National Forest Inventory in Slovenia (history and current design)

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FOREST INVENOTY IN SLOVENIA – POINT SAMPLING

Two separate systems:

1. forest inventories for forest management (iGGN)

updates information on the state of forests in 1/10 forest management units (SFS)

2. national forest inventories (NGI or MGGE in our case).

Data for national and international reporting on the state and development of forests (FORESTRY POLICY).





HISTORY OF LARGE-SCALE FOREST INVENOTY IN SLOVENIA

- Start in year 2000 (Forest and Forest Ecosystem Condition Survey)
- Sampling: centric systematic sampling on grid 4 km x 4 km
- Plots remeasured in years 2007, 2012 and 2018 (plan 2024)
- 2020 new sampling design -> NFI







Pdf available on: http://eprints.gozdis.si/566/

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NEW SAMPLING DESIGN in 2020



- Unaligned systematic sampling (USS)
- Sampling density 2 km x 2km

WHY USS?

- USS identified as the most precise sampling design under the assumption of common types of spatial correlation
- increased precision in case of periodicities



ORGANISATION OF NFI SINCE 2020

- Interpenetrating panel system
- Yearly panel on grid 4 km x 4 km (1/4 of plots on grid 2 km x 2 km)
- 5-year inventory cycle
- 2020 NFI panel 1 (cycle 1)
- 2021 NFI panel 2
- 2022 NFI panel 3
- 2023 NFI panel 4
- 2024 NFI panel 5 (old grid)
- 2025 NFI panel 1 (cycle 2)





PLOT CONFIGURATION

- Internationally harmonized indicators
- Detailed field manual
- Permanent circular plots with fixed radii

Indicator	Subplot and thresholds
Live trees $d_{1,3} < 10$ cm in $h \ge 1,3$ m	TP1
Live trees $d_{1,3} \ge 10$ cm	TP2 ($d_{1,3} \ge 10 \text{ cm}$), TP3 ($d_{1,3} \ge 30 \text{ cm}$)
Standing dead tree	TP2 ($d_{1,3} \ge 10$ cm), TP4 ($d_{1,3} \ge 30$ cm)
Lying dead tree	TP2 ($d_{1,3} \ge 10$ cm), TP4 ($d_{1,3} \ge 30$ cm)
Stump	TP2 (d _{1.3} ≥ 10 cm, h ≥ 20 cm)
Snag	TP2 ($d_{1,3} \ge 10 \text{ cm}, h \ge 50 \text{ cm}$),
	TP4 (d _{1.3} ≥ 30 cm, h ≥ 50 cm)
Coarse woody debris (deadwood biomass)	TP2 ($d_{1,3} \ge 10 \text{ cm}, h \ge 50 \text{ cm}$),
	TP4 ($d_{1,3} \ge 30$ cm, $h \ge 50$ cm)
Plot characteristics	TP4
Stand characteristics	TP4 and sourounding
Horizontal forest structure	TP4
Vertical forest structure	TP4



FOREST / OTHER WOODED LAND / NO FOREST





MANUAL FOR FIELD WORK

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Leto izida: 2020 - 2020	

NACIONALNA GOZDNA INVENTURA

INTERNA NAVODILA ZA TERENSKO DELO (2020-2024)

(ver. 02 / 2022) Dopolnitve 13. 5. 2022

Urednik: dr. Mitja Skudnik

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FIELD WORK

- Well-trained permanent field teams (6)
- "Modern" field equipment
- Independent quality control















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LOCATION OF THE PLOT

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HORIZONTAL STRUCTURE

HORIZONTALNA ZGRADBA SESTOJA





VERTICAL STRUCTURE



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SOIL SAMPLING





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FIELD WORK - DATA SYNCHRONIZATION

- Regular daily synchronization of data from field computers to SFI data server
- Daily updated work overview in webapp – access to teams and others involved in NFI

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INACCESSIBLE NFI PLOTS

- Use of aerial images and lidar data
- Individual tree volume calculation
- height-diameter relationships (5908 trees)
- Mod DBH -> volume functions -> tree volume estimate









DATABASE STRUCTURE

Data base -> MySQL

Internal GIS MySQL server

Calculations -> MySQL functions

Graphical interface -> C#

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CALCULATIONS



RESULTS

- Transparent calculation methods
- Estimation + known estimation errors (sampling)
- Used for international and national reporting
- The most important available results:
- State of the forest: growing stock, basal area, number of trees, dominant height, volume of deadwood biomass, diversity indices ...
- **2. Changes in forest**: increment, harvest, mortality ...
- **3. Forest characteristics and data stratification**: Information on stand structure, vertical and horizontal forest structure ...





