Emissions and Removals from the Forest Management in the Russian Federation

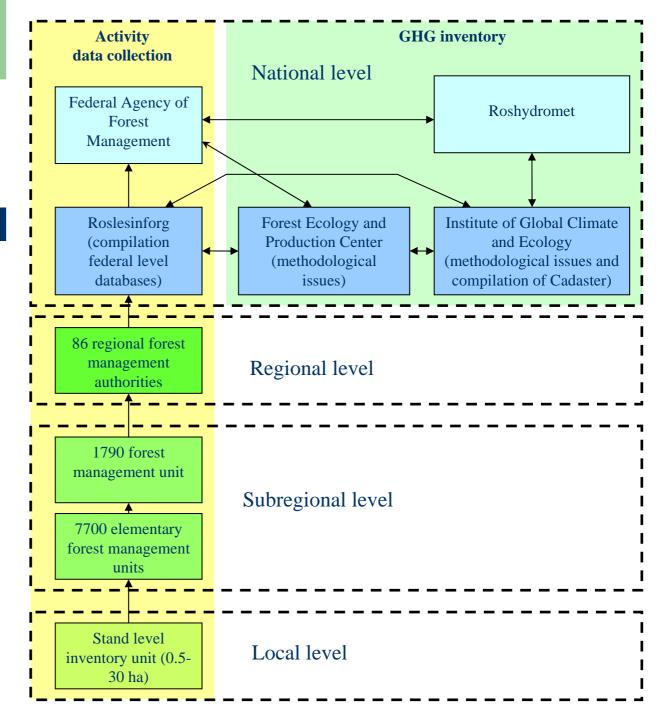
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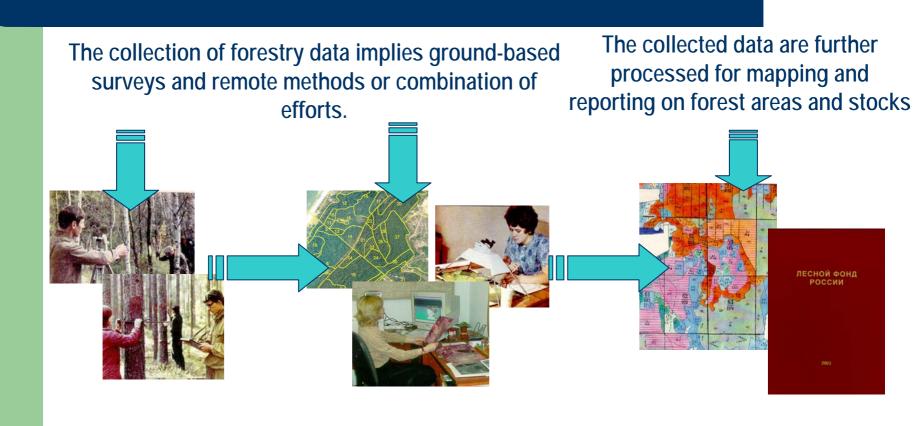


National system of GHG inventory in forest sector (NIR 1990-2006)



ACTIVITY DATA COLLECTION

Russian forest inventory system has a long story. First whole-country reference-book "State Forest Fund Account" (SFFA) was published in 1961, subsequent reference-books were issued with 5-years intervals.



ACTIVITY DATA COLLECTION

The first SFFA computer database were created in 1988. From 1998, SFFA databases are compiled each year. From 2003, generalized SFFA databases and forestry statistical data are available in «Roslesinforg» web-site

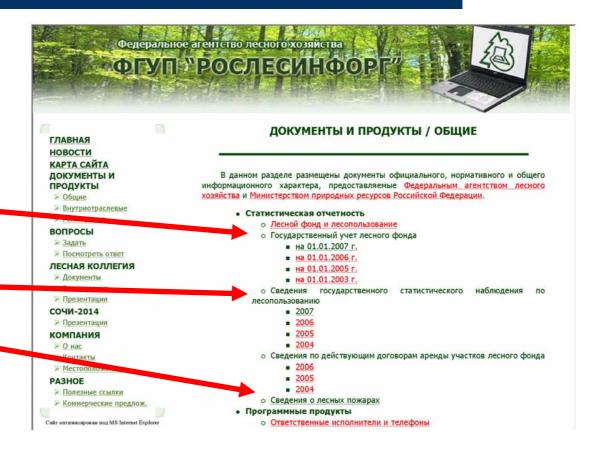
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Annual data on:

