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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 upto-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 2005 (FRA 2005), which is the most comprehensive assessment to date. More than 800 people have been involved, including 172 national correspondents and their colleagues, an Advisory Group, international experts, FAO staff, consultants and volunteers. Information has been collated from 229 countries and territories for three points in time: 1990, 2000 and 2005.

The reporting framework for FRA 2005 is based on the thematic elements of sustainable forest management acknowledged in intergovernmental forest-related fora and includes more than 40 variables related to the extent, condition, uses and values of forest resources. More information on the FRA 2005 process and the results - including all the country reports - is available on the FRA 2005 Web site (www.fao.org/forestry/fra2005).

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1 Table 1- Extent of Forest and Other wooded land

1.1 FRA 2005 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 <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	Land classified as "Other land", spanning more than 0.5		
cover (Subordinated	hectares with a canopy cover of more than 10 percent of trees		
to "Other land")	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

All of the open areas including mangrove swamps, forested areas, and low scrub barely exceed 1000 ha. The total area of inland water is 27 hectares.

1.3 Analysis and processing of data

The forest area is considered constant over the years.

1.4 Data for National reporting table T1

	Area (1000 hectares)			
FRA 2005 Categories	1990	2000	Forecast 2005	
Forest	1	1	1	
Other wooded land	0	0	0	
Other land	4	4	4	
of which with tree				
cover	0	0	0	
Inland water bodies	0	0	0	
TOTAL	5	5	5	