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FAO Land Use Statistics

- The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) collects and disseminates information related to the subject areas
 - among them natural resources, land use, agriculture and forestry.
- The organization collects country information through a handful of different reporting processes
 - compiles it as global data sets,
 - available in periodically published reports
 - FAO websites.
- FAO is considered as the main authoritative source of information
 - land use
 - agriculture and forestry at global and regional level
 - data published by the organization is widely used for many different purposes

Presentation will cover

- FAO Land Use database
 - Data sources
 - Updates
 - Accessibility
 - International vs Country data

- Land use/Land cover classification
 - Sources of data
 - Land registers
 - Remote sensing(Agriculture and Forestry)

- Statistics on Land tenure

FAOSTAT data on land use and land use changes

- The global data set on land use maintained by FAO is published through the corporate statistics Website at FAOSTAT (<http://faostat.fao.org>).
- It is updated annually, and contains a chronological time series since 1961
- contain a large number of classes and subclasses of agriculture land, for which data are annually collected through a questionnaire sent to countries

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- FRA 2005 collected information from more than 40 variables and for three points in time:
- 1990, 2000 and 2005
- FRA 2005 data are available for viewing and download at www.fao.org/forestry/fra2005.
- A CD-ROM is also available for free upon request

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Concept of Land

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- A delineable area of the earth's terrestrial surface, embracing all attributes of the biosphere immediately above or below this surface,
- including those of the near surface climate, the soil and terrain forms,
- the surface hydrology including shallow lakes, rivers, marshes, and swamps,
- the near-surface sedimentary layers and associated groundwater and geohydrological reserves,
- the plant and animal populations,
- the human settlement pattern and physical results of past and present human activity, terracing, water storage or drainage structures, roads, buildings, etc. FAO, 1995.



Total land area=Agriculture
Area+Forest Area+Other
Woodedland+Other Land.

Land Use

Land use: the sequence of operations carried out with the purpose to obtain goods and services from the land, characterized by the actual goods and services obtained as well as by the particular management interventions undertaken by the land users

Land use is generally determined by **socio-economic** market forces and the **biophysical** constraints and potentials imposed by the land resource

Information on the land use can be indirectly derived from agricultural census data, land cover information and from maps of the biophysical resource

Few global databases are available that allow the characterization of the land management interventions themselves

Land use is the single most important driver of land degradation as it focuses on interventions on the land which directly affect its status and impacts on goods and services

The need for Land use information

Land use information is required at three levels:

- **Local level- physical planning and land management**
- **National level- resource policy and management,
-planning for future use of land
-for protection of the environment**
- **International level-
-comparative descriptions and analysis of national patterns,
-extending and monitoring assistance programmes**
- **The information on current LU (and land resources) is needed for formulating changes leading to sustainable use of the resources**

The need for Land use information

Major national development sectors in DCs

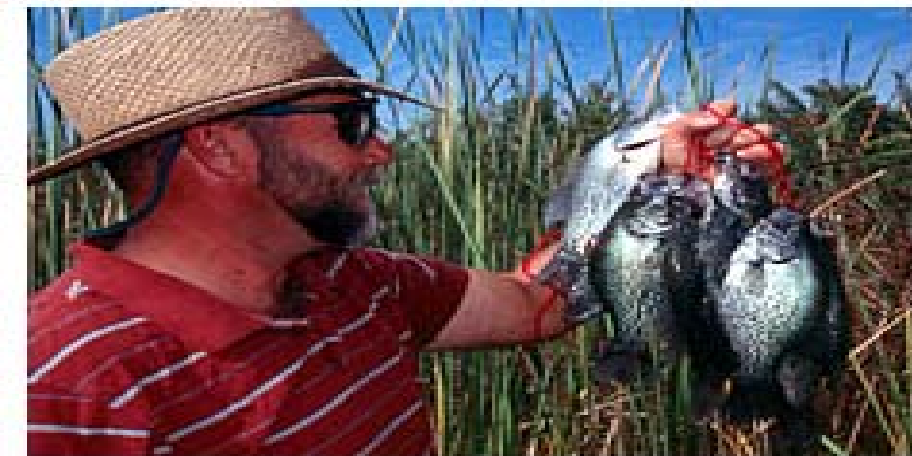
Policy formulation and planning

- Natural resources and the environment (agriculture, agro-industries, forestry, minerals, water, fisheries,..)
- Human resources (e.g. education, health services and infrastructure)
- Prevention and mitigation of natural disasters and military conflicts
- Crime prevention
- Biofuel production

Functional approach to land use :
agriculture



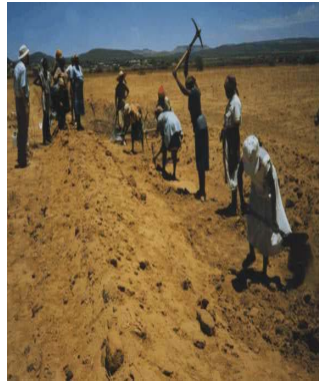
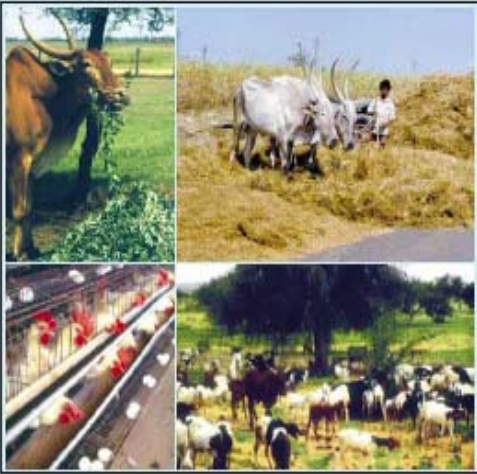
forestry



“the description of land in terms of its socio-economic purpose” defined to be applicable for all land use purposes such as agriculture, forestry, residential, etc. (Duhamel, 1998).

functional uses of land can be made at a single point in time or over a shortened period of time.

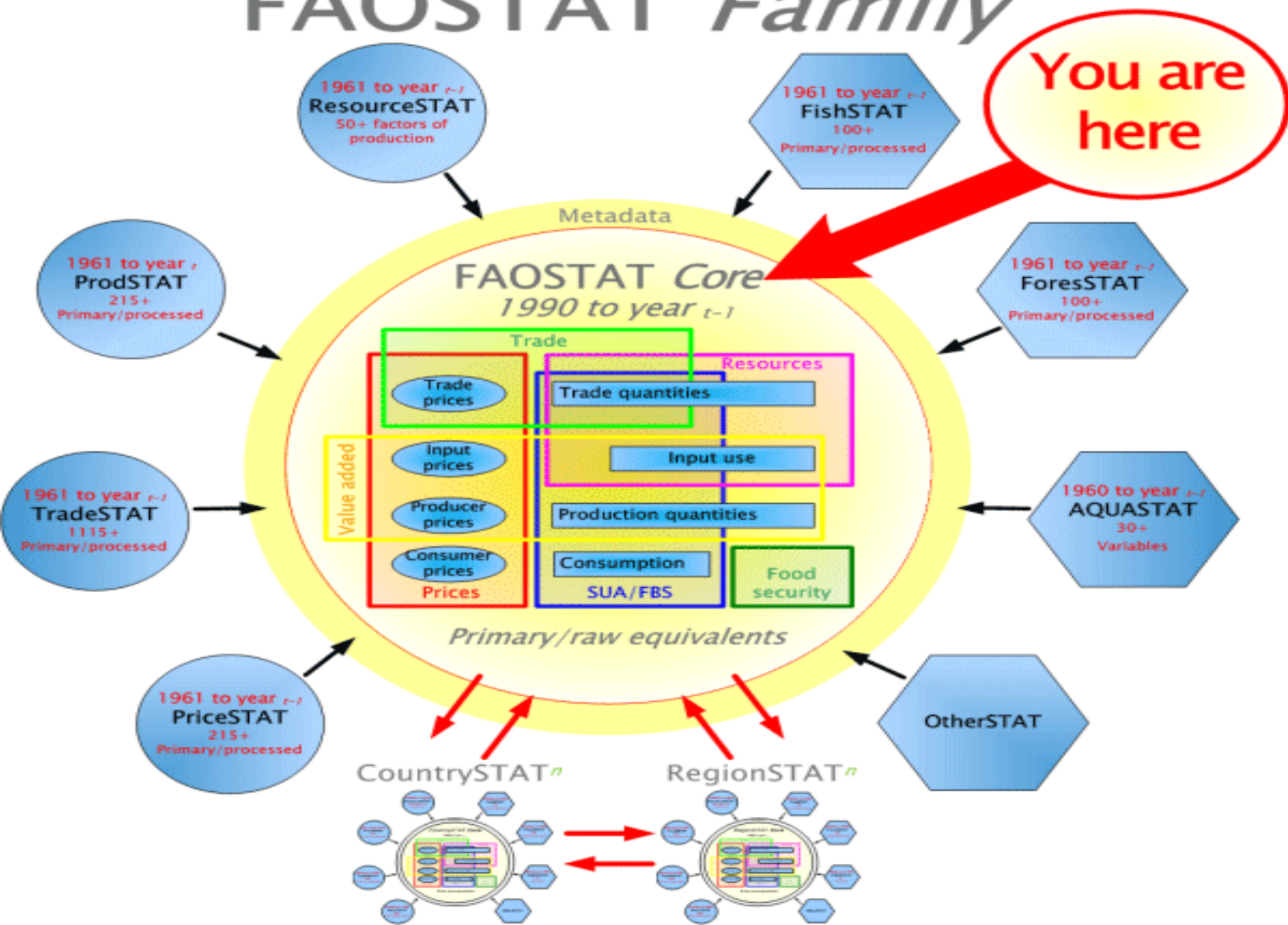
Sequential approaches to land use



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- The approach defines land use as “a series of operations on land, carried out by humans, with the intention to obtain products and/or benefits through using land resources.” (Duhamel, 1998).
- By definition, the sequential approach requires observation over an extended period of time.
- Classification system devised by Mùcher, Stomph and Fresco in 1993 (Duhamel, 1998).

