

Major points from Working Group III

Definition

1. Indicator system required (to allow for transparent monitoring) covering all relevant forest functions- clearly separating SFM interventions from degradation

Implementation

2. Observing forest degradation can be factored into national forest monitoring

3. National forest monitoring offers many more options, beyond carbon

4. A step-by-step approach needs to be taken according to the national capabilities and circumstances

5. Capacity requirements are not different for monitoring deforestation and for monitoring forest degradation

Capacity Building

- Asking the right questions: defining the purpose of the monitoring, defining end products
- Data / uncertainty management
- Institutionalization (sustainability of monitoring) is as important as capacity development