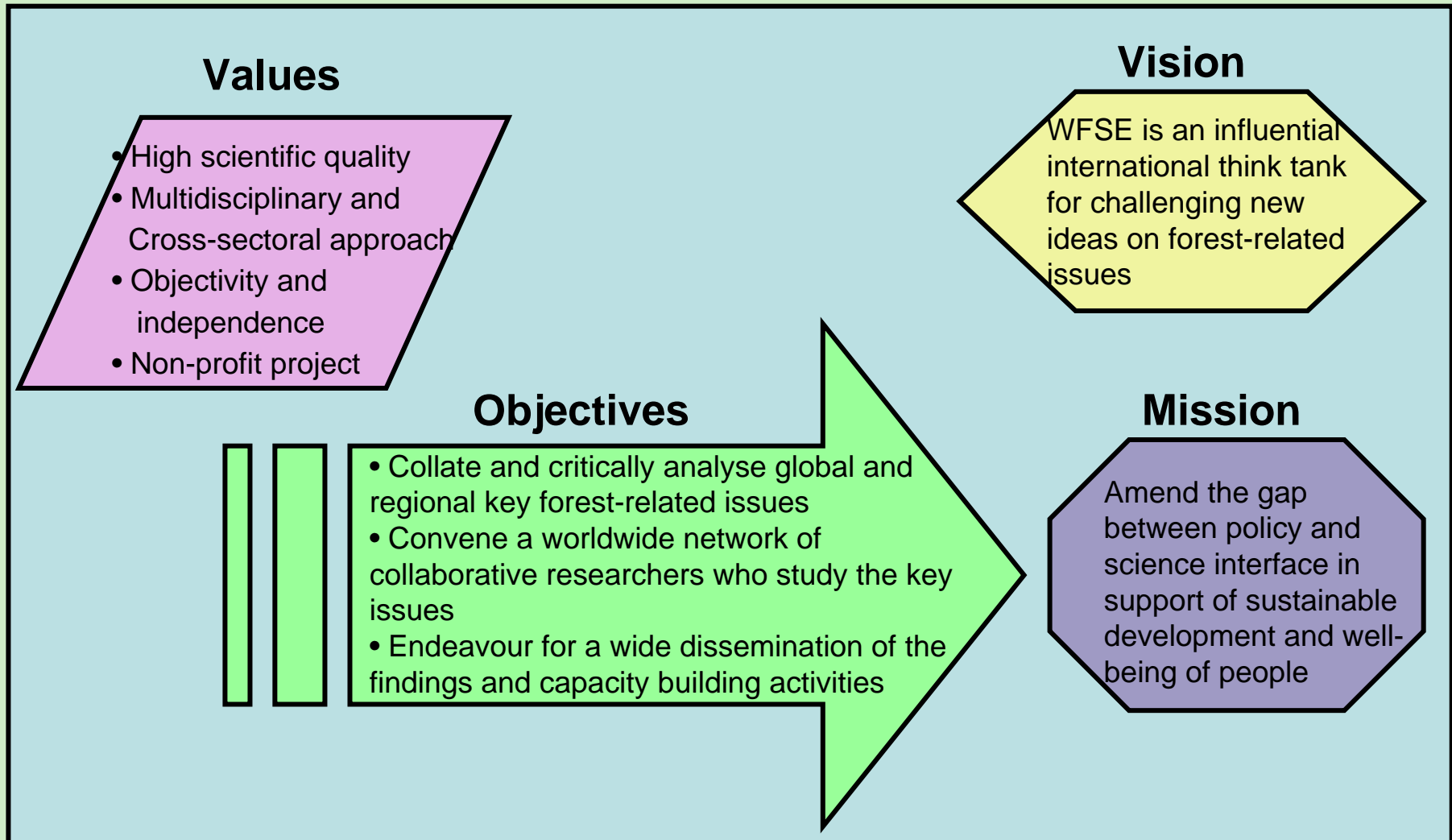


IUFRO'S Special Project on World Forests, Society and Environment (WFSE)

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Development strategy of WFSE



WFSE partners



The project consists of ten partners, which establish the strategy and working program of WFSE and collaborate in performing the agreed activities

The WFSE process

Focus on forests, society and environment interface.

