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## Foreword

This report is a preliminary update of the Danish data on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from forest, afforestation and deforestation for the period 1990-2008 and a prognosis for 2009-2020.

The report is funded by the Ministry of Climate and Energy and the Ministry of Environment.

The report is based on the data from the Danish National Forest Inventory (NFI), performed for the Ministry of Environment and the SINKS project in relation to Article 3.4 of the Kyoto protocol for the Ministry of Climate and Energy.

Forest & Landscape, University of Copenhagen, have compiled the report based on the data from the NFI combined with other relevant data, generated in the research and the general Forest Monitoring for the Ministry of Environment. The report is an updated version of the report from October 20th 2009.

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## Sammendrag

Formålet med projektet er at komme med et datagrundlag til UNFCCC forhandlingerne for fastsættelse af et dansk referenceniveau for optag og udslip af CO<sub>2</sub> fra de danske skove for perioden 2013-2020. Data skal kunne anvendes til de forskellige forslag, der p.t. er relevante i forbindelse med COP forhandlingerne vedrørende 'forest management'.

En sådan reference vil med stor sandsynlighed tage udgangspunkt i eksisterende UNFCCC skovdata for enten hele eller dele af perioden 1990-2008, samt åbne mulighed for justeringer såfremt Danmark har gode argumenter for at foretage sådanne justeringer.

Dette notat beskriver tre delopgaver i projektet:

1. Status over kulstoflagring i de danske skove for perioden 2002-2008 i forhold til Kyoto protokollens artikel 3.3 og 3.4 skov.
2. Genberegning af 1990-2007 skovdata rapporteret til UNFCCC.
3. Prognose for kulstoflagringen frem til 2020 og sammenligning med prognoser produceret af Joint Research Centre.
4. Opdatering af punkt 1-3 med data frem til 2009 som beskrevet i teksten.

Datamaterialet for dette notat kommer fra følgende hovedkilder:

1. Skovstatistikken (National Forest Inventory - NFI) der udføres af Skov & Landskab for Skov- og Naturstyrelsen, Miljøministeriet, der startede i 2002 og kører med årlig opdateringer i femårige rotationer.
2. Skovtællingerne 1990 og 2000, der er udført af Danmarks Statistik - i samarbejde med Skov- og Naturstyrelsen og Skov & Landskab
3. Kortlægning af skovareal på grundlag af satellit billeder i 1990 og 2005 - med støtte fra European Space Agency (ESA) og Klima- og Energiministeriet (SINKS projektet SatMon).

Med udgangspunkt i det kortlagte skovareal i 1990 og i 2005 er der foretaget en beregning af kulstoflagret i såvel skov etableret før 1990 (omfattet af Kyoto protokollens artikel 3.4) som i skov

etableret efter 1990 (omfattet af Kyoto protokollens artikel 3.3). Skovarealet er i såvel 1990 som i 2005 kortlagt til at være større end tidligere opgjort for de tidspunkter.

Ved beregning af kulstoflager i 1990 og i 2000 anvendes aldersklassefordelingen som opgjort i Skovtællingen 1990 og i 2000 som udtryk for det samlede skovareals fordeling til arter og aldre. Med udgangspunkt i NFI'ens konkrete målinger i skov af kulstoflager i de forskellige arts og aldersklasser beregnes det samlede stående kulstoflager. For hvert år i perioden 1990 - 2000 beregnes et stående kulstoflager som en glidende gennemsnit, korrigeret for de få skovrydninger der var i perioden.

Idet Skovstatistikken først startede med de første målinger i 2002, blev den første femårige rotation af målinger færdig i 2006. Det ud fra en antagelse om at ændringer i skovareal mv. sker jævnt er disse målinger repræsentative for periodens midtpunkt i 2004. Kulstoflagret i perioden 2001-2003 er beregnet som et glidende gennemsnit baseret på det beregnede kulstoflager i 2004 ud fra Skovstatistikkenes målinger og kulstoflagret som beregnet for 2000.

For 2004-2008 er kulstoflageret beregnet udelukkende på grundlag af skovstatistikken, som beskrevet også i Skove og plantager 2006, med supplerende information om det totale skovareal fra satellitbillede kortlægningen.

Prognosen for kulstoflager i perioden 2009-2020 tager også udgangspunkt i Skovstatistikkenes målinger af kulstoflager i de forskellige arts- og aldersklasser. Prognosen fremskriver arealets fordeling til aldersklasser ud fra sandsynligheder for foryngelse af den enkelte aldersklasse. Der forudsættes en konstant fordeling til arter (ingen artsskifte), men en beregning af andelen af arealet der hvert år forynges med samme art. For hvert år kombineres disse beregninger med Skovstatistikkenes måling af kulstoflager i hver aldersklasse. Udviklingen i den samlede kulstofpulje kan derefter beregnes.

For perioden 1990 - 2000 er der en stigning i kulstoflageret i skove etableret før 1990. For perioden 2000 - 2003 er der et svagt fald i skovenes kulstoflager. Faldet skyldes skovrydninger. I perioden 2004-2008 er der tilstrækkelig data fra Skovstatistikken til at beregne kulstoflagret. I de år stiger kulstoflagret.

For skovrejsningsarealerne er der en jævn stigning i kulstoflageret fra de første skovrejsninger i 1990 og helt frem til 2008. Artssammensætningen af skovrejsningen blev beskrevet i Skovtælling 2000 og danner grundlag for beregning af kulstoflageret i perioden 1990 - 2000. Efterfølgende bidrager Skovstatistikken med en artsfordeling af skovrejsningen.

