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Introduction

Solomon Islands as a Sovereign State have developed through many challenges over the last 30 years and as a UN member since independence on July 7th 1978, it has participated in several international programmes targeting the Forest Sector, under the FAO global initiatives. In the Forest Sector, this report will uncover some details on the Solomon Islands Forest Resources base under past assessments. The figures were used to guard the outcome of the Global Forest Resources Assessment - 2010 country report.

Likewise, to think of the many circumstances that are related to SFM, Solomon Islands has it's own power to shape this framework in its capacity as a young developing nation to implement development policies that are conducive to our current economic situation. There is still some need to provide effective mechanisms to enable our current national forest policy and to adopt an improved forest management system.

As a nation, Solomon Islands has recognized international initiatives that are formed to give global outlook and awareness that supports the continuous existence of the Natural Forest Ecosystem to avoid and reduce serious global disasters that are particularly related to the climatic changes and effects.

The report contains data derived from important national data sources related to the forest sector and basically has initial attachment to the Solomon Islands Forest Resources Information System (SOLFRIS) database of the Ministry of Forestry.

1 Table T1 – Extent of Forest and Other wooded land

1.1 FRA 2010 Categories and definitions

Category	Definition
Forest	Land spanning more than 0.5 hectares with trees higher than 5 meters and
	a canopy cover of more than 10 percent, or trees able to reach these
	thresholds in situ. It does not include land that is predominantly under
	agricultural or urban land use.
Other wooded land	Land not classified as "Forest", spanning more than 0.5 hectares; with trees
	higher than 5 meters and a canopy cover of 5-10 percent, or trees able to
	reach these thresholds in situ; or with a combined cover of shrubs, bushes
	and trees above 10 percent. It does not include land that is predominantly
	under agricultural or urban land use.
Other land	All land that is not classified as "Forest" or "Other wooded land".
Other land with tree cover	Land classified as "Other land", spanning more than 0.5 hectares with a
(Subordinated to "Other	canopy cover of more than 10 percent of trees able to reach a height of 5
land")	meters at maturity.
Inland water bodies	Inland water bodies generally include major rivers, lakes and water
	reservoirs.

1.2 National data

1.2.1 Data sources

References to sources of information	Quality (H/M/L)	Variable(s)	Year(s)	Additional comments
Solomon Islands Forestry Management Project (SIMP), 2003. National Forest Resources Assessment.	Н	Natural forests, plantations, community forest plantings, logged forests	2003	Data & information on log volume harvested, areas of logged over forests.
Solomon Islands Forestry Management Project (SIMP), 2006. National Forest Resources Assessment update 2006.	Н	Natural forests, plantations, community forest plantings, logged forests	2006	Data & information on log volume harvested, areas of logged over forests.
Australian International Development Assistant Bureau, Ministry of Natural Resources, 1994. Solomon Islands National Forest Resources Inventory, Volume One, National overview & Methods	Н	Natural forests	1992	Gives an overview of forests and environments of Solomon Islands.
Global Forest Resources Assessment 2000 (FRA 2000), 2001. FAO Forestry Paper 140.	Н	Plantations	2000	
FAOSTAT.http://apps.fao.org/faostat/form?collection=LandUse&Domain=Land&servlet=1&hasbulk=0&version=ext&language=EN	Н	Total land area, Inland water bodies	1990, 2000	

1.2.2 Classification and definitions

National	Definition Definition
class	
Freshwater Swamp and Riveraine Forest	This forest type is common where there is little micro relief and drainage is impeded. There are extensive areas of freshwater swamp in the Solomons, especially in the New Georgia group of islands, and several distinctive types can be delineated. In different areas, the swamp is dominated by a closed canopy of the threes Camnosperma brevipetiolata or Terminalia brassii, or by a mix of species; Inocarpus fagiferand Syzygium tierneyana are generally restricted to these poorly drained sites, but other species, such as Barringtonia racemosa, Calophyllum vexans, Campnosperma brevipetiolata, Intsia bijuga, Pterocarpus indicus and Teminalia brassii can also be found on well-drained soils.
Freshwater Swamp and River. F., Logged or Degraded	This category seems to include: degraded forests, cleared to sparse remnant forests, very open canopy, with isolated trees. Forests classified as "logged forest type" are not included in the merchantable area if the logging has been done recently. This is because there are grave doubts that the forest will recover within the foresee able future from the severe logging. Degraded forests seem also to include those area cleared less recently where regrowth is not enough to permit to define these area as forest land.
Hill Forests, Mixed Species Hill Forests, Mixed Species, Logged or Degraded Lowland Forests, Mixed Species	Occurs on well-drained sites. It is complex in composition and structure. Hill forest forms the great bulk of forests with commercial potential in the Solomons. A variant of this class of forest is dominated by Casuarina papuana which typically occurs on very alkaline ultra mafic soils. This category seems to include: degraded forests, cleared to sparse remnant forests, very open canopy, with isolated trees. Forests classified as "logged forest type" are not included in the merchantable area if the logging has been done recently. This is because there are grave doubts that the forest will recover within the foreseeable future from the severe logging. Degraded forests seem to include those area cleared less recently where re-growth is not enough to permit to define these area as forest land. On level or nearly level land, has a complex structure and composition and is a variation of the better drained lowland that occurs on hills. Localised elements of freshwater swamp forests may be present. This is the most widespread vegetation type, in Solomon Islands and it contains about 60 common tree species, of which these are very common: Calophyllum kajewskii, C. vitiense, Campnosperma brevipetiolata, Dillenia salomonensis, Elaeocarpus sphaericus. The understory of the lowland rain forest contains a variety of short, thick-stemmed, lowstatures trees such as Barringtonia papeh, Leea indica and Tapeinosperma spp., as well as palms (Areca catechu, Licuala lauterbachii and Strongylocaryum latius), Pandanus spp. And bamboos.
Lowland Forests, Mixed Species, Logged or Degraded	This category seems to include: degraded forests, cleared to sparse remnant forests, very open canopy, with isolated trees. Forests classified as "logged forest type" are not included in the merchantable area if the logging has been done recently. This is because there are grave doubts that the forest will ecover within the foreseeable future from the severe logging. Degraded forests seem also to include those area cleared less recently where regrowth is not enough to permit to define these area as forest land.
Upland Rainforest on Hills	It is a montane forest which occurs on higher altitude ridge tops and mountain summit, generally above 600 metres. Occasionally it is present at lower elevations in relatively harsher conditions. Often tall-statureted 25 to 35 m lowland rain forest changes abruptly to a lower-statureted 15 to 20 m tall montane rain forest on wet, cloudy, windy sites and on ridges of Ardisia and Rhododendron, Metrosideros collina, M. salomonensis, several species of Ficus, Psychotria, and Schefflera, and the gymnosperms Dacrydium cf. xanthandrum and Podocarpus pilgeri. Scrub stands of bamboo are common.
Saline Swamp (usually mangroves)	Saline swamp occurs on land subject to tidal and supra tidal influences such as estuaries and foreshores. Two structural types of mangrove forest can be distinguished: one is a low, stunted, 2,5 m tall forest dominated by Rhizophora apiculata; the other is up to 25 m tall and composed of Bruguiera parviflora, B. sexangula, Rhizophora apiculata and R. stylosa, with local populations of Dolichandrone spathacea. Other mangrove species include Ceriops tagal and Lumnitzera littorea, the latter sometimes forming pure stands. The palm Nypa fruticans is also present. Differing structure and composition are related both to habitat differences and to past habitat disturbance.
Non Forest & Others Areas	This category essentially comprise communities without tree cover such as herbaceous swamp communities and braided river courses. Other areas include plantations established for timber production (these are delineated as one unit and no attempt has been made to dissect or classify them further into species groups).

