
**Overview of updated data and information
relating to deforestation
from voluntary submissions by non-Annex I Parties**

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SBSTA 25 invited non-Annex I Parties that are in a position to do so, and on a voluntary basis, to submit to the secretariat, any updated information and data additional to that provided in their latest national communications and synthesized in the background paper prepared for the first workshop, on emissions and trends in deforestation, data needs, and policies and programmes in place or being considered to address deforestation and its root causes.

The SBSTA requested the secretariat to compile and make available the information at the second workshop and to provide a short presentation at the workshop.

(FCCC/SBSTA/2006/11, para 91)

Voluntary submissions by non-Annex I Parties

The secretariat received a submission on any updated information and data relating to deforestation from

- Argentina

This submission has been made available for the second workshop at the following weblink:

http://unfccc.int/methods_and_science/lulucf/items/3930.php

Submission by Argentina- Emissions data

- Provided data on emissions and removals from the LULUCF sector for the year 2000.
- The LULUCF sector is divided into 4 analytical sub-modules: 1. Changes in forest and other woody biomass; 2. Forest and grassland conversion; 3. Abandonment of managed lands; and 4. CO₂ emissions and removals from soils.
- Provided data on CO₂ emissions and removals and emissions of non-CO₂ gases for all 4 sectors
- Tree plantations and abandoned successional forest lands were the main sinks of CO₂ for year 2000
- Also provided emission trends for the sector between 1990 – 1997
- The Forest Direction of the Secretariat for Environment and Sustainable Development has started to calculate the deforestation rate through satellite images and the results for 1998-2002 are now available

Submission by Argentina- Data needs

- Quality of information for the country subtropics for year 2000 is superior to that of previous periods.
- Allowed researchers to better estimate abandoned areas and deforestation rates in the country
- Noted some difficulties in inter-period comparison and in the analyses of differences observed in the sub-modules relative to conversion and abandonment of forest lands
- The provincial agencies still faced data issues such as:
 - ✓ Absence of necessary data for GHG inventories of the LULUCF sector;
 - ✓ Inconsistent data;
 - ✓ Statistics of heterogeneous quality;
 - ✓ Underestimation.

Submission by Argentina – Policies and Programmes

- **Being considered:** Draft Bill on “ Minimum stocks for the protection of native forests”
- **In place:** An Action Plan to promote conservation and the sustainable use of native forests. Several programmes are being undertaken by the Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development
 - Programme on non-wood forest products (PFNM)
 - Forestry statistics programme
 - Sustainable forestry management programme
 - Hydrographic basins management programme
 - Programme on forestry regulation
 - Forestry assessment system management unit
 - National programme on criteria and indicators of the Montreal Process
 - Social programme on forests
 - Native forests project
 - National programme on applied research
 - Education