I forhold til tidligere beregninger af kulstoflager i skovene foretages de nærværende beregninger udelukkende på det samlede kulstoflager. Der anvendes således ikke modeller for tilvækst og ej heller opgørelser af hugst, hvilket tidligere har været den eneste mulighed for at beskrive ændringerne. I de fremtidige rapporteringer vil opgørelser af såvel skove etableret før og efter 1990 basere sig på 5 års målinger med Skovstatistikken, hvor året der rapporteres for er midtpunkt i en 5 års periode. Derfor er de nærværende beregninger foretaget på samme måde som de kommende rapporteringer.

I prognoser udviklet af Joint Research Centre så har de danske skove i perioden 1990 - 2008 haft en øgning af kulstoflageret. De nye beregninger viser dog en mindre øgning end hidtil beregnet, idet de tidligere beregninger, med det grundlag der var tilgængeligt, overvurderede tilvæksten. Samtidig kan hugsten være underestimeret. Begge dele har ført til et for højt estimat for kulstoflagringen i skove etableret før 1990.

Der har ikke tidligere været rapporteret skovrydning for Danmark. Informationen medtages i denne rapportering.

For skovrejsningen er de nye beregninger sammenlignelige med de hidtidige rapporteringer og dermed også med Joint Research Centres analyser.

I prognosen for perioden 2009 - 2020 medfører den observerede aldersfordeling i skovene at beregningerne viser en faldende tendens for skovens kulstoflager. Dette skyldes at skovene aktuelt har en meget stor andel af gamle træer, der står overfor en foryngelse. Hermed forventes de store gamle træer fældet og nye at komme til. Samlet set er resultatet at kulstoflageret falder i en periode. Hvis skovene havde en helt jævn fordeling til aldre, ville kulstoflageret være så godt som konstant, - forudsat at hugsten og tilvæksten er uændret. Hvis der sker ændringer i forvaltningen af skovene, vil det påvirke udviklingen i skovene. Således vil en forlængelse af omdrift, hvor man venter med at fælde gamle træer, udskyde faldet i kulstoflager. Modsat vil en øget hugst (f.eks. som følge af øget efterspørgsel, øget pris o. lign.) føre til et kraftigere fald i kulstoflageret.

Beregningerne og sammenstillingen af data giver det bedst mulige grundlag til UNFCCC forhandlingerne for fastsættelse af en dansk reference for optag og udslip af CO<sub>2</sub> fra de danske skove for perioden 2009 - 2020. Kulstoflageret er opdelt på de forskellige puljer og fordelt til skove etableret før og efter 1990. Prognosen understøttes af opdateringen af data for skovene i perioden 1990 - 2008.

## Summary

The objective of this report is to provide the scientific basis for determining a Danish reference level for emission and sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> from the Danish forests in 2013-2020.

The overall objective may be divided into three individual tasks:

1. Estimation of carbon sequestration in Danish forests in 2002-2008 related to article 3.3 and 3.4 of the Kyoto protocol.
2. Reestimation of carbon sequestration previously reported to UNFCCC for 1990-2007.
3. Prognosis for the carbon sequestration until 2020 and comparison with the prognosis provided by Joint Research Centre.
4. Update of 1-3 using NFI data from 2009

Data used in the estimation comes from three main sources:

1. National Forest Inventory - NFI - conducted by Forest and Landscape Denmark for The Danish Forest and Nature Agency, Ministry of Environment. The NFI started in 2002 and is a continuous forest inventory with partial replacement. The rotation is 5 years (Nord-Larsen et al 2008).
2. Forest Census 1990 and 2000, conducted by Statistics Denmark - in cooperation with The Danish Forest and Nature Agency and Forest and Landscape Denmark (Danmarks Statistik 1994, Larsen & Johannsen 2002),
3. Mapping of the forest area based on satellite images in 1990 and 2005, with support from ESA - GMES – FM (Prins 2009) and the Ministry of Climate and Energy (SINKS SatMon Project).

### **Carbon stock 1990 - 2008:**

Based on the mapped forest area in 1990 and in 2005 a calculation of carbon stored in both forest established before 1990 (Kyoto Protocol Article 3.4) and in afforestation since 1990 (Kyoto Protocol Article 3.3) was performed. The forest areas in 1990 as well as in 2005 have been mapped to be larger than previously estimated in relation to the forest census in 1990 and 2000.



The calculation of carbon stock in 1990 and in 2000 was based on the species and age distribution reported in the 1990 and 2000 forest census as an expression of the total forest land allocation to species and ages. Based on the average carbon stock in different species and age classes measured in the NFI in 2004-2008, the total standing carbon stock was calculated. For each of the years 1990 - 2000 carbon stock was calculated as the moving average, corrected for the small scale deforestation which was detected.

Since the NFI was initiated in 2002 the first full cycle of measurements was completed in 2006. Under the assumption that changes occur gradually, these measurements are representative of 2004, corresponding to the period midpoint. Calculation of carbon stock in the period 2001-2003 is based on NFI in 2004 and carbon stock as calculated for 2000. For 2004-2008 carbon stock is calculated solely on the basis of the NFI using additional information about the total forest area from satellite image mapping.

