

GLOBAL FOREST RESOURCES ASSESSMENT (FRA) 2025

WHAT'S NEW AND HOW CAN FRA HELP IN ESTIMATING FOREST EMISSIONS?

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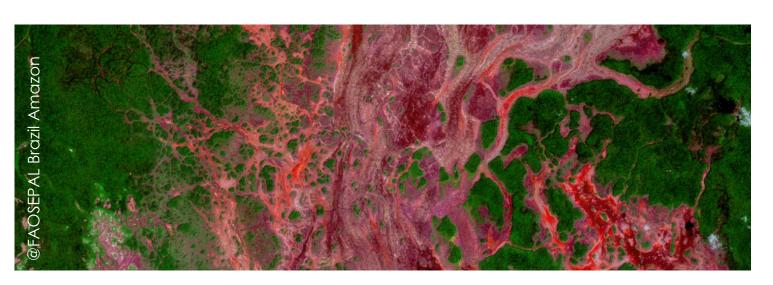
9-11 July 2024 IPCC Expert meeting on reconciling land use emissions



WHERE ARE WE?

- FRA 2025 country reporting completed.
- Data cleansing, analysis and report drafting are to be completed by the end of 2024.
- FRA 2025 will be released in the last quarter of 2025.

- FRA 2025 Remote
 Sensing Survey (RSS)
 data collection started.
- Results are to be published in 2026.



WHAT'S NEW: COUNTRY REPORTING

- Metadata improvements (hyperlinks, document repository)
- Countries are encouraged to explain discrepancies
- FAO tasked to develop a global definition forest degradation
- Link to global core set of forest-related indicators
- Flexible voluntary updates within the 5-year cycle (in addition to 'frozen' FRA2025 database)
- Application Programming Interface for direct data transfer
- Exploring the possibility to link with IPCC software (if feasible)