1.2.3 Original data

National classes	Year 1992 (hectares)
Freshwater Swamp and Riveraine Forest	104801
Freshwater Swamp and River. F., Logged or Degraded	4144
Hill Forests, Mixed Species	1834772
Hill Forests, Mixed Species, Logged or Degraded	269530
Lowland Forests, Mixed Species	115713
Lowland Forests, Mixed Species, Logged or Degraded	120893
Upland Rainforest on Hills	102618
Saline Swamp (usually mangroves)	50572
Non Forest and Others Areas ¹⁾	66557
TOTAL	2669600

¹⁾ Forest plantations are included

Original Forest areas as determined by SIFMP I (2003)

Loggable areas	Year 2003 (hectares)
Non operable forest and un-forested land	2109600
Un-logged natural forest	377300
Conservation areas	0
Logged over natural forest	288200
Plantations (industrial & village)	30100
Total area	2805200

Original Forest areas as determined by SIFMP II (2006)

Summary of forest areas	Year 2006 (hectares)
Non operable forest and un-forested land	2174000
Un-logged natural forest	325200
Conservation areas	0
Logged over natural forest	278400
Plantations (industrial & village)	27600
Total area	2805200

1.3 Analysis and processing of national data

1.3.1 Calibration

Calibration factor applied for original data for 2003 and 2006

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Source	Total land area (1000 ha)		
National data	2805.2		
FAOSTAT	2799.0		
Calibration factor	0.99779		

Calibrated 2003 and 2006 data

Loggable areas	Year 2003 (hectares)	Year 2006 (hectares)
Non operable forest and un-forested land	2104937.78	2169195
Un-logged natural forest	376466.167	324481.3
Conservation areas	0	0
Logged over natural forest	287563.078	277784.7
Plantations (industrial & village)	30033.479	27539
TOTAL	2799000.51	2799001

1.3.2 Reclassification into FRA 2010 categories

Reclassification matrix for original data for 2003 and 2006

	FRA 2010 categories		
National classes	Forest		
Non operable forest and un-forested land	74% 1		
Un-logged natural forest	100%		
Logged over natural forest	100%		
Plantations (industrial & village)	100%		

¹ Expert estimate

1.3.3 Estimation and forecasting

The reporting years were derived by linear interpolation and extrapolation from the 2003 and 2006 datasets. The area of Other land was calculated as the difference Total area less Inland water bodies, Other wooded land and Forest area.

1.4 Data for Table T1

ED 4 20104	Area (1000 hectares)			
FRA 2010 categories	1990	2000	2005	2010
Forest	2324	2268	2241	2213
Other wooded land	98.0	102.0	129	129
Other land	377	429	429	457
of which with tree cover	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Inland water bodies	91	91	91	91
TOTAL	2890	2890	2890	2890

1.5 Comments to Table 1

Variable / category	Comments related to data, definitions,	Comments on the reported trend
	etc.	
Forest		
Other wooded land	Based on expert estimate on existing data from SOLFRIS on degraded forest areas. In FRA 2005, this category was not reported on -it was covered in the Other	
	land category.	

Other land	Calculated as the difference total land area less area of Forest and Other wooded land.	
Other land with tree		
cover		
Inland water bodies	The biggest inland water body is about 15,500 ha. Along with other minor water bodies it will be approximate as reported.	