#### **Projections 2009-2020:**

The prognosis for carbon stock during the period 2009 - 2020 is based on the NFI data on carbon stock in species and age classes. Forecasts are based on the present allocation to age classes and species specific models for probabilities of rejuvenation of each management class. It assumes a constant distribution of species (no species change), but a calculation of percentage of area rejuvenated each year with the same species. For each year, these calculations are combined with NFI data for carbon stocks in each management class. Evolution of the total carbon pool can then be calculated. The probabilities for rejuvenation is estimated based on the forest census data from 1990 and 2000 (Nord-Larsen & Heding 2002). The projections involve no estimation of growth or harvesting.

The projections are performed similarly for forests established before and after 1990. An annual afforestation of 1900 ha is assumed, with a species distribution similar to the distribution observed in the NFI, except for a constant area with Christmas trees.

The forecast for the period 2009 - 2020 show a decrease in forest carbon stock. This is due to the current high proportion of old trees, which face rejuvenation. Hereby large old trees felled and replaced by new small trees. The net result is that the total carbon stock decreases. Changes in forest management, may affect the development of forests. Thus, a postponement of cutting of old trees will postpone the decline in carbon storage. Conversely, increased logging (e.g. due to increased demand, increased price or similar) may lead to a sharper decline in carbon stock.

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## Introduction

Danish forest inventory methods have changed significantly since the first forest census in 1881. In 2002, the previous questionnaire based forest census was replaced with a sample based forest inventory. This has had significant impact on the methods involved in calculating Danish CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and has created a need for the development of methods for consistent estimation of forest carbon pools.

The objective of this report is to provide the scientific basis for consistent estimation of carbon pools in 1990 to 2008 and to determine a Danish reference level for emission and sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> from the Danish forests in 2013-2020. The previously used methodology for LULUCF is described in Gyldenkærne et al. (2005).

Compared to the other Scandinavian countries, Danish forests cover only a small part of the country (12.4%) since the dominant land use in Denmark is agriculture. Forests thus cover about 534.000 ha (=5.340 km<sup>2</sup>) with an almost equal distribution between broadleaved and coniferous species (Nord-Larsen et al., 2008). Danish forests are managed as closed canopy forests, and the main objective is to ensure sustainable and multiple-use management. The main management system used to be the clear-cut system, but increasingly, principles of nature-based forest management including continuous cover forestry are being implemented in many forest areas, e.g. the state forests (about ¼ of the forest area). Contrary to the situation in the other Scandinavian countries, forestry does not contribute much to the national economy. Forestry contributes less than 1 ‰ to the total Danish GNP. Denmark is the only part of the Kingdom with a forestry sector. Greenland and the Faroe Islands have almost no forest.

## Forest legislation and policy

The Danish Forest Act protects the main part of the forest area (about 80%) against conversion to other land uses, and these forests will generally remain forest, although forests may be cleared in relation to e.g. nature restoration projects. The objective to ensure sustainable and multiple-use management is laid down in the Forest Act, carbon sequestration being just one of several objectives.

Approximately 2/3 of the total Danish land area is cultivated and utilised for cropland and grassland. Together with high numbers of cattle and pigs there is a high (environmental) pressure on the landscape. To reduce the impact an active policy has been adopted to protect the

environment. The adopted policy aims at doubling the forested area within the next 80-100 years, restoration of former wetlands and establishment of protected national parks.

The policy objective most likely to increase carbon sequestration is the 1989 target to double Denmark's forested area within 100 years. The most important measure aiming at achieving this objective is a governmental subsidy scheme established to support private afforestation on agricultural land. Subsidized afforestation areas are automatically declared forest reserve and are thus protected according to the Forest Act. Secondly, governmental and municipal afforestation is also taking place. Finally, private afforestation is taking place without subsidies. The Danish Forest and Nature Agency, under the Ministry of Environment, is responsible for policies on afforestation of state-owned and private agricultural land.

The Forest Act includes an obligation of the Ministry of Environment to monitor forest condition and maintain a comprehensive inventory of forest status and trends. The aim of the national forest inventory (NFI) is to improve the understanding and management of the Danish Forests and aid forest policy and legislation (Miljøministeriet, 2002). The selected variables should cover the indicators concerning sustainable forest management and meet the data needs for national and international forest statistics.

Green accounting and environmental management are used in the sector as a measure to monitor and reduce its environmental impacts. State forests for example issue yearly green accountings. One of the intentions is to determine whether the use of fossil fuels in forest management can be reduced.

## **Forest statistics and definitions**

### **Forest census**

From 1881 to 2000, a National Forest Census has been carried out every 10-15 years based on questionnaires sent to forest owners (Larsen and Johannsen, 2002). Since the data was based on questionnaires and not field observations, the actual forest definition may have varied. The basic definition was that the tree covered area should be minimum 0.5 ha to constitute a forest. There were no specific guidelines as to crown cover or the height of the trees. Open woodlands and open areas within the forest were generally not included. All values for growing stock, biomass or carbon pools based on data from the National Forest Census were estimated from the reported data on forest area and its distribution to main species, age class and site productivity classes. The two last censuses were carried out in 1990 and 2000.

The 1990 National Forest Census was based on reported forest statistics from 22,300 respondents, resulting in information on area, main species, age class distribution and productive indicators. The estimated forest area was 445,000 ha or 10.3% of the land. Of the total forest area 64% was coniferous forest and 34% was deciduous forest (the remainder was temporarily unstocked). The total volume was estimated at 55.2 mio. cub. metres of which 57% was coniferous.

