

CHAPTER 4

METHODOLOGICAL CHOICE AND IDENTIFICATION OF KEY CATEGORIES

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4 METHODOLOGICAL CHOICE AND IDENTIFICATION OF KEY CATEGORIES

Users are expected to go to Mapping Tables in Annex 1, before reading this chapter. This is required to correctly understand both the refinements made and how the elements in this chapter relate to the corresponding chapter in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

4.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter addresses how to decide on methods to apply and in using key category analysis¹ to inform this choice. Methodological choice for individual source and sink categories is important in managing and where possible reducing the overall inventory uncertainty. Generally, inventory uncertainty is lower when emissions and removals are estimated using the most rigorous methods provided for each category or subcategory in the sectoral volumes of the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* and its *2019 Refinement*. However, these methods generally require more extensive resources for data collection, so it may not be feasible to use more rigorous method for every category of emissions and removals. It is therefore *good practice* to identify those categories that have the greatest contribution to overall inventory uncertainty in order to make the most efficient use of available resources. It is also important to identify categories that contribute significantly to the national totals to ensure that they are compiled accurately and that the data needed to update their estimates is sufficiently maintained. It is *good practice* for each country to identify its national *key categories* in a systematic and objective manner. By identifying these *key categories* in the national inventory, inventory compilers can prioritise their efforts and improve their overall estimates.

4.1.1 Definition

Key categories are inventory categories which individually, or as a group of categories (for which a common method, emission factor and activity data are applied) are prioritised within the national inventory system because their estimates have a significant influence on a country's total inventory of greenhouse gases in terms of the absolute level, the trend, or the level of uncertainty in emissions or removals. Whenever the term *key category* is used, it includes both source and sink categories.

4.1.2 Purpose of the key category analysis

Key category analysis helps the National Inventory Arrangements (see Section 1.5 of Chapter 1) identify the priority categories for which methods, activity data, emission factors and other parameters should be considered for regular update, more rigorously checked and reviewed and, where necessary or possible, improved as elaborated below:

- **Regular update:** Making sure the methods, data flows and country-specific emission factors are kept up to date and available for important regular estimate updates.
- **More focussed checking and review:** Making sure that specific QA/QC activities are implemented for *key categories*. It is *good practice* to give additional attention to *key categories* with respect to quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) as described in Chapter 6, Quality Assurance/Quality Control and Verification, and in the sectoral volumes.
- **Improvement:** Improving accuracy of estimates and reducing overall uncertainty using higher tiered (more accurate) methods. In general, more detailed higher tier methods should be selected for *key categories*. Inventory compilers should use the category-specific methods presented in sectoral decision trees in Volumes 2-5. For most sources/sinks, higher tier (Tier 2 and 3) methods are suggested for *key categories*, although this is not always the case. For guidance on the specific application of this principle to *key categories*, it is *good practice* to refer to the decision trees and sector-specific guidance for the respective category and additional *good practice guidance* in chapters in sectoral volumes. In some cases, inventory compilers may be unable to adopt a higher tier method due to lack of resources. This may mean that they are unable to collect the required data for a higher tier or are unable to determine country specific emission

¹ In Good Practice Guidance for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (*GPG2000*, IPCC, 2000), the concept was named 'key source categories' and dealt with the inventory excluding the LULUCF Sector.

factors and other data needed for Tier 2 and 3 methods. In these cases, although this is not accommodated in the category-specific decision trees, a Tier 1 approach can be used, and this possibility is identified in Figure 4.1. It should in these cases be clearly documented why the methodological choice was not in line with the sectoral decision tree. Any *key categories* where the good practice method cannot be used should have priority for future improvements.

It is *good practice* for each country to identify and communicate its national *key categories* in a systematic and objective manner as presented in this chapter. Such a process will help countries to prioritise available resources for (key) category methods, data sources and assumptions and will lead to improved inventory quality, as well as greater confidence in the estimates that are developed.

4.1.3 General approach to identify key categories

Key category analysis should be applied in all circumstances of inventory compilation no matter how simple or basic the inventory is. A category can be identified as a key for different reasons. These include:

- **Level:** Their absolute level of emissions/removals for a particular year of interest.
- **Trend:** Their change across a time series. Particularly important for categories that are showing increasing or decreasing emissions or removal trends across a time series.
- **Uncertainty:** If a category's contribution to the GHG inventory total or trend uncertainty is high for relevant years or year spans, then the category should be identified as key.
- In addition to making a **quantitative determination** of *key categories*, it is *good practice* to consider the qualitative criteria for identifying categories that are likely to need prioritised attention (e.g. expected significant trends, categories not estimated or with suspected high uncertainty) as described in more detail in Section 4.3.3.

Section 4.3 presents the detailed methodology for the above cases of key category analysis under two approaches. Approach 1 where key category analysis is done without incorporating uncertainties and approach 2 where information on uncertainties is included.

As explained in section 4.1.2 above, the main objective of key category analysis is to identify and prioritise *key categories* within the inventory management system. Therefore, it is helpful to consolidate the different analysis of the level and trend into a single summary list of *key categories*. This makes engagement with key stakeholders easier and communication of the *key categories* priorities possible.

Guidance on reporting and documentation of the key category analysis is provided in Section 4.5. Section 4.6 gives examples for *key category* identification.

4.2 GENERAL RULES FOR IDENTIFICATION OF KEY CATEGORIES

The following guidance describes additional *good practice* in determining the appropriate level of disaggregation of GHG estimates to identify *key categories*, additional to those presented in the *2006 IPCC Guidelines*. The results of the key category analysis will be most useful for prioritising data gathering and estimation activities if the analysis is done at a level of aggregation aligned with countries use of methods, data sources and assumptions. Disaggregation to very low levels of subcategories that are all covered by a single method and use of emission factor should be avoided since it will split an important aggregated category into many small subcategories that may be no longer considered as *key*. Countries should establish their own aggregations or disaggregation of categories accordingly and considering the guidance provided below. Countries using Approach 2 will need to align the level of aggregation with that used for the uncertainty analysis. This will be facilitated by an approach, which aggregated/disaggregated based on methodology and in particular uncertainties. The following principals can be followed in designing the analysis and in choosing the level of aggregation or disaggregation for key categories:

- **IPCC categories:** All relevant sectors and categories that contribute to the GHG inventory totals should be included in the key category analysis. Countries should also consider the relative importance of memo items such as international transportation and biomass burning to ensure that the calculations for these items are adequate addressed when designing improvement activities. The analysis should be performed at the level of

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categories or subcategories at which the IPCC methods are applied in the inventory. Over time, as estimates are updated/refined and higher tier approaches applied to categories and/or subcategories, the aggregations for key category analysis may change. Countries can consider the disaggregation of categories and subcategories by fuel or other relevant activity differentiators (e.g. livestock/management types etc.) where activity data, assumptions and/or emission factors are from different sources and/or uncertainties are likely to be significantly different. For Approach 2, possible cross-correlations between categories and/or subcategories should be taken into account when considering category aggregation². When using Approach 2, the assumptions about such correlations should be the same when assessing uncertainties and identifying key categories (see Chapter 3, Uncertainties).

