				

Note: the area value cannot have more than three decimals.

Once the **area** is entered, users select to which time period of the inventory time series the area value entered applies. To do so, users open a dialog window by clicking on element  next to the Area column, and then select the desired option:

Area update mode ✕

Current inventory year only

Current inventory year and all subsequent inventory years

Current inventory year and all previous inventory years

All inventory years

The Dialog Window contains 4 options. By default the option **Current inventory year and all subsequent inventory years** applies, which means that if this is the option users wish to apply, no action will be needed.

Approach 1 specific rule


In case of **Approach 1** for land representation, this **sixth step** requires to add the area for a year equal to **Y-20**, where **Y** is the inventory year for which information is being entered. For example data entry for a unit of land in the year 1990 for an Approach 1 Land representation requires to enter the area that that same unit had in 1970:

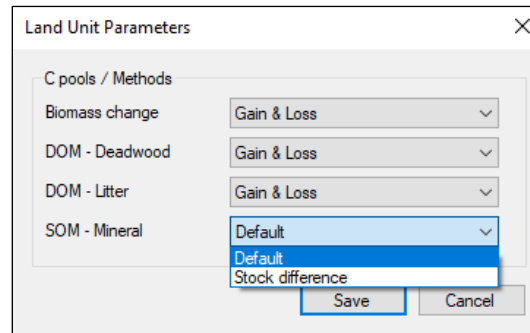
Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Area (1990) (ha)	Area (1970) (ha)	Remark	P
MFL-O-PL-TG-5	example 2	1,000	900		

This information is critical to allow the *Software* to implement Formulation A of Equation 2.25 for the calculation of SOC changes

Note: even if the area of the unit of land area in a given year **Y** is 0 (zero) the area of 20 years before must be entered

Seventh step, select the methodology to be applied to each C pool to calculate the C stock changes. IPCC provides 2 methodological approaches to estimate C stock changes in C pools (*Section 2.2.1 - Overview of carbon stock change estimation*): the Gain & Loss method and the Stock-Difference method.

To do so, users open a dialog window by clicking on element  symbol under letter **P** (Pools):



The Dialog Window contains 4 Carbon pools: **Biomass**, **Dead Organic Matter – Deadwood**, **Dead Organic Matter – Litter**, **Soil Organic Matter – Mineral**. For each C Pool the methodology is to be selected between the IPCC default methodology³², which is the **Gain & Loss**, and the IPCC alternative methodology, which is the **Stock-Difference**. For each C pool, by default the option **Gain & Loss** applies, which means that if this is the option users wish to apply, no action will be needed.

³² To calculate SOC changes in mineral soils, IPCC default method applies equation 2.25, in Formulation A or B according to the Approach applied to the Land representation

Eighth step, enter any information on the unit of land users wish to recall or just to show to future users:

Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1990) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
	example 4	Managed Grassland	Test GL	20	1990	1,000	abandoned land			

In **Remark**, users can enter notes relevant for the entire subdivision (*information is neither transferred to reporting tables nor can be printed*)

Ninth step, save the information entered by clicking on the **Save** button (bottom of the window). When saving, the *Software* record all information on the unit of land in the database and assign an **automatic land unit code**.

Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1990) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
MFL-FC1-PL-P-6c-MGL-T...	example 4	Managed Grassland	Test GL	20	1990	1,000	abandoned land			

Once saved, information cannot be changed anymore with the exception of the following fields:

- ✓ **user-defined land unit code**
- ✓ **area**
- ✓ **remark**

In case an error is spotted in any of the other fields, to correct it the entire row of information needs to be deleted -to do so click on the symbol “✖” at the right hand side-, then all information on the unit of land is to be entered again.

[Data input guidance to add/modify information of a unit of land](#)


Two additional functionalities are available to modify information entered for a unit of land:

- button **M**, to merge it with another unit of land. *This does not apply to Approach 1*
- button **C**, to add a new conversion to a unit of land that is still undergoing a conversion. *This applies to Approach 3 only*

As noted: information entered in the following fields:

- ✓ **user-defined land unit code**
- ✓ **area**
- ✓ **remark**

can be changed at any time. However, note that a new information entered in the field **user-defined land unit code** or in the field **remark** in any of the inventory years is automatically propagated by the *Software* to the entire time series, while for the area users shall select the time period within the inventory time series to which the new value applies; where no selection is made by default the option **Current inventory year and all subsequent inventory years** will apply.

In case an error is spotted in any of the other fields, to correct it the entire row of information needs to be deleted -to do so click on the element  at the right-hand side-, then all information on the unit of land is to be entered again.

Button “M” is to be clicked in case users wish to merge the unit of land with another unit of land -this makes the *Software* stop tracking the unit of land any further. This functionality applies only to units of land that have undergone completely the transition period of a conversion from one land use category/subdivision to another one, and are therefore shown in blue ink by the *Software*.

In the example below, the unit of land *MFL-PP-PL-P-25* has completed its conversion to *Managed Forest land – Pine plantation*. Accordingly, the *Software* has changed the associated **Transition period** and **Year of conversion** as **NO**.

Land use subcategory		Area (1991) (ha)		Remark					
Managed Forest Land		120							
Current Land use subdivision				Remark					
Pine plantation									
Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition period (T) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1991) (ha)	Remark	P	M
MFL-PP-PL-P-23		Managed Forest Land	Pine plantation	NA	NA	100 ↔			✗
MFL-PP-PL-P-24<MGL-P-P		Managed Grassland	Pasture	20	1990	10 ↔			✗
MFL-PP-PL-P-25		Managed Forest Land	Pine plantation	NO	NO	10 ↔			✗

Thus, given that same values for parameters and emission factors apply to unit of land *MFL-PP-PL-P-25* and unit of land *MFL-PP-PL-P-23* users may decide to merge the 2 units. In such a case, by clicking button “M” in the row of the unit of land *MFL-PP-PL-P-25* the following dialog window opens

Merge Land Unit

Source Land Unit

Land use subcategory: Managed Forest Land

Land use subdivision: Pine plantation

Land unit: MFL-PP-PL-P-25

Area [ha]: 10

Target Land Unit

Land use subcategory: Managed Forest Land

Land use subdivision: Pine plantation

Land unit:

Area [ha]: +10 [ha]

Merge Cancel

Then, users select the unit of land to which the unit of land is to be merged (in this example, unit of land *MFL-PP-PL-P-23*)

Merge Land Unit

Source Land Unit

Land use subcategory: Managed Forest Land

Land use subdivision: Pine plantation

Land unit: MFL-PP-PL-P-25

Area [ha]: 10

Target Land Unit

Land use subcategory: Managed Forest Land

Land use subdivision: Pine plantation

Land unit: MFL-PP-PL-P-23

Area [ha]: 100 +10 [ha]

Merge Cancel

Once merged, the unit of land *MFL-PP-PL-P-25* disappears and its area is added by the *Software* to the area of the unit of land *MFL-PP-PL-P-23* from the year in which the merging is made onward.

Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition period (T) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1991) (ha)	Remark	P	M
MFL-PP-PL-P-23		Managed Forest Land	Pine plantation	NA	NA	110 ↔			✗
MFL-PP-PL-P-24<MGL-P-P		Managed Grassland	Pasture	20	1990	10 ↔			✗

That means that the merging does not occur backward. The following picture is taken from the land representation of the previous year:

Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition period (T) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1990) (ha)	Remark	P	M
MFL-PP-PL-P-23		Managed Forest Land	Pine plantation	NA	NA	100 ↔			✗
MFL-PP-PL-P-24<MGL-P-P		Managed Grassland	Pasture	20	1990	10 ↔			✗
MFL-PP-PL-P-25<MGL-P-P		Managed Grassland	Pasture	30	1961	10 ↔			✗

In any case, merging is just an option; users may wish to keep reporting the two units of land separated beyond the conversion period (e.g. since belonging to two different administrations). In such a case the previous subcategory/subdivision can still be examined after expanding the next level (conversion history), and it is shown in grey, as in the example below:

MFL-TGN-NF-TG-89	Managed Forest..	Tectona grandis NF	NO	NO	15 000	
Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition period [T] (years)	Year of conversion	Remark		
Settlements (Treed)	Settlement 1 (T)	20	1971			

Button “C” is to be clicked in case users wish to enter a new conversion for a land that is still under conversion, and thus it applies under Approach 3 for land representation only.

	Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (2010) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
⊞	PCL-AP-UD-10	3	Cropland Perennial Crops	agroforestry - pepper	NA	NA	400 ↔				✗
⊞	PCL-AP-UD-15<ACL-SI-C0	2	Cropland Annual Crops	soybean intensive	20	2010	100 ↔				✗
⊞	PCL-AP-UD-18<ACL-SI-C...	0	Cropland Annual Crops	soybean intensive	20	2000	100 ↔				✗

NOTE: data entry for conversions of a unit of land is to be done from the first year of the inventory time series forward; trying to enter data in the reverse order -i.e. from the latest inventory year backward- does not work.

By pressing the button C a new dialog window opens:

New Land Unit Conversion

Current conversion status

From: Cropland Annual Crops / soybean intensive

To: Cropland Perennial Crops / agroforestry - pepper

Transition Period (D): 20 Year of conversion: 2010

New conversion to

Land use subcategory: Managed Forest Land

Land use subdivision: Restoration AB (AC 10)

Transition Period (D): 20

Year of conversion: 2020

Remark:

Save Cancel

The dialog window is composed of 2 sections:

- The upper section with information, on the *Current conversion status* of the unit of land, as compiled by the *Software*:
 - ✓ Previous land subdivision,
 - ✓ Current land use subdivision
 - ✓ Transition Period
 - ✓ Year of conversion
- The lower section with information, on the *New conversion to* of the unit of land, to be entered by users:
 - ✓ New Land subcategory,
 - ✓ New Land subdivision,
 - ✓ Transition Period
 - ✓ Year of conversion³³
 - ✓ Remark (if any)

After pressing Save, the unit of land is automatically relocated under the subdivision entered in the *New Conversion to* section and the previous subdivision assigned to the unit by the *Software* is the one that was in the *Current conversion status*. The *Software* navigates to the relocated unit of land automatically.

In this example a land under conversion to cropland is further converted to forest land; consequently, the *Software* relocate the subdivision under forest land:

	Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (2020) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
⊞	MFL-RAA1-NF-UD-19<PC...	2	Cropland Perennial Crops	agroforestry - pepper	20	2020	100 ↔				✗
			Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion					
			Cropland Annual Crops	soybean intensive	20	2010					

The previous land conversion is shown at a lower level (5th) in grey.

³³ Year of conversion dropdown contains the list of years from: ‘the year of conversion reported under the *Current conversion status* + 1 year’ up to the *current inventory year*. In this example, being 2020 the inventory year, the dropdown menu includes the years 2011-2020

5th level

It shows the complete history of transitions of the unit of land relative to the current inventory year, ordered by year of transition descending and shown in grey (picture below).

Land use subcategory		Area (2022) (ha)		Remark						
Settlements (Treed)		1,000								
urban		1,000								
Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (2022) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
TSL-U-1		Settlements (Treed)	urban	NO	NO	1,000				
Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Remark						
Managed Forest Land	Tectona grandis Planted Forest	20	2002							
Cropland Annual Crops	maize organic drained	20	1983							
Managed Grassland	prairie organic rewetted inland	20	1975							

Indeed, the Land unit conversion in a given point of time -i.e. the chosen inventory year- is automatically presented considering current status of land unit together with its history of transitions. For example, a unit of land experiences multiple conversions within the time period analyzed for inventory purposes. Note that although the inventory period is 1990-2022, the inventory compiler has analyzed a time series of data starting in 1971 -i.e. 1971-2022- because of the transition period applied is of 20 years. Then,

in **1975**, the unit of land **transition from MGL/prairie organic rewetted inland to ACL/maize organic drained**

Land use subcategory		Area (1990) (ha)		Remark						
Cropland Annual Crops		1,000								
maize organic drained		1,000								
Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1990) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
ACL-MOD-1<-MGL-PORI-P-		Managed Grassland	prairie organic rewetted in.	20	1975	1,000				
Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Remark						
Managed Grassland	prairie organic rewetted inland	20	1975							

Note: this conversion occurred before the initial year of the inventory time series -i.e. 1990-2020; thus it is entered in the year 1990

in **1983**, the unit of land **transition from ACL/maize organic drained to MFL/Tectona grandis Planted Forest**

Land use subcategory		Area (1990) (ha)		Remark						
Managed Forest Land		1,000								
Tectona grandis Planted Forest		1,000								
Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1990) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
MFL-TGPF-PL-TG-1<-ACL-		Cropland Annual Crops	maize organic drained	20	1983	1,000				
Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Remark						
Managed Grassland	prairie organic rewetted inland	20	1975							

Note: this conversion occurred before the initial year of the inventory time series -i.e. 1990-2020; thus it is entered in the year 1990

in **2002**, the unit of land **transition from MFL/Tectona grandis Planted Forest to TSL/urban**

Land use subcategory		Area (2002) (ha)		Remark						
Settlements (Treed)		1,000								
urban		1,000								
Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (2002) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
TSL-U-1<-MFL-TGPF-PL-T-		Managed Forest Land	Tectona grandis Planted.	20	2002	1,000				
Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Remark						
Cropland Annual Crops	maize organic drained	20	1983							
Managed Grassland	prairie organic rewetted inland	20	1975							

Note: this is the latest conversion of this unit of land and occurred in the inventory year visualized -i.e. Year of conversion = Inventory year = 2002-, thus the button “C” for intervening new conversion is NOT available.

in 2022, the land unit has gone through the entire transition period (i.e. 20-year) since the last conversion; thus it has been reclassified by the *Software* as a remaining land -i.e. *NO* is applied by the *Software* for the *Transition period [D]* and for the *Year of Conversion*³⁴- and colored in blue. History layer shows all the previous conversions:

Land use subcategory		Area (2022) (ha)		Remark						
Settlements (Treed)		1,000								
urban										
Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (2022) (ha)	Remark	P	C	M
TSL-U-1		Settlements (Treed)	urban	NO	NO	1,000				
Previous Land use subcategory		Previous Land use subdivision		Transition Period (D) (years)		Year of conversion		Remark		
Managed Forest Land		Tectona grandis Planted Forest		20		2002				
Cropland Annual Crops		maize organic drained		20		1983				
Managed Grassland		prairie organic rewetted inland		20		1975				

Because in 2022 the unit of land is in a *remaining* category, it cannot intervene in any further conversion.

Note: Data entered are recorded in the DB when pressing the **Save** button. Thus, the *Undo* button can be used to discard all changes made since the last save, it does not cancel information that was entered before saving. In case of a data entry saved that is to be corrected, the only way to achieve it is to delete the wrong data entry (by clicking the red X on the extreme right end of the row) and to re-enter the correct one.

³⁴ Note that for a unit of land that did not intervene any conversion across the entire time series of the inventory the notation key *NA* is used by the *Software*.

Annual land representation matrix Tab

For land representation approaches 2 and 3, a land matrix Tab provides for the total area of the land representation to be classified either as a land that has not undergone a change between the initial (rows) and final (columns) year of the land-use conversion matrix or as a land that has undergone a change between 2 different subcategories.

Note: that such classification does not correspond to the IPCC categorization in *land remaining under one use/management* and *land under conversion from one use and/or management to another one*. Although a land reported in a matrix as converted from the initial year to the final year is part of the IPCC *land under conversion* categories, such categories include also land that have undergone a change in use and/or management in years before the initial year of the land-use conversion matrix.

For instance,

Region		Region area (ha)		Approach 2		2010									
Initial	Final	Managed Forest Land	Unmanaged Forest Land	Cropland Annual Crops	Cropland Perennial Crops	Managed Grassland	Unmanaged Grassland	Managed Wetlands	Unmanaged Wetlands	Settlements (Treed)	Settlements (Other)	Managed Other Land	Unmanaged Other Land	Final Area (ha)	Net change (ha)
Forest Land	Managed Forest Land	1,000,000	20,000			40,000								1,060,000	60,000
	Unmanaged Forest Land		970,000											970,000	-30,000
Cropland	Cropland Annual Crops		10,000	1,000,000										1,010,000	10,000
	Cropland Perennial Crops													0,000	0,000
Grassland	Managed Grassland					960,000								960,000	-40,000
	Unmanaged Grassland													0,000	0,000
Wetlands	Managed Wetlands													0,000	0,000
	Unmanaged Wetlands													0,000	0,000
Settlements	Settlements (Treed)													0,000	0,000
	Settlements (Other)													0,000	0,000
Other Land	Managed Other Land													0,000	0,000
	Unmanaged Other Land													0,000	0,000
Initial Area (ha)		1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0,000	1,000,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	4,000,000	0,000

Region		Region area (ha)		Approach 2		2015									
Initial	Final	Managed Forest Land	Unmanaged Forest Land	Cropland Annual Crops	Cropland Perennial Crops	Managed Grassland	Unmanaged Grassland	Managed Wetlands	Unmanaged Wetlands	Settlements (Treed)	Settlements (Other)	Managed Other Land	Unmanaged Other Land	Final Area (ha)	Net change (ha)
Forest Land	Managed Forest Land	1,060,000	40,000			80,000								1,180,000	120,000
	Unmanaged Forest Land		910,000											910,000	-60,000
Cropland	Cropland Annual Crops		20,000	1,010,000										1,030,000	20,000
	Cropland Perennial Crops													0,000	0,000
Grassland	Managed Grassland					880,000								880,000	-80,000
	Unmanaged Grassland													0,000	0,000
Wetlands	Managed Wetlands													0,000	0,000
	Unmanaged Wetlands													0,000	0,000
Settlements	Settlements (Treed)													0,000	0,000
	Settlements (Other)													0,000	0,000
Other Land	Managed Other Land													0,000	0,000
	Unmanaged Other Land													0,000	0,000
Initial Area (ha)		1,060,000	970,000	1,010,000	0,000	960,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	4,000,000	0,000

in the year 2015, 80 ha are reported as converted -from the initial year to 2015- from *managed grassland* to managed forest land. In the year 2015, those 80 hectares are reported, in the national GHG inventory, under *Grassland converted to Forest land*. However, in the same year additional land is reported under *Grassland converted to Forest land* -i.e. in any inventory year Y, any category with conversion lands (*Land converted to Land use X*) sums up all lands converted in the period Y to Y-(D-1)³⁵ to that category (X)-, for instance the 40 ha reported in the land-use conversion matrix of the year 2010.

