FAO Emissions Database Integrating national statistics with geospatial information

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FAO Objectives

- Identify mitigation strategies that are consistent with food security, resilience and rural development goals
- Improve data and support member countries assess and report their GHG emissions from, agriculture, forestry and the land use sector –BURs, NAMAs
- Collaborate with relevant international programmes towards coherent frameworks, focusing on improved rural statistical data



FAOSTAT Emissions Database



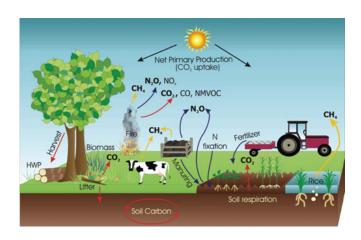
& geo-reference data



IPCC 2006 Guidelines



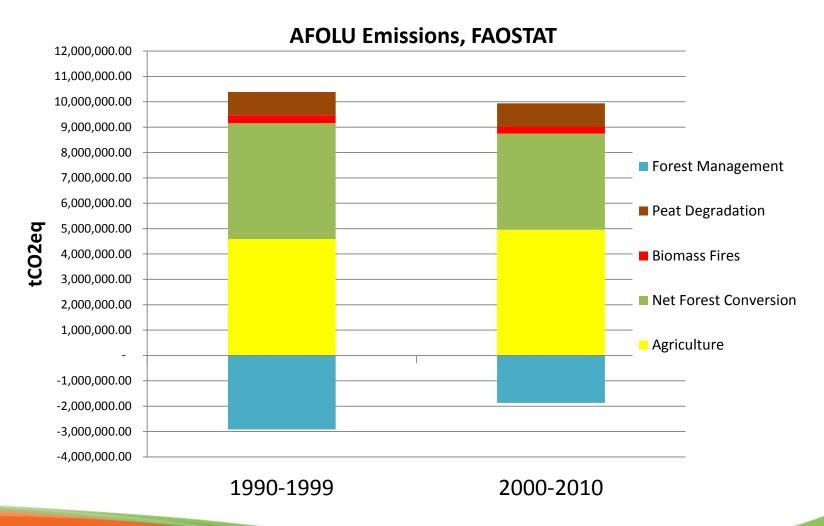
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1. IPCC AR5 AFOLU GHG Data





GHG Emissions Statistics: Categories

DOMAIN		CATEGORY	GAS reported	Data source
Agriculture	Eı	nteric Fermentation	CH ₄	FAOSTAT
	Manure Management		CH ₄ , N ₂ O	FAOSTAT
	Rice Cultivation		CH ₄	FAOSTAT
	Agricultural soils	Synthetic Fertilizers	N ₂ O	FAOSTAT
		Manure applied to soils	N ₂ O	FAOSTAT
		Manure left on pasture	N ₂ O	FAOSTAT
		Crop residues	N ₂ O	FAOSTAT
		Cultivated organic soils	N ₂ O	HWSD, GLC2000
	Burning - Savanna		CH ₄ , N ₂ O	GFED4, JRC, FRA- GEZ
		Burning – Crop residues	CH ₄ , N ₂ O	FAOSTAT

DOMAIN	CATEGORY	GAS reported	Data source	
LULUCF	Forest land	CO_2	FRA	
	Cropland	CO ₂	FAOSTAT, HWSD, GLC2000	
	Grassland	CO ₂	FAOSTAT, HWSD, GLC2000	
	Burning Biomass	CH ₄ , N ₂ O, CO ₂	FRA, HWSD	
	Wetlands	CO_2		
	Settlements	CO_2		
	Other land	CO ₂		

Estimation of GHG emissions from burning of vegetation

$$E = A \bullet M_B \bullet C_f \bullet EF$$
Activity
data

Activity data = Dry matter burned

E = GHG emissions from fire (N_2O, CH_4) .

