

NATIONAL FOREST ASSESSMENT (NFA) ETHIOPIA

Field manual

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Introduction

This field manual gives guidelines and description of the methodology and procedures used for the National Forest Assessment (NFA) in Ethiopia. The assessment methodology and approach were developed by the Support to Forest Resources Assessment programme of the FAO, currently known as the National Forest Monitoring and Assessment (NFMA) programme. It is based on nation-wide sampling and field data collection. The NFMA approach has already been applied and adapted to country-specific data needs in several countries for forest and natural resources assessment (including Angola, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Gambia, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Zambia and Uruguay.) and has been improved throughout the various experiences in the different countries.

About 11 percent of Ethiopia's land area is forested (12.3 million hectares). Another 44.6 million hectares are under other wooded land. The forest vegetation consists mainly of Acacia and Boswellia, but also includes some high forest, riverine woodlands, mixed deciduous woodlands and bamboo woodlands. The existing natural high forests are located in the less populated and accessible southern and south-western parts of the country. Most of the forests are inaccessible because of lack of roads and the mountainous geography.

The latest forest cover figures published for Ethiopia is available from the Forest Resource Assessment by FAO (FRA, 2010). This data shows a decline in forest cover (FAO definition) from 15.11million ha in 1990 to 12.3 million ha in 2010, while cover belonging to other wooded land remained constant at 44.65m ha in the same period. FAO FRA (2010) data is based on a reclassification, calibration and linear extrapolation of data from Woody Biomass Inventory and Strategic Planning Project, 2004 (WBISPP).

The contribution of forestry to the national economy has not been surveyed systematically. Economic statistics indicate that forests contribute 5.2 percent of Ethiopia's GDP (2006), but this figure probably reflects only income derived from traditional forestry activities involving timber. If the value of the trade in non-wood products (such as gum Arabic, incense, spices, medicinal plants, foodstuffs and honey) and services such as environmental protection (e.g. watershed management and soil conservation) and services to agricultural activities (on which 85 percent of Ethiopian livelihoods depend) were included, this figure would be higher.

Forest policy in Ethiopia is supported by two separate mechanisms: Policy and Proclamations. The Environmental Policy of Ethiopia, the Conservation Strategy of Ethiopia and the Federal Forest Development, Conservation and Utilization Proclamation (542/2007) were developed in 2002 and 2007 respectively. The forestry proclamation recognises both private and state ownership. The Environment Policy of Ethiopia, the Conservation Strategies of Ethiopia and Federal Proclamation provide a framework which the regions can use to develop their own no-lesser stringent regional regulatory systems, which can be adapted to better fit different regional contexts. The regional states, in accordance with federal laws, have the authority to administer forest resources (forestry administration; management, selling of carbon credits) (Mellese, 2010). The forest policy aims at the sustainable use of forests for meeting the basic needs of the people of Ethiopia.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MoA) for the majority of forest ecosystems and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism (MoCT) as well as Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority for national parks are the institutions responsible for forestry in Ethiopia.

The NFA of Ethiopia will thus help in monitoring progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and Vision 2020 especially in regard to food security, poverty alleviation and the environment. It is important to mention that the NFA of Ethiopia was a participatory process where stakeholders have raised their necessities of information and all were taken into count while defining the variables to be collected.

This field manual is addressed to field data collectors as well as to national forest inventory planners, trainers and field inventory supervisors. The methods, assessment variables and tools presented in this field manual template are not rigid. They have to be tailored and adapted to each individual country, taking into account national contexts, social and ecological environments, and information requirements at the national level. Involvement of all stakeholders is essential in this adaptation process to ensure that results will meet expectations of all national level information users. Some core variables to be assessed, definitions and options are selected in accordance to international standards, in order to facilitate country reporting to various international processes and encourage harmonisation between data collection initiatives among countries. However, most of the variables, their definitions and options as well as field forms (data collection record sheets) can (and need to) be modified according to country specifications.

The first part of the manual describes the adopted sampling design, distribution of the sampling units where measurements are carried out and their configuration. Part two deals with the Land Use/Cover classification adopted as a basis for the assessment. Part three presents organisational structure and responsibilities of field team members. Methods and procedures for data collection in the field are described in part four, while part five presents in detail the field forms that are used for recording data from field measurements, observations and interviews with forest and land users.

The Annexes provide practical tools and methods for measuring the variables (tree and soil measurements), a guide for the use of Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers and techniques and approaches to carry out guided discussions and interviews with key informants and resource user groups

Objective

The overall objective of the NFA of Ethiopia will be to generate reliable information on forest resources for policy formulation, institutional capacity building, planning, conservation and utilization of natural resources on a sustainable basis.

Specific objectives

- 1- To identify information needs and adapt methodology and approach developed by NFMA office of FAO to national context through participatory process.
- 2- Design and set up a long term monitoring system of the forests and trees outside of forest based on a network of permanent plots materialized across the country.
- 3- Collect data on variables that respond to national necessities of information mainly focused on: Forest and other land cover area, growing stock of forest, biomass and carbon, state and quality of the forests and trees outside of forests, social economic information about use and management of forest products and services.

- 4- Set up a data base to file and manage the field information for analysis and dissemination.

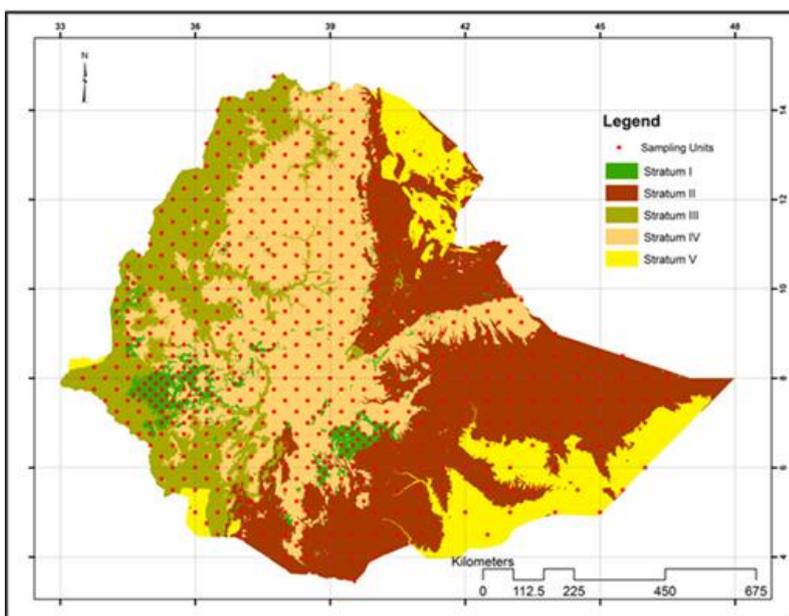
1. Sampling design

1.1 Sampling unit selection and distribution

The sampling design adopted for the NFA in Ethiopia is systematic. Depending on a country's situation and information needs, higher sampling intensity may be applied. Stratification may be adopted in situations where stable strata such as ecological zones are deemed to improve the design.

The number of sampling units or sampling units to be surveyed was determined by the required statistical reliability of the data, the available financial and human resources for the assessment, and with a view to enabling periodic monitoring. In order to optimize the sampling intensity of the National Forest Inventory (NFI), subdividing the whole country into reasonable strata is the primary task. In this regard, the team has conducted the stratification of the whole country by considering major variables that could affect the distribution of tree or woody species all over Ethiopia. So as to select the variables, discussions were held to compare the influence of physical and climatic factors towards the distribution of the forests and woody species. And it was come to agreement to use elevation and recent land use/land cover (2004) as factors to prepare inventory strata all over Ethiopia.

Ethiopia's grid elevation information was derived from a 30mX30m resolution ASTER-DEM. Before come up with the final elevation grid, the original ASTER-DEM's missed elevation information was filled with patching using 3DEM software. Then, the whole ranges of elevations were reduced and classed in to four major classes (<1500masl, 1500-3200masl, 3200-3700 and >3700masl) in such a way that it could capture the influence of temperature and rainfall. Similarly, the vector data of land use/land cover (IFPRI, 2004) was converted in to raster grid format and the cell sizes were rescaled to similar size to that of ASTER-DEM for raster analysis. In relation to this, the land use/land cover classes of 2004 were reduced from 12 classes to 4 classes in a way that it could fulfil the standard of FAO land use/land cover classification system. The field sampling is divided into 5 strata, According to the significance of the stratum types, the sampling distances were determined and the plot coordinates were generated using grid dot generator. Accordingly, within the distance variation of 1/4 x 1/4 degree Square and Triangular Combination grids plots coordinates were generated in the Stratum I, and 1/2 x 1/2 degree Square



and Triangular Combination grids for Stratum II and IV, 1/2 x 1/2 degree Square grid for Stratum III, and 1x1 degree square grids in The sample density and distribution by strata and by region are shown in **Error! Reference source not found.** and **Error! Reference source not found.** below.

Stratum Name	REGION NAME								Sub Total
	Afar	Amhara	Ben.Gumuz	Gambela	Oromia	SNNPR	Somali	Tigray	
Stratum I	0	7	7	12	65	16	0	0	107
Stratum II	20	1	0	0	42	1	71	0	135
Stratum III	1	32	27	15	16	32	0	14	137
Stratum IV	0	71	3	0	99	32	7	20	232
Stratum V	6	0	0	0	0	1	13	0	20
Sub Total	27	111	37	27	222	82	91	34	631

1.2 Sampling Units description

Data is collected in the field through observations, measurements and interviews at different levels: within the limits of the sampling units (SU) and in smaller subunits, the plots, subplots, Land Use/Cover Sections (LUCS) and Land Use/Cover Classes (LUCC) demarcated within the sampling units (see Each plot is divided into Land Use/Cover Sections (LUCS) representing homogenous land use / vegetation cover units (forest, crops, grassland...), with variable size and shape that have been identified in the field. The classification system adopted to identify the different land use/cover classes is described in chapter 1. Data related to grazing, cropping and forest characteristics, management and resources use and users are collected within the LUCS.

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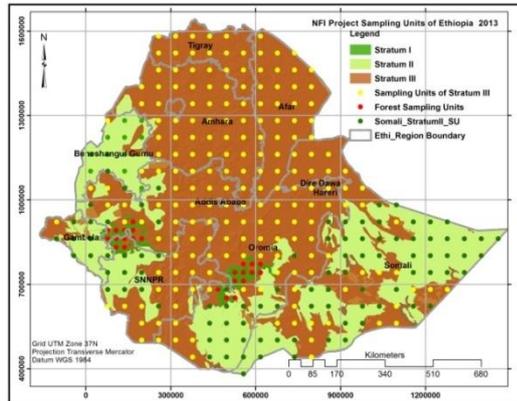
A **sampling unit (SU)** is illustrated by a square surface area of 1 km x 1 km (see Each plot is divided into Land Use/Cover Sections (LUCS) representing homogenous land use / vegetation cover units (forest, crops, grassland...), with variable size and shape that have been identified in the field. The classification system adopted to identify the different land use/cover classes is described in chapter 1. Data related to grazing, cropping and forest characteristics, management and resources use and users are collected within the LUCS.

-) and is defined through the coordinates of its south-west corner, which are selected through the systematic sampling frame. Each SU contains four field plots.
- The **plots** are rectangles, with surface areas measuring 20 m wide and 250 m long within the SU. They start at each corner of an inner 500 m square (same centre as SU's), and are numbered clockwise from 1 to 4 as shown in figure 2. The location and orientation of the 4 plots are given in **Error! Reference source not found.**

Table 1. Plot location and orientation

Plot	Location of the starting point of the plot, within the 500 m	Orientation	Bearing
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	inner square		
Plot 1	South-West corner	South-North	0 / 360 degrees



Plot 2	North-West corner	West-East	90 degrees
Plot 3	North-East corner	North-South	180 degrees
Plot 4	South-East corner	East-West	270 degrees

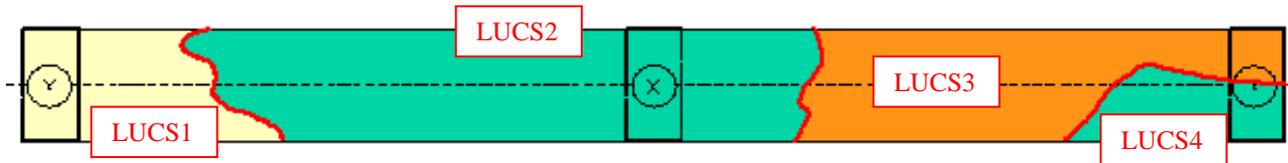
- Three sets of **subplots** are delimited within each plot. They correspond to different data collection levels:
 - 3 **Rectangular Subplots (RSP)**, 20 m x 10 m (200 m²), corresponding to level 1;
 - 3 **Circular Subplots (CSP)**, with a radius of 3.99 m (50 m²), corresponding to level 2, located in the left-hand half of the rectangular subplots; and
 - 3 **Litter Subplots (LSP)**, also circular but smaller with a radius of 18 cm (about 0.1 m²), corresponding to level 3, located in the centre of the Circular Subplots.
- All these subplot categories are numbered from “1” to “3”, from the starting point of the plot to the end of the plot.
- An edaphic (soil) and topographic **measurement point (MP)** is established at the centre of each rectangular subplot.
- A **fallen deadwood transect line (FDT)** is located at the end of each rectangular subplot.

Each plot is divided into Land Use/Cover Sections (LUCS) representing homogenous land use / vegetation cover units (forest, crops, grassland...), with variable size and shape that have been identified in the field. The classification system adopted to identify the different land use/cover classes is described in chapter 1. Data related to grazing, cropping and forest characteristics, management and resources use and users are collected within the LUCS.

FIGURE 2: Sampling unit, plot and subplot design



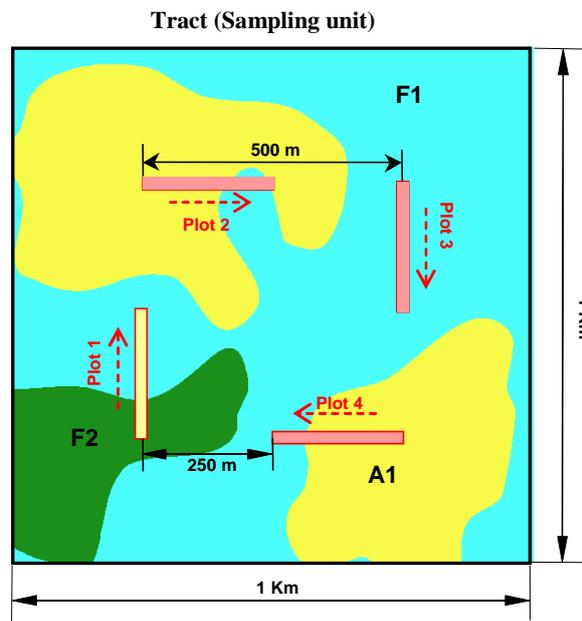
Figure 1: Example of land use/cover sections (LUCS) distribution within a plot



There are 4 land use/cover sections in this plot. The wavy lines indicate the limits between them. LUCS2 and LUCS4 belong to the same Land Use/Cover class.

- **All Land Use/Cover Class (LUCC)** found in all 4 plots in the SU will also be used to collect data on products and services (Figure 4). If a land use/ cover class is identified in the SU but is not represented inside the plots, it is not considered.

Figure 2: Example of land use/cover classes (LUCC) distribution within a sampling unit



Note: In this example there are three different land use/cover classes in the sampling unit (coded A1, F1 and F2).

The specifications of the different units are summarized in Table 3. The distances indicated in the table below represent horizontal measurements. See the procedure of measuring horizontal distances in Annex 6.4.

Table2. Survey unit specifications

Unit	Shape	Size (area)*	Number
Sampling unit	Square	1000 m x 1000 m (1 km ²)	1
Plot	Rectangle	250 m x 20 m (5000 m ²)	4/SU
Rectangular Subplot (RSP)	Rectangle	10 m x 20 m (200 m ²)	3/plot
Circular Subplot (CSP)	Circular	Radius r = 3,99 m (50 m ²)	3/plot
Litter Subplot (LSP)	Circular	Radius r = 18,0 cm (0,1 m ²)	3/plot
Fallen Dead Wood Transect (FDT)	Line	20 m	3/plot
Land Use/Cover Sections (LUCS)	Variable	Variable	Variable
Land Use/Cover Class (LUCC)	Variable	Variable	Variable

Notes: All distances indicated are horizontal distances.

2. Land use/cover classification

The classification system used to define land use/cover classes (LUCC) is based on a dichotomous approach and includes different levels:

- **The first level** is composed of the global designated for the assessment of resources at global level and is based on the classification system developed by the Forest Resources Assessment Programme of FAO to ensure harmonization between countries for regional or global assessments. The global classes include **Forests, Other wooded land, Other land and inland water**.
- **The second, third and fourth levels** are country specific, and include additional classes designated to meet specific federal and regional information needs:
 - ⇒ The second level applies to all classes and differentiates between land use/land cover;
 - ⇒ The third level refers to evergreen, semi deciduous and deciduous forests and describes its naturalness;
 - ⇒ The fourth level mainly applies to vegetation canopy cover and is applicable only to evergreen, shrubs and natural grassland.

A code with 2 to 5 characters has been associated to each class in order to facilitate data collection and input.

An example of the classes and related codes used in NFMAIs shown in Table 3. The diagram in **Figure 3** shows the dichotomous approach and the class subdivision. Global classes are further defined in Annex (section 6.1, p. 88).

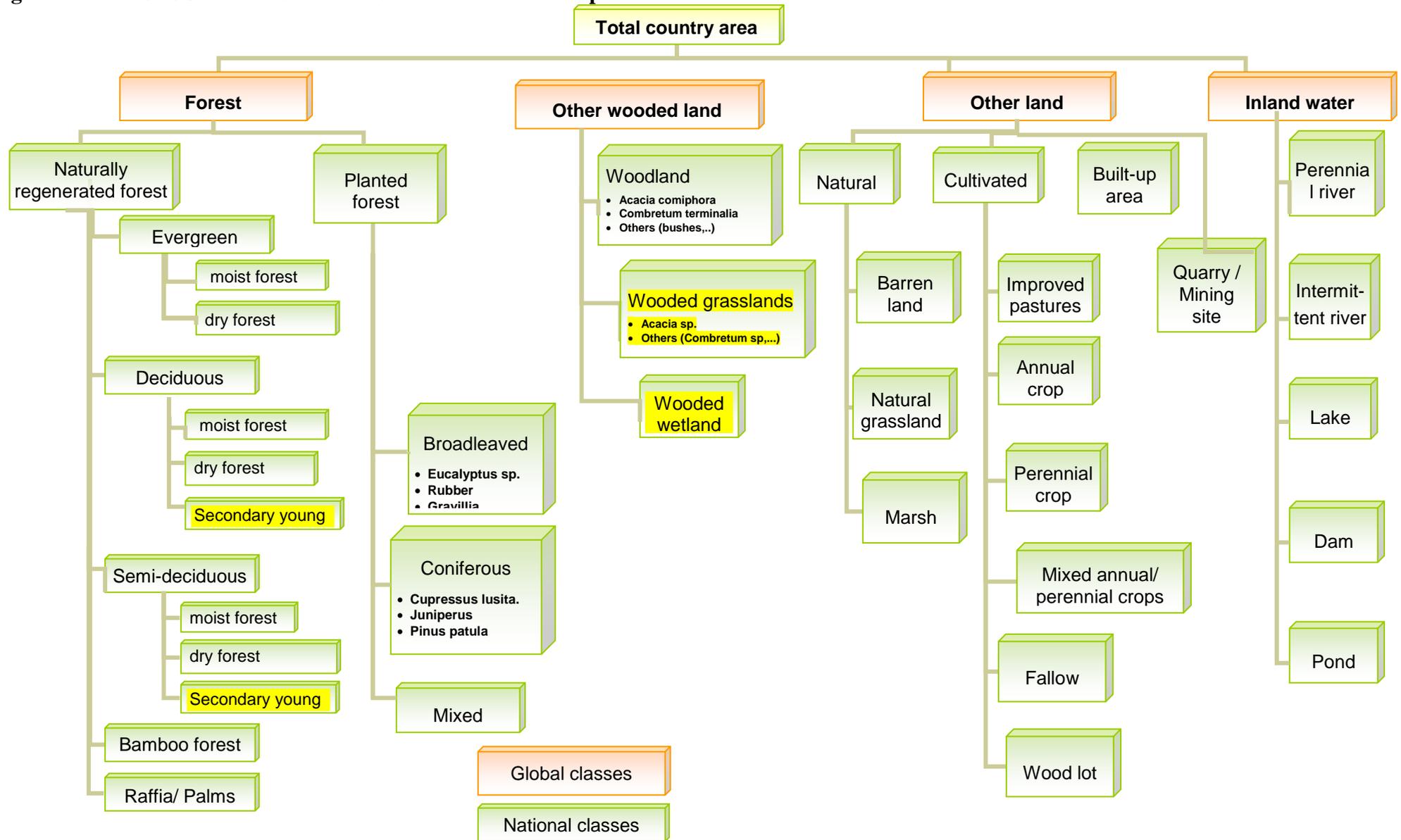
Table 3. Land use/cover classification in the NFA of ETHIOPIA

Land Use/Cover Class (LUCC)				Brief description	Code	
Global class	National class					
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4			
Forest	Area ≥ 0.5 ha; Tree canopy cover ≥ 10%; Tree height ≥ 5 m at maturity in situ; Width > 20 m. Excludes land that is predominantly under agricultural or urban land use (orchards, agroforestry systems...).					
	Naturally regenerated forest	Forest predominantly composed of trees established through natural regeneration.				
		Evergreen forest	Naturally regenerated forest composed of more than 75% of evergreen trees species.			
			Moist forest	Evergreen forest with native species where there are no clearly visible indications of human activities and the ecological processes are not significantly disturbed.		FEP
			Dry forest	Evergreen forest where there are clearly visible indications of human activities; most of the trees have reached maturity.		FEM
			Evergreen forest where there are clearly visible indications of human activities; most of the trees are juvenile or growing.		FEY	
		Deciduous forest	Naturally regenerated forest composed of more than 75% of deciduous trees species.			
			Moist forest	Deciduous forest with native species where there are no clearly visible indications of human activities and the ecological processes are not significantly disturbed.		FDP
			Dry forest	Deciduous forest where there are clearly visible indications of human activities; most of the trees have reached maturity.		FDM
			Secondary forest	Deciduous forest where there are clearly visible indications of human activities; most of the trees are juvenile or growing.		FDY
		Semi-deciduous forest	Naturally regenerated forest where trees are at least 25% each of evergreen and deciduous species.			
			Moist forest	Semi-deciduous forest with native species where there are no clearly visible indications of human activities and the ecological processes are not significantly disturbed.		FSP
			Dry forest	Semi-deciduous forest where there are clearly visible indications of human activities; most of the trees have reached maturity.		FSM
			Secondary forest	Semi-deciduous forest where there are clearly visible indications of human activities; most of the trees are juvenile or growing.		FSY
			Bamboo forest	Naturally regenerated forest predominantly composed of bamboo vegetation.		FB
		Raffia/Palms	Naturally regenerated forest predominantly composed of palm or raffia vegetation.		FR	
	Planted forest	Forest predominantly composed of trees established through planting and/or deliberate seeding. Includes coppice from trees that were originally planted or seeded.				
		Broadleaved planted forest (Eucalyptus sp., Rubber, Gravillia,...)	Planted forest composed of more than 75% of broadleaved species.		FPB	
		Coniferous planted forest	Planted forest composed of more than 75% of coniferous species.		FPC	
		Mixed planted forest	Planted forest of at least 25% each of coniferous and broadleaved species.		FPM	

Land Use/Cover Class (LUCC)				Brief description	Code
Global class	National class				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4		
Other wooded lands	Area \geq 0.5 ha; Tree canopy cover 5-10% with trees >5m at maturity in situ or shrubs/bushes canopy cover \geq 10% or combined cover of bush, shrubs and trees \geq 10%. Excludes land that is predominantly under agricultural or urban land use.				
		Shrubs		Land with shrubs/bushes canopy cover \geq 10% or combined cover of bush, shrubs and trees \geq 10%. Shrubs and bushes are woody perennial plants, < 5 m in height at maturity in situ. Tree canopy cover < 5% (tree are woody perennial plant > 5 m at maturity in situ).	WS
		Wooded grassland		Land covered by natural growth of graminea and herbaceous vegetation, with some scattered trees (tree canopy cover between 5-10%); Land not covered seasonally or permanently by water.	WG
		Wooded wetland		Land seasonally or permanently covered by water with natural growth of graminea and herbaceous vegetation and some scattered trees (canopy cover between 5-10%).	WW
Other land	Land not classified as forest or other wooded land, as described above (Includes land with tree canopy cover <5% or with shrubs/bushes <10% or with predominant agricultural/urban land use or with shrubs/ trees<0.5ha).				
	Natural	BarrenLand		Land where vegetation cover is less than 2%. Includes land covered of sand, soil and rocks.	OX
		Natural Grassland		Land covered with natural growth of graminea and herbaceous vegetation.	OG
		Marsh		Land seasonally or permanently covered by water and dominated by natural growth of graminea, reed and other herbaceous.	OM
	Cultivated	Improved pastures		Land sown with introduced grass and leguminous for the grazing of livestock.	OP
		Annual crop		Area covered by crops that are sown and harvested during the same production season/ agricultural year.	OCA
		Perennial crop		Crops that are sown or planted once and need not to be replanted after each annual harvest. Includes trees (e.g. apples or other fruit trees), bushes and shrubs (e.g. berries, coffee...), palms (e.g. dates), vines (e.g., grapes), herbaceous stems (e.g. bananas) and stemless plants (e.g. pineapples).	OCP
		Mixed annual and perennial crop		Association of annual and perennial crops.	OCM
		Fallow		Previously cultivated land kept free from crops or weeds during at least one growing season, where woody vegetation is and will not reach 5m height.	OF
		Wood lot		Areas spanning between 0.2 and 0.5 ha , with trees >5m at maturity mainly used is for wood stock.	OW
		Built up area		Populated areas with significant constructions. Includes homes scattered in the field. <i>Notes: a road is considered as a distinct Land Use/Cover Section (built-up area) if wider than 15 meters (from bottom of ditch on one side to the bottom of ditch on the other side when ditches exists, otherwise the width of the road bank) and if not a forest road.</i>	OB
	Quarry/Mining site		Areas used for exsampling unition of minerals, rocks, sands, clay... Includes: quarry, mining, exsampling unition areas, oil/gas wells.	OQ	

Land Use/Cover Class (LUCC)			Brief description	Code
Global class	National class			
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		
Inland water	Area occupied by major rivers (width ≥ 15m), lakes, ponds and reservoirs.			
	PerennialRiver		Rivers (width ≥ 15m) that maintains water in its channel throughout the year.	IRP
	IntermittentRiver (seasonal)		Rivers (width ≥ 15m) that flows only at certain times of the year.	IRS
	Lake		Large body of salt or fresh water surrounded by land.	IL
	Dam		Reservoir created by a barrier constructed to hold back the water and raise its level.	ID
	Pond		Small body of still water formed naturally or by hollowing or embankment.	IP
Outside land area	Outside Country		If a plot or part of the plot (LUCS) falls outside country borders.	XC
Unknown	The team could not reach the land use/cover section.			90

Figure 3. Land Use/Cover classification for the NFMA in Ethiopia

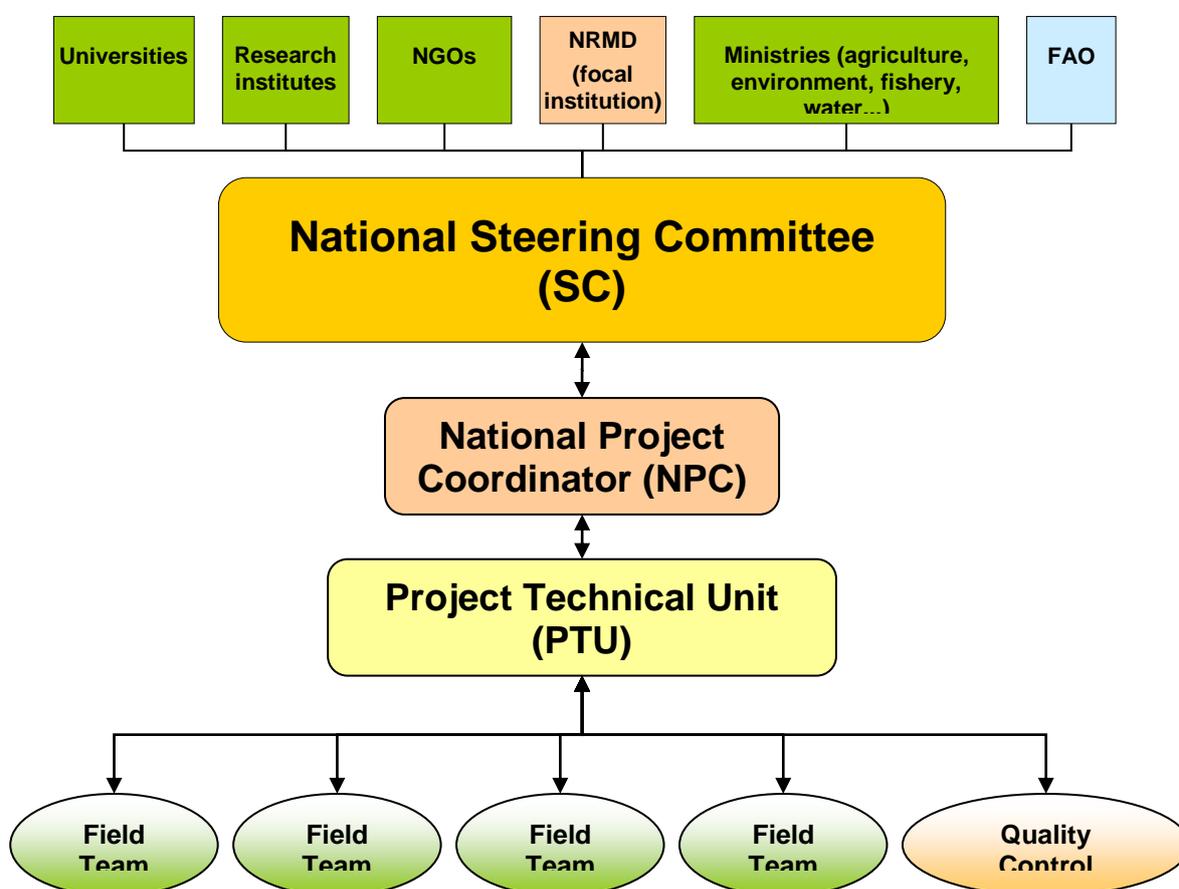


3. Organisational structure and responsibilities

3.1 Organisational chart

The organisation structure of NFMA in Ethiopia is set up at the Natural Resource Management Directorate (NRMD) designated as Focal Institution. The project is led by a full time National Project Coordinator (NPC). A Project National Technical Unit (PTU) whose members are drawn from participating National Institutions is created to coordinate, execute and monitor the project activities. The PTU is supervised by the National Steering Committee (SC) whose mandate is to oversee the NFMA activities. Field teams work in collaboration with the PTU and are responsible to undertake field data collection. One or several quality control teams will be verifying in the field some of the sampling units, randomly selected for each field team, in order to assess the quality of the work carried out by the field teams.