Other general comments to the table	
Expected year for completion of ongoing/planned <u>national</u>	

Expected year for completion of ongoing/planned <u>national</u> forest inventory and/or RS survey / mapping		
Field inventory		
Remote sensing survey / mapping		

2 Table T2 – Forest ownership and management rights

2.1 FRA 2010 Categories and definitions

Category	Definition
Public ownership	Forest owned by the State; or administrative units of the public administration; or by institutions or corporations owned by the public
Private ownership	administration. Forest owned by individuals, families, communities, private co-operatives, corporations and other business entities, private religious and educational institutions, pension or investment funds, NGOs, nature conservation
Individuals (sub-category of Private ownership)	associations and other private institutions. Forest owned by individuals and families.
Private business entities and institutions (sub-category of Private ownership)	Forest owned by private corporations, co-operatives, companies and other business entities, as well as private non-profit organizations such as NGOs, nature conservation associations, and private religious and educational institutions, etc.
Local communities (sub-category of Private ownership)	Forest owned by a group of individuals belonging to the same community residing within or in the vicinity of a forest area. The community members are co-owners that share exclusive rights and duties, and benefits contribute to the community development.
Indigenous / tribal communities (sub-category of Private ownership)	Forest owned by communities of indigenous or tribal people.
Other types of ownership	Other kind of ownership arrangements not covered by the categories above. Also includes areas where ownership is unclear or disputed.
Categories related to the holder	of management rights of public forest resources
Public Administration	The Public Administration (or institutions or corporations owned by the Public Administration) retains management rights and responsibilities within the limits specified by the legislation.
Individuals/households	Forest management rights and responsibilities are transferred from the Public Administration to individuals or households through long-term leases or management agreements.
Private institutions	Forest management rights and responsibilities are transferred from the Public Administration to corporations, other business entities, private cooperatives, private non-profit institutions and associations, etc., through long-term leases or management agreements.
Communities	Forest management rights and responsibilities are transferred from the Public Administration to local communities (including indigenous and tribal communities) through long-term leases or management agreements.
Other form of management rights	Forests for which the transfer of management rights does not belong to any of the categories mentioned above.

2.2 National data

2.2.1 Data sources

References to sources of information	Quality (H/M/L	Variable (s)	Year(s)	Additional comments
Ministry of Natural resources, Forestry Division Annual reports	Н		1988/89 /90	Provide information on land categories, estates & reforestation figures
National Forest Inventory Summary Reports/FRIS datas	Н		1994	Datas and information are mostly derived for the Forest Information System
National Forest Assessment Report	Н		2003	This is an update of the SOLRIS data of 1993
National Forest Assessment Report Update	Н		2006	This has provided the most update reference point on the Natural Forest Resources base & other information.
FRA 2005	Н		2005	Some reference is made from the previous report by G. Konairamo.

2.3 Data for Table T2

Table 2a - Forest ownership

FRA 2010 Categories	Forest area (1000 hectares)			
TRA 2010 Categories	1990	2000	2005	
Public ownership	32.4	6.60	6.60	
Private ownership	2291.6	2261.4	2234.4	
of which owned by individuals	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
of which owned by private business entities and institutions	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
of which owned by local communities	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
of which owned by indigenous / tribal communities	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Other types of ownership	0	0	0	
TOTAL	2324	2268	2241	

Note: If other types of ownership is reported, please specify details in comment to the table.

Does ownership of trees coincide with ownership of the	X	Yes
land on which they are situated?		No
If No above, please describe below how the two differ:		

Table 2b - Holder of management rights of public forests

FRA 2010 Categories	Forest area (1000 hectares)			
TRA 2010 Categories	1990	2000	2005	
Public Administration	32.4	6.60	6.6	
Individuals	0	0	0	
Private corporations and institutions	0	0	0	
Communities	0	0	0	
Other	0	0	0	
TOTAL	32.4	6.6	6.6	

2.4 Comments to Table T2

Variable /	Comments related to data, definitions,	Comments on the reported trend
category	etc.	
Public ownership		Under privatisation policy other state owned forests are sold to private institutions through
		lease agreements. State owned Forest faces
		decreasing areas of ownership.
		decreasing areas of ownersmp.
Private		This ownership category will expand under
ownership		the current National Reforestation
		Development programme.
Indigenous or	The entire forest areas are owned by	As people organise into groups that have
Tribal	segments of tribal and indigenous	managements right & responsibilities, this
Communities	communities commonly known as	figure will decrease and the above categories
	customary land areas.	for private ownership will surely increase.
Management	Management rights are owned by those	
rights	who are responsible for the forest areas.	

Other general comments to the table

To be general, ownership of forest areas upheld by a group of people (Tribe) is natural and does not involve individual decision makings. The more forest areas are under private ownership then important development decisions could be made easily.

3 Table T3 – Forest designation and management

3.1 FRA 2010 Categories and definitions

Term	Definition		
Primary designated function	The primary function or management objective assigned to a management unit either by legal prescription, documented decision of the landowner/manager, or evidence provided by documented studies of forest management practices and customary use.		
Protected areas	Areas especially dedicated to the protection and maintenance of biological diversity, and of natural and associated cultural resources, and managed through legal or other effective means.		
Categories of primary designation	gnated functions		
Production	Forest area designated primarily for production of wood, fibre, bio-energy and/or non-wood forest products.		
Protection of soil and water	Forest area designated primarily for protection of soil and water.		
Conservation of biodiversity	Forest area designated primarily for conservation of biological diversity. Includes but is not limited to areas designated for biodiversity conservation within the protected areas.		
Social services	Forest area designated primarily for social services.		
Multiple use	Forest area designated primarily for more than one purpose and where none of these alone is considered as the predominant designated function.		
Other	Forest areas designated primarily for a function other than production, protection, conservation, social services or multiple use.		
No / unknown	No or unknown designation.		
Special designation and ma	magement categories		
Area of permanent forest estate (PFE)	Forest area that is designated to be retained as forest and may not be converted to other land use.		
Forest area within protected areas	Forest area within formally established protected areas independently of the purpose for which the protected areas were established.		
Forest area under sustainable forest management	To be defined and documented by the country.		
Forest area with management plan	Forest area that has a long-term (ten years or more) documented management plan, aiming at defined management goals, which is periodically revised.		

