



## **MEETING MINUTES**

On 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021, members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) and selected scientists from different disciplines virtually convened for a scoping meeting with the members of the of IUFRO's Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP) Programme from 15:00 to 19:00 CEST. The aim of the meeting was to introduce the concept, objectives, and procedure of the new GFEP assessment on Forests and Human Health and to discuss the scope and thematic outline of the assessment.

Discussions on the first day focused on clarification of concepts and explanation of formal procedures, as well as on defining the scope and the thematic elements of the assessment

The agreed thematic elements are:

- The different dimensions of the positive and negative relationships between forests and human health, including benefits and challenges;
- Synergies and trade-offs between human health, and the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of forest ecosystems, their biodiversity (including wildlife), as well as trees in other land-uses; and
- Response options relevant to policy context, including governance frameworks, in economic, health, socio-cultural, and environmental domains at various levels (sub-national, national, regional, and international).

On the second day, the following draft outline for the assessment was developed, encompassing the scope defined in the previous day and including the main aspects of the topic considering a multidisciplinary point of view:

### **Preface**

### **Acknowledgements**

### **List of Acronyms and Abbreviations**

- **INTRODUCTION**
  - Rational and objectives
  - Concepts and terms related to forests and human health
  - Drivers of health (negative and positive, regional differences)
  - Key human health challenges
  - Synopsis of chapters
  
- **FRAMING CHAPTER**
  - Concepts of health and existing frameworks (including OneHealth and Planetary Health)
  - Framing the health effects of forests
  
- **KEY HEALTH CHALLENGES AND FOREST-BASED OPPORTUNITIES**
  - Non-communicable diseases
  - Infectious diseases
  - Nutrition and well-being
  - Environmental factors, including climate change and pollution
  - Healthcare in crisis

Cross cutting issues

- Inequality
- Differences between urban and rural areas
- Differences between global North and global South
- Valuation of health impacts

- **SYNERGIES AND TRADEOFFS BETWEEN HEALTH-RELATED FOREST USAGES AND WITH OTHER FOREST USAGES**
  - Between health benefits of forest usage (including risks)
  - Climate change
  - Water
  - Energy
  - Biodiversity conservation
  - Protective functions
  - Timber production
  - NWFP including medicinal and nutritional resources
  - Cultural ecosystem services

Cross cutting issue

- Valuation of impacts

- **RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR KEY HEALTH CHALLENGES AND RELATED TRADE-OFFS FROM A GOVERNANCE PERSPECTIVE**
  - Response options based on the spatial dimension of forests (location, size, and scale)
  - Response options based on design and quality of forests (including e.g. composition, stand structure)
  - Response options based on the management of access to forests (carrying capacity)
  
- **CONCLUSIONS**
  - Key messages
  - Knowledge gaps

## Appendices to the report

- Glossary of terms and definitions
- List of panel members, authors, and reviewers

The outcomes of the scoping meeting are the base to develop the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the assessment. The ToR establish the procedures to which the participants of the assessment will adhere, and includes the outline defined during the second day of the meeting. This outline not only reflects the different backgrounds of the scientists present, but also the additional fields of expertise that according to the scientists present, may be required to produce a comprehensive assessment on the topic.

At the end of the meeting a tentative schedule for the assessment was discussed and participating scientists were asked to recommend colleagues from all regions and disciplines, who could cover the expertise needed in study.

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