

Asia-Pacific Forest Outlook: Roadmaps for primary forests conservation and innovative forest technologies

Geographical scope

The scope of the roadmaps covers the countries of the FAO region of Asia and the Pacific (FAO-RAP perimeter).¹ However, it excludes France and the United States of America (USA) mainland situated outside the region. The Russian Federation, although covering 29 percent of Asia, is also excluded because issues related to Russian forests are usually discussed within the European Forestry Commission. The scope of the roadmaps includes in particular the Islamic Republic of Iran, previously included in the Near East FAO region, that recently joined the Asia-Pacific FAO region. It also includes five sovereign states in free association with New-Zealand or with the USA, as well as nine French and USA dependent territories situated in the region.²

Table 1 below lists all the 49 countries and territories included in the scope.

Table 1. Geographical scope: list of countries and territories to be covered in the roadmaps

Countries and territories
Afghanistan
<i>American Samoa (USA)</i>
Australia
Bangladesh
Bhutan
Brunei Darussalam
Cambodia
China
<i>Cook Islands (New Zealand)</i>
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Fiji
<i>French Polynesia (France)</i>
<i>Guam (USA)</i>
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Japan
Kiribati
Lao People's Democratic Republic

¹ See: <http://www.fao.org/asiapacific/countries/en/>

² Listed in *italic* in Table 1.

Malaysia
Maldives
<i>Marshall Islands (USA)</i>
<i>Micronesia (Federated States of) (USA)</i>
Mongolia
Myanmar
Nauru
Nepal
<i>New Caledonia (France)</i>
New Zealand
<i>Niue (New Zealand)</i>
<i>Norfolk Island (Australia)</i>
<i>Northern Mariana Islands (USA)</i>
Pakistan
<i>Palau (USA)</i>
Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Republic of Korea
Samoa
Singapore
Solomon Islands
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Timor-Leste
<i>Tokelau (New Zealand)</i>
Tonga
Tuvalu
Vanuatu
Viet Nam
<i>Wallis and Futuna Islands (France)</i>

The roadmaps, and particularly the study on primary forests, will be based on the latest FRA2020 data, recently made available. For the purpose of the FRA2020³, all contributing countries and territories are classified in regions and sub-regions. The scope of the roadmaps corresponds broadly to:

- the FRA2020 region of Oceania; and,
- in Asia, the two FRA2020 sub-regions of: (i) East Asia; and, (ii) South and Southeast Asia.
- Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran that are, for the purpose of the FRA2020, included in Western and Central Asia.

³ See: <http://www.fao.org/forest-resources-assessment/2020/en/>

Although included in the FRA2020 region of Oceania, Pitcairn will be excluded from the study because its mother country (UK) is not member of FAO-RAP.

Table 2 shows the slight differences between the scope of the roadmaps on one hand, and the APFSOS III,⁴ APFC⁵ perimeters on the other hand. These differences will need to be accounted for when making comparisons with statistics computed for APFC or APFSOS III.

Table 2. Comparison between the perimeters covered by: the roadmaps; APFSOS III; and, APFC.

Countries and territories covered by the roadmaps	APFSOS III	APFC
Afghanistan	Yes	No
<i>American Samoa (USA)</i>	No	Yes
Australia	Yes	Yes
Bangladesh	Yes	Yes
Bhutan	Yes	Yes
Brunei Darussalam	Yes	No
Cambodia	Yes	Yes
China	Yes	Yes
<i>Cook Islands (New Zealand)</i>	No	No
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Yes	Yes
Fiji	Yes	Yes
<i>French Polynesia (France)</i>	No	Yes
<i>Guam (USA)</i>	No	Yes
India	Yes	Yes
Indonesia	Yes	Yes
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	No	No
Japan	Yes	Yes
Kiribati	Yes	Yes
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Yes	Yes
Malaysia	Yes	Yes
Maldives	Yes	Yes
<i>Marshall Islands (USA)</i>	No	No
<i>Micronesia (Federated States of) (USA)</i>	No	No
Mongolia	Yes	Yes
Myanmar	Yes	Yes
Nauru	No	No
Nepal	Yes	Yes
<i>New Caledonia (France)</i>	No	Yes

⁴ See Table 1.1 p11 in APFSOS III: **FAO**. 2019. *Forest futures – Sustainable pathways for forests, landscapes and people in the Asia Pacific region*. Asia-Pacific Forest Sector Outlook Study III. Bangkok. 352 pp.

<http://www.fao.org/3/ca4627en/ca4627en.pdf>

⁵ See: <http://www.fao.org/unfao/govbodies/gsb-subject-matter/gsb-forestry/detail/en/c/118/>

New Zealand	Yes	Yes
<i>Niue (New Zealand)</i>	No	No
<i>Norfolk Island (Australia)</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Northern Mariana Islands (USA)</i>	No	Yes
Pakistan	Yes	Yes
<i>Palau (USA)</i>	No	No
Papua New Guinea	Yes	Yes
Philippines	Yes	Yes
Republic of Korea	Yes	Yes
Samoa	Yes	Yes
Singapore	Yes	No
Solomon Islands	Yes	Yes
Sri Lanka	Yes	Yes
Thailand	Yes	Yes
Timor-Leste	Yes	Yes
<i>Tokelau (New Zealand)</i>	Yes	Yes
Tonga	Yes	Yes
Tuvalu	Yes	Yes
Vanuatu	Yes	Yes
Viet Nam	Yes	Yes
<i>Wallis and Futuna Islands (France)</i>	No	Yes