The number of respondents in the 2000 National Forest Census was 32,300, which is considerably higher than in the 1990 survey. The change in the number of respondents probably contributed to the observed increase in forest area and growing stock between the 1990 and 2000 census. The estimated forest area was 486,000 ha or 11.3% of the land. Of the total forest area 60% was coniferous forest and 36% was deciduous forest (the remainder was temporarily unstocked). The total volume was estimated at 77.9 mio. cub. metres of which 63% was coniferous.

### **National Forest Inventory**

In 2002, a new sample-based National Forest Inventory (NFI) was initiated. This type of forest inventory is very similar to inventories used in other countries, e.g. Sweden or Norway. The NFI has replaced the National Forest Census.

The forest definition adopted in the NFI is identical to the FAO definition (TBFRA, 2000).

Compared to the National Forest Census, this forest definition is more specific and includes a larger variety of areas. It includes *“wooded areas larger than 0.5 ha, that are able to form a forest with a height of at least 5 m and crown cover of at least 10%. The minimum width is 20 m.”*

Temporarily non wooded areas, fire breaks, and other small open areas, that are an integrated part of the forest, are also included.

The NFI is a continuous sample-based inventory with partial replacement of sample plots based on a 2 x 2 km grid covering the Danish land surface. At each grid intersection, a cluster of four circular plots (primary sampling unit, PSU) for measuring forest factors (e.g. wood volume) are placed in a 200 x 200 m grid. Each circular plot (secondary sampling unit, SSU) has a radius of 15 meters. When plots are intersected by different land-use classes or different forest stands, the individual plot is divided into tertiary sampling units (TSU).

About one third of the plots are assigned as permanent and will be remeasured in subsequent inventories every five years. Two thirds are temporary and are moved randomly within the particular 2x2 km grid cell in subsequent inventories. The sample of permanent and temporary

field plots has been systematically divided into five non-overlapping, interpenetrating panels that are each measured in one year and constitute a systematic sample of the entire country. Hence all the plots are measured in a 5-year cycle.

Based on analysis of aerial photos, each sample plot (SSU) is allocated to one of three basic categories, reflecting the likelihood of forest or other wooded land (OWL) cover in the plot: (0) Unlikely to contain forest or other wooded land cover, (1) Likely to contain forest, and (2) Likely to contain other wooded land. All plots in the last two categories are inventoried in the field.

In the the NFI (2002-2009) the average number of clusters (PSU) and sample plots (SSU) are 2,196 and 8,604, respectively. On average 1,648 plots (SSU) were identified as having forest or other wooded land cover based on the aerial photos and were thus selected for inventory. During the first rotation of the NFI, measurements were however not obtained for some plots. Missing plot observations were caused by a number of factors including start up problems that resulted in insufficient time to complete the measurements and prohibited access to some plots on privately owned land. In 2005, the Forest Act was revised, so forest owners are obliged to provide access. On average 282 sample plots were missing in the 2002-2009 inventories.

Table 1. Total and selected number of clusters (PSU) and sample plots (SSU) in the National Danish Forest Inventory in the years 2002-2009.

Year	Clusters (PSU)		Sample plots (SSU)		
	Total	Selected*	Total	Selected*	Missing*
2002	2,190	649	8,594	1,399	697
2003	2,199	641	8,626	1,498	436
2004	2,188	685	8,597	1,587	517
2005	2,200	711	8,594	1,590	166
2006	2,179	717	8,531	1,620	187
2007	2,201	772	8,644	1,804	246
2008	2,212	804	8,644	1,893	3
2009	2,195	782	8,604	1,797	0

\*The number of selected clusters and sample plots are those identified as forest or other wooded land on aerial photos. The number of measured plots represents those inventoried by the field crews. Missing plots include plots identified as having forest or other wooded land cover from the aerial photo which were not inventoried in the field.

Each plot is divided into three concentric circles with radius 3.5, 10 and 15 m. A single calliper measurement of diameter is made at breast height for all trees in the 3.5 m circle. Trees with diameter larger than 10 cm are measured in the 10 m circle and only trees larger than 40 cm are measured in the 15 m circle. On a random sample of 2-6 trees further measurements of total height, crown height, age and diameter at stump height are made and the presence of defoliation,

discoloration, mast, mosses and lichens is recorded. The presence of regeneration on the plots is registered and the species, age and height of the regeneration is recorded. Stumps from trees harvested within a year from the measurement are measured for diameter.

Deadwood is measured on the sample plots. Standing deadwood with a diameter at breast height diameter larger than 4 cm is measured according to the same principles as live trees. Lying deadwood with a diameter of more than 10 cm is measured within the 15 m radius sample plot. Length of the lying deadwood is measured as the length of the tree that exceeds 10 cm in diameter and is within the sample plot. The diameter is measured at the middle of the lying deadwood measured for length. In addition to the size measurements of deadwood the degree of decay is recorded on an ordinal scale.

### **Forest area mapping**

Due to differences in methodologies, major inconsistencies in forest area and other forest variables are observed between the different forest inventories (i.e. the 1990 and 2000 Forest Census and the 2006 National Forest Inventory). With the objective to obtain time consistent and precise estimate of forest areas to report to UNFCCC and the Kyoto protocol, two projects have aimed at mapping the forest area in Denmark based on satellite images. Forest area and forest area change have been estimated for the years 1990 and 2005.

