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# Mongolia's National Forest Monitoring System Action Plan

## **Consultation Workshop**

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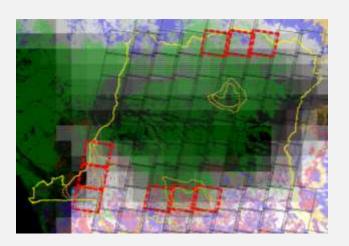


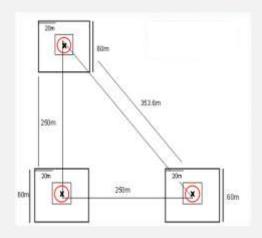




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# NATIONAL FOREST MONITORING SYSTEMS FOR REDD+: Measurement in the MRV System







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## **Presentation Outline**







- Overview of Measurement, Reporting and Verification for REDD+
- Overview of Measurement in MRV for REDD+ and IPCC key concepts
- Measurement: Assessing Activity Data
- Measurement: Assessing Emission Factors



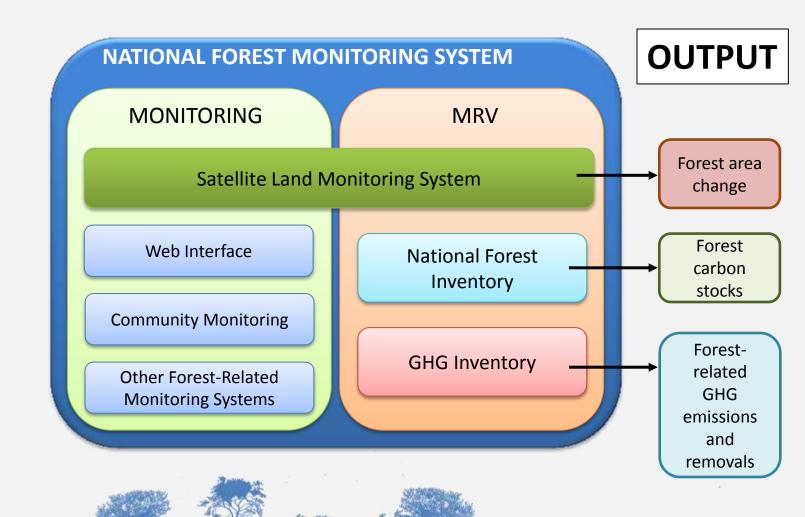
# Two functions of a National Forest Monitoring System for REDD+



















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## **MRV FUNCTION**

Measurement, Reporting and Verification

- An example from the **transport sector**
- Aim: to estimate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the transport sector
- Step 1: Measurement of emissions
  - Number of cars in a country ("activity data") x average emissions per year per car ("emission factor") = estimate of emissions from cars per year
  - → Trucks, trains, planes, etc...
- Step 2: Compile into a **national GHG inventory report** (emissions from all sectors)
  - Report the inventory to the UNFCCC through the National Communication
- Step 3: The UNFCCC organizes the **verification** of the data reported in the inventory



## MRV for REDD+







- The purpose of MRV for REDD+ is to assess the performance of REDD+ activities in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change
  - MEASURE the emissions and removals (sequestration) of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions related to forest land
  - 2. Make an inventory of these emissions and **REPORT** them to the UNFCCC
  - 3. Make the emissions inventory data and methods available for independent **VERIFICATION** by the UNFCCC
- Only has to be fully operational in <a href="Phase3">Phase 3</a> of REDD+

### MRV for REDD+





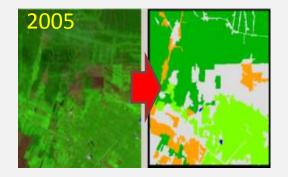




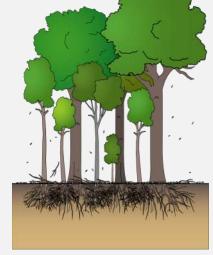
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Area change data from satellite remote sensing

Forest carbon stock change data from a national forest inventory Inventory of greenhouse gas emissions from the forest sector

**ACTIVITY DATA** 

EMISSION FACTOR

**EMISSIONS ESTIMATE** 









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## **MRV FUNCTION: MEASUREMENT**



## **IPCC** Guidance and Guidelines









**GES** 

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

### Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry

Edited by Jim Penman, Michael Gytarsky, Taka Hiraishi, Thelma Krug, Dina Kruger, Riitta Pipatti, Leandro Buendia, Kyoko Miwa, Todd Ngara, Kiyoto Tanabe and Fabian Wagner



IPCC National Greenhouse Gas Inventories Programme



Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change



#### 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

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#### IPCC Guidance and Guidelines for GHG Inventories