FAOSTAT Family



FAO LAND RESOURCES STATISTICAL DATABASE

- Since 2002 data is compiled through a new integrated Resource Questionnaire recently developed by the FAO Statistics Division.
- The land resource questionnaire covers four main areas:
 1. Land use and Irrigation
 2. Land use – Plantations
 3. Land prices
 4. Metadata.

Data collection is based on a new land use classification system.

- The first digit classifies the land into four classes
- At the second digit level, the classification goes into details areas that are more relevant for land use classification
- Some areas of the four main classes even go further to the third digit level with respect to further details of specific land use



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3.3	Permanent meadows and pastures area - Cultivated and equipped for irrigation (25)							
3.4	Other land area equipped for irrigation (26)							
	Total planted area							
4	Gross planted area (27)							
4.1	Net planted area (28)							

General comments/notes on this section

FAO land use data

- FAO land use data are significant for conducting studies from various perspectives on
- agricultural production,
- food security;
- deriving cropping intensity and feasibility for sustainable agricultural development
- deriving land use indicators for measuring countries agricultural practices in view of sustainability and environmental conditions.

REGIONAL	INDICATOR	Unit	Av. 2000-02	Av. 2003-05
World	Agric Area/Country Area	(%)	37	37
World	ArL PermCr/Agric Area	(%)	31	31
World	Arable land/Agric Area	(%)	28	29
World	Perm Crops/Agric Area	(%)	3	3
World	Perm Past/Agric Area	(%)	69	69
Africa	Agric Area/Country Area	(%)	37	38
Africa	ArL PermCr/Agric Area	(%)	20	21
Africa	Arable land/Agric Area	(%)	18	18
Africa	Perm Crops/Agric Area	(%)	2	2
Africa	Perm Past/Agric Area	(%)	80	79
Sub-Saharan Africa (Excl. S.A.)	Agric Area/Country Area	(%)	40	40
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Sub-Saharan Africa (Excl. S.A.)	Arable land/Agric Area	(%)	17	18
Sub-Saharan Africa (Excl. S.A.)	Perm Crops/Agric Area	(%)	2	2
Sub-Saharan Africa (Excl. S.A.)	Perm Past/Agric Area	(%)	81	80
Sub-Saharan Africa (Incl. S.A.)	Agric Area/Country Area	(%)	42	42
Sub-Saharan Africa (Incl. S.A.)	ArL PermCr/Agric Area	(%)	19	20
Sub-Saharan Africa (Incl. S.A.)	Arable land/Agric Area	(%)	17	18
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Sub-Saharan Africa (Incl. S.A.)	Perm Past/Agric Area	(%)	81	80
North Africa	Agric Area/Country Area	(%)	17	17
North Africa	ArL PermCr/Agric Area	(%)	28	28
North Africa	Arable land/Agric Area	(%)	24	23
North Africa	Perm Crops/Agric Area	(%)	4	5
North Africa	Perm Past/Agric Area	(%)	72	72

Current status of data availability (2001-2005)

Land category	Number of Official data	% Official data on total data	Number of Unofficial data	% of Unofficial data on total data	Number of Estimated data	% of Estimated data on total data	Number of countries reporting official data	Total Reporting countries
Africa (57 countries in the L.U. database)								
Agricultural area	20	7.1	-	-	260	92.9	6	56
Arable land	23	8.1	-	-	257	91.8	9	56
Permanent crops	33	12.5	-	-	232	87.5	10	53
Permanent meadows and pastures	31	11.5	-	-	239	88.5	10	54
Total area equipped for irrigation	6	2.3	21	8.1	233	89.6	4	52
North and Central America (36 countries in the L.U. database)								
Agricultural area	20	11.1	-	-	160	88.9	10	36
Arable land	13	7.4	-	-	162	92.6	7	35
Permanent crops	16	11.4	-	-	124	88.6	8	28
Permanent meadows and pastures	16	10.3	-	-	139	89.7	9	31
Total area equipped for irrigation	6	5.5	4	3.6	100	90.9	5	22

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South America (14 countries in the L.U. database)								
Agricultural area	14	20.0	-	-	56	80.0	7	14
Arable land	9	13.8	-	-	56	86.2	3	13
Permanent crops	11	16.9	-	-	54	83.1	4	13
Permanent meadows and pastures	21	30.0	-	-	49	70.0	6	14
Total area equipped for irrigation	2	3.1	1	1.5	62	95.4	2	13
Asia (51 countries in the L.U. database)								
Agricultural area	60	24.0	-	-	190	76.0	15	50
Arable land	66	26.4	2	0.8	182	72.8	21	50
Permanent crops	80	32.0	11	4.4	159	63.6	25	50
Permanent meadows and pastures	57	24.3	2	0.9	176	74.9	19	47
Total area equipped for irrigation	62	26.4	1	0.4	172	73.2	16	47

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Europe (43 countries in the L.U. database)								
Agricultural area	128	61.0	3	1.4	79	37.6	35	42
Arable land	161	76.7	7	3.3	42	20.0	35	42
Permanent crops	147	81.7	8	4.4	25	13.9	33	36
Permanent meadows and pastures	157	80.5	3	1.5	35	17.9	35	39
Total area equipped for irrigation	57	32.6	1	0.5	117	66.9	20	35
Oceania (27 countries in the L.U. database)								
Agricultural area	7	6.4	-	-	103	93.6	3	22
Arable land	6	6.0	-	-	94	94.0	3	20
Permanent crops	9	8.6	-	-	96	91.4	3	21
Permanent meadows and pastures	6	8.0	-	-	69	92.0	3	17
Total area equipped for irrigation	10	40.0	-	-	15	60.0	3	5

LAND USE AND LAND COVER DATA

FAOSTAT databases

- Is a main source for country level data on agricultural land and forests, and other wooded land is



<http://faostat.fao.org/default.aspx>

FAOSTAT provides access to over 3 million time-series and cross sectional data relating to food and agriculture. FAOSTAT contains data for 200 countries and more than 200 primary products and inputs, just in its core.

The national version of FAOSTAT, [CountrySTAT](#), is being implemented in about 20 countries and three regions. It offers a two-way bridge amongst sub national, national, regional and international statistics on food and agriculture.

The following subject domains are updated annually-
Production,
Trade,
Supply Utilization Accounts,
Food Balance Sheets,
Producer prices,
Trade unit values
Fertilizers.

National level LU and LC statistics

LU	Agricultural land		Ministry of Agriculture/NSO
LC	Forest and other wooded land		Department of Forests
LU	Built-up and related land		Urban & regional Planning
LC	Open land	Wet (no vegtn.)	Ministry of Natural Resources
		Dry (with special vegtn. <2m)	
		n.e.s (with no vegtn)	
LC	Waters		Department of Fisheries Ministry of Natural Resources

UNSD questionnaire/FAO Resources questionnaires, for example



Problems and difficulties compiling and processing global information from national data

- Definitions used by reporting countries vary considerably and items classified under the same category often relate to differing kinds of land (e.g. pasture and woodland).
- Definition of “Arable land” used by most countries refers to the land that is potentially cultivable, whereas the FAO's definition refers to land under temporary crops, meadow and pasture

Problems and difficulties processing...

Fallow areas sometimes counted under arable land, these are :

- i) land that has been left idle in the current crop season to improve the productivity of the land
- ii) land that is left fallow for a longer time period and for which no cultivation activity has been planned

Problems and difficulties processing...

- Data on agro-forestry, fallow areas, pasture and shifting cultivation are very rarely available and are very often mixed-up with arable land, grasslands or forest land
- The multiple-use characteristics of grasslands and forest lands presents a high degree of complexity in a land classification system (agro-forestry, plantation, grazing)

Problems and difficulties processing...

- Wooded land is applied by some countries to refer to 'woodland'. In most developed countries, animals graze in these areas. Statistically, the areas where animals graze are classified as pasture.
- The definition of land with tree cover is a source of confusion, particularly when data provided is collected from remote sensing or maps. It is not clear for some countries how to classify fruit trees plantation (olive plantation), rubber plantation and forest trees to produce nuts (*Pinus pinea*).

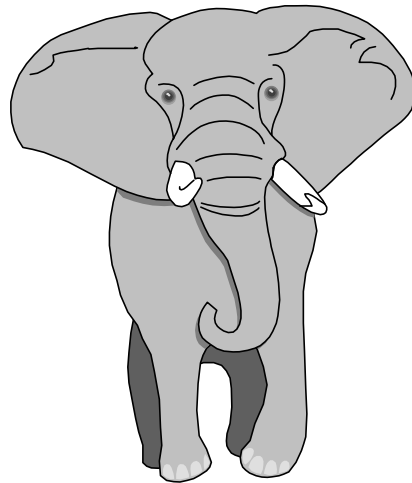
Problems and difficulties processing

- 'Other land' does not always refer to the same type of land in different classifications.
- Quantity and quality of data collected were often hindered by the lack of satisfactory cooperation between the statistical offices and the ministries/authorities responsible for environmental issues in the countries.

Concepts, methods & classifications

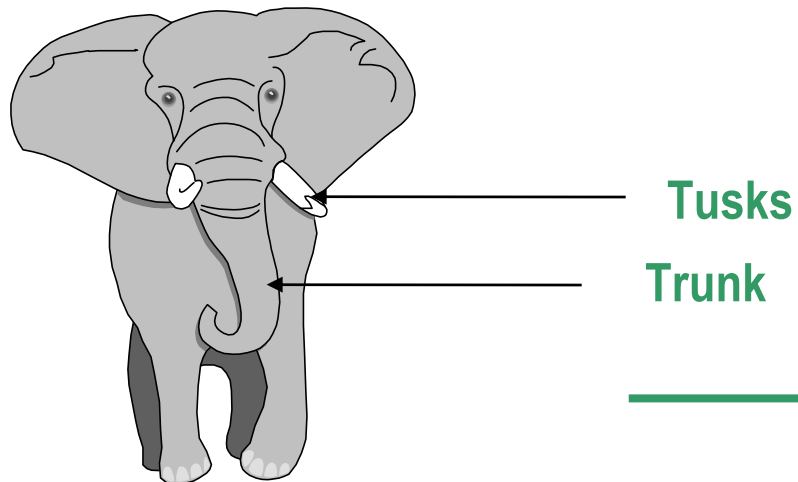
For Example:

If an elephant needs to be described, all the possible features may be used



- ← Higher than 2.5 m
- ← Big ears
- ← Tusks
- ← Trunk
- ← Grey skin
- ← Big feet

If an elephant needs to be classified, only a few elements should be used, i.e., those that allow a clear identification:



All other attributes of the elephant can be linked in the database to these two distinctive features.