- **Regional disaggregation:** Countries may want to subdivide by region in exceptional cases where regional differences in methods applied are significant. Where this is needed, a regional tag can be added to the IPCC category group column (see Tables 4.2 and 4.3).
- **Individual gas level:** All direct GHGs should be included in the key category analysis. Generally, each greenhouse gas emitted from each category should be considered separately, unless the same method, data sources and assumptions are applied and uncertainties are similar across gases or linked. For example, CO₂, methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O) from road transport using a tier 1 default methodology would all be treated separately due to the different levels of uncertainty in the default EFs. However, where a tier 2 method is applied to estimate emissions for methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O) using country-specific measurement data the CO₂-equivalent³ estimates for methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O) could be aggregated in the key category analysis. This aggregation helps to promote the importance of the combined impacts of methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O) with the new tier 2 methodology. In cases where a common model and assumptions are applied for analysis of all chemical species of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) from refrigeration or air conditioning, these gases could be aggregated as HFC CO₂-equivalent emissions. If precursor gases for CO₂ (e.g. CO and NMVOC) are included in the national totals as CO₂-equivalent emissions they should also be included in the KCA as with any other gas. Precursor gases that cannot be converted to CO₂-equivalent emissions cannot be included in the quantitative key category analysis but could be included in the qualitative analysis. It is not possible to include gases, which cannot be converted to CO₂-equivalent since the analysis is performed using CO₂-equivalent emissions.
- **Emissions and removals:** If data are available, the key category analysis should be performed for emissions and removals separately within a given category or for different pools. For example, the land use categories and the pool estimates can include emissions and removals that may cancel or almost cancel at the aggregated level for the category resulting in an aggregated net estimate that does not qualify as a *key category* despite the components (emissions and removals separately) being significant. This separation of emissions and removals is also important where methods, data sources and assumptions are different for estimating emissions and removals for a category or for different pools. Similar considerations may apply in the Energy and IPPU (Industrial Processes and Product Use) Sectors, for example, in a situation where CO₂ is being captured for storage.
- Indirect N₂O emissions from deposition of NO_x and other nitrogen compounds from categories other than AFOLU (Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use) Sectors are included in the key category analysis in category 5A, Indirect N₂O emissions from the atmospheric deposition of nitrogen in NO_x and NH₃.

Once the level of aggregation has been resolved, the inventory compiler should determine if certain components (e.g. subcategories/gases/pools/sinks/sources) are particularly significant and further disaggregated, if appropriate. Usually, for this purpose, the components can be ranked according to their contribution to the aggregate *key category*. Those subcategories that contribute together more than 60 percent to the *key category* should be treated as particularly significant and possibly disaggregated from the category where it was included. Table 4.1 provides suggested aggregation levels with guidance on subdivisions that could be considered that relate to methods, data sources and assumptions for which estimation methods are provided in the sectoral volumes.

² In practice, the effect of correlations for key category analysis should be taken into account in the disaggregation level used for the Approach 2 assessment (for more advice on correlations in uncertainty analysis, see Chapter 3.).

³ The methodology is also applicable for other weighting scheme, but for the derivation of threshold for Approach 1 and 2 and for the examples in Section 4.5 CO₂-equivalent values were calculated using the global warming potentials (GWP) over a 100-year horizon of the different greenhouse gases, provided by the IPCC in its Second Assessment Report (SAR).

TABLE 4.1 (UPDATED)			
SUGGESTED AGGREGATION LEVEL OF ANALYSIS FOR APPROACH 1 ^a			
Source and Sink Categories to be assessed in Key Category Analysis		Gases to be assessed separately ^c	Category aggregation/disaggregation Considerations ⁴
Category Code ^b	Category Title ^b		
Energy			
1A1 & 1A2	Energy and manufacturing Industry Fuel Combustion Activities	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O	These categories should be disaggregated according to methods, data sources, assumptions applied and known or likely differences in uncertainty. Estimates compiled from a common set of activity data and emission factors (e.g. energy balances and default or average country specific emission factors) with similar uncertainties can be aggregated. Common reasons for disaggregation can include differences in uncertainty for estimates of emissions for different fuels (disaggregation by main fuel type) or the application of tier 2 or 3 methods for categories or sub-categories.
1A3a	Fuel Combustion Activities - Transport - Civil Aviation	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O	Disaggregation could be considered where data for different fuels is sourced from different data providers and different methods are used for small and major airports.
1A3b	Fuel Combustion Activities - Transport - Road transportation	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O	Disaggregate by fuel if fuel data is sourced from different data providers and likely to have different levels of accuracy.
1A3c	Fuel Combustion Activities - Transport - Railways	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O	Disaggregation could be considered where data (e.g. on fuels) is sourced from different data providers and different methods are used for different types of transport
1A3d	Fuel Combustion Activities - Transport - Water-borne Navigation	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O	Disaggregation could be considered where data (e.g. on fuels) is sourced from different data providers and different methods are used for different types of transport.
1A3e	Fuel Combustion Activities - Transport - Other Transportation	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O	Disaggregation could be considered where data (e.g. on fuels) is sourced from different data providers and different methods are used for different types of transport.
1A4	Fuel Combustion Activities - Other Sectors	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O	
1A5	Fuel Combustion Activities - Non- Specified	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O	

⁴ Only disaggregate further by subcategory, fuel and/or gas where activity data and emission factors are from different sources and/or uncertainties are significantly different.

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1B	Fugitive emissions from fuels	CO ₂ , CH ₄	See note e. Disaggregation is likely to be by fuel type (coal, oil, natural gas) as data sources and assumptions will be different. Common reasons for disaggregation can also include differences in uncertainty for estimates of emissions for different parts of fuel exploration and distribution, technologies or the application of tier 2 or 3 methods for categories or sub-categories.
1C	Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage	CO ₂	See note e
1	Miscellaneous	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O	Assess whether other sources in the Energy Sector not listed above should be included. Key category analysis has to cover all emission sources in the inventory. Therefore, all categories not presented above should be either aggregated with some other category, where relevant, or assessed separately.
Industrial Processes and Product Use			
2A1	Mineral industry - Cement Production	CO ₂	
2A2	Mineral Industry - Lime Production	CO ₂	Estimates compiled from a common set of activity data and emission factors with similar uncertainties can be aggregated. Common reasons for disaggregation can include the application of tier 2 or 3 methods for categories or sub-categories.
2A3	Mineral Industry - Glass Production	CO ₂	Estimates compiled from a common set of activity data and emission factors with similar uncertainties can be aggregated. Common reasons for disaggregation can include the application of tier 2 or 3 methods for categories or sub-categories.

