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# 10 Years of REDD+: Outcomes and Socio-Ecological Impacts

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## ABSTRACT

IUFRO's GFEP produces follow-up studies of previous global assessments that update the latest knowledge available to support intergovernmental processes. The first of these studies follows up on the global assessment report on Biodiversity, Forest Management and REDD+ published in 2012. The mechanism "Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+)" aims to value carbon stored in forests and create incentives for developing countries to step up efforts in sustainable forest management. Since GFEP launched the initial global assessment on REDD+, the implementation of this mechanism has increased rapidly. Simultaneously, global discussions and negotiations on climate change and biodiversity continue, impacting the REDD+ mechanism.

This new follow-up assessment will examine the main aspects of the topic and analyse and synthesise respective scientific information along with lessons learned since 2012. It aims to address questions such as, how have the governance and operationalization of REDD+ changed? What are the outcomes and influences on carbon, biodiversity, and well-being of implementing REDD+? What challenges is the mechanism facing? What are the lessons learnt and possible pathways into the future? Emerging findings of the study will be shared by Dr John Parrotta, a leading author of the publication.

## KEYWORDS

- Sustainable Forest Management
  - Climate change
  - Biodiversity

## SPEAKERS

Dr. John Parrotta

is the President of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) for the period 2019-2024. Since 2000, he has served as the National Research Program Leader for International Science Issues with the US Forest Service, Research & Development, Washington, DC. He is the author of over 180 scientific publications, and a member of the editorial board of several international forest science journals.

Dr Parrotta has contributed to several IUFRO-led Global Forest Expert Panels. He is an author of GFEP's follow-up study on REDD+ and the chair of the REDD+ global assessment of 2012.



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