³⁵ Where D is the Transition Period entered by users in the **Land Representation Manager** for the relevant *land conversion* category

Area Data Transfer to Calculation Worksheets

The compilation of data in the [Land Representation Manager](#) allows the *Software* to populate area data in the relevant calculation worksheets in each of the relevant inventory categories of the AFOLU sector. This also means that area data cannot directly be entered in those calculation worksheets.

The transfer of area data to the relevant worksheets is ruled by the:

- Characterization of the land type, as entered in the [Land Use Manager](#)
- Land Representation Approach, as selected in the [Land Representation Manager](#)
- Method to calculate C stock changes in each C pool, as selected in the [Land Representation Manager](#)

Tables in the section [calculation Worksheets for C stock changes in, and CO₂-C fluxes from/to, C pools](#) below show how for each C pool in each land use category the *Software* maps Area Data entered in the Land Representation Manager to the relevant calculation worksheets.

Tables in the section [calculation Worksheets for CH₄ and N₂O emissions from land](#) below show how the *Software* maps Area Data entered in the Land Representation Manager to the relevant calculation worksheets for N₂O and CH₄ emissions estimates.

Calculation Worksheets for C stock changes in, and CO₂-C fluxes from/to, C pools

The calculation worksheet to which the *Software* maps units of land, as well as the time period over which a unit of land is mapped to a specific calculation worksheet, depends on:

- Approach for land representation:
 - ✓ Approach 1, the transition period (D) is fixed to 20 years;
 - No conversions are reported, thus units of land are all populated for the entire³⁶ inventory time series (regardless of its length) in the Land Remaining categories only, -i.e. 3.B.1.a, 3.B.2.a, 3.B.3.a, 3.B.4.a, 3.B.5.a, 3.B.6.a-.
 - ✓ Approaches 2 and 3, users assign the transition period (D) to each unit of land where a use and/or management change occurred (i.e. the current subdivision is different from the previous subdivision). By default the *Software* assigns a 20-year value, and accordingly each unit of land is reported in the relevant calculation worksheets for the entire transition period in a conversion status:
 - either within the relevant Land Conversion category, in case of a land use change (once the conversion period is ended the unit of land is mapped to the relevant Land Remaining category)
 - or within the Land Remaining categories -in case of a management change within the same land use-.

Although, in case of Land Representation Approach 3 only, in case of a subsequent conversion the unit of land is transferred to the new land category/subcategory/subdivision even if the transition period has not achieved its end.
- The method (see Table 9) selected -in the [Land Representation Table](#)- for each C pool to estimate associated C stock changes or CO₂-C fluxes:
 - ✓ SOM mineral soils - IPCC Default method: formulation A of IPCC Equation 2.25 is applied to units of land reported under Approach 1 for Land Representation, accordingly those units of land are populated in the calculation worksheet “SOM mineral - Eq. 2.25 Formulation A” (each unit in the category relevant to its subdivision) for the entire³⁷ inventory time series regardless of its length;
 - ✓ SOM mineral soils - IPCC Default method: formulation B of IPCC Equation 2.25 is applied to units of land reported under Approaches 2 or 3 for Land Representation, accordingly those units of land are populated in the relevant calculation worksheet “SOM mineral - Eq. 2.25 Formulation B” (each unit in the category relevant to its subdivision and conversion status) for the length of the transition period only, or in case of Approach 3 for a shorter period if a new conversion occurs before the transition period is completed;
 - ✓ Biomass/DOM – Gain and Loss method: the units of land are mapped to the relevant calculation worksheets³⁸ for the entire inventory time series regardless of its length;
 - ✓ SOM/Biomass/DOM - Stock-Difference method: the units of land are mapped to the relevant calculation worksheets³⁹ for the entire inventory time series regardless of its length;
- The process (see Table 3) for each C pool causing C stock changes/CO₂-C fluxes:
 - ✓ SOM organic/SOM mixed soils: where the soil status is “Drained” or “Rewetted” the units of land are reported in the relevant calculation worksheet “SOM Organic Drained” or “SOM Organic Rewetted” for the entire⁴⁰ inventory time series regardless of its length, unless a conversion to the new activity occur⁴¹ (in such a case the unit of land is transferred to the calculation worksheet corresponding to the new activity);
 - ✓ SOM mineral/organic/mixed soils, status is *Extracted* the units of land are reported in the relevant calculation worksheet *SOM (SD - Approach 1)* -for the entire period for which an area is associated to the unit of land, although users SHALL calculate C stock losses in the year of the first occurrence only- and *SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)*, although the *Software* keep mapping the unit of land in the relevant calculation worksheet in the year of

³⁶ From the first appearance of the unit of land in the inventory

³⁷ From the first appearance of the unit of land in the inventory

³⁸ For each C pool a pair of calculation worksheets is provided to report with stock-difference, one worksheet applies to units of land reported with Approach 1 for Land Representation and the other one to units of land reported with Approaches 2 or 3

³⁹ For each C pool a pair of calculation worksheets is provided to report with stock-difference, one worksheet applies to units of land reported with Approach 1 for Land Representation and the other one to units of land reported with Approaches 2 or 3

⁴⁰ From the onset of the activity onward

⁴¹ e.g. a drained land subsequently rewetted

conversion only (given that thereafter the SOC of extracted soils is 0 and so no emissions/removals will thereafter occur from SOM).

- The combination of process (see Table 3) and method selected. Where the method selected is the IPCC Default and the C pool is
 - ✓ Biomass; in case of conversion, any conversions, that causes an abrupt loss of biomass, the unit of land is mapped to the calculation worksheet “Biomass change (Abrupt)” in the year of conversion only.
 - ✓ DOM; limited to land of *Peatland under extraction*, the unit of land is mapped to the calculation worksheet “DOM (G&L – Abrupt)” in the year of site-clearing only -i.e. the year of the inventory time series in which the unit of land is first reported-.

Table 9 IPCC Default methods to estimate C stock changes/CO₂-C fluxes in C pools

C Pool		IPCC default methodology	
Biomass	Above-Ground	Equation 2.4 - Gain and Loss	
	Below-Ground		
Dead Organic Matter	Dead Wood	Equation 2.4 - Gain and Loss	
	Litter		
Soil Organic Matter	Mineral soils	<i>No change in hydrology</i>	
		<i>Drained</i>	Equation 2.25
		<i>Rewetted</i>	Equation 4.6
	Organic soils/ Mixed soils	<i>No change in hydrology</i>	NA
		<i>Drained</i>	Equation 2.26 / Equation 2.3
		<i>Rewetted</i>	Equations 3.4/3.5
	<i>Extracted</i>	Equation 4.6	

Table 10 Processes causing CSCs in, and CO₂-C fluxes from/to, C pools

Process		C pools					
		Biomass		Dead Organic Matter (DOM)		Soil Organic Matter (SOM)	
		<i>above ground</i>	<i>below⁴²</i>	<i>Dead Wood</i>	<i>Litter</i>	<i>Mineral soils</i>	<i>Organic⁴³</i>
C inputs	Biomass growth ⁴⁴ <i>gross growth minus the losses due to natural mortality</i>	X	X				
	DOM inputs ⁴⁵			X			
	SOM CO ₂ -C net influx ⁴⁶						X
	SOC net input/output					X	
C outputs	Biomass losses	X	X				
	Harvest/Fuelwood collection						
	Disturbances ⁴⁷	X	X				
	DOM outputs ⁴⁸			X			
	SOM CO ₂ -C net outflux ⁴⁹						X

X indicates that the 2006 IPCC Guidelines and its *Wetlands Supplement* provides guidance to estimate C stock changes or CO₂-C fluxes from the relevant C pool impacted by the relevant process

Tables 11-19 below illustrate the mapping of AD (i.e. areas of land) sourced from the [Land Representation Manager](#) to the applicable calculation worksheets, depending on the C pool, its characteristics (e.g. soil status), the method applied to calculate C stock changes and CO₂-C fluxes and the land representation approach.

Each table is composed by 2 parts for each land use category present in the table:

⁴² At Tier 1 inventory compilers may exclude belowground biomass gains/losses

⁴³ this includes mixed -i.e. mineral and organic- soils in *Coastal Wetlands*

⁴⁴ this is the gross growth minus the losses due to natural mortality. In other words the net increment

⁴⁵ caused by harvest and other disturbances in biomass pool

⁴⁶ Due to rewetting

⁴⁷ fires, pests, landslides, floodings, etc.

⁴⁸ due to decay, fuelwood collection, fires

⁴⁹ due to drainage

- **Part 1** “*units of land not converted to and with no management change*”, with mapping for every unit of land that has not changed its category/subcategory/subdivision in the last D years, where D is the length, in years, of the transition period.

Note: for Approach 1 Land Representation all units of land in the NGHGI are reported for the entire time series as *units of land not converted to and with no management change*.

- **Part 2** “*Units of land converted to, or with only a management change*”, with mapping for every unit of land that has changed its category/subcategory/subdivision in the last D years, where D is the length, in years, of the transition period, although some of the C stock losses are estimated in the year of category/subcategory/subdivision change only;

A **X** indicates that the unit of land with the relevant combination of C pool, Method⁵⁰, Approach and current and historical land category/subcategory/subdivision is mapped to the calculation worksheet in the table’s column.

Tables 11 – 12 map units of land to the calculation worksheets for the Biomass C pools;

Table 13 maps units of land to the calculation worksheets for the DOM C pools;

Tables 14 - 15 map units of land to the calculation worksheets for the SOM mineral soil C pool

Tables 16 - 17 map units of land to the calculation worksheets for the SOM organic and mixed soils C pool

Tables 18 - 19 map units of land to the calculation worksheets for the SOM organic and mixed soils C pool

This means that the corresponding activity data -i.e. area- will only appear in the relevant calculation worksheet if all relevant criteria exist (e.g. soil type/soil status/C pool/Method/Approach). Activity data are all sourced from the [Land Representation Manager](#), with the exception of the calculation worksheets to implement the Stock-Difference method with Approach 1 Land Representation (given that the area of the unit of land is not needed there to perform the calculation of the net C stock change).

⁵⁰ method applied to calculate C stock changes and CO₂-C fluxes

Table 11 Mapping units of land to calculation TABs for Biomass C pools in *Forest Land, Cropland, Grassland*

Land Representation Manager		Calculation TABs - BIOMASS C POOLS							
Method ⁵¹	Approach ⁵²	Biomass Gains (G&L 1/4)	Biomass Loss (G&L 2/4)	Biomass Loss (G&L 3/4)	Biomass Loss (G&L 4/4)	Biomass Change (G&L)	Biomass Change (Abrupt) ⁵³	Biomass SD - Approach 1	Biomass SD - Approaches 2&3
Units of land not converted to and with no management change [Forest land remaining Forest land]									
IPCC Default	1	X	X	X	X				
	2 or 3								
Stock-Difference	1							X	
	2 or 3								X
Units of land converted to [Land converted to Forest land], or with only a management change [Forest land remaining Forest land]									
IPCC Default	2 or 3	X	X	X	X		X		
Stock-Difference	2 or 3								X
Units of land not converted to and with no management change [Cropland remaining Cropland]									
IPCC Default	1					X ⁵⁴			
	2 or 3								
Stock-Difference	1							X	
	2 or 3								X
Units of land converted to [Land converted to Cropland], or with only a management change [Cropland remaining Cropland]									
IPCC Default	2 or 3					X ⁵⁵	X		
Stock-Difference	2 or 3								X
Units of land not converted to and with no management change [Grassland remaining Grassland]									
IPCC Default	1					X			
	2 or 3								
Stock-Difference	1							X	
	2 or 3								X
Units of land converted to [Land converted to Grassland], or with only a management change [Grassland remaining Grassland]									
IPCC Default	2 or 3					X	X		
Stock-Difference	2 or 3								X

⁵¹ Methodological approach applied to estimate annual net C stock change in SOM C pool

⁵² Approach applied to Land Representation

⁵³ In the year of conversion only

⁵⁴ Limited to Perennial crops

⁵⁵ Including annual crops, although in the year of conversion only

Table 12 Mapping units of land to calculation TABs for Biomass C pools in *Wetlands, Settlements, Other land*

Land Representation Manager		Calculation TABs - BIOMASS C POOLS			
Method ⁵⁶	Approach ⁵⁷	Biomass Change (G&L)	Biomass Change (Abrupt) ⁵⁸	Biomass (SD - Approach 1)	Biomass (SD - Approaches 2&3)
Units of land not converted to and with no management change [Wetlands remaining Wetlands]⁵⁹					
IPCC Default	1	X			
	2 or 3				
Stock-Difference	1			X	
	2 or 3				X
Units of land converted to [Land converted to Wetlands], or with only a management change [Wetlands remaining Wetlands]					
IPCC Default	2 or 3	X ⁶⁰	X		
Stock-Difference	2 or 3				X
Units of land not converted to and with no management change [Settlements remaining Settlements]					
IPCC Default	1	X ⁶¹			
	2 or 3				
Stock-Difference	1			X	
	2 or 3				X
Units of land converted to [Land converted to Settlements], or with only a management change [Settlements remaining Settlements]					
IPCC Default	2 or 3	X	X		
Stock-Difference	2 or 3				X
Other land remaining Other land					
IPCC Default	1				
	2 or 3				
Stock-Difference	1				
	2 or 3				
Units of land converted to Other Land					
IPCC Default	2 or 3		X		
Stock-Difference	2 or 3		X ⁶²		

⁵⁶ Methodological approach applied to estimate annual net C stock change in SOM C pool

⁵⁷ Approach applied to Land Representation

⁵⁸ In the year of conversion only

⁵⁹ Limited to Other Wetlands

⁶⁰ Limited to Other Wetlands

⁶¹ Treed Settlements only

⁶² Even if the Stock-Difference is selected, the units of land will be mapped in the “Biomass Change (Abrupt)” calculation worksheet; and the Stock after conversion is to be set to zero (0).

Table 13 Mapping units of land to calculation TABs for DOM C pools in all land categories

Land Representation Manager		Calculation TABs - DOM C POOLS		
Method ⁶³	Approach ⁶⁴	DOM (G&L) ⁶⁵	DOM (SD - A 1) ⁶⁶	DOM (SD - A 2) ⁶⁷
Units of land not converted to and with no management change [Forest land remaining Forest land; Cropland remaining Cropland; Grassland remaining Grassland; Wetlands remaining Wetlands ⁶⁸ ; Settlements remaining Settlements]				
IPCC Default	1	X		
	2 or 3			
Stock-Difference	1		X	
	2 or 3			X
Units of land converted to [Land converted to Forest land; Land converted to Cropland; Land converted to Grassland; Land converted to Wetlands; Land converted to Settlements]				
Units of land with only a management change [Forest land remaining Forest land; Cropland remaining Cropland; Grassland remaining Grassland; Wetlands remaining Wetlands; Settlements remaining Settlements]				
IPCC Default	2 or 3	X		
Stock-Difference	2 or 3			X
Other land remaining Other land				
IPCC Default	1			
	2 or 3			
Stock-Difference	1			
	2 or 3			
Units of land converted to Other Land				
IPCC Default	2 or 3			X ⁶⁹
Stock-Difference	2 or 3			X

Note: In the Managed Wetlands subcategory, the land use type *Petland under extraction*, both as Land remaining or Land converted, contains 2 additional calculation worksheets to estimate C stock changes associated with the extraction of peat -i.e. *Extraction: on-site CO₂-C emissions*- and its use in horticulture -i.e. *Extraction: off-site CO₂-C emissions*-. Any unit of land in Managed Wetlands subcategory that is part of the subdivision type “Peatland extraction” is mapped to both calculation worksheets in each inventory year from the onset of the activity to its end (if any).

⁶³ Methodological approach applied to estimate annual net C stock change in SOM C pool

⁶⁴ Approach applied to Land Representation

⁶⁵ In *Peatland under extraction*, the TAB name is *DOM (G&L - Abrupt)*. Unit of land is mapped to this TAB in the year of site-clearing only -i.e. the year of the inventory time series in which the unit of land is first reported-.

⁶⁶ DOM (SD - Approach 1)

⁶⁷ DOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)

⁶⁸ Limited to “Other Wetlands”

⁶⁹ Even if the IPCC method is selected, the units of land will be mapped in the “DOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)” calculation worksheet; and the Stock at time t_2 is to be set to zero (0).