Figure 4. Organisation chart for the NFMA



- The **Project Technical Unit (PTU)** coordinates, executes and monitors the conduct of the NFMA at national level. This is done through:
 - Analysis and adaptation, if needed, of NFMA sampling design, inventoried variables and definitions;
 - Conducting training and hands-on training for Field Teams;
 - Setting up the Field Teams;

- Mobilisation of resources, and preparation of necessary resources and equipment such as vehicles, allocation of sampling units (SUs) among field teams; ensuring that all project requirements are procured timely for the project to be executed smoothly;
- Planning, organisation and coordination of fieldwork among districts and field teams;
- Monitoring and backstopping fieldwork, including technical and logistic support to field teams as well as field report checks, in order to ensure data quality and homogeneity among field teams;
- Control and validation of field forms;
- Data control and quality evaluation;
- Compilation of databases;
- Data processing and analysis;
- Report progressed to National Steering Committee; and
- Reporting and dissemination of results.

The PTU should ensure that there are mechanisms for effective participation of all key institutions that have direct valuable input in NFMA design and implementation. The PTU should also develop collaboration with relevant national projects involved in assessment and monitoring to enhance networking, coordination and use of findings.

- Field Teams are responsible for collection and recording of data in the field and transmission of the field forms to the Project technical Unit. Whenever it is possible, they are also responsible for data entry.

3.2 Field team composition

The composition of the NFA field teams is four members, taking into account the amount of information to be collected on the various land uses and the division of tasks among individuals. One member of the field team (temporary assistant) will be hired locally and act as guide in the field.

The team should include at least one person specialized in each of the concerned key disciplines, depending on the type of information to be collected in the assessment: forestry, botanic, sociology, wildlife, crop, livestock, soil, fishery, water, etc.

Moreover, at least one of team members who will be more working on field measurements and observations should also have some skills in interviewing, to carry out interviews with key informants as well as with focus groups and individuals. As some interviews (in particular focus group interviews) often have to be gender separated, it is recommendable that one of the team members assigned to interview activities is female.

In addition the inclusion of a student in an appropriate discipline (forestry, agriculture, environment, ecology) is strongly recommended for capacity building. Additional persons may be included to improve performance of the field teams when conditions require greater resources.

In general team members must be experienced in tree, shrub and herbaceous species identification (using local and/or scientific names). It is also recommended that some of the team members speak the local language.

The responsibilities of each team member must be clearly defined and their tasks are proposed

as follows:

- The **team leader** is responsible for organizing all the phases of the fieldwork, from the preparation to the data collection. He/she has the responsibility of contacting and maintaining good relationships with the community and the informants and monitoring and ensuring timely progress in the fieldwork. He/she will specifically:
 - Prepare the fieldwork: carry out the bibliographic research and gather required secondary data, field forms and maps at appropriate scales;
 - Plan the work for the team;
 - Establish contact and introduce the survey objectives and work plan to local authorities, local technical officers (forestry, agriculture, land, community development), and request their assistance to inform local communities and identify key informants, guides and assistants;
 - Administer the location and access of SUs and plots;
 - Take care of team logistics: obtain information and organise accommodation facilities and food (meals; cooking facilities); recruit local assistants; organize access to the SUs;
 - Plan /organise the interviews together with those team members assigned to undertake interviews;
 - Be responsible for ensuring accurate filling in of recording forms and taking notes and applying cross-checking procedures to insure reliable data;
 - Organize daily meetings after fieldwork in order to sum up the day's activities and plan the next day;
 - Make a report of the SU summarizing the data collection process;
 - Take necessary measurements and observations and carry out interviews;
 - Enter the data in the database (if possible);
 - Organize and ensure fieldwork safety (first aid kit, support of local authority/armed guards if required, reduce risk from wildlife);
 - Maintain good team spirit.
- The **assistant of the team leader** will:
 - Help the team leader to carry out his/her tasks;
 - Ensure easy access to the SU with a guide very familiar with the area;
 - Take necessary measurements and observations and carry out interviews;
 - Make sure that the equipment of the team is always complete and operational;
 - Supervise and orient the temporary assistants;
 - Assist the team leader in the making of the SU report;
 - Take over if the team leader falls sick.
- The **technical field team members/enumerators** will carry out the field measurements and interviews.
- The **temporary assistants, who are recruited locally, should be** assigned the following tasks, according to their skills and knowledge of local species, language and practices:
 - Help to measure distances;
 - Provide the common/local name of tree, plants, and wildlife species;

- Inform about access to the SU;
- Open ways to facilitate access and visibility to technicians;
- Provide information about the various natural resources uses and management (forest, soil, water, crop, livestock...);
- Carry the equipment.

Training of the teams on the survey methodology should be undertaken in theoretical and practical sessions in the beginning of the fieldwork where techniques of different land measurements, tally of data and techniques of interviews will be explained and practised.

The names and addresses of the team members must be written down in **field form F1b**.

4. Fieldwork procedure

4.1 Overview of data collection process

Data are collected by the field teams for SUS, plots, subplots, measurement points, land use/cover section (LUCS), land use/cover class (LUCC) and interviewees. The main information sources for the assessment are:

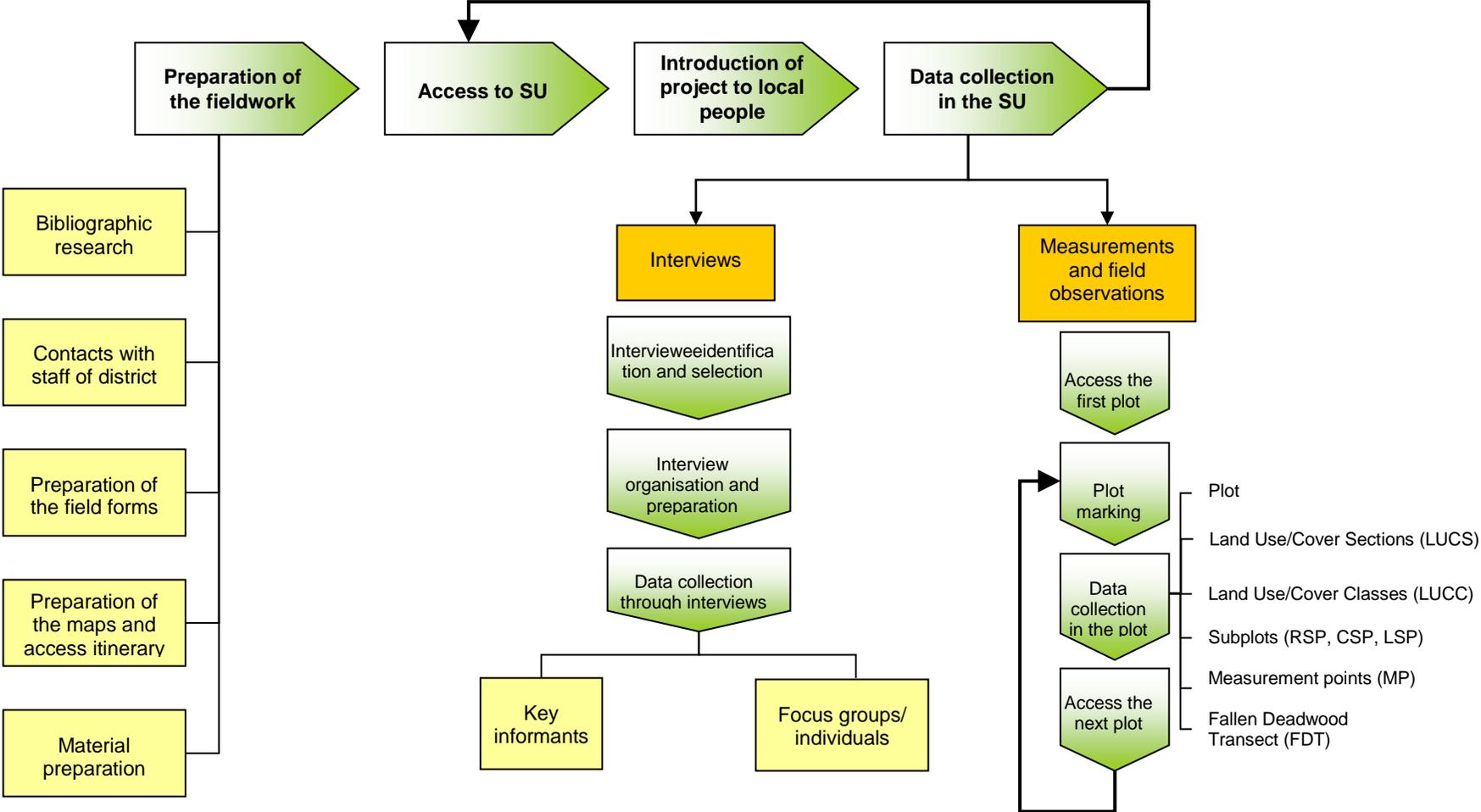
- Field measurements and observations.
- Interviews with key informants (external and internal), focus groups and individuals and randomly selected households.

Those two main sources of information imply the use of different methods and approaches that complement and triangulate each other. Depending on the data to be collected and on the field conditions, one of the sources might dominate (e.g. high populated areas versus low populated). Additionally, field observations made by the field teams should be applied to confirm the information obtained from interviews.

The time taken for data collection in each SU is typically less than three days, but it can vary a lot depending on access and vegetation conditions.

The process for data collection is summarized in **Error! Reference source not found.**, which also outlines the structure of the following sections.

Figure 5. Data collection procedures



4.2 Preparation for the fieldwork

4.2.1 Bibliographic research

Secondary information is necessary to prepare the field survey and carry out the interviews. Existing reports on natural resource and forest inventory, species, biodiversity, farming systems, national policy and community management issues, local people, customs and livelihoods and socioeconomic context, etc. have to be studied to enable the team members to understand and to build better knowledge on the local realities.

The field team leader is responsible for obtaining this data, but should obtain support of district/provincial authorities to compile and make available information required for NFMA, such as:

- Demographics/population census;
- Crop, livestock, forest, range, soil and water resources and production data;
- Tree species and other biodiversity data;
- Socioeconomic data (markets; infrastructure, health, etc.); and
- Policy and legislation application, especially local byelaws, etc.

4.2.2 Contacts with communities and relevant local government departments

Each field team should, through its leader, start its work by contacting district staff who is involved in local/community based development in the area where the sampling units (SU) are located. These local staff should help contacting the authorities, community leaders and land owners in order to introduce the field team and its programme of work in the area. The local staff may also provide information about access conditions to the site and about the people who can be locally recruited as guides or workers with required local knowledge on relevant subjects (land use practices, forest use, etc.). They should also inform the local people about the project and fieldwork and generate interest in the survey findings by local stakeholders.

A recommendation and identification letter written by the relevant government departments, asking for support and assistance to the field team members should be issued to facilitate the work.

The data related to the land owners and informants must be reported in **form F1b**.

4.2.3 Preparation of the field forms

The Project Technical Unit prepare and print for each team the necessary field forms to cover the SUs assigned to it. For each SU, 6 field forms of one or more pages are needed. The forms are further described in the following section (**section 5, p. 44**).

Some information will be filled in before going out in the field: sections for identification of the SU and plots (**header of each page**), general information related to SU location (**form F1, section A**), coordinates of the starting point of the plot (**form F2, section A**), names of field team members (**form F1b**).

The use of secondary data sources, particularly maps, is necessary to determine information such as names of administrative centres (administrative maps), ecological and agro-ecological zones (FAO/FRA 2000 global ecological zones map and national ecological zones maps).

Some sections in the form may be filled in during the preparation phase, and be later verified in the field: population data (**form F1, part B**), information on distances to infrastructure (**form F1, part C**) and so forth.

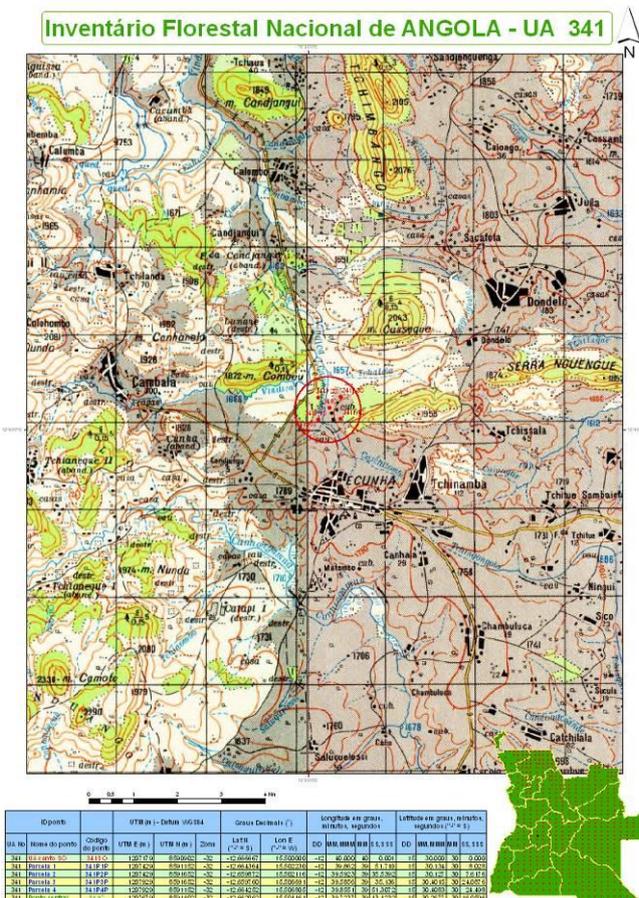
The team leader must ensure that enough forms are available to carry out the planned field data collection.

4.2.4 Preparation of the field maps and GPS set up

Maps covering the study area should be prepared to help the orientation in the field. These may be enlarged and reproduced at the appropriate scale, if necessary. These should include topographic (1:50,000 scale, if possible), administrative (1:250,000) and land cover maps (1:250,000).

Prior to the field visit, each team must plan the easiest and least time-consuming itinerary to access the SU. Advice of local informants (local forestry and extension staff, for example) are usually valuable and help saving time in searching the best option to access the SU.

Figure 6. Example of field map with plot location fromNFMA



The SU and plot limits will be delineated on topographic maps and if available on aerial photographs or high resolution satellite images. The starting points of the four plots in the SU are to be indicated together with their respective coordinates in a projection system commonly used in the country (such as UTM), in meters (X, Y). A metric projection system is more precise and easier to apply when using the maps, and will be used in GPS. The GPS will be set up accordingly by specifying the projection system (e.g. “UTM”) and datum used (e.g. “WGS84”).

An enlarged section of the map corresponding to the area surrounding the SU will be prepared (photocopy or printed copy) and used to draw the access route to the first plot (see **Figure 6** **Error! Reference source not found.**).

The plot order (1 to 4) for data collection will vary according to conditions of accessibility. It is determined during the preparation phase, before going to the field.

Reference objects (roads, rivers, houses) that contribute to better orientation of the team in the field are identified.

The starting point coordinates of the plots are entered into the GPS receiver as waypoints. The point name will be given in the following way: (three digits SU number) + “P” (=Plot) + (Plot number) + “S” (= Starting), e.g. for SU 13, plot 3: 013P3S.

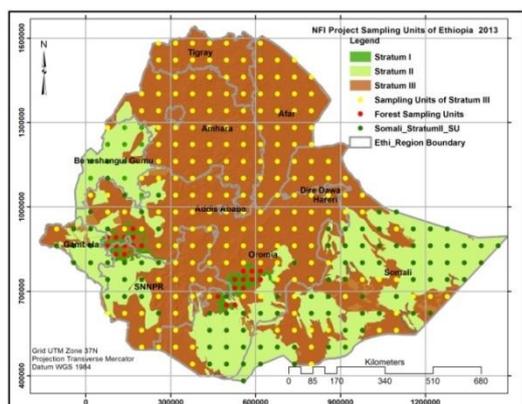


Figure 7. UTM Zones (example of Ethiopia)

UTM Zone and grid	Latitude (Y)	Longitude (X)
36 North = N36	≥ 0° N	< 36° E
36 South = M36	< 0° N	< 36° E
37 North = N37	≥ 0° N	≥ 36° E
37 South = M37	< 0° N	≥ 36° E

4.2.5 Field equipment per team

In order to conduct the data collection in the field, each field team must carry the equipment that is listed in Table 4.

Table 4. Equipment required for each field team

Equipment needed	Number required
Measurement tools	
Precision compass (360°)	1
GPS receiver (Geographic Positioning System) and extra batteries	1
Tree height and land slope measuring equipment	1
320cm / 10 m diameter tapes	2
30-50 m measuring tape or rope/chain marked at every meter	1
Range finder with amplification	1
Digital camera+ Spare memory card + Extra batteries + charger	1
30-50cm galvanized steel bars for plot marking	80
Coloured flagging tape	Several rolls
Machete	2
File	1
Waterproof bags	1
Callipers / ruler	1
Hydron pH paper	2 packs
First aid kit	1
Clothing	
Boots and waterproof outfits	For each permanent Team member
Leather gloves	1-2 pairs
Documents, papers	
Clipboard	2
Topographic maps and field maps	As necessary
Field forms	As necessary
Field manual	As necessary
Notebooks	2
Pens and markers	As necessary
Hand calculator	1

Flora and fauna species lists and identification keys	As necessary
Cell phone and/or radio	1

4.3 Introduction of the project to the local people

If the SU area is inhabited, the team must establish contacts with local people on arrival to the site and meet with contacted persons, village representative, closest government institution in place and owners. Except in very remote areas, the local population should be contacted before visiting the SU, in order to inform them about the visit and request permission to access the property. An introductory meeting should be organized to briefly and clearly introduce and explain the aim of the visit and study to generate interest and avoid misunderstandings or raising false expectations. A map or an aerial photograph, showing the limits of the SU, may be very useful to facilitate the understanding. It is important to ensure that both local people and the field team understand which area will be studied. Cooperation and support from local people are essential to carry out the fieldwork. It is easier to achieve this support if the first impression is good. Nevertheless, it must be stressed that the fieldwork consists only in data collection for use by decision makers at national/provincial levels and is not a local development project. Care must be taken to ensure that no commitments are made during discussions and interviews.

Some key points about the project introduction are mentioned in **Error! Reference source not found.**

Besides the presentation of NFMA, this initial meeting aims at resolving logistical matters. After the general introduction, access to the land, especially to forest and protected areas, fieldwork and interview schedule, as well as food and accommodation issues should be discussed. This meeting should also give the opportunities to start collection of secondary data and to identify key informants and user groups for focus group interviews.

Box1. Key points to be stressed when presenting the assessment to the local people

- This assessment is part of a larger programme for land use data collection at global and country level.
- There is limited information on the local use of land and natural resources and the problems that might exist at the local level. The collected land use information will be used by the country and the international community.
- The objective is to generate reliable information for improved land use and resources management policies that take into account peoples' reality and needs. Such information could help the government to plan and improve on food security and poverty reduction.
- The sampling units (SU) where the survey will be carried out are distributed systematically throughout the country. XX SUs were selected in the country.
- The results from the study will be shared with the local authorities and communities after the data analysis. A meeting will be held to present the results to local authority. Posters and a copy of the final documents and reports will be sent to regional governmental offices.
- The study will use a participatory approach therefore involve local users of resources in data collection and understand how they manage their resources.
- The data are collected from two main sources:
 - (1) Measurements and observations of land use and management practices in forest, agriculture lands, rangeland, pasture including livestock, wildlife and trees outside of forests; and
 - (2) Interviews with key persons, individuals, focus groups and randomly selected households
- Measurement to be undertaken includes: tree diameter and height; species composition (forest, crops and plants); soil and water quality; and land degradation indicators.
- The field team should be especially interested in the perception of local land users on land use changes and will therefore interview them about the main products exsampling united from land; land use related problems; and local solutions/innovations.
- Some or all of the SUs surveyed in the country will be monitored in the future, and on a periodic basis (e.g. every 5 years) with the aim of assessing land use changes and their impacts and implications.

4.4 Field data collection

4.4.1 Interviews

The following sections present the procedure on the identification and selection of persons to be interviewed, the interview's preparation, organization and conduction.

The interviews will be carried out with the following target groups: key informants; focus groups or individuals and randomly selected households.

A summary of the interview procedure is provided in the **Error! Reference source not found.**

Table 5. Interview procedure

Target group to be interviewed	Who are they?	How to identify them?	Where?	When? (see Error! Reference source not found., p. Error! Bookmark not defined.)	Information
Key informants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External key informants, includes officers from local government departments, NGOs, extension workers and local administration representatives. • Internal key informants, includes the community members who possess an overall and in-depth knowledge of the local use and users of natural resources, such as community leaders, community representatives, school teachers, customary leaders, community based organizations and owners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on their official function and personnel involvement in the areas development. • Suggestion from local government departments, NGOs and community members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the office • At the house • At the site/village 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the planning phase of the fieldwork • Before reaching the site • When arriving to the site • During the fieldwork activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logistics • Background information on the SU • Information on the people living in the SU or in the surroundings, including household locations • General information on the distance and access to the SU/plots • General information on the Land Use/Cover Section (ownership, protection status, management, ecological problems) • General information on local uses and importance of forest products and services • Information that will help identifying user groups. This information will help select individuals and focus groups to interview • Queering where questions were left blank after data collection • For verification and cross examination of data collected from households

Target group to be interviewed	Who are they?	How to identify them?	Where?	When? (see Error! Reference source not found., p. Error! Bookmark not defined.)	Information
Focus groups or individuals	<p>Representative groups or individuals living and/or using forest / land resources in the area.</p> <p>Examples of user/focus groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest and tree users; logging companies • Farmers and pastoralists managing various combinations of crop, livestock, rangeland and agroforestry systems • Fishermen – using water resources for fishing and aquaculture • Women • Men • Youth • Owners • Tenants • Occupants • Nomads / transhumant, etc. • Long-term residents (for historical changes) • Hunters and gatherers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended by key informants • Identified by applying rapid rural appraisal to identify stakeholders (see section □6.6.2) • Gender balance in resource uses should be considered when selecting focus groups • Locally recruited team members can be used as focus individuals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At their house or in the village • In the field (transect walk, persons working in the field) • Close to or within the SU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the introduction to the local people • Arranged meetings (group or individual meeting) parallel to and after the data collection in the plot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on local population (history, etc.) • General information on the land use/cover section (ownership, protection status, management, ecological problems, etc.) • Products and services • Management and uses, of products and services derived from the different land uses/ resources • Historical information related to the changes in the area • Temporal changes in land resources, biodiversity and livelihoods, invasive and threatened species • Change in ecosystem services and functions

Target group to be interviewed	Who are they?	How to identify them?	Where?	When? (see Error! Reference source not found., p. Error! Bookmark not defined.)	Information
<p data-bbox="185 560 342 711">Selected households (for the household survey)</p> <p data-bbox="203 756 282 783">ILUA</p>	<p data-bbox="387 344 725 424">16 households living in a 2km circle radius from the SU centre</p>	<ul data-bbox="763 352 1061 655" style="list-style-type: none"> • Random selection within the HSA (2km from the SU centre (see section Error! Reference source not found.)) • If within the sampling site there are less than 16 households all will be interviewed 	<ul data-bbox="1084 352 1285 448" style="list-style-type: none"> • At the household • In their fields 	<ul data-bbox="1350 352 1632 448" style="list-style-type: none"> • Parallel to the biophysical data collection in the plot 	<ul data-bbox="1655 352 2047 871" style="list-style-type: none"> • Household questionnaires (Form F7) • Household composition and activities • Natural resources products (Fish, wildlife, trees, forest, crop) • Crop and livestock production systems • Accessibility to services and water resources, etc. • Conflicts (in resource use and accessibility) • Other: Changing in status of threatened species and invasive species

A. Identification and selection of informants and interviewees

As previously mentioned three major informant categories will be interviewed:

- Key informants;
- Focus groups and individuals; and
- Randomly selected households.

In sparsely populated areas and in the absence of local inhabitants or sedentary populations, many of the social economic variables will essentially be collected from observations or from key informants.

All the persons interviewed (key informants, individuals and households) and providing information on the SU must be mentioned in the list of persons involved in the assessment (**form F1b**).

- **Key informants**

These are external (living outside the area) or internal (living in the area) individuals with particular knowledge about the area, the land/ natural resource use and the local community. They do not have to be local land resource users themselves.

In the process of planning of the fieldwork, local government officials, leaders of local development organizations and local administration will be contacted for logistics and planning purposes. They may provide very useful background information and may be selected as **external key informants**. Often they have knowledge about conditions and accessibility to the site. They may also provide literature and other existing data.

Some individuals within the community may possess an overall and in-depth knowledge of the local settings, customs and use of natural resources and may serve as **internal key informants**.

- **Focus groups and individuals**

These are representative persons of key stakeholders or land/resources user groups that are of particular importance and/or significant in the area. User groups are defined as people who relate to and use the forest and tree resources on a frequent basis. These people live in or close to the SU. They may be interviewed in groups (focus groups), or individually (focus individual).

Upon arrival to the site, the main resource user groups, or stakeholders, must be identified. This task may be carried out through discussions with village representatives, community members, and key informants, or through visual exercises. Stakeholders identification and the understanding of the relationships between users and resources can be undertaken through the Rapid Rural Appraisal (RRA) exercise, as explained in Annex section □6.6.2 p. 91 (Venn diagram). It is recommended to carry out such an exercise during the introduction meeting, so that an overview of the key user groups is established early in the stay.