TABLE 4.1 (CONTINUED)
SUGGESTED AGGREGATION LEVEL OF ANALYSIS FOR APPROACH 1 ^a

Source and Sink Categories to be Assessed in Key Category Analysis		Gases to be Assessed separately	Category aggregation/disaggregation Considerations
Category Code ^b	Category Title ^b		
2A4	Mineral Industry - Other Process Uses of Carbonates	CO ₂	See note e
2B1	Chemical Industry - Ammonia Production	CO ₂	
2B2	Chemical industry - Nitric Acid Production	N ₂ O	
2B3	Chemical industry - Adipic Acid Production	N ₂ O	
2B4	Chemical industry - Caprolactam, Glyoxal and Glyoxylic Acid Production	N ₂ O	See note e
2B5	Chemical industry - Carbide Production	CO ₂ , CH ₄ ,	
2B6	Chemical industry - Titanium Dioxide Production	CO ₂	
2B7	Chemical Industry - Soda Ash Production	CO ₂	
2B8	Chemical Industry - Petrochemical and Carbon Black Production	CO ₂ , CH ₄	See note e
2B9	Chemical Industry - Fluorochemical Production	HFCs, PFCs, SF ₆ , and other halogenated gases should be aggregated	If aggregated gases are key, disaggregating by gas should be considered where methods, data sources and assumptions are different to identify gases that are may be individually key.
2B10	Chemical Industry – Hydrogen Production	CO ₂	
2C1	Metal Industry - Iron and Steel Production	CO ₂ , CH ₄	
2C2	Metal Industry - Ferroalloys Production	CO ₂ , CH ₄	
2C3	Metal Industry - Aluminium Production	PFCs should be aggregated, CO ₂	PFCs should be assessed jointly. CO ₂ should be assessed separately.
2C4	Metal Industry - Magnesium Production	CO ₂ SF ₆ , PFCs, HFCs, other halogenated gases should be aggregated	Methods for HFCs, PFCs and other halogenated gases are only provided at Tier 3 level. If they are not included in the inventory it is good practice to use qualitative considerations (see section 4.3.3).
2C5	Metal Industry - Lead Production	CO ₂	
2C6	Metal Industry - Zinc Production	CO ₂	
2C7	Metal Industry – Rare Earths	CO ₂ , PFCs	PFCs should be assessed jointly. CO ₂ should be assessed separately.
2D	Non-Energy Products from Fuels and Solvent Use	CO ₂	See note e

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2E	Electronics Industry	SF ₆ , PFCs, HCFs, other halogenated gases can be aggregated	If aggregated gases are key, disaggregating by gas should be considered where methods, data sources and assumptions are different to identify gases that are may be individually key.
2F1	Product Uses as Substitutes for Ozone Depleting Substances - Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	HFCs and PFCs can be aggregated	See note e
2F2	Product Uses as Substitutes for Ozone Depleting Substances - Foam Blowing Agents	HFCs can be aggregated	
2F3	Product Uses as Substitutes for Ozone Depleting Substances - Fire Protection	HFCs, PFCs can be aggregated	
2F4	Product Uses as Substitutes for Ozone Depleting Substances - Aerosols	HFCs, PFCs can be aggregated	
2F5	Product Uses as Substitutes for Ozone Depleting Substances - Solvents	HFCs, PFCs can be aggregated	
2F6	Product Uses as Substitutes for Ozone Depleting Substances - Other Applications	HFCs, PFCs can be aggregated	
2G	Other Product Manufacture and Use	SF ₆ and PFCs can be aggregated N ₂ O treated separately	If aggregated gases are key, disaggregating by gas should be considered where methods, data sources and assumptions are different to identify gases that are may be individually key. N ₂ O should be assessed separately.
2	Miscellaneous	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O should be assessed separately HFCs, PFCs and SF ₆ , other halogenated gases can be aggregated	Assess whether other sources in the IPPU Sector not listed above should be included. Key category analysis should cover all emission sources in the inventory. Therefore, all categories not presented above should be either aggregated with some other category, where relevant, or assessed separately.
Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use			
3A1 & 3A2	Livestock: Enteric Fermentation	CH ₄	If there are differences in the data sources, assumptions applied and uncertainties for the different animal types and or management/feed practices then these should also be disaggregated.
3A2	Livestock: Manure Management	CH ₄ , N ₂ O	If there are also differences in the data sources, assumptions applied and uncertainties for the different animal types and or management practices then these should also be disaggregated.