3.2 National data

3.2.1 Data sources

References to sources of information	Quality (H/M/L)	Variable(s)	Year(s)	Additional comments
Ministry of Natural resources,	Н		1988/89	Provide information on land categories,
Forestry Division Annual reports			/90/92	estates & reforestation figures
National Forest Inventory Summary	Н		1994	Datas and information are mostly
Reports/FRIS datas				derived for the Forest Information
				System
National Forest Assessment Report	Н		2003	This is an update of the SOLRIS data
				of 1993
Proposed Conservation Sites under	Н		2008	Pending under legal process towards
MMEC/Conservation Division.				designation in the future.
National Forest Assessment Report	Н		2006	This has provided the most update
Update				reference point on the Natural Forest
				Resources base & other information.

3.2.2 Classification and definitions

National class	Definition
Logging Concession	Areas covered by a logging license with recommended legal prescriptions and
Areas	a Forest Timber Agreement disposed by the rightful landowners.
Environmentally	Buffers/Stream Buffers, Areas >30 deg slopes, Areas above 400m a.s.l,
sensitive areas	village resources areas.
Merchantable Forest	The remaining commercial forest area after excluding the environmentally
areas	sensitive areas.

3.3 Data for Table T3

 $Table \ 3a-Primary \ designated \ function$

FRA 2010 Categories	Forest area (1000 hectares)			
TRA 2010 Categories	1990	2000	2005	2010
Production	554.2	538.2	376.3	376.3
Protection of soil and water	613.9	613.9	613.9	613.9
Conservation of biodiversity	491.5	491.5	491.5	491.5
Social services	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Multiple use	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify in comments below the table)	0	0	0	0
No / unknown	664.36	624.36	759.26	731.26
TOTAL	2324	2268	2241	2213

Table 3b – Special designation and management categories

ED A 2010 Cotogowing	Forest area (1000 hectares)			
FRA 2010 Categories	1990	2000	2005	2010
Area of permanent forest estate	0	0	0	0
Forest area within protected areas	0	0	0	0
Forest area under sustainable forest management	0	0	0	0
Forest area with management plan	0	0	0	0

3.4 Comments to Table T3

Variable /	Comments related to data, definitions, etc.	Comments on the reported trend
category		
Production		
Protection of soil	These areas are always excluded from any	
and water	development options and the figures will be	
	consistent over the years although it will not be	
	expected as reported.	
Conservation of	The Ministry of Meteorology, Environment &	
biodiversity	Conservation have proposed sites for conservation	
	under the Environment & Conservation Division and	
	has sites proposed even in the early 90's. With very	
	little strength in the legal framework some of the	
	proposed areas are and will be designated after 2010	
	and the area will increase as more sites are	
G : 1 :	designated.	
Social services	There is only one Botanical garden in the country.	
Multiple use		
Other		
No / unknown	The figures under this category could be obviously	Area could be reduced as definite
designation	for forest areas within the vicinity of rural village	designations were made to provide
	zones. And as most land areas are customary owned	special functions as in the
	access for forest product and services could always	categories.
	be used by the land owners.	
Area of permanent		
forest estate		
Forest area within		
protected areas		
Forest area under		
sustainable forest		
management		
Forest area with		
management plan		

Other general comments to the table	

4 Table T4 – Forest characteristics

4.1 FRA 2010 Categories and definitions

Term / category	Definition
Naturally regenerated forest	Forest predominantly composed of trees established through natural
	regeneration.
Introduced species	A species, subspecies or lower taxon, occurring <u>outside</u> its natural range
	(past or present) and dispersal potential (i.e. outside the range it occupies
	naturally or could occupy without direct or indirect introduction or care
	by humans).
Characteristics categories	
Primary forest	Naturally regenerated forest of native species, where there are no clearly
	visible indications of human activities and the ecological processes are
	not significantly disturbed.
Other naturally regenerated forest	Naturally regenerated forest where there are clearly visible indications of
	human activities.
Other naturally regenerated forest	Other naturally regenerated forest where the trees are predominantly of
of introduced species	introduced species.
(sub-category)	
Planted forest	Forest predominantly composed of trees established through planting
	and/or deliberate seeding.
Planted forest of introduced species	Planted forest, where the planted/seeded trees are predominantly of
(sub-category)	introduced species.
Special categories	
Rubber plantations	Forest area with rubber tree plantations.
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Mangroves	Area of forest and other wooded land with mangrove vegetation.
Bamboo	Area of forest and other wooded land with predominant bamboo
	vegetation.

4.2 National data

4.2.1 Data sources

References to sources of information	Quality (H/M/L)	Variable(s)	Year(s)	Additional comments
Ministry of Natural				Provide information on land
resources, Forestry	Н		1988/89/90/92	categories, estates &
Division Annual reports				reforestation figures
National Forest				Datas and information are
Inventory Summary	Н		1994	mostly derived from the Forest
Reports/FRIS datas				Information System
National Forest	Н		2003	This is an update of the SOLRIS
Assessment Report	п		2003	data of 1993
National Forest	Н		2006	This is an update of the SOLRIS
Assessment Report	П		2006	data of 1993

4.3 Analysis and processing of national data

The primary forest is calculated as the sum of the reported area of protection and conservation in table T3. The other naturally regenerated forest is calculated as the difference total forest area T1 less area of primary forest and planted forest.