State Forest Fund Account

Forest exploitation

Forest fires

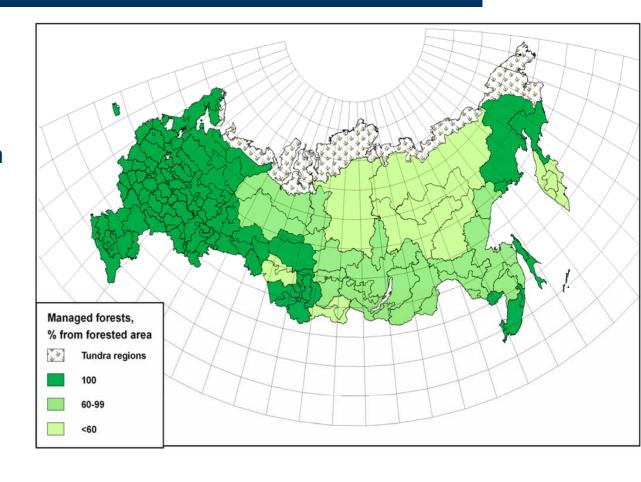


SELECTION OF MANAGED FORESTS

Managed forest lands form an area with a system of direct human activities on deployment, conservation, protection and renewal in accordance with national regulation and sustainable forest management.

The selection of managed forests were performed based on category of forest purpose in SFFA.

Managed forested lands are about 71% of total forest area and 76% of total growing stock.



METHODS AND PARAMETERS

CO₂ budget in woody biomass

Stock change method (IPCC Tier 2):

$$\Delta C_{FLB} = (C_{t_2} - C_{t_1}) / (t_2 - t_1)$$
 (1)

$$C_t = \sum_{ij} [V_{ij} \cdot D_{ij} \cdot BEF_{ij} \cdot (1 + R_{ij})] \cdot CF$$
 (2)

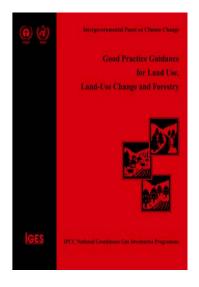
Country-specific EF_{ij} is applied: $EF_{ij} = D_{ij} \cdot BEF_{ij} \cdot (1 + R_{ij})$.



$$C_t = \sum_{ij} [V_{ij} \cdot EF_{ij}] \cdot CF \tag{3}$$

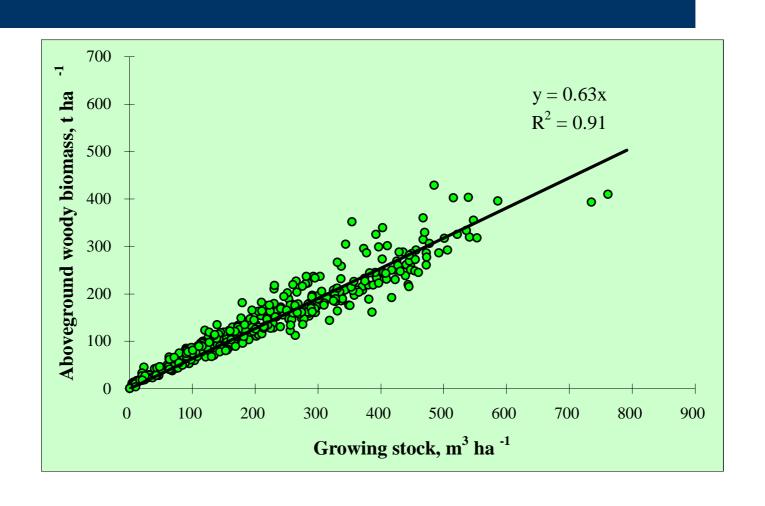
Parameters EF_{ij} are taken from scientific literature (Isaev et al., 1993; Zamolodchikov et al., 2003)

The calculations are performed for each age group of each tree species.



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Identification of country-specific EF_{ij} values (example for pine stands)



GHG INVENTORY ESTIMATES

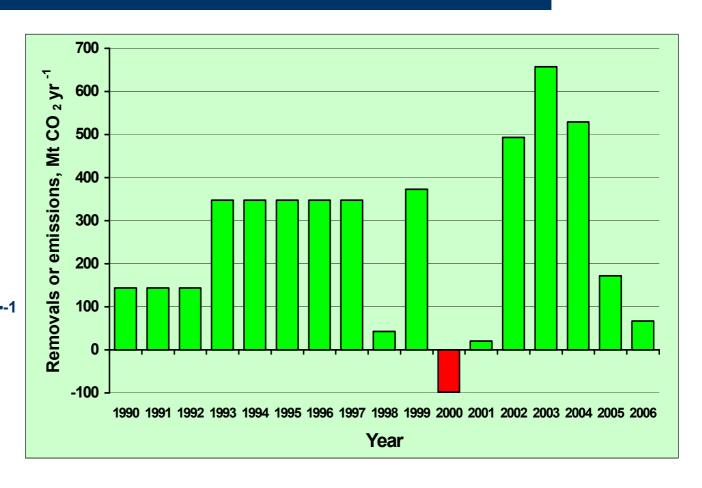
Annual CO₂ emissions and removals in forest biomass

Positive – removals.

Negative – emissions.

