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# Building global capacity to increase transparency in the forest sector

Two years in numbers

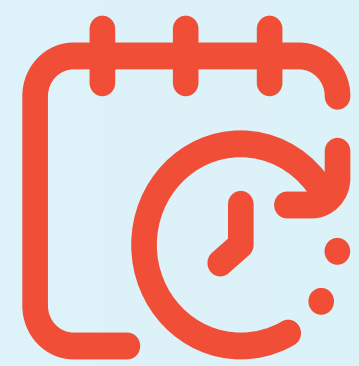
2022



# Introducing the initiative



Building global capacity to increase transparency in the forest sector (CBIT-Forest) is a project, implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), that is **stepping up the abilities of developing countries' to collect, analyse and disseminate forest-related data, to make forest data transparent and accessible, in line with the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement.**



## 2 and a half years

(January 2020 - June 2022)



## Thanks to

**1.9**  
million USD



funds from the **Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)** trust fund of the **Global Environment Facility (GEF)**



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INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

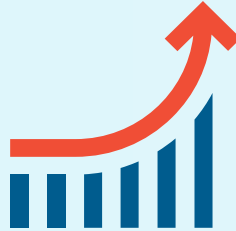
# Two years of...

# delivering on the set objectives

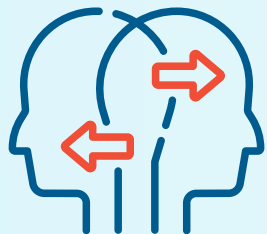
Main components of the **CBIT-Forest project** include:



**Boosting institutional capacity**



**Increasing technical capacity**



**Sharing knowledge**



## IMPACT

The project **will directly benefit**

and **more broadly**

**26**

targeted countries

**187**

targeted countries

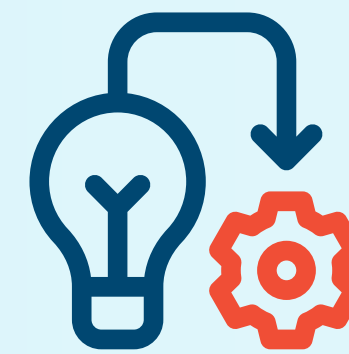
that are part of the global network of National Correspondents for the **Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA)**.

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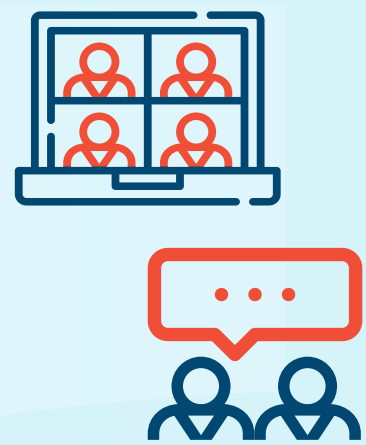
developing country capacity



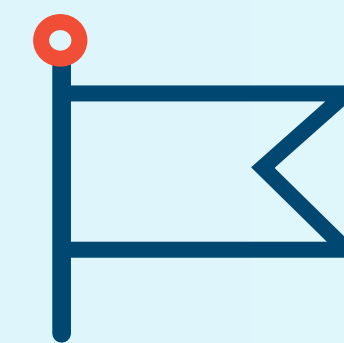
Working with **49 COUNTRIES** to enhance **TECHNICAL CAPACITY** to strengthen national forest monitoring systems (NFMS) for improved climate change reporting



**CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES BEING IMPLEMENTED IN 7 PILOT COUNTRIES:** Côte d'Ivoire, Guatemala, Honduras, Laos, Thailand, Uganda, Brazil



**90 VIRTUAL, 2 HYBRID and 25 FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS** at the national level



**21 ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES** working to strengthen networks and knowledge related to National Forest Inventories (NFI) in **LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (LAC)**, publication: *"National forest inventories in Latin America and the Caribbean: Towards the harmonization of forest information"*



**press release**

## Two years of...

## awareness raising

through dissemination of the project's global knowledge products



**8** Global webinars organized

 **2020**

 **2021**

Project's participation in approximately



**29** Global events

**12** Regional events

**6** Sub-regional webinars organized

Knowledge exchange and awareness raising on forest-related reporting in the context of the Paris Agreement and other international commitments **with**

 **24** countries

 **232** participants



**44** institutions from Southeast Asia, Central America and Mexico, and Western and Central Africa

# Two years of...

# innovative online learning



**SELF-PACED ELEARNING COURSE** "forests and transparency under the Paris Agreement" (UNFCCC and FAO)

[English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Russian](#) | [Arabic](#)



digital **badge**



**1 554** learners



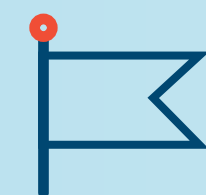
**9 NATIONAL FOREST INVENTORY (NFI) ELEARNING MODULES**

designed to support forest technicians in the implementation of NFIs, from planning to data analysis and reporting, through the production of standardized lessons.



