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International forest products statistics: importance and main outputs

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Presentation Outline

- Who we are
- What we do - FAO Statistical program for forest products
- Summary and way forward





Who we are: Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)

- Specialized intergovernmental UN agency with 192 members, established in 1945 (China member from 1945)
- Focus on four main areas in food and agriculture incl. forestry:
 - Putting information within reach
 - Sharing policy expertise
 - Providing a meeting place for nations
 - Bringing knowledge to the field
- Present in over 130 countries, over 1800 regular professional staff and annual budget of about US\$ 1 billion



Who we are: FAO Forestry Department

- Forestry Department:
 - Forest Economics, Policy and Products Division
 - Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division
- Over 100 professional foresters from 47 countries (3 from China) working in various forestry programs and projects
- Main FAO's forestry statistical programs from late 1940s:
 - Forest resources assessment
 - Statistical program for forest products



FAO Statistical program for forest products:

Clear mandate given by member states

Article I of Constitution of FAO:

“Functions of the Organization

1. The Organization shall **collect, analyse, interpret and disseminate information** relating to nutrition, food and agriculture. In this Constitution, the term "**agriculture**" and its derivatives include fisheries, marine products, forestry and **primary forestry products.**”



FAO Statistical program for forest products:

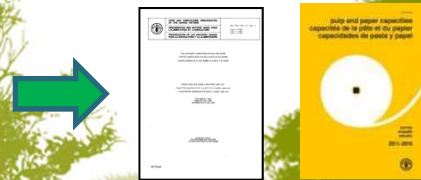
Major annual outputs



FAO Yearbook of Forest Products
(from 1947)



FAOSTAT-Forestry online database
(from 1961)



Pulp and paper capacity assessments
(from 1968)



Statistical capacity development workshops
(from 1984)

All these outputs and documents are publicly available at:
<http://www.fao.org/forestry/statistics/zh>



FAO Statistical program for forest products:

What data we collect/report every year

Production, Export and Import of basic wood and paper products:

- Roundwood
- Wood charcoal
- Wood chips and residues
- Sawnwood
- Wood-based panels
- Pulp
- Paper and paperboard



FAO Statistical program for forest products:

How we collect data every year

Since 1998, in partnership between 4 intergovernmental agencies through the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ)



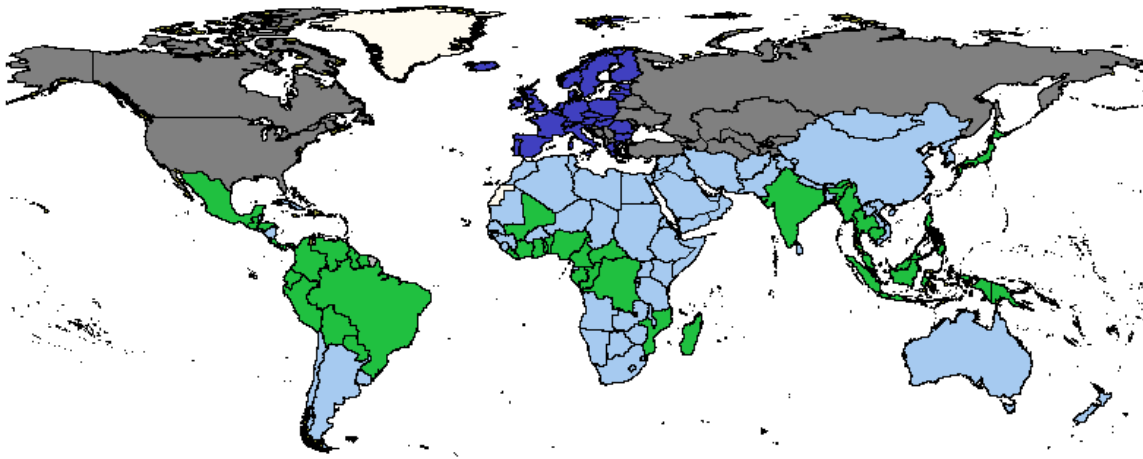
Major benefits of this partnership:

- Reduced reporting burden for countries
- Harmonized datasets for the same country in statistical series of all 4 collaborating agencies
- Synergy and mobilization of resources for statistical capacity development

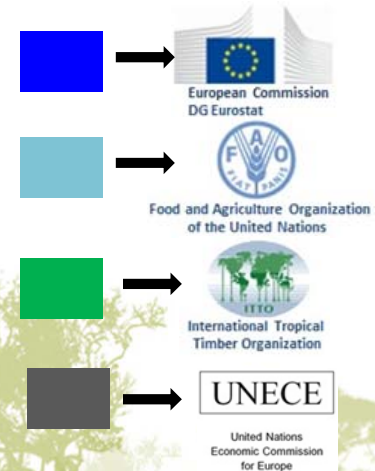


FAO Statistical program for forest products: Collection and data sharing in JFSQ process

- Send out the questionnaire to countries



Responsible agency



- After the questionnaire is received, it is shared between all 4 agencies
- Compiled country statistics relevant to each agency's reporting mandate are published in their databases, publications



FAO Statistical program for forest products:

Collected data are widely used

- Every 2 minutes someone downloads statistics from FAOSTAT-Forestry database
- Wide range of users from all countries (academia, public and private sectors)
- China's statistics are mostly demanded (1200 downloads per month or 40 per day)



FAO Statistical program for forest products:

Benefits to data producers and users

Long term internationally comparable statistics help to:

- compare the progress in forestry sector between different countries, regions and at the global level
- forecast and project future development in the sector
- take better informed and evidence based forest policy decisions
- monitor overall progress towards sustainable forest management



Summary and way forward

- Commitment from member states in providing statistics allowed FAO to build uninterrupted data series for basic forest products for more than 65 years
- International data collection and dissemination improved over time and currently allow FAO to compile and report global statistics within short time (1 year)
- Let's use these 2 days to discuss and understand better the current issues and possible solutions in China's forest products statistics



Thank you!