A land use / land cover map was produced for the Kyoto reference year 1990 and for the year 2005 based on EO (earth observation) data (23 August 1990) and other data produced from 1992-2005 and for 2005 using NFI in situ data. Forest maps are developed using Landsat imagery, mainly Landsat 5 (TM) and 7 (ETM+) data, to classify and estimate the area of forest cover types in Denmark. Portions of 7 scenes covering the whole country were classified into forest and non-forest classes. The approach involved the integration of sampling, image processing, and estimation. An initial version of the maps was produced by Erik Prins, Prins Engineering as part of the GMES project GSE-FM (Prins 2009). Currently the SINKS project SatMon is in the process of producing the final version of the maps. Preliminary versions for 1990 is utilised for distinguishing forest established after 1990.

The product is specified by a Minimum Mapping Unit (MMU) of 0.5 ha, a geometric accuracy of < 15 m RMS and a thematic accuracy of 90% +/- 5% for the six major Kyoto classes: Forest, Grass, Crop, Wetland, Urban, and Other. Forest has a 0.5 ha MMU, however, is subdivided without MMU into conifer, deciduous, mixed, and temporary un-stocked forest.

## Methods

### Overall approach to estimation of carbon pools 1990 to 2008

Estimation of carbon pools in Denmark from 1990 to 2008 is complicated by the fact that information originates from various sources (National Forest Census data, National Forest Inventory data, maps produced from satellite images and other sources of geographical information), and that the forest definition has changed between inventories. Due to the continuous nature of the current Danish NFI, future inventories of carbon pools will be more consistent.

In the first step, the sample plots of the National Forest Inventory are allocated to one of two basic categories: 1) forest that was established before 1990, and 2) afforestation since 1990, based on an interpretation of satellite image-based forest maps from 1990 and 2005. Carbon pools in each of the two categories were subsequently estimated for 2004-2008 as three or five year averages of NFI data collected in 2002-2009 (e.g. carbon pools in 2005 are estimated using data from 2003-2007). Further, average carbon pools per hectare are estimated for each county, species and age-class using NFI data from 2003-2007 (reference year 2005) as basis for estimation of carbon pools in 1990 and 2000.

Due to the limited number of respondents and the slightly different forest definition in the 1990 National Forest Census it is unlikely that the estimated forest area is similar to the actual area of forest conforming to the FAO definition. Using satellite images from 1990, a forest map has been produced and the forest area for each county has been estimated. Based on the 1990 forest areas derived from satellite images, the observed distribution to species and age classes in the 1990 National Forest Census, and the 2005 estimates of carbon pools per hectare the total carbon pools are estimated for 1990.

As it is also unlikely that the 2000 National Forest Census obtained full coverage of all forest owners and because the forest definition may be uncertain it is unlikely that the estimated forest area is similar to the actual forest area. Using the forest area in 1990 and 2005 based on the interpretation of satellite images, information on annual afforestation provided by the Forest and Nature Agency and information on deforestation the forest area that was forest before 1990 and the afforested area since 1990 have been estimated for each county. Using the 2000 National Forest Census data, the species and age class distribution for forest areas that were forest before 1990 and for afforested areas have been estimated. Finally, based on the estimated 2000 forest areas, the National Forest Census 2000 distribution to species and age classes, and the 2005



estimates of carbon pools per hectare, the total carbon pools in forests that were forest before 1990 and the afforested areas are estimated for 2000. Carbon pools per hectare in the intermediate years (1991-1999 and 2001-2003) are found by linear interpolation adjusted by known afforestation and deforestation during that period.

## **Estimation of forest area in 1990 and 2005 using satellite imagery**

All satellite images were pre-processed using standard procedures for rectification. This includes:

1) Collection of ground cover points (GCPs), 2) Evaluation of GCPs and 3) check GCPs.

Preliminary maps were produced by Erik Prins, Prins Engineering as part of the GMES project GSE-FM (Prins 2009). Currently the SINKS project SatMon is in the process of producing the final version of the maps. Preliminary versions for 1990 is utilised for distinguishing forest established after 1990.

The geometric accuracy is derived by comparing respective positions in the geo-rectified image to ground control points as reference. It is expressed by the Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) to the reference.

### **Classification of Land Use / Land Cover**

The generation of the land use/land cover map is based on the evaluation of Landsat data. Forest is defined according to the FAO (2004). This means that clearcut forest areas are considered as temporary unstocked forest. Forest present in residential, recreational and urban areas is not included within forest area. The maps were also used to assess the amount of forest in the categories: 1) total forest area, 2) forest established before 1990, 3) afforestation since 1990, and 4) deforestation. Forest established before 1990 is defined as forest existing both in 1990 and 2005, afforestation is defined as the forest not existing in 1990 but in present in 2005, and finally deforestation is assessed as forest present in 1990 but not in 2005.

The classification of land use/land cover was performed using mainly ERDAS IMAGINE 9.2, ArcGIS 9.3, and Idrisi 14 software. ISODATA-algorithm (representing an iterative self-organising data analysis technique) was used for complex land use/land covers, weather supervised algorithms (i.e. maximum likelihood and minimum distance) where chosen where land use and land covers had more homogeneous segments i.e. crop land. Both approaches were used and selected where it was found convenient. The classification was divided into thematic areas for best separation of sub-classes (described below). The outputs were then combined to a final

classification result. Manual post-processing was carried out subsequently to improve the quality of the (semi) automatically pre-classified product.