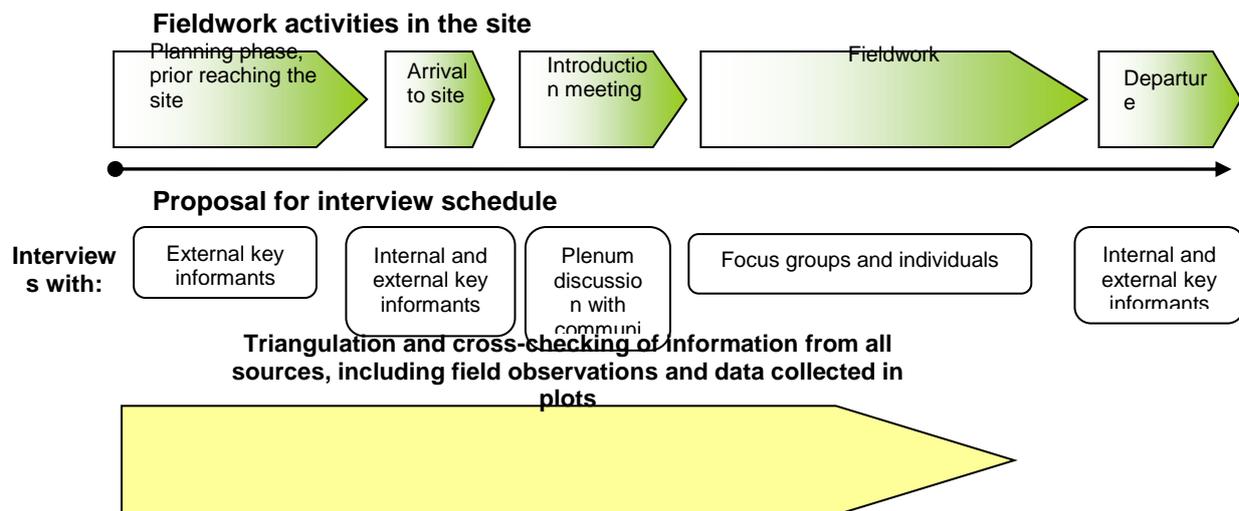
Representativeness is a complex issue to be aware of when identifying land/resource users or stakeholders to interviews. Many users share common characteristics and are classified within a common group, for analytic purpose. Nevertheless, wide variations in cultural and social factors (gender, age, wealth, status, religion, etc.) often exist and should be taken into account. Therefore it is recommended to identify stakeholders together with several local participants in order to appropriately define the user groups. Many different groups might be identified but the assessment must put emphasis on the individuals and groups that use forests and trees

products and services. The gender aspect should be emphasised as crucial when selecting focus groups and conducting interviews as males in some cases dominate discussions, which in turn might result in biased results.

B. Interview organisation and preparation

The **Error! Reference source not found.** gives an overview on how interviews with key informants, focus groups and individuals, and the household survey should be scheduled.

Figure 8. Suggestion on how to organise interviews during the field work activities



Some general information required in the field forms may be completed through interviews with **external key informants before going to the field** (during planning / preparation phase), especially SU information (**form F1**).

Subsequently, further data should be collected through interviews **in the field** with internal key informants, focus groups/individuals and households:

- **Internal key informants** may be contacted and interviewed when arriving to the site to establish some basic knowledge about area, the local population (e.g. user groups) and land uses. Key informants might also be valuable sources for information throughout the stay in the site and for cross-checking information that is received from other sources (both from interviews and field observations/measurements).
- **Identified focus groups or individuals** (see previous section on how to identify them) will be interviewed throughout the stay in the site. Nevertheless, as the information received from a group interview might serve to better understand and approach households in interviews, focus group interviews could with advantage be carried out early in the interview schedule. The introduction meeting might serve as first opportunity for a group discussion and platform for a general discussion with the present population on historical changes, existing land use patterns, etc. Other group interviews, targeting focus groups will be carried out subsequently to gather data on those specific users.

The interviews with key informants, focus groups and individuals will be carried out by some of the field team member working in the field measurements/ observations so they can refer to what they have seen in the field. Some of these interviews can also be carried out directly in the plots, with people met in the field during the measurements, or with the local guide/ temporary assistants.

In general, it is recommended the interviews be scheduled to fit with the daily work-schedule of the local people. Also, the information generated from household surveys should be cross-checked with and complemented by other sources (key informants, focus groups/individuals and field observations) and vice versa.

At the end of the field work in the SU all data collected about the SU, plot, Land Use/Cover Section (LUCS) and land use SU from the various interviews should be interpreted and synthesized onto the field forms (**F1**, **F5** and **F6**).

C. Data collection through interviews- Interview techniques and tools

Data will be collected or validated/ cross-checked through interview. The source of this data will vary according to the type of data. The table below summarizes what data may be collected from what sources. This table is indicative; one type of information might derive from one source in one SU and from another in the next.

Table 6. Data to be collected through interviews

Interviewee category	F1a			F3		F4a		F5			F6**		
	Section A: SU location	Section C: Population	Section D: Proximity to infrastructure	Variable 56a: common/local sp. name	Variable 60: years since cut	Variable 77a: Common/local sp. name	Variable 56a: Common/local sp. name	Section A: General	Section B: Forest and OWL management	Section C: Crop management	Section A: Products harvested in LUCC	Section B: Services provided by LUCC	Section C: Biodiversity indicators
External key informant	++	o	O										
Internal key informant	o	++	++	o	o	o		o	++	o	o		
Focus individual*		o		++	++	++	++	++	o	++	o	o	o
Focus group*		o						o	o	o	++	++	++
Observations			O	o		o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Notes: ++ = Main information source o = Complementary information and for cross-checking purposes

* Interviews with focus individuals should complement focus group interviews or substitute these when not available. Focus individuals are also the local guides/workers recruited to help in the work in the plots.

** F6: For each information source (focus group or individual or observations) a separate form F6(p) should be used to record primary data. Focus groups should have priority. A summary will be made in form F6.

General explanations on the data collection techniques and group discussions, interview recommendations and example of questions are provided in Annex (section □ 6.6, p. 90).

In general, the questions should be clear and simple in order to be easily understood by the interviewee. They should be asked in the order that is the most natural following on from informants' responses and should not be repeated. When formulating the questions, interviewee's culture and language must be taken into account. Historical information related to the changes in the area may be a good starting point for the discussions.

Tools and techniques that may be adopted include:

- **Stakeholder identification analysis exercise (Annex, section □ 6.6.2, p. 91):** This should be carried out as an initial exercise (e.g. during the introduction meeting) and will help identifying user groups for focus group interviews. It might be merged with the *Participatory analysis* (see below) and serve as a source for generic information

about the use of natural resources, forest products and services, agriculture production, environmental problems, etc.

- **Participatory analysis of aerial photographs or maps (Annex, section □6.6.3, p. 92):** This exercise may stimulate discussions with the focus groups on a number of variables and could be carried out during the introductory meeting or later with identified focus groups. It will provide important information on both the use and management of resources (What uses? Who uses what? Where? How? etc.) and the logistics on how the field team can access the SU.
- **Interviews within the sampling unit itself (Annex, section □6.6.6, p. 92):** This exercise could be done by organizing a transect walk or by collecting information from locally recruited workers who participate in the plot measurement work. This will allow one to link collected data with the location of the SU/plot/LUCS/LUCC in the field. This exercise can also be applied during the household survey for better understanding household practices and uses of natural resources.
- **A products and services identification exercise (Annex, section □6.6.7p. 92):** This exercise may be organized to collect data from the focus groups, for example, on forest, fish, crop, wildlife products, services and users.
- **Cross-checking (Annex, section □6.6.4, p. 92):** Cross-checking and triangulation should be applied as much as possible to verify/validate information from all different sources e.g. between different types of interviews and between qualitative information from interviews and quantitative data collected in plots or direct observations (Annex, □6.6.5p.92). Mechanisms have been incorporated in the F7 field forms so that enumerators easily and continuously can cross-check the received information.

4.4.2 Field plot measurements and observations

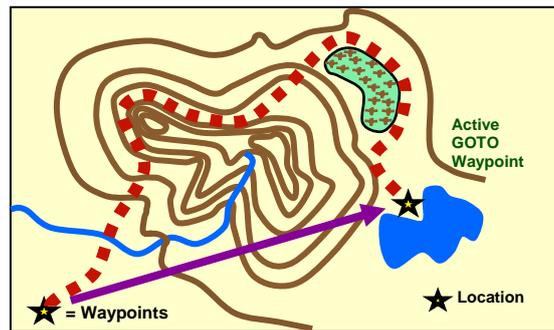
A. Access to plot

For each sampling unit, the plots will be located with the help of the metric coordinates (in the projection system adopted for the assessment) and topographic maps (and aerial photographs/satellite images, if available), on which the plots have been delineated (field maps, see section **Error! Reference source not found.**, p. 6**Error! Reference source not found.**). Some reference points that facilitate the orientation in the field(e.g. roads, rivers...) will also be identified on the field maps. It is also important to hire a local guide who can provide useful information on how to access the plots more easily.

The order in which the plots are inventoried (usually already decided during the planning phase) depends on the accessibility but the plot code (1 to 4) and orientation must be respected (the data collection process must start at the plot starting point).

Navigation in the field to arrive to the first plot starting point will be assured with the help of a GPS where the starting points of each plot have been pre-registered as waypoints, using the “GOTO” function (see GPS guide in Annex □6.3, p. 89). The GPS normally indicates the straight distance and bearing to the active GOTO waypoint. But in some cases the path to the waypoint requires meandering around topographic obstacles (see Figure 9) or following as far as possible roads or existing paths.

Figure 9. Path to a waypoint using a GPSTOGO function



While accessing the first plot, **form F1, section D** must be filled in. The coordinates of the departure location on foot towards the first plot (usually from the vehicle) must be read on GPS (or on the map, if the GPS does not capture a signal).

Figure 10. Access to SU - Starting position coordinates and access time (form F1 Part D)

<i>Starting position coordinates:</i>	
32a. UTM E <u>0174148</u> m	32b. UTM N <u>1657359</u> m
<i>Access time:</i>	
33a. Start time: <u>07:20</u> h	33c. Start date: <u>12 / 10 / 2008</u>
34a. End time: <u>08:15</u> h	34c. End date: <u>12 / 10 / 2008</u>
34b. Arriving at plot No <u>1</u>	34d. Total access time: <u>00: 55</u> h
T	<input type="checkbox"/>

During the access to the plot, photographs will also be taken for relevant sites (such as road/path junctions, settlements) that can orientate to arrive in the future to the sampling unit. For these reference points to access path, the coordinates, bearing and a brief description must be recorded in the table at the bottom of **form F1** (see **Error! Reference source not found.**). A sketch representing the itinerary covered will be drawn on the site map (to be attached to the field form), with indications of the reference objects that will facilitate relocation of the plot (see example given in Figure 11. The coordinates of each reference point are read on the GPS and recorded on the form and reference photos may also be taken and their codes are specified on the form. If required, the flagging coloured tape will be placed along the access path, on trees, visible enough to facilitate the return out of the SU.

Figure 11. Access to Sampling unit sketch (Field form F1a/R)

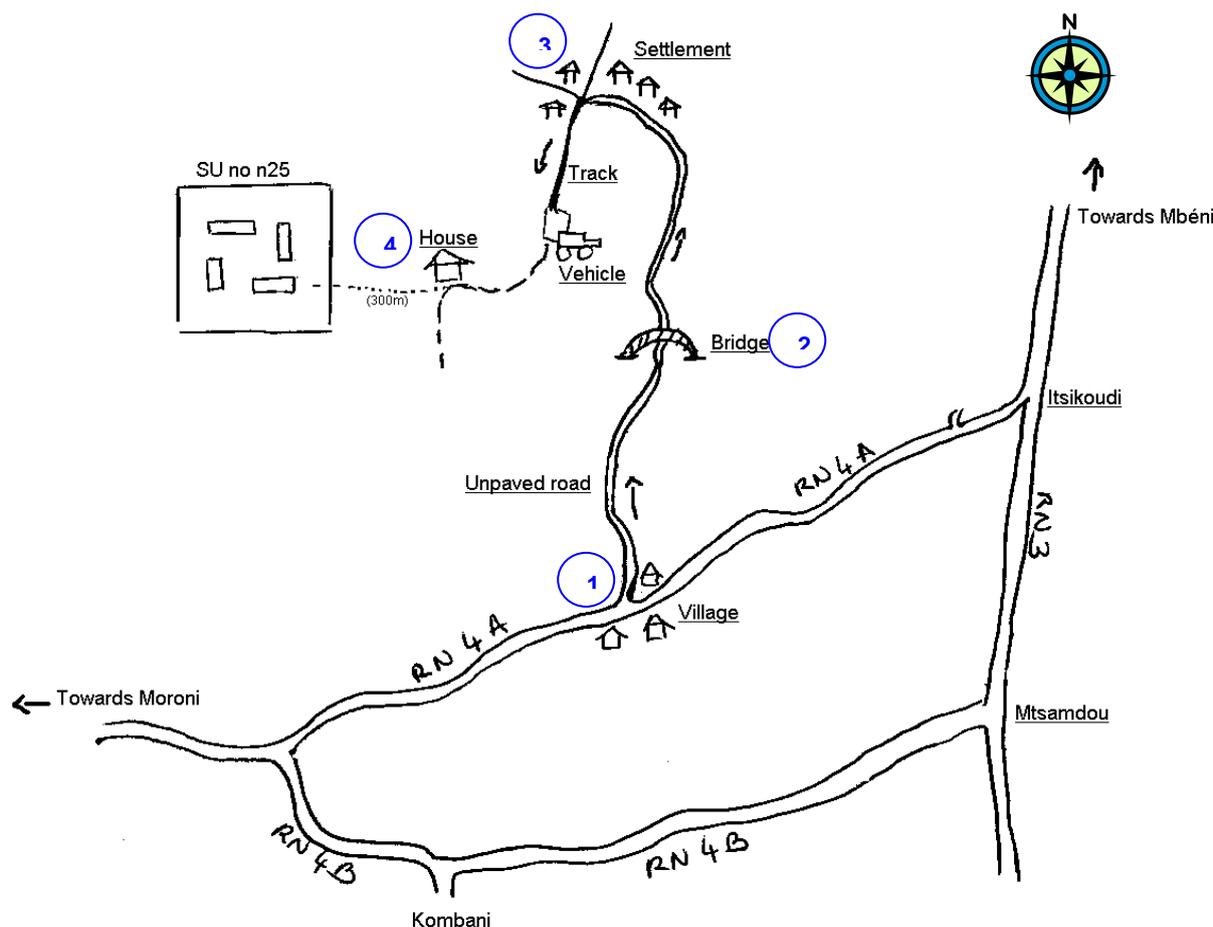


Table 7. Example of reference point of access path table (Form F1, Part D) (SU N°25)

Reference points of access path (Route sketch to be attached)

35. ID	36. Description	37a. X (m)	37b. Y (m)	36b. Photo #	36d. Bearing
1	Road crossing between the RN4A and a unpaved road, at a village	0174162	1657172	1	28°
2	River bridge	0174024	1657351	2	54°
3	Settlement at the end of the unpaved road and crossing with tracks	0174001	1657123	3	85°
4	House	0174162	1657172	4	28°

If the GPS signal is lost at the moment of locating the starting point of the plot, the team can stop and wait the signal to be established again or move to a location with a clear view of the sky (dense foliage, buildings can block the signal) to get the coordinates, and from there navigate using a compass and measuring tapes, calculating distances to the plot starting point for the East-West and the North-South axes (see below).

When the team is close to the starting point the GPS (about 10 metres distance), reading will not stabilised. At this moment, to establish a well defined starting point without subjectivity, the team:

1. Stops and get the position coordinates using the “average position” function of the GPS;
2. Calculate the difference between the actual position coordinates and the plot starting point coordinates (northing and easting);

3. Move to the East or West for a distance corresponding to the difference between the easting (= X coordinates), using the measuring tape and compass (bearing 270° or 90°):
 - if the easting of the actual position is lower than the easting of the plot starting point position, then the team will move to the East (bearing 90°);
 - on the contrary, if it is higher, then the team will move to the West (bearing 270°);
4. Move to the North or South for a distance corresponding to the difference between the northing(= Y coordinates) using the measuring tape and compass (bearing 0° or 180°):
 - if the northing of the actual position is lower than the northing of the plot starting point position, then the team will move to the North (0°);
 - on the contrary, if it is higher, then the team will move to the South (180°).

Once arrived at the plot starting point location, the starting date and time of work in the plot will be recorded in **form F2, section B**.

B. Establishment of permanent plot

The position of the starting points of all 4 plots in the SU need to be precisely located, marked with a permanent marker and properly referenced to enable their easy relocation in the future.

When arriving at the starting point of the plot a permanent marker (galvanized metal tube) is inserted fully into the ground so it is no longer visible. The marker must be placed exactly on the position of the starting point of the plot. In cases where obstacles obstruct or prevent such exact location (tree, rock, river, house, etc.), the permanent marker should be placed as close as possible to the starting point of the plot (see below).

The permanent marker will not be possible in cropland; there attention should be paid on providing good reference points/objects.

Marker location data must be recorded on the field form (**F2, part C**) together with a starting point description of the plot in order to enable relocation in the future.

The coordinates of marker position are determined using the GPS (average position). An identification code will be assigned to name each one of the points identified by the GPS according to following: (SU number) + "P" (= Plot) + (Plot number) + "M" ("Marker"), e.g. for SU 13, plot 3: 013P3M. A photo of the Marker position may be taken.

If for any reason (presence of rock, river, house ...) the marker could not be placed at the starting point, the distance and compass bearing (in degrees) of the plot starting point should be measured from the marker location.

In addition, three prominent reference objects (rock, largest tree, houses, top of mountain, etc.) must be identified and the direction (compass bearing in degrees starting from the marker location) and distance from the marker should be measured. A photo from the marker should be taken for each reference and coded (running photo number within SU) (e.g. 6th photo taken in the SU = 6).

These indications are reported on a sketch (plot starting point plan, var. 43) where the reference points and the starting point of the plot are indicated. A brief description of the reference points will also be provided in a table (the columns containing the bearing and the distance from the marker position may be filled in according to the sketch indications after the fieldwork) (see Table 8 and **Error! Reference source not found.**).

Figure 12. Marker description (sketch and table) (Field form F2 part C)

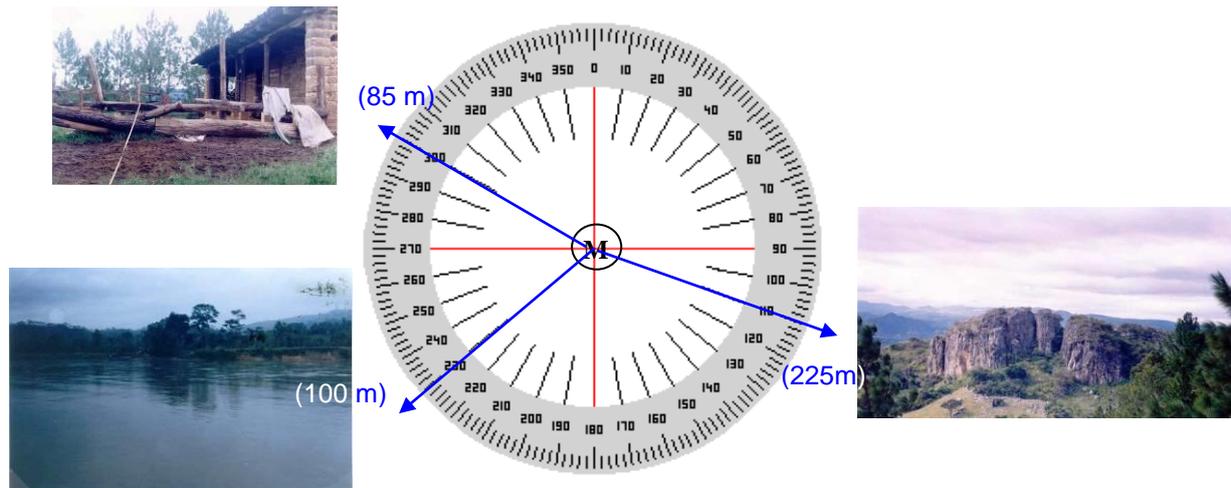


Table 8. Example of reference point of access path table (Form F1, Part D) (SU No13)

Reference points surrounding Marker position

44. ID	45. Description	46. Bearing* (°)	47. Distance* (m)	36c ID Photo
1	South West corner of the House of the Mr X family.	300	85	5
2	Summit of mountain "AA".	110	225	6
3	Inner curve of river "BB".	230	100	7

C. Summary of data collection procedure in the plot

The data collection starts at the plot starting point and continues in the predefined plot direction (see **Error! Reference source not found.** and Each plot is divided into Land Use/Cover Sections (LUCS) representing homogenous land use / vegetation cover units (forest, crops, grassland...), with variable size and shape that have been identified in the field. The classification system adopted to identify the different land use/cover classes is described in chapter 1. Data related to grazing, cropping and forest characteristics, management and resources use and users are collected within the LUCS.

). The progress along the central line will be made with the help of the compass and 50 m meter tape (or metal string), to get a well define central line. In order to facilitate the bearing, flagging coloured tape may be attached to cut branches trees stretched along the central line, as the field team advances. It is necessary that slope corrections be made using the Table 13 (given in Annex □6.4) in order to obtain a more accurate measurement of horizontal distances.

Measurements involve both left and right sides from the central line on a 10 m wide extension. Flagging coloured tape may also be placed on the corners and limits of the plot (at 10 m from the central line) as the team advances, in order to easily identify the trees/ shrubs and other target objects within the plot.

All the data collection process has to be well documented with photographs. A photograph has to be taken for each land use/ cover class found in the plot. Pictures for any problem encountered, unique features or environmental problems should be taken during field work.

Different variables are collected depending on data collection levels:

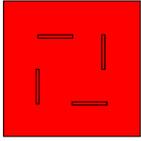
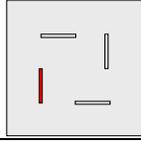
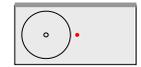
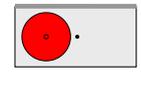
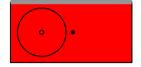
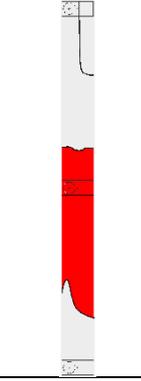
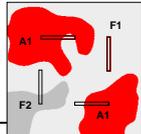
- **Plot:** identification of different land use/cover sections (LUCS) and measurements of

trees and stumps with a Dbh ≥ 20 cm in forest, or ≥ 10 cm for the trees outside forest. A plan of the plot indicating in particular land use/cover sections limits must also be completed.

- **Land Use/Cover Section (LUCS):** corresponds to the land use/cover sections identified along the plot. Information collected at this level includes: general information related to the LUCS; forest and other wooded lands management practices (harvesting, silviculture, etc.); and structure, as well as crop management practices.
- **Land Use/Cover Classes (LUCC):** corresponds to each land use class found in the SU (in all 4 plots). Information on forest and trees, on environmental services, pests and diseases, invasive and threatened species, wildlife abundance, and land use change is collected at this level.
- **Rectangular Subplot (RSP):** shrubs (in all LUCC), trees with $20 \text{ cm} > \text{Dbh} \geq 10 \text{ cm}$ trees (only in forest LUCC), indicator plant species and non wood forest products (NWFP) are inventoried at this level.
- **Circular Subplot (CSP):** data on tree regeneration ($\text{Dbh} < 10 \text{ cm}$ and height $\geq 1.30 \text{ m}$) data are collected at this level (only in forest, OWL and woodlots).
- **Litter Subplot (LSP):** at this level, data is collected on litter, which includes all non-living biomass with diameter less than 10 cm.
- **Fallen Deadwood Transect (FDT):** measurements of fallen deadwood branches ($\geq 10 \text{ cm}$) are done along the transect lines.
- **Measurement point (MP):** topographic and soil data is collected at the three measurement points.

The Table 9 summarizes observations and measurements to be done at each data collection and indicates also in which field form the data is recorded.

Table 9. Measurements and observations by data collection level

Data collection level		Measurements and observations			Field forms (section)
		LUCS = Forest	LUCS = Other Wooded Lands and Woodlots (0.2-0.5ha)	LUCS = Other lands	
SU (sampling unit)		- Localisation and access to SU			F1a
		- Population data - Proximity to infrastructure			F1b
		- List of the persons involved in the inventory - Direct and indirect observations on wildlife - Water use and management			F1c, d....
Plot		- Access to plot and working time in the plot - Plot plan (LUCS limits, road and river intersections...)			F2
		- Measurement of trees with Dbh ≥ 20 cm	- Measurement of trees with Dbh ≥ 10 cm		F3a or F3b
Measurement Point (MP)		- Soil and topography			F4 (section A)
Circular Subplot (CSP)		- Count of trees with Dbh < 10 cm and height ≥ 1.30 m, by species		None	F4 (section C)
Rectangular Subplot (RSP)		- Measurement of trees with $10\text{cm} \leq \text{Dbh} < 20\text{cm}$	None	None	F3a or F3b
		- Shrubs, bushes (count or measurement by species)		None	F4c (section E)
		- Presence or abundance or count of indicator plant species, NWFP		- Indicator plant species (only in an)	
Litter Subplot (LSP)		- Litter depth and composition			F4a (section B)
Fallen Deadwood Transect (FDT)		- Measurements of fallen deadwood branches (diameter ≥ 2.5 cm)			F4b
Land Use/Cover Section (LUCS)		- Land Use/Cover class - General information related to the area (designation, land tenure...) - Vegetation cover (trees, shrubs, grass) - Environmental problems, fires, erosion - Grazing activities			F5 (section A)
		- Stand structure and management: harvesting, silviculture, management plan... - Human-induced disturbances		- Crop management practices	
Land Use/Cover Class (LUCC)		- Use of forest resources and trees outside forest (forest products) - Environmental services provided by trees and forest - Pest, diseases and invasive species; threatened / Extinct species, wildlife abundance - Land use/cover change, conversion processes			F6

D. Details on plot measurements

- **Plot plan**

All details related to the plot must be indicated in the plot sketch in **form F2, section D**. In particular, the following characteristics will be drawn (see also example in Figure 15, p. 52):

- limits between land use/cover sections, including the code of the land use/cover class code (inside the corresponding sections);
- crossing of water courses and infrastructures (roads, paths, fences), including the code and width of the road/water course.

In addition, the sketch must also include all the information and observations that help interpreting the plot.

- **Tree measurements**

In forest:

- All trees living or dead, standing or fallen with at least 20 cm of diameter at breast height (Dbh) found within the plot are measured (**Error! Reference source not found.**) and the data is recorded on field form **F3a** or **F3b**.
- For smaller diameters, measurements are carried out within the subplots, located at every 120 meters (see Each plot is divided into Land Use/Cover Sections (LUCS) representing homogenous land use / vegetation cover units (forest, crops, grassland...), with variable size and shape that have been identified in the field. The classification system adopted to identify the different land use/cover classes is described in chapter 1. Data related to grazing, cropping and forest characteristics, management and resources use and users are collected within the LUCS.
-). The size of trees measured varies according to the subplot level (RSP or CSP) where the measurements are made (see **Error! Reference source not found.**). Data are recorded in **F3** (for RSP) or **F4** (for CSP)

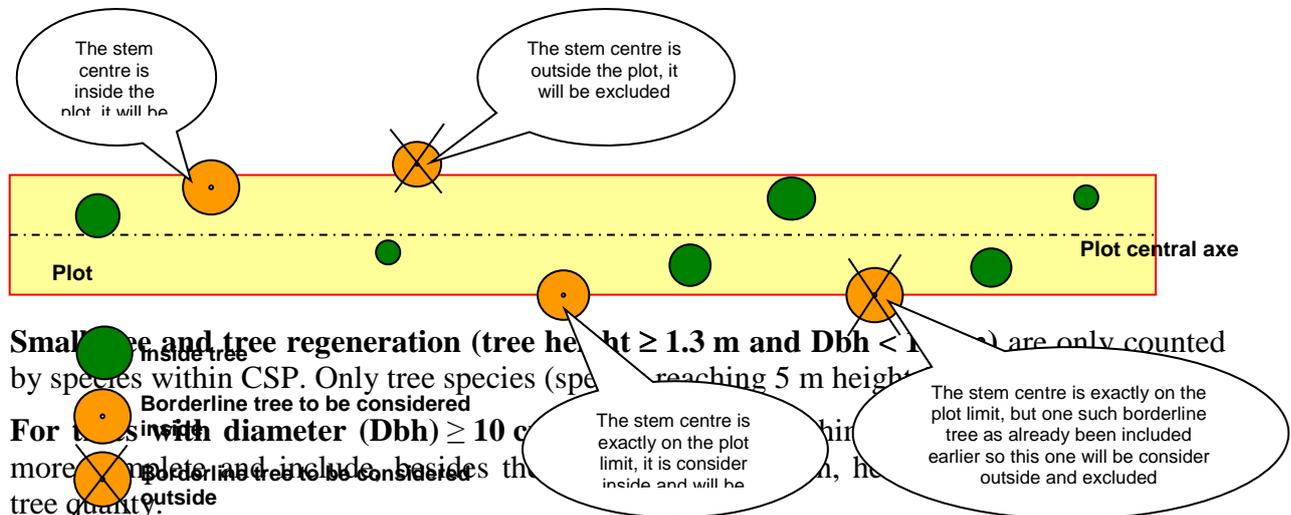
In the LUCS not classified as “forest”:

- All trees living or dead, standing or fallen and with a $Dbh \geq 10$ cm are measured within the plot, and the data are recorded on form **F3a** or **b**.
- Trees with smaller diameter ($Dbh \leq 10$ cm) and height ≥ 1.3 m are counted in CSP only in lands classified as other wooded land or woodlot and data are recorded on form **F4**.