3B1a	Forest Land Remaining Forest Land	CO ₂	See note f
3B1b	Land Converted to Forest Land	CO ₂	See note f
3B2a	Cropland Remaining Cropland	CO ₂	See note f
3B2b	Land Converted to Cropland	CO ₂	See note f
3B3a	Grassland Remaining Grassland	CO ₂	See note f
3B3b	Land Converted to Grassland	CO ₂	See note f
3B4ai	Peatlands Remaining Peatlands	CO ₂ , N ₂ O	See note f
3B4aii	Flooded land remaining Flooded land	CO ₂ , CH ₄	See note f
3B4b	Land Converted to Wetlands	CO ₂	See note f
3B5a	Settlements Remaining Settlements	CO ₂	See note f
3B5b	Land Converted to Settlements	CO ₂	See note f
3C1	Biomass Burning	CH ₄ , N ₂ O	Where countries estimate CO ₂ emissions from biomass burning separately from those associated to carbon stock change, they may wish to separate CO ₂ emissions from biomass burning under a key category 3C1.
3C2	Liming	CO ₂	
3C3	Urea Application	CO ₂	
3C4	Direct N ₂ O Emissions from Managed soils	N ₂ O	If there are differences in the data sources, assumptions applied and uncertainties for different pools (mineral soils, organic soils) then these should be assessed separately.
3C5	Indirect N ₂ O Emissions from Managed soils	Indirect N ₂ O	If there are differences in the data sources, assumptions applied and uncertainties for different pools (mineral soils, organic soils) then these should be assessed separately.
3C6	Indirect N ₂ O Emissions from Manure Management	Indirect N ₂ O	
3C7	Rice Cultivation	CH ₄	
3D1	Harvested Wood Products	CO ₂	Use of key category analysis is optional.
3	Miscellaneous e.g. non-CO ₂ emissions from biomass burning in forestlands, cropland, grasslands and wetlands, CH ₄ and N ₂ O from the burning of drained organic soils, the CH ₄ and N ₂ O from rewetting of organic soils and N ₂ O from aquaculture	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O	Assess whether other sources or sinks in the AFOLU Sector not listed above should be aggregated or included separately. Key category analysis has to cover all emission sources and sinks in the inventory. Therefore, all categories not presented above should be either aggregated with some other category, where relevant, or assessed separately.
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4A	Solid Waste Disposal	CH ₄	This category should be disaggregated according to methods, data sources, assumptions applied and known or likely differences in uncertainty. Estimates compiled from a common set of activity data and emission factors with similar uncertainties can be aggregated. E.g. if there are significant differences in methodology and uncertainty for different types of solid waste disposal (managed and unmanaged sites) these should be disaggregated.
4B	Biological Treatment of Solid Waste	CH ₄ , N ₂ O	
4C	Incineration and Open Burning of Waste	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O	
4D	Wastewater Treatment and Discharge	CH ₄ , N ₂ O	If there are differences in data sources, assumptions applied and uncertainties for different types of wastewater treatment (domestic or industrial wastewater and or different discharge routes) these should be disaggregated. Estimates compiled from a common set of activity data and emission factors with similar uncertainties can be aggregated.
4	Miscellaneous	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O	Assess whether other sources in the Waste Sector not listed above should be included. Key category analysis has to cover all emission sources in the inventory. Therefore, all categories not presented above should be either aggregated with some other category, where relevant, or assessed separately.
5A	Indirect N ₂ O Emissions from the atmospheric deposition of nitrogen in NO _x and NH ₃	Indirect N ₂ O	
5B	Other	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O, SF ₆ , PFCs, HCFs	Include sources and sinks reported under 5B. <i>Key category</i> assessment has to cover all emission sources in the inventory. Therefore, all categories not presented above should be either aggregated with some other category, where relevant, or assessed separately.
<p>^a In some cases, inventory compilers may modify this list of IPCC categories to reflect particular national circumstances.</p> <p>^b The categories should include the respective codes and be consistent with the IPCC terminology.</p> <p>^c All the gases in this column are to be assessed separately unless stated otherwise where gases can be assessed jointly. There may also be some new gases other than those listed here, and those should be assessed separately.</p> <p>^d In the quantitative key category analysis, conversion of forest (deforestation) is spread out under the different land-use change categories. Countries should identify and sum up the emission estimates associated with forest conversion to any other land category and compare the magnitude to the smallest category identified as key. If its size is larger than the smallest category identified as key, it should be considered key.</p> <p>^e Categories should be disaggregated if methods, data sources and/or assumptions applied are different and/or there is a difference in uncertainties between them. Estimates compiled from a common set of activity data and emission factors with similar uncertainties can be aggregated.</p> <p>^f Where possible, assess emissions, removal and carbon stock change separately. If there are differences in the data sources, assumptions applied and uncertainties for different pools (biomass, DOM, mineral soils, organic soils) then these should be also assessed separately.</p>			

4.3 METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO IDENTIFY KEY CATEGORIES

No refinement.

4.3.1 Approach 1 to identify key categories

Approach 1 to identify *key categories* assesses the influence of various categories of sources and sinks on the *level*, and possibly the *trend*, of the national greenhouse gas inventory. When the inventory estimates are available for several years, it is *good practice* to assess the contribution of each category to both the level and trend of the national inventory. If only a single year's inventory is available, a level assessment should be performed.

Approach 1 can readily be accomplished using a spreadsheet analysis. Tables 4.2 and 4.3 in the following sections illustrate the format of the analysis. Separate tables are suggested for the level and trend assessments because it is necessary to sort the results of the analysis according to two different columns. It is more difficult to track the process if the analyses are combined in the same table. In Table 4.2, columns A through C and Table 4.3 A through D are inputs of the national inventory data. Section 4.5 illustrates the application of the Approach 1 to the Finnish inventory.

LEVEL ASSESSMENT

The contribution of each source or sink category to the total national inventory level is calculated according to Equation 4.1:

EQUATION 4.1 (UPDATED) LEVEL ASSESSMENT (APPROACH 1)

Key category level assessment = | source or sink category estimate | / total contribution

$$L_{x,t} = \frac{|E_{x,t}|}{\sum_i |E_{i,t}|}$$

Where:

$L_{x,t}$ = level assessment for source or sink x in latest inventory year (year t)

$|E_{x,t}|$ = absolute value of emission or removal estimate of source or sink category x in year t

$\sum_i |E_{i,t}|$ = total contribution, which is the sum of the absolute values of emissions and removals for all n categories ($i=1, \dots, x, n$) in year t calculated using the aggregation level chosen by the country for key category analysis. Because both emissions and removals are entered with positive sign⁵, the total contribution/level can be larger than a country's total emissions less removals⁶

Key categories according to Equation 4.1 are those that, when summed together in descending order of magnitude, add up to 95 percent of the sum of all $L_{x,t}$.

Table 4.2 presents a spreadsheet that can be used for the level assessment. An example of the use of the spreadsheet is given in Section 4.5.

⁵ Removals are entered as absolute values to avoid an oscillating cumulative value $L_{x,t}$ as could be the case if removals were entered with negative signs, and thus to facilitate straightforward interpretation of the quantitative analysis.

⁶ This equation can be used in any situation, regardless of whether the national greenhouse gas inventory is a net source (as is most common) or a net sink.

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TABLE 4.2 (UPDATED) SPREADSHEET FOR THE APPROACH 1 ANALYSIS – LEVEL ASSESSMENT						
A	B	C	D	E	F	G
IPCC Category group	Greenhouse Gas	Latest Year Estimate [in CO ₂ -eq. units] $E_{x,t}$	Absolute Value of Latest Year Estimate $ E_{x,t} $	Level Assessment $L_{x,t}$	Cumulative Total of Column E	Rank of Absolute Value of Latest Year Estimate Column D
Total			$\sum_i E_{i,t} $	1		

217 Where:

218 Column A: = description of IPCC category group (see section 4.2 above)

219 Column B: = greenhouse gas from the category

220 Column C: = value of emission or removal estimate of category x in latest inventory year (year t)
221 in CO₂-equivalent units222 Column D: = absolute value of emission or removal estimate of category x in year t

223 Column E: = level assessment following Equation 4.1

224 Column F: = cumulative total of Column E

225 Column G: = rank of Absolute Value of Latest Year Estimate Column D

226 Inputs to Columns A-C will be available from the inventory. The total of Column C presents the net emissions
 227 and removals unless emissions and removals are presented separately. In Column D, absolute values are taken
 228 from each value in Column C. The sum of all entries in Column D is entered in the total line of Column D (note
 229 that this total may not be the same as the total net emissions and removals). In Column E, the level assessment is
 230 computed according to Equation 4.1. Once the entries in Column E are computed, the categories in the table
 231 should be sorted in descending order of magnitude according to Column E. After this step, the cumulative total
 232 summed in Column E can be calculated into Column F. *Key categories* are those that, when summed together in
 233 descending order of magnitude, add up to 95 percent of the total in Column F. Where the method is applied
 234 correctly, the sum of entries in Column E must be 1. The rationale for the choice of the 95 percent threshold for
 235 the Approach 1 builds on Rypdal and Flugsrud (2001) and is presented in *GPG2000*, Section 7.2.1.1 in Chapter
 236 7.