## **Key Concepts**

- IPCC "Good Practice":
  - Assists countries in producing GHG inventories that are accurate in the sense of being neither over nor underestimates so far as can be judged, and in which uncertainties are reduced as far as possible
  - Provides methods to manage uncertainties
  - Supports the development of GHG inventories that are:
    - Transparent
    - Documented
    - Consistent over time
    - Complete
    - Comparable
    - Assessed for uncertainties
    - Subject to quality control and assurance
    - Efficient in the use of resources available to inventory agencies
    - In which uncertainties are gradually reduced as better information becomes available

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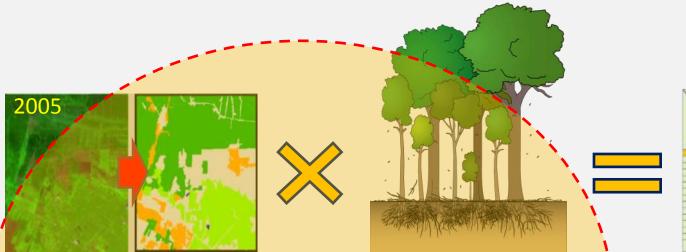


# **IPCC** Equation for Emission Estimates











CO<sub>2</sub>

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stock change data from a national forest inventory

Inventory of greenhouse gas emissions from the forest sector

**EMISSION FACTOR** 

**EMISSIONS ESTIMATE** 

#### IPCC Guidance and Guidelines for GHG Inventories









## **Key Concepts**

- Activity Data
  - Data on the <u>magnitude</u> of human activity, resulting in emissions/removals taking place during a given period of time (e.g. data on land area or management systems)
- Emission Factor
  - A <u>coefficient</u> that relates the activity data to the amount of chemical compound (e.g. CO<sub>2</sub>), which is the source of later emissions
- Removal Factor
  - <u>Rate</u> at which carbon is taken up from the atmosphere by a terrestrial system and sequestered in biomass and soil









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## MRV FUNCTION: MEASUREMENT:

## **ACTIVITY DATA**

### IPCC Guidance and Guidelines for GHG Inventories









# **Key Concepts: Land Representation**

- Systems for land representation should be:
- Adequate: capable of representing land-use categories, and conversions between land-use categories, as needed to estimate carbon stock changes and greenhouse gas emissions and removals
- Consistent: capable of representing land-use categories consistently over time,
   without being unduly affected by artificial discontinuities in time-series data
- Complete: that all land within a country should be included, with increases in some areas balanced by decreases in others, recognizing the bio-physical stratification of land if needed
- Transparent: data sources, definitions, methodologies and assumptions should be clearly described