Table 14 Mapping units of land to calculation TABs for SOM mineral soils C pool in Forest land, Cropland, Grassland, Wetlands, Settlements

Land Use Manager		Land Representation Manager		Calculation TABs - SOM C POOL						
Soil		Method ⁷⁰	Approach ⁷¹	Eq. 2.25 - A ⁷²	Eq. 2.25 - B ⁷³	SD - A 1 ⁷⁴	SD - A 2&3 ⁷⁵	Drained ⁷⁶	Rewetted ⁷⁷	
Composition	Status									
Units of land not converted to and with no management change										
[Forest land remaining Forest land; Cropland remaining Cropland; Grassland remaining Grassland; Wetlands remaining Wetlands ⁷⁸ ; Settlements remaining Settlements]										
Mineral Soil	No change in hydrology	IPCC Default	1	X						
			2 or 3							
	Drained ⁷⁹	IPCC Default	1	X						
			2 or 3							
	Rewetted ⁷⁹	IPCC Default	1	X						
			2 or 3							
	No change in hydrology	Stock-Difference	1			X				
			2 or 3				X			
	Drained ⁷⁹	Stock-Difference	1			X		X		
			2 or 3				X			
Rewetted ⁷⁹	Stock-Difference	1			X		X			
		2 or 3				X				
Extracted	NA ⁸⁰	1				⁸¹				
		2 or 3					X			
Units of land converted to										
[Land converted to Forest land; Land converted to Cropland; Land converted to Grassland; Land converted to Wetlands; Land converted to Settlements]										
Units of land with only a management change										
[Forest land remaining Forest land; Cropland remaining Cropland; Grassland remaining Grassland; Wetlands remaining Wetlands ⁷⁸ ; Settlements remaining Settlements]										
Mineral Soil	No change in hydrology	IPCC Default	2 or 3		X					
			Drained ⁷⁹	IPCC Default	2 or 3		X			
			Rewetted ⁷⁹	IPCC Default	2 or 3		X			
	No change in hydrology	Stock-Difference	2 or 3				X			
			Drained ⁷⁹	Stock-Difference	2 or 3			X		
	Rewetted ⁷⁹	Stock-Difference	2 or 3				X			
	Extracted	NA ⁸⁰	2 or 3				⁸¹	X		

⁷⁰ Methodological approach applied to estimate annual net C stock change in SOM C pool

⁷¹ Approach applied to Land Representation

⁷² SOM mineral - Eq. 2.25 Formulation A

⁷³ SOM mineral - Eq. 2.25 Formulation B

⁷⁴ SOM (SD - Approach 1)

⁷⁵ SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)

⁷⁶ SOM Organic Drained

⁷⁷ SOM Organic Rewetted

⁷⁸ Limited to “Other Wetlands”

⁷⁹ Wetland mineral soils only

⁸⁰ Units of land with soil status *Extracted* are mapped to the relevant “SOM (SD - Approach 1)” or “SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)” TABs regardless of the methodological approach selected in the **Land Representation Table**. **NOTE** that for each unit of land with soil status *Extracted*, users **SHALL** calculate C stock losses in the year of the first occurrence only, although in the relevant calculation worksheet *land remaining under same land use* for the entire period for which an area is associated to the unit of land.

⁸¹ Soil Status *Extracted* SHALL NOT be applied to Approach 1 Land representation.

Table 15 Mapping units of land to calculation TABs for SOM mineral soils C pool in *Other land*

Land Use Manager		Land Representation Manager		Calculation TABs - SOM C POOL					
Soil		Method ⁸²	Approach ⁸³	Eq. 2.25 - A ⁸⁴	Eq. 2.25 - B ⁸⁵	SD - A 1 ⁸⁶	SD - A 2&3 ⁸⁷	Drained ⁸⁸	Rewetted ⁸⁹
Composition	Status								
Other land remaining Other land									
Mineral Soil	NA	IPCC Default	1	No C stock changes are estimated in <i>Other land remaining Other land</i> given C pools do not contain significant C stocks					
			2 or 3						
		Stock-Difference	1						
			2 or 3						
	Extracted	NA ⁹⁰	1						
			2 or 3						
Units of land converted to Other Land⁹¹									
Mineral Soil	NA	IPCC Default	2 or 3		X				
		Stock-Difference	2 or 3				X		
	Extracted	NA ⁹⁰	2 or 3				⁹² X		

⁸² Methodological approach applied to estimate annual net C stock change in SOM C pool

⁸³ Approach applied to Land Representation

⁸⁴ SOM mineral - Eq. 2.25 Formulation A

⁸⁵ SOM mineral - Eq. 2.25 Formulation B

⁸⁶ SOM (SD - Approach 1)

⁸⁷ SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)

⁸⁸ SOM Organic Drained

⁸⁹ SOM Organic Rewetted

⁹⁰ Units of land with soil status *Extracted* are mapped to the relevant “SOM (SD - Approach 1)” or “SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)” TABs regardless of the methodological approach selected in the **Land Representation Table**. **NOTE** that for each unit of land with soil status *Extracted*, users **SHALL** calculate C stock losses in the year of the first occurrence only, although in the relevant calculation worksheet *land remaining under same land use* for the entire period for which an area is associated to the unit of land.

⁹¹ Although “Other land” soils do not have a status, units of land in mineral soils are either mapped to “SOM mineral - Eq. 2.25 Formulation B” calculation worksheet, in case the IPCC default method is selected, or to “SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)” calculation worksheet, in case the Stock-Difference method is selected.

⁹² Soil Status *Extracted* SHALL NOT be applied to Approach 1 Land representation.

Table 16 Mapping units of land to calculation TABs for SOM organic soils C pool in *Forest Land, Cropland, Grassland, Wetlands, Settlements*

Land Use Manager		Land Representation Manager		Calculation TABs - SOM C POOL					
Soil		Method ⁹³	Approach ⁹⁴	Eq. 2.25 - A ⁹⁵	Eq. 2.25 - B ⁹⁶	SD - A 1 ⁹⁷	SD - A 2&3 ⁹⁸	Drained ^{99,100}	Rewetted ¹⁰¹
Composition	Status								
Units of land not converted to and with no management change									
[Forest land remaining Forest land; Cropland remaining Cropland; Grassland remaining Grassland; Wetlands remaining Wetlands; Settlements remaining Settlements]									
Organic Soil	No change in hydrology	IPCC Default	1						
			2 or 3						
	Drained	IPCC Default	1					X	
			2 or 3						
	Rewetted	IPCC Default	1						X
			2 or 3						
	No change in hydrology	Stock-Difference	1			X			
			2 or 3				X		
	Drained	Stock-Difference	1			X			
			2 or 3				X		
Rewetted	Stock-Difference	1			X				
		2 or 3				X			
Extracted	NA ¹⁰²	1			¹⁰³				
		2 or 3				X			
Units of land converted to									
[Land converted to Forest land; Land converted to Cropland; Land converted to Grassland; Land converted to Wetlands; Land converted to Settlements]									
Units of land with only a management change									
[Forest land remaining Forest land; Cropland remaining Cropland; Grassland remaining Grassland; Wetlands remaining Wetlands; Settlements remaining Settlements]									
Organic Soil	No change in hydrology	IPCC Default	2 or 3						
	Drained	IPCC Default	2 or 3					X	
	Rewetted	IPCC Default	2 or 3						X
	No change in hydrology	Stock-Difference	2 or 3				X		
	Drained	Stock-Difference	2 or 3				X		
	Rewetted	Stock-Difference	2 or 3				X		
	Extracted	NA ¹⁰²	2 or 3			¹⁰³	X		

⁹³ Methodological approach applied to estimate annual net C stock change in SOM C pool

⁹⁴ Approach applied to Land Representation

⁹⁵ SOM mineral - Eq. 2.25 Formulation A

⁹⁶ SOM mineral - Eq. 2.25 Formulation B

⁹⁷ SOM (SD - Approach 1)

⁹⁸ SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)

⁹⁹ SOM Organic Drained

¹⁰⁰ For Wetlands, this is limited to peat extraction sites, either active or abandoned for which the drainage system is still active.

¹⁰¹ SOM Organic Rewetted

¹⁰² Units of land with soil status *Extracted* are mapped to the relevant *SOM (SD - Approach 1)* or *SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)* TABs regardless of the methodological approach selected in the **Land Representation Table**. **NOTE** that for each unit of land with soil status *Extracted*, users **SHALL** calculate C stock losses in the year of the first occurrence only, although in the relevant calculation worksheet *land remaining under same land use* for the entire period for which an area is associated to the unit of land.

¹⁰³ Soil Status *Extracted* SHALL NOT be applied to Approach 1 Land representation.

Table 1 Mapping units of land to calculation TABs for SOM organic soils¹⁰⁴ C pool in *Other land*

Land Use Manager		Land Representation Manager		Calculation TABs - SOM C POOL					
Soil		Method ¹⁰⁵	Approach ¹⁰⁶	Eq. 2.25 - A ¹⁰⁷	Eq. 2.25 - B ¹⁰⁸	SD - A 1 ¹⁰⁹	SD - A 2&3 ¹¹⁰	Drained ¹¹¹	Rewetted ¹¹²
Composition	Status								
Other land remaining Other land									
Organic Soil	Drained	IPCC Default	1	No C stock changes are estimated in <i>Other land remaining Other land</i> given C pools do not contain significant C stocks					
			2 or 3						
	Stock-Difference	1							
		2 or 3							
Extracted	NA ¹¹³	1							
		2 or 3							
Units of land converted to Other Land¹¹⁴									
Organic Soil	Drained	IPCC Default	2 or 3					X	
		Stock-Difference	2 or 3				X		
	Extracted	NA ¹¹³	2 or 3			115	X		

¹⁰⁴ Excluding *Coastal Wetlands* soils

¹⁰⁵ Methodological approach applied to estimate annual net C stock change in SOM C pool

¹⁰⁶ Approach applied to Land Representation

¹⁰⁷ SOM mineral - Eq. 2.25 Formulation A

¹⁰⁸ SOM mineral - Eq. 2.25 Formulation B

¹⁰⁹ SOM (SD - Approach 1)

¹¹⁰ SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)

¹¹¹ SOM Organic Drained

¹¹² SOM Organic Rewetted

¹¹³ Units of land with soil status *Extracted* are mapped to the relevant *SOM (SD - Approach 1)* or *SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)* TABs regardless of the methodological approach selected in the **Land Representation Table**. **NOTE** that for each unit of land with soil status *Extracted*, users **SHALL** calculate C stock losses in the year of the first occurrence only, although in the relevant calculation worksheet *land remaining under same land use* for the entire period for which an area is associated to the unit of land.

¹¹⁴ Although “Other land” soils do not have a status, units of land in organic or mixed soils are either mapped to “SOM organic Drained” calculation worksheet, in case the IPCC default method is selected, or to “SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)” calculation worksheet, in case the Stock-Difference method is selected

¹¹⁵ Soil Status *Extracted* SHALL NOT be applied to Approach 1 Land representation.

Table 18 Mapping units of land to calculation TABs for SOM C pool of *Coastal Wetlands* soils¹¹⁶ in *Forest Land, Cropland, Grassland, Wetlands, Settlements*

Land Use Manager		Land Representation Manager		Calculation TABs - SOM C POOL					
Soil		Method ¹¹⁷	Approach ¹¹⁸	Eq. 2.25 - A ¹¹⁹	Eq. 2.25 - B ¹²⁰	SD - A ¹²¹	SD - A 2&3 ¹²²	Drained ^{123,124}	Rewetted ¹²⁵
Type	Status								
Units of land not converted to and with no management change									
[Forest land remaining Forest land; Cropland remaining Cropland; Grassland remaining Grassland; Wetlands remaining Wetlands; Settlements remaining Settlements]									
Coastal Wetlands Soil	No change in hydrology	IPCC Default	1						
			2 or 3						
	Drained	IPCC Default	1					X	
			2 or 3						
	Rewetted	IPCC Default	1						X
			2 or 3						
	No change in hydrology	Stock-Difference	1			X			
			2 or 3				X		
	Drained	Stock-Difference	1			X		X	
			2 or 3				X		
Rewetted	Stock-Difference	1			X		X		
		2 or 3				X			
Extracted	NA ¹²⁶	1			¹²⁷				
		2 or 3				X			
Units of land converted to									
[Land converted to Forest land; Land converted to Cropland; Land converted to Grassland; Land converted to Wetlands; Land converted to Settlements]									
Units of land with only a management change									
[Forest land remaining Forest land; Cropland remaining Cropland; Grassland remaining Grassland; Wetlands remaining Wetlands; Settlements remaining Settlements]									
Coastal Wetlands Soil	No change in hydrology	IPCC Default	2 or 3						
			2 or 3					X	
			2 or 3						X
	No change in hydrology	Stock-Difference	2 or 3				X		
			2 or 3				X		
	Rewetted	Stock-Difference	2 or 3				X		
			2 or 3				X		
Extracted	NA ¹²⁶	2 or 3			¹²⁷	X			

¹¹⁶ This applies to *Coastal Wetlands* soils.

¹¹⁷ Methodological approach applied to estimate annual net C stock change in SOM C pool

¹¹⁸ Approach applied to Land Representation

¹¹⁹ SOM mineral - Eq. 2.25 Formulation A

¹²⁰ SOM mineral - Eq. 2.25 Formulation B

¹²¹ SOM (SD - Approach 1)

¹²² SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)

¹²³ SOM Organic Drained

¹²⁴ For Wetlands, this is limited to peat extraction sites, either active or abandoned for which the drainage system is still active.

¹²⁵ SOM Organic Rewetted

¹²⁶ Units of land with soil status *Extracted* are mapped to the relevant *SOM (SD - Approach 1)* or *SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)* TABs regardless of the methodological approach selected in the **Land Representation Table**. **NOTE** that for each unit of land with soil status *Extracted*, users **SHALL** calculate C stock losses in the year of the first occurrence only, although in the relevant calculation worksheet *land remaining under same land use* for the entire period for which an area is associated to the unit of land.

¹²⁷ Soil Status *Extracted* SHALL NOT be applied to Approach 1 Land representation.

Table 2 Mapping units of land to calculation TABs for SOM C pool of *Coastal Wetlands* soils¹²⁸ in *Other land*

Land Use Manager		Land Representation Manager		Calculation TABs - SOM C POOL					
Soil		Method ¹²⁹	Approach ¹³⁰	Eq. 2.25 - A ¹³¹	Eq. 2.25 - B ¹³²	SD - A ¹³³	SD - A 2&3 ¹³⁴	Drained ¹³⁵	Rewetted ¹³⁶
Type	Status								
Other land remaining Other land									
Coastal Wetlands Soil	Drained	IPCC Default	1	No C stock changes are estimated in <i>Other land remaining Other land</i> given C pools do not contain significant C stocks					
			2 or 3						
		Stock-Difference	1						
			2 or 3						
	Extracted	NA ¹³⁷	1						
			2 or 3						
Units of land converted to Other Land¹³⁸									
Coastal Wetlands Soil	Drained	IPCC Default	2 or 3					X	
		Stock-Difference	2 or 3				X		
	Extracted	NA ¹³⁷	2 or 3				X		

¹²⁸ This applies to *Coastal Wetlands* soils of any soil composition i.e. mineral, organic, mixed.

¹²⁹ Methodological approach applied to estimate annual net C stock change in SOM C pool

¹³⁰ Approach applied to Land Representation

¹³¹ SOM mineral - Eq. 2.25 Formulation A

¹³² SOM mineral - Eq. 2.25 Formulation B

¹³³ SOM (SD - Approach 1)

¹³⁴ SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)

¹³⁵ SOM Organic Drained

¹³⁶ SOM Organic Rewetted

¹³⁷ Units of land with soil status *Extracted* are mapped to the relevant *SOM (SD - Approach 1)* or *SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)* TABs regardless of the methodological approach selected in the **Land Representation Table**. **NOTE** that for each unit of land with soil status *Extracted*, users **SHALL** calculate C stock losses in the year of the first occurrence only, although in the relevant calculation worksheet *land remaining under same land use* for the entire period for which an area is associated to the unit of land.

¹³⁸ Although “Other land” soils do not have a status, units of land in organic or mixed soils are either mapped to “SOM organic Drained” calculation worksheet, in case the IPCC default method is selected, or to “SOM (SD - Approaches 2&3)” calculation worksheet, in case the Stock-Difference method is selected

Calculation Worksheets for other emissions from land

The calculation worksheet to which the *Software* maps units of land, as well as the time period over which a unit of land is mapped to a specific calculation worksheet, depends on:

- land use category; given 3.C. categories can be land-use-specific;
- activity whose emissions are to be estimated; given 3.C. categories are activity-specific.

The time period over which a unit of land is mapped to a specific calculation worksheet, depends on the activity; given that some activities emit in the year those occur only, while others are assumed to emit from their onset across the entire inventory time series regardless of its length, unless a conversion occur¹³⁹ (in such a case the unit of land is transferred to the category corresponding to the new activity).

Tables 11 and 12 map units of land to the calculation worksheets. The corresponding activity data -e.g. area- will only appear in the relevant calculation worksheet if all relevant criteria exist (e.g. soil type/soil status/activity/). Activity data are sourced from the [Land Representation Manager](#) unless otherwise specified.

