

What is an IUFRO Task Force ?

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 - a **temporary** unit or formation established to work on a **single defined** task or activity.

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- **Statutes:** “The aim of IUFRO Task Forces is to **strengthen IUFRO activities in specific areas**. They contribute to international processes and activities.”

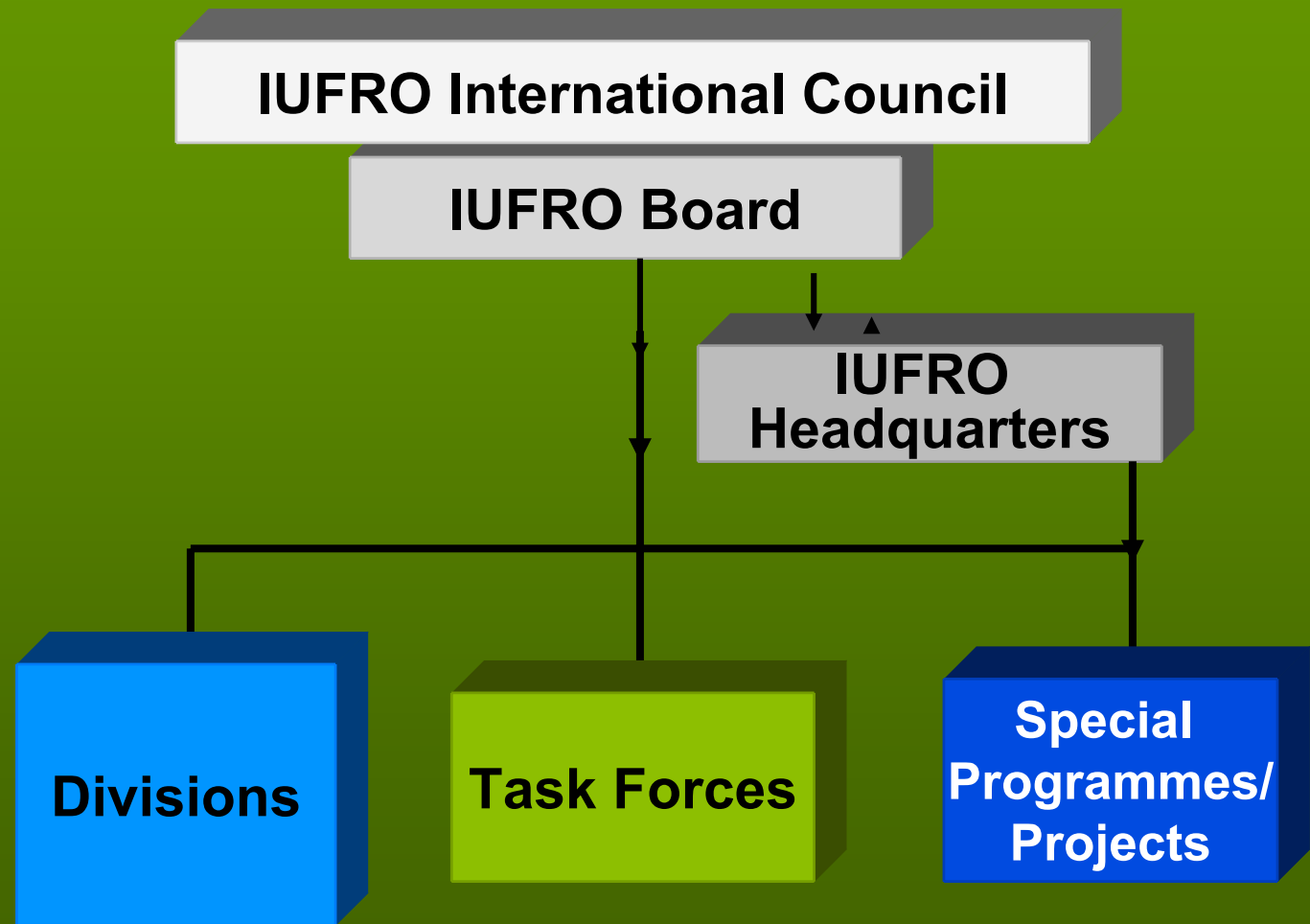
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- **Internal Regulations:** “In order to carry out functions of the Union that are **beyond the scope or ability of any Division or Research Group**, the Board may establish a Task Force, a Special Programme or a Project. Task Forces normally terminate at the end of a five-year inter-Congress period.”

History of the IUFRO TFs

- First TF in 1987: “Forest, Climate Change and Air Pollution”
 - The only TF until 1996
- Altogether 17 TFs
 - 7 completed
 - 10 existing
 - TF on Forests and Human Health is the newest TF

IUFRO STRUCTURE - OVERVIEW



Summary: Characteristics of Task Forces

- Problem-oriented (Divisions, Research Groups and Working Parties are more discipline-oriented)
- Interdisciplinary
- Fixed term
- Aim to serve directly decision making (State-of-knowledge reports)

I wish success to
the new Task Force on
Forest and Human Health !