Principles of classification

- cover total area of land needs to be classified,
- categories of classification should not overlap,
- take into account the multi-purpose nature of land use,
- based on a clear and systematic description of the class,
- spatially and temporally consistent,
- independent from scale and data collection tools,
- classification should not be confused with legends,
- comprehensive rules for describing and naming classes.

(e.g. Eurostat 1991, Young 1992, FAO 1996, LANES 1997, Di Gregorio and Jansen, 1997, Duhamel 1998).

Land classification

- Used as a guide for collecting selected information on land relevant for decision making
 - policy formulation; environmental monitoring (e. land degradation);
- Systematic arrangement ; grouping by similar characteristics
 - land cover (bio-physical cover) (LCCS-FAO)
 - land use (purpose: goods and services, inputs, management)

National LU classification systems

- Generally, 'a priori' systems (Classes defined before data collection)

Reasons for updating many national systems

- Incomplete inventories of existing land uses
- Insufficient consistency and precision in categorizing land uses
- Greater user expectations of data content (must support an increasing range of LU applications e.g. site selection, taxation, environmental impact assessment, ..)
- inadequate standards for data collection (at times related to lack of inter-agency cooperation) and data sharing
- outdated data inventory methodologies that do not exploit GIS, databases and other modern information technologies

FAO Land Cover Classification System (LCCS)

- answer to the needs of a variety of users focusing on mapping exercises, independent of the scale or means used to map
- it enables a comparison of land cover classes regardless of data source, thematic discipline or country
- support to on-going initiatives on classifications and land cover at international level (Duhamel, 1989)
- LCCS, 2005

The new land use classification proposed FAOSTAT relate to:

- Land use classification is used as a guide for collecting information on land with the objective of creating an effective database Total Area (including area under inland water bodies),
- that provides the information required for various agricultural and environmental purposes Land Area (excluding area under inland water bodies),
- assessing land production potentials, monitor land use changes and human impact on the land, soil degradation and many other damaging effects at different level Agricultural area,
- Land use Database properly developed will serve numerous purposes on national, regional and international levels.
- **source:FAO-ESS,November 2005-Proposal for FAOSTAT Land Use classification**

Comparative table of the land use classifications

WCA 2000	FAOSTAT 2000	FAOSTAT 2005	UNSD/UNEP	UN-ECE	FRA	FAOSTAT (New proposal)
	Total area					Country area
	Land area					Land area
Agricultural land	Agricultural area		Agricultural land	Agricultural land		Agricultural land
Cultivated land						
Cropland						
Arable land	Arable land and permanent crops		Arable land			Arable land
	Arable land	Temporary crops				Temporary crops (1)Irrigated, (2) Non Irrigated.
		Temporary meadows				Temporary meadows and pastures. (1)Irrigated, (2) Non Irrigated.
		Land temporarily fallow				Fallow land
Land under permanent crop-in open air	Permanent crops	Permanent crops	Land under permanent crops			Permanent crops. (1)Irrigated, (2) Non Irrigated.

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(1) Cultivated						
(2) Naturally grown						
Land temporarily fallows			Fallow and other agricultural land			
All other arable land						
Land under protective cover. (1) Temporary crops, (2) Permanent crops						

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						Natural forests: (1) Broadleaved forest, (2) Coniferous forest. (3) Bamboos/Palm (4) Mixed forest
						Forest plantations: (1) Broadleaved plantation (2) Coniferous plantation
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			Wet open land	Wet open land		Wet open land
			Dry open land with special vegetation cover	Dry open land with special vegetation cover		Dry open land with special vegetation cover
			Open land without, or with insignificant, vegetation cover	Open land without or with insignificant vegetation cover		Open land without, or with insignificant, vegetation cover
			Total land area			
			Waters	Waters	Inland water bodies	Waters


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General comments/notes on this section

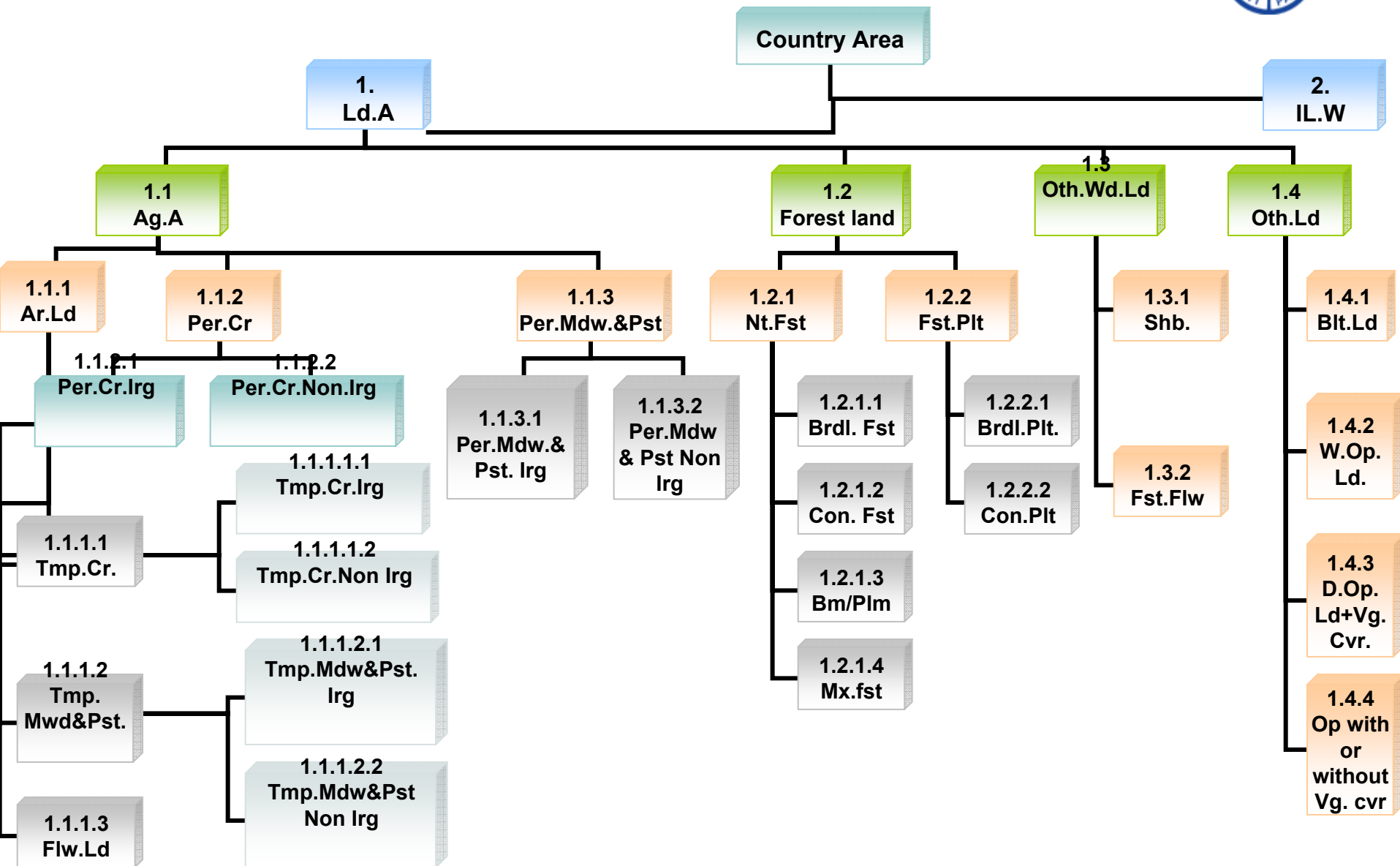
Actual code	Provisional code	Land use Classes	Definition
		Country area	Total area including land area and inland water bodies.
31	1	Land area	Total area excluding area under inland water bodies. Inland water bodies generally includes major rivers and lakes.
51	1.1	Agricultural Area	The sum of area under Elements “Arable land and “Permanent crops” and “Permanent pastures”
71	1.1.1	Arable land	Land under elements “temporary crops”, “temporary meadows”, “kitchen garden”, and “temporary fallow”. Data for “Arable land” are not meant to indicate the amount of land that is potentially cultivable.
	1.1.1.1	Temporary crops	All land used for crops with a less than one-year growing cycle and which must be newly sown or planted for further production after the harvest.
102	1.1.1.1.1	Temporary crops irrigated	The same as 1.1.1.1 but irrigated.
	1.1.1.1.2	Temporary crops non irrigated	The same as 1.1.1.1 but non irrigated.
	1.1.1.2	Temporary meadows & pastures	Land cultivated for a period of less than five years for growing herbaceous forage crops for mowing or pasture. A period of less than 5 years is used to differentiate between temporary and permanent meadows.
	1.1.1.2.1	Temporary meadows & pastures irrigated	The same as 1.1.1.2 but irrigated.
	1.1.1.2.2	Temporary meadows & pastures non irrigated	The same as 1.1.1.2 but non irrigated.
101	1.1.1.3	Fallow land	Cultivated land that is not seeded for one or more growing seasons. The maximum idle season is less than five years.

Actual code	Provisional code	Land use Classes	Definition
121	1.1.2	Permanent crops	Land cultivated with crops that occupy the land for long periods and need not be replanted after each harvest, such as cocoa, coffee and rubber; this category includes land under flowering shrubs, fruit trees, nut trees and vines, but excludes land under trees grown for wood or timber (Forest land and wooded land).
	1.1.2.1	Permanent crops irrigated	The same as 1.1.2 but irrigated.
	1.1.2.2	Permanent crops non irrigated	The same as 1.1.2 but non irrigated.
131	1.1.3	Permanent meadows & pastures	Land used permanently for grazing (five years or more) which includes herbaceous forage crops, either cultivated or growing wild (wild shrubs, wild prairie or grazing land).
	1.1.3.1	Permanent meadows & pastures irrigated	The same as 1.1.3 but irrigated.
	1.1.3.2.	Permanent meadows & pastures non irrigated	The same as 1.1.3 but non irrigated.

