

# Reflections on activity data

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## CONCLUSIONS

- 1 Activity data is the area where active use of remote sensing is encouraged.
- 2 There are some technical issues such as spatial resolution data access, cloud cover, etc. that need further work.
- 3 The use of remote sensing data requires national capacity building, however this capacity has increased considerably in recent years.

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## CHALLENGES

- The difficulty to access to updated information from remote sensors, and good resolution images are expensive.
- There are not an standardized methodology to work in cloud zones.
- There is not consensus about the real meaning of degradation on forests, and how to assess uncertainties.
- Remote sensor only provide land cover information, but it is necessary to assess land use data using better technology or other options.

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## RECOMENDATION

- 1 Countries with low capacity should avoid too sophisticated approaches in the beginning of the process.
- 2 Mexico's experience shows the importance of the field data collection to support the remote sensing analysis.
- 3 It is necessary that other RS agencies can provide access to data and technical cooperation with antennae.

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