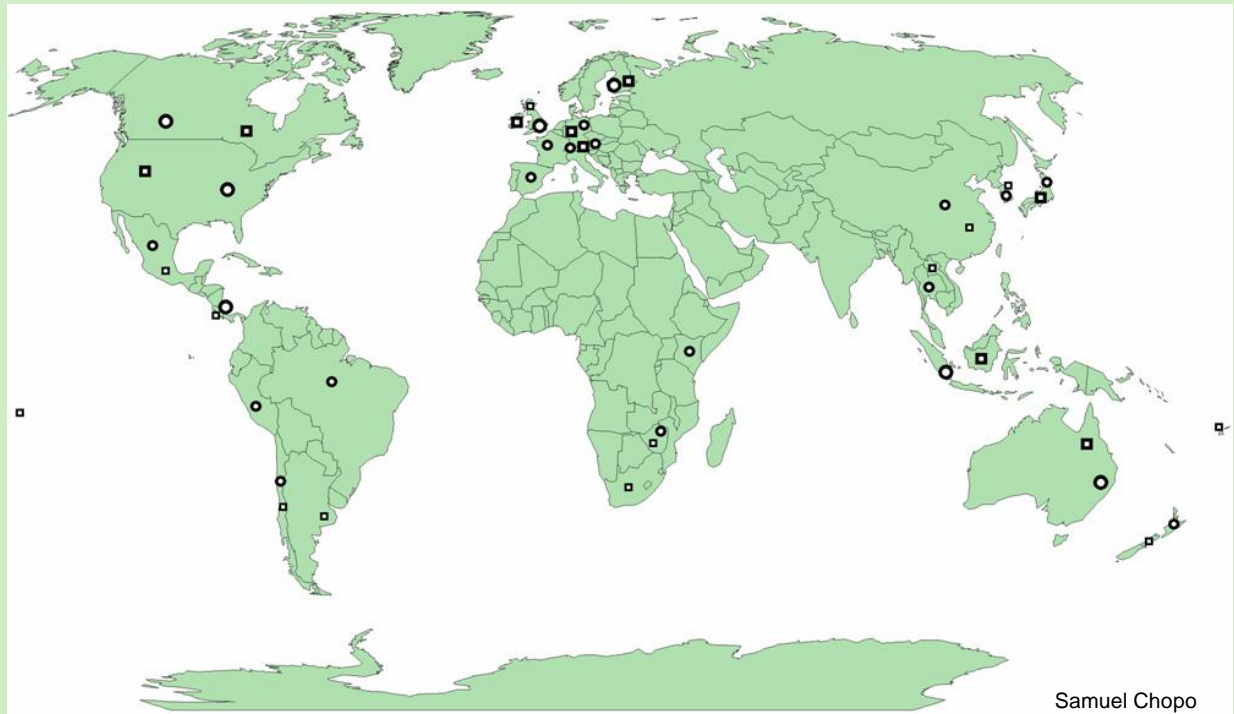
The WFSE process is an innovative and unique effort, based on the highest quality, objectivity, and scientific independence. The process has consisted of the following steps:

- The identification of globally relevant topics of current concern related to forests, the environment and societies.
- The identification of recognised scientists and research groups, who carried out the critical reviews.
- The preparation of objective assessments and critical analyses of the crucial issues, both globally and by region.
- The dissemination of the outcomes to a wide audience of scientists, policy makers, professionals, and the public.

The worldwide open network

The broad collaborative network of researchers provides their expert knowledge and shares their research findings with policy makers. The network consists of more than 150 authors from around the world.