237 It is also *good practice* to examine categories identified between threshold of 95 percent and 97 percent carefully
 238 with respect to the qualitative criteria (see section 4.3.3).

239 The level assessment should be performed for the base year of the inventory and for the latest inventory year
 240 (year t). If estimates for the base year have changed or been recalculated, the base year analysis should be
 241 updated. Key category analysis can also be updated for other recalculated years. In many cases, however, it is
 242 sufficient to derive conclusions regarding methodological choice, resource prioritisation or QA/QC procedures
 243 without an updated key category analysis for the entire inventory time series. Any category that meets the
 244 threshold for the base year or the most recent year should be identified as *key*. However, key category analysis
 245 can also take other years into account to identify key categories if key category analyses are available for these
 246 years. This is because some categories may have emissions/removals that fluctuate from year to year above and
 247 below the key category threshold. Therefore, for categories between threshold of 95 and 97 percent, it is
 248 suggested to assess three or more previous years identifying if these categories were key categories in these years
 249 except in cases where a clear explanation can be provided why a category may no longer be *key* in any future
 250 years. These additional categories should be addressed in the reporting table for *key categories* by using a
 251 column for comments (see Table 4.4 and reporting table for *key categories* in Section 4.4 for more information).
 252 The qualitative criteria presented in Section 4.3.3 may also help to identify which categories with fluctuating
 253 emissions or removals should be considered as *key categories*.

TREND ASSESSMENT

The purpose of the trend assessment is to identify categories that may not be large enough to be identified by the level assessment, but whose trend contributes significantly to the trend of the overall inventory and should therefore receive particular attention. The Trend Assessment can be calculated according to Equation 4.2 if more than one year of inventory data are available.

EQUATION 4.2 (UPDATED)
TREND ASSESSMENT (APPROACH 1)

$$T_{x,t} = \left| \frac{E_{x,t} - E_{x,0}}{\sum_i E_{i,t} - \sum_i E_{i,0}} \right|$$

Where:

$T_{x,t}$ = trend assessment of source or sink category x in year t as compared to the base year (year 0)

$E_{x,0}$ and $E_{x,t}$ = value of emission or removal estimate of source or sink category x in year 0 and year t

$\sum_i E_{i,t}$ and $\sum_i E_{i,0}$ = total inventory estimates in years t and 0, respectively

for $i=1, \dots, n$

The trend assessment of a category refers to the change in the source or sink category emissions or removals over time compared to the total trend. This is computed as an absolute value for source or sink category x by subtracting the value of the base year (year 0) estimate from the value of the latest inventory year (year t) estimate and dividing this by the overall difference between the target year (year t) and the base year (year 0) total inventories (the inventory trend). The percentage contribution of category x for year t to the trend is then calculated by dividing $T_{x,t}$ by the sum of the trend assessment of all categories of the inventory.

The trend assessment then sorts categories by magnitude (highest to lowest) of their contribution to the trend, regardless whether category trend is increasing or decreasing, or a category is a sink or source. Categories whose cumulative percentage contribution is greater than 95% should be identified as *key*.

Table 4.3 outlines a spreadsheet that can be used for the Approach 1 Trend Assessment.

TABLE 4.3 (UPDATED)							
SPREADSHEET FOR THE APPROACH 1 ANALYSIS – TREND ASSESSMENT							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
IPCC Category group name	Greenhouse Gas	Base Year Estimate $E_{x,0}$	Latest Year Estimate $E_{x,t}$	Trend Assessment $T_{x,t}$	Contribution to Trend $\frac{T_{x,t}}{\sum_i T_{i,t}}$	Cumulative Total of Column F	Rank of trend assessment Column E
Total		$\sum_x E_{x,0}$	$\sum_x E_{x,t}$	$\sum_x T_{x,t}$			

Where:

Column A : = description of IPCC category group (see section 4.2 above)

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Column B: = greenhouse gas from the category

Column C: = base year estimate of emissions or removals from the national inventory data, in CO₂-equivalent units. Sources and sinks are entered as real values (positive or negative values, respectively)

Column D: = latest year estimate of emissions or removals from the most recent national inventory data, in CO₂-equivalent units. Sources and sinks are entered as real values (positive or negative values, respectively)

Column E: = trend assessment from Equation 4.2

Column F: = contribution of the category to the total of trend assessments in last row of Column E, i.e., $T_{x,t} / \sum_y T_{y,t}$

Column G: = cumulative total of Column F, calculated after sorting the entries in descending order of magnitude according to Column F

Column H: = rank of the trend assessment value (column E)

The entries in Columns A, B and D should be identical to those in Columns A, B and C in the Table 4.2, for the Approach 1 analysis - Level Assessment. The base year estimate in Column C is always entered, while the latest year estimate in Column D will depend on the year of analysis. The value of $T_{x,t}$ (which is always positive) should be entered in Column E for each category of sources and sinks, following Equation 4.2, and the sum of all the entries entered in the total line of the table. The percentage contribution of each category to the total of Column E should be computed and entered in Column F. The categories (i.e., the rows of the table) should be sorted in descending order of magnitude, based on Column F. The cumulative total of Column F should then be computed in Column G. Key categories are those that, when summed together in descending order of magnitude, add up to more than 95 percent of the total of Column F. An example of Approach 1 analysis for the level and trend is given in Section 4.5.

The trend assessment treats increasing and decreasing trends similarly. However, for the prioritisation of resources, there may be specific circumstances where countries may not want to invest additional resources in the estimation of *key categories* with decreasing trends. Underlying reasons why a category showing strong decreasing trend could be *key* include activity decrease, mitigation measures leading to reduced emission factors or abatement measures (e.g., F-gases, chemical production) changing the production processes. In particular, for a long-term decline of activities (not volatile economic trends) and when the category is not *key* from the level assessment, it is not always necessary to implement higher tier methods or to collect additional country-specific data if appropriate explanations can be provided why a category may not become more relevant again in the future. This could be the case e.g., for emissions from coal mining in some countries where considerable number of mines are closed or where certain production facilities are shut down. Regardless of the method chosen, countries should endeavour to use the same method for all years in a time series, and therefore it may be more appropriate to continue using a higher tier method if it had been used for previous years.