Stumps are measured as for trees, following the same diameter criteria. Stump diameter is then measured at breast height or at the top of the stump if less than 1.30 m above ground level. In this case, the height of the stump (where the diameter is measured) is recorded in **F3a** or **F3b**.

Borderline trees: Trees located at the border of the plot will be considered as inside the plot if at least half of the diameter of the stem base is inside of the stem centre is exactly on the plot limit then it will be considered once inside, once outside (Figure 13). If the tree is fallen, it is considered inside the plot if half of the base of its stem was inside the plot before it fell.

Figure 13. Borderline trees cases



Small tree and tree regeneration (tree height ≥ 1.3 m and Dbh < 10 cm) are only counted by species within CSP. Only tree species (species) reaching 5 m height are only counted. For trees with diameter (Dbh) ≥ 10 cm more complete and include besides the tree quality.

Table 10. Trees and stumps measured per level and corresponding forms

Level	Measured trees/stumps		Measurements	Field form
	Forest	Other LUCC		
Plot	Dbh ≥ 20 cm	Dbh ≥ 10 cm	Species, location, diameters, total height, health, quality	F3a or F3b
Rectangular Subplot (RSP)	DBH ≥ 10 cm	None	Species, location, diameters, total height, health, quality	F3a or F3b
Circular Subplot (CSP)	Tree height ≥ 1.30 m and Dbh < 10 cm	Tree height ≥ 1.30 m and Dbh < 10 cm (only in OWL and woodlots LUCC)	Number of trees by species	F4 (section C)

Indications on tree diameter and height measurement methods are provided in appendix (see section 1.1) p. 89.

• **Deadwood and litter measurements**

Dead trees, standing or fallen to the ground, are measured as for living trees, as indicated in the above section, and recorded in the form **F3a** or **F3b**. The decomposition status of the stem is also registered.

Fallen deadwood branches are measured along the Fallen Deadwood Transect line located at the end of each rectangular subplot. The branches included in the measurements are:

- on the ground and not attached to a tree stem;
- with a diameter above or equal to 2.5 cm at the intersection point of the transect; and
- crossing the transect line through at least half of its diameter.

The diameter of the branch at the intersecting point is measured using a ruler, diameter tape or a caliper and the decomposition status is determined. The data is recorded in the form **F4**.

Litter is defined as all dead organic surface material on top of the mineral soil. It includes all non-living biomass, other than deadwood with a diameter equal or above to 2.5 cm. The litter is made of woody (twigs, small branches with a diameter less than 2.5 cm, bark...) and non woody components (dead leaves, dead grasses/herbs, and seeds, fruits, animal manure, insect detritus and other comminuted organic matter) that have fallen to the ground, in various states of decomposition. The average depth of the litter layer in the Litter Subplot and its main composition are recorded on form **F4**.

- **Soil measurements**

The biophysical and hydrological properties of the soil are assessed at the **measurement points** (centre of Rectangular Subplots, i.e. 3 per plot, see Each plot is divided into Land Use/Cover Sections (LUCS) representing homogenous land use / vegetation cover units (forest, crops, grassland...), with variable size and shape that have been identified in the field. The classification system adopted to identify the different land use/cover classes is described in chapter 1. Data related to grazing, cropping and forest characteristics, management and resources use and users are collected within the LUCS.

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Two methods are proposed to collect data on soil, depending on information requirement and available funds: based on observations carried out in the field (soil visual assessment), and soil sample collection, which implies subsequent laboratory analysis. Both methods might also be applied jointly as some of the information they provide is different.

For both methods, the LUCS number should be recorded for each soil sampling point as well as site variables like slope, slope orientation, relief and flooding characteristics as well as soil variables including topsoil and subsoil depths.

- **Soil Visual Assessment (VS-Fast)**

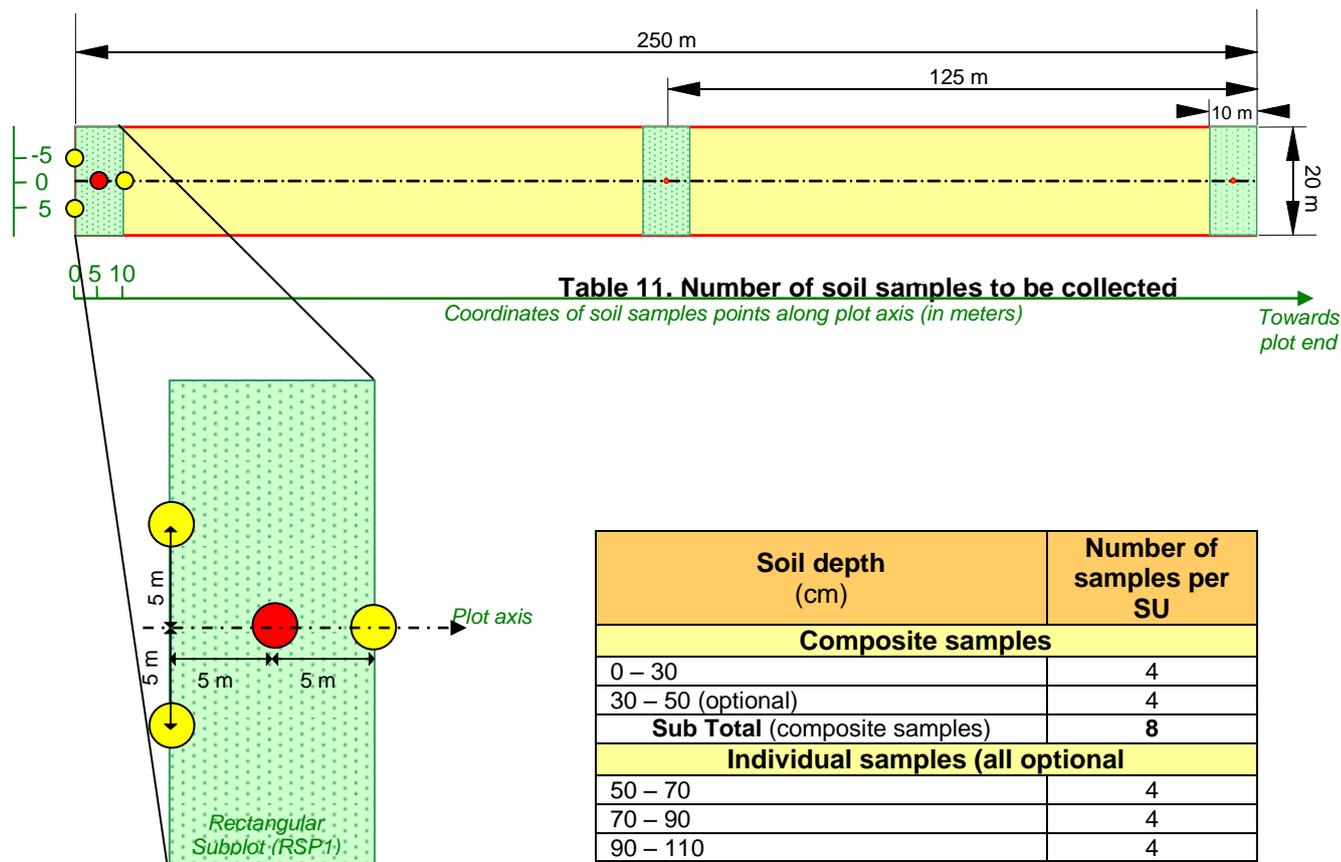
Soil measurement methodology is adapted from the visual soil field assessment methodology of FAO. The methodology was first designated with the prime aim of providing cheap, repeatable, easy and immediate means of land degradation assessment.

The rapid Soil Visual Assessment technique (VS-Fast) is used to observe a set of soil visual descriptors such as the soil surface, the top layer of soil and the tilled layer (**ILUA**) to about 30 cm in depth and assign a score for each of the properties.

Most of the variables assessed are mainly relevant for an **ILUA** . These various tests are described with more details in the description of field forms section of this manual. Data are recorded in the **field form F4, section A**.

More details on soil visual assessment techniques are provided in Annex □6.5, p. 89.

Figure 14. Soil sample collection



Notes: The protocol for soilsamples should be adapted to soil variability in the country and assessed variables. The number and depths of soil samples can then be decreased or increased depending on required precision.

- **Data collection on products and services**

Data on forest, trees outside of forests, crops and fish products is collected for each land use/cover class (LUCC) present in the sampling unit (SU). The information will be reported in **formF6**. If there are several LUCS with the same LUCC in the SU, the data is grouped and recorded on the same sheet.

This information will essentially originate from interviews with local people or from people accompanying the field team in the field, but should also be verified/ complemented through direct field observations. Interview and group discussion techniques and instructions are included in section **Error! Reference source not found., p.Error! Bookmark not defined..**

- **Shrubs measurements (optional)**

Shrubs within the Rectangular Subplot (RSP) are inventoried and these data are recorded on field **formF4 section D**. Collected data include species, average diameter at 0.5 meters, height and number of stems.

- **Plant indicatorspecies inventory (optional)**

Plant indicator species are identified in the Rectangular Subplot (RSP) not classified as cropland or water and data are recorded on form **F4 section B**.

These species might indicate poor, medium or good forest, cropping, rangeland (or other) conditions.

E. End of data collection work in the plot and access to the next plot

Once the work in the first plot is completed, the time is recorded on form **F2** (section B) and the team need to access the second plot. It may be possible to directly access the plot with the help of the GPS. Otherwise, for example in dense forest, it may be assured by using the compass bearing and measuring 250 m (horizontal distance) along the central line of the previous plot. If the starting point of the next plot to be reached is not accessible on a straight line, the obstacle must be bypassed using auxiliary methods that allow finding the original line.

4.5 End of the work in the sampling unit

When the work in the Sampling Unit is completed, the field team registers on form **F1** (cover page) the date when leaving the SU, to go either to the next SU or to a base. Summary notes on the work carried out in the SU, stressing difficulties encountered while carrying out the field inventory in the SU will be compiled.

The field forms should be well-organised, filed and thoroughly checked by the field team leader, to ensure that all fields are duly completed and that there are no inconsistencies. Then they will be handed over to the supervision team for review and quality control. If they have to be sent by mail/ courier, they should first be scanned (or photographed) and/or photocopied.

When the field team has access to a computer, the photographs should be uploaded and renamed as follows: "SU number" + "running number of photos in the SU" (should be the same numbers as the one used in the field forms). Then they should be copied to a CD or DVD, and communicated to the supervision team.

5. Description of field forms

There are 6 different forms of one or more pages, as indicated in the table below.

Table 12. Field forms description and corresponding information level

Form No.	Information (see figures in Annex □6.8, p.95)	Number /SU	Page
F1 cover/ a/b	Sampling unit (SU): F1 Cover – Field inventory summary (number of forms, problems encountered) F1a -General information and SU access F1b - List of persons involved in the inventory	1 of each	p. 45
F2	Plot: Marker position, plot access and plan	4	p. 51
F3a/b	Plot and RSP: Tree and stumps measurements (Dbh ≥10 cm)	≥4 (at least one per plot)	p. 53
F4a/b	Subplots, fallen deadwood transect and measurement points: F4a - Soil and topographic; litter and deadwood; indicator plant species F4b - Tree measurements within CSP (Dbh < 10 cm); shrubs measurements	≥4 of each (at least one of each per plot)	p. 56
F5	Land Use/Cover Section (LUCS): General information (land tenure, vegetation cover, environmental, problems) - Forest and other woodland structure and management	≥4 (at least one per plot, one for each LUCS)	p. 63
F6a/b F6a/b (p)	Land Use/Cover class (LUCC): Products and services and users (forest and trees, wildlife and crop and fish) – Threaten and extinct species – Invasive species - Land use changes	≥1 (at least one F6a for each LUCC)	p. 78

The data to be recorded in the field forms as follows:

- or ⇨ Free text;
- ⇨ **Numeric codes** to be recorded in the box; the option codes are given below in the field forms description;
- ⇨ **Y or N** respectively for “Yes” or “No” to be recorded in the box;
- **checkbox**, to be marked, when the box or table cell is dark grey;
- _ _ , _ km or m ⇨ **Number** in the specified units (km, meters, m...).
- The **code “90”** is usually used for “unknown”.
- The **code “99”** stands for other. When used, then it should be specified in the notes what “other” means together with the variable code (e.g. “variable 509b- 99= new legislation”).
- **All tables and field forms must be compiled.** If some of them are not applicable then this as to be specified (either by indicating the “*not applicable*” code or by writing “n.a.”. If there is nothing to be measured then indicate it on the form/table (eg: for F3 “*No trees to be measured in the plot*”).
- **Pertinent notes** should be provided as much as possible, to help in understanding the data, indicate particularities, problems encountered by the field team, etc. If the space is insufficient then notes can be written on the backside of the form or on a blank page where the SU number will be also mentioned.

5.1 Form F1: Sampling unit (SU)

This form will be filled for each sampling unit (1 km x 1 km). It is divided into two or more parts: **F1 cover, F1a, F1b, F1c, (F1d), (F1e)**... It contains:

- **F1 cover:** summary notes of the work carried out in the sampling unit, stressing out the difficulties and problems that have been encountered.
- **F1a:** general information related to the sampling unit (SU) location, access and identification, information on the people living within and in the surrounding area of the SU and on the distance to the main infrastructures (see Annex □ 6.8, Figure 16 and **Error! Reference source not found.**).
- **Country name (1).**
- **SU N° (2):** identification number of the sampling unit (from 1 to total SU number). See map with sampling units (see **Error! Reference source not found.**).

Cover page (Form F1 cover): number of forms and descriptive notes of the SU

- **Start date (33d):** date (dd/mm/yy) when accessing the SU by vehicle (from previous SU or a base).
- **End date (33e):** date (dd/mm/yy) when leaving the SU.
- **Leaving for SU No (33f):** identification number of the next surveyed SU (from 1 to total SU number). If the team leaves for a base and not another SU, then nothing should be written.
- **Leaving for base (33g):** checkbox, indicating that the field team will go next to a base (home town or other) and not to another SU.
- **Forms numbers:** total number of forms compiled in the SU. In parenthesis, are the possible ranges for each form.
- **LUCC number (80d):** total number of land use/cover classes (LUCC) found in the SU (inside the plots).
- **Descriptive notes (38):** these notes summarize any particularities encountered of the sampling unit (vegetation, terrain, local population, logistics...). Also, the NFMA is a long term process that will involve revisiting of all or selected sampling units after a few years. Therefore it is important for the initial field teams to provide a detailed description about what are the difficulties encountered during the work, as well as the strategy used and recommendations on how to solve them. The remarks are provided for:
 - **Organisation and site description (38c):** logistics during the inventory, access to the SU, landscape composition and dynamics;
 - **Field measurements (38d):** terrain, vegetation types, measurements constraints and particularities;
 - **Interviews and contact with populations (38e) :** including with interviewees, local guides, authorities, owners and local institutions.

A. SU location (Form F1a): general information on SU location.

- **(ADM1) (7):** name of the first administrative division level (e.g. state) where the SU is located.
- **(ADM2) (8):** name of the second administrative division level (e.g. province) where the SU is located.
- **(ADM3) (9):** name of the third administrative division level (e.g. district) where the SU is located.
- **(ADM4) (10):** name of the fourth administrative division level (e.g. locality, etc.) where the SU is located.
- **(ADM5) (10b):** other administrative division level (e.g. municipality, etc.).

- **Global Ecological Zone (GEZ) (11a):** name of the global ecological zone where the SU is located, based on the FRA Global Ecological Zones map. The various classes are as follows:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Tropical rain forest		Tar
Tropical moist deciduous forest		Tawa
Tropical dry forest		Tawb
Tropical shrub land		TBSH
Tropical desert		TBWh
Tropical mountain		TM
Subtropical humid forest		SCf
Subtropical dry forest		SCs
Subtropical steppe		SBSH
Subtropical desert		SBWh
Subtropical mountain		SM
Temperate oceanic forest		TeDo
Temperate continental forest		TeDc
Temperate steppe/prairie		TeBSk
Temperate desert		TeBWk
Temperate mountain		TeM
Boreal coniferous forest		Ba
Boreal tundra woodland		Bb
Boreal mountain		BM
Polar		P

- **National/Regional ecological zone (11b):** name of the national or regional ecological zones where the SU is located. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
NEZ/ REZ 1		1
NEZ/ REZ 2		2
NEZ/ REZ 3		3
NEZ/ REZ 4		4
NEZ/ REZ 5		5
NEZ / REZ 6		6

- **Altitude (12):** altitude in meters above the sea level of the central point of the SU. May be determined from a topographic map or from GPS as the average of the altitude at each plot starting point.
- **Maps and aerial photos (13):** name of maps (reference code, date) and aerial photographs or satellite images (acquisition date, coordinates) used for the location of the SU.
- **Coordinates SU SW corner (14):** calculated coordinates latitude (14a) and longitude (14b) in decimal degrees, and in easting (14d) and northing (14e) in meters in the projection system of the south-western corner of the SU.
- **Coordinate system (14c):** projected coordinated system used for the inventory (for GPS reading). To be selected by marking the appropriate checkbox (if there are several projection zones e.g. UTM 36N, 36S, 37N or 37S).

B. Human population (Form F1a)**Sedentary population distribution:**

- **Number of households (21c):** estimate of the total number of sedentary households in the SU (or HSA- 2 km radius circle of SU centre, in ILUA). Total number and percentage of female headed households (= "F") and male headed households (= "M").
- **Average household size (21f):** average size (number of persons) of households in the SU (or HSA in ILUA), calculated for total households, female headed (= "F") and male headed (= "M") households. If the information is not known then write "nk" (=unknown).
- **Population on the SU (21):** estimate of the total number of people living in the SU (or in HSA in ILUA). Total number and distribution by gender in percent ("F"= female; "M"= male). If the information is not known then write "nk" (=unknown).
- **Adult literacy rate (21d):** refers to percentage of adult population, 15 years old and over, who are able to read and write, in total, female (F) and male (M) population. If the information is not known then write "nk" (=unknown).
- **Ethnic group (21e):** name of the main ethnic group found in the area of the SU. To be indicated according to an option list

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	No population living in the area	0
Ethnic group 1		1
Ethnic group 2		2
Ethnic group 3		3
Ethnic group 4		4
Ethnic group 5		5
Ethnic group 6		6

- **Years since settlement (22):** approximate number of years since when the settlement was established in or close to the SU. This data could be collected from external or internal key informants and verified in the field through interviews and observations. To be indicated according to an option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable		0
< 5 years		1
5 – 10 years		2
10 – 20 years		3
20 - 50 years		4
>50 years		5
Not known		90

- **Population dynamics (23):** trend of the population living in or close to the SU (HSA in ILUA), in the past 5 years. To be indicated according to an option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	No inhabitants in the site or surroundings	0
Decreasing	The population living in the site decreased during the last 5 years	1
Stable	The number of people living in the site remained stable during the last 5 years	2
Increasing	The population living in the site increased during the last 5 years	3
Not known	There is not enough information to estimate this trend	90

- **Population main/secondary activity (24):** main (24a) and secondary (24b) income generation and employment source of most of the population living within the SU or in the surroundings. The expression “income generation” refers to activities to satisfy basic needs such as food and housing, i.e. self-sufficient farmers or as workers in the town. To be indicated according to an option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	No inhabitants in the SU or surroundings	0
Crop production	Livelihood and income generation provided by cropping activities	1
Livestock/ Herding	Livelihood and income generation provided by livestock, pasture, herding	2
Forestry	Livelihood and income generation provided by the forest and related activities, including processing and marketing of forest products	3
Aquaculture	Livelihood and income generation provided by aquaculture activities (fish farming, mariculture, algaculture)	4
Fishing	Livelihood and income generation provided by fishing	5
Industry	Work in the industrial sector	6
Handicraft	Livelihood and income generation provided by handicraft	7
Trade	Livelihood and income generation provided by trade in goods or services	8
Services	Income generated from services (doctor, lawyer, teacher...)	9
Tourism	Income generated from tourism or activities related to recreation	10
Mining / Exsampling unition	Livelihood and income generation provided by mining and exsampling unition activity	11
Hunting	Livelihood and income generation provided by hunting	12
Gathering	Livelihood and income generation provided by collecting fruits, plants, nuts, fibre from a wild area	13
Others	To be specified. Includes subsidies, etc.	

Nomadic and transhumant population: population that only stays within the SU (HSA, in ILUA) or in the surrounding for a short period of time according to the seasons.

- **Number of households (21g):** estimate of the number of nomadic/transhumant households coming in the SU (or HSA in ILUA).
- **Average household size (21h):** average size (number of persons) of nomadic/transhumant households in the SU (or HSA in ILUA).
- **Ethnic group (21i):** name of the main nomadic / transhumant population ethnic group found in the area of the SU. To be indicated according to an option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	No population living in the area	0
Ethnic group 1		1
Ethnic group 2		2
Ethnic group 3		3
Ethnic group 4		4
Ethnic group 5		5
Ethnic group 6		6

- **Period in the SU (21j):** period of time where the nomadic / transhumant population stays in the area of the SU expressed in starting month –end month (e.g. May to July = “05-07”).

- **Settlement history (25):** major historical events that have affected the local people and land use in the area, to be indicated by marking the appropriate checkbox(es) (multiple choice possible) and date or periods of these events (25a):

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	No inhabitants in the SU or surroundings	0
Wars	Armed conflicts that obligate people to look for safer places to live	1
Insecurity, ethnic conflict	When people move from their original places looking for safety, major problems between ethnic groups that force people to look for other places to live	2
Change of ownership/land tenure	When a new owner forces the people to move from his property	3
Expansion of agriculture	Land converted to agriculture fields or pastures from other land use	4
Urban development	Land changed from agricultural production, open rangeland, forest, or recreational uses to residential, commercial, or industrial uses	5
Infrastructure, electric power	Infrastructure, e.g., roads, water or water channel, electric line, recently installed in the SU	6
Economic crisis	Drastic reduction in income generation, enterprises, changes in consumption patterns	7
Natural disaster	Severe drought, flood, landslide, etc.	8
Human diseases	Causing drastic change in labour force and dependency ratio	9
Rural-to-urban migration	Migration of people from rural areas to urban areas	10
Urban-to-rural migration	Migration of people from urban areas to rural areas	11
Rural-to-rural migration	Migration of people from a rural area to another	12
Urban-to-urban migration	Migration of people from a urban area to another	13
Immigration	There has been an influx of people from other countries moving to the area	14
Emigration	There has been an exodus of people from the area to other countries	15
Squatters	Land that is illegally owned by the owners but have been living there for many years	16
Others	To be specified	

C. Proximity to infrastructure (Form F1a)

- **All-weather road (26):** distance, in km, to reach the closest all-weather road (accessible by motorvehicle all the year), departing from the SU centre (equal to 0 if the road is located within the SU).
- **Seasonal road (27):** distance, in km, from the centre of the SU to the closest seasonal road (road accessible by motor vehicle during some seasons only, equal to 0 if it is located within the SU).
- **Settlement (28):** distance, in km, from the SU centre to the closest settlement (village...) equal to 0 if it is located within the SU).
- **Health centre (29):** distance, in km, to reach the closest health centre (hospital, dispensary...), departing from the SU centre (equal to 0 if the hospital is located within the SU).
- **Veterinary services (29b):** distance, in km, to reach the closest veterinary services, departing from the SU centre (equal to 0 if the hospital is located within the SU).
- **School (30):** distance, in km, to reach the closest school, departing from the SU centre (equal 0 if the school is located within the SU).
- **Food marketplace(31a):** distance, in km, to reach the closest food market (to satisfy domestic needs), departing from the SU centre (equal to 0 if the market is located within the SU).
- **Input market place (31b):** distance, in km, to reach the closest market where inputs can be bought

(seeds, fertilizers, forestry tools...) (equal to 0 if the market is located within the SU).

D. Access to SU (Form F1a)

- **Starting position (32a and 32b/ 32c and 32d):** latitude (32a) and longitude (32b) in decimal degrees, or easting (32d) and northing (32c) coordinates, in meters (in the coordinate system adopted), of starting position where the field team starts accessing the SU by foot (i.e. at the closest road accessible by motor vehicle) as read on the GPS.
- **Access Time – Start date (33c) and time (33a):** date (dd/mm/yy) and time (hh:mm) when leaving vehicle to access the SU by foot.
- **Access Time – End date (34c) and time (34a):** date (dd/mm/yy) and time (hh:mm) when arriving at the first plot.
- **Total access time (34d):** total time spent for accessing the first surveyed plot, by foot (hh:mm).
- **Arriving at plot No (34b):** number of the first surveyed plot (from 1 to 4).

Reference points of access path: these points will be used to retrieve the SU in the future. An itinerary sketch representing the access path from the road where the car is left to the SU will be drawn on reverse page (F1a/R) while accessing the SU and attached. It could be also drawn on the map attached to the SU report. The following data must be filled in for each SU (see example on Table 7, p. **Error! Bookmark not defined.**):

- **ID (35):** reference point ID (number from 1 to a series of reference points); this number is reported on the attached itinerary scheme.
- **Description (36):** brief description of reference point (i.e. road, river, house, rock).
- **Projection Zone (37c):** projection zone of the coordinates of the reference point, only if different from the one indicated in Section A and if there are different zones in the country (variable 14c).
- **X (37a) and Y (37b):** easting and northing coordinates for the reference point, in meters in the projection system adopted, given by GPS.
- **Photo N° (36b):** running number of the photo on the access path to SU from the coordinate given in **37a** and **37b** (from 1 to the total number of photos taken in the SU).
- **Bearing (36d):** compass bearing in which the photo is taken (from 0 to 360 degrees).
- **Notes (38a):** relevant notes concerning the SU including population in the area, historical events, particularities, access to the SU.

E. Team/Owner/Informant list (Form F1b)

This table will include name (15), address (16), title or function (16b) and telephone number (17) (if possible) of:

- **Team leader (18a):** the leader of the team in current SU. In this case, “team leader” will be ticked.
- **Team members (18b):** other team members working in the SU. In this case, “team member” will be ticked.
- **Owner (19):** owner(s) of all, or part of the land where the SU is located. In this case, “owner” will be ticked.
- **Informant (20):** the persons interviewed in the SU referred by a code indicating existing relationship between the informant and the SU. To be indicated according to option list (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
Owner	Owner of a plot or part of a plot within the SU	O
Employee	Person working in the SU	E
Manager of site	Person responsible for natural resources management in the SU	M
Settler	Person living in the SU or user from surroundings	S
Internal key informant	Individual living inside the area, with in-depth knowledge of the local settings, use of land and natural resources	I
External key informant	Individual living outside the area, but with particular knowledge about the site, the land/ natural resource use and the local community (e.g. local government officials, leaders of local organizations...)	X
Owner	Owner of a plot or part of a plot within the SU	O

- **Notes (38b):** relevant notes concerning to the persons involved in the assessment within the SU.

5.2 Form F2: Plot

This form will be filled in for each plot contained in the sampling unit (thus, a total of 4 per SU). The forms (see Annex □6.8, **Error! Reference source not found.**, p. **Error! Bookmark not defined.**) will include the general data on the plot and the information on its location and access.

Plot identification

- **Country name(1)**
- **SU N° (2):** identification number of the sampling unit (from 1 to total SU number). See map with SUs (see **Error! Reference source not found.**).
- **Plot N° (3):** identification number of the plot (1 to 4).