#### IPCC Guidance and Guidelines for GHG Inventories





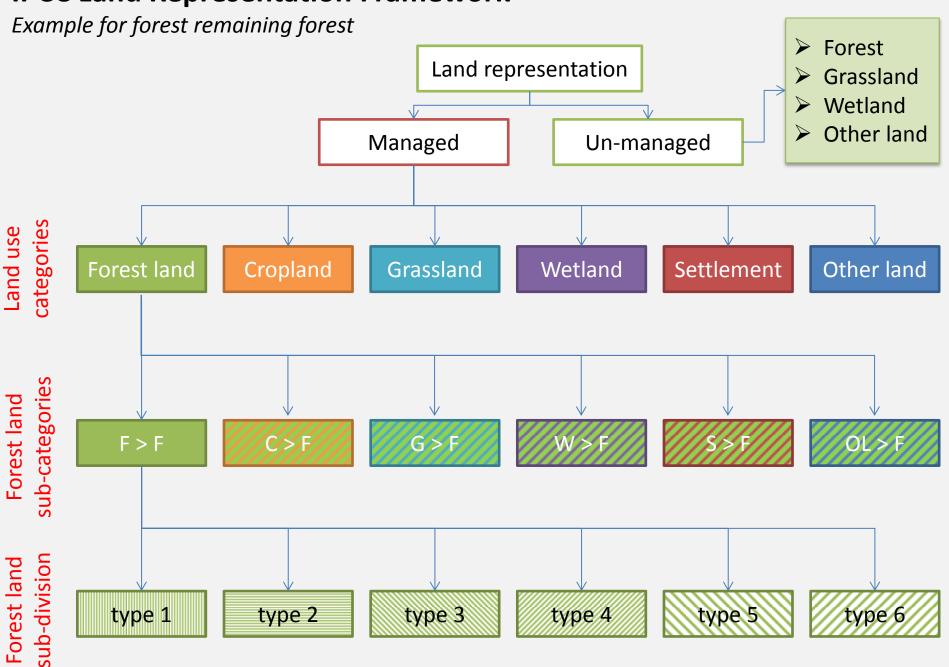




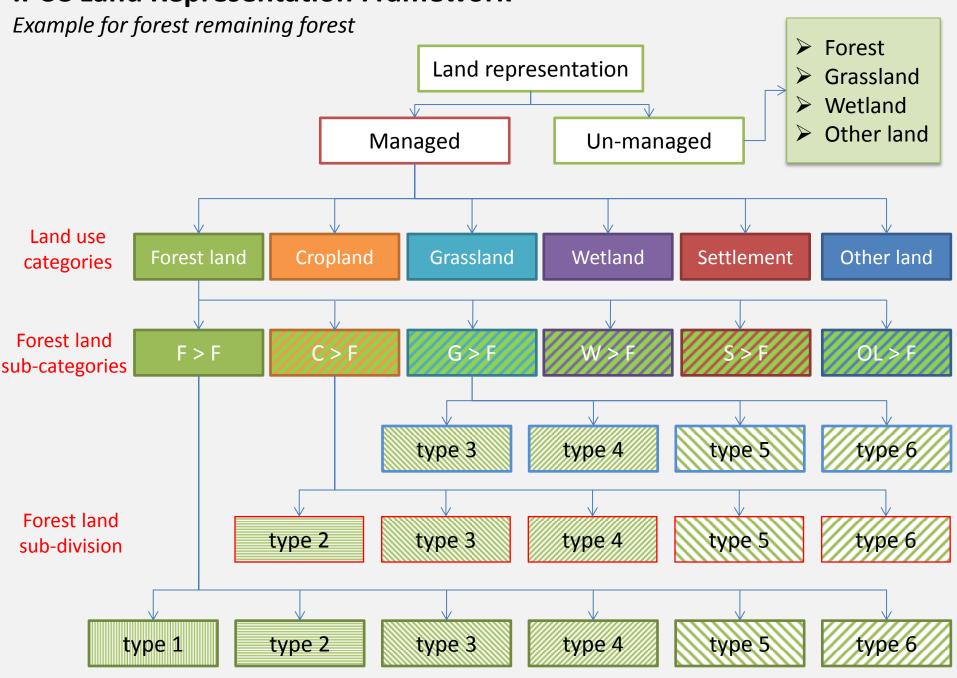
# **Key Concepts: Land Representation**

- Six land use categories
  - Forest land, Grassland, Cropland, Wetland, Settlement, Other land
- Each land-use category is further disaggregated to reflect the past and the current land use, for example under forest land you report the sub-categories:
  - Forest land remaining forest land
  - Lands converted to forest land
- Land-use categories and sub-categories may be further sub-divided according to land use practices or biophysical characteristics of the land
  - For example: forest land sub-divided by forest type:
    - Larch-dominated forest
    - Birch-dominated forest
    - Etc.

## **IPCC Land Representation Framework**



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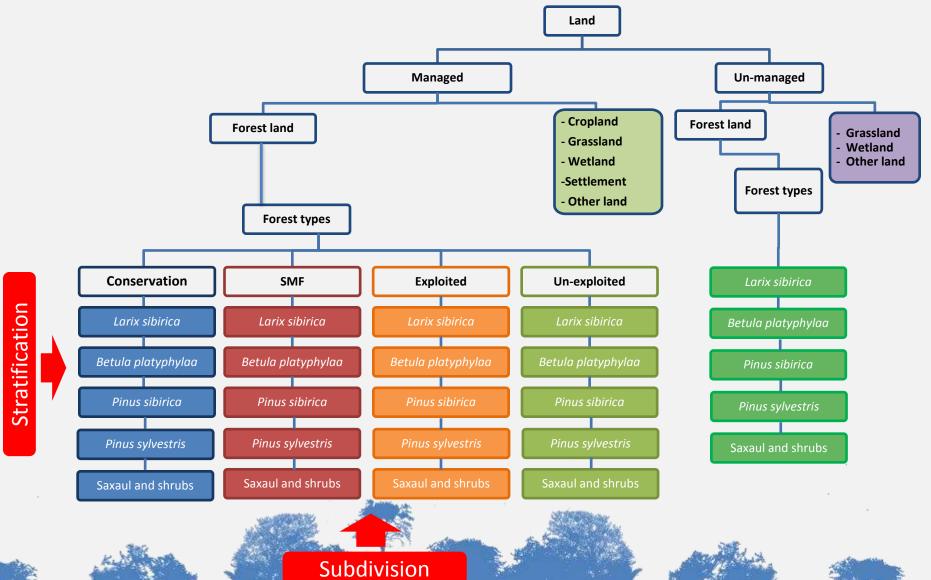
# A Potential Forest Land Stratification for Mongolia & GHG Reporting Sub-Divisions for REDD+







