

Evolution of the IPCC Guidelines in the Context of the UNFCCC Process

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GHG Inventories and Climate Actions



GHG emissions/removals occur from a variety of sources/sinks













What are GHG Inventories?

- Estimates of all emissions and removals of greenhouse gases (GHG) from given sources or sinks from a defined region in a specific period of time.
- In the context of IPCC Guidelines and UNFCCC, GHG inventories mean:
 - Greenhouse Gases
 - National Estimates
 - Annual Estimates





Why are GHG inventories important?

Scientific understanding

Policy formulation & implementation

Input to models

Understand link between environmental pollution and effects to sources of pollution Identify the sectors, sources, and activities responsible for greenhouse gas emissions

To understand the emission and removal trends To help develop costeffective mitigation policy

To monitor progress towards policy goals

To inform the public

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Why do we need GHG inventory guidelines?

- Any international agreement to limit climate change must set emission limits/targets/aims and monitor progress in an open and transparent way.
- Currently, most national emissions can only be estimated, not measured and so we need a consensus on the best way of doing this.
- To do this we need reliable, generally accepted and comparable methods and guidelines.





The basic idea in inventory estimation

 $E = EF \bullet AD$

Emissions or removals from a human activity Emission Factor (emissions or removals per unit activity, e.g., mass of carbon dioxide emitted per unit of fuel consumed)

Activity Data (extent of human activity, e.g., fuel consumption)



The IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Inventories



Establishment of TFI

The IPCC National Greenhouse Gas Inventories Programme was managed from 1991 by the IPCC WG I in collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the International Energy Agency (IEA) until the setting up of the TFI.

- 1995 *1995 IPCC Guidelines* were developed by the IPCC in collaboration with OECD & IEA.
- 1996 *Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines* were developed by the IPCC in collaboration with OECD & IEA.
- 1997 Kyoto Protocol was adopted in UNFCCC COP3 held in Kyoto.
- 1998 The IPCC14 decided to establish IPCC Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI).
 - The need for continuous improvement of GHG emission estimation methodologies was recognized.
 - the Emission reduction commitments set in the Kyoto Protocol raised the importance of national GHG inventories.
 - Japan offered to host & support the TFLTSU..



1999 TFI went into operation following the establishment of the TFI IJUU TSU. INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON Climate change

Establishment of TFI (2)







Objectives of TFI

- To develop and refine internationally-agreed methodologies and software for the estimation and reporting of national GHG emissions and removals; and
- To encourage the widespread use of these methodologies by countries participating in the IPCC and by Parties to the UNFCCC.
 - The TFI is responsible for assessing and developing inventory methods and practices which are scientifically sound and relevant to all countries, noting particularly the lack of information in developing countries.





Evolution of IPCC Guidelines & other tools



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The Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines

- The earliest set of IPCC Guidelines still being used by the Parties to the UNFCCC
- Contain guidance on 6 sectors:
 - Energy
 - Industrial Processes
 - Solvent and Other Product Use
 - Agriculture
 - Land Use Change and Forestry (LUCF)
 - Waste



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LUCF sector addressed only the most important land-use activities resulting in emissions/removals.



GPG2000 & GPG-LULUCF

- Updated and complemented earlier guidelines while providing the concept of good practice
- Good practice Inventories are: "those that contain neither over- nor underestimates so far as can be judged, and in which uncertainties are reduced as far as is practical."
- Good practice inventories are Transparent, Accurate, Complete, Consistent, Comparable, and efficient in resource-use.
- Managed land is used in these guidelines as a proxy for identifying anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks.
 - Use of managed land as a proxy for anthropogenic effects was introduced in the GPG-LULUCF and is consistent with the Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines.
- GPG-LULUCF Introduced comprehensive coverage of all land by dividing into 6 land-use categories.