<u>A = Area burned obtained from the Global Fire Emission Database (GFED4) - Burned Areas</u> <u>dataset (based on MODIS and SPOT-VEGETATION, 13 LC classes)</u>

M_B
Cf
EF

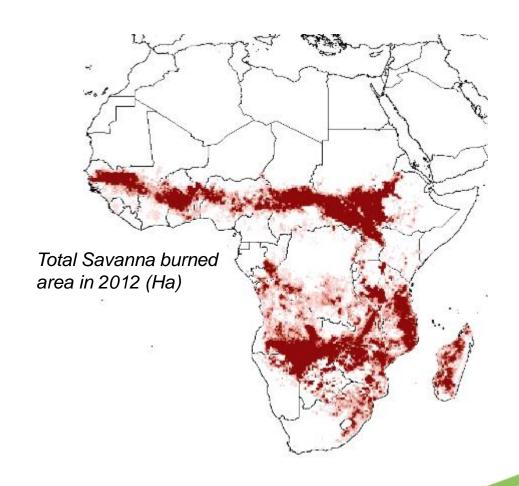
IPCC default values (Tier 1 default values for Biomass consumption: tables 2.4/2.5 of the IPCC 2006 Guidelines, V.4, Ch.2).



Estimation of GHG emissions from

burning of vegetation: 1 - Mapping area burned

UMD Classification	
Water	
Evergreen Needleleaf forest	
Evergreen Broadleaf forest	
Deciduous Needleleaf forest	
Deciduous Broadleaf forest	
Mixed forest	
Closed shrublands	
Open shrublands	
Woody savannas	
Savannas	
Grasslands	
Croplands	
Urban and built-up	
Barren or sparsely vegetated	
Unclassified	



Estimation of GHG emissions from burning of vegetation: 2 - Estimating biomass

burned

Example: Savanna				
IPCC classification	Biomass burned/ha (IPCC default values)			
Savanna - Tropical	7			
Savanna - Non Tropical	4.1			

Climate zones are identified using the JRC Climate Map based on the IPCC Climatic Zones layer.



Total Savanna biomass burned in 2012 (Tonnes) (Tier1 IPCC default methodology)

Biomass burned is estimated at pixel level by multiplying biomass burned per Ha by the area burned



Estimation of GHG emissions from burning of vegetation: 3 - Emission factors

TABLE 2.5 EMISSION FACTORS (g kg ⁻¹ DRY MATTER BURNT) FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF BURNING. VALUES ARE MEANS ± SD AND ARE BASED ON THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW BY ANDREAE AND MERLET (2001) (To be used as quantity 'G _{ef} ' in Equation 2.27)							
Category	CO ₂	со	CH₄	N ₂ O	NO_X		
Savanna and grassland	1613 ± 95	65 ± 20	2.3 ± 0.9	0.21 ± 0.10	3.9 ± 2.4		
Agricultural residues	1515 ± 177	92 ± 84	2.7	0.07	2.5 ± 1.0		
Tropical forest	1580 ± 90	104 ± 20	6.8 ± 2.0	0.20	1.6 ± 0.7		
Extra tropical forest	1569 ± 131	107 ± 37	4.7 ± 1.9	0.26 ±0.07	3.0 ± 1.4		
Biofuel burning	1550 ± 95	78 ± 31	6.1 ± 2.2	0.06	1.1 ± 0.6		

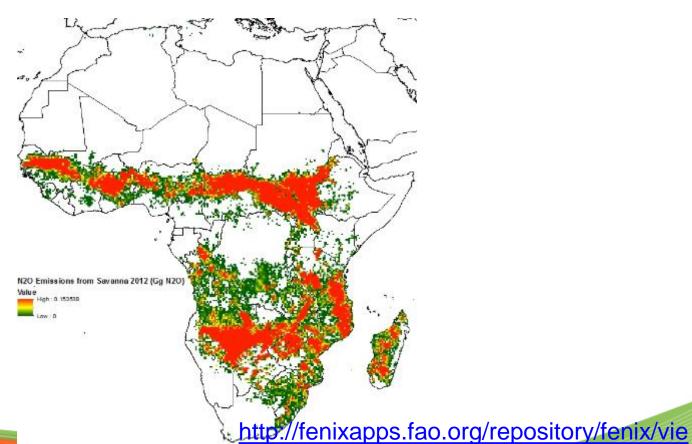
Note: The "extra tropical forest' category includes all other forest types.

