FAO Initiatives in Planted Forests

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Summary

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Context: Global Scale & Impact

- **Land Area**: 13,064 m ha
- **Non-Forest Area**: 9,007 m ha (69.1%)
- **Forest Area**: 3,870 m ha (29.6%)
- **Industrial Plantation**: 90 m ha (0.6%)
- **Non-industrial Plantation**: 97 m ha (0.7%)

**Global Areas**

- 69.1%
- 29.6%
- 0.6%
- 0.7%

**Industrial Plantation Forest Production of Global Industrial Roundwood, 35% in 2000; est. 40% by 2020**
Context: Purpose & Ownership

• **Industrial Planted Forests**
  - Corporate for industrial processing
  - Smallholder for industrial processing

• **Non-industrial Planted Forests**
  - Protection (soil, water etc)
  - Conservation
Stakeholders expressed need for a neutral, balanced reference Framework – a “Code of Best Practices” for responsible planted forest development including:

- Ethical Framework
- International Framework
- Guiding Principles
- Standards
Objectives

“Provide the framework for the economic, cultural, social and environmental dimensions of planted forests in supply of wood, fibre, non-wood forest products and services, whilst contributing positively to sustainable forest management, integrated land-use and livelihoods”
Beneficiaries

Directly

- Government and Private Sectors
  - Policy makers
  - Senior Decision Makers
  - Senior Managers

Indirectly

- Research scientists
- Education & training personnel
- Communities
- Donors & Funding Agencies
Scope

Including:

- Industrial Purposes
  - Corporate (public and private)
  - Smallholder (private)

- Non-industrial Purposes
  - Protection/Ecological
  - Conservation

- Full Spectrum of Planted Forest Development
  - From Reproductive Materials
  - To Response to Markets, Industry and Trade
Confirmed members of the Core Group:

- FAO (FOR/FOP Divisions)
- ITTO
- CIFOR
- WWF
- IUCN
- International Council of Forest & Paper Associations (ICFPA)
- Government Reps Selected Countries
  - New Zealand
  - Chile
- International Federation of Building & Wood Workers (IFBWW)
International Meetings

Code of Best Practices Meetings:

• Core Group – Rome, 2nd week, Sept, 2005
• International Expert Consultation – Rome, 1st week of Dec, 2005
• Agenda item & Associated Side Event at each of the 6 Regional Forestry Commissions, from March – November, 2006
• Agenda Item proposed for COFO, March, 2007
Global Survey

Survey Commenced in 58 Countries in June 2005

- 30 countries accounting for 97% of Global Plantations (FRA 2000)
- Selected countries with significant areas of semi-natural forests of Europe and Nth America

Process:

- Survey completed, August, 2005
- Planted Forest Thematic – Status, Trends, Issues, Dec, 2005
- Global Outlook Forest Planted Forests (update), July, 2006
Publications

- Planted Forest Thematic, Supplement to FRA 2005 – Forestry Research Paper, proposed by Dec, 2005
- Global Outlook for Future Wood & Fibre Supply from Planted Forests, proposed by July 2006
Projects (1)

- **Afghanistan:** Support to Forest Sector Rehabilitation
- **Africa Region:** Enhanced Role of Planted Forests/Trees in Low Forest Cover Countries
- **Angola:** Community Based Plantation Development
- **Asia Pacific Region:** Post Tsunami Rehabilitation & Restoration
- **Burundi:** Agroforestry, Urban/Peri Urban Forestry for Woodfuel
- **Cambodia:** Community Forestry, Siem Reap
- **China:** Research/Demonstration of Afforestation to Combat Desertification, Three North Region
- **Grenada:** Post Cyclone Ivan Rehabilitation & Reforestation
- **Guinea:** Community Management - Pine Plantations of Dalaba
Projects (2)

- **Indonesia**: Post Tsunami Rehabilitation & Restoration
- **Korea DPR**: Integrated Watershed Management
- **Maldives**: Post Tsunami Rehabilitation & Restoration
- **Near East Regional**: Enhancing Role of Planted Forests & Trees in Low Forest Cover Countries
- **Sri Lanka**: Post Tsunami Rehabilitation & Restoration
- **Tunisia**: Integrated Forest Management, incl. Plantations
- **Uruguay**: Forest Protection in Plantation Forests
- **Vietnam**:
  - Agroforestry, Quang Nam
  - Rehabilitation of Degraded Landscapes
  - Support to 5 m ha Reforestation Programme
Projects Under Preparation (3)

- **Ghana**: Enabling Environment for Plantation Forest Development
- **Malawi**: Afforestation for Livelihoods & Environmental Rehabilitation
- **Timor L’Este**: Reforestation of Forests in Belu
- **Turkey**: Support for Industrial Plantation Development
- **Global**: Strengthening Afforestation & Reforestation Management
- **Africa & Latin America Regional**: Enhancing the Contribution of Forests and Trees in Restoration of Landscapes and Livelihoods
- **Zimbabwe**: Baboon Control on Plantation Forests