# The Global Forest Resources Assessment and C&I: A brief glimpse of history and evolution

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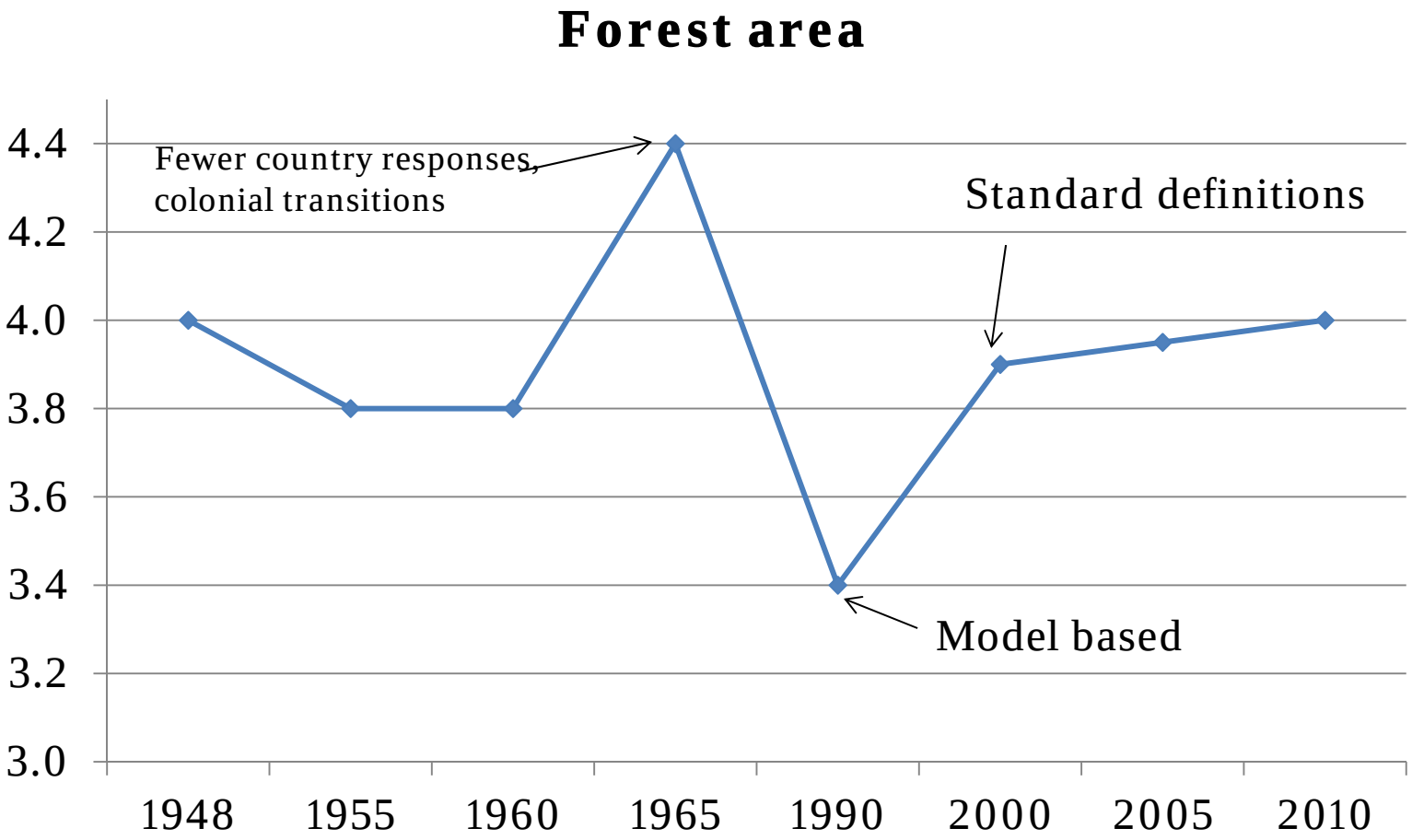
1945
REQUEST FOR FIRST GLOBAL ASSESSMENT

# FRA history

- 11 global assessments since 1948, each different from the one before
- Assessment methods regularly improved
- Demands for data/definitions evolving
- An emphasis on change from 1980 onwards
- Remote sensing included in 1980, 1990 and 2000

# FRA results/outcomes

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# FRA 2015 as a first step in implementing a new long-term strategy

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# Three key elements in 2015 design

- Understanding and addressing user needs
- Reducing the reporting burden
- Improving data quality/reliability

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# What remains the same compared with 2010...

