

Classifying forest and woodland ecosystems and assessing their degradation in the context of limiting imported deforestation:

An international workshop

On October 23rd 2024 from 3 pm to 6 pm (CET)



Hybrid format : Face-to-face or remotely

Place: Bichat meeting room, 42 Scheffer street, 75016 Paris, France

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If you would like to attend in person, please confirm your attendance by e-mail at neyla.turak@gip-ecofor.org

Context:

The European Deforestation-free Regulation which came into force in June 2023, aims to prohibit the placing on the European market or export from it of products associated with deforestation or forest degradation since 31 December 2020. The possible revision of this regulation after two years leads us to reflect on topics such as the definition of forests or forest degradation. This new regulation also feeds the ongoing Strategic Dialogue on the Future of EU Agriculture.

In this context, the "Forest and Societies" research unit from the CIRAD Environment and Society department has been coordinating a project on the "Development of a method to classify tropical forests by considering their ecological diversity and degradation state – Case study in Brazil". This project is funded by the "Agence Française de Développement" in the framework of the CST-Forêt.

The aim of this project is to refine the characterisation of forests by linking their definition to an ecological classification of forests that would make it possible to distinguish undisturbed or little disturbed tree forests from highly degraded forests. The research focuses on a case study covering a wide range of tropical wet and dry forests: Brazil.

The Project consortium has the great pleasure to invite you to a workshop presenting the first results of this project. This workshop is also organised as part of the EURAGRI conferences.

Planned program:

- **3h - 3h10:** Introduction: The forestry issue in the dialogue of the future of EU agriculture - *Uno Svedin (President of the Board of EURAGRI)*
- **3h10 - 3h25:** Challenges and digital solutions for monitoring forests in due diligence declarations associated with international regulations - *Rémi d'Annunzio (FAO)*
- **3h25 - 3h40:** Reminder of the European Deforestation-free Regulation - *Antoine Haouchine (DG ENV)*
- **3h40 - 4h05:** Classifying tropical forests and assessing their degradation - *Camila Rezende (CIRAD)*
- **4h05 - 4h20:** *Coffee break*
- **4h20 - 4h35:** WRI work on deforestation and forest degradation - *Sarah Carter (WRI)*
- **4h35 - 4h50:** Distinguishing tropical grassy ecosystems and why it matters - *Kate Parr (University of Liverpool)*
- **4h50 - 5h50:** General debate
- **5h50 - 6h:** Conclusions