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# Towards harmonized and cost-effective monitoring frameworks for FLR:

## Joining efforts through the Collaborative Roadmap

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# The Drylands and Forest and Landscape Restoration Week

## Context, objectives and main outcomes



### The Drylands & FLR Monitoring Week 26-29/04/2016, FAO HQ

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### Objectives

1. Share updates on implementation of the Rome Promise
2. Review needs and opportunities for FLR monitoring
3. Take stock of available tools and approaches, share examples of application
4. Identify gaps and priority actions to move forward



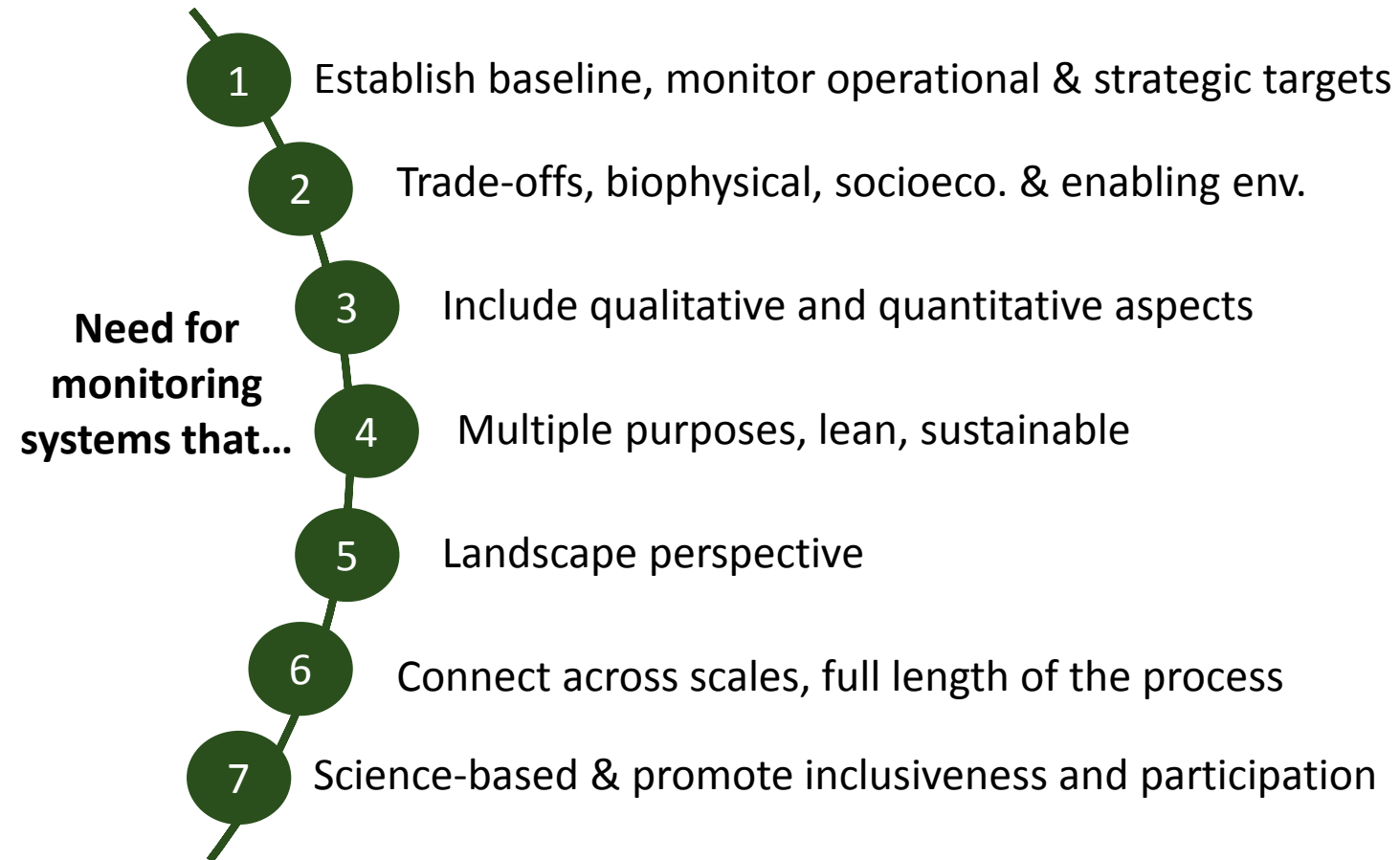
### Outcomes

- **Two “drylands-focused” outcomes:**
  - Revised roadmap for the Rome Promise
  - Proposal for COFO working group on Dryland forests and Agrosilvopastoral systems
- **A roadmap to support and align FLR monitoring efforts globally**