4.4 Data for Table T4

Table 4a

FRA 2010 Categories	Forest area (1000 hectares)				
FRA 2010 Categories	1990	2000	2005	2010	
Primary forest	1105.4	1105.4	1105.4	1105.4	
Other naturally regenerated forest	1174.2	1135	1108.7	1080.7	
of which of introduced species	0	0	0	0	
Planted forest	44.4	27.6	26.9	26.9	
of which of introduced species	29.3	18.2	17.8	17.8	
TOTAL	2324	2268	2241	2213	

Table 4b

ED A 2010 Cotogories	Area (1000 hectares)				
FRA 2010 Categories	1990	2000	2005	2010	
Rubber plantations (Forest)	0	0	0	0	
Mangroves (Forest and OWL)	53	45.5	41.5	37.7	
Bamboo (Forest and OWL)	0	0	0	0	

4.5 Comments to Table T4

Variable /	Comments related to data, definitions,	Comments on the reported trend
category	etc.	
Primary forest		
Other naturally		
regenerating		
forest		
Planted forest		
Rubber		
plantations		
Mangroves		
Bamboo		

Other general comments to the table		

5 Table T5 – Forest establishment and reforestation

5.1 FRA 2010 Categories and definitions

Definition	
Establishment of forest through planting and/or deliberate seeding on	
land that, until then, was not classified as forest.	
Re-establishment of forest through planting and/or deliberate seeding on	
land classified as forest.	
Expansion of forests through natural succession on land that, until then, was under another land use (e.g. forest succession on land previously used for agriculture).	

5.2 National data

5.2.1 Data sources

References to sources of information	Quality (H/M/L)	Variable(s)	Year(s)	Additional comments
Ministry of Natural resources, Forestry Division Annual reports	Н		1988/89/90	Provide information on land categories, estates & reforestation figures
National Forest Inventory Summary Reports/FRIS datas	Н		1994	Datas and information are mostly derived for the Forest Information System
National Forest Assessment Report	Н		2003	This is an update of the SOLRIS data of 1993

5.2.2 Classification and definitions

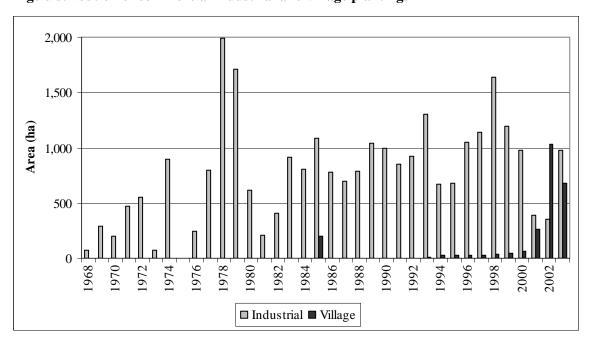
National class	Definition
Reforestation Sub-	
Classes	
Landscaping &	<250 trees
Beautification	<230 flees
Family Small Holder	250-3000 trees
Plantation	230-3000 frees
Industrial Plantation	>3000 trees

5.2.3 Original data

Net planted Area from 1967-1987 under Reforestation Programme on state land.

Period	Area(1000hectares)
1967-1987	22.527

Age distribution of commercial industrial and village plantings



Source: 2003 SFMP Report

Plantation areas by species groups, FA0, 2000

Species group	Area		Industrial	Non Industrial
	Ha	%	%	%
Acacia				
Dahlhbergia				
Eucalyptus	12000	24.0	100	
Gmelina	8500	17.0	100	
Mahoganies	5000	10.0	100	
Rubber				
Teak	1500	3.0	100	
Terminalia	7000	14.0	100	
Other Broadleaved	15900	31.9	100	
Casuarina				
Pinus spp				
Other Coniferous				
Unspecified				
Total	49900	100.0		

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n the period 1990 to 2000 the annual planting rate is estimated to 1000 hectares per year.

5.3 Data for Table T5

FRA 2010 Categories		forest establ hectares/year		of which of introduced species ¹⁾ (hectares/year)			
	1990	2000	2005	1990	2000	2005	
Afforestation	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Reforestation	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	
of which on areas previously planted	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	
Natural expansion of forest	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Note: The figures for the reporting years refer to the averages for the 5-year periods 1988-1992, 1998-2002 and 2003-2007 respectively.

5.4 Comments to Table T5

Variable /	Comments related to data, definitions,	Comments on the reported trend
category	etc.	
Afforestation		
Reforestation		
Natural expansion		
of forest		

Other general comments to the table		

6 Table T6 – Growing stock

6.1 FRA 2010 Categories and definitions

Category	Definition
Growing stock	Volume over bark of all living trees more than 20cm in diameter at breast height (or above buttress if these are higher). Includes the stem from ground level or stump height up to a top diameter of Y cm, and may also include branches to a minimum diameter of W cm.
Growing stock of commercial species	Growing stock (see def. above) of commercial species.

6.2 National data

6.2.1 Data sources

References to sources of information	Quality (H/M/L)	Variable(s)	Year(s)	Additional comments
SOLFRIS Database	Н		1993/2003	
National Forest Inventory Summary Reports/FRIS datas	Н		1994	Datas and information are mostly derived for the Forest Information System
National Forest Assessment Report	Н		2003	This is an update of the SOLRIS data of 1993

6.2.2 Classification and definitions

National class	Definition
FT	Freshwater Swamp and Riveraine Forest
FM	Freshwater Swamp and River. F., Logged or Degraded
HM	Hill Forests, Mixed Species
HN	Hill Forests, Mixed Species, Logged or Degraded
LM	Lowland Forests, Mixed Species

6.3 Analysis and processing of national data

The growing stock per hectare on forest land is 94m3/ha of which 48.2 m3/ha is considered commercial. In order to derive the total growing stock and commercial growing stock the growing stock per hectare is multiplied by the area of forest from table T1.

