



Assisting developing countries in improving national forest information and reporting

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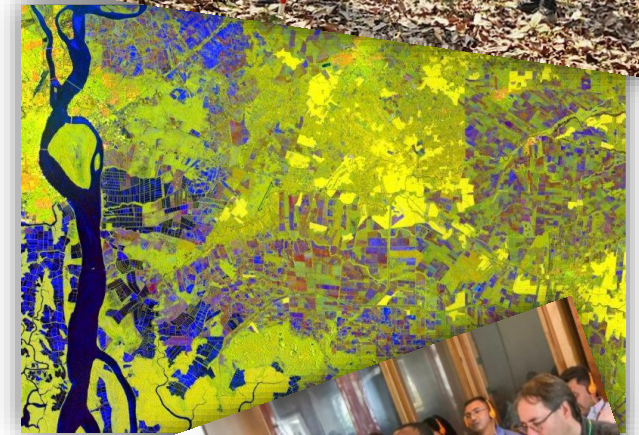
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Why is GFOI needed?

- Forests can play an important role in mitigating **global climate change, sustainable development, biodiversity protection** and many other essential functions
- Better forest management is underpinned by **better forest monitoring**
- Many countries are developing national forest monitoring systems (NFMS) & associated procedures for monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) to inform their decision making, policy development, reporting and action on forests and climate
- Increased demand for forest information is coupled with a **boom in the supply of data, tools** and other forms of international support
- Without **global coordination** the development of their NFMS and MRV would be at risk of paralysis.

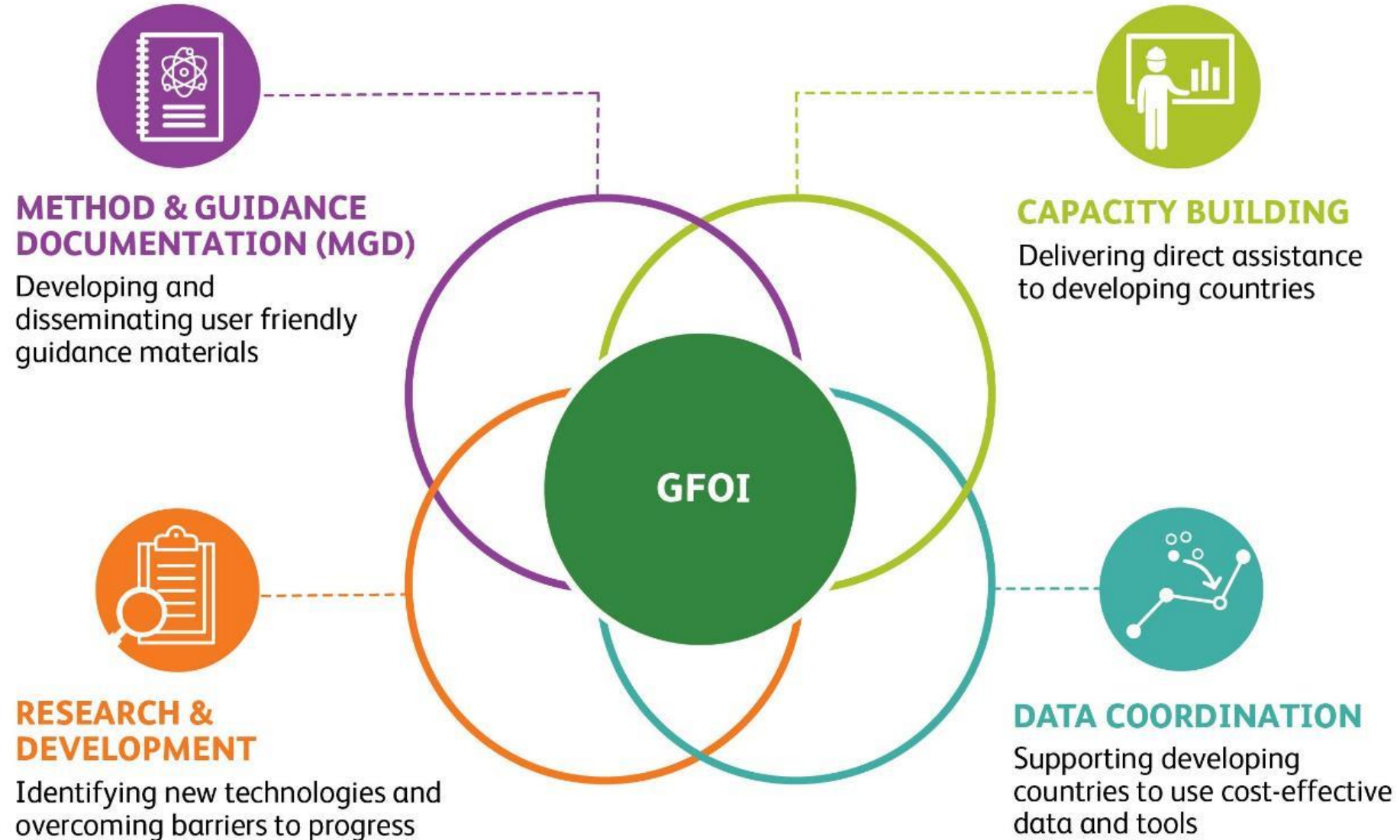




Global partnership for coordinating international support to help developing countries address their international and national information needs on forest monitoring and greenhouse gas (GHG) accounting for REDD+ and related climate reporting and activities



FOUR GFOI COMPONENTS



GFOI Achievements to date

- ✓ GFOI partners have **built capacity in over 60 developing countries across the three major forested regions:** Asia, Africa and Latin America
- ✓ **Developed and disseminated comprehensive user-friendly methodological guidance (MDG Guidance)** in compliance with the IPCC and to meet UNFCCC reporting and transparency requirements. Such guidance was incorporated in the IPCC 2019 Refinement.
- ✓ **Contributed to scientific best practices, addressed knowledge gaps** and progressed new approaches
- ✓ **GFOI Inventory of Activities, Information Exchange and other structured communications between major partners**
- ✓ **Fostered a strong global network of experts and practitioners**
- ✓ **Assured annual wall-to-wall coverage of all the world's forested regions with remote sensing data** in support of reporting by countries
- ✓ **Developed structured coordination mechanisms:** to make it easier for partners to participate in and extract net benefits from international cooperation.



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