# The collaborative roadmap on FLR monitoring

## What do we want to achieve?



### Collaborative roadmap for FLR monitoring

**Encourage and support  
countries and in country  
actors, and other  
relevant partners in  
monitoring FLR at all  
scales**





# The collaborative roadmap on FLR monitoring

## Five priority activity streams



Activity streams	
1	Develop and refine <b>guidance document(s)</b> on the design, establishment and operation of FLR monitoring systems, aligned with existing processes and fostering cross-sectoral coordination
2	Develop and maintain an interactive <b>FLR knowledge platform</b> including: a. An on-line library of monitoring resources b. Capacity building materials
3	Form and test evolving <b>technical alliances/mechanisms/networks</b> to support effective FLR processes <b>in selected countries and regions</b>
4	Create (or build on existing) and facilitate a <b>community of learning</b> , supported, amongst other things by knowledge sharing events
5	Form an <b>innovation hub</b> to support other activity streams, harnessing contributions from the science, technology and innovation communities

# The collaborative roadmap on FLR monitoring Partners



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## The collaborative roadmap on FLR monitoring

### Ongoing and future activities

- Ongoing preparation of the guidance document (activity stream 1) led by WRI/FAO
- Knowledge Platform containing a specific module on FLR monitoring, already prepared (activity stream 2)
- Opportunities for collaboration on the ground identified with WRI, UNEP and IUCN for activity stream 3 (in particular in the context of a GEF thematic program on FLR)
- Concept note developed for the Community of Practice (activity stream 4) and objective to organize a first webinar on FLR monitoring (under preparation) in 2017



## Zoom on ongoing activities

### Activity stream 1: Preparation of the guidance document (WRI/FAO)

#### Why now?

- To turn commitments into action
- To monitor the diversity of restoration goals
- To take the opportunity for collaboration

#### What are the objectives?

1. Provide the user with a **menu of indicators** that builds on the wealth of existing indicators
2. Lead the user through the **process of selecting indicators** to set up adapted restoration monitoring systems

#### For whom?

- **National-level restoration practitioners**, e.g. policy makers as those involved in regional monitoring initiatives
- **Landscape-level restoration practitioners**, e.g. organizations conducting restoration on the ground