¹³⁹ This only occurs in case of Approach 3 Land representation

Table 20 Mapping units of land to the calculation TABs for other emissions [categories 3.C.1 – 3.C.5]

IPCC Category		GHG	Calculation Worksheet	Time period	Units of land mapped from
3.C.1 ¹⁴⁰	a. Forest land	CO ₂ ¹⁴¹ CH ₄ N ₂ O	Emissions from burning (1/2)	Inventory Year only	Forest land Remaining Forest land
			Emissions from burning (2/2)		Land converted to Forest land
	b. Cropland		Emissions from burning (1/2)		Cropland Remaining Cropland
			Emissions from burning (2/2)		Land converted to Cropland
	c. Grassland		Emissions from burning (1/2)		Grassland Remaining Grassland
			Emissions from burning (2/2)		Land converted to Grassland
	d. All other land uses		Emissions from burning (1/2)		All other land uses Remaining
			Emissions from burning (2/2)		Land converted to All other land uses
3.C.2	Liming	CO ₂	CO ₂ emissions from liming	Inventory Year only	The <i>Software</i> does not map units of land to this category; although users can select the land use category in which the activity occurs
3.C.3	Urea application		CO ₂ emissions from urea	Inventory Year only	The <i>Software</i> does not map units of land to this category; although users can select the land use category in which the activity occurs
3.C.4	Direct N ₂ O emissions from soils	N ₂ O	Synthetic N applied to managed soils	Inventory Year only	The <i>Software</i> does not map units of land to this category; although users can select the land use category in which the activity occurs
			Organic N applied to managed soils		
			N in crop residues		
			Urine and Dung input in grazed soils		
			N in SOM mineralized	Inventory Year only ¹⁴²	The <i>Software</i> maps units of land for which a negative SOC change has been estimated in the inventory year in the relevant 3.B worksheets
			Drainage of organic soils	Entire inventory time series from activity's onset	The <i>Software</i> maps here units of land with organic soil composition and <i>Coastal Wetlands</i> type and soil status <i>Drained</i>
			Rewetting of organic soils		The <i>Software</i> maps here units of land with organic soil composition and <i>Coastal Wetlands</i> type and soil status <i>Revetted</i>
3.C.5	Indirect N ₂ O emissions from soils		Emissions from N volatilized	Inventory Year only	The <i>Software</i> maps activity data from 3.C.4, although the user can select the land category and subdivision to which to apply it
			Emissions from N leached/runoff		

¹⁴⁰ Units of land where burning occurred in the inventory year are however selected by users from a drop-down menu containing all units of land of the relevant land use category

¹⁴¹ CO₂ emissions can be estimated here and then reported within 3.B estimates for the relevant C pool, or directly estimated in the relevant worksheets of 3.B categories

¹⁴² Although the actual period depends on the methods applied to estimate SOC changes in mineral soils and the land representation approach i.e. a single year for Approach 1 and for the Stock-Difference, the transition period for Equation 2.25

Table 3

IPCC Category		GHG	Calculation Worksheet	Time period	Units of land mapped from
3.C.7	Rice Cultivation	CH ₄	CH ₄ Emissions from Rice	Inventory Year only	The <i>Software</i> does not map units of land for this category; although users can select the land subdivision in which the activity occurs
3.C.8	Drainage of organic soils		CH ₄ Emissions from drainage of organic soils	Entire inventory time series from activity's onset	The <i>Software</i> maps here units of land with organic soil composition ¹⁴³ and soil status <i>Drained</i>
3.C.9	Ditches in drained organic soils		CH ₄ Emissions from ditches in drained organic soils		The <i>Software</i> maps here units of land with organic soil composition ¹⁴³ and soil status <i>Drained</i>
3.C.10	Rewetting of drained inland organic soils		CH ₄ Emissions from rewetted inland organic soils		The <i>Software</i> maps here units of land with organic soil composition ¹⁴³ and soil status <i>Rewetted</i>
3.C.11	Rewetting of drained Mangrove or Tidal marsh		CH ₄ Emissions from rewetted Mangrove or Tidal marsh		The <i>Software</i> maps here units of land in <i>Other Wetlands</i> land subdivisions with vegetation either " <i>Mangrove</i> " or " <i>Tidal Marsh</i> "
3.C.13	Rewetting of drained inland mineral soils	CH ₄	CH ₄ Emissions from rewetted inland mineral soils	Entire inventory time series from activity's onset	The <i>Software</i> maps here units of land that have <i>Inland Wetland Mineral</i> soil and have soil status <i>Rewetted</i>
3.D.2	Other	CO ₂ CH ₄ N ₂ O		Inventory Year only	The <i>Software</i> does not map units of land for this category; although users can select the land subdivision in which the activity occurs

¹⁴³ Excluding *Coastal Wetlands* soils

Examples

Three examples will be provided, one for each IPCC Approach on land representation. In this version of the Guide only two examples are provided:

- ✓ **Example 1, Region 1, Approach 1**
- ✓ **Example 2, Region 2, Approach 2**

All examples are based on a simplified case of a country X that collects land use data every 5 years -namely for the following years: 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020, 2025-.

All country land is managed, with a single¹⁴⁴ soil type (mineral) and climate zone (subtropical). The country has the following land-use categories:

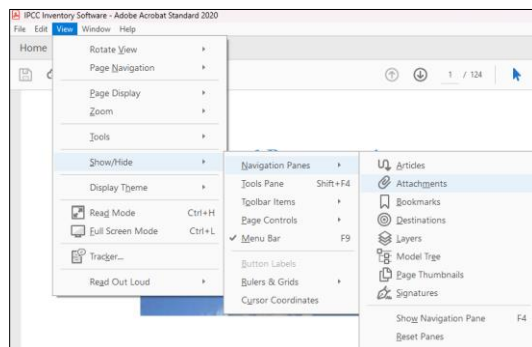
- ✓ **Forest land**, with the *managed* subcategory only, and 4 forest subdivisions (broadleaves natural, conifers natural, broadleaves planted, conifers planted),
- ✓ **Cropland**, with 2 subcategories (**annual** vs **perennial**) and 3 subdivisions (annual crops, rice, perennial crops),
- ✓ **Grassland**, with the *managed* subcategory only, and one single subdivision,
- ✓ **Settlements**, with the *other* subcategory only, and one single subdivision,
- ✓ **Other land**, with the *managed* subcategory only, and one single subdivision.

Note: IPCC *good practice* requires that a land representation time series is not affected by trends not associated with changes in activities. This brings the need, having the year **S** as the first year of your inventory, to have a land representation time series from the year **S-D**¹⁴⁵, where **D** is the transition period¹⁴⁶. This means that with data available in this example the first year of the NGHGI is to be 2015; we nevertheless compile data for the entire time period before the year 2015 for which we have data, i.e. from 1990 to 2015.

Recall: Given that **a unit of land cannot change its soil type and climate zone across the time series**, it is **advisable** when using the *Software* to **set a Region in the Land Representation Manager (LRM) for each combination of soil type and climate zone**. This largely facilitate the data handling and data input.

Data for Examples are accessible by clicking the ATTACH icon (paper-clip) in the Navigation Panel

The Navigation Panel is usually shown on the left-hand side of the screen; where you have it not displayed, you can access it from the View menu, as shown below:



From the same **ATTACH icon** you can download a database compiled with data for Examples.

Login: Land representation; **Password:** Guidebook


¹⁴⁴ These are very simplified examples given that countries have many more land use types under a number of combinations of soil types and climate zones.

¹⁴⁵ Which means to have annual land-use conversion matrices from the year S-(D-1); e.g. being 1990 the first year of an NGHGI, the first annual land-use conversion matrix is to be 1970/1971.

¹⁴⁶ Where D is equal to 20 years (IPCC default)

Step 1

The first step is common to all examples, and it requires to enter land use types in the **Land Use Manager (LUM)**

. We minimize data entry in this example, so compiling only those mandatory fields (*those with an  in the right-hand side*) and just with a 0-value, although to calculate C stock changes values shall be entered.

Forest land - *Managed*

Land use subdivision - common parameters			
Land use subdivision name	Broadleaves Natural	Country/Territory	World
Soil Type	Land representation exercise	Continent	World
Soil Status	No change in hydrology	Climate Region	Land Representation exercis
Land use subdivision - Managed Forest Land specific parameters			
Ecological zone	User-defined Land representation exercise	Species	User-defined Land representation exercise
		Natural Forest	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
		Plantation	<input type="radio"/>
		Abandoned managed land	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Land mass	Unspecified
	Age class (yr)	Unspecified	
	Above-ground biomass stock (t d.m. / ha)		0.000
	Above-ground net biomass growth (G) (t d.m. / ha / yr)		0.000
	Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R) (t root d.m./t shoot d.m.)		0.000
	Biomass carbon fraction (t C / t d.m.)		0.470
	Growing stock level (V) (m3 / ha)	Unspecified	
	Mean annual increment of growing stock (lv) (m3 / ha / yr)		
	Biomass conversion and expansion factor for increment (BCEFI) (t d.m. / m3 wood volume)	Specified	
	Biomass conversion and expansion factor for standing stock (BCEFS) (t d.m. / m3 wood volume)	Specified	
	Biomass conversion and expansion factor for wood and fuelwood removal (BCEFR) (t d.m. / m3 wood volume)	Specified	0.000
	Basic wood density (D) (t d.m. / m3 fresh volume)		
	Biomass expansion factor for conversion of annual net increment to above-ground biomass increment (BEF1)		
	Biomass expansion factor for conversion of merchantable volume to above-ground biomass (BEF2)		
	Litter C stock at maturity (t C / ha)		
	Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOCref) (t C / ha)		0.000
Relative C stock change factors			
	Land use (FLU)	1.000	
	Management (FMG)	1.000	
	Input (FI)	1.000	

Land use subdivision - common parameters			
Land use subdivision name	Broadleaves Plantation	Country/Territory	World
Soil Type	Land representation exercise	Continent	World
Soil Status	No change in hydrology	Climate Region	Land Representation exercis
Land use subdivision - Managed Forest Land specific parameters			
Ecological zone	User-defined Land representation exercise	Species	User-defined Land representation exercise
		Natural Forest	<input type="radio"/>
		Plantation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
		Abandoned managed land	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Land mass	Unspecified
	Age class (yr)	Unspecified	
	Above-ground biomass stock (t d.m. / ha)		0.000
	Above-ground net biomass growth (G) (t d.m. / ha / yr)		0.000
	Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R) (t root d.m./t shoot d.m.)		0.000
	Biomass carbon fraction (t C / t d.m.)		0.470
	Growing stock level (V) (m3 / ha)	Unspecified	
	Mean annual increment of growing stock (lv) (m3 / ha / yr)		
	Biomass conversion and expansion factor for increment (BCEFI) (t d.m. / m3 wood volume)	Specified	
	Biomass conversion and expansion factor for standing stock (BCEFS) (t d.m. / m3 wood volume)	Specified	
	Biomass conversion and expansion factor for wood and fuelwood removal (BCEFR) (t d.m. / m3 wood volume)	Specified	0.000
	Basic wood density (D) (t d.m. / m3 fresh volume)		
	Biomass expansion factor for conversion of annual net increment to above-ground biomass increment (BEF1)		
	Biomass expansion factor for conversion of merchantable volume to above-ground biomass (BEF2)		
	Litter C stock at maturity (t C / ha)		
	Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOCref) (t C / ha)		0.000
Relative C stock change factors			
	Land use (FLU)	1.000	
	Management (FMG)	1.000	
	Input (FI)	1.000	

Land use subdivision - common parameters

Land use subdivision name: Confers Natural
 Soil Type: Land representation exercise
 Soil Status: No change in hydrology

Country/Territory: World
 Continent: World
 Climate Region: Land Representation exercis

Land use subdivision - Managed Forest Land specific parameters

Ecological zone: User-defined
 Species: User-defined
 Natural Forest Abandoned managed land
 Land representation exercise
 Land representation exercise
 Plantation

Land mass: Unspecified

Age class (yr): Unspecified

Above-ground biomass stock (t d.m. / ha): 0.000

Above-ground net biomass growth (G) (t d.m. / ha / yr): 0.000

Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R) (t root d.m. / t shoot d.m.): 0.000

Biomass carbon fraction (t C / t d.m.): 0.470

Growing stock level (V) (m3 / ha): Unspecified

Mean annual increment of growing stock (lv) (m3 / ha / yr):

Biomass conversion and expansion factor for increment (BCEFI) (t d.m. / m3 wood volume): Specified

Biomass conversion and expansion factor for standing stock (BCEFS) (t d.m. / m3 wood volume): Specified

Biomass conversion and expansion factor for wood and fuelwood removal (BCEFR) (t d.m. / m3 wood volume): Specified 0.000

Basic wood density (D) (t d.m. / m3 fresh volume):

Biomass expansion factor for conversion of annual net increment to above-ground biomass increment (BEF1):

Biomass expansion factor for conversion of merchantable volume to above-ground biomass (BEF2):

Litter C stock at maturity (t C / ha):

Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOCref) (t C / ha): 0.000

Relative C stock change factors

Land use (FLU): 1.000 Management (FMG): 1.000 Input (FI): 1.000

Land use subdivision - common parameters

Land use subdivision name: Confers Plantation
 Soil Type: Land representation exercise
 Soil Status: No change in hydrology

Country/Territory: World
 Continent: World
 Climate Region: Land Representation exercis

Land use subdivision - Managed Forest Land specific parameters

Ecological zone: User-defined
 Species: User-defined
 Natural Forest Abandoned managed land
 Land representation exercise
 Land representation exercise
 Plantation

Land mass: Unspecified

Age class (yr): Unspecified

Above-ground biomass stock (t d.m. / ha): 0.000

Above-ground net biomass growth (G) (t d.m. / ha / yr): 0.000

Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R) (t root d.m. / t shoot d.m.): 0.000

Biomass carbon fraction (t C / t d.m.): 0.470

Growing stock level (V) (m3 / ha): Unspecified

Mean annual increment of growing stock (lv) (m3 / ha / yr):

Biomass conversion and expansion factor for increment (BCEFI) (t d.m. / m3 wood volume): Specified

Biomass conversion and expansion factor for standing stock (BCEFS) (t d.m. / m3 wood volume): Specified

Biomass conversion and expansion factor for wood and fuelwood removal (BCEFR) (t d.m. / m3 wood volume): Specified 0.000

Basic wood density (D) (t d.m. / m3 fresh volume):

Biomass expansion factor for conversion of annual net increment to above-ground biomass increment (BEF1):

Biomass expansion factor for conversion of merchantable volume to above-ground biomass (BEF2):

Litter C stock at maturity (t C / ha):

Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOCref) (t C / ha): 0.000

Relative C stock change factors

Land use (FLU): 1.000 Management (FMG): 1.000 Input (FI): 1.000

Cropland - Annual:

Land use subdivision - common parameters

Land use subdivision name: Annual crops
 Soil Type: Land representation exercise
 Soil Status: No change in hydrology

Country/Territory: World
 Continent: World
 Climate Region: Land Representation exercis

Land use subdivision - Annual Crops specific parameters

Rice ecosystem

Herbaceous biomass: t C / ha
 C fraction (t C / t d.m.): 1.000
 Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R) (t root C / t shoot C):
 Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOCref) (t C / ha): 67.000

Relative C stock change factors

Land use (FLU): 0.800
 Tillage (FMG): 1.000
 Input (FI): 0.950

Save Undo Close

Land use subdivision - common parameters

Land use subdivision name: Rice
 Soil Type: Land representation exercise
 Soil Status: No change in hydrology

Country/Territory: World
 Continent: World
 Climate Region: Land Representation exercis

Land use subdivision - Annual Crops specific parameters

Rice ecosystem

Herbaceous biomass: t C / ha
 C fraction (t C / t d.m.): 1.000
 Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R) (t root C / t shoot C):
 Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOCref) (t C / ha): 67.000

Relative C stock change factors

Land use (FLU): 1.100
 Tillage (FMG): 1.000
 Input (FI): 1.440

Save Undo Close

Cropland - *Perennial*:

Land use subdivision - common parameters

Land use subdivision name: Perennial crops
 Soil Type: Land representation exercise
 Soil Status: No change in hydrology
 Country/Territory: World
 Continent: World
 Climate Region: Land Representation exercis

Land use subdivision - Perennial Crops specific parameters

Cropland type: All perennials

Woody biomass: t C / ha (0.000) C fraction (t C / t d.m.): 1.000
 Age class (yr): Unspecified Value:
 Perennial biomass carbon accumulation rate (G) (tonnes C / ha / yr):
 Ratio of below-ground woody biomass to above-ground woody biomass (R) (t root C / t shoot C):
 Harvest / Maturity cycle (yr): 0.000

Agroforestry Herbaceous biomass: t C / ha () C fraction (t C / t d.m.): 1.000
 Ratio of below-ground herbaceous biomass to above-ground herbaceous biomass (R) (t root C / t shoot C):
 Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOCref) (t C / ha): 67.000
 Relative C stock change factors
 Land use (FLU): 1.000
 Tillage (FMG): 1.000
 Input (FI): 1.000

Save Undo Close

Grassland - *Managed*:

Land use subdivision - common parameters

Land use subdivision name: Grassland
 Soil Type: Land representation exercise
 Soil Status: No change in hydrology
 Country/Territory: World
 Continent: World
 Climate Region: Land Representation exercis

Land use subdivision - Managed Grassland specific parameters

Vegetation type: User-defined (Land representation exercise) Improved grassland Abandoned managed land

Herbaceous biomass (t d.m. / ha): 0.000
 Ratio of below-ground herbaceous biomass to above-ground herbaceous biomass (R) (t root d.m. / t shoot d.m.):
 Carbon fraction of herbaceous biomass dry matter (t C / t d.m.): 0.470
 Woody biomass: t d.m. / ha (0.000)
 Age class (yr): Unspecified Value:
 Woody biomass accumulation rate (G) (tonnes d.m. / ha / yr):
 Ratio of below-ground woody biomass to above-ground woody biomass (R) (t root d.m. / t shoot d.m.):
 Carbon fraction of woody biomass dry matter (t C / t d.m.): 1.000
 Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOCref) (t C / ha): 67.000
 Relative C stock change factors
 Land use (FLU): 1.000
 Management (FMG): 1.000
 Input (FI): 1.000

Save Undo Close

Settlements - *(Other)*:

Land use subdivision - common parameters

Land use subdivision name: Settlements

Country/Territory: World

Soil Type: Land representation exercise

Continent: World

Soil Status: No change in hydrology

Climate Region: Land Representation exercis

Land use subdivision - Other Settlements specific parameters

Above-ground biomass stock (t d.m. / ha)

Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R) (t root d.m./t shoot d.m.)