A. Plot access

This section is not completed for the first visited plot in the SU as the information was already registered in section D of Field form **F1a**.

- **Starting position (34):** easting (34g) and northing (34h) coordinates where the field team starts accessing the plot by foot (at the closest road accessible by motor vehicle or from the previous surveyed plot), in meters, in the projection system adopted (GPS reading).
- **Access time - Start time (34i):** time when the field team starts accessing the plot by foot (hh: mm).
- **Access time - End time (34j):** time when arriving at the plot (hh: mm).

B. Time record of work within Plot

- **Date 1 (48):** first date of measurement in the plot (dd/mm/yy).
- **Date 2 (50):** second date of measurement if the work in the plot cannot be completed within one day (day / month / year).
- **Start time (49):** start time of measurement in the plot (hh:mm) at the first (49a) or second (49b) measurement day. The measurements start when the permanent marker has been driven in the ground.
- **End time (51):** end time of measurement in the plot (hh:mm) at the first (50a) or second (51b) measurement day.

C. Plot starting point description

This part contains the indications to identify the plot starting point and the marker location:

Plot starting point (given):

- **X (39a) and Y (39b):** easting and northing coordinates of the plot starting point, in meters, in the projection system adopted. These coordinates are given to the teams (theoretical).

Marker position (GPS reading):

- **X (40a) and Y (40b):** easting and northing coordinates of the marker, in meters, in the projection system adopted, as read on the GPS. The “average” function of the GPS will be used for more accuracy.
- **Distance from Marker to Plot starting point (41):** distance in meters from the plot starting point to the marker (equal to “0” if the marker and the starting point coincide).
- **Bearing from Marker to Plot starting point (42):** compass bearing (from 0 to 360 degrees) from marker to the plot starting point (equal to “n.a.” if the marker and the plot starting point coincide).
- **Plot starting point plan (43):** three accurate and if possible permanent reference points such as rock, house, bridge, dominant/outstanding trees must be selected in order to be able to find the marker in the future. The orientation and distance of three reference points, from the marker should be measured. The three bearings should preferably be as different as possible and not in alignment. These reference points as well as the plot start position will be represented in the plan (see section **Error! Reference source not found.** Establishment of permanent plot, p. **Error! Bookmark not defined.**). Information and measurements concerning the reference points will also be reported into a table as following:
- **ID (44):** identification of the reference points (e.g. R1).

- **Description (45):** description of the reference points (e.g. north side of rock, Pinus with Dbh= 95 cm).
- **Bearing (46):** orientation of the reference points from the marker, in degrees.
- **Distance (47):** distance of the reference points to the marker, in meters.

A recommendable supplement to the registration of reference points could be to photograph each reference point from the marker position(36c).

- **Photo N^o(36c):** running photo number within the UE from the marker (from 1 to the total number of photos taken in the UE).

D. Plot plan (52): Scheme displaying plot layout

The scheme represents the plot as a whole. The rectangular and the circular subplots are both drawn in the scheme. The starting point is located at the bottom of the page. The central axis of the plot (X axis) at 0 m on the vertical axis (Y axis) and the locations of circular and rectangular subplots centres (located on the main axis, at 5 m, 125 m and 245 m) are included.

The following objects should be drawn (see example in Figure 15):

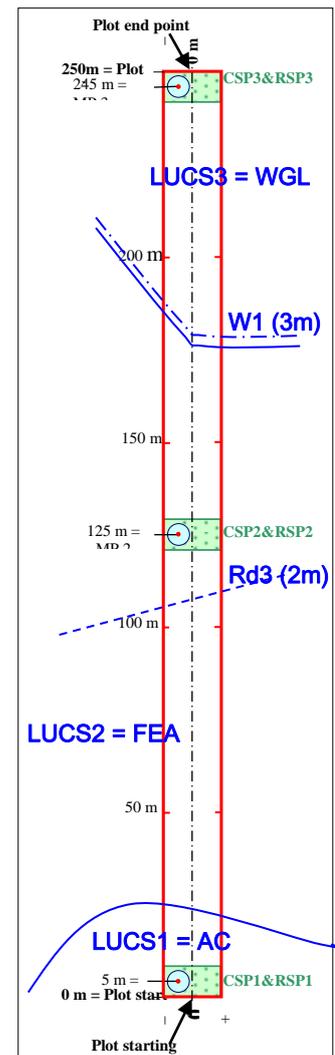
- **Borderlines of the LUCS**, including the code of the land use/cover classes inside the corresponding sections, see Figure 1.
- **Intersections with infrastructure** (roads, paths...) **and water courses**, as line object, including the code and width of the road/water course. The line drawing corresponds to the centre of the road/stream.

Codes must be attached to the lines according to the legend included in the form (water course, road type). The total **number of water courses and roadcrossing the plot** should be indicated in the field **52b**, once the plot survey is completed.

In addition, the sketch must also include all the information and observations that help interpreting the plot. When entering the fieldwork data in the database these notes must be entered in the field **52a** plot plan notes in the database.

- **Plot middle point (39c and 39d):** easting (39c) and northing (39d) coordinates of the plot middle point (at 125 m from plot starting point), in meters, in the projection system adopted (GPS reading).
- **Plot end point (39e and 39f):** easting (39e) and northing (39f) coordinates of the plot end point (at 250 m from plot starting point) in meters, in the projection system adopted (GPS reading).
- **Notes (53):** relevant notes concerning the whole plot, on access, vegetation, marker (if the markers could not be put it should be explain why), problems and difficulties encountered during the survey in the plot.

Figure 15. Plot plan example



5.3 Form F3: Plot - Tree and stump measurements

This form (see Annex □ 6.8, **Error! Reference source not found.**, p. **Error! Bookmark not defined.** and **Error! Reference source not found.**, p. **Error! Bookmark not defined.**) consists of a table where information related to all the trees and stumps measured in the plots will be recorded, apart from tree regeneration (height over 1.3m), whose data, collected in the Circular Subplot, will be reported in the form F4 (see **Error! Reference source not found.**).

The form **F3a** will be used for most of the trees. If branches represent most of the volume in a tree then the form **F3b** will be used for that tree.

Plot identification

- **Country name (1)**
- **SU N° (2):** identification number of the SU (from 1 to total SU number). See map with SUs.
- **Plot N° (3):** identification number of the plot (1 to 4):

Table: this table will contain data related to:

- All trees and stumps with $Dbh \geq 20$ cm present in the plot (in forest Land Use/Cover Sections) and $Dbh \geq 10$ cm in all non forest sections;
- Trees and stumps with a $Dbh \geq 10$ cm measured in rectangular subplots (in forest Land Use/Cover Sections);
- **LUCS No (4a):** identification number (from 1 to number of land use/cover sections within the plot) of the LUCS where the tree/stump is found.
- **Tree No (55):** tree/stump identification number. Trees are numbered consecutively in the order they are measured.
- **Stump (55b):** indicate if the measurement is for a stump (checkbox).
- **Species (56):** either common/local (**56a**) or scientific (**56b**) species name of the tree. In the case of local name, the language used should be specified into brackets.
- **Tree/Stump location:** tree or stump location in plot:
- **Along plot axis (57a):** horizontal distance in meters along the plot axis from plot starting point to the tree (from 0 to 250 m).
- **Left or right axis (57b):** horizontal distance in meters from the plot central axis to the tree (from 0 to 10 m).
- **Dbh (58):** tree or stump diameter, in centimetres:
 - In the case of a tree, diameter in centimetres at breast height (1.3 m, Dbh) (see appendix section 6.2.1 for diameter measurements and particular cases).
 - In the case of a stump, the stump diameter, in centimetres, at breast height (Dbh) or measured at the top of the stump (stump height) if the stump is lower than 1.3 m (Dsh).
- **Diameter height (59):** height of diameter measurement in meters, if different from breast height (1.3 m, Dbh).
- **Year(s) since cut (60):** only for stumps. Estimated time since the tree was cut according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
< 1 year	Recent exploitation	1
1 – 5 years	The harvest took place between 1-5 years	2
6 – 10 years	The harvest took place between 6-10 years	3
> 10 years	The harvest took place more than 10 years ago	4
Not known	There is not enough information to know about the year since cut	90

- **Total height (61):** total tree or stump height in meters (see appendix section □ 1.1)
- **Bole height (62):** tree height at the first big branch in meters (only for trees).

- **Stem quality (63):** estimated stem quality (only for trees). To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Low	Tree with several defects or damage due to fire, pests, diseases, animals...	1
Medium	Tree with little defects or damage due to fire, pests, diseases, animals, etc.	2
High	Straight tree without visible damage due to fire, pests, diseases, animals, etc	3

Health (does not apply to stumps):

- **Crown condition (64b):** intensity of the symptom. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Healthy	Crown transparency less than 50%, no top dieback	1
Declining health	Crown transparency approximately 50%, top dieback evident	2
Unhealthy	Crown transparency more than 50% and significant top dieback	3
Dying	Crown transparency more than 75%, increased dieback	4
Dead	Trees apparently killed in earlier growing season	5

- **Overall tree condition (64):** intensity of the symptom. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Healthy	A tree is healthy when it does not show symptoms of disease or other that have any substantial effect on the tree's growth and vitality	1
Slightly affected	A tree is slightly affected when it shows symptoms of disease or other that to some extent affect the tree's growth and vitality	2
Severely affected	A tree is severely affected when it shows symptoms of disease or other that substantially affect the tree's growth and vitality without being lethal	3
Dead/Dying standing tree	A tree is dead when none of its parts are alive (leaves, buds, cambium) at 1.3m or above. A tree is dying if it shows damage that will surely lead to death. Standing	4
Dead/Dying fallen tree	A tree is dead when none of its parts are alive (leaves, bud, cambium) at 1.3m or above. Diameter of a fallen tree is measured at the estimated previous breast height. A tree is dying if it has damage that will surely lead to death. Fallen	5

- **Causative agents (65):** causative agents that have been identified (diseases, insects, animals, etc.), according to option list (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	Healthy tree crown, with no symptoms of insects, disease or any stress including parasitic plants	0
Insects	Evidence of insect infestation (e.g. defoliation, leaf feeding)	1
Disease/Fungi	Presence of fungus such as leaf spots, leaf or needle discolouration	2
Fires	Burned	3
Animals	Damage due to wild or domestic animals	4
Humans	Human induced damage (cuttings, bark damage, logging...)	5
Climate	Damage caused by extreme climatic events (wind, snow, lightning, etc.) e.g. broken branches	6
Other	To be specified in the notes	99

- **Decompositionstatus (64c):** only for dead trees, degree of decomposition of the tree. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Branches and twigs	A dead tree with branches and twigs, resembling to a live tree	1
Small and large branches	A dead tree with no twig, but with persistent small and large branches	2
Large branches	A dead tree with large branches only	3
“Intact” Bole	A dead tree with the bole (trunk) only, without branches. The bole wood is almost intact, with low decomposition	4
Rotten Bole	A dead tree with the bole (trunk) only, without branches. The bole is rotten, with advanced decomposition	5

Branches (F3b): up to four major branches (minimum diameter ≥ 20 cm and length ≥ 2 m) per tree should be measured if the branches represent a relatively large proportion of the tree woody volume.

- **D1, D2, D3, D4 (66a-d):** mean diameter, in centimetres, of the four measured part of branches.
- **L1, L2, L3 L4 (67a-d):** length, in meters, of the four measured branches.
- **Tree Notes (68):** relevant notes concerning the trees and stumps, problems of species identification, particular trees or general health condition of trees.

5.4 Form F4: Subplots and measurement points

This form (see Annex □6.8, **Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found.** and **Error! Reference source not found., p. Error! Bookmark not defined.-Error! Bookmark not defined.**) contains the information on tree regeneration and plant indicator species on the circular subplots (CSP), shrub measurements on Rectangular Subplots (RSP), as well as on edaphic and topographic variables from the measurement points (MP).

Plot identification

- **Country name (1).**
- **SU N° (2):** identification number of the SU (from 1 to total SU number).
- **Plot N° (3):** identification number of the plot (1 to 4).

A. Measurement points: topography and soil (F4a)

Variables on topography and soil are collected in three fixed measurement points located in the centre of each subplot (measurement points).

The information is recorded in three boxes corresponding to the three measurement points. These include:

- **LUCS N° (4b):** identification number (from 1 to number of land use/cover sections) of the LUCS where the measurement point is located.

Site information:

- **Slope (71):** the average inclination at the measurement point. To be indicated in %. The angle of slope is measured from the measurement point to a point at 20 m horizontal distance along the direction of the highest slope. If the slope is not homogeneous then the slope is an average of the up and down slope readings from the measurement point.
- **Slope orientation (70):** slope direction at measurement point. To be indicated as compass bearing (from 0 to 360°). On flat terrain write “n.a.” (not applicable).
- **Relief (72):** topography of subplots. Characterized by the position in the landscape, the landform and micro-relief. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Plateau	Relatively flat (slope \leq 5%); terrain of great extent and high elevation, above adjacent lowlands limited by an abrupt descent scarp on at least one side. May be dissected by deep valleys and deeply incised rivers	1
Summit / Crest	Crest of any kind or hilltop; can be sharp or rounded	2
Upper slope	Upper slope of hillside (located on the upper 1/3 of the slope) (shoulder)	3
Middle slope	Middle slope of hillside (slope > 5 %) (back slope)	4
Lower slope	Lower slope of hillside (foot slope)	5
Bench / Terrace	Horizontal zone of average width over 30 m interposed in the valley side (slope < 15%) or a terrace over 6 m width	6
Valley	Very wide, gently sloping depression with predominant extent in one direction commonly situated between two mountains or ranges of hills. The profile may be U- or V-shaped. Includes river valley (formed by flowing water) or glacier valleys	7
Plain	A large flat to very gently undulating area at a low elevation with reference to surroundings	8
Narrow depression	Enclosed depression or small, narrow valley or distinct crater (including ravine, gorges, gullies, canyons...)	9
Water course	Permanent or temporary water course (river...)	10
Dunes	Sandy hills developed through sand deposits from wind erosion/storms, often unstable and moving	11
Other	To be indicated in the notes	99

- **ID Photo (72b):** running photo numbers within the SU, taken from the measurement point (from 1 to the total number of photos taken inside the SU), of one or more photographs of the landscape taken at the MP location and representing the site.
- **Photo bearing (72c):** compass bearing in which the photo is taken (from 0 to 360 degrees).

Soil information:

The biophysical and hydrological properties of the soil are assessed at the measurement points using observations and/ or the rapid Soil Visual Assessment technique.

- ILUA** - **Soil type (73c):** local name (often based on colour) given by land users of the soil type. To be asked to informants/ local guides. The language used should be specified into brackets. If available the scientific name is also indicated.
- ILUA** - **Soil surface condition (73d):** soil surface condition given by estimating % of bare soil (the part that is more vulnerable to erosion and degradation processes) and evidence of:
 - crusting or sealing, as this will impede rainwater infiltration into the soil which will increase runoff and vulnerability to erosion and drought conditions;
 - stoniness or lumpy, small soil clods on the surface which illustrate erosion, the washing out of fine materials, and other degradation processes.

To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Poor	Strong crusting/compacted soil surface or significant stoniness or firm clods on the soil surface or soil surface with complete absence or less than 30% cover by vegetation or residues	0
Moderate	Some stones or clods especially on bare areas and maybe light crusting or soil surface partially covered >30% and < 70%	1
Good	No evidence of crusts, very few clods or stones; or soil surface totally or more than 70% covered by vegetation or plant residues	2

- **Organic layer thickness (75):** the thickness of organic layer (or "O" horizon) measured, in centimetres, from the soil surface using a measuring tape or ruler or a stick graduated in centimetres. This layer is dark-coloured dominated by organic material consisting of undecomposed or partially decomposed litter such as leaves, dead grasses, needles, twigs, bark, moss and lichens, that has accumulated on the surface.
- **Topsoil depth (75b):** depths to the upper and lower boundaries (e.g. 0-15 cm) of the organo-mineral layer of the soil (or "A Horizon") measured from the soil surface, in centimetres, using a measuring tape or ruler or a stick graduated in centimetres. The topsoil is a mineral horizon at the surface or below the litter/organic layer, and is characterized by the accumulation of humified organic matter intimately mixed with the mineral fraction and a different morphology from the other underlying soil horizons. It is usually darker in colour than deeper layers as it contains more organic material, which is also related to soil biological activity. In intensively cultivated area, there might be a loss of organic matter resulting in a lighter colour than in the subsoil.
- **Subsoil depth (75b):** depths to the upper and lower boundaries (e.g. 15-45 cm) of the sub-layer of the soil (or "B Horizon") measured from the soil surface, in centimetres, using a measuring tape or ruler or a stick graduated in centimetres. The subsoil is a mineral horizon, in which the main features are the breakdown of all or much of the original rock structure. This layer accumulates iron, clay, aluminium and organic compounds. Plant roots penetrate through this layer, but it has very little humus. It is usually brownish or red. If the depth is above 110 cm then indicate ">110".
- **Coarse fragments (73q):** quantity of coarse elements such as gravels, stones, boulders and blocks, in percentage of the soil volume (see chart for estimating percentage in Annex 6.5, p. 89). To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
< 5 %	Few coarse elements (< 5 %)	0
5-15%	Not many coarse elements (5-15 %)	1
15-40%	Many coarse elements (15-40 %)	2
>40%	Coarse elements are abundant (> 40 %)	3

- **Topsoil and subsoil texture (73):** the texture class of the topsoil and the subsoil layer. Refers to the

relative proportions of sand, silt and clay size particles in a sample of soil (see Annex □6.5, p. 89). It only considers elements $\leq 2\text{mm}$. The texture can be determined by taking one or two table spoonfuls of soil in one hand and adding water drop by drop to the soil as it is being worked in the hand until a sticky consistence is reached. The soil is then rolled into a ball and texture determined. To be described according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Rock	Surface rock	0
Sand	A wet sample does not stain hands and cannot be moulded when moist into a ball. Gritty sound when rubbed between the fingers close to the ear. Not dirty, not floury, no fine material in the finger rills, does not stain fingers	1
Loamy sand	Can be moulded into a weak ball that breaks easily. Slightly sticky. Makes a gritty sound when rubbed. Stains fingers	2
Sandyloam	Can be moulded into a ball that does not break when handled carefully. Slightly sticky, makes a gritty sound when rubbed. Stains fingers	3
Loam	Contains almost the same amount of sand, silt and clay. Can form a ball that does not break when handled carefully. Can form ribbon 0.6-1.2 cm that will easily break. Makes a light gritty sound. Does not show fingerprint when pressed.	4
Silt loam	Can forms ball that can be handled without breaking but will not ribbon. Fells like flour when moist and sticky when wet	5
Sandy clay loam	Can form ribbon 1.8- 2.5cm long; shows fingerprint when pressed. Gritty.	6
Silty clay loam	Can form ribbon 2.5- 5cm long; produce sheen when rubbed with thumbnail. Sticky.	7
Clay loam	Forms firm balls; forms a thin ribbon more than 5cm long. No sound when rubbed between fingers. Very smooth, sticky and moderate plasticity.	8
Sandy clay	Forms firm balls; Can form ribbon more than 5cm long. Sticky, plastic and gritty.	9
Silty clay	Forms firm balls; Can form ribbon more than 5cm long. Sticky, plastic and not gritty.	10
Clay	Forms strong ball; allows to be formed into a thin string or a shorter ribbon more than 5 cm long that can be bent into a full circle . Very plastic, sticky and slippery when handled. Not gritty. Very shiny when rubbed with thumbnail	11

- **Topsoil and subsoil (73r) colour:** the dominant colour of soil (see Annex □6.5, p. 89). To be described according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Multicoloured		0
White		1
Red		2
Brown		3
Yellow		4
Greenish		5
Grey		6
Blue		7
Black		8
Other	To be specified	99

- **Soil pH (73k):** pH measure of a soil sample collected at the measurement point level (centre of Circular Subplot) in the topsoil and subsoil. It will be measured with pH paper. The actual pH value is recorded in the sheet.
- **Hardpan (73j):** presence of a hardpan (tillage pan or other) on the side of the hole exposed by removing the 20 cm³ soil block (*in situ*, see Annex □6.5, p. 89) or by removing a soil slice from the

side of the exposed hole. To be described according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
No tillage pan or natural hardpan	No tillage pan or other hard impervious layer, friable soil, good structure and porosity	0
Moderate hardpan	Firm consolidate tillage pan or other hardpan at base of tilled soil with some areas with weak structure, some cracks and a few macropores	1
Very hard hardpan	Very consolidated, hard pan at base of tilled layer, with no structure, cracks or macropores L shaped or thickened roots due to the obstructing layer	2

- ILUA** - **Soil structural condition (73f):** assessed by conducting a “shatter test” (see Annex □6.5, p. 89), based on size, porosity and abundance of soil aggregates and clods and consistency, whether it is friable and crumbly or hard. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Poor structure and consistency	Soils are massive (lack natural fracture planes), structureless, dominated by extremely coarse, angular, very firm clods with very few finer aggregates. The hard lumpy soil hinders root penetration and growth so roots will tend to be less developed and no fine hairs will be visible	0
Moderate structure and consistency	Soil contains significant proportions of both coarse firm clods and friable fine aggregates, the clods may be platy (layered) or prismatic in form. Roots are reasonably well developed but there will be less fine root hairs	1
Good structure and consistency	Good distribution of friable fine aggregates (crumbly) with no significant clodding. The soil aggregates/lumps tend to be more rounded or granular in form that breaks easily. Roots are well developed laterally and vertically with visible fine root hairs	2

- ILUA** - **Soil porosity (73g):** assessed by observing a few aggregates and clods of soil, from the soil used in the shatter test (see 73f above), or a slice of soil from the side of the hole, and especially the large pores (macropores) and cracks. Attributes to be considered includes the degree of soil macro pores, compaction or clod aggregates of the soil under observation. To be described according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Little porosity / Poor condition	No soil macropore visible. Compact, massive, structureless clods with smooth surface and sharp angles	0
Moderate porosity / moderate condition	Some, but many less, macropores that are only visible on close examination of clods which show moderate amounts of consolidation and compaction	1
High porosity / Good condition	The soil has many macropores (large easily visible holes or fissures) between and within soil aggregates from the action of soil organisms and fine root growth	2

- ILUA** - **Top soil colour difference (73h):** the colour of a handful of soil from the soil structure test is compared to the soil from a relatively protected little used area (fence lines, etc.) see Annex □6.5, p. 89. The focus here is on the change compared to the control; which reflects trends in soil organic matter and hence nutrients. To be described according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Significantly paler colour / Poor condition	Significantly paler topsoil showing severe loss of soil organic matter and degradation	0
Paler colour / Moderate condition	Somewhat paler topsoil showing evidence of some decline in soil health and degradation	1
Similar dark colour / Good condition	Dark coloured topsoil/tilled layer, similar to the control, soil showing evidence of good soil organic matter content	2

- **Soil drainage (74):** average soil drainage reflected by the time water remains on the surface after a heavy rainfall and resulting waterlogging. This is indicated by the number and colour of orange or grey mottles (spots, patches of different colour) in the soil and degree of soil compaction. Mottles are observed on the side of the soil profile or on and in a few soil clods from the exsampling united soil block. To be described according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
No drainage	Land covered with water most of the year, such as lakes, swamps and mangroves, etc.	0
Poor drainage	Significant surface ponding (lying water) for several months. Soil has abundant medium and coarse orange and particularly grey mottles	1
Moderate drainage	Water/humidity may stay in the soil for several weeks. Soil has some (10-25%) fine and medium orange and grey mottles	2
Good drainage	No evidence of surface ponding after one day following heavy rain, however, water/ humidity may stay in the soil for several consecutive days. Mottles are generally absent	3
Very good drainage	No surface ponding. Moisture/water does not stay in the soil during more than a few consecutive hours. E.g. sandy soils will dry out rapidly. Mottles are absent	4

- **Soil samples collection (73m):** indicate by Y (= "Yes") or N (= "No") whether soil samples were collected at the measurement point (only for the first measurement point, MP1). See section □0.0.0XXXXXXXXXX.□, p. 41, for more details on samples to be collected.
- **Maximum sample depth (73n):** indicate, in cm, the maximum depth of the soil samples (≤ 110 cm).
- **Sample restriction reason (73o):** reason for restriction of the depth of collected soil samples (less than 110 cm) or for not collecting the soil samples. To be described according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Water	No soil sample could be collected because of water	1
Compaction	The soil is too compacted	2
Rocks	Rocks at the measurements points	3
Stones/ Gravels	Soil is impenetrable because of the presence of stones or gravels or other coarse fragments	4
Other	To be indicated in the notes	99

B. Litter Subplot (LSP) - Litter layer

Variables on litter are collected in the three Litter Subplots (LSP). The information is recorded in three boxes corresponding to the three LSP. These include:

- **LUCS N° (4i):** identification number (from 1 to number of land use/cover sections) of the LUCS where the measurement point is located.
- **Litter depth (801):** averagedepth, in cm, of the litter layer in the Litter Subplot, measured from the soil surface using a measuring tape or ruler. This layeris dominated by non-living woody and non woody biomass in particular twigs, small branches with a diameter less than 2.5 cm, dead leaves and dead grasses.
- **Litter composition (802):** main elements forming the litter. To be described according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Woody	Includes twigs, small branches...	1
Non woody	Includes leaves, dead herbs and grasses, seeds and fruits	2

- **Notes (79a):** relevant notes concerning the litter in the LSP and measurements points.

C. Land use/cover area in subplots (F4a)

This section contains 3 tables used to record land use/cover area in circular and rectangular subplots. One table must be filled for each group of subplots (subplots 1, 2 and 3).

- **LUCS No (4c/d/e):** identification number (from 1 to number of LUCS within the plot) of the LUCS found in the subplot. It can be up to two different LUCS covering each CSP and up to three different LUCS in each RSP. The number should correspond to the one given in F5 form.
- **Area % (54c/d/e):** percentage of the subplot area covered by the LUCS (1 to 100%).

D. Circular Subplots – Small trees measurements (trees above 1.3 m height with Dbh <10 cm) (F4b)

This section must be filled for the circular subplots (CSP) to count small trees, above 1.3m height and with Dbh <10cm (see also section **Error! Reference source not found.**, p. **Error! Bookmark not defined.**).

Each line of the table corresponds to one species found in any of the CSP. In the columns the tree species name and the corresponding number of individual found in each subplot are registered.

- **Species (77):** either common/local (77a) or scientific (77b) species name of the tree.
- **LUCS No (4g):** identification number (from 1 to number of land use/cover sections within the plot) of the LUCS where the trees are measured.
- **Counts (78a):** allows to count individual trees equal to or more than 1.3 m with a Dbh < 10 cm, per species, present in each Circular Subplot;
- **Total (78):** total number (sum of counts) of individual trees over 1.3 m with a Dbh < 7cm, per species, present in each Circular Subplot.
- **Notes (79b):** relevant notes concerning small trees measured in CSP.

E. Rectangular subplots – Shrubs/Bushes measurements (optional) (F4d)

- **RSP No (6):** identification number of the Rectangular Subplot where the shrub/bush is found (from 1 to 3).
- **LUCS No (4h):** identification number (from 1 to number of land use/cover sections within the plot) of the LUCS where the shrub/bush is found.
- **Species (56):** either common/local (56a) or scientific (56b) species name of the shrub/bush. In the case of local name, the language used should be specified into brackets.
- **No of stems/unit (58b):** the number of stems in the shrub/bush.
- **Average stem $D_{0.5h}$ (58):** the average diameter of the stems, in centimetres, measured at 0.5 meters height.
- **Diameter measurement height (59):** height of diameter measurement in meters, if different from 0.5 m.
- **Average height (61):** average height of the stems, in meters.
- **Notes (79c):** all relevant notes concerning shrubs/bushes measured in RSP.

F. Rectangular Subplot (RSP) –Indicator plant species (optional) (F4d)

This section must be filled for each rectangular subplot (RSP) except if it falls into a Land Use/Cover Section classified as “water” or “annual crop lands”.

Each line of the table corresponds to one indicator **plant** species found in any of the RSP. Information might be provided by informants (local guide). In the columns the species name and the corresponding number of individual found in each subplot are registered.

- **Common/ local or scientific species name (300):** either common/local (300a) or scientific (300b) name of the indicator plant species. If a local name is used then specified between brackets the language.