## Zoom on ongoing activities

### Activity stream 1: Preparation of the guidance document (WRI/FAO)

- **Literature Review**



110 indicator frameworks  
100 related articles

- **Rio Conventions Review**



SDGs, CBD, UNFCCC,  
UNCCD

- **Expert Consultation**

140 survey  
respondents  
in 3 languages

Initiative  
20x20  
Annual  
Meeting

Food, Forests,  
Water, Energy,  
Climate,  
Governance

WRI Indonesia,  
WRI India,  
WRI Brazil

- **Text Mining**



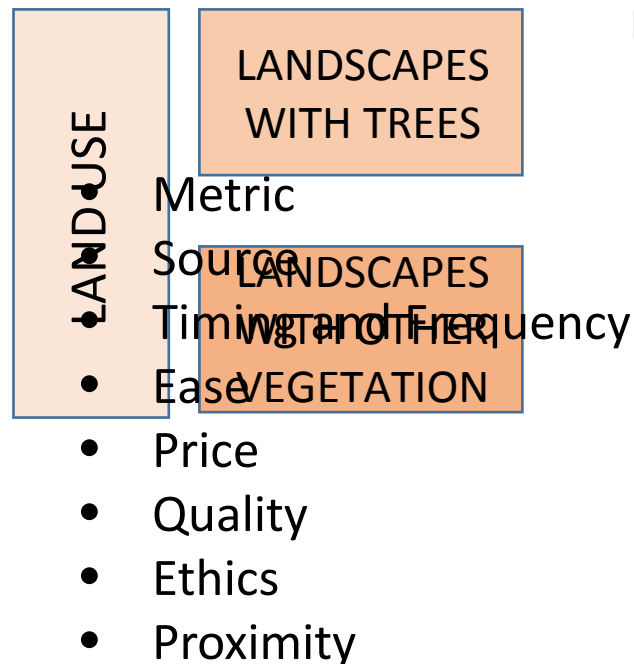
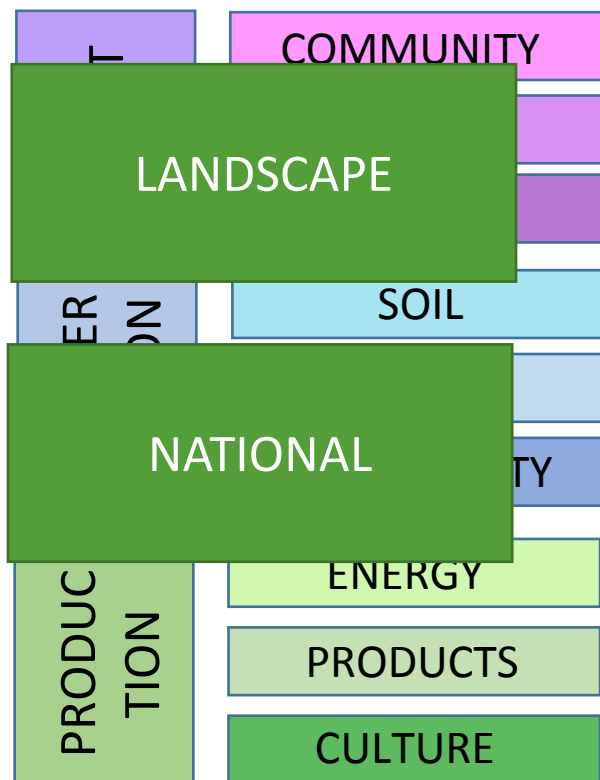
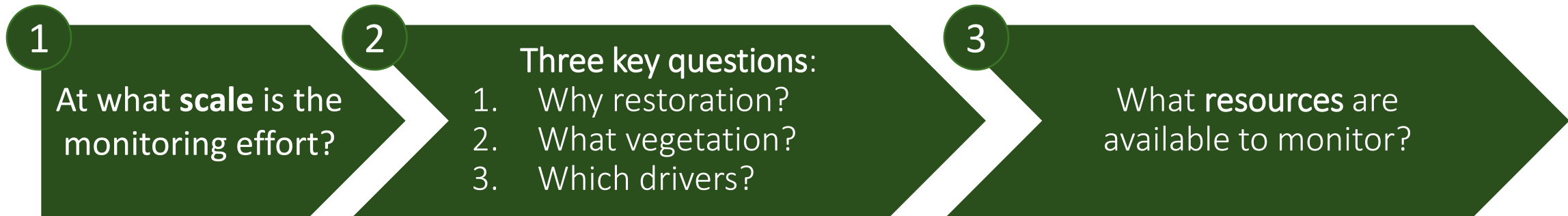
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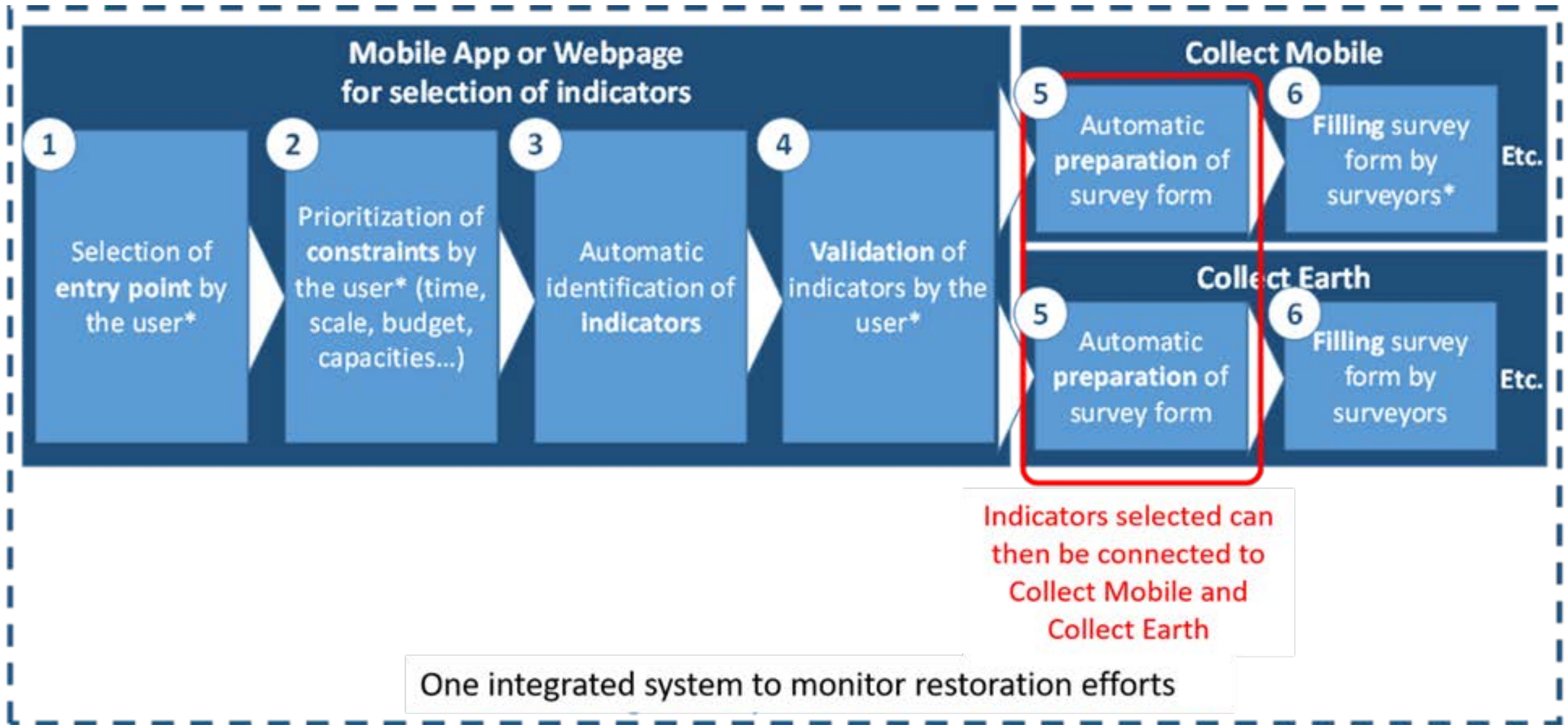


