



WORLD FORESTS, SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT IUFRO WFSE

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WORLD FORESTS, SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT (WFSE)

- Originates from 1996
- Special Project of International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) since 2001
- Coordinated in Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke)
- Steered by ten international research and development organizations

TEN PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



CATIE (Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center)



CIAS (Centre for Integrated Area Studies, Kyoto University)



CIFOR (Center for International Forestry Research)



CIRAD (Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement)



EFI (European Forest Institute)



FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)



Luke (Natural Resources Institute Finland)



University of Florida



von Thünen Institute of International Forestry and Forest Economics



VITRI (Viikki Tropical Resources Institute, University of Helsinki)



WFSE – AN OPEN NETWORK



- Global, open, network of scientists and experts
- Involves over one hundred scientists from throughout the world
- Many active collaborators come from outside the partner organizations, e.g.
 - RECOFTC, The Center for People and Forests, Bangkok, Thailand
 - Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo, Mozambique
 - Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda
 - Yale University, New Haven, US
 - University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

PRINCIPLES

- Provides an independent platform for participation and collaboration among scientists and experts from different parts of the world
- Supports sustainable forest-related development and livelihoods through international collaboration in knowledge generation and exchange
- The core principles of WFSE are openness, collaboration and wide participation
- All interested individuals and organizations are welcome to contribute, the main criterion is the scientific quality of the work
- Work is based on in-kind contributions
 - Costs of participation in WFSE events (speakers) and editorial workshops are compensated
 - Main donors: Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Natural Resources Institute Finland

APPROACH

- Focuses on topics of current and foreseen global concern on the forest, society and environment interface
 - Especially topics recognised as important and having significant policy implications by the scientific community, but appear no to be receiving adequate attention form the policy community
- Addresses them in a participatory, holistic and interdisciplinary manner producing research-based information
- Collates and critically analyses existing scientific knowledge on topics of international relevance
- Undertakes new research to fill in crucial gaps in existing knowledge
- Scientific robustness ascertained by peer review
- Publishes and disseminates science-based publications, policy briefs and capacity building material

PUBLICATIONS



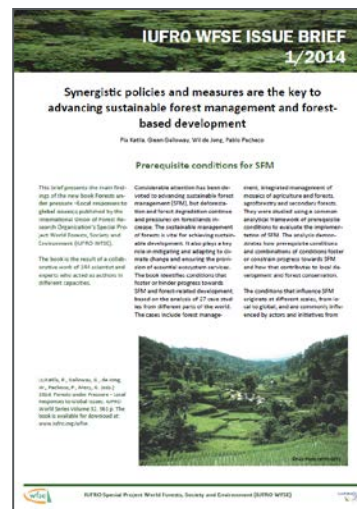
Books

- Forests in the Global Balance – Changing Paradigms (IUFRO World Series Vol 17, 2005; 318 p.)
- Forests and Society – Responding to Global Drivers of Change (IUFRO World Series Vol 25, 2010; 509 p.)
- Forests under Pressure – Local Responses to Global Issues (IUFRO World Series Vol 32, 2014; 561p.)

PUBLICATIONS cont.

Policy Briefs

- Two Global Policy Briefs (2005, 2010)
- Five Regional Policy Briefs: Europe (2007), Latin America (2009), Sub-Saharan Africa (2009), Asia (2010), Boreal (2012)
- Issue Brief 1/2014 Synergistic policies and measures are the key to advancing sustainable forest management and forest-based development (also in Spanish and French)
- Issue Brief 1/2015: Management of natural tropical forests for the future



DISSEMINATION



- All publications are open access, available through the WFSE www-pages, ResearchGate and through authors own channels
- Participation in important international forest-related meetings, conferences and policy processes
 - In 2015: UNFF 11, NY and World Forestry Congress, Durban
- All publications are available at:
<http://www.iufro.org/science/special/wfse>

CURRENT ACTIVITIES



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Special Issue

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Community and Smallholder Forestry**

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mdpi.com/si/forests/community_smallholder



Special Issue in *Forests*:

Incentives and Constraints of Community and Smallholder Forestry, 2016

- Open access
- 9 articles from Africa, Asia and Latin America
- 7 already published
- Policy relevant messages for advancing community and smallholder forestry to be published in a Policy Brief 2016

CURRENT ACTIVITIES cont.



Special Issue in International Forestry Review:
**Shifting Global Development Discourses: Implications for
Forests and Livelihoods**

- 20 articles being developed
- To be published 2017

Thank you!