- **Indicator (301a):** type of indicator. To be described according to option list (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
Range land condition	The plant species is an indicator of range land condition	1
Crop land condition	The plant species is an indicator of crop land condition	2
Forest condition	The plant species is an indicator of forest condition	3
Salinity / Sodicty	The plant species is an indicator of salinity or sodicity condition	4
Other	To be specified in the notes	99

- **Quality (301b):** states if the plant indicates poor or good conditions. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	The plant indicate parameter useful for land management but not related to poor/good conditions	0
Poor conditions	The plant indicate poor conditions	1
Good conditions	The plant indicate good conditions	2

- **LUCS No (4f):** identification number (from 1 to number of land use/cover sections within the plot) of the LUCS where the plant indicator is found, for each Rectangular Subplot where the plant is identified. Up to three different LUCS can be specified (multiple choice).
- **Abundance (302):** quantity of plant found in the subplot. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Low	The plant is rare	1
Medium	The plant is common but not abundant	2
High	The plant is abundant	3

G. Fallen Deadwood Transect (FDT) – Dead branches (F4d)

This section must be filled for each Fallen Deadwood Transect (FDT). It contains a table where data on the dead logs and branches with a diameter equal or above 2.5 cm intersecting the transect line are recorded (see section 0.0.0XXXXXXXXX, p. 41).

- **LUCS No (4j):** identification number (from 1 to number of land use/cover sections within the plot) of the LUCS where the branch is measured.
- **Diameter (811):** the diameter of the branch, in centimetres, measured at the intersection point with the transect. If the log or branch is hollow, have gaps or is eroded estimates then estimates the diameter by removing the gap diameter.
- **Decompositionstatus (812):** degree of decomposition of the dead branch. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Sound		1
Rotten	The branch is crumbly,	2

- **Notes (79d):** relevant notes concerning dead branches measured along the FDT and indicator plant species.

5.5 Form F5: Land Use/Cover Section (LUCS)

Information on Land use/cover section (LUCS) found in a given Plot will be registered on this form (see Annex 6.8, **Error! Reference source not found.**, p.**Error! Bookmark not defined.**). It contains general data related to the LUCS as well as data on forest structure and management and on agriculture management and products. One form is used to record information on each LUCS.

Plot identification

- **Country name (1).**
- **SU N° (2):** identification number of the sampling unit (from 1 to total SU number).
- **Plot N° (3):** identification number of the plot (1 to 4).
- **LUCS number (4):** identification number of the LUCS, from 1 to the number of LUCS identified in the plot.

A. General

This section should be filled out for all LUCS.

- **Land use/cover class (80):** code describing the land use/cover class (LUCC) in the LUCS, according to classification described in section **Error! Reference source not found.**, p. **Error! Bookmark not defined.** In case of inaccessible areas where the LU class cannot be specified, write “90” (“not know”) in the box.
- **Accessibility (81c):** Condition of accessibility of the LUCS. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Accessible	Where topographic and road network makes it easy to access or reach the site	0
Inaccessible due to slope	Very steep slope making the field work dangerous	1
Inaccessible due to owner refusal	Where the owner does not allow one to enter the site either by fencing or by not giving permission	2
Inaccessible due to restricted area	E.g. military areas, border areas, land mines areas	3
Inaccessible due to water body	Where a water body does not allow to sample	4
Other inaccessibility	To be specified in the notes	99

- **Width (81a):** average width of the LUCS in meters.
- **Length (81b):** average length of the LUCS in meters.

- **Designation / Protection status (82):** protection status and legal/official designation. To be indicated according to option list:

Options		Description/definition	Code
Protection / conservation	Strict nature reserve/ Wilderness area	Strictly protected area, managed mainly for science or wilderness protection. Corresponds to IUCN category I (see Annex section □6.7p. 94)	1
	National Park	Protected area managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation. Corresponds to IUCN category II (see Annex section □6.7p. 94). Includes National Parks	2
	Natural monument	Protected area managed mainly for conservation of specific natural features. Corresponds to IUCN category III (see Annex section □6.7p. 94). Includes National Heritage Sites	3
	Habitat/ species management area	Conservation through active management - Protected area managed mainly for conservation through management intervention. Corresponds to IUCN category IV (see Annex section □6.7p.94)	4
	Protected landscape / seascape	Protected areas managed mainly for landscape/seascape conservation and recreation. Corresponds to IUCN category V (see Annex section □6.7p. 94)	5
Production		Land designated primarily for production and exsampling unition of products	6
Social services		Land area designated primarily for social services such as recreation, tourism, education, research and cultural/ spiritual sites	7
Multiple use		Land designated to more than one purpose (production, protection and social functions) and where none of these alone is considered as the predominant designated function. Encompasses IUCN category VI (see Annex section □6.7p. 94)	8
Not known		No information available	90
Other		To be specified in the notes	99

Land tenure:

- **Land ownership (83):** land ownership designation under which most of the LUCS is defined. To be indicated according to option list:

Options		Description/definition	Code
Private	Individual	Land owned by individuals and families	1
	Industries	Land owned by private enterprises or industries	2
	Local communities	Land owned by a group of individuals belonging to the same community residing within or in the vicinity of the area. The community members are co-owners that share exclusive rights and duties, and benefits contribute to the community development	3
	Others private	Land owned by private co-operatives, corporations, religious and educational institutions, pension or investment funds, NGOs, nature conservation associations and other private institutions (religious, educational, etc.)	4
Public	State	Land owned by central government, or by government-owned institutions or corporations	5
	Local government	Land owned by local government (district, municipalities)	6

Indigenous / Tribal communities	Land owned by community of indigenous or tribal people	7
Not known	No information available on the land ownership	90
Other	To be specified. Also includes areas where ownership is unclear or disputed.	

- **Management agreement (93a):** management arrangement between the land owner and other groups. To be indicated according to option list:

Options		Description/definition	Code
Owner is the exclusive manager		The owner retains management rights and responsibilities within the limits specified by the legislation	1
Joint management	with communities	Management decisions remain with the owner and the management activities are executed by local communities (including indigenous and tribal communities), according to an agreement. The agreement allocates temporary exploitation rights for specific products or activities. Are included lands allocated for exsampling unition purposes through licenses or concession	2
	with private companies/ private sector	Management decisions remain with the owner and the management activities are executed by private companies, according to an agreement. The agreement allocates temporary exploitation rights for specific products or activities. Are included lands allocated for exsampling unition purposes through license or concession	3
Devolution of management rights	to communities	The owner devolves land management to the local communities (including indigenous and tribal communities) according to leases or management agreement	4
	to private companies/ private sector	The owner devolves land management to the private companies/private sector/individuals according to leases or management agreement, including rental	5
Not known		There is not enough information to obtain management agreement	90
Other		To be specified in notes	99

Vegetation cover:

- **Tree Canopy cover (92):** ground surface covered by the vertical projection of the tree canopies, expressed as percentage of the total ground area in the LUCS. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
No trees		0
< 5%	Very few trees	1
5-10%	Sparse tree canopy cover	2
10-40%	Very open tree canopy cover	3
40-70%	Open tree canopy cover	4
>70%	Closed tree canopy cover	5

- **TOF distribution (92g):** spatial distribution of trees outside forest (TOF). To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	Forest LUCS or no tree	0
Scattered	TOF are sparse	1
Grouped	TOF are grouped in blocks	2
Lines	TOF are aligned (e.g. fences, roadside plantations...)	3
Other	To be indicated in the notes	99

- **Trees expected (88):** Trend in tree density expected in LUCS within 5 years. To be captured through interview and indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Decreasing	Decreased tree density expected within 5 years	1
Stable	No change in tree density expected within 5 years	2
Increasing	Increased tree density expected within 5 years	3

- **Shrub cover (92a):** vertical projection of the shrub/bush canopies as percentage of the total ground area. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
No shrubs		0
< 5%	Very few shrubs	1
5-10%	Sparse shrub canopy cover	2
10-40%	Very open shrub canopy cover	3
40-70%	Open shrub canopy cover	4
>70%	Closed shrub canopy cover	5

- **Shrub height (92b):** average height of the shrubs, in meters.
- **Herbaceous cover (92d):** vertical projection of the herbaceous plants/ natural grass as percentage of the total ground area. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
No herbaceous		0
< 5%	Very few herbaceous	1
5-10%	Sparse herbaceous canopy cover	2
10-40%	Very open herbaceous/ natural grass cover	3
40-70%	Open herbaceous/ natural grass cover	4
>70%	Closed herbaceous/ natural grass cover	5

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- **Plant residues cover (92e):** vertical projection of the plant residues as percentage of the total ground area. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
No plant residues		0
< 5%	Very few plant residues	1
5-10%	Sparse plant residues canopy cover	2
10-40%	Very open plant residues cover	3
40-70%	Open plant residues cover	4
>70%	Closed plant residues cover	5

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- **Crop residues cover (92f):** vertical projection of the crop residues as percentage of the total ground area. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
No crop residues		0
< 5%	Very few crop residues	1
5-10%	Sparse crop residues canopy cover	2
10-40%	Very open crop residues cover	3
40-70%	Open crop residues cover	4
>70%	Closed crop residues cover	5

Drainage:

- **Waterlogging (74b):** soil drainage reflected by the time water remains on the surface after a heavy rainfall and resulting waterlogging. Can be obtained from informants. To be described according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	Includes urban areas, quarries	0
No drainage	Land covered with water most of the year, such as lakes, swamps and mangroves, etc.	1
Poor drainage	Significant surface ponding (lying water) for several months	2
Moderate drainage	Water/humidity may stay in the soil for several weeks	3
Good drainage	No evidence of surface ponding after one day following heavy rain However, water/ humidity may stay in the soil for a weeks	4
Very good drainage	Moisture/water does not stay in the soil during more than a few consecutive hours. E.g. sandy soils will dry out rapidly	5

- **Impeded/filtering capacity (74c):** filtering capacity of wetlands. To be described according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	Not a wetland	0
Low filtering capacity	A wetland that does not traps sediments, excess nutrients and other pollutants such as heavy metals. Therefore the water coming in the wetland has the same quality (e.g. colour) as the one going out	1
Medium filtering capacity	A wetland that traps some amount of sediments and retains some excess nutrients and other pollutants such as heavy metals. Therefore the water coming in the wetland is slightly different in quality (e.g. colour) as the one going out	2
High filtering capacity	A wetland that traps sediments and retains excess nutrients and other pollutants such as heavy metals. Therefore the water coming in the wetland is significantly different in quality (e.g. colour) as the one going out. High density of vegetation	3

Environmental problems:

- **Environmental problem category (84):** main environmental problems observed/identified within the LUCS. To be asked also to informants. To be indicated by marking the appropriate checkbox (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
None identified	No problem has been identified in the LUCS	0
Reduced water levels in rivers / wetlands	In a period of time a considerable reduction of water levels can be noticed	1
Dried up of water source	The main resources of water have dried up	2
Rainfalls variability	In a period of time a change pattern in rainfalls is noticed and is affecting agriculture production or other human activities	3
Drought	Continuous periods of dry weather that usually affects agriculture or other human activities	4
Floods	Inundation of land that is normally dry through the overflowing and usually rising of a body of water	5
Poor water quality	The water does not meets the main quality needs for the population	6
Air pollution	Disturbances caused by air pollution	7
Erosion	Soil is carried away in the landform to the extent that gullies and other erosion signs can be observed	8

Loss of soil fertility	Nutrients of soil are being reduced to the extent that the crop yields are reduced due to intensive use of chemical inputs, soil erosion, poor soil management practices or other	9
Reduced yields	The production of certain crop is drastically reduced as compared to the previous seasons	10
Dust storm	Windstorm that lifts up large amount of soil, sand and dust particles	11
Hail storm	Frozen rain falling as little balls of ice that affect agriculture	12
Uncontrolled burning	Fire which threatens to destroy life, property, or natural resources, and is not burning within the confines of firebreaks or is burning with such intensity that it could not be readily extinguished	13
Landslide	Sliding of a large mass of rock material, soil, etc., down the side of a mountain, hill or cliff	14
Wind fall/ Wind blow	Including storms, cyclones...	15
Overexploiting resources	A resource its used in a way that its natural recuperation its not enough to maintain it	16
Overgrazing	Excessive loss of herbaceous vegetation cover due to wildlife or livestock grazing	17
Loss of habitats	The number of ecosystems are being reduced	18
Reduced species diversity	Plant and animal species diversity is drastically reduced	19
Animal disease and mortality	Diseases start decreasing the animal population (livestock/ wildlife)	20
Plant pest	Pests start affecting plants in the area	21
Invasive species	Species that are non-native to the ecosystem and whose introduction and spread causes, or are likely to cause, socio-cultural, economic or environmental harm or harm to human health	22
Other	To be specified	

- **Severity (84c):** severity of identified problem. To be indicated according to the following option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Low	The evidence of the problem is not so visible	1
Medium	There are some visible effects of the problem that are starting to affect	2
High	It is visible that the problem is strongly affecting	3

- **Trend (84d):** trend in the severity of the problem during the last 5 years. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Decreasing	There are visible signs that the problem detected is reducing	1
No change	There are visible signs that the problem has not change in the last 5 years	2
Increasing	There are visible signs that the problem detected is increasing	3
Not known	There is not enough information to know the trend in the severity of the problem	90

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- **Soil erosion (84e):** type of erosion observed/identified within the LUCS. To be indicated by marking the appropriate checkboxes (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
No soil erosion	No evidence of soil erosion	0
Gullies	Evidence of erosion shown by deep excavation of soils mainly caused by excessive water and exposing bare rocks at the bottom	1
Rills	Evidence of erosion shown by removal of surface soils and mainly caused by droplets of rain water	2

Sheet	Evidence of erosion shown by even removal of the surface layer of the soil mainly caused by water moving runoffs	3
Pedestals		4
Root exposure	There is not enough soil therefore the roots of the plants are exposed	5
Sedimentation (behind trees)	Accumulation of sediments around the tree stem base	6
Sealing	Pores of surface soil are drastically reduced to the extent that infiltration is impeded	7
Water ponding	Pools of water accumulates in the surface soils	8
Siltation	Movement of fine soil particles that are accumulated along water channels, river banks and flat plains	9
Abrasion		10
Rock outcrops	Rocks protrusions from surface of the soil due to erosion processes	11
Dunes	Accumulation of sandy soils due to wind erosion resulting into hilly topography	12
Other	To be specified	

Fire:

- **Fire evidence (85):** the presence or absence of fire evidence in the LUCS. To be indicated according to options list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
No evidence of fire	There is no evidence of fire	0
Recent fire	Evidence of fire from the current season/year	1
Old fire	Evidence of fire from previous years but not from current season	2

- **Fire area (86):** surface of fire in the LUCS. To be indicated in square meters.
- **Fire type (87):** to be indicated according to option list (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
No evidence of fire		0
Underground fire	Fire spreading under the surface through roots or any other underground means	1
Surface fire	Fire spreading through the ground cover where it consumes litter and ground vegetation without reaching the tree canopies	2
Crown fire	Fire spreading through the canopies of woody vegetation	3

- **Causes of fire (87b):** main purposes for the fire. To be indicated according to option list (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
No evidence of fire	No fire	0
Natural	Natural fire (lightning)	1
Accidental	Accidental fire due to negligence (cigarette, campfire...)	2
Clearing of new land	Fire is used to removed the vegetation for the purpose of changing the land use (e.g. conversion forest to agriculture use)	3
Clearing of weeds and residues	Fire is applied to remove weeds and residues, for planting or other use	4
Pasture regrowth	Fire that is created to stimulate grassland growth for pasture regeneration	5
Pest and vermines control	Fire is causedfor removing/managing rodents, snakes...	6
Arson / Malice	Fire is used in a premeditated, for destruction purposes (incendiary)	7
Industrial activities	Fire is caused by industrial activities	8

Not known	There is not enough information to know the fire purpose	90
Other	To be specified in the notes	99

Wildlife (to be inserted in part B for an NFI):

- **Wildlife disturbances (94c):** impact level of wildlife activity in the resources. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not disturbed	No disturbance detected	0
Slightly disturbed	There is minimal evidence that wildlife is disturbing the resources	1
Moderately disturbed	There is some evidence of disturbance in the resources caused by wildlife	2
Heavily disturbed	There is high evidence of disturbance to resources by wildlife	3

Grazing / rangeland (to be inserted in part B for an NFI):

- **Grazing activity (138):** indicates if grazing activity (domestic animals) is carried out in the Land Use/Cover Section (Y/N).

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- **Grazing overall quality (139a):** indicates the overall quality of land resources for grazing. To be indicated according to an option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	Urban area, water course	0
Low	Evidence that the grazing land has poor pasture quality (e.g. few pasture species and sparse, < 20% pasture cover)	1
Medium	Evidence that the grazing land has moderate pasture quality (between 20-49% pasture cover)	2
High	Evidence that the grazing land has good pasture quality (abundant and dense pasture, > 50% pasture cover)	3

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- **Quality trend (139b):** trend in the quality of the grazing/ rangeland during the last 5 years. To be asked to informant and indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	Urban area, water course	0
Decreasing	When there are visible signs that the quality trend is reducing in the last 5 years	1
No change	When there are visible signs that the quality has not change in the last 5 years	2
Increasing	When there are visible signs that the quality trend is increasing in the last 5 years	3
Not known	There is not enough information to know the quality trend of the grazing/rangeland	90

Photos:

- **Photo N° (701):** sequential photo number(s) in the SU (from 1 to the total number of photos taken within the SU) of the photo (s) taken to describe the Land Use/Cover section.
- **Description (702):** brief description of the photo(s).
- **X (702d) and X (702c):** easting and northing coordinates, in meters given by the GPS where the photo is taken, in the projection system adopted in the country.
- **Bearing (702a):** compass reading, in degrees, of the photo (0-360°).

B. Forest and other wooded land (and woodlots) management and structure

This section should be filled out only for LUCS within forest and other wooded land.

- **Stand origin (90):** to be indicated by marking the appropriate checkbox (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
Natural	Natural regeneration of stand by seed	N
Plantation	Artificial regeneration by seeding or planting	P
Coppice	Regeneration by shoots from stump or roots	C
Not known	There is not enough information to know about the stand origin	nk

- **Vertical stand structure (91):** distinct canopy layers in the stand. A canopy layer is a group of tree crowns forming a clearly distinct stratum from the crowns of other trees. To be indicated according to an option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	Non forest area	0
Single layer	Stand with only one well-defined layer formed by the tree canopies	1
Two-layer vegetation	Stand with two distinct canopy layers, an upper layer (a dominant canopy layer with the highest crown and receiving the most light) and a lower layer (under storey, with tree top more or less dominated by the dominant layer)	2
Three-layer vegetation	Stand with three, well distinct, canopy layers: - a dominant upper layer - an intermediate layer (quite dominated by the upper layer) - a lowest layer (under storey, clearly dominated by the dominant layer)	3
Multilayer	Stand with more than three distinct canopy layers	4

- **Forest ownership (83b):** legal right to freely and exclusively use, control, transfer, or otherwise benefit from a forest. It refers to the ownership of the **trees** regardless of whether or not it coincides with the land ownership. To be indicated according to option list:

Options		Description/definition	Code
Private	Individual	Forest owned by individuals and families	1
	Industries	Forest owned by private enterprises or industries	2
	Local communities	Forest owned by a group of individuals belonging to the same community residing within or in the vicinity of a forest area. The community members are co-owners that share exclusive rights and duties, and benefits contribute to the community development	3
	Others private	Forest owned by private co-operatives, corporations, religious and educational institutions, pension or investment funds, NGOs, nature conservation associations and other private institutions (religious, educational, etc.)	4
Public	State	Forest owned by central government, or by government-owned institutions or corporations	5
	Local government	Forest owned by local government (district, municipalities)	6
Indigenous / Tribal communities		Forest owned by community of indigenous or tribal people	7
Not known		No information available on the forest ownership	90
Other		To be specified. Also includes areas where ownership is unclear or disputed	

- **Management plan (93):** indicates whether a formal forest or woodland management plan exists and if it is being implemented. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
No formal management plan	No formal management plan formulated or formal management plan formulated but not implemented	0
Formal management plan	Formal management plan formulated and implemented	1
Not known	There is not enough information to know about any existing management plan in the area	90

- **Human disturbances (94):** impact level of human activity in the forest or other wooded land. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not disturbed	Protected areas, all resources conserved	0
Slightly disturbed	Exploitation of goods and services is carried out according to management plans	1
Moderately disturbed	Many products collected without conforming to management plans, notion of sustainability not respected	2
Heavily disturbed	Removal of products at rates higher than Mean Annual Increment (MAI), biodiversity degradation due to high pressure on selected species, encroachment of agriculture leading to high rate of deforestation	3

- **Disturbance types (94b):** the types of human disturbances affecting the forest or other wooded land. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not disturbed		0
Encroachment by agriculture	Conversion of forests into agricultural land	1
Overexploitation	The forest resources are being sampled at a rate higher than the rate of regeneration	2
Settlements	Settlements (dwellings) cause disturbances	3
Quarry and mineral exploration	Forest resources are cleared to pave way for quarrying and mining	4
Urban infrastructure development	Forest resources are cleared to pave way for infrastructure development (e.g. roads, water treatment plants...)	5
Other	To be specified in the notes	99

- **Timber harvesting (95):** tree harvesting system applied in the LUCS. To be indicated by marking the appropriate checkbox (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
No felling	No recent felling observed	0
Clear-cutting	Clear felling. All or almost all trees in a stand have been harvested	1
Seed tree cutting	The majority of trees are cleared from a stand with a few select ones remaining as seed trees	2
Single tree selective cutting	Selective felling involving only trees of certain species, dimensions, quality, value, etc.	3
Group felling	Exemplified by groups of trees	4
Strip felling	Exemplified by strips of trees	5
Other	To be specified	

- **Stumps removal (95c):** indicate if the stumps are removed after exploitation by “Y” (=yes) and “N” (=no).
- **Branches and tops removal (95d):** indicate if the branches and top trees are removed after exploitation by “Y” (=yes) and “N” (=no).

- **Silviculture (96):** visible silvicultural practices. To be indicated by marking the appropriate checkbox (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
No silvicultural practice		0
Pruning	To cut away some of the branches to improve the tree shape, bole and wood quality	1
Thinning	Reduction of trees to allow for the development of desired future trees	2
Coppicing	Tree stems are repeatedly cut down at or near at the ground to allow many new shoots to emerge from the stump	3
Pollarding	The growth of new lateral branches is encouraged by cutting tree stem above the ground (usually 2 or 3 meters) or main branches. Pollarding is maintained through regular pruning	4
Enrichment planting/seeding – Indigenous sp	Supplementary planting or seeding of indigenous species for increasing the percentage of desirable species	6
Enrichment planting/seeding – Exotic sp	Supplementary planting or seeding of exotic species for increasing the percentage of desirable species	7
Cleaning /Weeding	Intervention aimed at freeing trees from disturbing vegetation layer (e.g. lianas)	5
Sanitary cutting	Removal of dead, damaged or unhealthy trees, with the aim of stopping or preventing the spreading of insects and diseases	8
Prescribed burning	Controlled application of fire to vegetation in either their natural or modified state, under specified environmental conditions which allow the fire to be confined to a predetermined area and at the same time to produce the intensity of heat and rate of spread required to attain planned resource management objectives	9
Fire break	Creation and maintenance of a discontinuity in the forest stand in order to stop or reduce fire intensity and effectively control it at specific points	10
Other	To be specified	

- **Logging technology (97):** technology used for tree exploitation, including for cutting and removal (wood transportation from the logging area to the road). To be indicated by marking the appropriate checkbox (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	No timber exploitation	0
Manual	Manual saw, axe, machete, etc.	1
Chainsaw	Chainsaw	2
Mechanized	Sampling units, mechanization, etc.	3
Animal	Use of oxen, elephants, buffaloes, donkeys, horses, etc for wood removal	4
Not known	There is not enough information to know about the logging technology	90
Other	To be specified	

- **Notes (98a):** notes concerning forests and OWL management.

C. Crop management **ILUA**

This section should be filled out only for LUCS classified as crops (annual, perennial and mixed crops) and improved pastures. It contains information on products provided by land as well as on crop management. Most of the information will be collected through observations and possibly through interviews with farmers.

- **Current and other Crop (146a /146b):** categories of crops cultivated in the Land Use/Cover Section at the moment of the assessment (146a) or during the past one year (one line for each product category). To be indicated according to option list:

	Options	Description/definition	Code
Annual crops products	Food crops		
	Wheat		1
	Barley		2
	Oats		3
	Maize		4
	Rye		5
	Millet	Includes bulrush and finger millet	6
	Sorghum		7
	Rice, paddy		8
	Beans		9
	Soya beans		10
	Other pulses	Chick pea, cowpea, lentils, green gram, etc	11
	Groundnuts		12
	Sweet potatoes		13
	Irish potatoes		14
	Cassava		15
	Sugar cane		16
	Cabbage		17
	Tomatoe		18
	Crotolaria		19
	Egg plant		20
	Amaranth		21
	Cluster bean		22
	Sunflower		23
	Paprika		24
	Arrow root		25
Other annual food crop	To be specified	91	
Non-food crops			
Cotton		27	
Tobacco		28	
Flowers		29	
Other non food annual crops	To be specified	92	
Perennial crops	Fruit trees		
	Mango trees		30
	Guava trees		31
	Citrus trees		32
	Papaya trees		33
	Avocado trees		34
	Banana		35
	Plantain		36
	Other fruit trees	To be specified	93
Other perennial crops			

Vineyards		40
Tea		41
Coffee		42
Oil Palm		43
Coconuts		44
Pineapple		45
Sisal		46
Aloe vera		47
Pigeon pea		48
Berry bushes		49
Cashewnut		50
Agroforestry species	Intercropped species such as Leucaena, Gliricidia, Sesbania spp.	51
Other perennial crops	To be specified	94

- **Number of harvest / year (147):** number of harvest of the product per year of the crops cultivated at the moment of the survey (147a) or during the past one year (147b).
- **Cropping system (140):** To be indicated by marking the appropriate checkbox (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
Monoculture	Growing of the same crop year after year on a given piece of land	1
Multiple cropping	Cultivation of two or more crops on the same field in a year. Sole or mixed crops are grown in sequence, simultaneously one after another, or with an overlapping period	2
Mixed cropping	The system of raising two crops in the same field at the same time where the crops are either broadcast seeded together, or grown as a mixture within a row without any definite planting/spacing pattern unlike intercropping	3
Intercropping	The growing of two or more crops on the same field, either simultaneously or - in the case of relay intercropping - with an overlapping period. Simultaneous systems refer to the cultivation of two or more crops either intermingled or with distinct row or strip arrangement	4
Crop rotation	Different crops are grown in sequence, one after another in a field in unit time e.g. rice-wheat annual rotation	5
Mixed crop/livestock	Mixed crops with livestock	6
Agroforestry	Refers to land use systems and technologies in which woody perennials (trees) are deliberately raised with herbaceous plants, cultivated crops and/or animals on the same land	7
Improved cultivars	From research, extension, private sector not from local participatory breeding	8
Fallow	A period during the year, the land is kept bare and no crop is raised on it, usually between one or more main crops. Conventionally thought to provide a "resting" period to the soil in order to enable it to recuperate	9
Shifting cultivation	The growing of crops for a few years on selected and cleared plots alternating with a lengthy period of vegetative fallow when the soil is rested. Cultivation consequently shifts within an area that is otherwise covered by natural vegetation.	10
Not known	There is not enough information to know about the cropping system	90
Other	To be specified	

- **Water management (141):** water treatment, drainage and use. To be indicated by marking the appropriate checkbox (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
Rain fed	Agricultural production purely based on rainfall	1
Irrigation – manual construction, gravity fed	Generally small-scale systems	2
Irrigation – major equipment	Usually external investment	3
Water harvesting – micro/macro catchment	When water is harvested from roof and rock catchment	4
Water harvesting – Spate or flood flow	When water is impounded by building small dams or dams on flood flows resulting into reservoirs and ponds	5
Artificial drainage of excess water	When excess of water has to be drained artificially	6
Not known	There is not enough information to know about the water management	90
Other	To be specified	

- **Nutrients (142):** use of fertilizer or other soils amendments. To be indicated by indicating **Low** (=code 1), **Medium** (=code 2), **High** (=code 3) in the appropriate box(es) (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
None		0
Adequate fallow	Soil quality improved by allowing enough fallow period	1
Organic fertilizers	Soil quality improved by use organic fertilizer	2
Mineral fertilizers	Soil quality improved by use inorganic fertilizer	3
Liming	Soil quality improved by liming	4
Not known	There is not enough information to know about the nutrients for soil amendment	90
Other soil amendments	To be specified	

- **Pest/Weeds (143):** pest, weed and disease management applied. To be indicated by marking the appropriate checkbox (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
None		0
Chemical pesticides	Chemicals for controlling pests	1
Chemical fungicides	Chemicals for controlling fungi	2
Chemical herbicides	Chemical for controlling weeds	3
Manual control	When the control is done manually	4
Mechanical control	Control by use of machinery	5
Biological control	Control of pest by use of biological agents (e.g. predators)	6
Local knowledge for pest control	Using substances such as soap, ash, pepper, Mexican marigold...	7
Not known	There is not enough information to know about the pest/weeds control management	90
Other	To be specified	

- **Soil and water conservation (144):** practices for protection against erosion and for soil and water conservation. To be indicated by marking the appropriate checkbox (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
None		0
Levelling	Reduction of sloppiness of the land	1
Contour farming	Field operations, such as plowing, planting, cultivating, and harvesting are done along the contour	2
Terracing	Terracing of the land	3
Crop residue incorporation	Crop residues are left on the soil to become part of the organic matter	4
Cover crops / vegetation	Maintenance of dense vegetation to prevent soil from erosion	5
Mulching	Material such as straw, plant residues, leaves, stubbles, loose soil or plastic film is placed on the soil surface to reduce evaporation and erosion, suppress weeds and protect plant roots from extremes of temperature	6
Windbreak	Trees planted on strips to protect crops from the wind	7
Grassed waterway / Check dams	Strips of grass seeded on in areas of cropland or small, temporary or permanent dam constructed across a drainage ditch or channel, aiming at reducing the rate of water flow or at preventing severe erosion	8
Tree planting / Agroforestry	Tree planting for soil and water conservation	9
Not known	There is not enough information to know about the soil and water conservation	90
Other	To be specified	

- **Land preparation / Tillage (145b):** practices and technologies used for land preparation and tillage. To be indicated by marking the appropriate checkbox (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
Zero tillage	Direct seeding without tilling e.g. broadcast, digging stick, seed drill	0
Minimum tillage	Direct seeding with minimal tilling e.g. broadcast, digging stick, seed drill	1
Manual (hoe)	Use of a hoe for tilling land	2
Animal draught	Use of animals, oxen, donkeys for land tillage	3
Mechanized means	Use of machinery, sampling unit or for land tillage	4
Slashing	Clearing of vegetation	5
Burning	Starting fire to burn crops residues/vegetation	6
Herbicides	Chemical input to destroy vegetation	7
Not known	There is not enough information to know about land preparation/tillage	90
Other	To be specified	

- **Notes (98b):** general notes concerning the LUCS, forest management, cropping activities, reasons and problems concerning the choice of the LUCC.