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2006 IPCC Guidelines



- Updated and expanded earlier guidelines while maintaining consistency
- Restructured main categories and sub-sectors to clarify and simplify inventories and to reduce chance of double-counting:
 - Agriculture + LULUCF → AFOLU
 - Industrial Processes + Solvent Use → IPPU
- Integrate *good practice* guidance for clarity and ease-of-use:
 - Require similar resources to implement as the 1996 IPCC Guidelines plus the two volumes of GPG
 - Does not pre-empt accounting choices all the information needed is retained
- Include:
 - updated default values and methods
 - methods for additional categories and direct greenhouse gases
- The best globally applicable methods reflecting latest science



2006 IPCC Guidelines (2)

- Overview
- Vol 1: General Guidance and Reporting
- Vol 2: Energy
 - Vol 3: Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU)
 - Vol 4: Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU)

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Vol 5: Waste



The KP Supplement

- The 2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol (KP Supplement) provides supplementary methods and good practice guidance for estimating and reporting anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and removals resulting from LULUCF activities under Article 3.3 and Article 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol for the second commitment period, 2013-2020.
- Supplementary methods are additional guidance to produce the supplementary information needed in greenhouse gas inventories to meet the LULUCF rules for the Kyoto



Background

- Chapter 4 of IPCC *GPG LULUCF* provides the supplementary methods and *good practice* guidance for reporting of LULUCF activities under Article 3.3 and 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol for the first commitment period.
- The UNFCCC CMP7 invited the IPCC "... to review and, if necessary, update supplementary methodologies for estimating anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks resulting from land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol (KP), related to the annex to 2/CMP.7, on the basis of, inter alia, Chapter 4 of IPCC's 2003 Good Practice Guidance for Land-use, Land-use Change and Forestry."

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Production of the KP Supplement





The structure and content of the KP Supplement

Broadly maintains the structure and general content of Chapter 4 in *GPG-LULUCF*, while incorporating some important changes as mandated by Decision 2/CMP.7 and other COP/CMP decisions.

Chapter 2: Methods for estimation, measurement, monitoring and reporting of LULUCF activities under Articles 3.3 and 3.4

Overview Chapter

Also contains Glossary, List of Abbreviations & Annex 2A.1: Reporting Tables

Chapter 1: Introduction



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The Wetlands Supplement

- The 2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC Guide-lines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands (Wetlands Supplement) extends the content of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines by filling gaps in coverage and providing updated information reflecting scientific advances, including updating emission factors.
- It covers inland organic soils and wetlands on mineral soils, coastal wetlands including mangrove forests, tidal marshes and seagrass meadows and constructed wetlands for wastewater treatment.
- The coverage of the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* on wetlands was restricted to peatlands drained and managed for peat extraction, conversion to flooded lands, and limited guidance for drained organic soils.



Background

• At its 33rd Session (December 2010 in Cancun), SBSTA invited the IPCC:

To undertake further methodological work on wetlands, focusing on the rewetting and restoration of peatland, with a view to filling in the gaps in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines in these areas and to complete this work for the thirty-ninth session of the SBSTA.

At its 33rd Session (May 2011 in Abu Dhabi), IPCC decided to produce the 2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands (Wetlands Supplement)



Production of the Wetlands Supplement



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Structure of the Wetlands Supplement

2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands

- Methodological Guidance on Lands with Wet and Drained Soils, and Constructed Wetlands for Wastewater Treatment

- Overview Chapter
- Glossary

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- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Drained Inland Organic Soils
- Chapter 3: Rewetted Organic Soils
- Chapter 4: Coastal Wetlands
- Chapter 5: Inland Wetland Mineral Soils
- Chapter 6: Constructed Wetlands for Wastewater Treatment
- Chapter 7: Cross-cutting Issues and Reporting



IPCC Guidelines and International Climate Actions under the UNFCCC



UNFCCC and IPCC TFI (1)

• The Parties to the UNFCCC are required to use the IPCC Guidelines for preparation of GHG inventories.



UNFCCC and IPCC TFI (2)



UNFCCC and IPCC TFI (3)





Summary

- GHG inventories have a variety of uses.
 - They help understand the magnitude of the problem and are a key to policy development as well as reporting and monitoring progress towards targets.
- The IPCC Guidelines provide robust, internationally acceptable and comparable methodologies for estimation and reporting national GHG emissions/removals.
 - Inventory management and *good practice* are important to ensure the quality and credibility of GHG inventory estimates.
- The IPCC Guidelines and other tools have been used by the Parties to UNFCCC to meet their inventory reporting requirements and to develop mitigation policies.
 - The IPCC guidelines have been successful in facilitating the development and implementation of past UNFCCC agreements by allowing the Parties to report and account for their emissions/removals in a rigorous, transparent and comparable way.





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Wetlands Supplement: <u>http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/wetlands/index.html</u> KP Supplement: <u>http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/kpsg/index.html</u>

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