Carbon fraction of biomass dry matter (t C / t d.m.)

Reference soil organic carbon stock (SOCref) (t C / ha)

Cultivated

Proportion of the area that is cultivated (%)

Relative C stock change factors

Land use (FLU) Management (FMG) Input (FI)

Turfgrass

Proportion of the area covered by turfgrass (%)

Relative C stock change factors

Land use (FLU) Management (FMG) Input (FI)

Paved

Proportion of the area paved (%)

Relative C stock change factors

Land use (FLU) Management (FMG) Input (FI)

Save Undo Close

Other land - *Managed*:

Land use subdivision - common parameters

Land use subdivision name: Other land

Country/Territory: World

Soil Type: Land representation exercise

Continent: World

Soil Status: Not applicable

Climate Region: Land Representation exercis

Land use subdivision - Managed Other Land specific parameters

Save Undo Close

Example 1 – Approach 1 for Land Representation

Let's do then a Step-by-Step example on preparing with **Approach 1** a time series of units of land for a Land representation.

Thus, after having completed Step 1 we proceed as follows.

Recall:

- ✓ Approach 1 does not identify changes in the use/management land, which means that:
 - all units of land are *Remaining*¹⁴⁷ in the relevant¹⁴⁸ land use subdivision:
 - a land conversion matrix cannot be built, and so the software does not compile data in the **Land representation table Tab**
- ✓ to correctly operationalize formulation A¹⁴⁹ of IPCC Equation 2.25¹⁵⁰ (SOC changes in mineral soils)¹⁵¹, in each inventory year **Y** the Land Representation for Approach 1 requires also the area data of each unit of land in the year **Y-D**. The Software applies the IPCC default value -i.e. 20 years- of the transition period **D**.

¹⁴⁷ This indicates a unit of land of a land category that did not have any conversion in the last **D** years (where **D** is the transition period applied to land use conversions, by default 20 years) e.g. **Managed forest land**, **Broadleaves natural Remaining Managed forest land**, **Broadleaves natural**.

¹⁴⁸ i.e. the land use subdivision from which the unit of land has been converted.

¹⁴⁹ Formulation A is to be applied when Approach 1 for Land representation is applied.

¹⁵⁰ See pages 2.36 to 2.38 (boxes 2.1 and 2.2) of Chapter 2 (Generic Methodologies Applicable to Multiple Land-Use Categories) Volume 4 of the *2019 Refinement* (https://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/2019rf/pdf/4_Volume4/19R_V4_Ch02_Generic%20Methods.pdf)

¹⁵¹ For guidance on preparing estimates of SOC changes refer to the *Land Categories 3.B Users' Guidebook*.

Step 2

We compile raw data available in the country in the following land-use tables below. Each table covers a five-year period given the land use survey is conducted every 5 years. An inventory compiler can derive¹⁵² a set of 5 annual land-use table from each of the tables below (data are all in hectares).

1990		Area (ha)		
Subcategory	Subdivision	Subdivision	Subcategory	Category
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	91,285	133,575	133,575
	Conifers Natural	30,260		
	Broadleaves Plantation	3,030		
	Conifers Plantation	9,000		
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	80,065	80,865	88,885
	Rice	800		
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	8,020	8,020	
Managed Grassland	Grassland	70,525	70,525	70,525
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements	6,000	6,000	6,000
Managed Other Land	Other land	1,015	1,015	1,015
Total final	Subdivision	300,000		
	Subcategory		300,000	
	Category			300,000

1995		Area (ha)		
Subcategory	Subdivision	Subdivision	Subcategory	Category
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	90,005	132,655	132,655
	Conifers Natural	30,000		
	Broadleaves Plantation	3,000		
	Conifers Plantation	9,650		
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	80,320	81,170	90,180
	Rice	850		
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	9,010	9,010	
Managed Grassland	Grassland	70,040	70,040	70,040
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements	6,125	6,125	6,125
Managed Other Land	Other land	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total final	Subdivision	300,000		
	Subcategory		300,000	
	Category			300,000

2000		Area (ha)		
Subcategory	Subdivision	Subdivision	Subcategory	Category
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	89,767	132,455	132,455
	Conifers Natural	29,928		
	Broadleaves Plantation	2,880		
	Conifers Plantation	9,880		
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	80,310	81,180	90,290
	Rice	870		
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	9,110	9,110	
Managed Grassland	Grassland	70,038	70,038	70,038
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements	6,197	6,197	6,197
Managed Other Land	Other land	1,020	1,020	1,020
Total final	Subdivision	300,000		
	Subcategory		300,000	
	Category			300,000

2005		Area (ha)		
Subcategory	Subdivision	Subdivision	Subcategory	Category
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	89,732	132,405	132,405
	Conifers Natural	29,898		
	Broadleaves Plantation	2,900		
	Conifers Plantation	9,875		
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	80,305	81,180	90,310
	Rice	875		
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	9,130	9,130	
Managed Grassland	Grassland	70,028	70,028	70,028
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements	6,237	6,237	6,237
Managed Other Land	Other land	1,020	1,020	1,020
Total final	Subdivision	300,000		
	Subcategory		300,000	
	Category			300,000

2010		Area (ha)		
Subcategory	Subdivision	Subdivision	Subcategory	Category
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	89,742	132,415	132,415
	Conifers Natural	29,898		
	Broadleaves Plantation	2,910		
	Conifers Plantation	9,865		
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	80,345	81,220	90,365
	Rice	875		
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	9,145	9,145	
Managed Grassland	Grassland	70,008	70,008	70,008
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements	6,192	6,192	6,192
Managed Other Land	Other land	1,020	1,020	1,020
Total final	Subdivision	300,000		
	Subcategory		300,000	
	Category			300,000

2015		Area (ha)		
Subcategory	Subdivision	Subdivision	Subcategory	Category
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	89,742	132,385	132,385
	Conifers Natural	29,798		
	Broadleaves Plantation	2,970		
	Conifers Plantation	9,875		
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	80,285	81,120	90,275
	Rice	835		
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	9,155	9,155	
Managed Grassland	Grassland	70,058	70,058	70,058
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements	6,262	6,262	6,262
Managed Other Land	Other land	1,020	1,020	1,020
Total final	Subdivision	300,000		
	Subcategory		300,000	
	Category			300,000

2020		Area (ha)		
Subcategory	Subdivision	Subdivision	Subcategory	Category
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	89,742	132,295	132,295
	Conifers Natural	29,788		
	Broadleaves Plantation	2,980		
	Conifers Plantation	9,785		
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	80,255	81,080	90,365
	Rice	825		
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	9,285	9,285	
Managed Grassland	Grassland	70,028	70,028	70,028
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements	6,302	6,302	6,302
Managed Other Land	Other land	1,010	1,010	1,010
Total final	Subdivision	300,000		
	Subcategory		300,000	
	Category			300,000

2025		Area (ha)		
Subcategory	Subdivision	Subdivision	Subcategory	Category
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	89,782	132,285	132,285
	Conifers Natural	29,788		
	Broadleaves Plantation	2,970		
	Conifers Plantation	9,745		
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	80,115	80,940	90,275
	Rice	825		
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	9,335	9,335	
Managed Grassland	Grassland	69,978	69,978	69,978
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements	6,452	6,452	6,452
Managed Other Land	Other land	1,010	1,010	1,010
Total final	Subdivision	300,000		
	Subcategory		300,000	
	Category			300,000

¹⁵² E.g. by assigning to each annual land-use conversion matrix 1/5th of the changes reported in each 5-year land-use conversion matrix, or by randomizing in annual changes each change reported in the 5-year land-use conversion matrix, or better by using ancillary data to derive those annual values.

Step 3

Data from the land-use tables above are compiled in a time series of units of land to be entered in the [Land Representation Manager \(LRM\)](#).

The time series is assembled in a table which relevant parameters are: *Current Subdivision*, *Previous Subdivision*, *Area (ha)*, *Method applied for each C pool*.

Note:

- ✓ In this exercise, information on *Method applied for each C pool* is not compiled given C stock change estimates are not¹⁵³ part of this Guide;
- ✓ The identification code assigned is just an example, users may find a better way to coding units of land to help them to attribute the appropriate EFs/parameters in the relevant calculation worksheets (see [Automatic unit of land codes](#)).

¹⁵³ Guidebook on Land Categories 3.B deals with C stock change estimation in C pools.

Step 3a

First: we start from the oldest land-use table and we generate a unit of land for each subdivision in the table, as reported in the table below:

ID	Previous			Current			Area (ha) 1990
	Category	Subcategory	Subdivision	Category	Subcategory	Subdivision	
FL-FL_1	Forest land	Managed Forest land	<i>Broadleaves Natural</i>	Forest land	Managed Forest land	<i>Broadleaves Natural</i>	91,285
FL-FL_2			<i>Conifers Natural</i>			<i>Conifers Natural</i>	30,260
FL-FL_3			<i>Broadleaves Plantation</i>			<i>Broadleaves Plantation</i>	3,030
FL-FL_4			<i>Conifers Plantation</i>			<i>Conifers Plantation</i>	9,000
CL-CL_1	Cropland	Annual Cropland	<i>Annual crops</i>	Cropland	Annual Cropland	<i>Annual crops</i>	80,065
CL-CL_2			<i>Rice</i>			<i>Rice</i>	800
CL-CL_3		Perennial Cropland	<i>Perennial crops</i>		Perennial Cropland	<i>Perennial crops</i>	8,020
GL-GL_1	Grassland	Managed Grassland	<i>Grassland</i>	Grassland	Managed Grassland	<i>Grassland</i>	70,525
SL-SL_1	Settlements	Settlements (Other)	<i>Settlements</i>	Settlements	Settlements (Other)	<i>Settlements</i>	6,000
OL-OL_1	Other land	Managed Other land	<i>Other land</i>	Other land	Managed Other land	<i>Other land</i>	1,015

Step 3b

Second: from the other land-use tables we compile for each unit of land the area it has in each year of the time series:

ID	Inventory Year Y														
	Previous			Current			Area (ha)								
	Category	Subcategory	Subdivision	Category	Subcategory	Subdivision	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	
FL-FL_1	Forest land	Managed Forest land	<i>Broadleaves Natural</i>	Forest land	Managed Forest land	<i>Broadleaves Natural</i>	91,285	90,005	89,767	89,732	89,742	89,742	89,742	89,782	
FL-FL_2			<i>Conifers Natural</i>			<i>Conifers Natural</i>	30,260	30,000	29,928	29,898	29,898	29,898	29,798	29,788	29,788
FL-FL_3			<i>Broadleaves Plantation</i>			<i>Broadleaves Plantation</i>	3,030	3,000	2,880	2,900	2,910	2,970	2,980	2,970	2,970
FL-FL_4			<i>Conifers Plantation</i>			<i>Conifers Plantation</i>	9,000	9,650	9,880	9,875	9,865	9,875	9,785	9,745	9,745
CL-CL_1	Cropland	Annual Cropland	<i>Annual crops</i>	Cropland	Annual Cropland	<i>Annual crops</i>	80,065	80,320	80,310	80,305	80,345	80,285	80,255	80,115	
CL-CL_2			<i>Rice</i>			<i>Rice</i>	800	850	870	875	875	835	825	825	
CL-CL_3		Perennial Cropland	<i>Perennial crops</i>		Perennial Cropland	<i>Perennial crops</i>	8,020	9,010	9,110	9,130	9,145	9,155	9,285	9,335	
GL-GL_1	Grassland	Managed Grassland	<i>Grassland</i>	Grassland	Managed Grassland	<i>Grassland</i>	70,525	70,040	70,038	70,028	70,008	70,058	70,028	69,978	
SL-SL_1	Settlements	Settlements (Other)	<i>Settlements</i>	Settlements	Settlements (Other)	<i>Settlements</i>	6,000	6,125	6,197	6,237	6,192	6,262	6,302	6,452	
OL-OL_1	Other land	Managed Other land	<i>Other land</i>	Other land	Managed Other land	<i>Other land</i>	1,015	1,000	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,010	1,010	

Step 3b

Third: recalling that to correctly operationalize formulation A of IPCC Equation 2.25 (SOC changes in mineral soils), the area of the unit of land in the year **Y-D** is needed, and assuming no area changes occurred before 1990¹⁵⁴, the area data for years **Y-D** are compiled as:

Inventory Year Y-D														
ID	Previous			Current			Area (ha)							
	Category	Subcategory	Subdivision	Category	Subcategory	Subdivision	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005
FL-FL_1	Forest land	Managed Forest land	<i>Broadleaves Natural</i>	Forest land	Managed Forest land	<i>Broadleaves Natural</i>	91,285	91,285	91,285	91,285	91,285	90,005	89,767	89,732
FL-FL_2			<i>Conifers Natural</i>			<i>Conifers Natural</i>	30,260	30,260	30,260	30,260	30,260	30,000	29,928	29,898
FL-FL_3			<i>Broadleaves Plantation</i>			<i>Broadleaves Plantation</i>	3,030	3,030	3,030	3,030	3,030	3,000	2,880	2,900
FL-FL_4			<i>Conifers Plantation</i>			<i>Conifers Plantation</i>	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,650	9,880	9,875
CL-CL_1	Cropland	Annual Cropland	<i>Annual crops</i>	Cropland	Annual Cropland	<i>Annual crops</i>	80,065	80,065	80,065	80,065	80,065	80,320	80,310	80,305
CL-CL_2			<i>Rice</i>			<i>Rice</i>	800	800	800	800	800	850	870	875
CL-CL_3			<i>Perennial crops</i>			<i>Perennial crops</i>	8,020	8,020	8,020	8,020	8,020	9,010	9,110	9,130
GL-GL_1	Grassland	Managed Grassland	<i>Grassland</i>	Grassland	Managed Grassland	<i>Grassland</i>	70,525	70,525	70,525	70,525	70,525	70,040	70,038	70,028
SL-SL_1	Settlements	Settlements (Other)	<i>Settlements</i>	Settlements	Settlements (Other)	<i>Settlements</i>	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,125	6,197	6,237
OL-OL_1	Other land	Managed Other land	<i>Other land</i>	Other land	Managed Other land	<i>Other land</i>	1,015	1,015	1,015	1,015	1,015	1,000	1,020	1,020

¹⁵⁴ Such an assumption is consistent with good practice if the first inventory year reported is 2015, otherwise the inventory compiler shall collect data needed for all years from year S -first year of the NGHGI time series- to year S-D.

Step 4

We enter data in the *Software*.

Recall: enter units of land in the *Software* **from the first year** -i.e. 1990- **of the time series**¹⁵⁵ **till the last year** -i.e. 2025. **This is a MUST requirement** to correctly enter a Land Representation in the *Software*.

¹⁵⁵ Recall, this first requires setting the time series in the *Inventory Year* TAB of the *Application* Menu (accessible from the main bar of the *Software*).

Step 4a

In the **Regions** TAB, we enter:




1. total area of the country, in ha
2. Regions' name and associated area; for this example Region's name is *Example 1* and the area is *300,000* ha:

Region name	Area (ha)	Approach	Remark
Example 1	300,000	Approach 1	
Example 2	300,000	Approach 2	
Example 3	300,000	Approach 3	
Total	900,000.000		

Note the Land Representation in the figure covers all three examples of this Guide -i.e. 3 Regions for the 3 Examples on Land Representation, each Region contains one example for the corresponding IPCC Approach.


Step 4b

In the **Land representation table** TAB, we enter data from **Forest land** category to **Other land** category. Thus:

1. we click on the symbol  on the left-hand side of the screen next to *Forest land* category to open submenu of subcategories
2. we click on the symbol  on the left-hand side of the screen next to *Managed Forest land* subcategory to open submenu where to enter information on units of land according to the relevant subdivisions:
3. to select the *Current land use subdivision* we click on the symbol  on the right-hand side of the field, so opening a dropdown menu from which selecting the relevant subdivision:

Note that the dropdown menu contains the subdivisions entered in the Land Use Manager

Land use category		Area (1990) (ha)		Remark	
Forest Land		0			
Land use subcategory		Area (1990) (ha)		Remark	
Managed Forest Land		0			
Current Land use subdivision				Remark	
				X	
Land use subcategory	Land use subdivision	Soil Status	Age class	Remark	
Managed Forest Land	natural broadleaves	No change.	Unspecified		
	natural conifers	No change.	Unspecified	0	
Unmanaged Forest Land	plantation broadleaves	No change.	Unspecified		
	plantation conifers	No change.	Unspecified		

4. Once the *Current land use subdivision* is selected, we move to the following level by clicking on the symbol  on the left-hand side of the screen, and we:

Land use category		Area (1990) (ha)		Area (1970) (ha)		Remark					
Forest Land		0		0							
Land use subcategory		Area (1990) (ha)		Area (1970) (ha)		Remark					
Managed Forest Land		0		0							
Current Land use subdivision						Remark					
						X					
Land unit code (Automatic)		Land unit code (User defined)		Area (1990) (ha)		Area (1970) (ha)		Remark		P	

5. enter the *Land unit code (user-defined)*,

NOTE: Given in Approach 1 all units of land are classified as *Remaining* in the land use subdivision-, information on *Previous land use subcategory* and *Previous land use subdivision* is not relevant and so those 2 fields are not shown in the data mask.

