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Sustainably managed forests have multiple environmental and socio-economic functions important at the global, national and local scales, and play a vital part in sustainable development. Reliable and up-to-date information on the state of forest resources - not only on area and area change, but also on such variables as growing stock, wood and non-wood products, carbon, protected areas, use of forests for recreation and other services, biological diversity and forests' contribution to national economies - is crucial to support decision-making for policies and programmes in forestry and sustainable development at all levels.

FAO, at the request of its member countries, regularly monitors the world's forests and their management and uses through the Forest Resources Assessment Programme. This country report forms part of the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2010 (FRA 2010).

The reporting framework for FRA 2010 is based on the thematic elements of sustainable forest management acknowledged in intergovernmental forest-related fora and includes variables related to the extent, condition, uses and values of forest resources, as well as the policy, legal and institutional framework related to forests. More information on the FRA 2010 process and the results - including all the country reports - is available on the FRA Web site (www.fao.org/forestry/fra).

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This report only contains information on table T1 Extent of forest and other wooded land. As Qatar has no forest area, all data on ownership, designation, characteristics, growing stock, biomass, carbon, disturbances and removal of wood and non-wood forest products that refer to the forest area are implicitly considered as zero.

Report preparation and contact persons

No official report has been received from the country.

This report is the result of a desk study prepared by the FRA secretariat in Rome, which summarizes existing available information using the established format for FRA 2010 country reports.

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 <i>in situ</i> . 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 <i>in situ</i> ; 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 (Subordinated to “Other land”)	Land classified as “Other land”, spanning more than 0.5 hectares with a canopy cover of more than 10 percent of trees able to reach a height of 5 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
Ministry of Agriculture. Letter of response to the FRA 2005 validation process	M	Forest and other wooded land	2005	
FAO 2007 The world's mangroves 1980-2005 FAO Forestry Paper 153		Mangroves		Secondary source
FAOSTAT	H	Land area, Country area		

1.2.2 Classification and definitions

National class	Definition
Not available	

1.2.3 Original data

Only isolated small patches of mangroves along the coast. Mangroves are found in the southern part of this bay, at Ras Sanad and they were designated nature reserve in 1988. *Avicennia marina* is the sole species found, the highest tree being approximately 3.5 m tall.

Estimates for these forested areas are taken from the World's mangroves 1980-2005 from FAO. Statistics for other woody vegetation on the mainland are not available.

	1990 Area ha	2000 Area ha	2005 Area ha
<i>Avicennia marina</i>	500	500	500

1.3 Analysis and processing of national data

1.3.1 Reclassification into FRA 2010 categories

Mangroves are classified as Other wooded land (tree height less than 5 m).

1.4 Data for Table T1

FRA 2010 categories	Area (1000 hectares)			
	1990	2000	2005	2010
Forest	0	0	0	0
Other wooded land	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Other land	1 099.5	1 099.5	1 099.5	1 099.5
...of which with tree cover	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Inland water bodies	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1 100	1 100	1 100	1 100

1.5 Comments to Table T1

Variable / category	Comments related to data, definitions, etc.	Comments on the reported trend
Forest	No record has been found on area of forest. Some small patches may occur but are not recorded.	
Other wooded land		
Other land		
Other land with tree cover		
Inland water bodies		

Other general comments to the table

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