5.6 Form F6: Land Use/Cover Class (LUCC) – Products and Services

This form (see Annex □6.8, **Error! Reference source not found.**, p. **Error! Bookmark not defined.**) contains the information on services and forest and tree products provided by the Land Use/Cover **TLUA** Crop, wildlife and fish products are also included in , while livestock products are excluded. The form also includes information on invasive, threatened and extinct species as well as on land use conversion trends.

One form will be completed for each land use/cover class found in the SU (in all 4 plots). Most of the information will be collected through interviews (key informants, focus groups, individuals) and observations and organized in a summary forms (**F6a** and **F6b**). The form **F6b** is used to record additional products, if there is not enough space in the product table in form **F6a**. Primary data from the interviews or observations will be recorded in the **F6(p)** form (see Annex □6.8, **Error! Reference source not found.**, p. **Error! Bookmark not defined.**).

Plot identification

- **Country name (1).**
- **SU N° (2):** identification number of the sampling unit (from 1 to total SU number).
- **Plot N° (3):** identification number of the plot (1 to 4).
- **LUCC (80):** code describing the land use/cover (LUCC) class, according to classification given in section 2, p. 10.

Only for F6(p) (primary data recording form): it should be as many F6p as interviews carried out + one for the observations made by the field team.

- **Interview No (99r):** identification number of the interview (from 1 to the total number of interviews carried out, excluding household survey). The observations made by the field team members will also count as one interviewee.
- **Information source (124):** the source of the data (interviewee types or observation) used to compile the form **F6p**. See also **Error! Reference source not found.**, p. 27. To be indicated according to option list:

Options		Description/definition	Code
Observations			1
Key informant	Internal key informant	Individuals living in the area/ within the community with in-depth knowledge about the area, the local settings, the use of land and natural resource use	2
	External key informant	Individuals living outside the area with particular knowledge about the area, the land/ natural resource use and the local community (e.g. local government officials, leaders of local development organisation, school)	3
Focus groups or individuals	Representative group or individual living in the area and/or using forest and land resources		
	Women		4
	Men		5
	Youth		6
	Owners		7
	Long term resident		8
	Nomadic		9
	Hunter and gatherer		10
	Logging company		11
	Farmer		12
	Pastoralist		13
	Fishermen		14
Other	To be indicated in the note	99	

- **Interviewee number (201d):** the number of persons who participated to the interview (excluding team members, if they are not informants).

A. Products harvested in the land use class (F6a/b)

This table is used to record the forest and trees products (crops, wildlife and fish products may be added in **ILUA**) harvested in the land use class (livestock products are excluded). If the table is not big enough, the field form **F6b** can be used to record other products.

- **Product category (99):** categories of products harvested in the Land use/ cover class (one line for each product category). To be indicated according to option list:

Options		Description/definition	Code
Wood products	Industrial roundwood	Wood that is used for industrial purposes, either in its round form (e.g. as transmission poles or piling) or as raw material to be processed into industrial products such as sawn wood, panel products or pulp	101
	Fuelwood	Wood in the rough such as branches, twigs, logs, chips, sawdust and pellets, used for energy generation	102
	Wood charcoal	Product of wood combustion used as fuel	103
	Wood carvings	Tools, household equipment, carvings and other small woods	104
Cash crops	ILUA	Crops used mainly for sale (oil, fiber, food, beverage...)	200
Plant products (other than cash crops)	Plant food for human consumption	Vegetable foodstuffs and beverages including fruits, nuts, seeds, roots, mushrooms, food crops, etc.	201
	Fodder	Animal and bee fodder provided by leaves, fruits, flowers, etc.	202
	Plant medicines	Medicinal plants (e.g. leaves, bark, roots) used in traditional medicine and/or for pharmaceutical companies	203
	Soap / Cosmetics	Aromatic plants providing essential (volatile) oils and other products used for cosmetic purposes such as soaps, perfumes	204
	Dyeing / Tanning	Plant material (bark, fruits and leaves) used as tannins, colorants or dyeing	205
	Herbs and spices	Food additives	206
	Exudates	Substances such as gums (water soluble), resins (water insoluble) and latex (milky or clear juice), released from plants by exudation	207
	Utensils, handicrafts	Non wood utensils and handicraft made of thatch, bamboo, rattan, leaves and fibres, wrapping leaves, etc	208
	Construction material	Non wood construction material made of thatch, bamboo, rattan, leaves and fibres	209
	Ornamentals	Entire plants (e.g. orchids) and parts of plants (e.g. pots made from roots) used for ornamental purposes	210
	Seeds	Seeds collected for regeneration purposes	211
	Fuel	Combustion materials	212
	Fiber	For instance for making clothes	213
	Fertilizer	Additives to improve soil fertility	214
Other plant products	To be specified	299	
Animal products	Living animals	Mainly vertebrates such as mammals, birds (parrots), reptiles kept/bought as pets (including for zoos)	301
	Honey, beeswax	Products provided by bees	302
	Bush meat	Meat provided by vertebrates, mainly mammals	303
	Other edible animal products	Mainly edible invertebrates such as insects (e.g. caterpillars) and other "secondary" products of animals (e.g. eggs, nests)- To be specified	398
	Hides / Skins	Hide and skin of animals used for various purposes. Includes trophies	304
	Medicines from animals	Entire animals or parts of animals such as various organs used for medicinal purposes	305
	Colorants	Entire animals or parts of animals such as various organs used as colorants	306
	Fuel	Biogas, dung	307
Other non-edible	E.g. bones used as tools – To be specified	399	

animal products		
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- **Product category importance (99a):** ranking of the product category according to importance. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Low	Product category of low importance	1
Medium	Product category of medium importance	2
High	Product category of high importance	3

- **Species / Varieties (111):** local or scientific name of species (and varieties for crops, in ILUA, in the product category, harvested in the land use class (one line per species/ varieties). If a local name is used then the language used to name the species should be specified into brackets. If several species have very similar characteristics (see following variables), they can be noted in the same row.

- **Species ranking (111a):** ranking of the species according to importance. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Low	Species of low importance	1
Medium	Species of medium importance	2
High	Species of high importance	3

- **Part(111b):** part (s) (seed, bark, leaves...) harvested of the plant product. To be indicated according to option list (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	Not a plant product (animal products...)	0
All	All the plant (aboveground is harvested)	1
Branches		2
Trunk		3
Stump		4
Roots		5
Bark		6
Leaves		7
Seeds		8
Fruits		9
Flowers		10
Other	To be indicated in the notes	99

- **Commercial end-use (102):** main end-use of the species. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Only domestic use	The product is only used for home consumption. No commercial use of the product	0
<25% commercial use	Less than 25% of the product is sold in markets (more than 75% of the product is used for home consumption)	1
25-50% commercial use	25% to 50% of the product is sold in markets (50% to 75% of the product is used for home consumption)	2
50-75% commercial use	50% to 75% of the product is sold in markets (25% to 50% of the product is used for home consumption)	3
>75% commercial use	More than 75% of the product is sold in markets (less than 25% of the product is used for home consumption)	4
Only commercial use	All harvested product is sold. The product is not used for home consumption	5
Not known	There is not enough information to know about the commercial use of the specie	90

- **Conflicts (104):** existence of conflicts between different users/harvesters of the product. To be

indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
No	No conflicts due to use/harvest of the product	1
Yes	Conflicts due to use/harvest of the product	2
Not known	There is not enough information to know about conflicts of harvesting the product	90

- **Demand trend (105):** trend of product demand during the last 5 years. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable		0
Decreasing	When there are signs that the demand trend of product is decreasing for the last 5 years	1
No change	When there are signs that the demand trend of product has been the same for the last 5 years	2
Increasing	When there are signs that the demand trend of product is increasing for the last 5 years	3
Not known	There is not enough information to know about demand trend	90

- **Supply trend (106):** trend of product supply or stock during the last 5 years. This variable should not to be recorded for crop products (**TLUA**) to be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable		0
Decreasing	When there are signs that the supply trend of product is decreasing for the last 5 years	1
No change	When there are signs that the supply trend of product has been the same for the last 5 years	2
Increasing	When there are signs that the supply trend of product is increasing for the last 5 years	3
Not known	There is not enough information to know about supply trend	90

Harvest:

- **Harvest period (107b-107c):** period of harvest of the product, indicated as starting month and end month (Month-Month). For instance, if the harvest is done from September to December then indicate "09-12"; from November to February "11-02"; the whole year "01-12".
- **Harvest frequency (108):** frequency of harvesting of the product during the harvest period. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable		0
Daily	Product is harvested almost every day during the harvest period	1
Weekly	Product is usually harvested at least once every week during the harvest period (but not daily)	2
Monthly	Product is usually harvested at least once a month during the harvest period (but not weekly)	3
Yearly	Product is usually harvested one or several times a year during the harvest period (but not monthly)	3
Intervals larger than 1 year	Product is not harvested every year	4
Not known	There is not enough information to know about frequency of harvesting the product	90
Other	To be specified in the notes	99

- **Harvest trend (109):** trend in harvesting of the product during the last 5 years. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable		0
Decreasing	When there are signs that the trend in harvesting the product is decreasing for the last 5 years	1
No change	When there are signs that the trend in harvesting the product has been the same for the last 5 years	2
Increasing	When there are signs that the trend in harvesting the product is increasing for the last 5 years	3
Not known	There is not enough information to know about the trend in harvesting the product	90

- **Harvest change reason(110):** main reason of change in harvesting of the product during the last 5 years. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable		0
Change in benefits	Changes in benefits perceived for the product (change in market price or harvest costs)	1
Change in demography	Change in population increases or decreases the demand for the product	2
Competition with other products	The products have been substituted by or substituted other products	3
Change in the quantity of product in the surroundings	Change in the quantity/ stock of the product in the surrounding (due to climate change, overexploitation, soil conditions, invasive species...)	4
Change in the access to the resource	Change in the access to the resource due to land tenure	5
Change in harvesting techniques	Change in technology for harvesting / transporting the product	6
Not known	There is not enough information to know about the change reason in harvesting the product	90
Other	To be specified in the notes	99

- **Market price (266a):** market price of the product in national currency per Unit.
- **Market price unit (266b):** market price unit of the product (eg. kg, unit, dozen...).

User group: each line from this section of the table corresponds to a user group for the **product category** (not anymore to the product species).

- **User group (101):** the user group (harvesters) of the product category is indicated by marking the following codes:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Individuals	Individuals and families	I
Communities	Group of families living together	C
Enterprise	Includes public or private enterprises, industries and organizations	E
Nomadic	Nomadic or transhumant user (individuals or communities)	N

- **User group ranking (101a):** ranking of the user groups according to the harvested quantity of the product category. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Low	User group with low harvest of the product	1
Medium	User group with medium harvest of the product	2
High	User group with high harvest of the product	3

- **User rights (103):** user rights to harvest the product (by product category). To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Individual rights	The harvester is the land owner or has been transferred property rights	1
Rent	Pays a fee, percentage of harvest, for having the right of harvest the product	2
Customary or common rights	Rights to harvest the product based on tradition or habit, to satisfy local people's needs or a specific group. Might be regulated through permits and licenses	5
Open access	The harvest of the product is a common right. Everybody has the right to harvest/use the product.	6
No right	The harvest of the product is prohibited	7
Not known	There is not enough information to know about the user rights	90

- **Sale to (268):** main destination of sold product (by product category). To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	The product is not sold	0
Local market	Product sold mainly to local market > 70%	1
Regional market	Product sold mainly to regional market > 70%	2
Middleman	Over 70 % of the product sold to an intermediate person(s) involved in the chain between the producer and the final buyer e.g. exporters, cooperatives...	3
Not known	There is not enough information to know about where the product is sale to	90

- **Organization level (101b):** level of organization in which the harvest is carried out. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Organized	Harvesting is carried out in a coordinated manner	1
Spontaneous	Harvesting is carried out in a spontaneous, non organized manner	2
Organized and spontaneous	Harvesting is carried out both in a coordinated and spontaneous manner	3

- **Gender balance (101c):** gender balance of harvesters of the product. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
No women	Women don't harvest the product	0
<30% women	Women represent less than 30% of the harvesters of the product	1
30 – 70% women	Women represent between 30 – 70% of the harvesters of the product	2
>70% women	Women represent more than 70% of the harvesters of the product	3
Only women	Only women harvest the product	4

- **Child participation (101d):** proportion of children involved in the work related to harvest. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
No children	Children don't harvest the product	0
<30% children	Children represent less than 30% of the harvesters of the product	1
30 – 70% children	Children represent between 30 – 70% of the harvesters of the product	2
>70% children	Children represent more than 70% of the harvesters of the product	3
Only children	Only children harvest the product	4

Legislation:

- **Awareness (101e):** awareness of the legislation related to the harvest of the product. When major part of the user group is aware of the legislation this should be indicated by marking the checkbox. When there are no legislation related to the harvest of the product then “n.a.” (not applicable) should be indicated.
- **Compliance (101f):** compliance to legislation for the product. If the majority of the user group acts in compliance with the legislation this should be indicated by marking the checkbox. When there are no legislation related to the product then “n.a.” (not applicable) should be indicated.

Incentives:

- **Awareness (101g):** awareness of incentives related to the product. If the majority of the user group is aware of the incentives this should be indicated by marking the checkbox.
- **Application (101h):** application to incentive for the product by legal users. If the majority of the user group has applied or is applying for incentives this should be indicated by marking the checkbox.

B. Services provided by the forest and trees (or land use/cover class in **TLUA** F6a)

- **Service category (148):** service provided by the forest and trees (or land use/cover class **TLUA**), as perceived by local population. To be indicated by marking the appropriate checkbox (multiple choice possible):

Options	Description/definition	Code
None identified		0
Soil protection	Including soil conservation, watershed protection, protection against erosion and landslides	1
Soil fertility	Contributes to good fertility	2
Fresh water / water conservation	Contributes to fresh water/water conservation	3
Detoxification / water purification	Contributes detoxification/water purification	4
Climate regulation	Contributes to regulates climate	5
Disease control	Provides a barrier from diseases	6
Windbreak	Acts as a windbreaker	7
Shade	Provides shade	8
Religious/Spiritual	Use for religious purposes	9
Cultural heritage	For cultural heritage	10
Recreation / Tourism	Including ecotourism, hunting or fishing as leisure activity	11
Aesthetic	Provides landscape beauty	12
Education / Scientific studies	Use for education, researches, including bio-prospecting	13
Employment	Provides local employment	14
Other	To be specified	

- **Service importance (148b):** importance of the service provided, as perceived by local population. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Low	Service of low importance	1
Medium	Service of medium importance	2
High	Service of high importance	3

Service legislation:

- **Awareness (101e):** awareness of the legislation related to the service provided. When major parts of the user group are aware of the legal restrictions this should be indicated by marking the checkbox. When there are no legislation related to the service then “n.a.” (not applicable) should be indicated.
- **Compliance (101f):** compliance to legislation for the service provided. If the majority of the user group acts in compliance with the legislation this should be indicated by marking the checkbox. When there are no legislation related to the product then “n.a.” (not applicable) should be indicated.

Service incentives:

- **Awareness (101g):** awareness of incentives related to the service provided. If the majority of the user group is aware of the incentives this should be indicated by marking the checkbox.
- **Application (101h):** application to incentive for the service provided by legal users. If the majority of the user group has applied or is applying for incentives this should be indicated by marking the checkbox.

C. Biodiversity indicators (F6a)**Insect pests, diseases and invasive species (160):**

- **Insect pest, diseases and invasive species category (160a):** category of major diseases, pests and invasive species observed/identified within the land use class. Invasiveness is identified according to local population’s perception. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Insect pest	Exotic insect species in the habitat that is exponential increasing in population	1
Disease	Bacterial, virus or fungal agents causing diseases	2
Fish invasive sp.	Exotic fish species in the habitat that is exponential increasing in population and whose spread cause, or are likely to cause, socio-cultural, economic or environmental harm or harm to human health	3
Animal wildlife invasive sp.	Exotic animal wildlife species in the habitat that is exponential increasing in population and whose spread cause, or are likely to cause, socio-cultural, economic or environmental harm or harm to human health	4
Woody invasive sp.	Exotic woody species in the habitat that is exponential increasing in population and whose spread cause, or are likely to cause, socio-cultural, economic or environmental harm or harm to human health	5
Herbaceous invasive sp.	Exotic herbaceous species in the habitat that is exponential increasing in population and whose spread cause, or are likely to cause, socio-cultural, economic or environmental harm or harm to human health	6

- **Species (160b):** either common/local or scientificnameof the disease, pest or invasive species.

- **Affects (160c):** category affected by insect pest or disease. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Not applicable	Fish, wildlife, woody or herbaceous invasive species	0
Humans	The insect pest or disease affects humans	1
Livestock	The insect pest or disease affects livestock	2
Fishes	The insect pest or disease affects fishes	3
Animal wildlife	The insect pest or disease affects animal wildlife	4
Herbaceous plants	The insect pest or disease affects herbaceous plants	5
Woody plants	The insect pest or disease affects woody plants	6
Other	To be specified in the notes	99

- **Severity (160d):** severity of the invasion/ disease. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Low	There are few visible signs that the disease, pest or invasive specie is affecting the area of land use class	1
Medium	There are visible signs that the disease, pest or invasive specie is affecting the area of land use class	2
High	The area of land use class is severely affected by the disease, pest or invasive species	3

Threatened and extinct species and varieties (161):

- **Threatened and extinct species category (161a):** category of threatened and extinct species or varieties identified within the land use class, as perceived by local population. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Fish sp.	Fish species in the habitat that is declining exponentially in population within the land use	1
Animal sp.	Animal species in the habitat that is declining exponentially in population within the land use	2
Woody sp.	Woody species in the habitat that is declining exponentially in population within the land use	3
Herbaceous sp.	Herbaceous species in the habitat that is declining exponentially in population within the land use	4

- **Species (161b):** either common/local or scientificnameof the threatened and extinct species or varieties.
- **Status (161c):** indicate if the specie or variety is extinct or threatened, as perceived by local population. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Extinct	When population no longer exists	E
Threatened	When population is being reduced to a level that in short term can disappear	T

Wildlife abundance (162) (Optional):

- **Local or scientific name (112):** name to the main animal wildlife species (big mammals such as e.g. antelope, gazelle...) present in the land use area
- **Abundance (113b):** extent of existence of the named species. To be indicated according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
Low	Low population of the species in the area	1
Medium	Medium population of the species in the area	2
High	High population of the species in the area	3

D. Land use/cover change

This section focuses on identification of any conversion trends from the land use to another and the extent of the conversion process.

- **Conversion (80b):** indicates the rate of conversion according to option list:

Options	Description/definition	Code
None	No conversion from the land use to another over the last 5 years i.e. the land use has been stable	0
Low	The extent of conversion from one land use to another is low i.e. few signs of changes	1
Medium	The extent of conversion from one land use to another is medium over the last 5 years i.e. gradual signs of changes	2
High	The extent of conversion from one land use to another is high over the last 5 years i.e. there has been significant and rapid changes in land use	3

- **To land use (80c):** indicates the land use converted to according to option list (see codes in Table 3).
- **Notes (98):** notes regarding products and services in the land use class and land use/cover change.

6. Annexes

6.1 GlobalLand use/ cover classes definitions (FRA 2010)

Categories	Definition
Total area	Total area (of country), including area under inland water bodies, but excluding offshore territorial waters.
Forest	<p>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 <i>in situ</i>. It does not include land that is predominantly under agricultural or urban land use.</p> <p>Explanatory notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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 <i>in situ</i>. 2. <u>Includes</u> areas with young trees that have not yet reached but which are expected to reach a canopy cover of 10 percent and tree height of 5 meters. It also includes areas that are temporarily unstocked due to clearcutting 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. 3. <u>Includes</u> 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. 4. <u>Includes</u> windbreaks, shelterbelts and corridors of trees with an area of more than 0.5 hectares and width of more than 20 meters. 5. <u>Includes</u> abandoned shifting cultivation land with a regeneration of trees that have, or is expected to reach, a canopy cover of 10 percent and tree height of 5 meters. 6. <u>Includes</u> areas with mangroves in tidal zones, regardless whether this area is classified as land area or not. 7. <u>Includes</u> rubber-wood, cork oak and Christmas tree plantations. 8. <u>Includes</u> areas with bamboo and palms provided that land use, height and canopy cover criteria are met. 9. <u>Excludes</u> tree stands in agricultural production systems, such as fruit tree plantations, oil palm plantations 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.
Other wooded land (OWL)	<p>Land not classified as "Forest", spanning more than 0.5 hectares; with trees higher than 5 meters and a canopy cover of 5-10 percent, or trees able to reach these thresholds <i>in situ</i>; or with a combined cover of shrubs, bushes and trees above 10 percent. It does not include land that is predominantly under agricultural or urban land use.</p> <p>Explanatory notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The definition above has two options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The canopy cover of trees is between 5 and 10 percent; trees should be higher than 5 meters or able to reach 5 meters <i>in situ</i>. or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The canopy cover of trees is less than 5 percent but the combined cover of shrubs, bushes and trees is more than 10 percent. Includes areas of shrubs and bushes where no trees are present. 2. Includes areas with trees that will not reach a height of 5 meters <i>in situ</i> and with a canopy cover of 10 percent or more, e.g. some alpine tree vegetation types, arid zone mangroves, etc. 3. Includes areas with bamboo and palms provided that land use, height and canopy cover criteria are met.
Other land (OL)	<p>All land that is not classified as "Forest" or "Other wooded land".</p> <p>Explanatory notes: Includes agricultural land, meadows and pastures, built-up areas, barren land, land under permanent ice, etc.</p>
Inland water	Inland water bodies generally include major rivers, lakes and water reservoirs.
Outsideland area	Sea, ocean or neighbouring countries.

6.2 Tree height and diameter measurements

6.2.1 Tree diameter (Dbh) measurement

6.2.2 Tree height measurement

6.3 Use of receivers for Global Positioning Systems (GPS)

6.3.1 What is a GPS?

6.3.2 When to use it?

6.3.3 GPS Guide

The guide, including functions and buttons depends on GPS model.

6.3.4 Use of GPS in the inventory (for each sampling unit)

6.4 Horizontal distance measurements

Table 13. Slope correction table

Slope		Factor f _s	Horizontal distance (m)														Slope
%	°		5	10	15	20	25	30	40	50	120	125	130	240	245	250	%
15	9	1.0112	5.1	10.1	15.2	20.2	25.3	30.3	40.4	50.6	121.3	126.4	131.5	242.7	247.7	252.8	15
20	11	1.0198	5.1	10.2	15.3	20.4	25.5	30.6	40.8	51.0	122.4	127.5	132.6	244.8	249.9	255.0	20
25	14	1.0308	5.2	10.3	15.5	20.6	25.8	30.9	41.2	51.5	123.7	128.8	134.0	247.4	252.5	257.7	25
30	17	1.0440	5.2	10.4	15.7	20.9	26.1	31.3	41.8	52.2	125.3	130.5	135.7	250.6	255.8	261.0	30
35	19	1.0595	5.3	10.6	15.9	21.2	26.5	31.8	42.4	53.0	127.1	132.4	137.7	254.3	259.6	264.9	35
40	22	1.0770	5.4	10.8	16.2	21.5	26.9	32.3	43.1	53.9	129.2	134.6	140.0	258.5	263.9	269.3	40
45	24	1.0966	5.5	11.0	16.4	21.9	27.4	32.9	43.9	54.8	131.6	137.1	142.6	263.2	268.7	274.1	45
50	27	1.1180	5.6	11.2	16.8	22.4	28.0	33.5	44.7	55.9	134.2	139.8	145.3	268.3	273.9	279.5	50
60	31	1.1662	5.8	11.7	17.5	23.3	29.2	35.0	46.6	58.3	139.9	145.8	151.6	279.9	285.7	291.5	60
70	35	1.2207	6.1	12.2	18.3	24.4	30.5	36.6	48.8	61.0	146.5	152.6	158.7	293.0	299.1	305.2	70
80	39	1.2806	6.4	12.8	19.2	25.6	32.0	38.4	51.2	64.0	153.7	160.1	166.5	307.3	313.8	320.2	80
90	42	1.3454	6.7	13.5	20.2	26.9	33.6	40.4	53.8	67.3	161.4	168.2	174.9	322.9	329.6	336.3	90
100	45	1.4142	7.1	14.1	21.2	28.3	35.4	42.4	56.6	70.7	169.7	176.8	183.8	339.4	346.5	353.6	100
110	48	1.4866	7.4	14.9	22.3	29.7	37.2	44.6	59.5	74.3	178.4	185.8	193.3	356.8	364.2	371.7	110
120	50	1.5620	7.8	15.6	23.4	31.2	39.1	46.9	62.5	78.1	187.4	195.3	203.1	374.9	382.7	390.5	120
130	52	1.6401	8.2	16.4	24.6	32.8	41.0	49.2	65.6	82.0	196.8	205.0	213.2	393.6	401.8	410.0	130
140	54	1.7205	8.6	17.2	25.8	34.4	43.0	51.6	68.8	86.0	206.5	215.1	223.7	412.9	421.5	430.1	140
150	56	1.8028	9.0	18.0	27.0	36.1	45.1	54.1	72.1	90.1	216.3	225.3	234.4	432.7	441.7	450.7	150

Note: The table provides corrected distances for some horizontal distances, in function of the slope. For instance, the distance correction for a horizontal distance of 20 meters, with a slope of 30% is 20.9 m.

For other horizontal distances, not included in the table, it is possible to get a corrected distance by multiplying the horizontal distance by the slope correction factor f_s. For instance, on a terrain with a 25% slope, the aim is to find the horizontal distance of 7.5 meter, it is necessary to carry out the following operation: 7.5 * 1.0308 = 7.73 meters.

6.5 Rapid Visual Soil Assessment technique

6.6 Interviewing and group-discussions techniques

6.6.1 Advice and recommendations

Interviewing is very important for the data collection, and it is not easy. Good interview techniques are achieved through experience, training and by following certain procedures. There is specific advice and tools developed suggesting how to approach people. The following section tries to advice as well as to foresee difficult situations.