6. enter the *Area (ha)* of the unit of land in the current inventory year -i.e. 1990,


Land use category		Area (1990) (ha)		Area (1970) (ha)		Remark					
Forest Land		0		0							
Land use subcategory		Area (1990) (ha)		Area (1970) (ha)		Remark					
Managed Forest Land		0		0							
Current Land use subdivision						Remark					
						X					
Land unit code (Automatic)		Land unit code (User defined)		Area (1990) (ha)		Area (1970) (ha)		Remark		P	
		FL-FL_1		91,285							

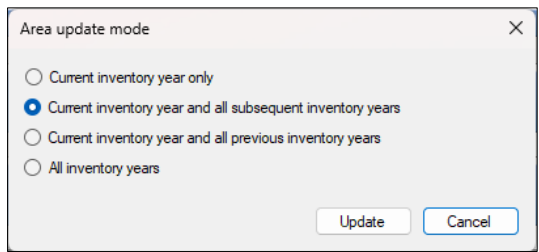
7. enter the *Area (ha)* of the unit of land in the inventory year **Y-D**¹⁵⁶ -i.e. 1970.

Land use category		Area (1990) (ha)		Area (1970) (ha)		Remark					
Forest Land		91,285		91,285							
Land use subcategory		Area (1990) (ha)		Area (1970) (ha)		Remark					
Managed Forest Land		91,285		91,285							
Current Land use subdivision						Remark					
						X					
Land unit code (Automatic)		Land unit code (User defined)		Area (1990) (ha)		Area (1970) (ha)		Remark		P	
		MFL-BN-NF-UD-82		FL-FL_1		91,285		91,285			

8. click on **SAVE**, on the bottom right-hand corner of the window, before moving to enter the next unit of land.
Note that once saved the Software assign an automatic code to the unit of land

¹⁵⁶ Note that if the year Y-D is part of the inventory time series the *Software* automatically compile the value of the area of the year Y-D.

Once entered the area, we leave the *Area update mode* (accessible by clicking on the symbol  on the right-hand side of the field *Area*) in its default option *Current inventory year and subsequent inventory years*.

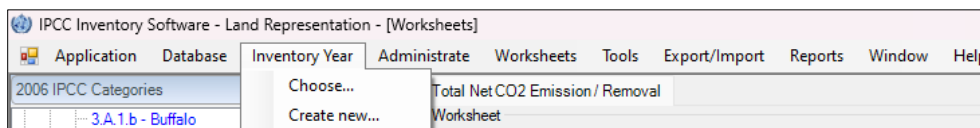


Repeating steps 1 to 15 for all units of land we complete the land representation data entry for the year 1990:

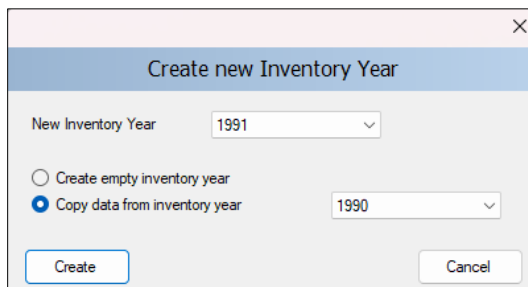
Regions		Land representation table	Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3)	Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)		
Region	Example 1	Region area (ha)	300,000,000	Discrepancy (ha)	1990: OK; 1970: OK	
					Approach 1	1990
Land use category	Area (1990) (ha)	Area (1970) (ha)	Remark			
⊕ Forest Land	133,575	133,575				
⊕ Cropland	88,885	88,885				
⊕ Grassland	70,525	70,525				
⊕ Wetlands	0	0				
⊕ Settlements	6,000	6,000				
⊕ Other Land	1,015	1,015				

Step 4c

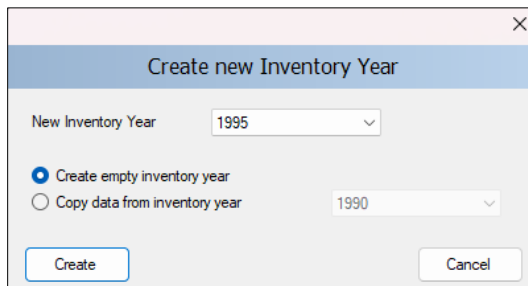
Once all units of land for the year 1990 have been entered we create the years 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995. To do so, we use the *Inventory Year* Menu (accessible from the main bar of the *Software*) and select the *Create new...* functionality.



We can either create new inventory years as a copy of the previous inventory year -e.g. 1991 as a copy of 1990- or as an empty inventory year.



In both cases the Land representation table of the new inventory year contains the units of land already entered in the previous year(s), although in the second case -i.e. empty inventory- no area data are prefilled by the *Software*. However, given we have no new data to enter for the years 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994, we choose to create those as a copy of the previous inventory year; while for the year 1995, given we have new data, we choose to create it as an empty inventory.



We then enter the data for units of land in the year 1995, by repeating all steps described at [Step 4b](#):

Region	Example 1	Region area (ha)	300,000,000	Discrepancy (ha)	1995: OK, 1975: OK	Approach 1	1995
	Land use category	Area (1995) (ha)		Area (1975) (ha)			Remark
	Forest Land	132,655		133,575			
	Cropland	90,180		88,885			
	Grassland	70,040		70,525			
	Wetlands	0		0			
	Settlements	6,125		6,000			
	Other Land	1,000		1,015			

Step 4d

We repeat operations described in [Step 4c](#) to create the years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and we enter data in year 2000 as described in [Step 4b](#). And we do it for all other years; till we have created, repeating operations described in [Step 4c](#), all years to 2025 and we have entered data in years 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020, 2025, repeating operations described in [Step 4c](#).

2000:

Regions Land representation table Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)							
Region	Example 1	Region area (ha)	300,000,000	Discrepancy (ha)	2000: OK; 1980: OK	Approach 1	2000
Land use category		Area (2000) (ha)		Area (1980) (ha)			Remark
Forest Land		132,455		133,575			
Cropland		90,290		88,885			
Grassland		70,038		70,525			
Wetlands		0		0			
Settlements		6,197		6,000			
Other Land		1,020		1,015			

2005:

Regions Land representation table Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)							
Region	Example 1	Region area (ha)	300,000,000	Discrepancy (ha)	2005: OK; 1985: OK	Approach 1	2005
Land use category		Area (2005) (ha)		Area (1985) (ha)			Remark
Forest Land		132,405		133,575			
Cropland		90,310		88,885			
Grassland		70,028		70,525			
Wetlands		0		0			
Settlements		6,237		6,000			
Other Land		1,020		1,015			

2010:

Regions Land representation table Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)							
Region	Example 1	Region area (ha)	300,000,000	Discrepancy (ha)	2010: OK; 1990: OK	Approach 1	2010
Land use category		Area (2010) (ha)		Area (1990) (ha)			Remark
Forest Land		132,415		133,575			
Cropland		90,365		88,885			
Grassland		70,008		70,525			
Wetlands		0		0			
Settlements		6,192		6,000			
Other Land		1,020		1,015			

2015:

Regions Land representation table Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)							
Region	Example 1	Region area (ha)	300,000,000	Discrepancy (ha)	2015: OK; 1995: OK	Approach 1	2015
Land use category		Area (2015) (ha)		Area (1995) (ha)			Remark
Forest Land		132,385		132,655			
Cropland		90,275		90,180			
Grassland		70,058		70,040			
Wetlands		0		0			
Settlements		6,262		6,125			
Other Land		1,020		1,000			

2020:

Regions Land representation table Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)							
Region	Example 1	Region area (ha)	300,000,000	Discrepancy (ha)	2020: OK; 2000: OK	Approach 1	2020
Land use category		Area (2020) (ha)		Area (2000) (ha)			Remark
Forest Land		132,295		132,455			
Cropland		90,365		90,290			
Grassland		70,028		70,038			
Wetlands		0		0			
Settlements		6,302		6,197			
Other Land		1,010		1,020			

2025:

Regions Land representation table Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)							
Region	Example 1	Region area (ha)	300,000,000	Discrepancy (ha)	2025: OK; 2005: OK	Approach 1	2025
Land use category		Area (2025) (ha)		Area (2005) (ha)			Remark
Forest Land		132,285		132,405			
Cropland		90,275		90,310			
Grassland		69,978		70,028			
Wetlands		0		0			
Settlements		6,452		6,237			
Other Land		1,010		1,020			

Example 2 – Approach 2 for Land Representation

Let's do then a Step-by-Step example on preparing with **Approach 2** a time series of units of land for a Land representation. This is a very simplified example given that countries have many more land use types under a number of combinations of soil types and climate zones.

Thus, after having completed **Step 1** we proceed as follows.

Note:

- ✓ In a real country with more than a single soil type and climate zone as well as with more land-use subdivisions the **units of land of a complete land representation can grow to several hundred as well as several thousand.**

Recall:

- ✓ Approach 2 does not track subsequent changes in the use/management of a unit of land, which means that each new land-use conversion generates a new unit of land which area is to be subtracted from the units of land that are *Remaining* in the relevant¹⁵⁷ land use subdivision.

¹⁵⁷ i.e. the land use subdivision from which the unit of land has been converted.

2016\2020		Subcategory										Total Initial			
Subcategory	Subdivision	Managed Forest Land				Annual Cropland			Perennial Cropland	Managed Grassland	Settlements (Other)	Managed Other Land	Subdivision	Subcategory	Category
		Broadleaves Natural	Conifers Natural	Broadleaves Plantation	Conifers Plantation	Annual crops	Rice	Perennial crops	Grassland	Settlements	Other land				
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	89,742											89,742		
	Conifers Natural		29,788								10		29,788	132,385	132,385
	Broadleaves Plantation			2,920									2,920		
	Conifers Plantation				9,775								9,775		
Annual Cropland	Annual crops			30		80,255							80,285		
	Rice			10			825						835	81,120	80,275
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops			20				9,135					9,155	9,155	
Managed Grassland	Grassland								70,028		30		70,058	70,058	70,058
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements										6,262		6,262	6,262	6,262
Managed Other Land	Other land				10							1,010	1,020		
Total final	Subdivision	89,742	29,788	2,980	9,785	80,255	825	9,285	70,028		6,302	1,010			
	Subcategory			132,295			81,080	9,285	70,028		6,302	1,010	300,000		300,000
	Category			132,295			80,365		70,028		6,302	1,010			

2021\2025		Subcategory										Total Initial			
Subcategory	Subdivision	Managed Forest Land				Annual Cropland			Perennial Cropland	Managed Grassland	Settlements (Other)	Managed Other Land	Subdivision	Subcategory	Category
		Broadleaves Natural	Conifers Natural	Broadleaves Plantation	Conifers Plantation	Annual crops	Rice	Perennial crops	Grassland	Settlements	Other land				
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	89,742											89,742		
	Conifers Natural		29,788										29,788	132,295	132,295
	Broadleaves Plantation			2,970							10		2,980		
	Conifers Plantation				9,745								9,785		
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	40				80,085		70			60		80,255		
	Rice						825						825	81,080	80,365
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops							9,265			20		9,285	9,285	
Managed Grassland	Grassland					30			69,978		20		70,028	70,028	70,028
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements										6,302		6,302	6,302	6,302
Managed Other Land	Other land											1,010	1,010		
Total final	Subdivision	89,782	29,788	2,970	9,745	80,115	825	9,335	69,978		6,452	1,010			
	Subcategory			132,285			80,940	9,335	69,978		6,452	1,010	300,000		300,000
	Category			132,285			80,375		69,978		6,452	1,010			

Step 3

Data from the land-use conversion matrices above are compiled in a time series of units of land to be entered in the **Land Representation Manager (LRM)**.

The time series is assembled in a table which relevant parameters are: *Current Subdivision, Previous Subdivision, Area (ha), Method applied for each C pool*.

Note the following:

- ✓ A 20-year transition period (**D**) is applied to this exercise for every land-use change;
- ✓ For every conversion, the land is assumed to be in a non-conversion status just before the conversion occurs [this is because Approach 2 is not capable to track¹⁵⁹ multiple conversions of an area across time].
This means that:
 - the area of units of land in conversion is kept constant across the entire transition period **D**;
 - in each inventory year, the area of new units of land under conversion is subtracted from the area that units of land *Remaining*¹⁶⁰ in the land-use subdivision had in the previous inventory year. Thus, in each inventory year **Y**, the area of a unit of land **Φ** *Remaining* in a land use subdivision **Ψ** decreases of a quantity equivalent to the area converted in that year **Y** to other land use subdivisions and may¹⁶¹ increase of a quantity equivalent to the area that was converted to that land use subdivision **Ψ** in the year **Y-D**.
- ✓ Recalling that the *Software* allows¹⁶² users to merge units of land that concluded the conversion period with the unit of land *Remaining*¹⁶³ in the same subdivision, the area of every unit of land *Remaining* in a subdivision is to be entered before any merging available is made;
- ✓ In this exercise, information on *Method applied for each C pool* is not compiled given C stock change estimates are not¹⁶⁴ part of this Guidebook;
- ✓ The identification code assigned is just an example, users may find a better way to coding units of land to help them to attribute the appropriate EFs/parameters in the relevant calculation worksheets (see [Automatic unit of land codes](#)).

¹⁵⁹ While instead Approach 3 tracks multiple conversions of an area across the time series.

¹⁶⁰ This indicates a unit of land of a land category that did not have any conversion in the last **D** years (where **D** is the transition period applied to land use conversions, by default 20 years) e.g. *Managed forest land, Broadleaves natural Remaining Managed forest land, Broadleaves natural*.

¹⁶¹ The *Software* allows to track multiple units of land of the same subdivision -e.g. multiple units of the land use subdivision *Managed forest land, Broadleaves natural*- in a non-conversion status i.e. *Remaining*; this means that the user may or may not decide to add areas that have completely undergone the conversion to the current land use subdivision. In this example, we do merge areas of the same subdivision that are not under conversion or not under conversion anymore.

¹⁶² Merging units of land reduces the overall number of units of land and thus facilitates the data handling.

¹⁶³ E.g. with a transition period **D** set to 20 years, a unit of land has been converted from *Managed Grassland, Grassland to Managed forest land, Broadleaves natural* in the year 2000, thus in the year 2020 the unit of land has concluded its transition period, and the Software allows the user to merge it with any unit of land that is *Managed forest land, Broadleaves natural Remaining Managed forest land, Broadleaves natural*.

¹⁶⁴ Guidebook on Land Categories 3.B deals with C stock change estimation in C pools.

Step 3a

First: we start from the oldest land-use conversion matrix, and we generate a unit of land for each value in the matrix, including values in the diagonal cells¹⁶⁵ (i.e. areas that did not change use within the time frame of the land-use conversion matrix), as reported in the table below:

1990/1995

ID	Previous			Current			Area (ha)							
	Category	Subcategory	Subdivision	Category	Subcategory	Subdivision	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
FL-FL_1	Forest land	Managed Forest land	Broadleaves Natural	Forest land	Managed Forest land	Broadleaves Natural	91,285	90,000						
FL-FL_2			Conifers Natural			30,260	30,000							
FL-FL_3			Broadleaves Plantation			3,030	3,000							
FL-FL_4			Conifers Plantation			9,000	9,000							
FL-FL_1995-1	Forest land	Managed Forest land	Broadleaves Natural	Forest land	Managed Forest land	Conifers Plantation	-	300	300	300	300	-	-	-
FL-FL_1995-2			Conifers Natural			Conifers Plantation	-	250	250	250	250	-	-	-
GL-FL_1995-1	Grassland	Managed Grassland	Grassland	Forest land	Managed Forest land	Broadleaves Natural	-	5	5	5	5	-	-	-
GL-FL_1995-2			Conifers Natural			Conifers Plantation	-	100	100	100	100	-	-	-
CL-CL_1	Cropland	Annual Cropland	Annual crops	Cropland	Annual Cropland	Annual crops	80,065	80,000						
CL-CL_2		Rice	Rice		800	800								
CL-CL_3		Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops		Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	8,020	8,000						
CL-CL_1995-1	Cropland	Annual Cropland	Annual crops	Cropland	Annual Cropland	Rice	-	50	50	50	50	-	-	-
CL-CL_1995-2			Perennial Cropland		Perennial crops	Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	-	10	10	10	10	-	-
FL-CL_1995-1	Forest land	Managed Forest land	Broadleaves Natural	Cropland	Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	-	940	940	940	940	-	-	-
GL-CL_1995-1	Grassland	Managed Grassland	Grassland	Cropland	Annual Cropland	Annual crops	-	320	320	320	320	-	-	-
GL-CL_1995-2			Perennial Cropland		Perennial crops	-	60	60	60	60	-	-	-	
GL-GL_1	Grassland	Managed Grassland	Grassland	Grassland	Managed Grassland	Grassland	70,525	70,000						
FL-GL_1995-1	Forest land	Managed Forest land	Broadleaves Natural	Grassland	Managed Grassland	Grassland	-	35	35	35	35	-	-	-
CL-GL_1995-1	Cropland	Annual Cropland	Annual crops			-	5	5	5	5	-	-	-	
SL-SL_1	Settlements	Settlements (Other)	Settlements	Settlements	Settlements (Other)	Settlements	6,000	6,000						
FL-SL_1995-1	Forest land	Managed Forest land	Broadleaves Natural	Settlements	Settlements (Other)	Settlements	-	10	10	10	10	-	-	-
FL-SL_1995-2			Conifers Natural			Settlements	-	10	10	10	10	-	-	-
FL-SL_1995-3			Broadleaves Plantation			Settlements	-	30	30	30	30	-	-	-
CL-SL_1995-1	Cropland	Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	Settlements	Settlements (Other)	Settlements	-	20	20	20	20	-	-	-
GL-SL_1995-1	Grassland	Managed Grassland	Grassland	Settlements	Settlements (Other)	Settlements	-	40	40	40	40	-	-	-
OL-SL_1995-1	Other land	Managed Other land	Other land	Settlements	Settlements (Other)	Settlements	-	15	15	15	15	-	-	-
OL-OL_1	Other land	Managed Other land	Other land	Other land	Managed Other land	Other land	1,015	1,000						

Given in the first land-use conversion matrix of a time series of matrices ALL land is assumed to be at the beginning NOT in a conversion status, the area in the first year of the time series -i.e. 1990- of those units of land Remaining in the relevant land use subdivision¹⁶⁶ is the area reported in the column *Total Initial* of the relevant land use subdivision¹⁶⁷.