**3**

editions of the **Massive open online course (MOOC)** on forests and transparency under the Paris Agreement



**148** countries



English, French, Spanish



**1 883** total participants: forestry and climate learners



**8** live webinars with simultaneous translations

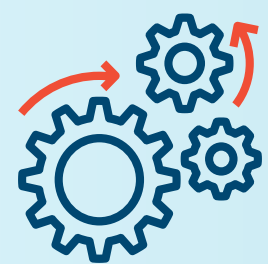
**NOW OPEN TO EVERYONE!**



Learn more about forests for climate action, anywhere, at any time and for free

# Two years of...

# knowledge sharing



## National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) Assessment Tool

### Excel-based tool

The NFMS assessment tool is included in lesson 2 of the eLearning course

**536**  
downloads

### Information note

- English
- French
- Spanish

**1 550**  
downloads

### Quick guidance

- English
- Chinese
- French
- Russian
- Spanish
- Arabic



## Global knowledge

**1 664**  
downloads

### Posters

- English
- French
- Spanish



## Legal matters to institutionalize forest data

**756**  
downloads

### Information note

- English
- French
- Spanish



## Translation of

**452**  
downloads

### FRA main report

- Arabic
- Chinese
- Russian

**522**  
downloads

### Technical paper

Institutionalization of forest data: Establishing legal frameworks for sustainable forest monitoring in REDD+ countries

- English
- French
- Spanish

**50 907**  
pageviews

### FRA platform

- 6 UN languages

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promoting CBIT-Forest



## Link building



### CBIT Global Coordination Platform

[www.cbitplatform.org/projects/building-global-capacity-increase-transparency-forest-sector-cbit-forest](http://www.cbitplatform.org/projects/building-global-capacity-increase-transparency-forest-sector-cbit-forest)



### FAO Climate Change

<https://www.fao.org/climate-change/our-work/what-we-do/transparency>



### FAO Forestry communication kit

<https://www.fao.org/forestry/communication-toolkit/en/>



### National forest monitoring

[www.fao.org/national-forest-monitoring/en/](http://www.fao.org/national-forest-monitoring/en/)



### FAO Global Forest Resources Assessments

[www.fao.org/forest-resources-assessment/initiatives/en/](http://www.fao.org/forest-resources-assessment/initiatives/en/)

22 489  
PAGE VIEWS



Project webpage  
on FAO in Action:

[www.fao.org/in-action/boosting-transparency-forest-data/en/](http://www.fao.org/in-action/boosting-transparency-forest-data/en/)



3 310  
downloads

### Flyer

- English
- French
- Spanish



637  
downloads

Report:  
1 year in  
number

- English





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multimedia products



## Animations and videos



Elements of National Forest Inventories (NFIs)



NFI Video



Modules on National Forest Inventories



Educational animation on forests and transparency



Video of the FRA process



English



French



Spanish

# Two years of... outreach

## Press releases and articles on media outlets



New UN forestry project bids to help countries meet climate change commitments

## Blog posts



FRA data platform



FAO Launches Trainings on National Forest Inventories

## Interviews



**Connecting forest health to climate action**

The inspiring story of the CBIT-Forest project coordinator: an interview with Rocio Condor

## Web stories on partners websites



Meet 7 inspiring women working in environmental science

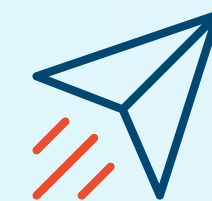
## Scientific papers



Progress on incorporating biodiversity monitoring in REDD+ through national forest inventories



The importance of sharing global forest data in a world of crises, peer-reviewed article

