

Zambia's National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS)

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Integrated Land Use Assessment Project





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Forest Resources in Zambia

- Zambia surface land area is **752,614Km²**
- Forests cover about **49.9 million ha** (66% of land cover),
- The forest vegetation type is mainly Miombo (Semievergreen forests); Baikiaea, Munga, Mopane, Kalahari woodlands (Deciduous Forests), Ripian, Swap, Parinari, Itigi, Lake basin Chipya (Evergreen forests), Termitary associated bushes (Shrub thickets), grasslands, wooded grasslands.
- Plantations cover about 61,000 ha (7,000 ha by the Forestry Department and 50,000 ha under ZAFFICO, the rest by communities, farmers, schools etc.)
- **2.9 billion m³** of growing stock

KEY TO ECOREGIONS Chart slices are proportional to area of ecoregion



Implementation Arrangements for UN-REDD and ILUA II in Zambia



The REDD+ readiness process



National Forest Monitoring System

- The National Forest Monitoring System in Zambia is composed of the following components:
 - National Forest Inventory (Supported by Finland with technical support from FAO) and includes the Forest Livelihoods and Economic Survey (FLES).
 - b. Satellite Land Monitoring System (Supported by the UN-REDD Programme)
 - c. National GHG Inventory with Zambia Environemental Management Agency as lead.

National Forest Inventory



- Sample at an intensity that provides good statistical estimates of volume and biomass for major forest types at the provincial level
- Sample across variations in forest canopy cover (within Forest Types) caused by disturbances, degradation, and ecological conditions (Emission Factors for Forest Lands)
- Measure all biophysical elements (timber resources, biomass, agricultural data) that are important for land-use planning in Zambia
- IPCC forest carbon pools

Forest Livelihood and Economic Survey

- Recognized that effective and functional monitoring systems are those that are embedded within already existing structures.
- FLES is linked to the Central Statistics Office, which conducts regular surveys/studies/assessments and reports to the nation.
- FLES aims at collecting data in relation to the socioeconomic importance of forests, forest governance and informal forest-based economy
- FLES is therefore one way of formally integrating forest livelihood, economic and safe guards into existing government functions and ensure long term sustainability.

Satellite Land Monitoring System

- Zambian approach has the following components;
 - a. Land-cover mapping for 1990, 2000, 2010 completed and only remaining with Validation
 - b. Web portal established for interactive process
 - c. Established a decentralised approach national forest monitoring system

A join Programme on Land-cover Mapping

Satellite based analytical work was conducted jointly between UN-REDD Programme and RCMRD

1. ILUA II & UNREDD Programme

- a) Land use mapping and
- b) Land cover mapping
 - GHG inventory (emission accounting)
 - Land cover change (deforestation assessment)
 - Setting the REL
 - Other (forest inventory results enhancement)

2. RCMRD's Project Interests

- a) Land cover mapping
 - Regional GHG inventory (emission accounting) for Botswana, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa and Zambia.

Mapping Schema II (Classification)



Draft output on Zambia Land-cover Map 2010



Web portal

- A web portal is a *transparent* approach to NFMS aiming to provide a Forest Monitoring platform whilst displaying Activity Data for GHG reporting from Forest Lands.
- Show historical land cover change trends; by different administrative units (provinces, districts, GMAs, National Parks, Forest Reserves).
- Load new annual land cover updates onto the NFMS these new land cover updates will be used as Activity Data for REDD+ reporting.
- Visualize deforestation information from decentralized NFMA offices
- Show other spatial information for the country.

Integrating the REDD+ Wiki



Basic spatial layers



Deforestation



NFMS main site Mailing list

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Forest Cover



Vegetation Maps



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Integration: Portal to wiki



Decentralized National Forest Monitoring System

- Zambian NFMS aims to provide Zambia a Forest Monitoring platform whilst deliver Activity Data for GHG reporting from Forest Lands.
- Infrastructure development and capacity building for 10 provincial GIS offices in Zambia
 - Hardware (Desktop computers, scanner, plotter, printer) and Software (ArcGIS 10) for GIS units was procured and installed in provincial GIS units
 - Training of 47 provincial and Lusaka based staff; GIS, GPS, MRV and GHG reporting
- Provincial GIS units will collect real-time data on deforestation and degradation in the provinces.
- Online portal for the NFMS will make information transparent and available online

National GHG Inventory

- The Ministry of Lands, Natural resources and Environmental Protection through Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA) is responsible for GHG Reporting
- Forestry Department which coordinates ILUA II and UN-REDD Programmes is the GHG Source Lead Institution
- Among other tools ALU software through a project is being tested.

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