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## Preface

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This book is the second volume published by WFSE in the IUFRO World Series. The first one, *Forests in the Global Balance: Changing Paradigms*, was launched five years ago (August 2005) in the XXII IUFRO World Congress in Brisbane, Australia.

The present book, *Forests and Society – Responding to Global Drivers of Change*, will be launched in the XXIII IUFRO World Congress in Seoul, Republic of Korea, August 2010.

In addition, the project has published three regional policy briefs in the last four years:

- ◆ *Making European Forests Work for People and Nature (2007)*
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- ◆ *Making Sub-Saharan African Forests Work for People and Nature (2009)*

A new policy brief volume will be published in the second half of 2010: *Making Asian Forests Work for People and Nature*.

In 2007, the Steering Committee of WFSE identified globally relevant forestry-related topics to be addressed by the project. The essential idea for this book originated from an acknowledgement of the changing social and natural circumstances, and the related drivers of change affecting forests, forestry, human society, and the environment, globally and locally. We are convinced that forests and forest-related

matters can no longer be addressed in isolation from the surrounding society and natural environment; instead, these need to be seen as an integral part of interrelated social and natural systems.

The Steering Committee of WFSE, also at the 2007 Annual Meeting, nominated the editors and identified recognised scientists who were invited to become Convening Lead Authors (CLAs) of the chapters that addressed the selected themes of the book. They invited Lead and Contributing Authors (LAs and CAs, respectively) in order to form collaborative research teams for conducting critical analyses in each of the themes. The work was based on the cooperation of the author teams for each chapter, as well as between these teams across the whole book. CLAs and LAs were also responsible for composing the manuscript for their chapter and for its timely submission to the editors.

Two editorial workshops were organised for facilitating the discussions of editors and CLAs to collectively debate on the contents of the chapters and on the main focus of the publication. The first workshop was arranged in September 2008 in Helsinki, Finland; the second one was held in Hamburg, Germany, in 2009. In addition, editors had two meetings for polishing the publication: the first one arranged in Buenos Aires in October 2009, and the second one in Rome in January 2010. All chapters were evaluated firstly by the editors – on two occasions – and finally in a peer reviewing process conducted by anonymous external reviewers.

As editors of this book, we would like to express our satisfaction on the successful completion of this exciting experience, which we feel provides a set of interesting research findings on the topics studied. We sincerely hope that this publication will contribute to discussions and further research related to the drivers of change, and the threats and challenges that forests, forestry, and forest-dependent people are facing today and in the future. We also hope that it will foster attention to taking advantage of the possible new opportunities the changes may bring about.

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## Abbreviations and Acronyms

<b>ASEAN</b>	Association of Southeast Asian Nations	<b>ITTO</b>	International Tropical Timber Organization
<b>BRIC</b>	Brazil, Russia, India, China	<b>IUCN</b>	International Union for Conservation of Nature
<b>CATIE</b>	Tropical Agricultural Research and Education Centre	<b>IUFRO</b>	International Union of Forest Research Organizations
<b>CBD</b>	Convention on Biological Diversity	<b>MAI</b>	Mean Annual Increment
<b>CBFM</b>	Community-Based Forest Management	<b>MCPFE</b>	Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe
<b>CDM</b>	Clean Development Mechanism	<b>MDGs</b>	Millennium Development Goals
<b>CF</b>	Community Forest	<b>MEA</b>	Millennium Ecosystem Assessment
<b>CIFOR</b>	Center for International Forestry Research	<b>METLA</b>	Finnish Forest Research Institute
<b>CIRAD</b>	Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement	<b>NGO</b>	Non-Governmental Organization
<b>COP</b>	Conference of Parties	<b>NRC</b>	Natural Resources Canada
<b>CR</b>	Corporate Responsibility	<b>NTFP</b>	Non-Timber Forest Product
<b>CSR</b>	Corporate Social Responsibility	<b>NWFP</b>	Non-Wood Forest Product
<b>DBH</b>	Diameter at Breast Height	<b>PEFC</b>	Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification
<b>DSS</b>	Decision Support Systems	<b>PES</b>	Payment for Environmental Services
<b>EBM</b>	Ecosystem-Based Management	<b>R&amp;D</b>	Research and Development
<b>EFI</b>	European Forest Institute	<b>REDD</b>	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation
<b>ENGO</b>	Environmental Non-Governmental Organization	<b>SF</b>	Sustainable Forest
<b>EU</b>	European Union	<b>SFM</b>	Sustainable Forest Management
<b>EUR</b>	Euro	<b>SME</b>	Small and Medium Sized Enterprise
<b>FAO</b>	Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations	<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>FLEGT</b>	Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade	<b>UNCED</b>	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
<b>FSC</b>	Forest Stewardship Council	<b>UNDP</b>	United Nations Development Programme
<b>GCM</b>	General Circulation Model	<b>UNECE</b>	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
<b>GDP</b>	Gross Domestic Production	<b>UNESCO</b>	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
<b>GEF</b>	Global Environment Facility	<b>UNFCCC</b>	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
<b>GHG</b>	Greenhouse Gas	<b>UNFF</b>	United Nations Forum on Forests
<b>GIS</b>	Geographic Information System	<b>UNU</b>	United Nations University
<b>GMO</b>	Genetically Modified Organism	<b>US</b>	United States
<b>ICRAF</b>	World Agroforestry Centre	<b>USA</b>	United States of America
<b>ICT</b>	Information and Communication Technologies	<b>USD</b>	United States Dollar
<b>IMF</b>	International Monetary Fund	<b>vTI</b>	John Heinrich von Thünen Institut
<b>INIFAP</b>	National Institute for Agricultural, Livestock and Forestry Research of Mexico	<b>WFSE</b>	World Forests, Society and Environment
<b>IPCC</b>	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	<b>WTO</b>	World Trade Organization
		<b>WWF</b>	World Wildlife Fund