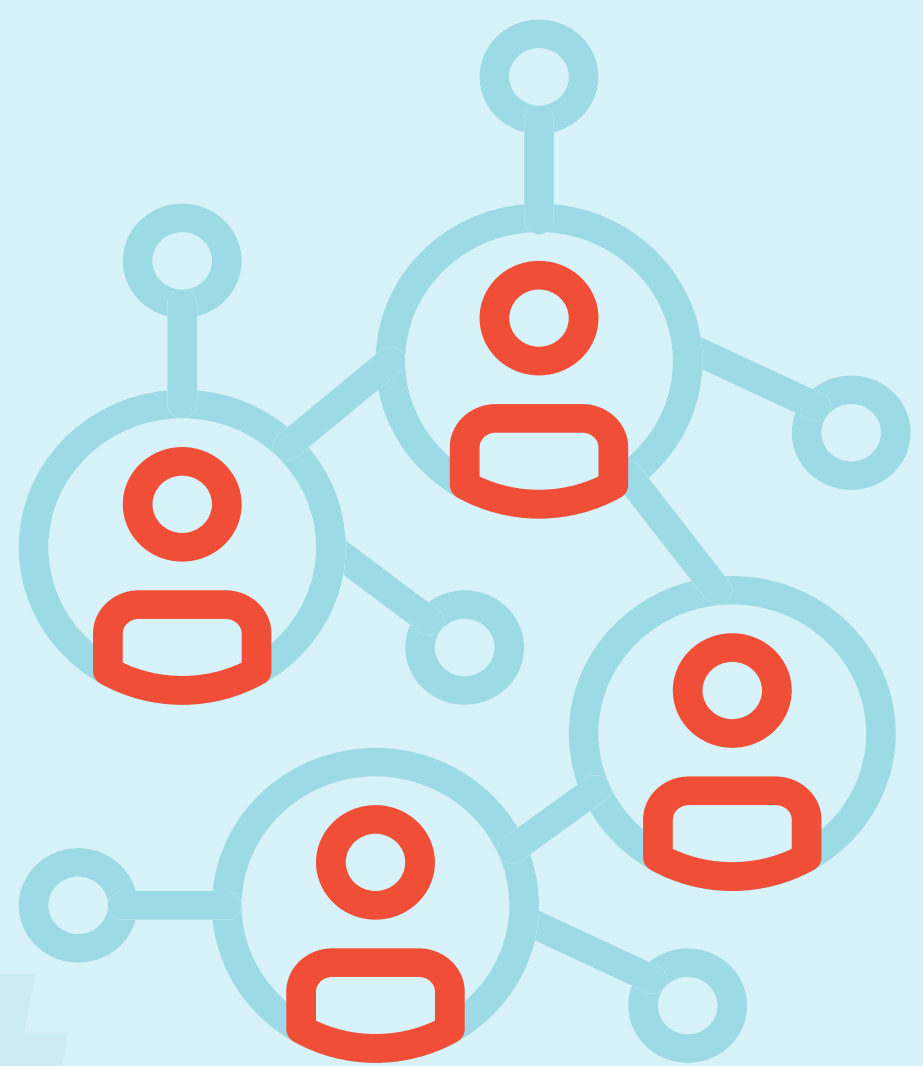


and **dissemination via newsletters and targeted lists:**

- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
- FAO and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicators
- FAO Climate change newsletter
- FAO e-update on food & climate
- FAO inFOflash
- FAO SFMtoolbox
- FAO statistical technical network
- GEF monthly newsletters
- Global Forest Information Service
- International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
- NDC Partnership
- Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB)/UNFCCC
- The REDD+ Resource

# Two years of...

## social networking



TWITTER

### Key FAO corporate accounts:

@FAOclimate, @FAOforestry, @FAOKnowledge  
@FAONews, @FAOStatistics, @OpenForis.

### Regional accounts:

@FAOAsiaPacific, @FAOCapacitacion  
@FAOMesoamerica, @FAOWestAfrica.

### FAO country offices accounts:

@FAOChile, @FAOColombia  
@FAOCostaRica, @FAOCotedIvoire  
@FAOGuatemala, @FAOHonduras  
@FAOPeru, @FAOUganda, etc.

### External Partners

@Data4SDGs, @GFOI\_forest, @ICATclimate  
@IFSAdotnet, @OpenDataWatch,  
@ScientificData, @theGEF, @UNEPDTU  
@UNREDD, etc.



FACEBOOK

- Paris Committee on Capacity-building
- Mitigation & Transparency Exchange
- UN-REDD
- Global Environment Facility
- UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union



LINKEDIN

- UN Climate Change Transparency
- UN Climate Change Capacity-building
- FAO Future Food Institute



WEIBO

- 联合国粮农组织  
来自 微博 weibo.com

### Related hashtags

- #CBIT
- #ClimateAction
- #ClimateChange
- #COP26
- #Data4BetterClimateAction
- #forest
- #FRA2020
- #monitoring
- #ParisAgreement
- #Partnerships4Planet
- #TimeForAction
- #WYSD2020

# Two years of...

# contributing to key global events

## UN Climate Change Conference (COP25)

Project presented by Tiina Vahanen (Chief, Forestry, Policy and Resources Division, FAO) during a side event of the **Global Forest Observations Initiative** at the High-Level Event on Forests.