Prior to the classification, the Landsat data was divided into thematic areas representing: Forest, Wetland, Grass, Crops, Urban/land use/settlements, and other. The thematic areas were constructed from vector data that was used to mask out parts of the Landsat scenes from where separate digital classifications were performed. The masking approach was chosen to increase the variation within the thematic areas and decrease spectral conflict areas i.e. lake versus conifers; crops versus young tree stands etc. The majority of the vector layers used were composed from Top10DK vector data, AIS and maps of protected nature types (so called §3 areas). Eventually the layers were added together (ranking urban areas lowest and §3 highest) to form one mask layer.

### **Manual Post-Processing**

Subsequent to the automated classification, an interactive processing phase was accomplished where areas incorrectly classified were recoded. The manual post-processing was performed using ancillary data including ortho-photo, cadastral information and EU's Land Parcel Information System (LPIS, Generelle landbrugsregister, GLR) information sources.

Filter Operations were applied to improve the quality of the automatically classified forest map. Those filters eliminate incorrectly classified individual pixels or small groups of pixels with a size of 2 or 3 pixels and assign them to surrounding classes. These filter operations have the effect that small gaps in the forest without forest cover were included in the forest area. Similarly, tree covered areas smaller than 0,5 ha in the landscape were eliminated by these filtering operations. Eventually, main classes where small gaps in the forest were filled and forest areas smaller than 0.5 ha were eliminated by carrying out those filtering operations.

In order to measure the achieved accuracy, the satellite image derived forest mask was evaluated against aerial photos and NFI data representing the ground truth using standard GIS procedures. This ongoing evaluation is performed using the 2005 land use/land cover map. In some cases assessments based on the land use/land cover map and the ground truth diverge. Manual correction based on auxiliary information from the NFI and ortho-photos is performed.

### **Change Detection**

By extracting the forest from the 1990 and 2005 land use/land cover maps, changes in forest cover were detected. Hereby, four classes were detected:

1. "Forest established before 1990". Areas with forest cover in both 1990 and 2005.
2. "Forest established after 1990". Areas with no forest cover in 1990 which has forest cover on the 2005 map.
3. "Deforested areas". Areas with forest cover in 1990 but with no forest cover in 2005.
4. "Non-forest areas". Areas with no forest cover in both 1990 and 2005.

Essential for correct change detection is the alignment and consistent rectification of the land use maps for the times compared - in this case 1990 and 2005 as well as a consistent method for land use mapping.

## Estimation of forest characteristics using NFI data

### Forest area

Based on analysis of aerial photos, each sample plot (SSU) is allocated to one of three forest status categories ( $Z$ ), reflecting the likelihood of forest or other wooded land (OWL) in the plot: (0) Unlikely to be covered by forest or other wooded land, (1) Likely to be covered by forest, and (2) Likely to be covered by other wooded land.

On individual sample plots ( $j$ ) the forest cover percentage ( $X$ ) is calculated as the proportion of the forest area ( $A$ ) to the total plot area of the 15 m radius circle ( $A_{15}$ ). The average forest percentage ( $\bar{X}$ ) on plots with forest status  $Z=1$  (and 2) is calculated as the sum of the forest percentages times an indicator variable ( $R$ ) that is 1 if  $Z$  equals 1 (or 2) and 0 otherwise, divided by the number of plots with forest status  $Z=1$  (or 2).

The overall average forest percentage ( $\bar{\bar{X}}$ ) is calculated as the sum of: (1) observed forest cover percentages of the individual sample plots, (2) the number of unobserved sample plots with forest status  $Z=1$  times the average forest cover percentage of sample plots with forest status 1, and (3) the number of unobserved sample plots with forest status 2 times the average forest cover percentage of observed sample plots with forest status  $Z=2$  divided by the number of observed and unobserved sample plots. In this context sample plots with forest status 0 are regarded as observed and assumed to have a forest cover percentage of 0. Finally, the overall forest area ( $A_{Forest}$ ) is calculated as the overall average forest percentage times the total land area ( $A_{Total}$ ):

Equation	Description
$X_j = \frac{A_j}{A_{15,j}}$	The forest percentage ( $X$ ) of the $j$ th sample plot (SSU) is estimated as the forested area ( $A$ ) divided by the total area of the 15 m radius sample plot ( $A_{15,j}$ ).
$\bar{X}_Z = \frac{1}{n_Z} \sum_Z X_j R_j$	Average forest percentage ( $\bar{X}$ ) of all inventoried plots (SSU) with forest status $Z$ based on aerial photos. $R_j$ is an indicator variable that is 1 for inventoried plots and 0 otherwise. $n_Z$ is the number of inventoried plots identified as forest or OWL from the air photos.
$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n X_j R_j + N_{21} \bar{X}_1 + N_{22} \bar{X}_2 \right)$	Overall average forest percentage ( $\bar{\bar{X}}$ ). $n$ is the total number of inventoried and non-inventoried sample plots. $N_{21}$ and $N_{22}$ is the number of non-inventoried sample plots with forest and OWL, respectively.
$A_{Forest} = \bar{\bar{X}} \cdot A_{Total}$	Total forest area. $A_{Total}$ is the total land area, $\bar{\bar{X}}$ is the estimated forest percentage and $A_{Forest}$ is the total forest area.