6.4 Data for Table T6

Table 6a - Growing stock

	Volume (million cubic meters over bark)								
FRA 2010 category	Forest				Other wooded land				
	1990	2000	2005	2010	1990	2000	2005	2010	
Total growing stock	218.5	213.2	210.7	208.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
of which coniferous	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
of which broadleaved	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Growing stock of									
commercial species	112.0	109.3	108.0	106.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	

Table 6b – Growing stock of the 10 most common species

Growing stock in forest (million cubic meters)								
Rank	Scientific name	Common name	Vol/Ha	1990	2000	2005		
1 st								
2 nd								
3 rd								
4 th								
5 th								
6 th								
7 th								
8 th								
9 th								
10 th								
Remaining								
TOTAL								

Note: Rank refers to the order of importance in terms of growing stock, i.e. 1st is the species with the highest growing stock. Year 2000 is the reference year for defining the species list and the order of the species.

Table 6c – Specification of threshold values

 Item
 Value
 Complementary information

 Minimum diameter (cm) at breast height trees included in growing stock (X)
 20cm DBH
 These figures are from our national forest inventory programs.

 Total Growing stock volume/ha=94m³ Commercial volume/ha=48.2m³
 Commercial volume/ha=48.2m³

 Minimum diameter (cm) at the top end of stem for calculation of growing stock (Y)
 15-20cm
 Im below the first branch or major defects. The datas are from the SOLFRIS database.

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¹ Diameter at breast height (DBH) refers to diameter over bark measured at a height of 1.30 m above ground level or 30 cm above buttresses if these are higher than 1 m.

Minimum diameter (cm) of branches included		No branches included in this volume
in growing stock (W)		quantification.
Volume refers to "above ground" (AG) or	AS	Above Stump volume determination.
"above stump" (AS)		_

6.5 Comments to Table T6

Variable /	Comments related to data, definitions,	Comments on the reported trend
category	etc.	
Total growing	The Forest under this specification for	
stock	trees above 20cm DBH would give very	
	considerable growing stock volume as	
	determination covers all forest habitats	
	except for OWL. There are available	
	resources needed to be quantified for	
	other economic values. Carbon trading a	
	likely option.	
Growing stock of	Most of our forests are of broad leaved	
broadleaved /	spp. that constitutes bulk of the total	
coniferous	growing stock.	
	8	
Growing stock of	The commercial growing stocks are	
commercial	related to most spp. targeted for	
species	commercial production as a sub-set of	
1	the total growing stock.	
	The total commercial growing stocking	
	will override the current declining trend	
	on the merchantable forest resources	
	base as this include all commercial tree	
	species, and it has no regard whether	
	they have reached commercial	
	dimensions or are growing in areas	
	suitable for production. Refer to Table	
	T1 for the target categories.	
Growing stock	The current list contains Mix red and	
composition	Mix white but this one is extracted from	
1	the SOLFIS database that gives	
	distinguished commercial composition.	
	Regeneration of the top ranks are very	
	active and will always dominate the	
	stands although yield density will	
	decline over the years under the various	
	scales of disturbances.	

Other general comment	s to the table		

7 Table T7 – Biomass stock

7.1 FRA 2010 Categories and definitions

Category	Definition
Above-ground biomass	All living biomass above the soil including stem, stump, branches, bark, seeds,
	and foliage.
Below-ground biomass	All biomass of live roots. Fine roots of less than 2mm diameter are excluded
	because these often cannot be distinguished empirically from soil organic matter or
	litter.
Dead wood	All non-living woody biomass not contained in the litter, either standing, lying on
	the ground, or in the soil. Dead wood includes wood lying on the surface, dead
	roots, and stumps larger than or equal to 10 cm in diameter or any other diameter
	used by the country.

7.2 National data

7.2.1 Data sources

References to sources of information	Quality (H/M/L)	Variable(s)	Year(s)	Additional comments
2006 IPCC Guidelines	M		2006	Default values and conversion factors to Tropical Forest.

7.2.2 Original data

Growing stock from T6.

7.3 Analysis and processing of national data

For forests the Above-ground biomass is calculated using a BCEF of 1.5 based on a climatic zone humid tropical (natural forests) with a stocking of between 80-120 m³/ha. The Belowground biomass was derived by applying a root-shoot ratio of 0.24.

7.4 Data for Table T7

	Biomass (million metric tonnes oven-dry weight)								
FRA 2010 category		Forest				Other wooded land			
	1990	2000	2005	2010	1990	2000	2005	2010	
Above-ground biomass	327.7	319.8	316.0	312.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Below-ground biomass	78.6	76.7	75.8	74.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Dead wood	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
TOTAL	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	

7.5 Comments to Table T7

Variable / category	Comments related to data, definitions, etc.	Comments on the reported trend
Above-ground biomass	Based on the guideline for Tropical Forest as we do not have a specific Biomass functions the figures were	
	derived after using the tropical above ground calculations.	
Below-ground biomass	Based on the guideline for Tropical Forest as we do not have a specific Biomass functions the figures were derived after using the below ground calculations.	
Dead wood		

Other general comments to the table

Other detail investigation in the future will provide a more specific function on the forest Biomass.

8 Table T8 – Carbon stock

8.1 FRA 2010 Categories and definitions

Category	Definition
Carbon in above-ground biomass	Carbon in all living biomass above the soil, including stem, stump,
	branches, bark, seeds, and foliage.
Carbon in below-ground biomass	Carbon in all biomass of live roots. Fine roots of less than 2 mm diameter
	are excluded, because these often cannot be distinguished empirically from
	soil organic matter or litter.
Carbon in dead wood	Carbon in all non-living woody biomass not contained in the litter, either
	standing, lying on the ground, or in the soil. Dead wood includes wood
	lying on the surface, dead roots, and stumps larger than or equal to 10 cm in
	diameter or any other diameter used by the country.
Carbon in litter	Carbon in all non-living biomass with a diameter less than the minimum
	diameter for dead wood (e.g. 10 cm), lying dead in various states of
	decomposition above the mineral or organic soil.
Soil carbon	Organic carbon in mineral and organic soils (including peat) to a specified
	depth chosen by the country and applied consistently through the time
	series.