Actual code	Provisional code	Land use Classes	Definition
141	1.2	Forest Land	Land spanning more than 0.5 ha with trees higher than 5 m and a canopy cover of more than 10 % , or trees able to reach these thresholds in situ. It does not include land that is predominantly under agricultural or urban land use.
	1.2.1	Natural forest	Natural forests with natural and assisted natural regeneration are forests composed of indigenous trees, not planted by man. Or in other words forests excluding plantations.
	1.2.1.1	Broadleaved forest	Forest with predominance (more than 75 % of tree crown cover) of trees of broadleaved species.
	1.2.1.2	Coniferous forest	Forest with predominance (more than 75 % of tree crown cover) of trees of coniferous species.
	1.2.1.3	Bamboos/Palm	Forest on which more than 75% of the crown cover consists of tree species other than coniferous or broadleaved species (e.g. tree-form species of the bamboo, palm and fern families)
	1.2.1.4	Mixed forest	Forest in which neither coniferous, nor broadleaved, nor palms, nor bamboos, account for more than 75 percent of the tree crown cover.
	1.2.2	Forest plantation (Man made forest)	Forest stands established by planting or/and seeding in the process of afforestation or reforestation.
	1.2.2.1	Broadleaved plantation	Forest stands established by planting or/and seeding in the process of afforestation or reforestation with predominance of trees of broadleaved species.
	1.2.2.2	Coniferous plantation	Forest stands established by planting or/and seeding in the process of afforestation or reforestation with predominance of trees of coniferous species.

Actual code	Provisional code	Land use Classes	Definition
	1.3	Other wooded land	Land not classified as “Forest”, spanning more than 0.5 ha; with trees higher than 5 m and a canopy cover of 5-10 %, or with a combined cover of shrubs, bushes and trees above 10 %.
	1.3.1	Shrubs	Refer to vegetation types where the dominant woody elements are shrubs i.e. woody perennial plants, generally of more than 0.5 m and less than 5 m in height on maturity and without a definite crown.
	1.3.2	Forest fallow	Refers to all complexes of woody vegetation deriving from the clearing of natural forest for shifting agriculture.

Actual code	Provisional code	Land use Classes	Definition
	1.4	Other land	Land not classified as Agricultural land, Forest land and other wooded land.
	1.4.1	Built-up and related land	Land under houses, roads, mines and quarries and any other facilities, including their auxiliary spaces, deliberately installed for the pursuit of human activities.
	1.4.2	Wet open land	Non-wooded sites either partially, temporarily or permanently water-logged, the water of which may be fresh, brackish or saline, on blanket or raised peatlands. The water may be either stagnant or running, and is usually shallow, especially if it is saline
	1.4.3 1.4.4	Dry open land with special vegetation cover Open land without, or with insignificant, vegetation cover	Non-wooded land which is covered by low vegetation (less than 2 metres). Non-built up land the surface of which either is not covered at all by vegetation or scarcely covered by some vegetation, which precludes its inclusion in other categories of the classification.
	2	Inland water	Area occupied by majors rivers, lakes and reservoirs.



Land Use Systems

- Classifications to draw up first approximation to streamline and to further harmonize international land use classification system. The classification proposed is a combination of the different concepts and definition used by the international organisations to ensure comparability and compatibility.

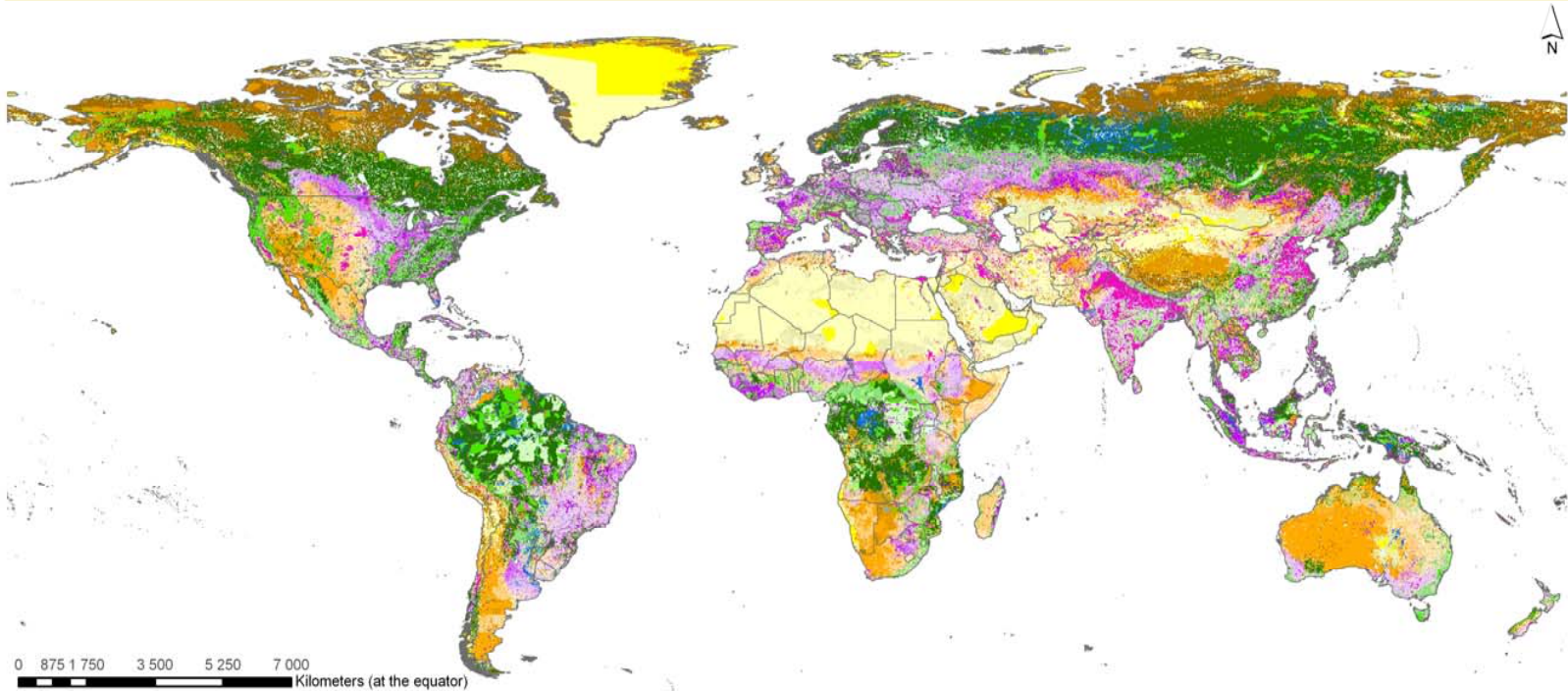
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1	Forest	No use/ not managed (Natural)												
2		Protected												
3		Managed					L-M-H ⁴							
4		Pastoralism if moderate or higher			Livestock type									
5		Agro forestry				Crop type	Yes/No							
6		Plantations				Crop type	Yes/No							
7	Herbaceous	No use/not managed												
8		Protected												
9		Extensive pastoralism			Livestock type									
10		Mod. intensive pastoralism			Livestock type									
11		Intensive pastoralism			Livestock type									
12		Stable fed			Livestock type									
13	Agricultural land	Rainfed agriculture (Subsistence/Commercial)		Livestock type	Crop type	Yes/No	L-M-H							
14		Agro-pastoralism mod. intensive		Livestock type	Crop type	Yes/No	L-M-H							
15		Agro-pastoralism intensive			Livestock type	Crop type		L-M-H						
16		Large scale Irrigation (>25% pixel size)				Crop type		L-M-H						
17		Protected						L-M-H						
18	Urban land			Livestock type										
19	Wetlands	No use/ not managed												
20		Protected												
21		Mangrove												
22		Agro-pastoralism			Livestock type	Crop type		L-M-H						
23	Bare areas	No use / not managed												
24		Protected												
25		Extensive pastoralism			Livestock type									
26		Mod. intensive pastoralism?			Livestock type									
27	Open Water	No use/ not managed												
28		Protected												
29		Inland Fisheries												

¹ Tropics, Subtropics summer rainfall, Mediterranean, Dry Subtropics, Temperate, Boreal, Polar, Deserts, Drylands, Sub-Humid, Humid, Per-humid, Mountainous

² See column 3 in Table 2

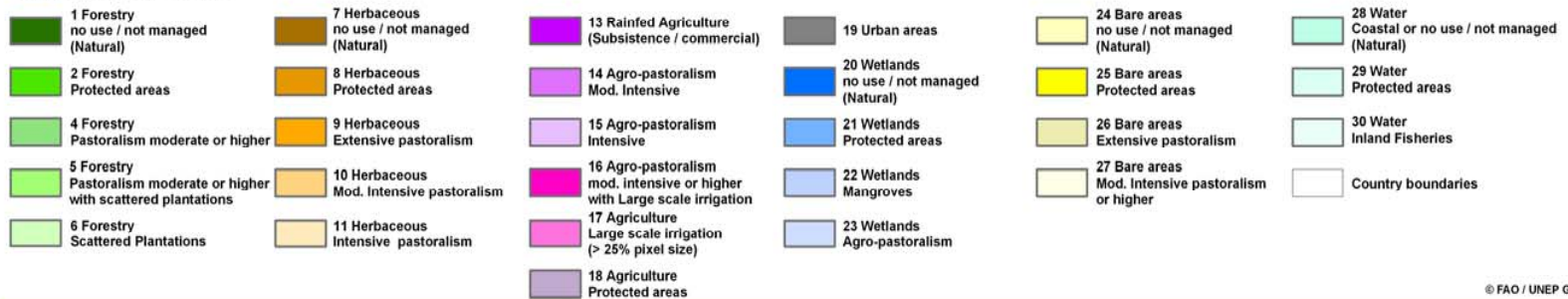
³ Hyperarid, Arid, Dry semi arid, Moist semi arid, Sub-humid, Humid and Per-humid.