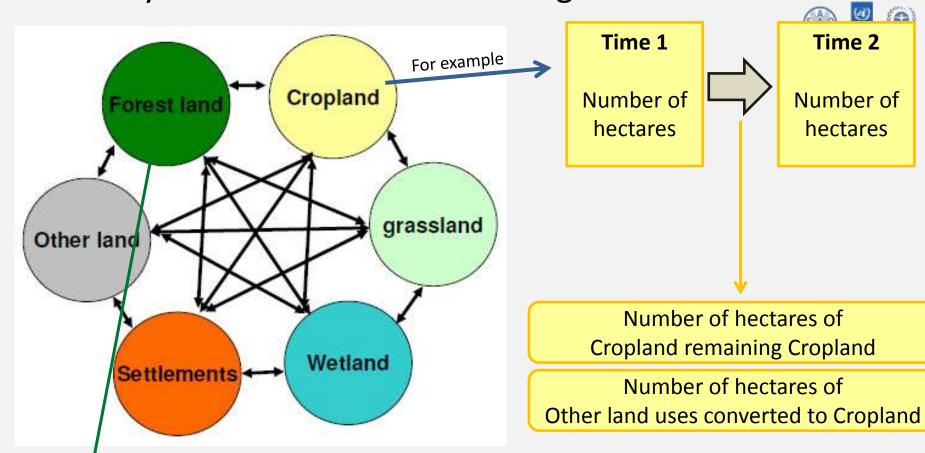




## Activity Data: Assessment of change



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Number of hectares of Forest Land remaining Forest Land

Number of hectares of Other land uses converted to Forest Land

To assess deforestation, we want to know the area of Forest Land converted to other land uses - this all gives an indication of the drivers of deforestation



## Activity Data: Assessment of Change







- IPCC guidance: Countries should characterize and account for all relevant land areas in a country consistently and as transparently as possible.
- Data should reflect the historical trends in land-use area
- IPCC 2003 LULUCF Guidance suggests three Approaches:
  - Approach 1: Basic land-use data (land use types in time 1 & land use types in time 2)
  - Approach 2: Survey of land use and land-use change (changes from & to a category)
  - Approach 3: Geographically explicit land use data (known locations of changes between categories)
- In most developing countries the only way to represent land in a consistent and transparent way with a historical time frame of 20 years is the use of satellite remote sensing data, which allows the adoption of Approach 3



## Activity Data: Assessment of Change

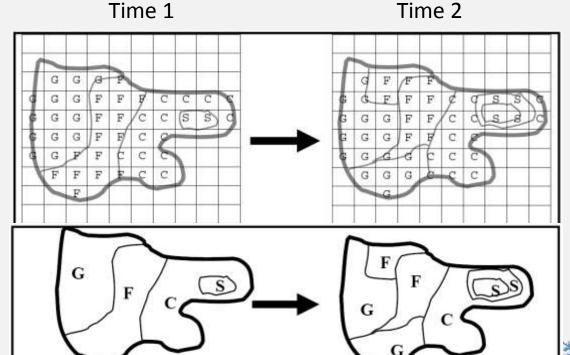






### **Approach 3: Geographically Explicit Land Use Data**

- Requires spatially explicit observations of land use and land-use change.
- The data may be obtained either by 1) sampling of geographically located points,
   2) a complete tally (wall-to-wall mapping), or 3) a combination of the two
- Is comprehensive and relatively simple conceptually but data intensive to implement







# Activity Data: Assessment of Change Approach 3: Geographically Explicit Land Use Data

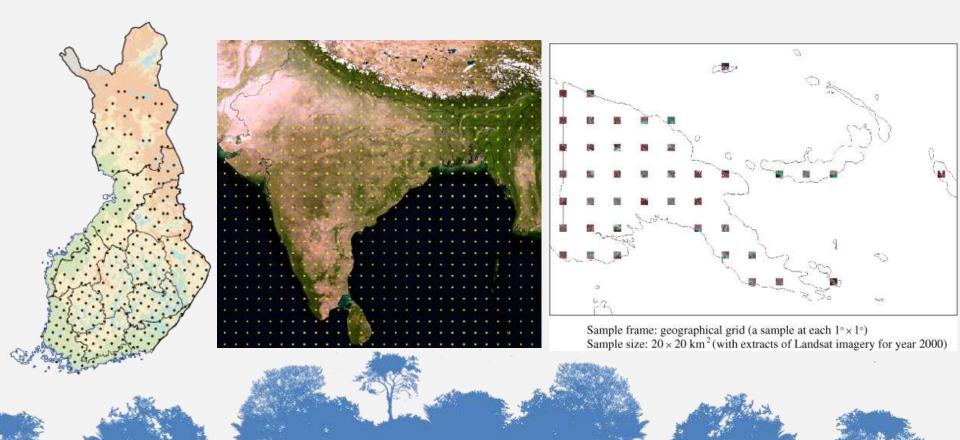








- By sampling of geographically located points or area subsets
- Information about those points can then be used to say something about a phenomena over a broader area