- Convening lead authors
- ◻ Contributing authors



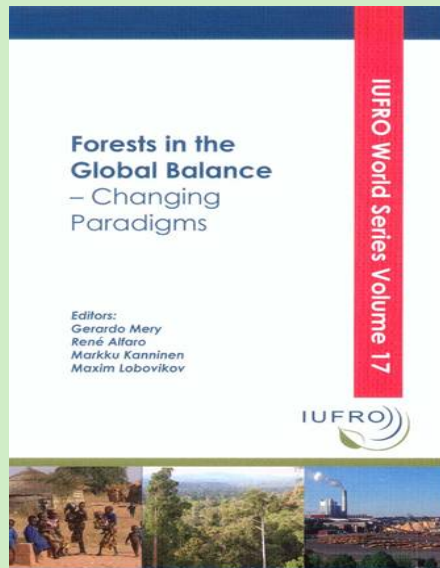
Phase I (2002 – 2005)

Phase I focused in the analysis of changing paradigms in forest-related issues.

The ways in which forests are perceived, used and conserved have greatly changed in recent years. A new set of assumptions, theories, and beliefs – scientific paradigms – have been gradually emerging and are being incorporated into the concept of sustainable forest management. Currently forests are increasingly seen as:

- complex multifunctional ecosystems vital for human survival rather than simply a source of timber for societal needs
- valuable natural resources that provide a range of products, environmental services, as well as maintain biodiversity and keep healthy ecosystems
- significant resources that contribute to the livelihoods of billions of people and can importantly influence rural development and poverty alleviation efforts.

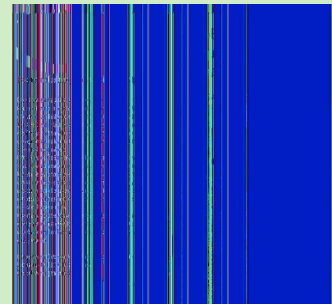
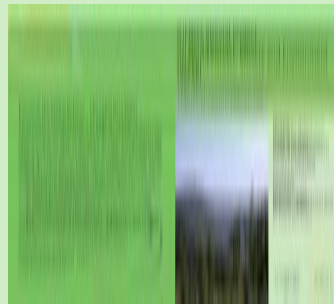
The main outputs of Phase I



The book, *Forests in the Global Balance – Changing Paradigms* (in English)



The policy brief, *Forests for the New Millennium – Making Forests Work for People and Nature* (in English, Spanish and French)



Two CDs which contain the collection of WFSE's recent publications in English and Spanish

Phase II (2006 – 2010)

The main activities of the new phase 2006 – 2010 are:

- Publication of regional policy briefs:
 - Making Latin American Forests Work for People and Nature (2007)
 - Making European Forests Work for People and Nature (2007)
 - Policy Briefs on Asia, Africa and North America (2008-2009)
- Contribute to strengthen policy science interface at regional and global level
- New scientific publication to be launched in the forthcoming IUFRO World Congress in Korea (2010)
- Capacity building material

WFSE brief history (1996 - 2005)

- 1996: a partnership between three organizations - METLA, EFI and UNU - originated WFSE
- 2002: WFSE became a IUFRO's Special Project with 10 associated partners from all over the world
- 2002 – 2003: set-up goals and working program to prepare its first scientific book and other publications. Participation in international meetings
- January 2004: Helsinki Workshop for establishing editorial guidelines
- May 2004: Tokyo Workshop as meeting of authors for in depth analysis of the outline and contents of the book
- January 2005: Victoria Workshop for composing the policy brief
- May 2005: UNFF 5th session and launching the policy brief
- August 2005: IUFRO World Congress and launching the book

A vibrant, high-angle photograph of a dense tropical forest. The foreground is dominated by a large, well-developed tree with a thick trunk and a full canopy of bright green leaves. The forest extends into the distance, covering rolling hills and valleys. The background shows more forested hills under a clear sky, with a slight haze or mist. The overall scene is a lush, healthy forest environment.

Thanks for your attention