- **Preparations:**
 - **Background information** through literature review and secondary data increases knowledge of the area and people, and is important for interviewing.
 - **Plan** which variables you need to know from the different key informants and focus groups, etc.
 - Go over the topics and sub-topics and prepare ‘**helper questions**’ to be explored.
 - Each team member, who interviews, carries out the interview/visual tool following **one’s own line** of questioning and reasoning.
- **Building rapport:** A good working relationship with the local people is easier to establish when the interviewer is well prepared, shows respect, and also remembers that it is the fieldworkers who are there to learn from the resource users on how they are using and benefiting from their local resources.
- **Scheduling interviews:** Respect of people’s time can be demonstrated by trying to make appointments with informants and select a time and location where the interview is less likely to be disturbed. It is also important to be aware of when it is right to end an interview. The so called unscheduled interviews are also important. They may take the form as informal dialogue with people that are met when walking in the field, buying drinks in the local shop, etc.
- **The number of** interviewers in each household must be as few (i.e. two persons) where possible to avoid giving the impression that the outsiders dominate the process.
- **Interpreter:** Although by far the best is to be able to interview in the original language, there might be occasions where the use of an interpreter is necessary. When using an interpreter it is important to use simple language, and ensure that there is a good mutual understanding about procedures and what information is needed to be obtained. It must be remember that the role of the interpreter is to interpret, not to interview. Asking the same question in different ways (a form for cross-checking) is a way to check that communication is working. Other hints suggested are: have the translator sit behind you, maintain eye-contact with the respondent, even though you do not understand what exactly is being said. Often it is important, to take your time, making sure that you understand what was being said and what this means, and that the interpreter understands what you mean. Interviewing with translators is, of necessity even slower, more difficult and more sensitive process than if in original language.
- There are different opinions on **taking notes and filling out field forms or questionnaires in front of the respondents**. In semi-structured interviews many argue that one should never pull up an official-looking questionnaire form. And it is often recommended not to take note until rapport has been built (ask permission) as people are often reluctant to talk freely if notes are taken. If you take notes explain clearly for what use they are, and after an interview sum up what you have written. Doing visual exercises, such as RRA1 is a way

¹For this study, the participatory techniques are referred to as Rapid Rural Appraisal (RRA) as it involves field workers learning from local people according to the field workers’ agenda (IUCN, 1998). RRA uses a variety of tools and techniques to gather information. All its tools are designed to

where the noting or drawing is shared by all. Pre-noting some of the variables and topics to ask about in a small notebook as one gets familiar with the procedure is good practice and recommended.

- **Rural women** are often busy, and are often shy with strangers, regardless of whether the stranger is a man or a woman. Fieldworkers should be sensitive to the constraints facing women when undertaking interviews. Preferably a woman should interview the women respecting the female space.
- **Avoid asking questions** that are beyond the knowledge or experience of informants. Avoid giving opinions or using questions that may adversely affect the answers given. To be polite, local people will often agree with the opinions of field workers, even if they do not really agree or know.
- **Modifications:** Be prepared to modify the question or how you ask for information as new issues emerge and old issues become less critical. Issues should be explored as they arise in the conversation.
- **Use open-ended questioning** style that seeks explanations and opinions rather than yes-or-no-answers. Ask, for example, “where do you collect fuelwood?” Rather than, “do you cut fuel wood from the government forest?” (IUCN, 1998). To relate it to the sample site, follow up with “Do you also collect in this part of the forest” (pointing on a map at the sample site).
- **Probing and the use of non-leading ‘helper questions’:** Probing is an art that is learned through careful practise and means delving into a subject. Often topics are not easily comprehended at first; thus several questions around a sub-topic might be useful to ensure understanding (both yours and the participants’). Use such non-leading helper questions as: “Who?” “What?” “Where?” “When?” “Why?” “How?” “How many?” “How often?” And so forth. What are the implications, aims, intent, significance, or explanations of something? Ask yourself frequently – are you on the right track? (Messerschmidt, 1995). But it is also important to bear in mind that we do not need more information than the objectives have set out.
- **Sampling unit and subplot specific:** It is important to always be clear about relating the question to the site or the stand. Geographic reference is possible. If people say that they collect fuelwood in the forest, but they are referring to the general forest or another part clearly outside the sample site, a follow up question can be: “Do you then also collect fuelwood in this [specific] area”? And at the same time show the area visually, describe it, etc.

6.6.2 Tool: stakeholder identification and analysis (Venn diagram)

This exercise identifies and provided information about the different resource user groups that can be important to schedule and plan interview with.

1. Organize a meeting with the local people (those who live close to the sampling unit, women, men, and maybe some key informants as well), and explain to them the objectives of the interview. During this brainstorming session, the group may be encouraged to work with the help of a flipchart or a similar tool.
2. List the users or groups of people, institutions who have an interest in the forest. Ensure that external stakeholders (those not physically represented, such as logging or pharmaceutical companies) are mentioned. Can large groups of stakeholders be divided into smaller groups? Are there certain groups who depend more on forest than others, or groups that use the

promote the participation of local people in both the collection and the analysis of the information. The tools approach facilitates questioning from different angles. Some are particularly helpful in addressing spatial issues, some gather more temporal information, and others help local people to analyse their situation by ranking issues or problems (Freudenberger, K, 1995).

forest more frequently?

3. Rank the groups, organizations, institutions and individuals.
4. Draw the sampling site in the shape of a box (for example), at the centre of the paper sheet or flip chart. Explain that each stakeholder group should be represented as a circle. The size of the circle represents how big their interests to the forest are: if their interests are large, intermediate or small draw respectively a big, medium or small circle.
5. Arrange the stakeholders circles in or around the sampling site square, to show the link existing between them and the sampling site under analysis. Discuss the rights that different stakeholders have on the products and what products and services they are interested in.

6.6.3 Tool: Participatory analysis of aerial photographs and maps

6.6.4 Tool: Cross-checking and triangulation

6.6.5 Tool: Direct Observation

6.6.6 Tool: Transect walk to the sample site

6.6.7 Tool: Identifying the products, services and their use

6.6.8 Examples of how to phrase questions

A. Questions to key informants

- **Background information on the sampling unit (form F1, section A):**

Administrative divisions (7-10): *“What are the names of the administrative unit/ province/ district/ sublocation/ village and the local name of the area?”*

- **Information on the people living in the SU or in the surroundings (form F1, section B):**

- Population on SU (21): *“How many people live in this area?”* (The area refers to the SU).
- Year of settlement (22): *“How long (from what year) have people lived here?”*
- Population dynamics (23): *“Have most people in the area been living here for the past 5 years?”* or *“Have you seen a lot of changes during the last 5 years of people coming or going?”* If there have been changes *“Why?”*
- Main activity (24): *“How would you describe the livelihood of the majority of the people living in the area surrounding the SU?”* Cross-checking of direct observations and information provided by the interviewees may provide a good overview.

- **General information on the distance and access to the SU (form F1, section C):**

Distance to the permanent road, seasonal road, inhabited area, school, market, hospital (26-31): *“What is the distance from the SU to the closest permanent road, etc.?”*

- **General information on the land use/cover section (form F5, section A):**

- Designation/protection status (82): *“What is the legal designation of the forest? Is it a gazetted forest, a community [communal] Forest, a village forest, National Park, etc.?”*
- Ownership (83): *“Who is the legal owner of the land (forest) in the sample area? Is it public, is it private”* If private *“Do people have land titles?”* But it is not recommended to ask directly questions about ownership, especially in areas where it is known that

persons are mostly squatters.

- **Other variables**

Key informants may also have an opinion on variables asked to the focus groups, such as: most important resource products and services, ecological problems, rights and conflicts. One should keep in mind that in the absence of local people, the information will be provided mostly by the key informants. Moreover, even when the information is provided by the focus groups, it must be cross-checked with the data provided by the key informants and observations.

- Legislation and incentives awareness (101e and 101g): *“Are there any laws/ incentives concerning this product/service? If yes, which one?” “Are the local people aware of this legislation?”*
- Compliance (101f): *“Is the legislation concerning this product/activity respected?”*
- Application to forestry incentive (101h): *“Have the people applied for incentives concerning this product/service?”*

Information that will help identifying important user groups. This information will help select individuals and focus groups to be interviewed.

B. Questions to focus groups and individuals

- **Land resources uses and products and services (form F6):**

- Products and services category (99): *“What products do you collect in this part of the land/forest?”*
- P/S Rank (99a)/ Species Rank (111a): *“Of all the products that have been identified, for your household/village/group, what is the most important product that is obtained/produced?”*
- Harvester / User (101): *“Who are the persons that harvest or use the product/ practise this activity?”*
- Gender balance (101c)/Children (101d): *“Do the women harvest the product? Are the harvesters mainly women? ”Do the children participate in harvesting the product?”*
- End-use (102): *“Do you sell this product?” if yes, “to whom?”*
- User rights (103): *“Who has the right to harvest/use this product/ to practice the activity?” “Is there anybody who may exclude the others from collecting it?” “If you can harvest it, is it because you are also the owner?” “Are the harvesting rights by tradition or are they legal?”*
- User conflicts (104): *“Related to the product that we have been discussing, do you feel that there exist any disagreements, either with other local people or with externals, about harvesting or using this product?”*
- Demand trend (105): *“Do you need more of this product?” or “Is the quantity you exsampling unit nowadays enough to satisfy your need?”*
- Last activity/exsampling unition (108): *“When did you last collect this product?” “How often do you harvest this product/practise this activity?”*
- Trend (109): *“Did you (or your family) harvest as much of this product today as 5 years ago?”*
- Change reason (110): if there has been any change in the quantity produced/ exsampling united/ frequency of activity, *“Why is it so?”*

- **Questions related to the SU (form F1, section C) may also be asked to the focused groups, when analysing the maps, especially:**

- Population dynamics (23): *“5 years ago, were there any people living here?” or “Do the*

young people often stay in the area when they have a family of their own or do they go to the city?”

- Settlement history (25): *“What are the main historic events that you remember from this area, such as for example, conflicts, change of land tenure, natural disasters etc.”*

• **Other questions related to the LUCS (form F5), which also may be asked or cross checked with observations or information provided by external key informant:**

- Environmental problems (84): *“What is the most important [ecological] problem in forest around in the area where you live? How does it affect the land? Have you seen any changes that are affecting your day to day life? Change in yield?”*

6.7 IUCN protected area management categories

<i>Protected Areas – IUCN categories for nature protection</i>	
I – Strict nature reserve / wilderness area	Protected area managed mainly for science or wilderness protection. These areas possess some outstanding ecosystems, features and/or species of flora and fauna of national scientific importance, or they are representative of particular natural areas. They often contain fragile ecosystems or life forms, areas of important biological or geological diversity, or areas of particular importance to the conservation of genetic resources. Public access is generally not permitted. Natural processes are allowed to take place in the absence of any direct human interference, tourism and recreation. Ecological processes may include natural acts that alter the ecological system or physiographic features, such as naturally occurring fires, natural succession, insect or disease outbreaks, storms, earthquakes and the like, but necessarily excluding man-induced disturbances.
II – National Park	Protected area managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation. National parks are relatively large areas, which contain representative samples of major natural regions, features or scenery, where plant and animal species, geomorphological sites, and habitats are of special scientific, educational and recreational interest. The area is managed and developed so as to sustain recreation and educational activities on a controlled basis. The area and visitors' use are managed at a level which maintains the area in a natural or semi-natural state.
III – Natural monument	Protected area managed mainly for conservation of specific natural features. This category normally contains one or more natural features of outstanding national interest being protected because of their uniqueness or rarity. Size is not of great importance. The areas should be managed to remain relatively free of human disturbance, although they may have recreational and touristic value.
IV – Habitat/species management area	Protected area managed mainly for conservation through management intervention. The areas covered may consist of nesting areas of colonial bird species, marshes or lakes, estuaries, forest or grassland habitats, or fish spawning or seagrass feeding beds for marine animals. The production of harvestable renewable resources may play a secondary role in the management of the area. The area may require habitat manipulation (mowing, sheep or cattle grazing, etc.).
V – Protected landscape/seascape	Protected areas managed mainly for landscape/seascape conservation and recreation. The diversity of areas falling into this category is very large. They include those whose landscapes possess special aesthetic qualities which are a result of the interaction of man and land or water, traditional practices associated with agriculture, grazing and fishing being dominant; and those that are primarily natural areas, such as coastline, lake or river shores, hilly or mountainous terrains, managed intensively by man for recreation and tourism.
VI – Managed resource	Protected area managed for the sustainable use of natural ecosystems. Normally covers extensive and relatively isolated and uninhabited areas having difficult access, or regions that are relatively sparsely populated but are under

protection area	considerable pressure for colonization or greater utilization.
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6.8 Field forms

Figure 16. Field form F1 Cover – Sampling Unit (cover page)

1. NFMA Country - F1 Cover -

2. Sampling Unit (SU) N°

33d. Start date __/__/__ 33e. End date __/__/__ Leaving for: 33f. SU No 33g. Base

Number of forms compiled (in parenthesis, range number)

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F1c	(1)	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>
ILUA	F1d	(1) <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>
(F1e)	(1)	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>

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PLOT 4	
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ILUA	F6a	(≥1) <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>
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F7d	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	

LUC number

38. Descriptive notes on the field work

Brief summary of the work carried out, SU particularities, description of the difficulties encountered during data collection in the SU as well as strategy used, solutions for problems and recommendations

38c. Organisation and site description (team organisation and logistics, access, site description and particularities- recommendations for future survey):

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38d. Field measurements (terrain, vegetation, measurements constraints and particularities):

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38e. Interviews & contacts with populations (contacts with interviewees, authorities, owners, local guides):

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Field Forms

F1 to F6

1.NFMA Ethiopia

Sampling Unit (SU)

2.SU N°.....

A. Sampling Unit (SU) Location

7. Region

8. Zone..... 11a. GEZ C

9. Woreda..... 11b. NEZ C

10. Kebele..... 12. Altitude SU centre m

10b. 13. Maps & aerial photos.....

14c. *Coordinates Tract SW corner*

14b. Longitude _ _ _ , _ _ _ ° E 14d. UTM E _ _ _ _ _ m

14a. Latitude _ _ _ , _ _ _ ° N 14e. UTM N _ _ _ _ _ m

14c Coordinate system: UTM (Projection) (datum: WGS84)

B. Human Population

21. Sedentary population distribution

	Total	F	M
21c. Number of households*			
21f. Average household size*			
21. Population on the SU**			
21d. Adult literacy rate (%)**			
Number of refugees			

21e. Ethnic group C

22. Years since settlement C

23. Population dynamics C

24a. Population main activity C

24b. Secondary activity C

25. Settlement history		25a. Year /Period
<input type="checkbox"/>	0 Not Applicable (no inhabitants...)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 War/Civil conflict	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Insecurity, ethnic conflicts	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Change of ownership/land tenure	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Expansion of agriculture	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Urban development	
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 Infrastructure, electric power	
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 Economic crisis	
<input type="checkbox"/>	8 Natural disaster	
<input type="checkbox"/>	9 Human disease	
<input type="checkbox"/>	10 Rural-to-urban migration	
<input type="checkbox"/>	11 Urban-to-rural migration	
<input type="checkbox"/>	12 Rural-to-rural migration	
<input type="checkbox"/>	13 Urban-to-urban migration	
<input type="checkbox"/>	14 Immigration	
<input type="checkbox"/>	15 Emigration	
<input type="checkbox"/>	16 Squatters	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Others	

Nomadic/transhumant population

21g. Number of households 21i. Ethnic group C

21h. Average household size 21j. Period in the SU _ _ - _ _ mm - mm

* In 21c and 21f: F= Female headed / M= Male headed;** In 21 and 21d: F= Female / M= Male.

C. Proximity to Infrastructure

D. Access to SU

<p><i>Distance from centre of SU to nearest:</i></p> <p>26. All-weather road _ _ , _ km</p> <p>27. Seasonal road _ _ , _ km</p> <p>28. Settlement _ _ , _ km</p> <p>29. Health centre _ _ _ _ , _ km</p> <p>29b. Veterinary services.....km</p> <p>30. School.....km</p> <p>31a. Food Market place- _ _ _ km</p> <p>31b. Input Market place.....km</p>	<p><i>Starting position coordinates:</i></p> <p>32a. UTM E _ _ _ _ _ m</p> <p>32b. UTM N _ _ _ _ _ m</p> <p><i>Access time:</i></p> <p>33a. Start time: _ _ : _ _ h</p> <p>33c. Start date ***: _ / _ / _</p> <p>34a. End time: _ _ : _ _ h</p> <p>34c. End date ***: _ / _ / _</p> <p>34b. Arriving at plot No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>34c. Total Access Time: _ _ : _ h</p>
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Reference points of access path (Route sketch on reverse side)

35. ID	36. Description	37a. UTM E (m)	37b. UTM N (m)	36b. Photo #	36d. Bearing(°)

38a. Notes.....

3.NFMA Ethiopia

4.SU N°.....

Route sketch



38c.Notes.....
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1. **NFMA Ethiopia**

-F2-

2. **SU N°**

3. **Plot N°**

PLOT

A. Plot access

B. Time Record of Work within Plot

D. Plot Plan (52)

Starting position:

34g. UTM E _____ m

34h. UTM N _____ m

Access Time:

34i. Start time: ____ : ____ h

34j. End time: ____ : ____ h

Day 1:

48. Date 1** : ____ / ____ / ____

49a. Start time: ____ : ____ h

51a. End time: ____ : ____ h

**dd/mm/yy

Day 2*:

50. Date 2** : ____ / ____ / ____

49b. Start time: ____ : ____ h

51b. End time: ____ : ____ h

*If work in the plot takes more than one day

C. Plot Starting Point Description

Plot starting point (given):

39a. UTM E _____ m

39b. UTM N _____ m

Marker position (GPS reading):

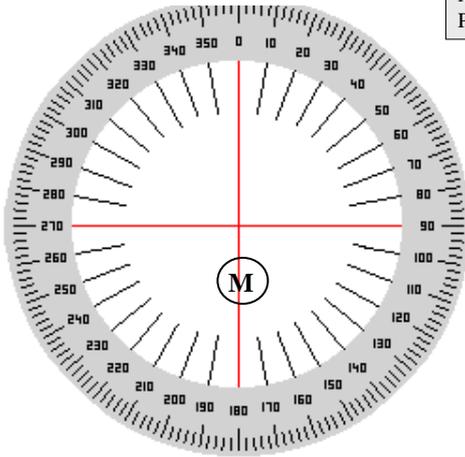
40a. UTM E _____ m

40b. UTM N _____ m

41. Distance from Marker to Plot starting point m

42. Bearing from Marker to Plot starting point °

43. Plot starting point plan:



M = Marker position
P = Plot starting point, if P ≠ M for any reason

* From Marker position

Plot middle point:

39c. UTM E _____ m

39d. UTM N _____ m

Reference points surrounding Marker position

44. ID	45. Description	46. Bearing* (°)	47. Distance* (m)	36c ID Photo

53. Notes:

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Legend:

- _____ LUCSlimit
- _____ Rd1 (Paved road)
- _____ Rd2 (Primary road unpaved)
- _____ Rd3 (Secondary road)
- _____ Rd4 (Track)
- _____ W1 (Perennial stream)
- _____ W2 (Intermittent stream)
- Other.....

52b. Number

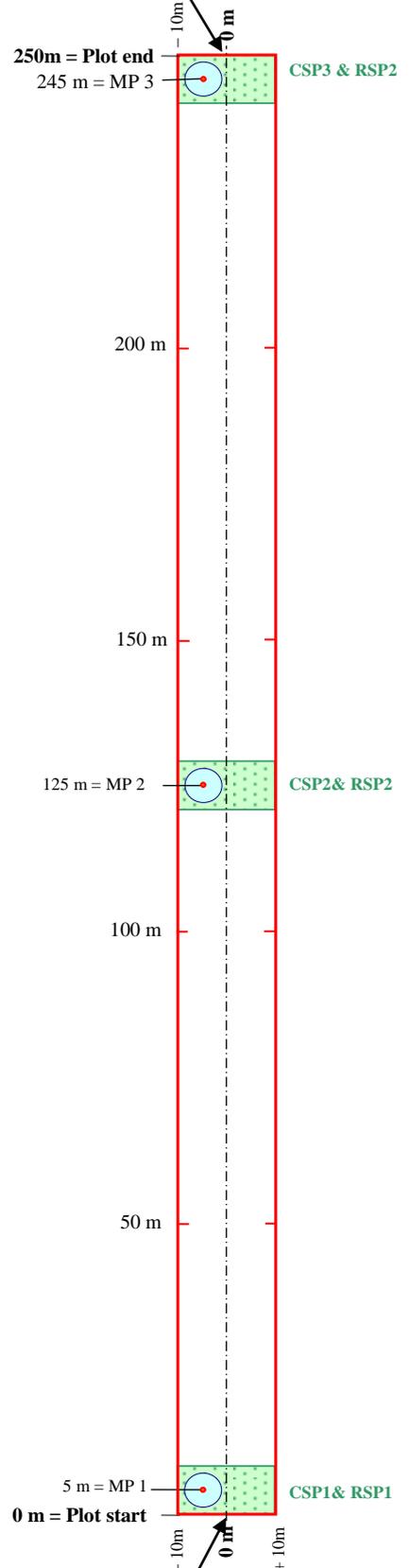
Central line bearing:
Plot # 1 = 0° Plot # 2 = 90°
Plot # 3 = 180° Plot # 4 = 270°

Plot end point:

39e. UTM E _____ m

39f. UTM N _____ m

Plot end point



Field form F4- Measurement Point and Litter Subplot

1. NFMA Ethiopia

-F4a-

2. SU N°..... 3. Plot N°

SUBPLOTS- MEASUREMENT POINTS –SOIL AND LITTER

A. Measurement points (MP) - Topography and soil (in all LUCS)

Measurement point N°1

4b. LUCS N°

Site: 71. Slope %
 70. Slope orientation°
 72. Relief C
 72b. ID Photo
 72c. Photo bearing

75. Organic layer thickness cm

	Topsoil	Subsoil
75. Depth	cm	-
73q. Coarse elements	C	
73. Texture	C	
73r. Colour	C	
73k. pH		

74. Soil drainage C
 73m. Soil sample collection Y/N
 73n. Maximum depth sample cm
 73o. Sample restriction reason C

Measurement point N°2

4b. LUCS N°

Site: 71. Slope
 70. Slope orientation
 72. Relief
 72b. ID Photo
 72c. Photo bearing

75. Organic layer thickness cm

	Topsoil	Subsoil
75. Depth	cm	
73q. Coarse elements	C	
73. Texture	C	
73r. Colour	C	
73k. pH		

74. Soil drainage C

Measurement point N°3

4b. LUCS N°

Site: 71. Slope %
 70. Slope orientation
 72. Relief C
 72b. ID Photo
 72c. Photo bearing

75. Organic layer thickness cm

	Topsoil	Subsoil
75. Depth	cm	
73q. Coarse elements	C	
73. Texture	C	
73r. Colour	C	
73k. pH		

74. Soil drainage C

B. Litter subplot (LSP)

LSP N°

41. LUCS N°

801. Litter depth cm
 802. Litter composition C

LSP N°

41. LUCS N°

801. Litter depth cm
 802. Litter composition C

LSP N°

41. LUCS N°

801. Litter depth cm
 802. Litter composition C

C. Land Use/Cover Area in SubPlots

Subplot N°1

Subplot	4c. LUCS N°		4d. LUCS N°		4e. LUCS N°	
	54c. SP Area	%	54d. SP Area	%	54e. SP Area	%
Rectangular						
Circular						

Subplot N°2

Subplot	4c. LUCS N°		4d. LUCS N°		4e. LUCS N°	
	54c. SP Area	%	54d. SP Area	%	54e. SP Area	%
Rectangular						
Circular						

Subplot N°3

Subplot	4c. LUCS N°		4d. LUCS N°		4e. LUCS N°	
	54c. SP Area	%	54d. SP Area	%	54e. SP Area	%
Rectangular						
Circular						

79b. Notes: (Measurement Points and LSP)

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2. SU N° 3. pt N°

LAND USE COVER SETION

4. LUCS°

A. General

80. Land use/cover class C

81c. Accessibility C

81a. Width m 81b. Length m

82. Designation/Protection status C

Land tenure

83. Land Ownership C

93a. Management agreement C

Vegetation cover:

92. Tree canopy cover C

92g. TOF distribution C

88. Trees expected C

92a. Shrub cover C **ILUA**

92b. Shrub height m

92d. Herbaceous cover C

92e. Plant Residue cover C

92f. Crop Residue cover C

Drainage:

74b. Water logging C

ILUA

Grazing:

138. Intensity C **ILUA**

139a. Overall quality C **ILUA**

139b. Quality trend C

Environmental problems		84c. Severity	84d. Trend
84. Category ¹		C	C
0	None identified		
1	Reduced water levels in rivers/wetlands...		
2	Dried up of water sources		
3	Rainfalls variability		
4	Drought		
5	Floods		
6	Poor water quality		
7	Air pollution		
8	Erosion		
9	Loss of soil fertility		
10	Reduced yields		
11	Dust storm		
12	Hail storm		
13	Uncontrolled burning		
14	Landslide		
15	Wind fall, wind blow		
16	Overexploiting resources		
17	Overgrazing		
18	Loss of habitats		
19	Reduced species diversity		
20	Animal / wildlife disease and mortality		
21	Plant pest		
22	Invasive species		
Other:			

Fire:

85. Evidence C

86. Area m²

87. Type C

87b. Cause C

Wildlife:

94c. Wildlife distributions C

Photos LUCS				
701. Photo N°	702. Description	703a. UTM E (m)	703b. UTM N (m)	35d. Bearing (°)

B. Forest and other wooded land management structure

90. Stand origin* N P C nk

91. Stand structure C

93. Management plan C

83b. Forest ownership C

94. Human disturbance C

94b. Disturbance types C

* N=Natural regeneration; P=Plantation; C=Coppice; nk= not known

95. Timber exploitation*	
0	No felling
1	Clear cutting
2	Selective felling (single tree)
3	Group felling
4	Strip felling
Other	
Other	

95b. Stumps removal Y/N

95c. Branches and tops removal Y/N

96. Silviculture*	
0	No practice
1	Pruning
2	Thinning
3	Coppicing
4	Pollarding
6	Enrichment planting -indigenous
7	Enrichment planting - exotic
8	Sanitary cutting
9	Controlled burning
Other	
Other	

97. Logging technology*	
0	Not Applicable
1	Manual
2	Chainsaw
3	Mechanised (tractors)
4	Animal
Other	
Other	

* Multiple choice

ILUA C. Crop management

Current crops		Other crops	
146a. Crop	147a. Number of harvests/yr	146a. Crop	147a. Number of harvests/yr
C			

141. Water management		142. Nutrients*	
1	Rain fed	0	None
2	Irrigation - manual construction, gravity f	1	Adequate fallow
3	Irrigation - major equipment	2	Organic fertilizers
4	Water harvesting – micro/macro catchme	3	Mineral fertilizers
5	Water harvesting – spate or flood flow	4	Liming
6	Adequate drainage of excess water	90	Not known
90	Not known	Other	
Other			

*Multiple choice ** Code: 1=low, 2=Medium, 3=High *** Not cultivated currently but in the past one year

145b. Land preparation/ Tillage	
0	Zero tillage
1	Minimum tillage
2	Manual (hoe)
3	Animal draught
4	Mechanized means
5	Slashing
6	Burning
7	Herbicides
90	Not known
Other	

98b. Notes (LUCS):

143. Pest /Weed control*	
0	None
1	Chemical Pesticides
2	Fungicides
3	Herbicides
4	Manual control
5	Mechanical control
6	Biological control
7	Local pesticides
90	Not known
Other	

2. SU N° 80. LUCC

LUCC-PRODUCTS & SERVICES

99. Product category	99a. Product cat. ranking	111. Local or scientific species / varieties name [language]	111a. Species ranking	111b. Part of the plant used	102. Commercial end-use	104. Conflicts	105. Demand trend	106. Supply trend**	Harvest				266a. Market price	266b. Market price unit	101. User group	101a. User group ranking	103. User rights	268. Sale to	101b. Organizational level	101c. Gender balance	101d. Child participation	Legislation		Incentives	
									107. Period	108. Frequency	109. Trend	110. Change reason										101e. Awareness	101f. Adherence	101g. Awareness	101h. Application
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