When estimating the forest area with a specific characteristic ( $k$ ), such as species or age class the proportion of the plot area with the particular characteristic is found by summing the forested plot areas times an indicator variable ( $R$ ) that is 1 if the plot has the  $k$ th characteristic and 0 otherwise. Subsequently the plot area with the  $k$ th characteristic is divided by the total forested plot area.

The total forest area with a particular characteristic ( $A_k$ ) is found as the forest area percentage with the particular characteristic  $k$  times the total forest area. In case of species and age classes, the species is identified as the main species on the plot to resemble the management classes used in the previous National Forest Census from 2000. The age classes are 10 year intervals derived from field observations.

Equation	Description
$\bar{X}_k = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n R_{jk} A_j}{\sum_{j=1}^n A_j}$	Proportion of the forest area with a given characteristic ( $\bar{X}_k$ ). $R_{jk}$ is an indicator variable which is 1 if the the forest area on the $j$ 'th sample plots has the $k$ 'th characteristic and 0 otherwise. $A_j$ is the sample plot area and $n$ is the total number of inventoried sample plots with forest cover.
$A_k = \bar{X}_k \cdot A_{Forest}$	Total area with a given characteristic ( $A_k$ ). $\bar{X}_k$ is the estimated proportion of the forest area with the $k$ 'th characteristic and $A_{Forest}$ is the total forest area.

## Estimation of volume, biomass and carbon pools

For estimation of volume, biomass and carbon of individual trees, we use the volume functions developed for the most common Danish forest tree species (Madsen, 1985, Madsen 1987 and Madsen and Heusèrr 1993). The functions use individual tree diameter and height as well as quadratic mean diameter of the forest stand as independent variables. For calculation of biomass and carbon

The first step is to estimate the height of trees with no height measurements. Based on the trees measured for both height and diameter, diameter-height regressions are developed for each species and growth region (Nord-Larsen et al. 2008). The functions use the observed mean height and mean diameter on each sample plot for creating localized regressions using the regression form suggested by Sloboda et al. (1993). For plots where no height measurements are available, generalized regressions are developed based on the Näslund-equation modified by Johannsen (1992).

Equation	Description
$h_{ij} = 13 + (\bar{h}_j - 13) \cdot \exp\left(\alpha_1 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\bar{d}_j}{d_{ij}}\right) + \alpha_2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\bar{d}_j} - \frac{1}{d_{ij}}\right)\right)$	Site specific dh-regression for calculating height of trees not measured for height. $h_{ij}$ and $d_{ij}$ is the height and diameter of the $i$ 'th tree on the $j$ 'th sample plot. $\bar{h}_j$ and $\bar{d}_j$ are the average height and diameter of trees measured for height on the $j$ th sample plot. $\alpha_1$ and $\alpha_2$ are species and growth-region specific parameters
$h_{ij} = 13 + \beta_1 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\beta_2}{d_{ij}}\right)$	General dh-regression for calculating height of trees not measured for height. $h_{ij}$ and $d_{ij}$ is the height and diameter of the $i$ 'th tree on the $j$ 'th sample plot. $\beta_1$ and $\beta_2$ are species and growth-region specific parameters

The next step is to estimate the quadratic mean diameter of the trees on the sample plot. As the volume function in principle uses the quadratic mean diameter before thinning, a regression of stump diameter against diameter at breast height is estimated for each growth region and species. Using this regression, the diameter of trees felled within the past year is estimated.

As the trees are measured in different concentric circles depending on their diameter, the basal area on each sample plot is estimated by scaling the basal area of each tree (standing or felled) according to the circular area in which the tree has been measured. A similar calculation has been made for the number of stems. Finally, mean squared diameter is calculated from the basal area and stem numbers

Equation	Description
$d_{ij} = \gamma_1 d_{st,ij}^{\gamma_2}$	Regression of diameter at stump height ( $d_{st,ij}$ ) against diameter at breast height ( $d_{ij}$ ) for estimating the diameter of felled trees.
$g_{ij} = \frac{\pi}{4} d_{ij}^2$	Basal area ( $g$ ) of the $i$ th tree on the $j$ th plot is calculated from the diameter at breast height ( $d$ ) (1.3 m above ground) assuming a circular stem form.
$G_j = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{A_{c,ij}} g_{ij}$	Basal area per hectare ( $G$ ) the $j$ th sample plot is calculated as the scaled sum of individual tree basal areas. Basal area ( $g$ ) of the $i$ th tree on the $j$ th sample plot is scaled according to the plot area ( $A_{c,ij}$ ) of the $c$ 'th concentric circle ( $c=3,5; 10; 15$ m).
$N_j = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{A_{c,ij}}$	Stem number per hectare ( $N$ ) the $j$ th sample plot is calculated as the scaled number of individual trees. The $i$ th tree on the $j$ th sample plot is scaled according to the plot area ( $A_{c,ij}$ ) of the $c$ 'th concentric circle ( $c=3,5; 10; 15$ m).
$D_{g,j} = \sqrt{\frac{4 G_j}{\pi N_j}}$	The mean squared diameter is calculated from the calculated basal area and stem number for each plot.

Based on the diameter, estimated or measured height of individual trees and the squared mean diameter before thinning, the volume of individual trees is estimated using the species specific volume functions by Madsen (1987) and Madsen and Heusèrr (1993). The volume of trees less than 3 meters tall is estimated using an alternative function. The calculated volumes are total stem volume over bark for conifers and total above ground volume over bark for deciduous species.

