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COST E43 Harmonization of NFI in Europe: Techniques for common reporting

WG 3 BIODIVERSITY

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Chair proposes the adoption of agenda for the two days and presents it.

After short discussion it has been approved including a subdivision into three subgroups that in the future will work mainly by e-mail.

1. General discussion

- Common decision has to be taken definitely on FOWL total area adoption.
- Florence, the core group will be preliminary attendances: F, DK, SK, FIN, N, GR, D, IT, B, SW, CH, A, UK. P and ES.

Invited expert: Anna Barbati for EU forest types, in plenary session.

Presentation and approval of the questionnaire table. Exchanges with WG1 and 2 will be opportune.

Subgroup 1: FT, Discussion on forest types and biogeographical regions: postponed after the presentation in Florence meeting

Subgroup 2: statistical issues. **Dieter Peltz (D)**, tentative leader.

Subgroup 3: E43 table: DK, A, N, IT, F, CH. **Jan Erik Nilsen**(Norway) is the leader.

- It is important to have a common nomenclature on criterion, indicator, variable, attribute. The chair will make a proposal using existing definition from relevant international processes, by next November 29th.

2. Exchange with WG1 and WG2

Discussion has been opened on the first list prepared in Horsolm meeting to decide which attributes, compulsory key variables - *biodiversity core set*, could be presented to the other WGs: it will be extracted from the list being prepared in subgroup 3) and get information on what and when and how (measure, count, estimate) they consider the scored attribute in the NFIs. It has to be taken into consideration also the error estimation (e.g. shrub species composition, generally only listed and estimated).

Next step will be the extraction of “*most essential*”, that we should report on.

So far WG1 is dealing with:

Forest area

Volume

Tree Species

Standing Deadwood

3. Revised WG table: Forest Biodiversity and NFI.

A new draft version of the table has been adopted after discussion (attached).
Decision has been taken to prepare few lines of explanation/definition for each row/column.
In the compilation it will be possible to add lines, rows are only draft guide. The subgroup 3 will send a draft by monday 29th november.

4. The idea of “references” (limited in the field of BD for definition)

The introduced remarks from Erkki have been taken into consideration. They will be discussed after the finalisation of the WG table based on the next proposal of the subgroup 3, to be approved in Florence.

Steps:

Design standardised results tables

Select most essential core tables from FRA,.....

Analysis existing standards

Identifying key variables and factors

A report from Fennoscandian regions, as example, will be circulated: www.norden.org Forest biodiversity indicators in the Nordic countries, Temanord 2003:514

5. Review of the working plan

After having added Erkki's ideas, Annemarie will circulate by e-mail and it will be approved by e-mail.

6. Country report and publication strategy

End of **2005** is the deadline.

Compiled questionnaires must be delivered by the end of may 2005 (before the foreseen meeting) by the countries. **IT** will take care of elaborating them, creating a common shared DB that could provide the platform for further exercise on harmonisation and bridge building. This report will contain country descriptions and also the regional or local situation for countries with decentralized system. Up to 10 pages maximum for each countries, the chair propose a common structure (will be sent by e-mail for discussion at the Firenze meeting).

In **2006** first example on harmonised results

In **2008** final report

Publications in national journals and scientific congresses (IUFRO World 2005, for example) are welcome, remember to indicate and stress Cost and ENFIN role.

7. STSM and Training Courses

Additional budget will be available for mission of 7-30 days. All the countries are kindly invited to make proposal.

Two courses have already been proposed for 2005: “New Technologies in field survey” (Czech) and “Forest Type reconnaissance and assessment” (Italy).