Soil Organic Carbon	
METRIC	Four methods exist to measure soil organic carbon: dry combustion, wet combustion, remote sensing & spectroscopy
SOURCE	Landscape: selected sample sites National: reported GHG data
TIMING AND FREQUENCY	Every 5 to 10 years (change only noticeable within that timeframe)
EASE	Challenging to measure due to technical expertise needed
PRICE	Currently expensive due to cost of analyzing the soil in labs
QUALITY	Lack of global standardization and uniformity in results. Continuous technological improvement is increasing reliability of the measurement.
ETHICS	No significant ethical issues.
PROXIMITY	Can be used as a proxy for erosion stabilization, general soil health and land productivity



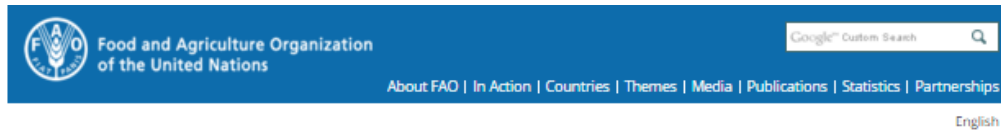
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## Activity stream 1: Preparation of the guidance document (WRI/FAO)



# Zoom on ongoing activities

## Activity stream 2: Knowledge Platform with FLR monitoring module



### The Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism (FLRM)

The **FAO Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism FLRM** aims to facilitate a process in selected countries to provide support, as needed, for improving the enabling environment, institutional arrangements, organizational and technical capacity and other concerns related to designing, planning and implementing a large scale and comprehensive FLR programmes.