8.2 National data

8.2.1 Data sources

References to sources of information	Quality (H/M/L)	Variable(s)	Year(s)	Additional comments
2006 IPCC Guidelines	M		2006	Default values and conversion factors to Tropical Forest.

8.2.2 Original data

Biomass data from T7 used as input.

8.3 Analysis and processing of national data

The IPCC carbon fraction default value of 0.47 is used for all calculations.

8.4 Data for Table T8

ED 4 2010	Carbon (Million metric tonnes)							
FRA 2010 Category	Forest				Other wooded land			
Category	1990	2000	2005	2010	1990	2000	2005	2010
Carbon in								
above-								
ground								
biomass	154.0	150.3	148.5	146.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Carbon in								
below-								
ground								
biomass	37.0	36.1	35.6	35.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Sub-total:								
Living								
biomass	191.0	186.4	184.2	181.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Carbon in								
dead wood	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Carbon in								
litter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Sub-total:								
Dead wood								
and litter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Soil carbon								
Son caroon	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
TOTAL								
	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

Soil depth (cm) used for soil carbon estimates	
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8.5 Comments to Table T8

Variable /	Comments related to data, definitions,	Comments on the reported trend
category	etc.	
Carbon in		
above-ground		
biomass		
Carbon in		
below-ground		
biomass		
o i o i i a		
Carbon in dead		
wood		
Carbon in litter		
Soil carbon		

Other general comments to the table

The recommended methodological framework developed by the IPPC was used for the figures on Carbon stock more appropriate to the Solomon Islands

9 Table T9 - Forest fires

Data is not available for this reporting table.

10 Table T10 – Other disturbances affecting forest health and vitality

Data is not available for this reporting table.

11 Table T11 - Wood removals and value of removals

11.1 FRA 2010 Categories and definitions

Category	Definition
Industrial round wood	The wood removed (volume of round wood over bark) for production of goods
removals	and services other than energy production (woodfuel).
Woodfuel removals	The wood removed for energy production purposes, regardless whether for
	industrial, commercial or domestic use.

11.2 National data

11.2.1 Data sources

References to sources of information	Quality (H/M/L)	Variable(s)	Year(s)	Additional comments
FAOSTAT	Н	Industrial round wood, Woodfuel	all	

11.2.2 Original data

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1998	1999
Industrial round wood	310000	311000	330000	330000	330000	734000	734000
Wood Fuel	134000	138000	138000	138000	138000	138000	138000

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Industrial round wood	734000	554000	554000	714000	1043000	1118000	1130000	1130000
Wood Fuel	138000	138000	138000	138000	138000	138000	138000	124400

11.3 Analysis and processing of national data

Conversion factor 1.15 applied to convert under bark figures to over bark figures.

11.4 Data for Table T11

FRA 2010 Category	Indus	trial round removals	wood	Woodfuel removals			
	1990	2000	2005	1990	2000	2005	
Total volume (1000 m ³ o.b.)	371	761	1151	158	159	159	
of which from forest	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Unit value (local currency / m ³ o.b.)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Total value (1000 local currency)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	

	1990	2000	2005
Name of local currency			

11.5 Comments to Table T11

Variable /	Comments related to data, definitions,	Comments on the reported trend
category	etc.	
Total volume of industrial roundwood removals		
Total volume of woodfuel removals		
Unit value		
Total value		

Other general comments to the table		

12 Table T12 – Non-wood forest products removals and value of removals

12.1 FRA 2010 Categories and definitions

Term	Definition
Non-wood forest product	Goods derived from forests that are tangible and physical objects of
(NWFP)	biological origin other than wood.
Value of NWFP removals	For the purpose of this table, value is defined as the market value at the site
	of collection or forest border.

NWFP categories

Category	
Plant products / raw material	
1 Dead	

- 1. Food
- 2. Fodder
- 3. Raw material for medicine and aromatic products
- 4. Raw material for colorants and dyes
- 5. Raw material for utensils, handicrafts & construction
- 6. Ornamental plants
- 7. Exudates
- 8. Other plant products

Animal products / raw material

- 9. Living animals
- 10. Hides, skins and trophies
- 11. Wild honey and bee-wax
- 12. Wild meat
- 13. Raw material for medicine
- 14. Raw material for colorants
- 15. Other edible animal products
- 16. Other non-edible animal products

12.2 National data

12.2.1 Data sources

References to sources of information	Quality (H/M/L)	Variable(s)	Year(s)	Additional comments
Solcane Furniture Industries Ltd Statement Dec 31 st	Н		2006/7	
Solomon Islands Honey Bee Association	М		1989	There are approximately 3000 hives in the country registered under the association.

12.3 Data for Table T12

				NWFP rem	ovals 2005	
Rank	Name of product	Key species	Unit	Quantity	Value (1000 local currency)	NWFP category
1 st	Green Rattan		KG	59401.45		
2 nd	Honey		KG	180000		
3 rd	Forestry Seeds		KG	70		
4 th	Wild Life (Animals)					
5 th	Mangrove Crabs					
6 th	Sago Leaves					
7 th	Fruits/Nuts					
8 th	Crafts (Baskets					
9 th	Kava					
10 th	Bamboo					
All othe	er plant products					
All othe	er animal products					
TOTA	L					

	2005
Name of local currency	Solomon Islands Dollar (SID)

12.4 Comments to Table T12

Variable / category	Comments related to data, definitions, etc.
10 most important products	
Other plant products	
Other animal products	
Value by product	
Total value	

Other general comments to the table

13 Table T13 - Employment

Data is not available for this reporting table.

