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In this information era, there are many ground and remote sensing sourced forest databases, at different time and spatial scales that can be combined to produce more complete estimates on forest status and trends, useful for policy-makers, managers, and researchers. This combined use is challenging due to the heterogeneity in the inventories' definitions, sampling, and estimation methods. Thus, standardization and harmonization play a key role in obtaining consistent reliable results.

We are facing an innovative period on multiobjective and multisource forest inventories treatment that will allow the enhancement of forest resources assessments.



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