









Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



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Data, monitoring and accountability:

17.18 By 2020, enhance capacity-building support to developing countries, including for least developed countries and small island developing States, to <u>increase significantly</u> <u>the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data</u> disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, *geographic location* and other characteristics relevant in national contexts.



















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Improving data quality and availability

143. Data of good quality are vital in order to make informed decisions and to ensure accountability for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Tracking progress on the SDGs requires the collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of an unprecedented amount of data and statistics at the subnational, national, regional and global levels, including those derived from official statistical systems and from new and innovative data sources.

147. New data sources and technologies for data collection will need to be explored, including through partnerships with civil society, the private sector and academia. The integration of geospatial information and statistical data will also be essential for the production of a number of indicators.

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Tier Classification for Global SDG Indicators											
Tier Classification Sheet (as of 21 September 2016)											
Target	Indicator	Initial Proposed Tier (by Secretariat)	Possible Custodian Agency(ies)	Other Involved Agencies	Updated Tier Classification (by IAEG-SDG Members)	Explanation for Change in Tier (if applicable)					
Goal 15. Protect, restore and prom	Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land										
15.1 By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland	DSS 15.1.1 Forest area as a proportion of total land area	Tier I	FAO	UNEP	Tier I						
freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements	15.1.2 Proportion of important sites for terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity that are covered by protected areas, by ecosystem type	Tier I	UNEP-WCMC UNEP		Tier I						
15.2 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally	15.2.1 Progress towards sustainable forest management	Tier III	FAO	UNEP	Tier III						
15.3 By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world	15.3.1 Proportion of land that is degraded over total land area	Tier III	UNCCD	FAO UNEP	Tier III						
Tier 1: Indicator conceptually clear, established methodology and standards available and data regularly produced by countries											
Tier 2: Indicator conceptually clear, established methodology and standards available but data are not regularly produced by countries											
Tier 3: Indi	Tier 3: Indicator for which there are no established methodology and standards or methodology/standards are being developed/tested										
The updated 4 indicators	dated tier classification contains 81 Tier 1 indicators, 57 Tier 11 indicators and 88 Tier 111 indicators. In addition to these, there are ators that have multiple tiers (different components of the indicator are classified into different tiers).										
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Indicator 15.1.1: Forest area as a proportion of total land area

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The indicator provides a measure of the relative extent of forest in a country. The availability of accurate data on a country's forest area is a key element for forest policy and planning within the context of sustainable development.

Comments and limitations:

Assessment of forest area is carried out at infrequent intervals in many countries. Access to remote sensing imagery has improved in recent years, but remote sensing techniques have limitations. In particular there are limitations to assess land use (remote sensing primarily assesses land cover), and some slow changes such as forest regrowth cannot easily be observed with remote sensing techniques and require long time periods in order to detect. In addition, forest area with low canopy cover density (e.g. 10-30%) are difficult to detect with remote sensing techniques.

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According to the FAO definitions, Forest is defined as: "land spanning more than 0.5 hectares with trees higher than 5 meters and a canopy cover of more than 10 percent, or trees able to reach these thresholds in situ. It does not include land that is predominantly under agricultural or urban land use". More specifically:

- Forest is determined both by the presence of trees and the absence of other predominant land uses. The trees should be able to reach a minimum height of 5 meters.
- It includes areas with young trees that have not yet reached but which are expected to reach a
 canopy cover of at least 10 percent and tree height of 5 meters or more. It also includes areas
 that are temporarily unstocked due to clear-cutting as part of a forest management practice or
 natural disasters, and which are expected to be regenerated within 5 years. Local conditions
 may, in exceptional cases, justify that a longer time frame is used.
- It includes forest roads, firebreaks and other small open areas; forest in national parks, nature
 reserves and other protected areas such as those of specific environmental, scientific, historical,
 cultural or spiritual interest.
- It includes windbreaks, shelterbelts and corridors of trees with an area of more than 0.5 hectares and width of more than 20 meters.
- It includes abandoned shifting cultivation land with a regeneration of trees that have, or are
 expected to reach, a canopy cover of at least 10 percent and tree height of at least 5 meters.
- It includes areas with mangroves in tidal zones, regardless whether this area is classified as land area or not.
- It includes rubberwood, cork oak and Christmas tree plantations.