⁴ L= low ; M= Medium; H= High.



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Land use systems

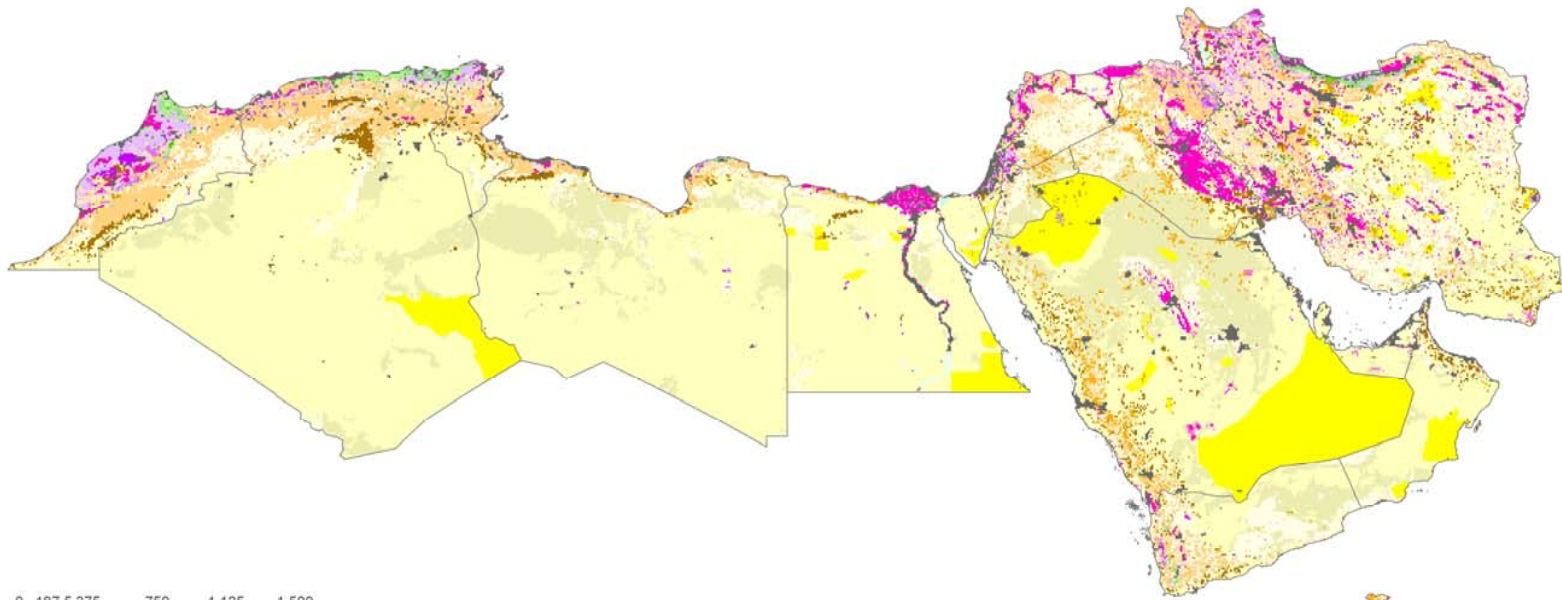


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























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Geographic Projection

Land use systems

 1 Forestry no use / not managed (Natural)	 7 Herbaceous no use / not managed (Natural)	 13 Rainfed Agriculture (Subsistence / commercial)	 19 Urban areas	 24 Bare areas no use / not managed (Natural)	 28 Water Coastal or no use / not managed (Natural)
 2 Forestry Protected areas	 8 Herbaceous Protected areas	 14 Agro-pastoralism Mod. Intensive	 20 Wetlands no use / not managed (Natural)	 25 Bare areas Protected areas	 29 Water Protected areas
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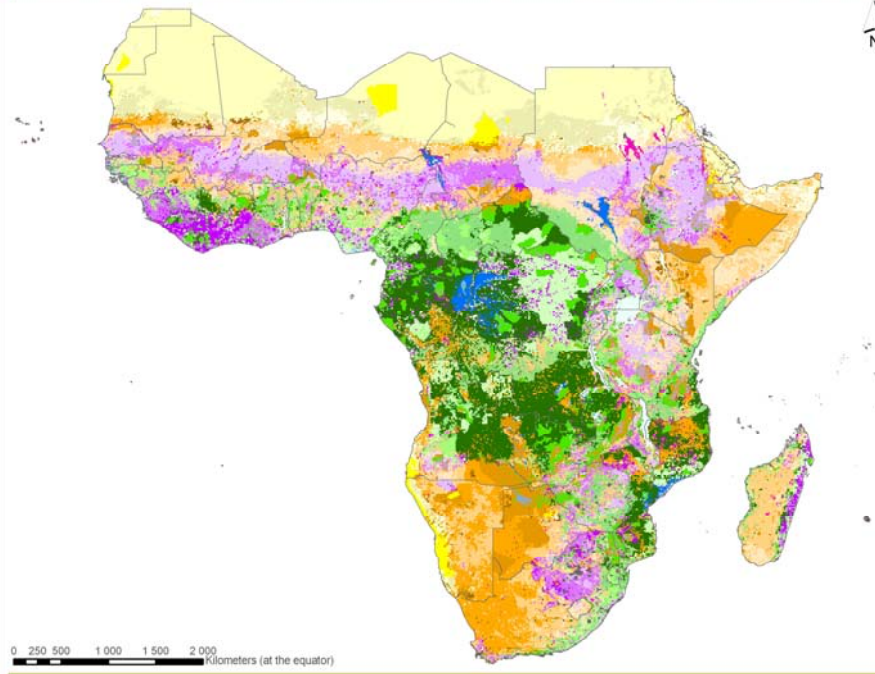
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Land use systems of the world

Sub-Saharan Africa



Land use systems

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Major Land Use Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa (1)

- **1. Open water land use systems**

Great lakes are relatively important in sub Saharan Africa (Victoria, Chad) and have often well developed inland fisheries. This system has not been investigated in any detail.

- **2. Urban land use systems**

On the basis of the (unpublished) FAO database on rural and urban population aggregated at a 5 arc-minute resolution, the major cities of the continent have been identified and mapped. Many cities have specific land uses and produce typically urban goods and services (recreation, industrial products, shelter etc...). Often, and particularly in Africa, they are also used in a scattered way for garden agriculture producing say vegetables and flowers. No further characterization of land use systems has been attempted at this regional/global scale.

- **3. Irrigated land use systems**

In the remaining rural areas the presence of irrigation schemes is checked. If more than 5% of the pixel is equipped for irrigation according to the Irrigation map produced by (University of Frankfurt and /FAO, (Siebert et al, 20076) the pixel is considered irrigated and it is presumed crops are grown. The land use system is considered to belong to the irrigated class (without specification of crops grown, although they are predominantly cotton and sugarcane).

- **4. Protected Areas**

In a next step, the Protected Areas with a continuous extent of more than 10 000 ha are identified. Protected areas have a specific status and are often established as wildlife or forest reserves. Protected areas are a particular land use system defined by its legal status with specific implications on agricultural practices (low livestock pressure, absence of crops). Note that protected areas were not part of Dixon's farming system classification.

- **5. (Sub)-Tropical Highland Land Use Systems**

Tropical and subtropical highlands are defined by their temperature regime. Within these areas where cropland or a tree cover occurs the dominant crops and crop groups are determined and successive iteration results in specifying if industrial tree crops (coffee, oil palm and banana/plantain), maize or small grains (wheat and barley) predominate. Presence or absence of livestock is used to further subdivide the cropland systems. Areas not occupied by crops nor having significant livestock are considered virgin pastures or forests.

Major Land Use Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa (2)

- **6. Wetland based Land Use Systems**

Wetlands are defined in the GLC-2000 land cover layer. Note that they don't fully correspond to the wetlands map produced by WCMC, which has not been used in the present exercise. The only land use system that is really characterized is rice cultivation and mangrove presence. All other wetland areas are not further characterized as there are very few and small areas occurring regionally. It may well be worth while to explore the possibilities of the more complete wetland map in the future.

- **7. Land Use Systems in Arid Areas**

Arid areas are defined by their moisture regime ($LGP < 120$ days). Three different types of land use systems are recognized based on the presence of livestock. The first one is indicating transhumance and nomadic livestock systems where low livestock presence is associated with low population density. The second one presents higher level of livestock in arid areas and correspond to pastoral systems., Finally, a natural system indicates any other sparse land cover with no livestock.

- **8. Tree based Land Use Systems in non-arid lowlands of sub-Saharan Africa**

Industrial tree crops include coffee, plantain/banana and cocoa. Relatively little information is available on their occurrence in agricultural census data. Use has been made of AgroMAPS information and an unreleased Beta version of IFPRI land use information (You and Wood, 2006), to determine their main areas of occurrence. A specific system of rice growing in a forest environment occurs in Madagascar. Where industrial crops are grown in a forest environment the land use system is called (Industrial) Tree crops. Other areas are considered Virgin forests.

- **9. Pastoral and Agro-Pastoral Land Use Systems**

These are the pastoral and agro-pastoral land use systems that occur outside arid and highland areas. A differentiation is made between areas with high livestock numbers and those that have less. The presence of crop land (often sorghum and millet) indicates agro-pastoral systems while pastoral systems are exclusively dominated by livestock.

Major Land Use Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa (3)

- **10. Cropped land use systems**

Lands characterized by the presence of agriculture in GLC-2000 are first checked for livestock presence in significant numbers (TLU > 0.33). The main land use systems characterized in both cases are three crop groups: root crops (cassava, etc.), or root crops in combination with cereals (maize, sorghum, etc) or cereal only cropping. Other cropland stands for areas where crops are grown that are neither cereals nor root crops. This concerns in particular the significant area of pulses (cowpea in Nigeria) and oil crops (groundnuts in Senegal for instance). These two classes were not foreseen in the Dixon farming system classification, but given their importance in the region in general and in specific countries in particular, they have been added to the Land Use System.

