

Feed back on the LULUCF sector for French inventory

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Global overview of the in-country review

- 2 experts for LULUCF (1 as lead reviewer)
- 1 entire day of presentation (Convention and KP reportings)
- 2-3 additional days for further explanations and questions
- 1 Saturday paper with 5 issues (4 on LULUCF)

National system

- Presentations were made by data-providers on the collection of data (Methods, results for Land use surveys and forest inventories).

=> The ERT has appreciated these presentations because :

- it makes them more confident in the background data,
- it allows to better understand the national system and the links between the different actors.

=> Recommendation from the ERT: better show these links between organisations in the NIR

Identification of lands and land use changes

- France currently reports big areas of land use change (a bit strange). France has presented that further works are underway to improve the estimates of land use change matrixes.

=> The ERT has demanded to know in depth how the land use matrixes were built.

- France has then detailed the complete data treatment used to estimate the land use matrixes.

=> The ERT noted that efforts were made to estimate as well as possible land use change matrixes with available data and recommended to follow on investigations.

Carbon pool estimates

- In the French inventory, the dead wood pool was taken into account only in overseas territories and not in mainland because it was assumed as negligible.
- => The ERT was not quiet with this assumption because not in line with the guidance (and possible underestimation), yet not data were found by the ERT in the IPCC guidelines (even in 2006 guidelines).
- Finally France found data in a French publication for carbon stock and the ERT recommends to use it
- => 1st point of the Saturday paper
- => Resubmission from France with the these data.

No source principle

- France uses the no source principle (Tier 1) for SOM and DOM for land remaining lands.
- => The ERT was aware of the KP requirements (justifications) but has considered that no detailed justification was necessary and just recommended to investigate the issue.

Biomass burning

- France used to reporting emissions of CO₂ from forest fires as included elsewhere.
 - This was not clear for the ERT and the ERT was right
- => 2nd point of the Saturday paper
- => Resubmission with inclusion of CO₂ emissions from forest fires.

KP reporting

- Following the discussions on direct human induced afforestation last year, France have decided not to report afforestation in the “accounting table” to wait for further clarifications. But afforestation was reported in the other tables.
 - This position was not accepted by the ERT because the Accounting table cannot be modified.
 - Consequently, during the review, France made a small resubmission with this afforestation but no detailed information on the notion of direct human induced was provided
- => 3rd point of the Saturday Paper

KP reporting

- => Resubmission of afforestation but with a big reduction of afforested areas. Ministries worked on this issue for a long time and finally it was decided to keep as direct human induced the afforested areas essentially coming from agricultural lands. Afforestation on other lands and wetlands, which represents very large areas (certainly overestimated areas), was excluded as not clearly directly human induced. Some documents were also provided to show the financial encouragements for afforestation.
- This issue is much linked with the land use change matrixes, and France expects to modify the methods in order to reduce both afforested and deforested areas which are probably overestimated.

Other point on KP reporting

- France has reported liming emissions only on cropland and grassland without changes.
- => The ERT demanded to also report emissions on deforested areas and then to add emissions under the article 3.3 of the KP
- => 4th point of the Saturday paper.
- => Resubmission with emissions from liming on deforested areas