For other reasons of declining trends such as the introduction of abatement measures or other emission reduction measures, it is important to prioritise resources for the estimation of such categories that were identified as *key* in the trend assessment. Irrespective of the methodological choice, inventory compilers should clearly and precisely explain and document categories with strongly decreasing trends and should apply appropriate QA/QC procedures.

KEY CATEGORY ANALYSIS FOR A SUBSET OF INVENTORY ESTIMATES

The IPCC Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (GPG-LULUCF, IPCC, 2003) provided guidance on how to conduct a key category analysis using a stepwise approach, identifying first the *key* (source) categories for the inventory excluding LULUCF (Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry), and secondly repeating the key category analysis for the full inventory including the LULUCF categories to identify additional *key categories*. This two-step approach is now integrated into one general approach. However, inventory compilers may still want to conduct a key category analysis using a subset of inventory estimates. For example, inventory compilers may choose to include only emission sources in order to exclude the effects of removals from the level assessment or in order to exclude the influence of different trends for carbon fluxes from the other emission trends (see examples in Tables 4.7 and 4.8). It is *good practice* to document the subsets the analysis was performed for and the differences in results comparing with an integrated analysis.

4.3.2 Approach 2 to identify key categories

No refinement.

4.3.3 Qualitative criteria to identify key categories

In some cases, the results of the Approach 1 or Approach 2 analysis of *key categories* may not identify all categories that should be prioritised in the inventory system. If quantitative key category analysis has not been carried out due to lack of completeness in the inventory, it is *good practice* to use qualitative criteria to identify *key categories*. The criteria below address specific circumstances that may not be readily reflected in the quantitative assessment. These criteria should be applied to categories not identified in the quantitative analysis, and if additional categories are identified they should be added to the list of *key categories*. It is particularly important to consider these criteria if the trend assessment has not been compiled. Although it is important to implement a trend assessment as part of *good practice* if data are available, early identification using qualitative criteria could be used until such assessment is available. Followings are the examples of points in qualitative criteria.

- *Mitigation techniques and technologies*: If emissions from a category have decreased or removals have increased through the use of climate change mitigation techniques, it is *good practice* to identify such categories as *key*. This will ensure that such categories are prioritised within the inventory and that better quality estimates are prepared to reflect the mitigation effects as closely as possible. It will also ensure that the methods used are transparent with respect to mitigation which is important for assessing inventory quality.
- *Expected growth*: The inventory compiler should assess which categories should be designated as *key* because they are likely to show substantial increase of emissions or decrease of removals in the future. The inventory compiler may use expert judgement to make this determination. It is encouraged to identify such categories as *key*.
- *No quantitative assessment of Uncertainties performed*: Where Approach 2 including uncertainties in the key category analysis is not used, inventory compilers are still encouraged to identify categories that are assumed to contribute most to the overall uncertainty as *key*, because the largest reductions in overall inventory uncertainty can be achieved by improving estimates of categories having higher uncertainties. The qualitative consideration should take into account whether any methodological improvements could reduce uncertainties significantly. This could, for example, be applied to a small net flux results from the subtraction of large emissions and removals, which can imply a very high uncertainty.
- *Completeness*: Neither the Approach 1 nor the Approach 2 gives correct results if the inventory is not complete. The analysis can still be performed, but there may be *key categories* among those are not estimated. In these cases, it is *good practice* to examine qualitatively potential *key categories* that are not yet estimated quantitatively by applying the qualitative considerations above. The inventory of a country with similar national circumstances can also often give good indications on potential *key categories*. Chapter 2, Approaches to Data Collection, gives suggestions for methods to approximate activity data that can be used to compile preliminary estimates of emissions/removals from a category. This preliminary analysis can be used to conclude whether a category potentially can be *key* and prioritise data collection of this category.

4.4 REPORTING AND DOCUMENTATION

It is *good practice* to clearly document the results of the key category analysis in the inventory report. This information is essential for explaining the choice of method for each category. In addition, inventory compilers should list the criteria by which each category was identified as *key* (e.g., level, trend, or qualitative), and the method used to conduct the quantitative key category analysis (e.g., Approach 1 or Approach 2). Tables 4.2 and 4.3 should be used to record the results of the key category analysis. Table 4.4 should be used to present a summary of the key category analysis. The notation keys: L = *key category* according to level assessment; T = *key category* according to trend assessment; and Q = *key category* according to qualitative criteria; should be used to describe the assessment method used. The Approach used to identify the *key category* should be included as L1, L2, T1 or T2. In the column for comments, reasons for a qualitative assessment can be provided.

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TABLE 4.4 SUMMARY OF KEY CATEGORY ANALYSIS				
Quantitative method used: Approach 1/Approach 1 and Approach 2				
A	B	C	D	E
IPCC Category Code	IPCC Category	Greenhouse Gas	Identification criteria	Comments

Key category analysis is designed to inform the National Inventory Arrangements and various stakeholders on the priorities for regular update and improvement of the inventory. Therefore, the detailed analysis can be aggregated into a single informative list of the categories identified as key and why as suggested above in Table 4.4. In addition, inventory compilers could consider a means of prioritisation using category rankings across the different analysis. Ideally, this summary should also highlight the tier at which the estimates are estimated to give an indication of the scope for further improvement (see Table 4.4a).

TABLE 4.4A (NEW) KEY CATEGORIES RANKS					
A	B	C	D	E	F
IPCC Category group	Greenhouse Gas	Method (Tier)	Latest Year Estimate [in CO₂-eq. units]	Level Assessment Rank (If Key category)	Trend Assessment Rank (If Key category)

4.5 EXAMPLES OF KEY CATEGORY ANALYSIS

This section is an update of section 4.5 of Volume 1 of the *2006 IPCC Guidelines*.

The application of the Approach 1 and Approach 2 to the Finnish greenhouse gas inventory for the reporting year 2016 is shown in the following tables. Both the level and the trend assessment were conducted using estimates of emissions, removals and uncertainties from the national inventory of Finland (Statistics Finland, 2018).