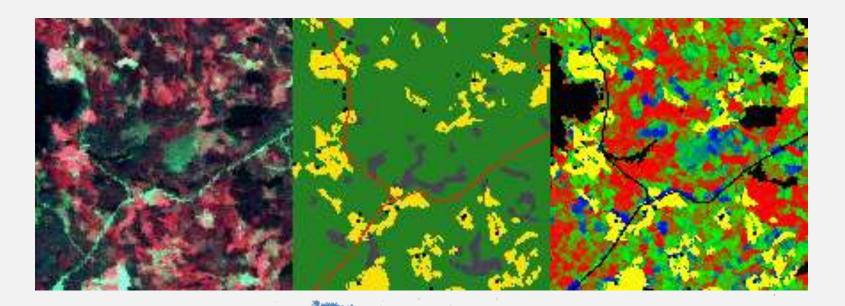






# Activity Data: Assessment of Change Approach 3: Geographically Explicit Land Use Data

- By wall-to-wall mapping
- Representation of all land area
- Generally more resource-intensive than sampling
- Sampling approaches in one reporting period can be extended to wall-to-wall coverage in a subsequent period









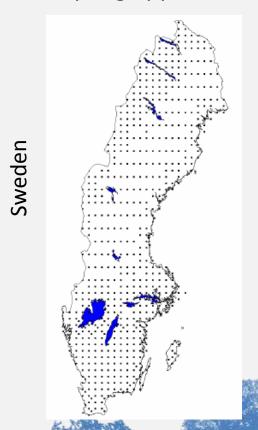


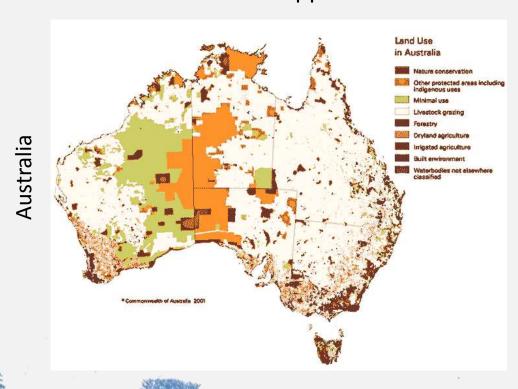
# Activity Data: Assessment of Change Approach 3: Geographically Explicit Land Use Data