Mean for 1990-2006 260 Mt CO₂ yr⁻¹

(NIR 1990-2006)

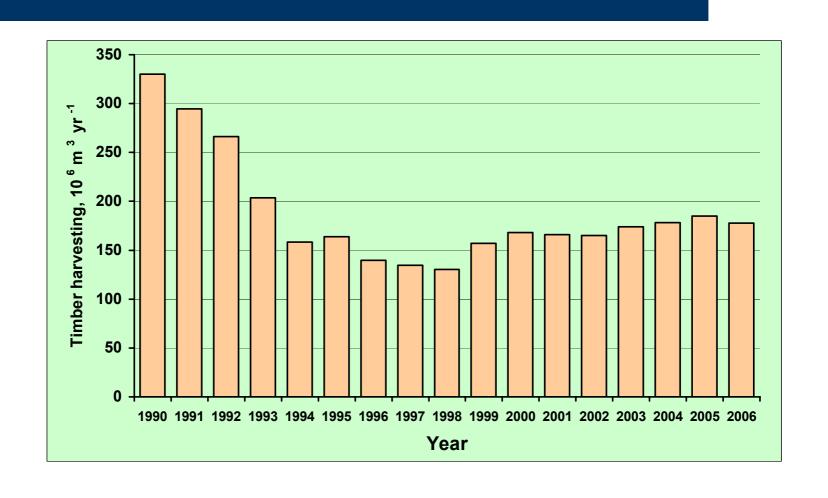


Questions

- Why managed forests of Russia are carbon sink?
- What are causes of interannual variability of CO₂ removals?

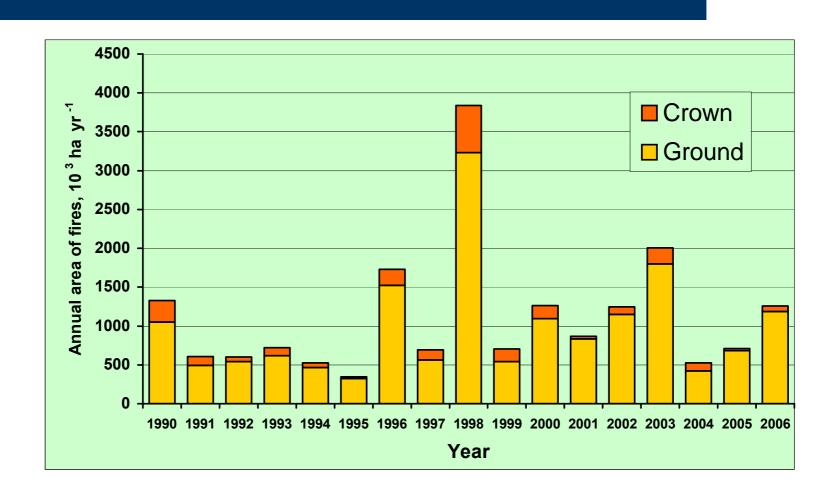
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Timber harvesting in Russian Federation



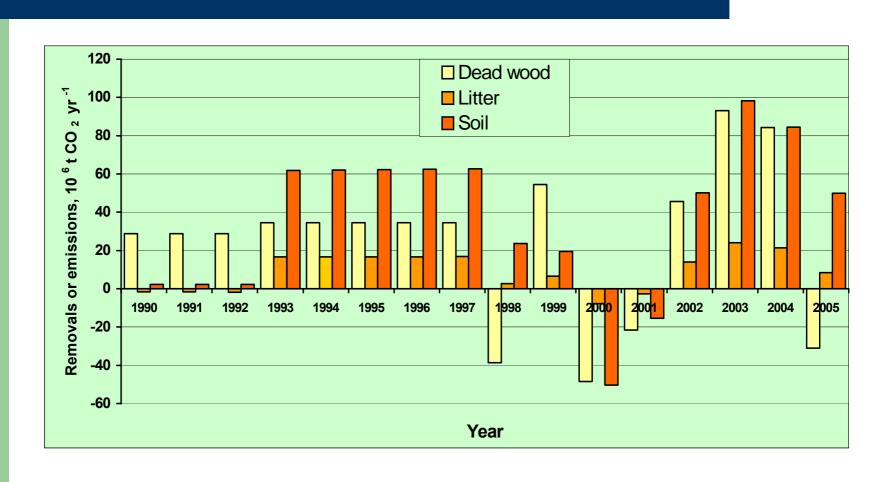
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Forest fires areas in Russian Federation



NEXT STEPS

Estimation of CO₂ emissions and removals by dead wood, litter and soil: stage of scientific exploration



NEXT STEPS

Annual CO₂ emissions and removals in total forest carbon

Means for

1990-2005

Biomass

272 Mt CO₂ yr⁻¹

DOM

70 Mt CO₂ yr⁻¹

Total carbon

342 Mt CO₂ yr⁻¹

