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Projection of GHG emissions and removals in the French forest and wood based sector up to 2020

CONTEXT



- ◆ **Forest area (metropolitan area): 16,5 Mha**
- ◆ **Harvest rate: 60% (80% of physically accessible)**
- ◆ **Forest sink (1996-2005): 61 MteqCO₂/yr (15% of France total GHG emissions)**
- ◆ **Since 25 years: forest productivity increased by 1%/yr**
- ◆ **Forest production is 40% bigger in 2006 than in 1980**
- ◆ **Scenario of harvest: key variable for the projections₂**

UNECE-FAO SCENARIO



- ◆ **Basis: UNECE-FAO report (2005) on forest projections by 2020**
- ◆ **Analysis of 1960-200 trend for 3 sub-regions (Western Europe, Eastern Europe, New Eastern States)**
- ◆ **3 scenario: BaU, Conservation, Intensification**
- ◆ **Projections in France: BaU (B), Intensification (I)**

FRENCH FOREST SCENARIO



- ◆ **Metropolitan area: 80 000 ha/yr A/R and 30 000 ha/yr D**
- ◆ **Overseas Départements (incl. FR Guiana): 2 500 ha/yr D**
- ◆ **80% of A/R are made on “abandoned” land**
- ◆ **Household consumption of wood energy stable: 7,4 Mtep/yr or 31,6 Mm³/yr (70% coming from forest)**
- ◆ **Industrial consumption: sawmill residue**
- ◆ **Forest chips: 0 in 2008 and Q Mm³/yr in 2020 (depending on B or I), with 10% in 2009 and 65% in 2013**



◆ BaU:

- Same trend for wood consumption, excl. wood energy (new market)
- Harvest of softwood: + 1,8%/yr (timber) & +1,2%/yr (pulp wood) in 2005-20
- Harvest of hardwood: stable
- Wood chips: + 13 Mm³/yr in 2020
- Additional harvest: + 21 Mm³/yr (2020 / 2005)

◆ intensification:

- High level of oil price, aggressive public policies to develop wood energy (e.g. FR renew. target : +23% in 2020), progress in wood mobilisation
- Harvest of softwood: + 2%/yr (timber) & +2%/yr (pulp wood) in 2005-20
- Harvest of hardwood: + 0,7%/yr (timber) (& stable for pulpwood)
- Wood chips: + 21 Mm³/yr in 2020
- Additional harvest: + 37 Mm³/yr (2020 / 2005).

- ◆ **Simple ad hoc excel sheet built by INRA, Nancy (Dhôte)**
- ◆ **Data: total forest area, productive forest area, standing volume (V) for softwood/hardwood, net annual increase**
- ◆ **A/R: + 50 kha/yr in 2005-2020 (95% of productive forest)**
- ◆ **$\Delta V = aV$:**
 - **a increases from 4,96% (1980) to 5,16% (2020) for softwood and decreases from 3,83% (1980) to 3,78% (2020) for hardwood.**
 - **a decreases linearly if V increases: from 5,16% (160 m³/ha) to 4,50% (200 m³/ha) for softwood and from 3,78% (160 m³/ha) to 3,50% (200 m³/ha) for hardwood**
- ◆ **Mortality: 0,4% of V + 10% of harvest + storm damages: increase linearly with V, from 1,5 m³ if V=160 m³/ha to 5 m³ if V=200 m³/ha**
- ◆ **75% of standing volume in productive forest considered accessible**
- ◆ **4,26 m³/tep and 60% of transfo rate. at sawmill**

RESULTS



Sc. I: Forest sink (MteqCO2/yr)