This **knowledge platform** facilitates the access to a comprehensive database of resources related to forest and landscape restoration in a wide range aspects. More specifically, it provides access to an online user-friendly platform where users can find guidance starting from the planning to the implementation, going through management, of a restoration project.

This collection of publications from various types of organization (international, regional/national, financial institutions, in-FAO teams/initiatives) contains so far only monitoring related resources, including tools, approaches and guidelines, under the "Monitoring and Evaluation" section. The rest of the sections will be progressively activated as they are completed.



### The Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism (FLRM)

**FLR MONITORING**

Monitoring is critical to follow up progress of FLR efforts, communicate on their results and report at national and international levels. To support that complex process, a wide range of key organizations are partnering through the collaborative roadmap for FLR monitoring. This roadmap includes the development of an interactive knowledge platform and a community of practice for FLR monitoring.

#### The Partners to the Collaborative Roadmap



Free Text Search

**FLR MONITORING** - Resources to assess progress and success of restoration efforts. Monitoring is a way to know how well restoration projects and programmes are implemented, but also is referred to the physical evaluation of the forest and landscape to determine if the restoration efforts are successful.

**LAND USE PLANNING** - Resources to select and adapt land-use options which are most beneficial to land users without degrading the resources of the environment, together with the selection of measures most likely to encourage such land uses.

**ASSESSMENT OF DEGRADATION / RESTORATION OPPORTUNITIES** - Resources to explore degradation of forests and landscapes, assess its degree and seek restoration opportunities.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTORAION** - Resources to help through the process of the implementation of forest and landscape restoration programmes or activities.

**ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL ANALYSIS** - Resources to support exploring financing opportunities for restoration, as well as approaches and methods for cost-benefit analysis of restoration activities.

#### Advanced Search

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COMMUNITY OF PRACTICES

Free Text Search

#### Global Agro-Ecological Zones (GAEZ)

The GAEZ database provides the agronomic backbone for various applications including the quantification of land productivity. Results are commonly aggregated for current major land use/cover patterns and by administrative units, land protection status, or broad classes reflecting infrastructure availability and market access conditions. With this large amount of data, a new system had to be created to make the data accessible to a variety of users. The result is the new GAEZ Data Portal, an interactive data access facility, which not only provides free access to data and information and allows visualization of data, but also provides the user with various analysis outputs and download options.

**Keywords:** Agriculture, Sustainability  
**Category:** Monitoring & Evaluation  
**Type:** Guidance and methods, Software, Repository of data  
**Scale:** Global, Regional  
**Dimension:** Biophysical, Ecological  
**Organization:** FAO - DDN  
**Year of publication:** 2012

#### Collect Earth

Collect Earth is a tool that enables data collection through Google Earth. In conjunction with Google Earth, Bing Maps and Google Earth Engine, users can explore high and very high resolution satellite imagery for

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<http://www.fao.org/in-action/forest-landscape-restoration-mechanism/knowledge-base/en/>





# Moving towards collaborative action for monitoring

## How to be involved?

- Stream 1 – getting involved in the short term in the process of developing and testing the guidance document on FLR monitoring indicators
  - ✓ *Attend the Skype call planned for end of June!*
- Stream 2 – providing methods/tools/study cases used in the region to increase the number of relevant products in the database of the FLR online toolbox
  - ✓ *Share your tool online!* <http://www.fao.org/in-action/forest-landscape-restoration-mechanism/knowledge-base/en/>
- Stream 3 – identifying areas of potential interest where FLR monitoring can be improved both at national and regional levels
- Stream 4 – participating in the online and face-to-face events to be developed in the context of the community of learning on FLR monitoring



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