Area (ha) of land category Remaining i.e. that did not undergo any conversion in the last Y-D years, where: Y is the last year of the land-use conversion matrix D is the transition period (20 years)		
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	90,000
	Conifers Natural	30,000
	Broadleaves Plantation	3,000
	Conifers Plantation	9,000
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	80,000
	Rice	800
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	8,000
Managed Grassland	Grassland	70,000
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements	6,000
Managed Other Land	Other land	1,000
Subcategory	Subdivision	Area (1995)

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¹⁶⁶ Those labelled: FL-FL..., CL-CL..., GL-GL..., WL-WL..., SL-SL..., OL-OL...

Area (ha) of land category Remaining i.e. that did not undergo any conversion in the last Y-D years, where: Y is the last year of the land-use conversion matrix D is the transition period (20 years)		
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	91,285
	Conifers Natural	30,260
	Broadleaves Plantation	3,030
	Conifers Plantation	9,000
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	80,065
	Rice	800
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	8,020
Managed Grassland	Grassland	70,525
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements	6,000
Managed Other Land	Other land	1,015
Subcategory	Subdivision	Area (1990)

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Note: units of land in conversion have an associated area:

- ✓ for the transition period only -i.e. **D** years-. Before the year of conversion the units of land have no area -i.e. 0 ha-, after the transition period **D** expired, we decided to merge those with the corresponding unit of land *Remaining* in the relevant land use subdivision -e.g. unit of land **FL-FL_1995-1** is merged in the inventory year 2015 with unit of land **FL-FL_1**-; consequently, the unit of land has not an area value anymore.
- ✓ Constant across the entire time series, given Approach 2 does not identify and track subsequent changes in units of land. This means

Step 3c

Third: from the land-use conversion matrices we calculate for each unit of land *Remaining* in a subdivision the area it has in each year of the time series:

1. taking the area the unit of land had in the previous inventory year Y;
2. subtracting all areas reported in the relevant land-use conversion matrix as converted in the inventory year Y from the subdivision of that unit of land to another subdivision (*i.e. all areas in the land-use conversion matrix reported in the row corresponding to the subdivision, excluding the area in the grey cell*);
3. adding all areas reported in the year Y-(D+1)¹⁶⁹ as converted to the subdivision of that unit of land.

Area (ha) to be entered for units of land <i>Remaining</i> in a land-use subdivision i.e. that did not undergo any conversion in the last Y-(D+1) years, where: Y is the last year of the land-use conversion matrix D is the transition period (20 years)		
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	89,732
	Conifers Natural	29,928
	Broadleaves Plantation	2,830
	Conifers Plantation	5,990
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	78,990
	Rice	800
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	5,000
Managed Grassland	Grassland	69,830
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements	6,000
Managed Other Land	Other land	1,000
Subcategory	Subdivision	Area (2000)
No merging in 2005 given the time series of changes starts in 1995		

Area (ha) to be entered for units of land <i>Remaining</i> in a land-use subdivision i.e. that did not undergo any conversion in the last Y-(D+1) years, where: Y is the last year of the land-use conversion matrix D is the transition period (20 years)		
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	89,662
	Conifers Natural	29,898
	Broadleaves Plantation	2,830
	Conifers Plantation	5,935
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	78,983
	Rice	800
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	7,970
Managed Grassland	Grassland	69,790
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements	6,000
Managed Other Land	Other land	1,000
Subcategory	Subdivision	Area (2005)
No merging in 2005 given the time series of changes starts in 1995		

Area (ha) to be entered for units of land <i>Remaining</i> in a land-use subdivision i.e. that did not undergo any conversion in the last Y-(D+1) years, where: Y is the last year of the land-use conversion matrix D is the transition period (20 years)		
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	89,662
	Conifers Natural	29,898
	Broadleaves Plantation	2,790
	Conifers Plantation	5,895
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	79,925
	Rice	700
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	7,905
Managed Grassland	Grassland	69,790
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements	5,940
Managed Other Land	Other land	1,000
Subcategory	Subdivision	Area (2015)
Although in the year 2015 units of land that were converted in the year 1995 are merged with the corresponding unit of land <i>Remaining</i> in the relevant subdivision (<i>given those have concluded the transition period</i>), such merging occurs after the area for the relevant <i>Remaining</i> land-use subdivision has been entered by the user		

Area (ha) to be entered for units of land <i>Remaining</i> in a land-use subdivision i.e. that did not undergo any conversion in the last Y-(D+1) years, where: Y is the last year of the land-use conversion matrix D is the transition period (20 years)		
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	89,667
	Conifers Natural	29,788
	Broadleaves Plantation	2,740
	Conifers Plantation	6,445
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	80,215
	Rice	800
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	5,895
Managed Grassland	Grassland	69,720
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements	5,940
Managed Other Land	Other land	990
Subcategory	Subdivision	Area (2020)
Although in the year 2015 units of land that were converted in the year 1995 are merged with the corresponding unit of land <i>Remaining</i> in the relevant subdivision (<i>given those have concluded the transition period</i>), such merging occurs after the area for the relevant <i>Remaining</i> land-use subdivision has been entered by the user		

Area (ha) to be entered for units of land <i>Remaining</i> in a land-use subdivision i.e. that did not undergo any conversion in the last Y-(D+1) years, where: Y is the last year of the land-use conversion matrix D is the transition period (20 years)		
Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	89,697
	Conifers Natural	29,788
	Broadleaves Plantation	2,780
	Conifers Plantation	6,075
Annual Cropland	Annual crops	80,045
	Rice	820
Perennial Cropland	Perennial crops	5,975
Managed Grassland	Grassland	69,838
Settlements (Other land)	Settlements	6,012
Managed Other Land	Other land	1,010
Subcategory	Subdivision	Area (2025)
Although in the year 2015 units of land that were converted in the year 1995 are merged with the corresponding unit of land <i>Remaining</i> in the relevant subdivision (<i>given those have concluded the transition period</i>), such merging occurs after the area for the relevant <i>Remaining</i> land-use subdivision has been entered by the user		

¹⁶⁹ This is to avoid to double count areas converted in the year Y-D to the subdivision of that unit of land, given those are manually merged in the inventory year Y after we have entered the area of that unit of land.

Step 3d

Fourth: we compile all the time series of areas of units of land on a single table to be used for data entry in the Software.

Table with 13 columns: ID, Previous (Category, Subcategory, Subdivision), Current (Category, Subcategory, Subdivision), and Area (ha) for years 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020, and 2025. The table lists various land use categories like Forest land, Grassland, Cropland, and Settlements, with their corresponding subdivisions and area values over time.

Step 4

We enter data in the *Software*.

Recall: enter units of land in the *Software* **from the first year** -i.e. 1990- **of the time series**¹⁷⁰ **till the last year** -i.e. 2025. **This is a MUST requirement** to correctly enter a Land Representation in the *Software*.

¹⁷⁰ Recall, this first requires setting the time series in the *Inventory Year* TAB of the *Application* Menu (accessible from the main bar of the *Software*).

Step 4a

In the **Regions** TAB, we enter:




3. total area of the country, in ha
4. Regions' name and associated area; for this example Region's name is *Example 2* and the area is *300,000* ha:

Region name	Area (ha)	Approach	Remark
Example 1	300,000	Approach 1	
Example 2	300,000	Approach 2	
Example 3	300,000	Approach 3	
Total	900,000.000		

Note the Land Representation in the figure covers all three examples of this Guide -i.e. 3 Regions for the 3 Examples on Land Representation, each Region contains one example for the corresponding IPCC Approach.


Step 4b

In the **Land representation table** TAB, we enter data from **Forest land** category to **Other land** category. Thus:

9. we click on the symbol  on the left-hand side of the screen next to *Forest land* category to open submenu of subcategories
10. we click on the symbol  on the left-hand side of the screen next to *Managed Forest land* subcategory to open submenu where to enter information on units of land according to the relevant subdivisions:
11. to select the *Current land use subdivision* we click on the symbol  on the right-hand side of the field, so opening a dropdown menu from which selecting the relevant subdivision:


Note that the dropdown menu contains the subdivisions entered in the Land Use Manager

Land use category		Area (1990) (ha)		Remark	
Forest Land		0			
Land use subcategory		Area (1990) (ha)		Remark	
Managed Forest Land		0			
Current Land use subdivision				Remark	
				✖	
Land use subcategory	Land use subdivision	Soil Status	Age class	Remark	
Managed Forest Land	natural broadleaves	No change	Unspecified		
	natural conifers	No change	Unspecified		
Unmanaged Forest Land	plantation broadleaves	No change	Unspecified	0	
	plantation conifers	No change	Unspecified		

12. Once the *Current land use subdivision* is selected, we move to the following level by clicking on the symbol  on the left-hand side of the screen, and we:

Land use category		Area (1990) (ha)		Remark					
Forest Land		0							
Land use subcategory		Area (1990) (ha)		Remark					
Managed Forest Land		0							
Current Land use subdivision				Remark					
				✖					
Broadleaves Natural									
Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1990) (ha)	Remark	P	M
*									

13. enter the *Land unit code (user-defined)*,

14. select the *Previous land use subcategory* and then the *Previous land use subdivision*, by clicking in both cases on symbol  on the right-hand side of the field,

Note that the selection of the land use subcategory determines the land use subdivision available in the dropdown menu


Land use category		Area (1990) (ha)		Remark					
Forest Land		42,290							
Land use subcategory		Area (1990) (ha)		Remark					
Managed Forest Land		42,290							
Current Land use subdivision				Remark					
				✖					
Broadleaves Natural									
Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1990) (ha)	Remark	P	M
MFL-BN-NF-UD-1	FL-FL_1	Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	NA	NA				

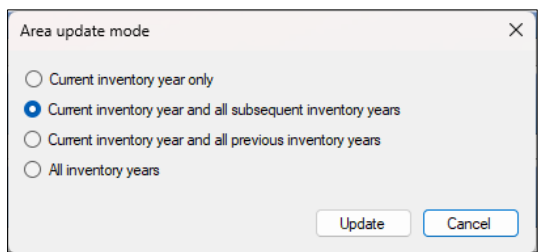
NOTE: Given **FL-FL_1** is not undergoing a conversion -i.e. *Remaining* in the land use subdivision-, the information in the fields *Previous land use subcategory* and *Previous land use subdivision* and in the fields *Land use subcategory* and *Current land use subdivision* is identical. Thus, the *Software* automatically¹⁷¹ compiles the notation key *NA* -i.e. *Not Applicable*- in the fields *Transition period* and *Year of conversion*.

15. enter the *Area (ha)*,

Land use category		Area (1990) (ha)		Remark					
Forest Land		133,575							
Land use subcategory		Area (1990) (ha)		Remark					
Managed Forest Land		133,575							
Current Land use subdivision				Remark					
				✖					
Broadleaves Natural									
Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1990) (ha)	Remark	P	M
MFL-BN-NF-UD-1	FL-FL_1	Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	NA	NA	91,285			

¹⁷¹ The *Software* does it given the fields *Previous land use subdivision* and *Current land use subdivision* contain same information.

Note: Once entered the area, we leave the *Area update mode* (accessible by clicking on the symbol  on the right-hand side of the field *Area*) in its default option *Current inventory year and subsequent inventory years*.



16. click on **SAVE**, on the bottom right-hand corner of the window, before moving to enter the next unit of land.

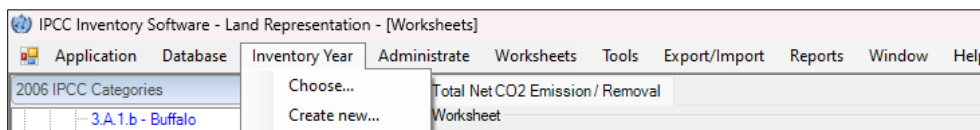
Note that once saved the Software assign an automatic code to the unit of land

Repeating steps 1 to 15 for all units of land we complete the land representation data entry for the year 1990:

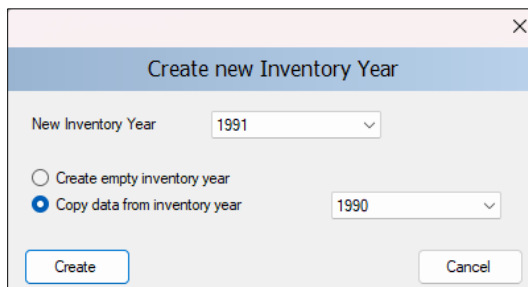
Regions		Land representation table	Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3)	Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)
Region	Example 2	Region area (ha)	300,000,000	Discrepancy (ha) OK
				Approach 2
				1990
Land use category		Area (1990) (ha)	Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forest Land	133,575		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cropland	88,888		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grassland	70,528		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wetlands	0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Settlements	6,000		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Land	1,019		

Step 4c

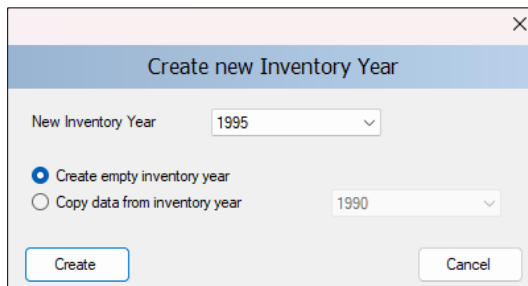
Once all units of land for the year 1990 have been entered we create the years 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995. To do so, we use the *Inventory Year* Menu (accessible from the main bar of the *Software*) and select the *Create new...* functionality.



We can either create new inventory years as a copy of the previous inventory year -e.g. 1991 as a copy of 1990- or as an empty inventory year.



In both cases the Land representation table of the new inventory year contains the units of land already entered in the previous year(s), although in the second case -i.e. empty inventory- no area data are prefilled by the *Software*. However, given we have no new data to enter for the years 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994, we choose to create those as a copy of the previous inventory year; while for the year 1995, given we have new data, we choose to create it as an empty inventory.



We then enter the data for units of land in the year 1995, by repeating all steps described at [Step 4b](#):

Region	Land use category	Area (1995) (ha)	Remark
Example 2	Forest Land	132,655	
	Cropland	90,188	
	Grassland	70,040	
	Wetlands	0	
	Settlements	6,125	
	Other Land	1,000	

Note: when a unit of land under conversion is entered the *Software* automatically set the transition period to 20 years and the current inventory year as the *Year of conversion*.

Land use category	Area (1995) (ha)	Remark						
Forest Land	132,300							
Land use subcategory	Area (1995) (ha)	Remark						
Managed Forest Land	132,300							
Current Land use subdivision	Transition Period (Q) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (1995) (ha)	Remark	P	M		
Broadleaves Natural								
Conifers Natural								
Broadleaves Plantation								
Conifers Plantation								
MFL-CP-PL-UD-4	FL-FL_4	Managed Forest Land	Conifers Plantation	NA	NA	9,000 ←→		
MFL-CP-PL-UD-11c-MFL-BN-	FL-FL_1995-1	Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	20	1995	300 ←→		

Step 4d

We repeat operations described in Step 4c to create the years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and we enter data in year 2000 as described in Step 4b . And we do it for all other years; till we have created, repeating operations described in Step 4c, all years to 2025 and we have entered data in years 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020, 2025, repeating operations described in Step 4c.