TABLE 4.5 (UPDATED) EXAMPLE OF APPROACH 1 LEVEL ASSESSMENT FOR THE FINNISH GHG INVENTORY FOR 2016 (only key categories are presented)						
A	B	C	D	E	F	G
IPCC category code	IPCC category name	GHG	Emissions /removals (2016) Gg CO₂ eq	Absolute value of emissions /removals E_{x,t} Gg CO₂ eq	Level assessment L_{x,t}	Cumulative sum of level assessment
4.A.1	Forest Land remaining Forest Land	CO ₂	-35,773.5	35,773.5	0.322	0.322
1.A.1	Energy Industries, Solid	CO ₂	8,952.1	8,952.1	0.080	0.402
1.A.3b	Road transportation, Diesel oil	CO ₂	7,796.6	7,796.6	0.070	0.472
1.A.1	Energy Industries, Peat	CO ₂	4,797.5	4,797.5	0.043	0.515
4.B.1	Cropland remaining Cropland	CO ₂	4,742.3	4,742.3	0.043	0.558
1.A.3b	Road transportation, Motor gasoline	CO ₂	4,047.8	4,047.8	0.036	0.594
4.G	Harvested Wood Products	CO ₂	-3,642.4	3,642.4	0.033	0.627
1.A.4	Other sectors, Liquid	CO ₂	3,293.5	3,293.5	0.030	0.657
1.A.2	Manufacturing industries and construction, Liquid	CO ₂	3,182.0	3,182.0	0.029	0.685
3.D.1	Direct soil emissions	N ₂ O	3,031.3	3,031.3	0.027	0.713
4.B.2	Land converted to Cropland	CO ₂	2,416.2	2,416.2	0.022	0.734
1.A.1	Energy Industries, Gaseous	CO ₂	2,315.5	2,315.5	0.021	0.755
1.A.1	Energy Industries, Liquid	CO ₂	2,256.0	2,256.0	0.020	0.775
2.C.1	Iron and steel production	CO ₂	2,171.0	2,171.0	0.020	0.795
3.A	Enteric fermentation	CH ₄	2,104.6	2,104.6	0.019	0.814
4.D.1	Wetlands remaining Wetlands	CO ₂	1,961.9	1,961.9	0.018	0.831
5.A	Solid Waste Disposal	CH ₄	1,639.6	1,639.6	0.015	0.846
2.F.1	Refrigeration and air conditioning	HFCs	1,340.1	1,340.1	0.012	0.858
1.A.2	Manufacturing industries and construction, Gaseous	CO ₂	1,326.3	1,326.3	0.012	0.870
4(ii)	Drainage, rewetting and other management soils	N ₂ O	1,212.4	1,212.4	0.011	0.881
1.A.2	Manufacturing industries and construction, Solid	CO ₂	1,176.6	1,176.6	0.011	0.892
1.A.2	Manufacturing industries and construction, Peat	CO ₂	940.3	940.3	0.008	0.900
2.B.10b	Hydrogen production	CO ₂	937.8	937.8	0.008	0.909
4(ii)	Drainage, rewetting and other management soils	CH ₄	918.8	918.8	0.008	0.917
1.A.5	Other energy, Liquid	CO ₂	850.0	850.0	0.008	0.924
4.E.2	Land converted to Settlements	CO ₂	570.7	570.7	0.005	0.930
2.A.1	Cement production	CO ₂	553.2	553.2	0.005	0.935
1.A.1	Energy Industries, Other fossil	CO ₂	507.2	507.2	0.005	0.939

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3.B	Manure management	CH ₄	460.9	460.9	0.004	0.943
4.C.1	Grassland remaining Grassland	CO ₂	433.1	433.1	0.004	0.947
1.A.3d	Domestic navigation, Liquid	CO ₂	403.2	403.2	0.004	0.951
	Total		31,733.1	111,229.7	1.0	

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TABLE 4.6 (UPDATED)
EXAMPLE OF APPROACH 1 TREND ASSESSMENT FOR THE FINNISH GHG INVENTORY FOR 2016
(only key categories are presented)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
IPCC category code	IPCC category name	GHG	Emissions /removals (1990) Gg CO ₂ eq	Emissions /removals (2016) Gg CO ₂ eq	Absolute value of trend $ E_{x,t} - E_{x,0} $ Gg CO ₂ eq	Trend assessment $T_{x,t}$	Cumulative sum of trend assessment
4.A.1	Forest Land remaining Forest Land	CO ₂	-22,636.0	-35,773.5	13,137.5	0.286	0.286
1.A.4	Other sectors, Liquid	CO ₂	6,987.6	3,293.5	3,694.2	0.080	0.367
1.A.2	Manufacturing industries and construction, Solid	CO ₂	4,841.6	1,176.6	3,665.0	0.080	0.446
1.A.3b	Road transportation, Diesel oil	CO ₂	4,923.5	7,796.6	2,873.2	0.063	0.509
5.A	Solid Waste Disposal	CH ₄	4,327.7	1,639.6	2,688.2	0.059	0.568
1.A.3b	Road transportation, Motor gasoline	CO ₂	5,884.3	4,047.8	1,836.5	0.040	0.608
1.A.2	Manufacturing industries and construction, Liquid	CO ₂	4,861.6	3,182.0	1,679.6	0.037	0.644
4.B.2	Land converted to Cropland	CO ₂	894.4	2,416.2	1,521.7	0.033	0.677
2.B.2	Nitric acid production	N ₂ O	1,591.6	218.3	1,373.3	0.030	0.707
2.F.1	Refrigeration and air conditioning	HFCs	0.0	1,340.1	1,340.1	0.029	0.736
1.A.2	Manufacturing industries and construction, Gaseous	CO ₂	2,198.6	1,326.3	872.3	0.019	0.755
1.A.1	Energy Industries, Peat	CO ₂	3,949.5	4,797.5	848.0	0.018	0.774
2.B.10b	Hydrogen production	CO ₂	116.2	937.8	821.6	0.018	0.792
4.G	Harvested Wood Products	CO ₂	-2,951.6	-3,642.4	690.8	0.015	0.807
1.A.1	Energy Industries, Solid	CO ₂	9,640.1	8,952.1	688.0	0.015	0.822
4(ii)	Drainage, rewetting and other management soils	CH ₄	1,533.4	918.8	614.6	0.013	0.835
4.D.1	Wetlands remaining Wetlands	CO ₂	1,357.8	1,961.9	604.1	0.013	0.848
1.A.2	Manufacturing industries and construction, Peat	CO ₂	1,475.9	940.3	535.5	0.012	0.860
1.A.1	Energy Industries, Other fossil	CO ₂	1.0	507.2	506.2	0.011	0.871
3.G	Liming	CO ₂	642.0	265.6	376.4	0.008	0.879
1.A.1	Energy Industries, Liquid	CO ₂	2,616.2	2,256.0	360.2	0.008	0.887