- **11. Natural vegetation systems**

A number of natural vegetation systems with very low livestock numbers and no cropped land are included in the schemes presented above. This concerns in particular “Tree based systems” which are virgin forests, the arid areas without livestock which are bare or with sparse bush lands, the highland systems without crops or livestock. Eventually in the final scheme these will be grouped separately from the “farming systems” (as Dixon did) in a separate land use system defined by non-use.

Please note that these areas are extensive in Sub-Saharan Africa as they concern for instance 21.5 % of the total land area under sparse vegetation without crops or livestock, while 15.3% of the total land areas is under virgin forests.

Land Degradation, Land use/ Land Cover Data Sources

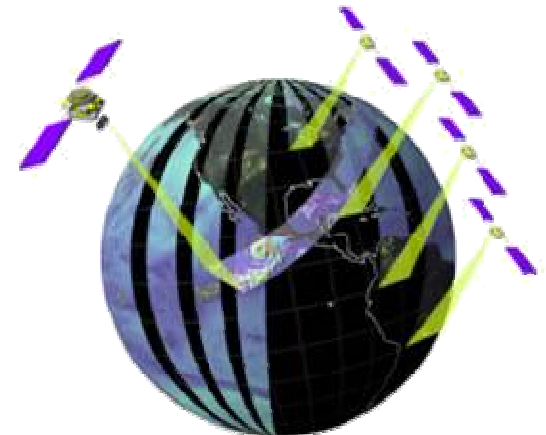
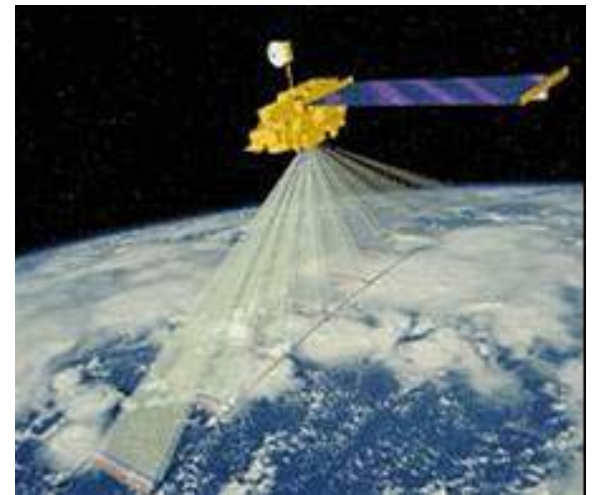
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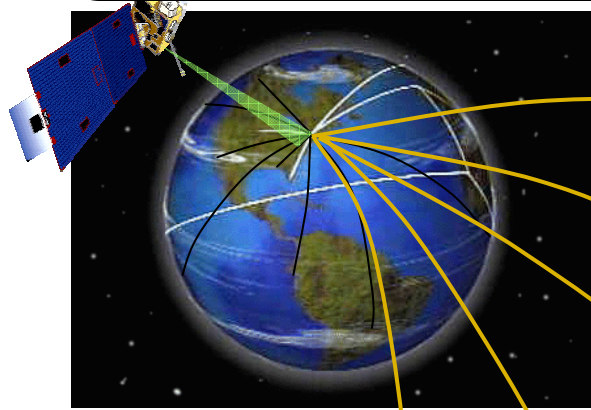
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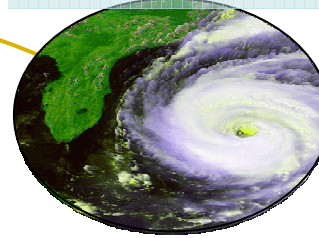
- To improve linkages between global, regional and national studies on land cover and the environment
- To improve standardization, homogenization, compatibility and efficiency of information provided by different applications
- To provide information that improves design and efficiency of sampling for validation of land cover products at global, regional and national levels.
- To increase use and sharing of remote sensing data and its derived datasets
- To provide comparable products at global, regional, and national and lower levels
- To undertake capacity development and institution strengthening to maximize benefits for developing countries
- To support operational development and use by national stakeholders of products emanating from the programme



Cascading Benefits from a Global Land Cover Network



Disaster Management



Hurricane Landfall Forecasting

Transportation



Infrastructure and Road Siting

Natural Resources



Biodiversity and Forest Management

Agriculture



Food Security and Precision Farming

Training



Student and Teacher Training

At National level:

- **Strengthen Capacities**
- **Solve practical problems**
- **Contribute to informed decision making**
- **Communicate with users**

Land Cover Information Relevance at the National Level

Increasing concerns about

- food security for growing population in developing countries,
- environmental degradation including the loss of biodiversity
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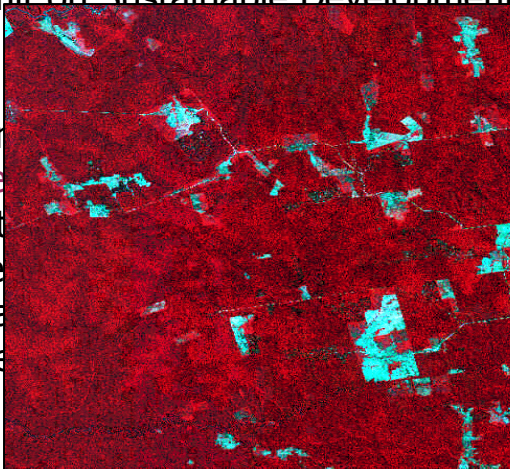


"Importance of the availability of reliable land cover information for the management of the Earth's resources"

UNCED-UN Conference on Environment and Development
WSSD-World Summit on Sustainable Development

Earth Summit records
RS/GIS technologies

- coordinated, systematic and harmonized collection of data
- assessment of data for environmental degradation



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The Global Land Cover for the Year 2000

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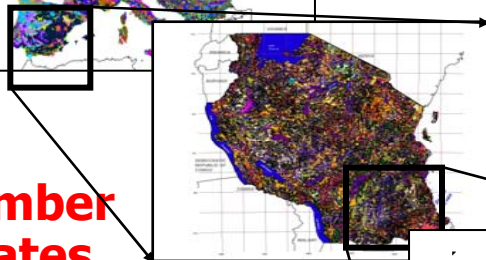


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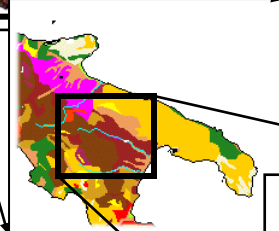
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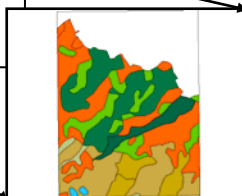
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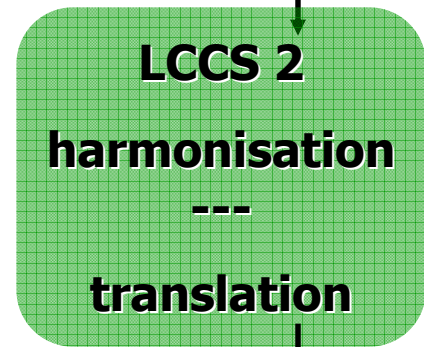
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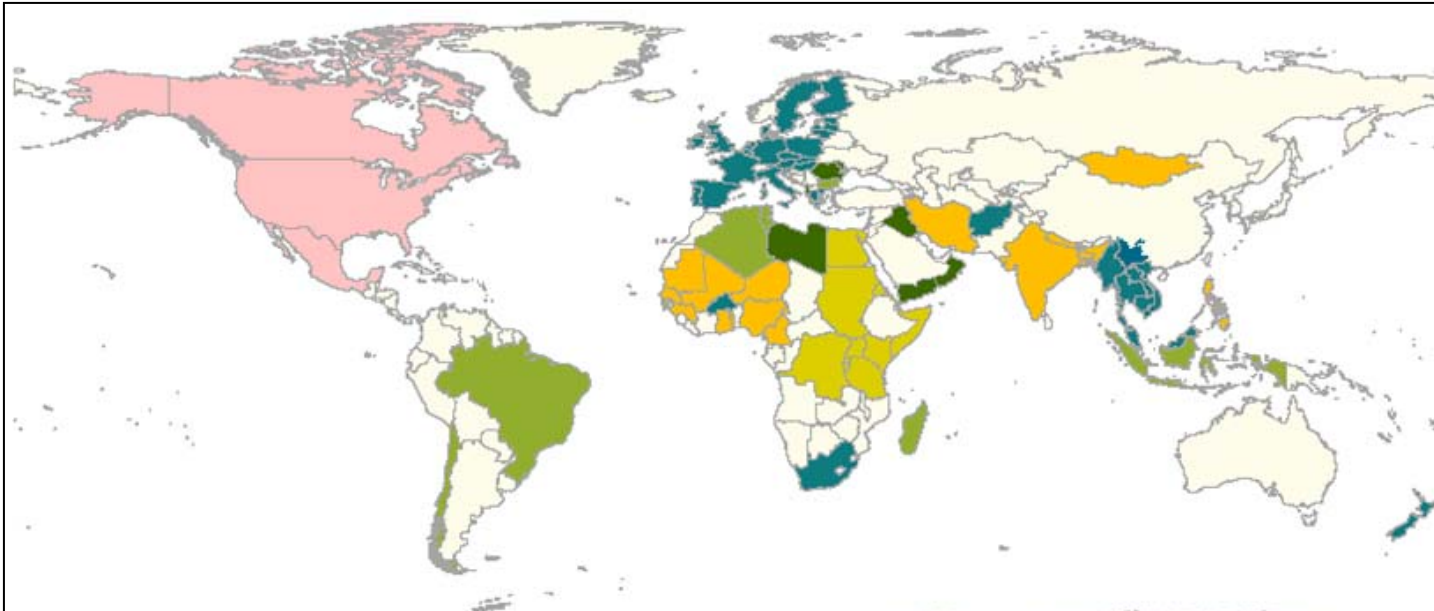
Global assessments



**Spatial planning
Local Planning**

**Applications using LCCS: e.g
GLC 2000, Global map
Africover, Asiacover,
S. C. America, ME, SADC, Sahel many country initiatives
GOFC/GOLD (LCCS acceptance)**