All Annex I countries use IPCC Approach 3 to assess activity data

Most countries use sampling approaches

A few countries use wall to wall approaches





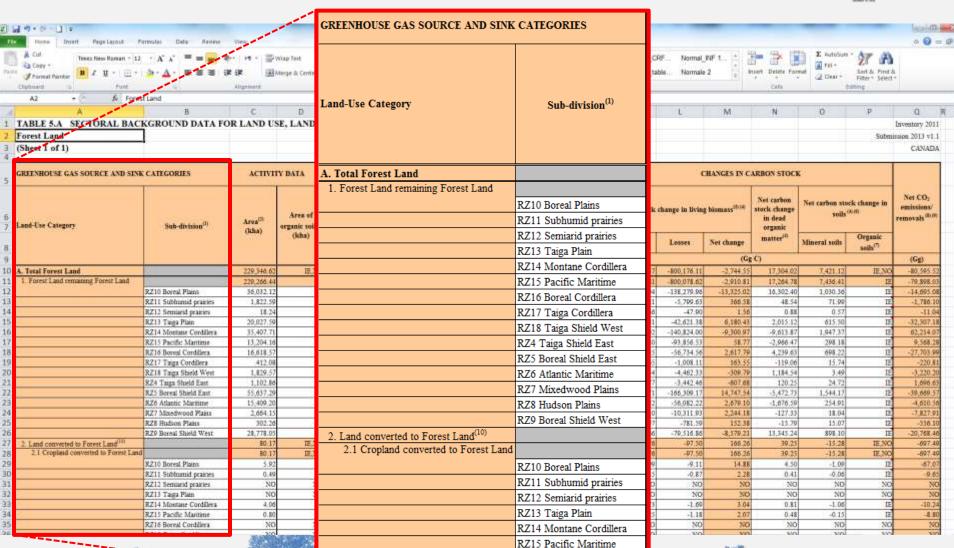
# Activity Data in the GHG Inventory











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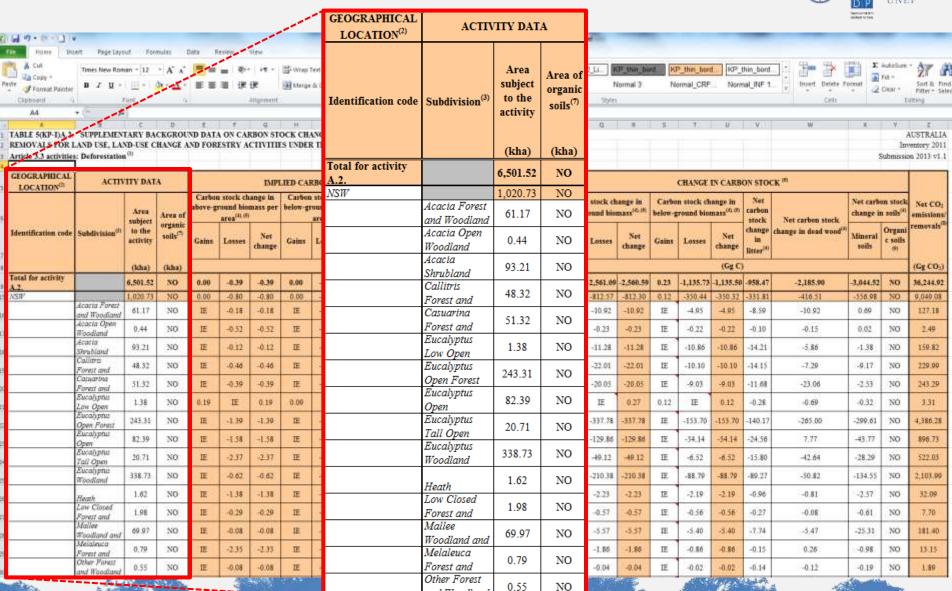
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## Sampling approach: Open Foris Collect Earth – Bhutan

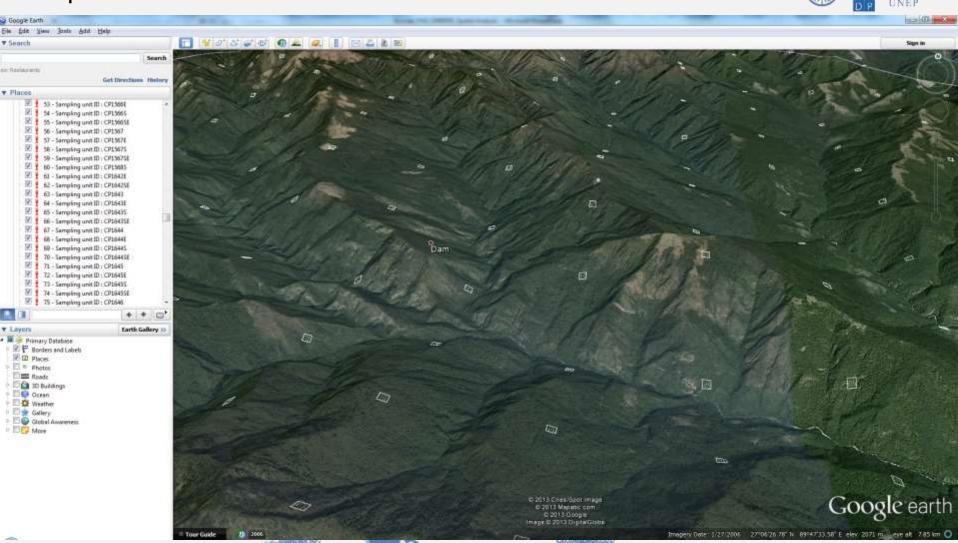
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# MRV FUNCTION: MEASUREMENT:

## **EMISSION FACTORS**

### **Assessing Emission Factors**

### National Forest Inventories

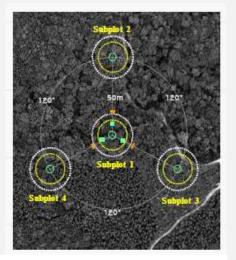
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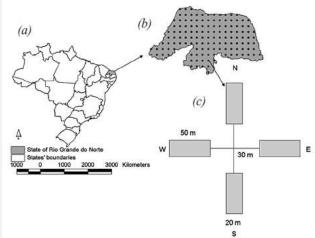