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4.A.2	Land converted to Forest Land	CO ₂	-1.3	-332.3	331.0	0.007	0.894
1.A.1	Energy Industries, Gaseous	CO ₂	2,636.2	2,315.5	320.7	0.007	0.901
3.A	Enteric fermentation	CH ₄	2,423.0	2,104.6	318.4	0.007	0.908
4.E.2	Land converted to Settlements	CO ₂	870.5	570.7	299.9	0.007	0.915
1.A.2	Manufacturing industries and construction, Other fossil	CO ₂	100.6	387.1	286.4	0.006	0.921
3.D.1	Direct soil emissions	N ₂ O	3,313.7	3,031.3	282.4	0.006	0.927
4.C.1	Grassland remaining Grassland	CO ₂	682.8	433.1	249.7	0.005	0.933
2.C.1	Iron and steel production	CO ₂	1,966.6	2,171.0	204.4	0.004	0.937
1.A.5	Other energy, Gaseous	CO ₂	55.9	258.3	202.4	0.004	0.941
1.A.3a	Domestic aviation, Liquid	CO ₂	385.1	186.6	198.5	0.004	0.946
1.A.5	Other energy, Liquid	CO ₂	1,042.7	850.0	192.8	0.004	0.950
2.A.1	Cement production	CO ₂	729.2	553.2	175.9	0.004	0.954
			57,289.9	31,733.1	45,913.3	1.0	

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TABLE 4.9 (UPDATED) EXAMPLE OF APPROACH 2 LEVEL ASSESSMENT FOR THE FINNISH GHG INVENTORY FOR 2016 (only key categories are presented)							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
IPCC category code	IPCC category name	GHG	Emissions /removals (2016) Gg CO₂ eq	Uncertainty in emissions $U_{x,t}$ %	Absolute value of uncertain emissions/removals $U_{x,t} E_{x,t}$ Gg CO₂ eq	Level assessment $LU_{x,t}$	Cumulative sum of level assessment
4.A.1	Forest Land remaining Forest Land	CO ₂	-35,773.5	30	10,604.7	0.286	0.286
4.B.1	Cropland remaining Cropland	CO ₂	4,742.3	151	7,169.4	0.193	0.479
4.D.1	Wetlands remaining Wetlands	CO ₂	1,961.9	153	2,992.2	0.081	0.560
4.B.2	Land converted to Cropland	CO ₂	2,416.2	99	2,400.0	0.065	0.625
4.G	Harvested Wood Products	CO ₂	-3,642.4	50	1,829.2	0.049	0.674
3.D.1	Direct soil emissions	N ₂ O	3,031.3	56	1,706.6	0.046	0.720
4(ii)	Drainage, rewetting and other management soils	N ₂ O	1,212.4	102	1,231.6	0.033	0.753
4.C.1	Grassland remaining Grassland	CO ₂	433.1	254	1,098.8	0.030	0.783
3.D.2	Indirect emissions	N ₂ O	381.4	273	1,039.9	0.028	0.811
4(ii)	Drainage, rewetting and other management soils	CH ₄	918.8	101	927.6	0.025	0.836
5.A	Solid Waste Disposal	CH ₄	1,639.6	34	557.1	0.015	0.851
4.E.2	Land converted to Settlements	CO ₂	570.7	77	439.8	0.012	0.863
3.A	Enteric fermentation	CH ₄	2,104.6	19	404.8	0.011	0.874
3.B	Manure management	N ₂ O	284.6	123	349.3	0.009	0.883
5.D	Wastewater Treatment and Discharge	N ₂ O	82.5	419	346.1	0.009	0.893
4.C.2	Land converted to Grassland	CO ₂	235.9	128	301.7	0.008	0.901
			31,733.1		37,081.9	1.0	

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TABLE 4.10 (UPDATED) EXAMPLE OF APPROACH 2 TREND ASSESSMENT FOR THE FINNISH GHG INVENTORY FOR 2016 (only key categories are presented)								
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
IPCC category code	IPCC category name	GHG	Emissions /removals (1990) Gg CO₂ eq	Emissions /removals (2016) Gg CO₂ eq	Uncertainty in emissions $U_{x,t}$ %	Absolute value of uncertain trend $U_{x,t} E_{x,t} - E_{x,0} $ Gg CO₂ eq	Trend assessment $TU_{x,t}$	Cumulative sum of level assessment
4.A.1	Forest Land remaining Forest Land	CO ₂	-22,636.0	-35,773.5	30	3,894.5	0.321	0.321
4.B.2	Land converted to Cropland	CO ₂	894.4	2,416.2	99	1,511.6	0.125	0.446
4.D.1	Wetlands remaining Wetlands	CO ₂	1,357.8	1,961.9	153	921.4	0.076	0.522
5.A	Solid Waste Disposal	CH ₄	4,327.7	1,639.6	34	913.4	0.075	0.597
4.C.1	Grassland remaining Grassland	CO ₂	682.8	433.1	254	633.5	0.052	0.650
4(ii)	Drainage, rewetting and other management soils	CH ₄	1,533.4	918.8	101	620.5	0.051	0.701
4.G	Harvested Wood Products	CO ₂	-2,951.6	-3,642.4	50	346.9	0.029	0.730
3.D.2	Indirect emissions	N ₂ O	482.7	381.4	273	276.1	0.023	0.752
2.F.1	Refrigeration and air conditioning	HFCs	0.0	1,340.1	20	268.4	0.022	0.774
4.A.2	Land converted to Forest Land	CO ₂	-1.3	-332.3	76	252.9	0.021	0.795
1.A.4	Other sectors, Liquid	CO ₂	6,987.6	3,293.5	7	248.9	0.021	0.816
4.E.2	Land converted to Settlements	CO ₂	870.5	570.7	77	231.1	0.019	0.835
2.B.2	Nitric acid production	N ₂ O	1,591.6	218.3	15	211.7	0.017	0.852
3.D.1	Direct soil emissions	N ₂ O	3,313.7	3,031.3	56	159.0	0.013	0.866
1.A.3b	Road transportation, Motor gasoline	N ₂ O	88.3	13.6	148	110.2	0.009	0.875
1.A.1	Energy Industries, Other fossil	CO ₂	1.0	507.2	18	93.4	0.008	0.882
4.D.2	Land converted to Wetlands	CO ₂	65.5	137.8	121	87.5	0.007	0.890
1.A.2	Manufacturing industries and construction, Solid	CO ₂	4,841.6	1,176.6	2	81.1	0.007	0.896
3.G	Liming	CO ₂	642.0	265.6	20	74.9	0.006	0.902
			57,289.9	31,733.1		12,119.3	1.0	

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