Note: For combustion of non-woody biomass in Grassland and Cropland, CO₂ emissions do not need to be estimated and reported, because it is assumed that annual CO₂ removals (through growth) and emissions (whether by decay or fire) by biomass are in balance (see earlier discussion on synchrony in Section 2.4.

Default emission factors are provided by the IPCC Guidelines and assigned to each pixel according to the vegetation type and to the climatic zone (JRC-IPCC Climatic Zones).

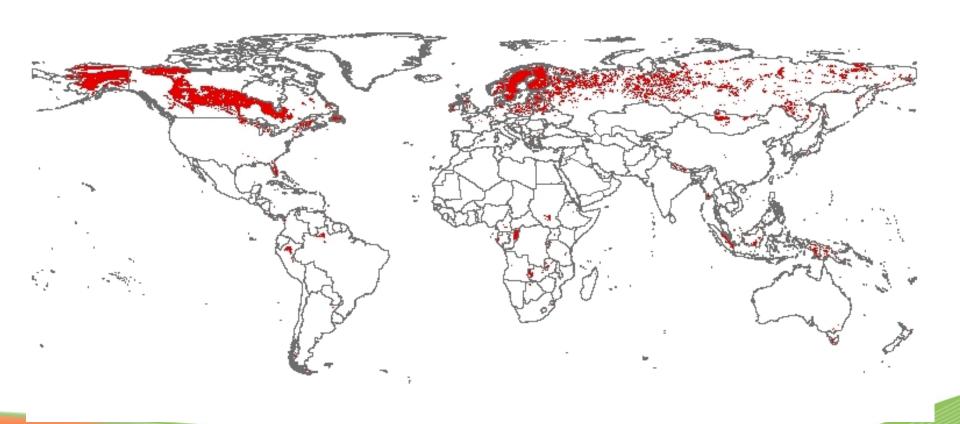
Estimation of GHG emissions from burning of vegetation: 4 - Emissions

Emissions = Activity Data * Emission Factor





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- Organic Soils (Histosols):
 - Harmonized World Soil Database (FAO, IIASA, ISRIC, CAS, JRC 2012)
- Cultivated (cropped) areas:
 - GLC 2000 (currently exploring MODIS 2001-2010)
- Climatic zones:
 - JRC map, 2010, according to IPCC prescriptions

World distribution of cultivated histosols





Activities on capacity development

- Technical capacities, in support of Member Countries to:
 - assess and report GHG emissions from agriculture, including land use activities (Biennial Update Report, BUR)
 - identify mitigation options, including Nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs).
- Functional capacities, to strengthen institutions coordination and cooperation:
 - capacities to access, generate, manage and exchange information and knowledge towards robust GHG inventory, BUR, NAMA (national data systems).
 - capacities to engage with relevant national and international agencies and institutions for efficient support to countries.
- Three levels: Regional; Sub-regional; National





International partnering

Agencies:

- UNDP/LECB
- UNDP/UN-REDD
- UNFCCC
- IPCC (AR5, TFI)
- UNEP
- ESCAP

Global initiatives:

- UN-REDD
- NAMA partnership
- LEDS Global Partnership
- CD REDD
- National agencies





Conclusions

- Availability of a global greenhouse gas emission database by country, as tool to support member countries identify and report GHG emissions and mitigation actions in AFOLU
- Implementation of Robust Regional Capacity Development Program on Rural Statistics
- Need to build stronger collaboration with relevant agencies to automatize provision of geo-reference data for updates