LCCS Mapping Standards: Operational Context



Countries fully mapped with LCCS

Albania, Iraq, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Moldova, Oman, Romania, Yemen

Countries fully mapped with LCCS (africover)

Burundi, DR Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania

Countries partially mapped with LCCS

Algeria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Indonesia, Madagascar, Tunisia

Countries where maps were officially translated into LCCS

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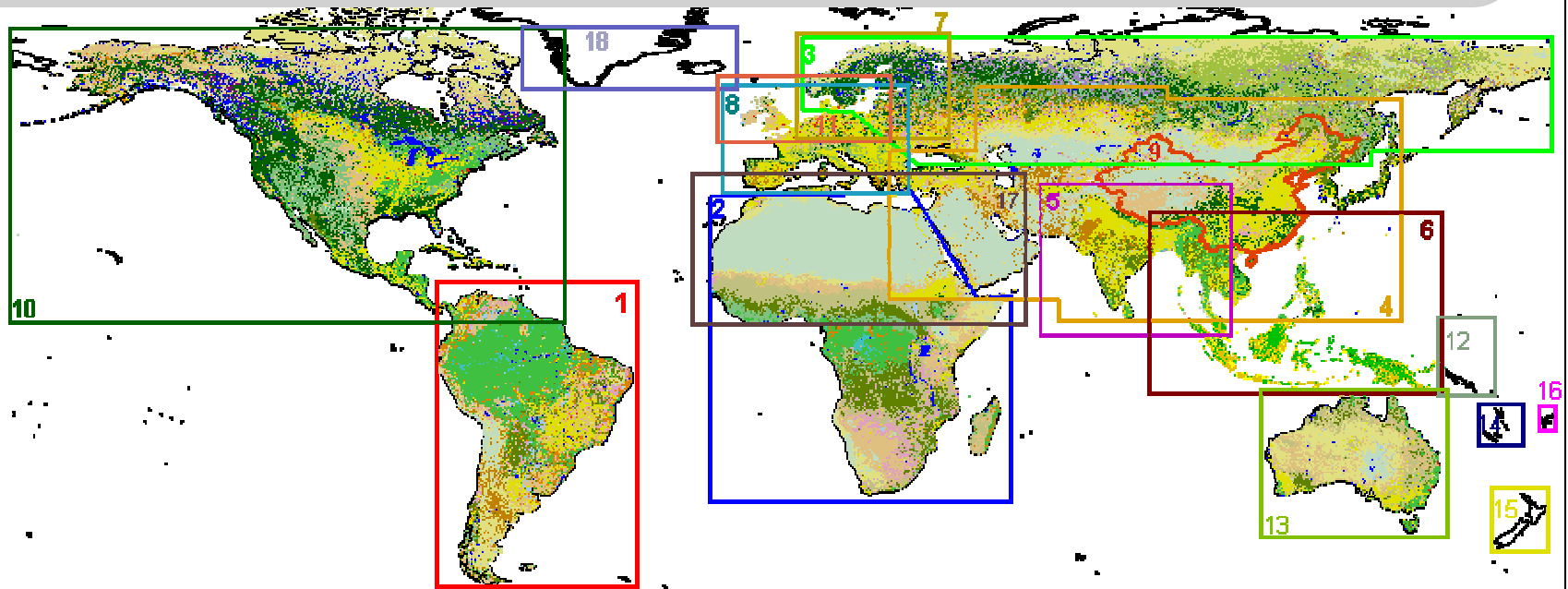
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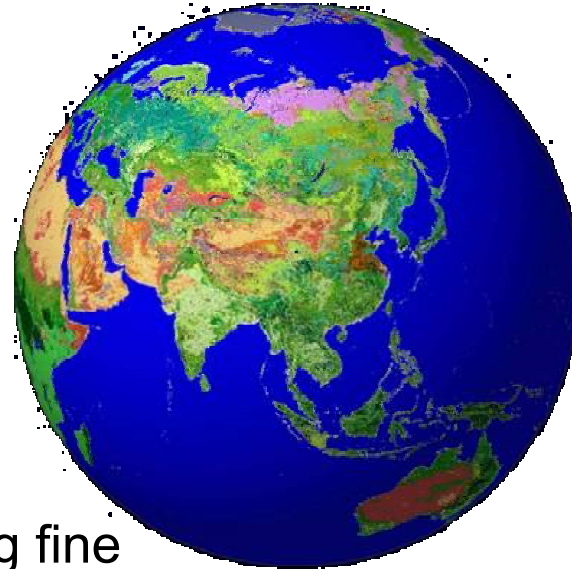
Canada, Mexico, USA

GLC 2000: The Global Land Cover results



- To provide accurate baseline land cover information to
 - the International Conventions on Climate Change
 - the Convention to Combat Desertification
 - the Ramsar Convention
 - the Kyoto Protocol

- Chosen as a core dataset for the Millennium Ecosystems Assessment.
- The GLC2000 dataset is a main input dataset to define the boundaries between ecosystems such as forest, grassland and cultivated systems.



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- Produce a global land-cover map using fine resolution mode (300m) data acquired over the full year 2005 and early 2006 by the MERIS sensor onboard the ENVISAT satellite.

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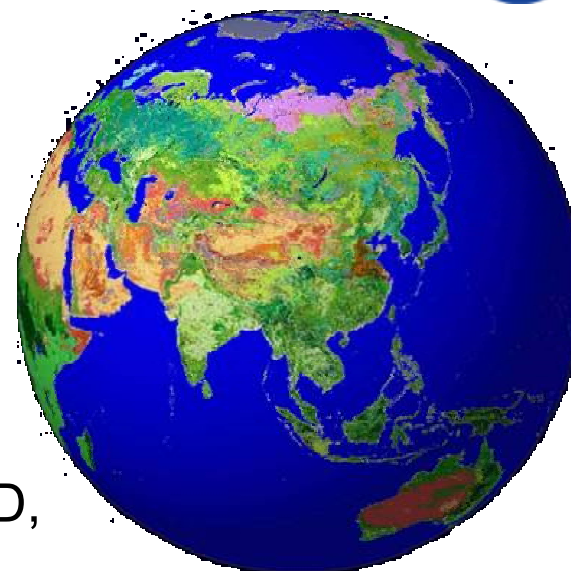
- Will update, complement and improve (due to its better resolution) other existing comparable products.

Thematic legend:

- Developed using the FAO Land Cover Classification System (LCSS).

Project partners:

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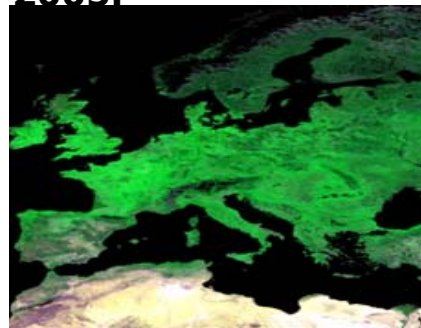
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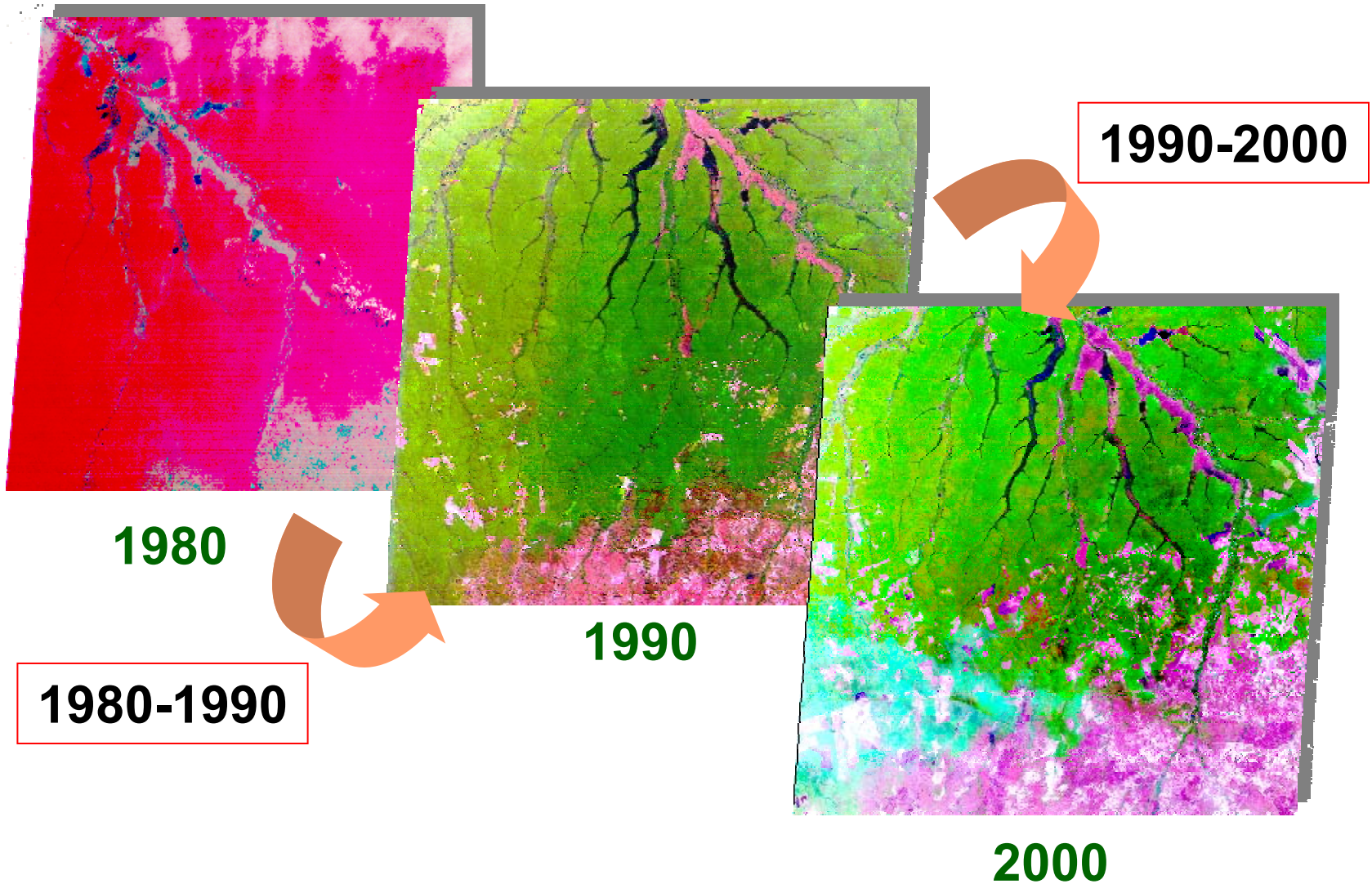
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Multi Epoch remote-sensing survey

Three date time series – arable land change



Land registers

- Land registration & Cadastral systems are sources of information on land ownership and rights.
- But-many developing countries do not have registration systems that cover their entire jurisdiction(may cover main urban areas only)
- Data in registration systems may not be easily extracted for use in computerized information system(registration systems not computerized,data may be arranged for transactions,not for analysis).