- Emission Factor: A coefficient that quantifies the **emissions or removals** in areas undergoing human-induced changes (CO<sub>2</sub>e/ha)
- Emission factors are quantified through changes in carbon stocks in the pools considered by the IPCC
- 41 out of 42 Annex 1 countries use NFIs as a data source to compile their national GHG inventory
  - Fulfills IPCC requirement of 'completeness'
- Diverse approaches to NFIs around the world





### **Assessing Emission Factors**









## Carbon Inventories for the Land Use Sector

- Estimation must be made:
  - For carbon stock <u>CHANGES</u>! ( = EFs)
  - For diverse ecological conditions
  - Under diverse management regimes
  - Emissions and removals due to <u>human activity</u>
  - For changes in all carbon pools
- IPCC requirements for NFIs
  - Estimations of Emission Factors made to Tier 2 or Tier 3 level this requires:
    - Country-specific estimates of emission factors
    - Multi-temporal inventory data
    - Uncertainty analysis and Quality Assurance / Quality Control (QA/QC)

# Main steps for Accurate Carbon Inventories in the Land Use Sector









- 1. Assess areas (Activity Data)
- 2. Consider all **five carbon pools**
- 3. Assess all gains and losses
- 4. Use best available data
- 5. Assess uncertainty
  - Depends on methodology used, assumptions, activity data, time series consistency of data
- 6. Try to verify



# Need to Report on <u>Changes</u> in the Five Forest Carbon Pools









- Above-ground biomass
- Below-ground biomass
- Deadwood
- Litter

Soil

biomass

dead organic matter

- mineral - organic

$$\underline{\Delta C} = \Delta C_{AB} + \Delta C_{BB} + \Delta C_{DW} + \Delta C_{LI} + \Delta C_{SO}$$

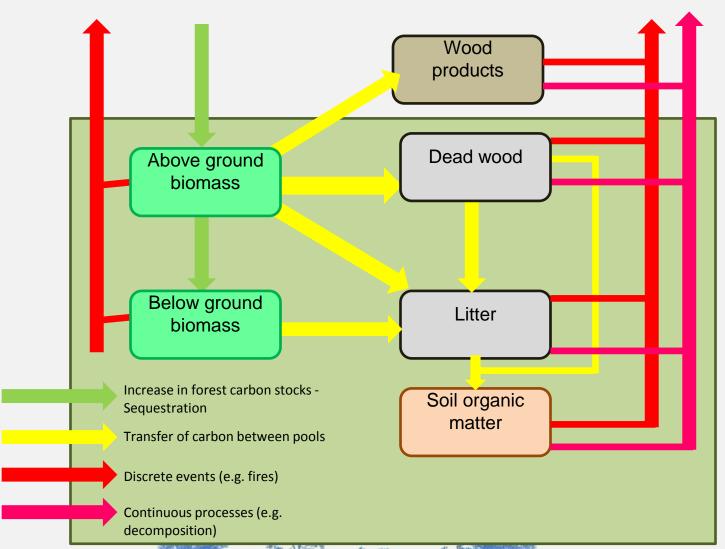


# Changes in Forest Carbon Pools







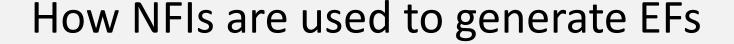












- Tier 2 or Tier 3 (Tier 1: Default values: no NFI)
  - Tier 2: IPCC default assumptions + default methodology + country specific data
  - Tier 3: Country specific assumptions + methodology + data (to be internationally reviewed)
- NFI strategies/methodological approaches for assessing C pool changes:
  - **1. Direct measurement of changes**: Gain-Loss ('default') or Stock-Difference methods applied in permanent sample plots (Tier 2 or Tier 3)
  - **2. Empirical modelling of changes**: NFI data used for reconstruction of e.g. a forest age class distribution or of an activity chronosequence (Tier 2 or Tier 3)
  - Carbon budget modelling: NFI data inserted into a model with other data, e.g. climatological, biogeographical (e.g. Canada's Carbon Budget Model, CBM-CFS3) (Tier 3)

### **Direct Measurement of Changes**

## Stock-Difference and Gain-Loss

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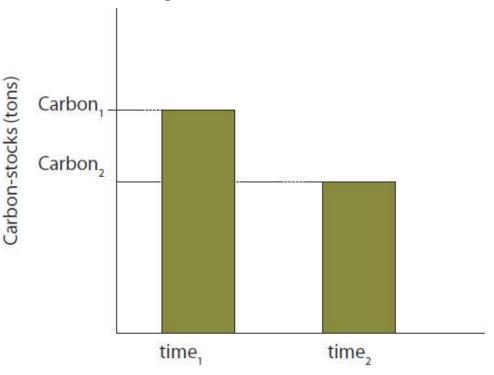