2000:

Land Representation Manager			
Regions		Land representation table	Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)
Region	Example 2	Region area (ha)	300,000,000 Discrepancy (ha) OK Approach 2 2000
Land use category	Area (2000) (ha)	Remark	
Forest Land	132,455		
Cropland	90,290		
Grassland	70,038		
Wetlands	0		
Settlements	6,197		
Other Land	1,020		

2005:

Land Representation Manager			
Regions		Land representation table	Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)
Region	Example 2	Region area (ha)	300,000,000 Discrepancy (ha) OK Approach 2 2005
Land use category	Area (2005) (ha)	Remark	
Forest Land	132,405		
Cropland	90,310		
Grassland	70,028		
Wetlands	0		
Settlements	6,237		
Other Land	1,020		

2010:

Land Representation Manager			
Regions		Land representation table	Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)
Region	Example 2	Region area (ha)	300,000,000 Discrepancy (ha) OK Approach 2 2010
Land use category	Area (2010) (ha)	Remark	
Forest Land	132,415		
Cropland	90,365		
Grassland	70,008		
Wetlands	0		
Settlements	6,192		
Other Land	1,020		

2015:

Land Representation Manager			
Regions		Land representation table	Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)
Region	Example 2	Region area (ha)	300,000,000 Discrepancy (ha) OK Approach 2 2015
Land use category	Area (2015) (ha)	Remark	
Forest Land	132,385		
Cropland	90,275		
Grassland	70,058		
Wetlands	0		
Settlements	6,262		
Other Land	1,020		

2020:


Land Representation Manager			
Regions		Land representation table	Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)
Region	Example 2	Region area (ha)	300,000,000 Discrepancy (ha) OK Approach 2 2020
Land use category	Area (2020) (ha)	Remark	
Forest Land	132,295		
Cropland	90,365		
Grassland	70,028		
Wetlands	0		
Settlements	6,302		
Other Land	1,010		

2025:

Land Representation Manager			
Regions		Land representation table	Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)
Region	Example 2	Region area (ha)	300,000,000 Discrepancy (ha) OK Approach 2 2025
Land use category	Area (2025) (ha)	Remark	
Forest Land	132,285		
Cropland	90,275		
Grassland	69,978		
Wetlands	0		
Settlements	6,452		
Other Land	1,010		

NOTE: In the year 2015, areas converted in the year 1995 have completed the transition period D and thus are identified by the *Software* with blue ink.

Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (2015) (ha)	Remark	P	M
MFL-BN-NF-UD-1	FL-FL_1	Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	NA	NA	89,662 (↔)			✗
MFL-BN-NF-UD-13	GL-FL_1995-1	Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	NO	NO	5 (↔)			✗
MFL-BN-NF-UD-28<MFL-C	FL-FL_2000-1	Managed Forest Land	Conifers Plantation	20	2000	30 (↔)			✗
MFL-BN-NF-UD-42<MGL-	GL-FL_2005-1	Managed Grassland	Grassland	20	2005	15 (↔)			✗
MFL-BN-NF-UD-51<MFL-C	FL-FL_2010-1	Managed Forest Land	Conifers Plantation	20	2010	5 (↔)			✗
MFL-BN-NF-UD-52<PCL-P	CL-FL_2010-1	Cropland Perennial Crops	Perennial crops	20	2010	5 (↔)			✗

By clicking on the symbol  a dialog box opens where we have to select¹⁷², in the *Land unit* field, the unit of land to which merging the unit of land that has completed its conversion period. In this case unit *GL-FL_1995_1* of an area of 5 *ha* has undergone its transition period D and can thus be merged with the relevant unit of land *Remaining* in the relevant land use subdivision -i.e. *Broadleaves natural* -, which is *FL-FL_1*.

Once merged, the area of unit of land *FL-FL_1* is increased of an area equivalent to the area of unit of land *GL-FL_1995_1* -i.e. from 89,622 to 89,667 *ha*-and unit of land *GL-FL_1995_1* is not anymore tracked in the NGHGI.

Land unit code (Automatic)	Land unit code (User defined)	Previous Land use subcategory	Previous Land use subdivision	Transition Period (D) (years)	Year of conversion	Area (2015) (ha)	Remark	P	M
MFL-BN-NF-UD-1	FL-FL_1	Managed Forest Land	Broadleaves Natural	NA	NA	89,667 (↔)			✗
MFL-BN-NF-UD-28<MFL-C	FL-FL_2000-1	Managed Forest Land	Conifers Plantation	20	2000	30 (↔)			✗
MFL-BN-NF-UD-42<MGL-	GL-FL_2005-1	Managed Grassland	Grassland	20	2005	15 (↔)			✗
MFL-BN-NF-UD-51<MFL-C	FL-FL_2010-1	Managed Forest Land	Conifers Plantation	20	2010	5 (↔)			✗
MFL-BN-NF-UD-52<PCL-P	CL-FL_2010-1	Cropland Perennial Crops	Perennial crops	20	2010	5 (↔)			✗

Merging of units of land occurs also in the inventory years 2020 and 2025.

¹⁷² The dialog box contains in a dropdown menu all units of land of the relevant subdivision that are not in a conversion status. In our case only 1 unit of land corresponds to such description.

Conclusion

In conclusion of this example, in the **Land representation table Tab** you will see your land representation as expected to be reported in an NGHGI:

Land Representation Manager

Regions | Land representation table | Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) | Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)

Region: Example 2 | Region area (ha): 300,000,000 | Approach 2 | 1990

Final	Initial	Forest Land		Cropland		Grassland		Wetlands		Settlements		Other Land		Final Area (ha)	Net change (ha)
		Managed Forest Land	Unmanaged Forest Land	Cropland Annual Crops	Cropland Perennial Crops	Managed Grassland	Unmanaged Grassland	Managed Wetlands	Unmanaged Wetlands	Settlements (Treed)	Settlements (Other)	Managed Other Land	Unmanaged Other Land		
Forest Land	Managed Forest Land	133,575												133,575	0
	Unmanaged Forest Land													0	0
Cropland	Cropland Annual Crops			80,865										80,865	0
	Cropland Perennial Crops				8,020									8,020	0
Grassland	Managed Grassland					70,525								70,525	0
	Unmanaged Grassland													0	0
Wetlands	Managed Wetlands													0	0
	Unmanaged Wetlands													0	0
Settlements	Settlements (Treed)													0	0
	Settlements (Other)										6,000			6,000	0
Other Land	Managed Other Land											1,015		1,015	0
	Unmanaged Other Land													0	0
	Initial Area (ha)	133,575	0	80,865	8,020	70,525	0	0	0	0	6,000	1,015	0	300,000	0

Land Representation Manager

Regions | Land representation table | Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) | Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)

Region: Example 2 | Region area (ha): 300,000,000 | Approach 2 | 1995

Final	Initial	Forest Land		Cropland		Grassland		Wetlands		Settlements		Other Land		Final Area (ha)	Net change (ha)
		Managed Forest Land	Unmanaged Forest Land	Cropland Annual Crops	Cropland Perennial Crops	Managed Grassland	Unmanaged Grassland	Managed Wetlands	Unmanaged Wetlands	Settlements (Treed)	Settlements (Other)	Managed Other Land	Unmanaged Other Land		
Forest Land	Managed Forest Land	132,550				105								132,655	-920
	Unmanaged Forest Land													0	0
Cropland	Cropland Annual Crops			80,850		320								81,170	305
	Cropland Perennial Crops				8,000	60								9,010	990
Grassland	Managed Grassland	35		5		70,000								70,040	-485
	Unmanaged Grassland													0	0
Wetlands	Managed Wetlands													0	0
	Unmanaged Wetlands													0	0
Settlements	Settlements (Treed)													0	0
	Settlements (Other)										6,000	15		6,125	125
Other Land	Managed Other Land				20	40						1,000		1,000	-15
	Unmanaged Other Land													0	0
	Initial Area (ha)	133,575	0	80,865	8,020	70,525	0	0	0	0	6,000	1,015	0	300,000	0

Land Representation Manager

Regions | Land representation table | Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) | Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)

Region: Example 2 | Region area (ha): 300,000,000 | Approach 2 | 2000

Final	Initial	Forest Land		Cropland		Grassland		Wetlands		Settlements		Other Land		Final Area (ha)	Net change (ha)
		Managed Forest Land	Unmanaged Forest Land	Cropland Annual Crops	Cropland Perennial Crops	Managed Grassland	Unmanaged Grassland	Managed Wetlands	Unmanaged Wetlands	Settlements (Treed)	Settlements (Other)	Managed Other Land	Unmanaged Other Land		
Forest Land	Managed Forest Land	132,315		10		130								132,455	-200
	Unmanaged Forest Land													0	0
Cropland	Cropland Annual Crops			81,160		20								81,180	10
	Cropland Perennial Crops				9,010									9,110	100
Grassland	Managed Grassland	168				69,870								70,038	-2
	Unmanaged Grassland													0	0
Wetlands	Managed Wetlands													0	0
	Unmanaged Wetlands													0	0
Settlements	Settlements (Treed)													0	0
	Settlements (Other)										6,125			6,197	72
Other Land	Managed Other Land					20						1,000		1,020	20
	Unmanaged Other Land													0	0
	Initial Area (ha)	132,655	0	81,170	9,010	70,040	0	0	0	0	6,125	1,000	0	300,000	0

Land Representation Manager

Regions | Land representation table | Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) | Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)

Region Example 2 | Region area (ha) 300,000,000 | Approach 2 | 2005

Final	Initial	Forest Land		Cropland		Grassland		Wetlands		Settlements		Other Land		Final Area (ha)	Net change (ha)
		Managed Forest Land	Unmanaged Forest Land	Cropland Annual Crops	Cropland Perennial Crops	Managed Grassland	Unmanaged Grassland	Managed Wetlands	Unmanaged Wetlands	Settlements (Trees)	Settlements (Other)	Managed Other Land	Unmanaged Other Land		
Forest Land	Managed Forest Land	132,355		5		45								132,405	-50
	Unmanaged Forest Land													0	0
Cropland	Cropland Annual Crops			81,175		5								81,180	0
	Cropland Perennial Crops	50			9,080									9,130	20
Grassland	Managed Grassland	20			20	69,988								70,028	-10
	Unmanaged Grassland													0	0
Wetlands	Managed Wetlands													0	0
	Unmanaged Wetlands													0	0
Settlements	Settlements (Trees)													0	0
	Settlements (Other)	30			10						6,197			6,237	40
Other Land	Managed Other Land											1,020		1,020	0
	Unmanaged Other Land													0	0
Initial Area (ha)		132,455	0	81,180	9,110	70,038	0	0	0	0	6,197	1,020	0	300,000	0

Land Representation Manager

Regions | Land representation table | Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) | Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)

Region Example 2 | Region area (ha) 300,000,000 | Approach 2 | 2010

Final	Initial	Forest Land		Cropland		Grassland		Wetlands		Settlements		Other Land		Final Area (ha)	Net change (ha)
		Managed Forest Land	Unmanaged Forest Land	Cropland Annual Crops	Cropland Perennial Crops	Managed Grassland	Unmanaged Grassland	Managed Wetlands	Unmanaged Wetlands	Settlements (Trees)	Settlements (Other)	Managed Other Land	Unmanaged Other Land		
Forest Land	Managed Forest Land	132,400		5		10								132,415	10
	Unmanaged Forest Land													0	0
Cropland	Cropland Annual Crops			81,180	40									81,220	40
	Cropland Perennial Crops				9,085					60				9,145	15
Grassland	Managed Grassland					70,008								70,008	-20
	Unmanaged Grassland													0	0
Wetlands	Managed Wetlands													0	0
	Unmanaged Wetlands													0	0
Settlements	Settlements (Trees)													0	0
	Settlements (Other)	5				10					6,177			6,192	-45
Other Land	Managed Other Land											1,020		1,020	0
	Unmanaged Other Land													0	0
Initial Area (ha)		132,405	0	81,180	9,130	70,028	0	0	0	0	6,237	1,020	0	300,000	0

Land Representation Manager

Regions | Land representation table | Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) | Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)

Region Example 2 | Region area (ha) 300,000,000 | Approach 2 | 2015

Final	Initial	Forest Land		Cropland		Grassland		Wetlands		Settlements		Other Land		Final Area (ha)	Net change (ha)
		Managed Forest Land	Unmanaged Forest Land	Cropland Annual Crops	Cropland Perennial Crops	Managed Grassland	Unmanaged Grassland	Managed Wetlands	Unmanaged Wetlands	Settlements (Trees)	Settlements (Other)	Managed Other Land	Unmanaged Other Land		
Forest Land	Managed Forest Land	132,385												132,385	-30
	Unmanaged Forest Land													0	0
Cropland	Cropland Annual Crops			81,120										81,120	-100
	Cropland Perennial Crops			30	9,125									9,155	10
Grassland	Managed Grassland			60		69,998								70,058	50
	Unmanaged Grassland													0	0
Wetlands	Managed Wetlands													0	0
	Unmanaged Wetlands													0	0
Settlements	Settlements (Trees)													0	0
	Settlements (Other)	30		10	20	10					6,192			6,262	70
Other Land	Managed Other Land											1,020		1,020	0
	Unmanaged Other Land													0	0
Initial Area (ha)		132,415	0	81,220	9,145	70,008	0	0	0	0	6,192	1,020	0	300,000	0

Land Representation Manager

Regions | Land representation table | Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) | Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)

Region: Example 2 | Region area (ha): 300,000,000 | Approach 2 | 2020

Final	Initial	Forest Land		Cropland		Grassland		Wetlands		Settlements		Other Land		Final Area (ha)	Net change (ha)
		Managed Forest Land	Unmanaged Forest Land	Cropland Annual Crops	Cropland Perennial Crops	Managed Grassland	Unmanaged Grassland	Managed Wetlands	Unmanaged Wetlands	Settlements (Trees)	Settlements (Other)	Managed Other Land	Unmanaged Other Land		
Forest Land	Managed Forest Land	132,225		40	30									132,295	-90
	Unmanaged Forest Land													0	0
Cropland	Cropland Annual Crops			81,080										81,080	-40
	Cropland Perennial Crops	150			9,135									9,285	120
Grassland	Managed Grassland					70,028								70,028	-30
	Unmanaged Grassland													0	0
Wetlands	Managed Wetlands													0	0
	Unmanaged Wetlands													0	0
Settlements	Settlements (Trees)													0	0
	Settlements (Other)	10				30					6,262			6,302	40
Other Land	Managed Other Land											1,010		1,010	0
	Unmanaged Other Land													0	0
Initial Area (ha)		132,385	0	81,120	9,165	70,058	0	0	0	0	6,262	1,010	0	300,000	0

Land Representation Manager

Regions | Land representation table | Land-use conversion matrix (Approach 2 & 3) | Total Land-use conversion matrix (All Regions and Approaches)

Region: Example 2 | Region area (ha): 300,000,000 | Approach 2 | 2025

Final	Initial	Forest Land		Cropland		Grassland		Wetlands		Settlements		Other Land		Final Area (ha)	Net change (ha)
		Managed Forest Land	Unmanaged Forest Land	Cropland Annual Crops	Cropland Perennial Crops	Managed Grassland	Unmanaged Grassland	Managed Wetlands	Unmanaged Wetlands	Settlements (Trees)	Settlements (Other)	Managed Other Land	Unmanaged Other Land		
Forest Land	Managed Forest Land	132,245		40										132,285	-10
	Unmanaged Forest Land													0	0
Cropland	Cropland Annual Crops			80,910		30								80,940	-140
	Cropland Perennial Crops			70	9,265									9,335	50
Grassland	Managed Grassland					69,978								69,978	-50
	Unmanaged Grassland													0	0
Wetlands	Managed Wetlands													0	0
	Unmanaged Wetlands													0	0
Settlements	Settlements (Trees)													0	0
	Settlements (Other)	50		60	20	20					6,302			6,452	150
Other Land	Managed Other Land											1,010		1,010	0
	Unmanaged Other Land													0	0
Initial Area (ha)		132,295	0	81,080	9,285	70,028	0	0	0	0	6,302	1,010	0	300,000	0

Glossary

Category/Subcategory/Subdivision: in the *Software*, category refers to the 6 IPCC land use categories, subcategory refers to the pairs under which subdivisions aggregate in the [Land Use Manager](#), subdivision refers to the land use types entered by users in the [Land Use Manager](#).

- ✓ **Category:** The 6 IPCC land use categories are broadly defined in [Chapter 3](#) (Volume 4, *2006 IPCC Guidelines*), and it is recognized that these categories are a mixture of land cover (e.g., Forest, Grassland, Wetlands) and land use (e.g., Cropland, Settlements) classes. Within a GHG Inventory, each land use category is composed of 2 reporting sets: *Land remaining in the land category* and *Land converted to the land category*.
- ✓ **Subcategory:** The Software disaggregates the 6 IPCC land use categories in pairs of subcategories -i.e. 12-, depending on the presence of human activity i.e. Forest land, Grassland, Wetlands and Other land, as Managed vs Unmanaged land, or for those categories that are manmade depending on the presence of woody biomass i.e. Cropland, annual vs perennial crops, and Settlements, treed vs other.
- ✓ **Subdivisions:** are those land use types entered by users in the [Land Use Manager](#) under any of the 12 subcategories. There is not a limit to the number of subdivisions users can enter.

Region: Any stratification of the national territory in subnational units, as defined by users (e.g., administrative regions, ecological zones, parks, land subject to specific project activities, as well as a mix of those). Users can enter any number of user-specific regions. If users wish to report for the entire country, only one region is to be defined.

Unit of land: is an area homogeneous for all relevant variables that qualify a land use subcategory. Under approach 1, homogeneity is limited to the current status of the land; under Approaches 2 and 3 it depends on historical records too. Units of land are entered in the [Land Representation Manager](#) and then transferred by the *Software* to the relevant calculation worksheets.

[Units of land](#) can be in a:

- ✓ *Remaining* status, which means that the area did not undergo a conversion to another land use subdivision within the last **D** years; where **D** is the transition period.
- ✓ *Conversion* status, which means that the area did undergo a conversion to another land use subdivision within the last **D** years; where **D** is the transition period.