



Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

Expert Meeting on National Forest GHG Inventories - a Stock Taking

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IPCC Guidelines

- Are used by parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to report their emissions and removals as required by the convention.
- Revised 1996 Guidelines and both the Good Practice Guidance are currently adopted by the UNFCCC for reporting.
- The IPCC has recently updated this guidance in the 2006 Guidelines and this is currently being considered by the UNFCCC.



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Forest GHG Inventories

- Are one of the more difficult areas, in particular for developing countries that face difficulties with:
 - ❖ data collection, both current and time series,
 - ❖ appropriate parameters for use in GHG estimation.
- More reliable inventories will be increasingly required if UNFCCC deliberations, and agreements, advance on both REDD(+) and NAMAs.
- While there has not yet been a specific invitation to the IPCC for additional work:
 - ❖ it is reasonable to expect that eventually there will be expectations of the IPCC in this area.



So:

- We can contribute to the development of forest inventories by:
 - ❖ Exchange of experiences and good practice
 - ❖ Identification of additional emission factors and other parameters
 - ❖ Dissemination of this information
- We do not plan to change the 2006 IPCC Guidelines now, but **meeting proceedings**, **FAQs**, or **new emission factors** would assist inventory practitioners and inform policy developments.
- This could also feed into new guidelines at a future date.



Specifically we will:

- Share experiences in the use both remote sensing and ground truthing.
- Consider if remote sensing has improved sampling design
- Review experiences in ensuring inventories cover emissions and removals from all the carbon pools – e.g. in organic soils.
- Look at how are inventory compilers treating fluxes due to disturbances
- Find out how are emissions from forest degradation being estimated



Meeting Outline

- Today:
 - ❖ Welcome & Introduction
 - ❖ Invited Papers
 - ❖ Discussion
- Tomorrow
 - ❖ Invited Papers
 - ❖ Discussion
 - ❖ Break-out Groups
- Thursday
 - ❖ Break-out Groups
 - ❖ Plenary to reach conclusions
- However we are flexible!



Outputs

- We aim to
 - ❖ compile in a meeting report with
 - examples of good practices in these areas
 - and potential ways forward to address any issues identified
 - ❖ Identify FAQ for our website, if needed
 - ❖ as well as identifying any material for inclusion in EFDB.



Meeting Report

- Therefore
 - ❖ The meeting should decide on the content and conclusions of a meeting report
 - ❖ The report will be drafted by a small group led by the Co-Chairs and supported by the TSU
 - ❖ The draft will be circulated to all participants for comment.
- Contents
 - ❖ Meeting summary and conclusions
 - ❖ Background papers
 - ❖ Presentations



Finally

- This meeting is supported jointly by the IPCC and Japan
- We would like to thank Japan for their
 - ❖ support for the meeting itself
 - ❖ for supporting participants from developing countries.



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Thank you

Any Questions?