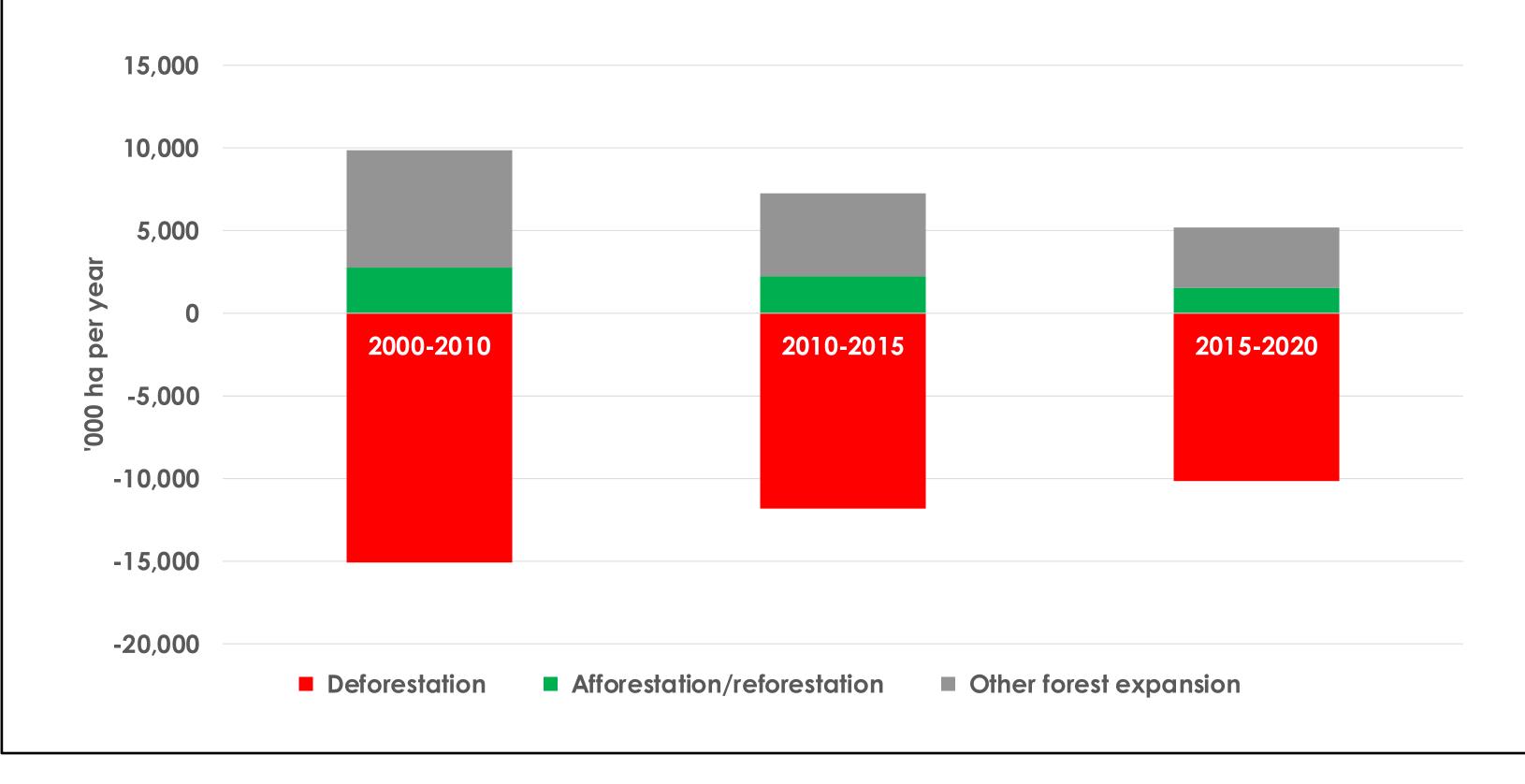
WHAT'S NEW: REMOTE SENSING SURVEY

Improved design



- New information on:
 - agroforestry
 - pastoral systems
 - types of crops
 - burned forests
 - mangroves
 - trees outside of forests

FRA 2020: GLOBAL FOREST AREA CHANGE



FRA DOES...

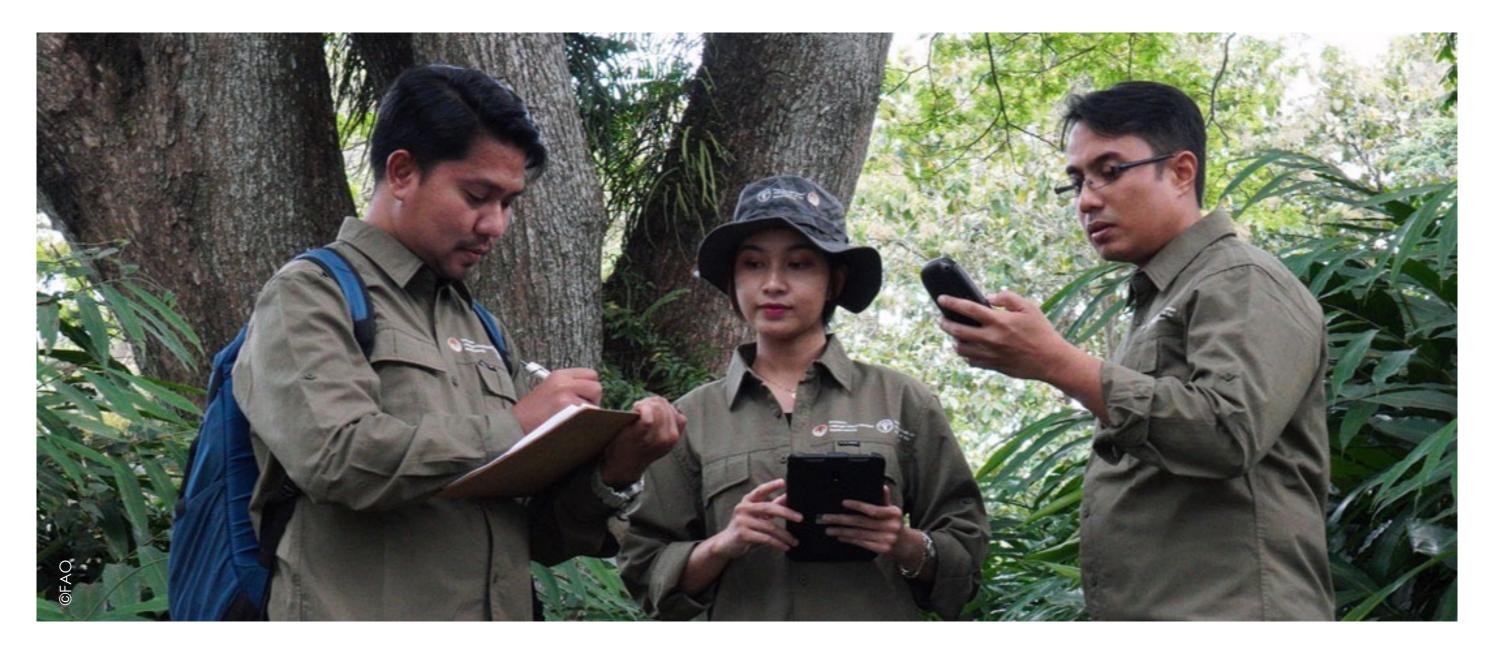
- provide a wealth of detail in country reports (including time-series data)
- publish all data and metadata
 reported by the countries
- have country reports 2025 ready (countries to internally communicate for biennial transparency reports)



FRA DOES NOT...

- publish gap-filled data in national reports
 - in FRA 2020, 124 out of 236 countries (53%) reported on deforestation
 - net forest area change used as a conservative proxy for deforestation
 - total net forest area change (2015-2020) = 8 mln ha/yr
 - total deforestation reported (2015-2020) = 7.5 mln ha/yr
 - total gap-filled deforestation (2015-2020) = 10 mln ha/yr
- provide CO₂ fluxes from forests (FAOSTAT does this)

WHAT CAN BE IMPROVED?



How are you using FRA data? How could FRA improve?

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