



The importance of harmonised forest information - from the MCPFE perspective

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- High-level forest policy process in Europe
- Policies for sustainable forest management
- Ministerial commitments and follow-up actions
- Open platform for dialogue
- 18 years of cooperation

Achievements

- Solid platform for pan-European cooperation
- Framework for global-regional interface
- Developed a conceptual frame for SFM in Europe
- Improvements in management and forest condition

Sustainable forest management in Europe

- Definition of sustainable forest management in Europe
- Guidelines for sustainable forest management
- Guidelines for the conservation of the biodiversity
- Pan-European Criteria and Indicators for SFM
- Pan-European operational level guidelines for SFM

SFM in Europe (cont.)

- Common approach to National Forest Programmes in Europe (including principles of nfps)
- Assessment guidelines for protected and protective forest

Criteria & Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management

- Tools used to define, assess and monitor periodic progress towards SFM
- Original set of indicators was prepared as a follow-up to the Helsinki Conference (adopted 1995)
 - 6 criteria
 - 27 quantitative indicators
 - 101 descriptive indicators
- Revised set of indicators was endorsed by the Vienna Conference (2003)
 - 6 criteria
 - 35 quantitative indicators
 - 12 qualitative indicators

Criteria & Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management

- The criteria should generally be kept constant during the C&I process
- The indicators should not be altered unless there is an obvious reason to do so
- Countries should develop reliable systems for reporting of data
- Consistency in reporting of data is a crucial issue

Criteria & Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management

- Harmonised definitions and estimation procedures are important for a common understanding of SFM
- MCPFE welcomes all efforts contributing to a better understanding of SFM
- Challenge: How to approach interest groups outside the forestry society
- MCPFE appreciates the work being done under COST E43 and looks with anticipation forward to the final results from the Action

