



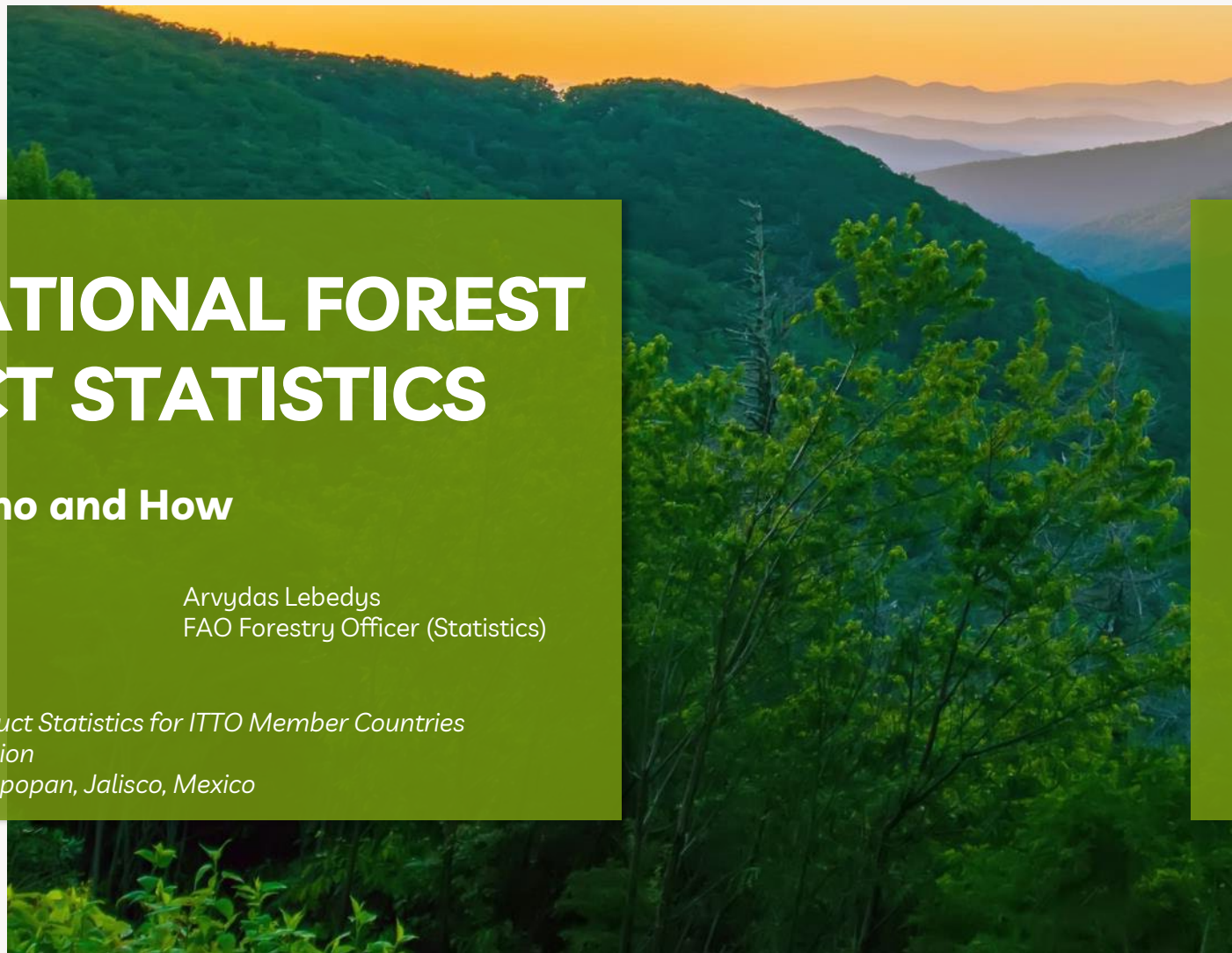
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INTERNATIONAL FOREST PRODUCT STATISTICS

Why, What, Who and How

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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UN (FAO)

- Established in 1945, specialized intergovernmental UN agency
- Three main goals:

**Eradication of hunger,
food insecurity and
malnutrition**

Elimination of poverty

**Sustainable management
and utilization of natural
resources**

- 194 member states, present in over 130 countries, 5 regional offices, 11 sub-regional offices, 6 liaison offices

CLEAR MANDATE TO COLECT FOREST PRODUCT DATA

- 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’s statistical work programme for forest products** was initiated as the result of recommendations of the 1945 and 1946 Sessions of the FAO Conference. The programme was reviewed in detail and **received formal approval** from the Third Session of the FAO Conference **in 1947.**

WHAT DATA WE COLLECT WITH ITTO

Production, import and export of **primary wood** and paper products:

Wood fuel and **industrial roundwood**

Wood charcoal, chips, residues, recovered wood

Wood pellets and briquettes

Sawnwood and **veneer sheets**

Plywood and other wood-based panels

Pulps, recovered paper, paper and paperboard

Import and export of **secondary processed wood** and paper products:



HOW WE COLLECT DATA

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



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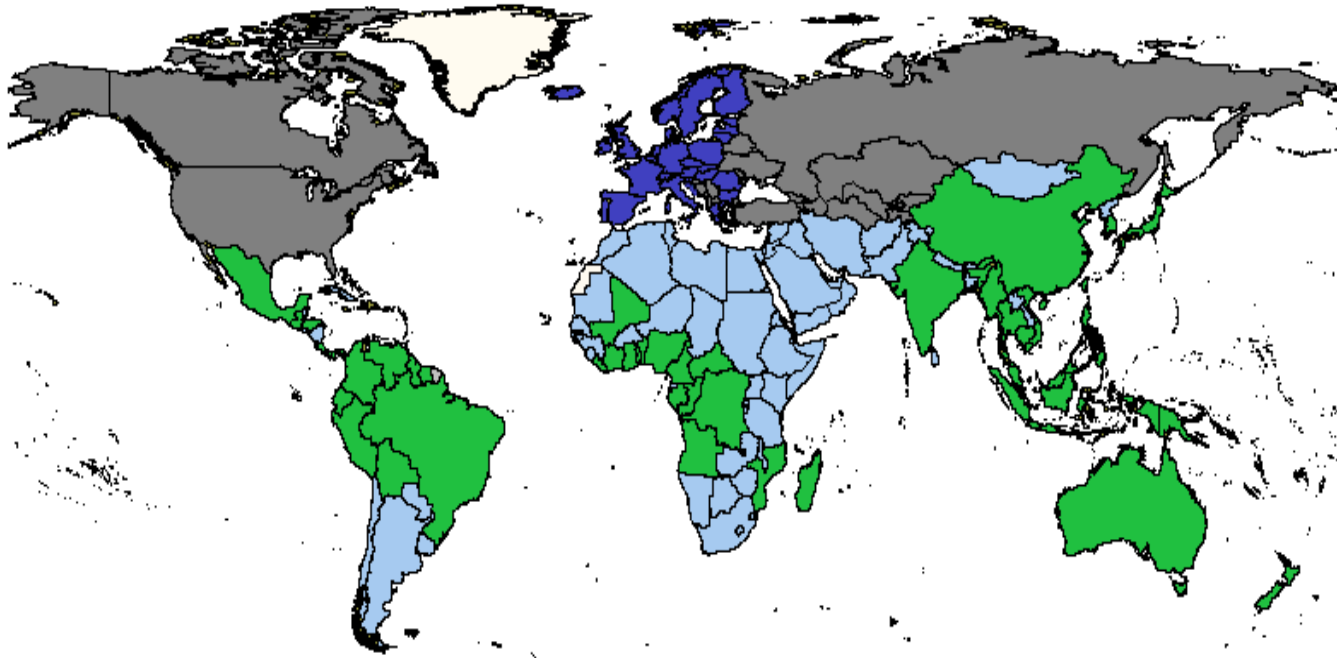
Major benefits of this partnership:

- **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

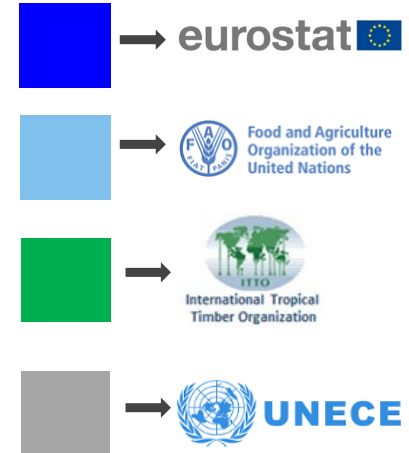
HOW WE COLLECT DATA

Each country gets only 1 request for data

Sending out the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire



Responsible Agency



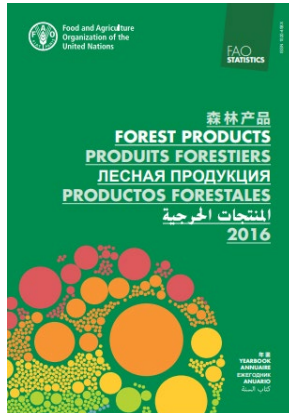
Collected data are shared between all 4 agencies

MAJOR FAO DATA PRODUCTS

- Interactive **FAOSTAT-Forestry** database



- Books and materials**



All outputs and documents are available at:

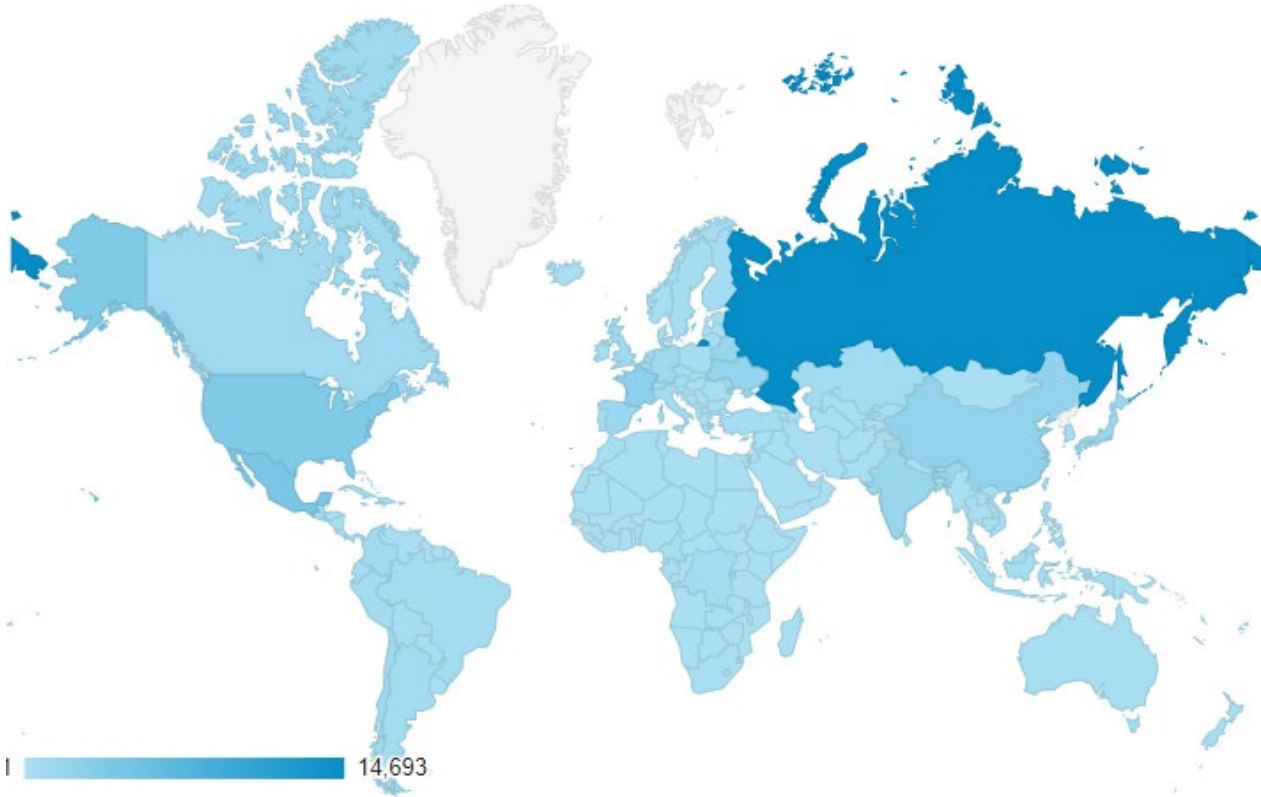
<http://www.fao.org/forestry/statistics>

DATA ARE WIDELY USED

Every year, **more than 100,000 users** visit
FAO Forest Product statistics websites

Major users:

- Research and academia
- Private sector
- Public sector
- International agencies



WORK ON STANDARDS AND CLASSIFICATIONS

Major recent achievements

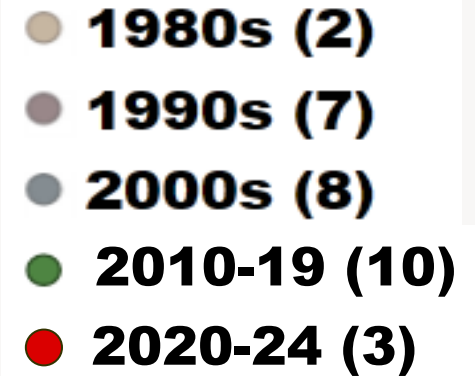
- Forest Product Conversion Factors (2020)
- Classification of Forest Products 2022
- World Customs Organization's Harmonized System nomenclature (HS):
 - New codes for forest products in HS 2017, 2022 and 2028 editions
 - Expansion of tropical timber scope
(**from 88** trade/pilot names to **>400 in 2017**, and to **>550 in 2024**)
- New codes for forest products in Central Product Classification 2.1 and 3.0 editions (CPC. Ver 2.1 and CPC Ver. 3.0)



WORKSHOPS ON FOREST PRODUCT STATISTICS

Since 1984:

- 30 capacity building workshops (with ITTO since 2002)
- over 1000 participants



SUMMARY - International forest product statistics

- Commitment from member states in providing statistics allowed FAO to have continuous statistics on forest products for over 70 years
- It is a joint-effort from multiple national agencies, industry associations, and international organizations
- The international forest products statistic are widely used for decision making within and outside of the forest sector
- We are looking forward to working with you for better data



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THANK YOU

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