#### METHOD 1

#### **Stock-difference**

The difference between carbon stocks gives carbon emissions



Carbon<sub>1</sub>: Carbon stocks time<sub>1</sub> Carbon<sub>2</sub>: Carbon stocks time<sub>2</sub>

### **METHOD 2**

#### **Gain-loss**

Carbon emissions are calculated from gain minus loss



### **Carbon uptake:**

- Growth
- Enrichment





#### **Carbon release:**

- Timber harvest
- Fuelwood removals
- Sub-canopy fires
- Grazing

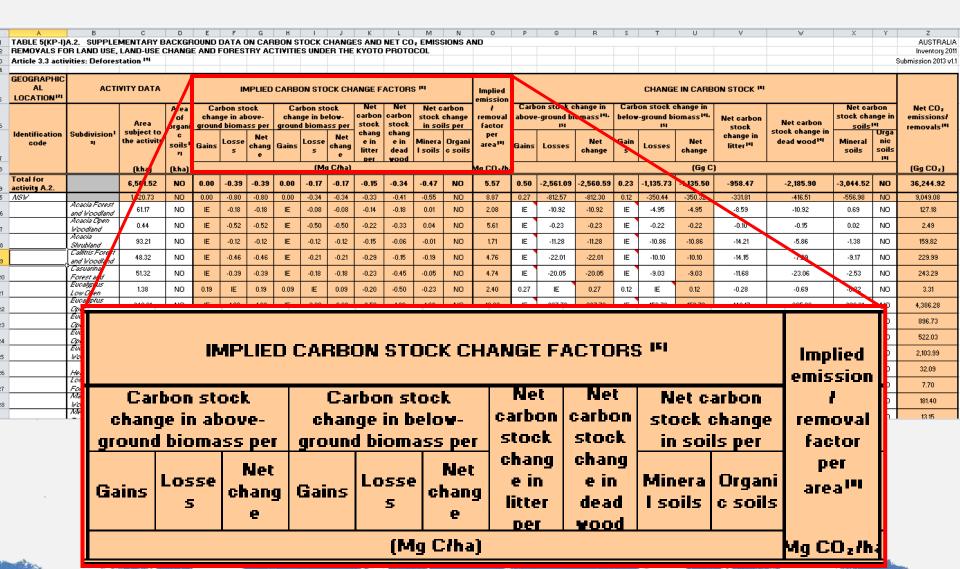
# **Emission Factors in the GHG Inventory**













## Data Sources for Tier 1 default values







- Emission Factor Database: <a href="http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/EFDB/main.php">http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/EFDB/main.php</a>
- Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) (2003)
- Guidelines for Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Uses (AFOLU) (2006): many tables available

TABLE 1.2

LAND-USE CATEGORIES, CARBON POOLS AND NON-CO<sub>2</sub> GASES TO BE ESTIMATED UNDER TIER 1, THEIR RELEVANCE TO AFOLU SECTIONS, AND THE REFERENCE TO 1996 IPCC GUIDELINES

Land-use category/ Chapter	Subcategory	C pool & non-CO <sub>2</sub> gases	Methods Section	Chapter 2 Method	Linkage to 1996 IPCC Guidelines	Tier 1 Method
		Above-ground biomass	4.2.1	2.3.1.1	5A	<b>⊕</b>
	Forest Land Remaining Forest Land (FF)	Below-ground biomass	4.2.1	2.3.1.1	NE	<b>⊕</b>
		Dead organic matter	4.2.2	2.3.2.1	NE	0
		Soil carbon	4.2.3	2.3.3.1	5D	⊕ <sup>1</sup>
Forest Land (Chapter 4)		Non-CO <sub>2</sub> from biomass burning	4.2.4	2.4.1	NE	<b>⊕</b>
		Above-ground	421	2212	E A . E C'	

### Assessing Emission Factors through NFIs

# PROGRAMME







## **Key Messages**

- NFIs are national decision-making tools so should be designed to meet a country's individual data / information needs
- NFIs are commonly used by countries (almost all Annex 1 countries) to assess
   Emission Factors for their national GHG inventory
- <u>Changes</u> in all five forest carbon pools should be reported on
- Two approaches set out by the IPCC for EF assessment are the Gain-Loss method (can be done using one NFI) and the Stock-Difference method (requires two NFIs)
- Land use stratification can be a useful first step to divide forest land into homogenous strata and ensure field sampling is statistically robust and costeffective











## Thank you

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