Land registers

- Data in some registration systems may not be updated(to cover new development such as spread of settlements)
- Ownership may not be updated when owner dies or sells the land.

Land Tenure

- Country specific
- Aspects considered for collecting information on land tenure
 - ownership
 - right to use
 - security of tenure
- International comparison
 - Owned or rented
 - Ownership: legal or non-legal
 - Other
 - reference page 80 of WCA 2010

Land Tenure

- Land tenure refers to the arrangements or rights under which the holder operates the land making up the holding.
- legal and non-legal ownership
- tenure security.

Land Tenure

- Land tenure is the relationship, whether legally or customarily defined, among people, as individuals or groups, with respect to land. (For convenience, “land” is used here to include other natural resources such as water and trees.) Land tenure is an institution, i.e., rules invented by societies to regulate behaviour. Rules of tenure define how property rights to land are to be allocated within societies. They define how access is granted to rights to use, control, and transfer land, as well as associated responsibilities and restraints. In simple terms, land tenure systems determine who can use what resources for how long, and under what conditions.

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- Land tenure is often categorised as:
- Private: the assignment of rights to a private party who may be an individual, a married couple, a group of people, or a corporate body such as a commercial entity or non-profit organization. For example, within a community, individual families may have exclusive rights to residential parcels, agricultural parcels and certain trees. Other members of the community can be excluded from using these resources without the consent of those who hold the rights.
- Communal: a right of commons may exist within a community where each member has a right to use independently the holdings of the community. For example, members of a community may have the right to graze cattle on a common pasture.
- Open access: specific rights are not assigned to anyone and no-one can be excluded. This typically includes marine tenure where access to the high seas is generally open to anyone; it may include rangelands, forests, etc, where there may be free access to the resources for all. (An important difference between open access and communal systems is that under a communal system non-members of the community are excluded from using the common areas.)
- State: property rights are assigned to some authority in the public sector. For example, in some countries, forest lands may fall under the mandate of the state, whether at a central or decentralised level of government.

Environmental issues

- land tenure can promote land use practices that harm the environment or it can serve to enhance the environment.
- Unsuitable rules (either formal or informal) for acquiring access to land can lead to environmental degradation
- Insecure land tenure is linked to poor land use which in turn leads to environmental degradation.

Environmental issues

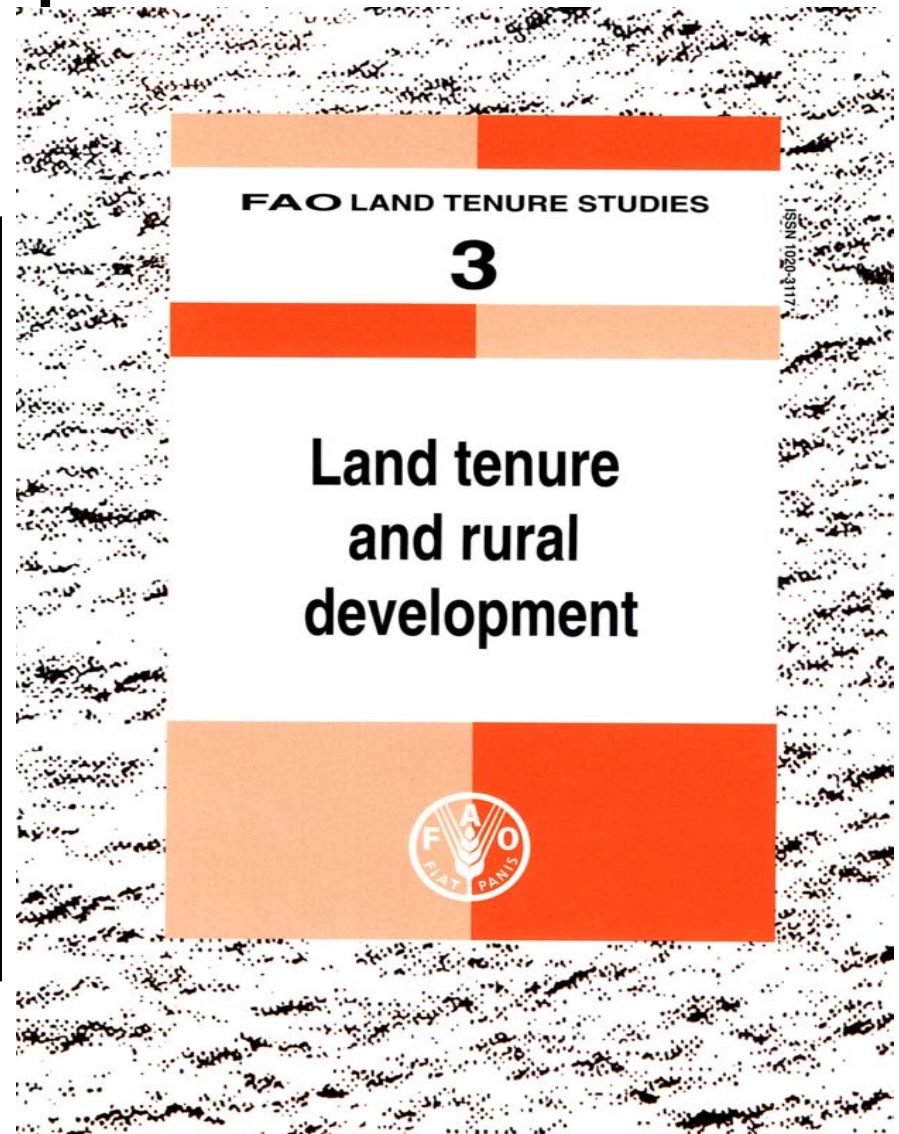
- Inappropriate tenure arrangements on state lands can also lead to environmental degradation
- In contrast, well-adapted land tenure rules can promote sustainable land use.

Land Tenure and Rural Development

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FAO Land Tenure Studies

http://www.fao.org/sd/LTdirect/ltstudies_en.htm

- [1. Cadastral surveys and records of rights in land](#)
- [2. Good practice guidelines for agricultural leasing arrangements](#)
- [3. Land tenure and rural development](#)
- [4. Gender and access to land](#)

• http://www.fao.org/sd/2003/IN0501_en.htm

Land Tenure Data aspect

- <http://www.fao.org/es/ess/census/t.asp>



Volume 1

World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2010

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Rome, 2005

The latest [World Programme for the Census of Agriculture \(WCA 2010\)](#), presented in the publication *"A System of Integrated Agricultural Censuses and Surveys, Volume 1, World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2010"*, (SDS No. 11) provides countries with a flexible approach to the collection of structural agricultural data on a variety of subjects

<http://www.fao.org/es/ess/census/wcares/default.asp>

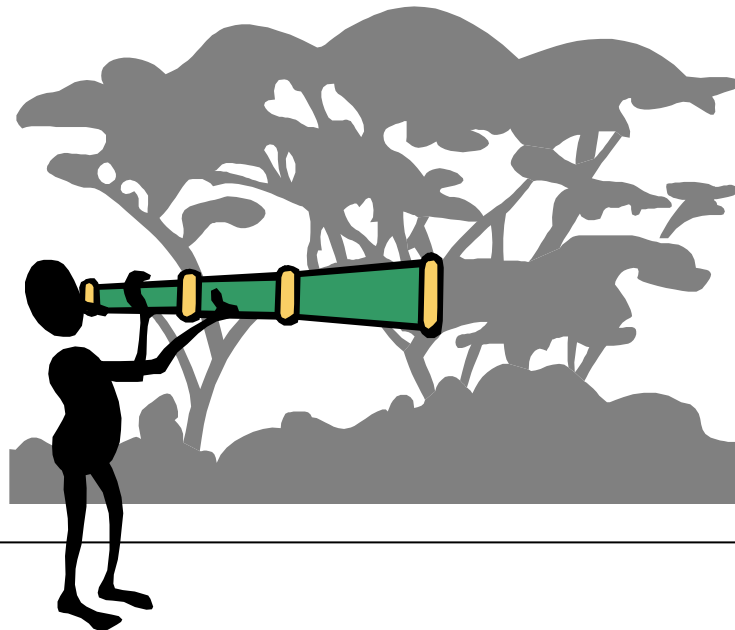
- Results by country are aimed at disseminating main National Agricultural Census Results referring to the 1980, 1990 and 2000 rounds. Relevant information about Number, Size and Fragmentation of Holding, Legal Status of Holders, Land Tenure, Farm Population, Employment, Land Use, main Crops and main Livestock species is reported.

African countries that may have some information

Africa

Algeria	Libyan Arab Jam.	Uganda	Côte d'Ivoire	São Tomé and Pr.
	Madagascar	Zambia	Djibouti	Senegal
Benin	Malawi		Egypt	Seychelles
Botswana	Mali		Ethiopia	Sierra-Leone
Burkina Faso	Mauritania		Gambia	South Africa
Cameroon	Morocco		Guinea	Swaziland
Cape Verde	Mozambique		Guinea-Bissau	Tanzania, Un. Rep. of
Central African Republic	Namibia		Kenya	Togo
Comoros	Niger		Lesotho	Tunisia
Congo, Rep. of	Réunion (Fr)		Congo, Dem. Rep. of	Rwanda

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