14 Table T14 - Policy and legal framework

14.1 FRA 2010 Categories and definitions

Term	Definition
Forest policy	A set of orientations and principles of actions adopted by public authorities in
	harmony with national socio-economic and environmental policies in a given
	country to guide future decisions in relation to the management, use and
	conservation of forest and tree resources for the benefit of society.
Forest policy	A document that describes the objectives, priorities and means for implementation
statement	of the forest policy.
National forest	A generic expression that refers to a wide range of approaches towards forest policy
programme (nfp)	formulation, planning and implementation at national and sub-national levels. The
	national forest programme provides a framework and guidance for country-driven
	forest sector development with participation of all stakeholders and in consistence
	with policies of other sectors and international policies.
Law (Act or Code)	A set of rules enacted by the legislative authority of a country regulating the access,
on forest	management, conservation and use of forest resources.

14.2 Data for Table T14

Forest policy statement with national scope		X	Yes		
			No		
If Vac above provides	Year of endorsement		2008		
If Yes above, provide:	Reference to document	CN	URA – Policy Statements		
National forest was anoma		X	Yes		
National forest programm	ne (mp)		No		
Name of nfp in country					
	Starting year				
			In formulation		
If Vas above marrides			In implementation		
If Yes above, provide:	Current status		Under revision		
			Process temporarily suspended		
	Reference to document or web				
	site				
		X	Yes, specific forest law exists		
Law (Act or Code) on for	rest with national scope		Yes, but rules on forests are incorporated in other (broader) legislation		
Zan (czec or code) oż zorost maz zamożni scope			No, forest issues are not regulated by national legislation		
	Year of enactment		•		
If Yes above, provide:	Year of latest amendment	200	05		
	Reference to document				

In case the responsibility for forest policy- and/or forest law-making is decentralized, please indicate the existence of the following and explain in the comments below the table how the responsibility for forest policy- and law-making is organized in your country.					
Sub-national forest policy statements		Yes			
		No			
If Yes above, indicate the number of regions/states/provinces with forest policy statements					
Sub-national Laws (Acts or Codes) on forest		Yes			
		No			
If Yes above, indicate the number of regions/states/provinces with Laws on forests	1				

14.3 Comments to Table T14

Comments related to data, definitions, etc.			
1. The most recent Policy statement is the CNURA Government Policy			
Statement			
There is no NFP but the national programmes are guided by:			
 Ministry of Forest Corporate Plan 			
2. The Ministry of Forestry Annual Work Plan			
3. The Ministry of Forestry Annual Budget			
 Forest Resources & Timber Utilization Act 			
2. The Environment Act			
3. The Wild Life Management and Protection Act 1998			
4. Forest Resources & Timber Utilisation (Protected Species) (
Amendment) Regulations 2005			
5. FRTU(prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulation 2005			
6. FRTU(Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2005			
7. FRTU(Felling License) Regulations 2005			
8. Timber(Levy and Milling Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2005			
North New Georgia Timber Corporation Act			
2. Solomon Islands Code of Logging Practices			

Other general comments to the table		

15 Table T15 – Institutional framework

15.1 FRA 2010 Categories and definitions

Term	Definition
Minister responsible for	Minister holding the main responsibility for forest issues and the formulation of
forest policy-making	the forest policy.
Head of Forestry	The Head of Forestry is the Government Officer responsible for implementing
	the mandate of the public administration related to forests.
Level of subordination	Number of administrative levels between the Head of Forestry and the Minister.
University degree	Qualification provided by University after a minimum of 3 years of post
_	secondary education.

15.2 Data for Table T15

Table 15a – Institutions

FRA 2010 Category	2008		
Minister responsible for forest policy formulation :	PMO		
please provide full title	Minister of Forestry		
Level of subordination of Head of Forestry within	1 st level subordination to Minister		
the Ministry		2 nd level subordination to Permanent Secretary	
	X	3 rd Attorney General Chambers	
		4 th Under Secretary	
Other public forest agencies at national level	NT	ID II II II	
	National Policy Unit Attorney General Chamber		
Institution(s) responsible for forest law enforcement	Ministry of Forestry Ministry of Police		
	Min	istry of Finance	

Table 15b – Human resources

		Human resources within public forest institutions						
FRA 2010 Category	2	2000		2005		2008		
	Number	%Female	Number	%Female	Number	%Female		
Total staff								
			59	18	116	25		
of which with university								
degree or equivalent								

Notes

- 1. Includes human resources within public forest institutions at sub-national level
- 2. <u>Excludes</u> people employed in State-owned enterprises, education and research, as well as temporary / seasonal workers.

15.3 Comments to Table T15

Variable / category	Comments related to data, definitions, etc.	Comments on the reported trend
Minister responsible for forest policy formulation	The Minster of Forestry.	
Level of subordination of Head of Forestry within the Ministry	The Head of Forestry is at the 3 rd level of subordination from the Minister responsible. He's subordination can reach the top level. As mandated in the administrative process the commissioner of Forest is the custodian of the Forest Act.	
Other public forest agencies at national level		
Institution(s) responsible for forest law enforcement	The above tree ministry are responsible for forest law enforcement depending on the nature of the offence.	
Human resources within public forest institutions	The figure for 2000 was affected during the skeletal staffing exercise which the majority were given indefinite unpaid leave. Work arrangement and coordination is very affected.	

Other general comments to the table	

16 Table T16 - Education and research

Data is not available for this reporting table.

17 Table T17 - Public revenue collection and expenditure

Data is not available for this reporting table.