



Implementing Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management

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Outlook for further research

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From Recommendations to future research and implementation...





Composite indicators

- composite indicators are to foster communication strength
 - define focus and key aspects for efficient
- analyse information and communication needs within/outside the forest sector first
- go for partial composites (e.g. aggregating subindicators/parameters) rather than full index
 - analyse information loss vs. communication gain
 - perform feasibility studies on information packages on different levels
- deliberate selection of indicators that prioritise instrumental over symbolic use



Congruent indicator sets

- Analyse congruence and contrast of sectoral/cross-sectoral C&I sets
- Analyse compliance and integrate EU/Pan-European/International policy instruments and targets in the consideration of a revised indicator sets as far as possible
- Clarify modalities of developing congruent, flexible C&I for different purposes
- Clarify transmittance of C&I applications on different levels to avoid conflicting political signals
 - from International to National
 - from policy to FMU



Assessment procedures

- Steered and moderated debate on targets and operational definition of C&I needed
 - preferred direction of development, desired futures, strength of change, acceptance and alert functions
- Broadly accepted assessment methodology to be designed
- Explicit recognition of trade-off concepts within SFM and respective spatial implications for implementation
- Explore mechanisms of assessment procedures



Process of C&I revision

- clarify roles of participants and process ownership of a C&I revision in advance incl. objectives and desired outcomes
- make normative nature of C&I selection in SFM visible and transparent, and define rules for stakeholder participation
- address the political–social aspects of C&I development before moving to purely technical discussions, and develop procedures to respond to this
- take respect of different levels of policy– and decision–making in SFM, and incorporate methods that can combine expert knowledge and interest representation
- explore potential means of guidance for NFPs and similar instruments on C&I development and revision



Towards a new logical framework

- conceptual framework so far only implicit
 - data- and interest-driven indicators strong so far
 - integrate intersectoral/interdisciplinary concepts and design
- define clear reference to political goals and agree on terms and definitions
- define priorities and means how to communicate them instead data accumulation
- develop and integrate analytical and systemic features into C&I
 - indicator interactions, constraints, trade-offs, etc.
- develop framework to support impact assessment of policy instruments by better linking quantitative and qualitative indicators