- Overall goals and objectives
- Data collection through country reports and remote sensing
- Continued efforts to harmonize data collection and reporting
- Partnerships

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# Evolution... some of the specific changes

- Forest Resources Information Management System (FRIMS)
- Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ)
- Increased integration of remote sensing
- Projecting future forest area
- Enhanced capacity building
- Deforestation and a proxy for forest quality/degradation

# Moving toward greater C&I integration in 2015 and beyond

- Greater participation in FRA design process
- Joint data collection
- Coordinated analysis and publication

# How closely related is FRA 2015 to C&I?: An example

| Category | Criteria (%) | Indicators (%) |
|---|---|---|
| Essentially the same | 43 | 27 |
| Similar | 57 | 31 |
| Not covered | 0 | 42 |

100% of the criteria are the same or similar between the FRA 2015 and Montreal Process C&I

About 60% of the FRA 2015 variables (indicators) correspond to indicators in the Montreal Process C&I

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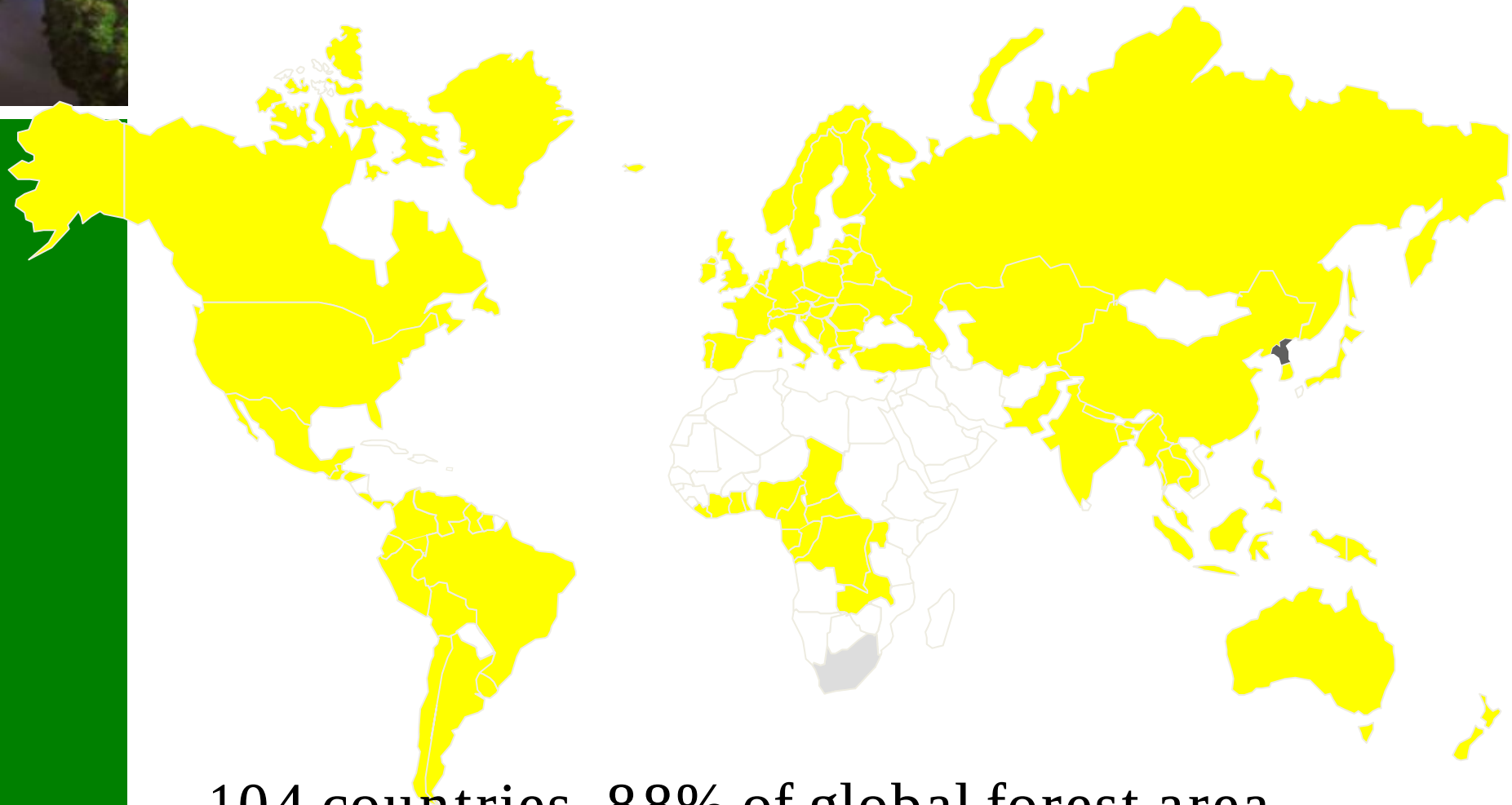
# The Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire: Making Joint Data Collection Work

# Countries covered by the CFRQ



104 countries, 88% of global forest area

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# FRA 2015 preparations between now and September 2015....

2013 Data collection and country report submission
2014 Data analysis and write-up
2015 FRA-related publications and public data release

# Future FRA reporting

- Next post-2015 FRA will be released in 2020
- More frequent global remote sensing assessment of forest landuse is planned
- FRIMS will become mandatory
- FRA Long-Term Strategy implementation will continue

# In summary…

- FRA remains largely a country reporting process for forest resource change
- New strategy calls for continuous improvement and focus on forest resources
- Increasing involvement of regional C&I processes

Thank you