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- **Thematic Expert Panels** of leading scientists who participate in their personal capacity and do not represent any organization or institution
- **Assessment** and **synthesis** of existing **scientific information**
- Publication of results in comprehensive **peer-reviewed assessment reports** and '**policy briefs**' for decision-makers
- **Outcomes** serve as briefing documents for negotiators, guidance for strategic policy development, information for communicators, teaching materials
- No advocacy research but **information basis for policy option**

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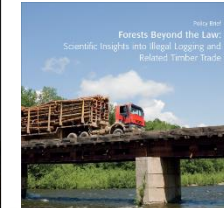
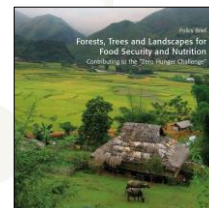
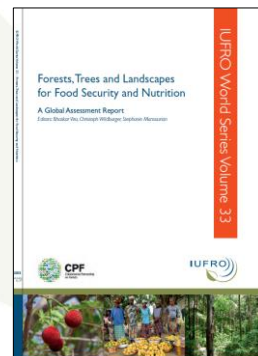
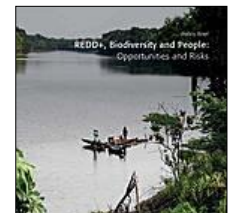
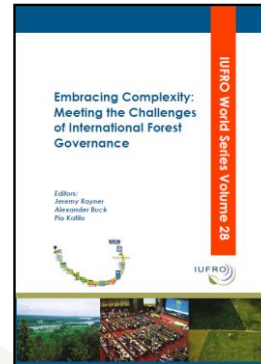
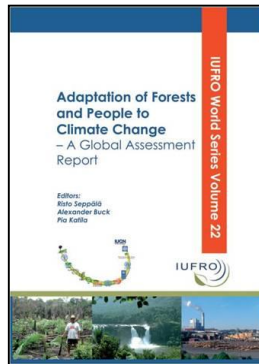
Five scientific assessments so far carried out by independent scientific expert panels:

- [Adaptation to Climate Change \(2009\)](#)
- [International Forest Regime \(2011\)](#)
- [Biodiversity, Forest Management and REDD+ \(2012\)](#)
- [Forests and Food Security \(2015\)](#)
- [Illegal Logging and Related Timber Trade \(2016\)](#)

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GFEP assessment on Forests and Water (2017-2018)



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Rationale:

- **Human demands** for water resources are expected to increase in the future → water stress and scarcity
- **Forests and trees** play an important role → provide diverse environmental, social, economic and cultural benefits
- **Linkages** between forests and water depend on a large number of **influencing factors**
- **Social and economic perspectives** increasingly important
- **Management of forests and water** → need for integrated management and holistic policy responses
- Topic of forests and water interactions has been one of IUFRO's **priority areas** for more than a decade:
 - Included in strategies; Task Forces on the topic

Goals of the assessment:

- **Produce** a comprehensive peer-reviewed scientific report and associated policy brief **by July 2018**
- **Provide input** to the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF 2018) on Sustainable Development, where both SDG 6 and SDG 15 will be reviewed
- **Contribute to** the 13th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF 13) in May 2018

Thematic aspects to be addressed *(from the Terms of Reference, March 2017):*

- Conceptual background and overview of the topic;
- Factors influencing eco-hydrological processes at regional, landscape and watershed levels;
- Services related to forests and water, including monetary and non-monetary values;
- Management of forests with a water perspective;
- Direct and indirect drivers of change, impacts and trends; and
- Policy context, including governance frameworks, and response options at various levels.

Scientific Expert Panel involves:

23 internationally renowned scientists

- From Canada, Indonesia, South Africa, Sweden, Spain, Kenya, Nepal, Australia, United States, Switzerland, United Kingdom and China
- Two Co-Chairs (I. Creed and M. van Noordwijk)
- Scientists involved as Coordinating Lead Authors (CLAs) and Lead Authors (LAs)
- **[Full list of GFEP Panel Members \(link\)](#)**

Key milestones in the assessment process:

- **Scoping Meeting** for the GFEP assessment on Forests and Water (Rome, Italy; 16-17 March 2017)
- **1st Meeting of the Expert Panel** on Forests and Water (Cambridge, UK; 26-29 June 2017)
- **2nd Meeting of the Expert Panel** on Forests and Water (Leeds, UK; 18-20 October 2017)
- **3rd Meeting of the Expert Panel** on Forests and Water (Vienna, Austria; 17-19 January 2018)
- Editing and peer review process (January - April 2018)
- Layout, design and printing (April – June 2018)
- **Provide input to the UNFF 13** (New York, US; 7-11 May)
- **Launch of the report during HLPF 2018** (New York, US; 9-18 July 2018)

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