70 participants



December 2019

## UN Climate Change Conference - COP26



5 November

Progress in project implementation presented by Julian Fox during the UNFCCC side event: **"Curtail deforestation: how to measure progress? REDD+ tools and methodologies"**



9 November

**#Data4BetterClimateAction: The value of transparency to advance national priorities while fulfilling climate reporting**

**"Attuning capacity-building efforts to developing countries' needs and priorities"**



10 May 2021



# Two years of...

# data dissemination

## Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) reporting and dissemination platform



**50 907**  
**PAGES VIEWS**  
NOVEMBER 2020 - DECEMBER 2021

upgraded to improve access to forest-related data, support transparency-related activities and track progress of NDCs designed and implemented:

Data visualizations

Data and metadata on more than 60 forest-related variables

Statistical summaries at country, regional and global levels as well as for custom groupings

Ready-to-use tables and bulk data download for analyses

User-friendly interface in all 6 UN languages

## FAO's Food and Agriculture Microdata (FAM) Catalogue

Identified as a global forest field observation repository (GFFOR), to store national forest inventory (NFI) data (metadata and microdata) and integrate the global forest-related FRA platform.

**6 PILOT COUNTRIES** working toward forest data sharing in the FAM Catalogue or in their national platforms:

BRAZIL

THAILAND

GUATEMALA

LAOS

HONDURAS

UGANDA



In 2021, Uganda became the first tropical country to make its National Forest Inventory available.

# Two years of...

# best practices on forest transparency

## Case studies

### Bangladesh

**653**  
downloads

- English
- French
- Spanish

### Costa Rica

**3 840**  
downloads

- English
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### Democratic Republic of the Congo

**878**  
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- English
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- Spanish

### Chile

**318**  
downloads

- English
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### Ghana

**239**  
downloads

- English
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### Papua New Guinea

**227**  
downloads

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## building partnerships



- CBIT Global coordination platform - network of CBIT coordinators
- FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) network of national correspondents
- Global Forest Observations Initiative (GFOI)
- Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT)
- Institut agronomique, vétérinaire et forestier de France (Agreenium)
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- International Forestry Student's Association (IFSA)
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- NFI Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) network
- Regional organizations and processes involved in the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Economic Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and UNEP Danmarks Tekniske Universitet (DTU) Partnership
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Two years of...

attention to the most vulnerable communities



Encouraging and tracking **women's** participation and empowerment



Connecting forest health to climate action

The inspiring story of the CBIT-Forest project coordinator: an interview with Rocio Condor, who encouraged women to pursue careers in environmental protection.



Empowering women to boost forest sciences

The article tells the story of Joanita Nabulime, a GIS Technician at the National Forestry Authority (NFA) of Uganda.



**Indigenous peoples**



Indigenous peoples paving the way for inclusive forest monitoring

Leaders from indigenous and local communities, from Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, and Panama, attended an event to launch the eLearning course and discuss their contributions to community-based forest monitoring ([included in lesson 1](#) of the eLearning course on forests and transparency)



Share of **female** participants in CBIT-Forest project activities

**Pilot countries**

- Cote d'Ivoire: 23%
- Guatemala: 29%
- Honduras: 37%
- Lao People's Democratic Republic: 24%
- Thailand: 52%
- Uganda: 30%

**MOOC**

- First edition (2020): 37%
- Second edition (2021): 39%
- Third edition (2021): 40%

**SELF-PACED**

**eLearning course** 39%

**6 FRA**

**SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOPS** 32%

**Global webinars**

- 15 July, 2020: 48%
- 21 July, 2020: 44%
- 23 September, 2020: 39%
- 11 November, 2020: 42%
- 17 March, 2021: 52%
- 7 July, 2021: 32%
- 17 November, 2021: 45%

**Regional Workshops**

- 13 October, 2020 (Spanish): 43%
- 15 October, 2020 (English): 25%
- 15 October, 2020 (French): 10%
- 10 March, 2021 (French): 35%
- 2 December, 2021 (Spanish, English): 42%



**Coming soon!**



**Lessons learned publication**



**English translation and dissemination of NFI LAC book**



**More outreach..  
reaching the last mile!**

Thank you!

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