NACIONAL REPORTS

PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

 State and changes of Slovenian forests in period (2000-2018) -> <u>http://dx.doi.org/10.20315/SFS.181</u>





RESULTS NGI 2020

- Publication -> NATIONAL REPORT
- Calculations in R and SQL scripts
- Semi-automated yearly reports -> R knitr







Slika 4: Ploskve po razredih lesne zaloge dreves.



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Slika 6: Lesna zaloga po drevesnih in grmovnih vrstah.

Slika 5: Lesna zaloga za iglavce in listavce.

INTERNATIONAL REPORTS - need for data harmonization





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Forestry - Overview

INTRODUCTION

What data can I find here and how are they collected?

Eurostat publishes annual data on forestry which come from two different 'questionnaires'.

· The Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ):

It provides statistics on the production and trade in wood and wood products. These data provide information for supply balances of wood products, in order to see for instance whether supply matches demand due to competing uses for material and energy, and are used for comparison with other countries around the world.



These accounts collect annual statistics on the area and value of wooded land, the quantity and value of timber, the economic activities of forestry and logging, and employment in the sector. These data are essential to assess the economic viability of forestry.



> Read more





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I60ef32fEPw&t=146s



- Cluster of sample plots
 - Sample plot on forest land
 - Sample plot on non-forest land
 - Subdivided sample plot



- Gample tree
- Sub-sample tree
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- A boundary tree the inclusion checked with measurements - not belonging to the sample plot
- ⊗ A tree belonging to angle count plot, but outside of the sample plot
- O A tree not belonging to angle count plot



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EU HARMONISATION OF RESULTS

- STATISTICAL FOREST INVENTORIES

 POINT SAMPLING -> volume
 estimation (biomass)
- One, two or three parametric functions (d_{1.3}, d₇, h)
- Harmonisation of volume estimates on European level



NFI—country	Growing stock (milli	on m ³)	Difference (%)
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Austria	1106.5	1112.9	-0.6
Belgium	118.6	126.8	-6.5
Czech Republic	942.2	1028.0	- 8.3
Denmark	133.1	110.7	+ 20.2
Estonia	476.0	462.4	+ 3.0
Finland	2343.4	2343.4	0.0
France	2566.5	2757.0	- 6.9
Germany	3367.5	3185.8	+ 5.7
Hungary	390.4	352.7	+ 10.7
Ireland	97.5	99.4	-2.0
Latvia	660.3	660.9	-0.1
Lithuania	542.7	535.0	+ 1.4
Norway	1094.4	1126.3	-2.8
Portugal	158.1	179.4	- 11.9
Romania	2156.5	1961.1	+ 10.0
Serbia	375.1	284.5	+ 31.9
Slovakia	569.5	608.8	-6.4
Slovenia	416.8	403.9	+ 3.2
Spain	1001.2	1088.5	-8.0
Sweden	3493.5	3493.5	0.0
Switzerland	409.7	408.2	+ 0.4

Gschwantner T. et al. 2019. Harmonisation of stem volume estimates in European National Forest Inventories. Annals of forest science 76:24

CONCLUSIONS

- NFI is important and internationally recognized source of data about forests on national level -> potentially part of EU forest monitoring
- Permanent long-term activity (need to be part of the funding system)
- Data dissemination -> web application (digitalization of information)
- Reporting proper use of the data, citation, verification
- Additional information collecting on the NFI plots (forest soil and litter, forest functions, wood quality, biodiversity, age structure, AC/QC system ...)
- NFI data yearly (5 years) available information about the state of forest on country level, data time series ...