



FORESTS:  
A GREEN PATHWAY  
FOR HUMAN  
DEVELOPMENT

# State of the World's Forests 2012

*Forests at the heart of a  
sustainable future*

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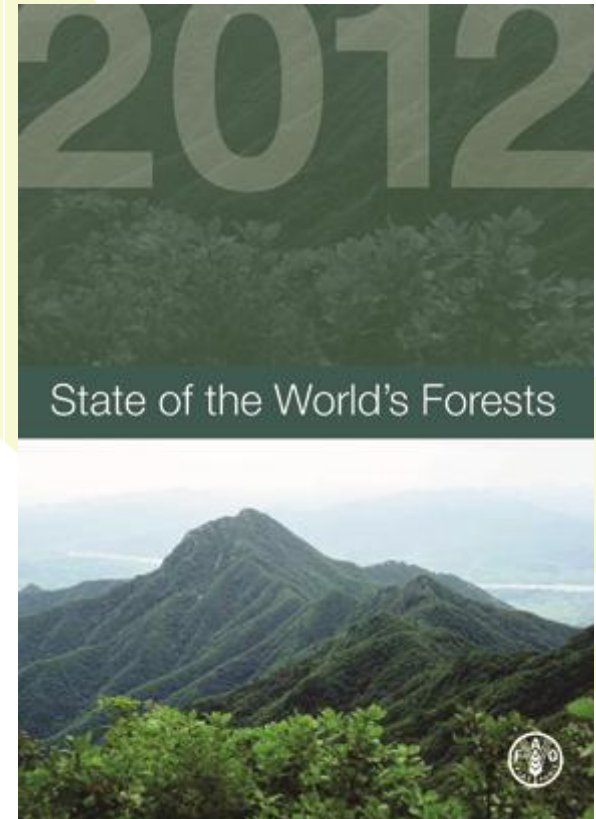
# Rio+20, forests and a greener economy

- Renewed commitment to sustainable development
- Sustainable production and consumption
- “Green economy” – low carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive
- Forest products and services for sustainable development



# SOFO 2012

- Review of previous SOFOs  
→ importance of forests for a sustainable future
- Forests and the evolution of the modern world  
→ deforestation, economic development and sustainability
- Forests, forestry and forest products  
→ “good” wood and ecosystem services



# Forests and forestry: Lessons from the past



- Economic development  
→ deforestation →  
stabilization
- 300 years of  
sustainability concept in  
forestry



# Forests and forestry: Lessons from the past



- From sustained yield to sustainable forest management (SFM)
- SFM as a dynamic concept

# Forests for a sustainable future

- Need for a new paradigm for economic development
- Forests and forestry for a greener future



# Potential of forest products

- Wood: Reusable, recyclable, versatile, biodegradable, stores carbon
- Non-wood forest products:
  - Bamboo, rattan and cork
  - Food from the forest





# Strategies for a sustainable future

1. Plant trees and invest in ecosystem services
2. Promote small and medium forest enterprises and gender equality



# Strategies for a sustainable future

3. Use wood for energy
4. Reuse and recycle wood products
5. Enhance communication and coordinate development across sectors



# Points for consideration

- Invite countries to take into account the key messages of SOFO 2012 by integrating forests and forestry into their policies, programmes and strategies for greening the national economy
- Invite the UNFF to consider the findings of SOFO 2012 at its 10th Session on Forests and Economic Development.
- Recommend FAO to support countries in enhancing the contribution of forests and forest products to economic development

# Points for consideration

- Request FAO to decide on the focus of SOFO 2014 with a view to supporting the review of the international arrangements on forests in 2015 and invite UNFF to consider SOFO as a major source of information for that review
- Consider the findings and main messages of SOFO 2012 in the deliberations on Agenda Items 5 and 6



*Thank you!*