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- It includes areas with bamboo and palms provided that land use, height and canopy cover criteria are met.
- It excludes tree stands in agricultural production systems, such as fruit tree plantations, oil palm
 plantations, olive orchards and agroforestry systems when crops are grown under tree cover.
 Note: Some agroforestry systems such as the "Taungya" system where crops are grown only
 during the first years of the forest rotation should be classified as forest.

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Total land area is the total surface area of a country less the area covered by inland waters, like major rivers and lakes.



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	Sub-Saharan Africa		-3,553 -2,846		continues		
	Latin America and the Caribbean		-2,178		Between 1990 ar	d 2015, the work	d's forest area diminished
\sim	South-Eastern Asia		-1,107	767	from 31.7 per cer	t of the world's to	otal land mass to
	Oceania			-4	30.7 per cent. Th	is loss was mainl	y due to the conversion
	Caucasus and Central Asia			8	of forests to othe	r uses, such as a	griculture and infrastruc-
F	Northern Africa			10	ture developmen	t. Meanwhile, oth	ner areas returned to
	Southern Asia			35	torests through p	lanting, landscap	e restoration or natural
	Eastern Asia			136 1,769	efforts to slow de	forestation, the	plobal net loss in forest
	Lastern Asia			1,310	area declined fro	m 7.3 million hec	tares per year in the
	Developed regions			938 919	1990s to 3.3 mill	ion hectares per y	/ear during the period
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	World	-7,267	-3,308		and the Caribbea	in, sub-Saharan A	frica and South-Eastern
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			1990-2000	2010-2015	Whereas Eastern	Asia accounted i	or the largest gains.
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Country	or Area	1990	2000	2005	2010	2015	Unit
Brazil		65.41	62.37	60.63	59.64	59.05	Percent (Units)
Democratic Repub	70.74	69.36	68.68	67.99	67.30	Percent (Units)	
Indonesia		68.98	57.84	56.94	54.95	52.96	Percent (Units)
Viet Nam		30.20	37.82	42.17	45.56	47.64	Percent (Units)
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2	Indonesia	684	0.7	2	Australia	308	0.2
3	Myanmar	546	1.8	3	Chile	301	1.8
4	Nigeria	410	5.0	4	United States of America	275	0.1
5	United Republic of Tanzania	372	0.8	5	Philippines	240	3.3
6	Paraguay	325	2.0	6	Gabon	200	0.9
7	Zimbabwe	312	2.1	7	Lao People's Democratic Republic	189	1.0
8	Democratic Republic of the Congo	311	0.2	8	India	178	0.3
9	Argentina	297	1.1	9	Viet Nam	129	0.9
10	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	289	0.5	10	France	113	0.7













FAO Forest Resource Assessment 2015 Image: Construction of the second secon										
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Indicators: Data methods and comparability

Assumption is that data inputs for indicators are correct...they are not!!

- Subjectivity of data and metadata is mixed. Some quantitative but some very qualitative.
- Periodicity of data baselines, synthesis, annual, biennial, etc.
- More methodological work is needed on the indicators includes considering data integration and disaggregation.
- Comparability some data being provided is not well harmonized or does not have validation or quality assurance. We need consistent methods and comparisons.
- Need to review the indicators through a geographic lens, get the methodologies right, inform the statisticians, provide technical guidance, and then support country implementation.





Indicators: Data methods and comparability

What is the accountability framework?

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- An evolving concept of 'national' versus 'international' data. Some basic and agreed principles need to be determined in order to overcome issues and seek agreement where national data may be in conflict with international data, or where data is available internationally but not nationally. What is the 'quality assurance' culture? We need strong principles of comparability.
- We will need to work this through as countries are feeling intimidated by what is being proposed internationally. International data is becoming more relevant as a means to determine independent (national to global) data without the requirements for national aggregations.

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