

GUIDANCE AND TRAINING MATERIALS FOR FOREST MONITORING

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Project overview

In response to the need for technical assistance and guidance for countries to develop REDD+ MRV systems, Global Observation for Forest Cover and Land Dynamics (GOFC-GOLD) and the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), have developed a range of learning and teaching materials to enable countries to develop capacities and implement REDD+ monitoring and reporting. Training workshops and webinars were organized to promote the latest materials and methods. This project is part of GFOI (the Global Forests Observation Initiative), an extensive community of international experts and stakeholders who contributed to this initiative. The aims of the project were to:

- **Build countries' capacities in REDD+ MRV**, including monitoring forest area and area changes, and the associated carbon stocks and changes
- Demonstrate to participants **how to use and access the training materials** and tools which are available
- Provide a **complete overview of the different training materials** and tools that are available and how these different materials all fit together in the "bigger picture" of REDD+ MRV capacity building as part of a long-term strategy to support REDD+

Accessing materials

All training materials are available on our websites. An offline version of the website is also available and will be distributed on memory sticks at relevant events. This allows materials to be viewed when there is no internet connection.

www.gofcgold.wur.nl/redd/training-materials/ www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/technical-training-material

Guidance materials

- Two key resources, the REDD+ sourcebook and GFOI methods and guidance document, are highlighted
- These are key guidance materials which provide a strong base for developing countries' training and educational activities on REDD+ MRV
- These materials were used in the development of the training materials, and to guide the training in the webinars and workshops

Training modules

- PowerPoint lectures, exercises and country examples on 14 key topics
- Cover themes from REDD+ design to reporting, and are based on latest best practices
- Can be downloaded and edited for use in capacity building settings, or used as reference materials
- Available in English, French and Spanish
- Recorded video lectures (in English) of each of the 14 modules demonstrate how to give the lectures

Interactive webinars

- A series of seven webinars took place between April and June 2017
- Covered key topics as well as demonstrations of tools and methodologies.
- Each webinar had on average 183 participants
- Recordings from these webinars are also available online, so can be revisited later

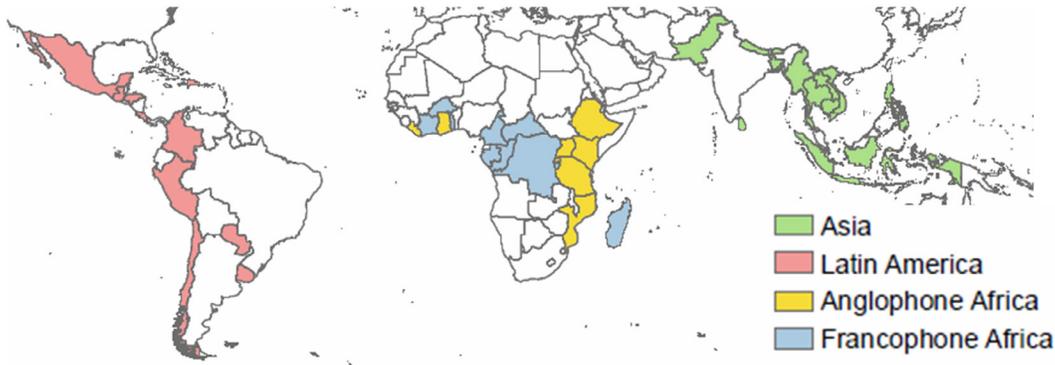
Regional workshops

- Training the trainer concept – participants who could pass on the knowledge were selected
- 159 participants were trained from 43 countries in four regional workshops
- The workshops introduced the training materials, and latest tools and methodologies over a week-long course

Regional workshops: impact

The four workshops were held between 2016 and 2017. An impact questionnaire found that in the six months since the workshop, **67 percent of participants used the GOF-C-GOLD training materials**. Additionally, participants trained others on the training materials after attending the workshop. **Forty-six percent of participants trained others on the training materials**. Groups of up to 100+

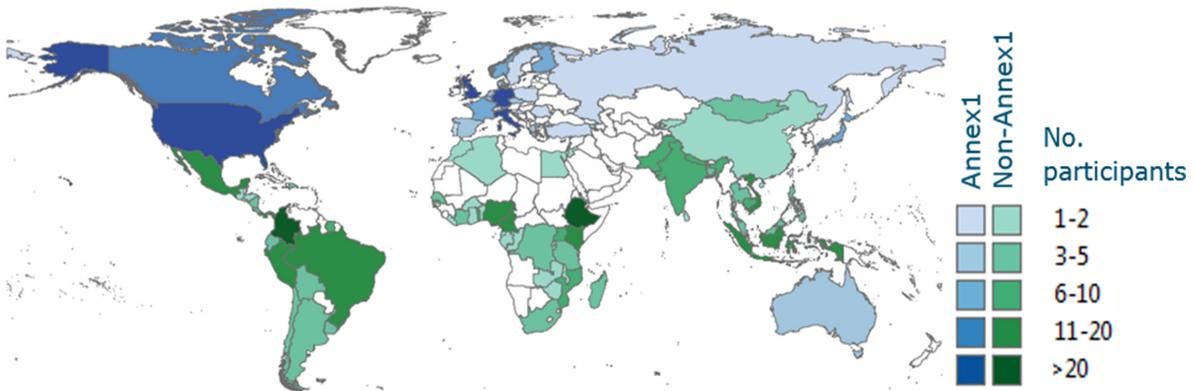
were trained on the materials, either on all the modules, or individual modules. This resulted in an estimated **15 people being trained on the training materials per workshop attendee**. Sixty three percent also engaged in **south-south cooperation** after the workshop, and a number engaged with the international experts.



Interactive webinars: impact

A series of seven webinars took place between April and June 2017 and provided background information on key topics in addition to demonstrating tools and methodologies. Participants came from more than 90 countries, including 37 of the 47 FCPF countries, and many others involved in REDD+. After each webinar, attendees were immediately asked questions related to their satisfaction with the session. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 is good, 1 is bad), participants rated it as 4.2 for when asked how clear and understandable it was. Participants rated its relevance to their field of interest as 4.3, and when asked if they were interested in

additional education on the specific tool that was introduced in the webinar, 92 percent answered 'yes'. Most (66 percent) participants said that they used at least one of the tools which were presented in the webinar after the series. Of those that had no experience with the tool which was presented in the webinar, 56 percent started to use the tool after the webinar. Sixty percent trained or introduced the tools to others after the webinars, which equates to nearly 3000 people, or five per attendee. A number of participants collaborated with the experts after the webinars (22 percent). As of August 2017, the webinar recordings had more than 1400 views.



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