Using the above ground volume of the individual tree, the total volume (below and above ground) is estimated using expansion factors (1.8 for conifers and 1.2 for deciduous species). Biomass of the individual tree is subsequently calculated as the total volume times the density. Species specific densities (Moltesen et al, 1988) are found in appendix 1. Carbon in the individual tree is calculated as the biomass times 0.5. Currently a project (funded by the Ministry of Climate and Energy) is ongoing with the goal to improve the expansion factors - providing expansion functions for the main tree species Norway spruce, beech and oak. These new functions will be implemented in the formal reporting of the Danish data, as the project will be finalised in 2009. Some preliminary indicates are that the expansion function for conifers will be slightly lower - reducing the impact of fluctuations in conifer carbon stocks.

Equation	Description
$v_{ij} = F(d_{ij}, h_{ij}, D_{g,j})$	The volume ( $v$ ) of the $i$ th tree on the $j$ th sample plots is calculated using the existing volume functions ( $F$ ) using the tree diameter and height and the quadratic mean diameter.
$v_{tot,ij} = v_{ij} \cdot E_{ij}$	The total above and below ground volume ( $v_{tot}$ ) of the $i$ th tree on the $j$ th sample plot. $V_{ij}$ is the calculated volume of the tree and $E$ is the expansion factor (1.2 for deciduous species and 1.8 for conifers).
$B_{ij} = V_{tot,ij} \cdot Density_{ij}$	Biomass ( $B$ ) of the $i$ th tree on the $j$ th sample plot is estimated as the total volume ( $V_{Tot}$ ) times the species specific density.
$C_{ij} = B_{ij} \cdot 0.5$	Carbon of the $i$ th tree on the $j$ th sample plot is calculated as the biomass ( $B$ ) times 0.5.

Total or regional volume, biomass and pools of carbon are estimated based on the estimates of individual tree volumes, biomass and carbon. First, volume, biomass or carbon per hectare is estimated for each of the concentric circles ( $c=3.5, 10$  or  $15$  m radius) on each plot as the plot area depends on the diameter of the tree. Using the estimates from individual plots, the area weighted mean volume, biomass or carbon per hectare for the three concentric circles is estimated. The overall mean volume, biomass or carbon is estimated as the sum of the average volumes for the three circles. Finally, the total or regional volume, biomass or carbon is estimated as the forest area times the overall mean volume.

Equation	Description
$V_{cj} = \frac{1}{A_{cj}} \sum_{i=1}^m R_{c,i} v_{ij}$	Volume, biomass or carbon per hectare ( $V$ ) of the $c$ th concentric circle on the $j$ th sample plot ( $c=3,5; 10; 15$ m). $R_c$ is an indicator variable that is 1 if the $i$ th tree is measured on the $c$ th circle and 0 otherwise. $A_{c,ij}$ is the area of the $j$ th sample plot and $c$ th concentric circle; $m$ is the number of trees on the $j$ th sample plot.
$\bar{V}_c = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n A_{cj} V_{cj}}{\sum_{j=1}^n A_{cj}}$	The average area weighted volume, biomass or carbon per hectare ( $\bar{V}$ ) of the $c$ th concentric circle. $A_{c,ij}$ is the area of the $j$ th sample plot and $c$ th concentric circle; $n$ is the number of sample plots.
$\bar{\bar{V}} = \bar{V}_{3,5} + \bar{V}_{10} + \bar{V}_{15}$	The overall average volume, biomass or carbon per hectare ( $\bar{\bar{V}}$ ) is estimated as the sum of the average volume, biomass or carbon per hectare ( $\bar{V}_c$ ) for the three concentric circles ( $c=3.5, 10$ and $15$ )
$V = \bar{\bar{V}} \cdot A_{Skov}$	Total volume, biomass or carbon $V$ is the overall average volume, biomass or carbon per hectare ( $\bar{\bar{V}}$ ) times the forest area $A_{Forest}$ .

The total volume, biomass or carbon pools with a given characteristic are estimated in a similar way as the total figures. First, volume, biomass or carbon per hectare with the given characteristic is estimated for each of the concentric circles (c=3.5, 10 or 15 m radius) on each plot. Using the estimates from individual plots, the area weighted mean volume, biomass or carbon per hectare with the given characteristic for the three concentric circles is estimated. The overall mean volume, biomass or carbon is estimated as the sum of the average volumes for the three circles. Finally, the total or regional volume, biomass or carbon with the given characteristic is estimated as the forest area times the overall mean volume.

Equation	Description
$V_{c,j,k} = \frac{1}{A_{c,j}} \sum_{i=1}^m R_{c,ij} R_{k,ij} v_{ij}$	Volume, biomass or carbon per hectare ( $V$ ) with the $k$ th characteristic of the $c$ th concentric circle on the $j$ th sample plot (c=3,5; 10; 15 m). $R_c$ is an indicator variable that is 1 if the $i$ th tree is measured on the $c$ th circle and 0 otherwise. $R_k$ is an indicator variable that is 1 if the tree has $k$ th characteristic and 0 otherwise. $A_{c,j}$ is the area of the $j$ th sample plot and $c$ th concentric circle; $m$ is the number of trees on the $j$ th sample plot.
$\bar{V}_{c,k} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n A_{c,j} V_{c,j,k}}{\sum_{j=1}^n A_{c,j}}$	The average area weighted volume, biomass or carbon per hectare ( $\bar{V}$ ) with the $k$ th characteristic of the $c$ th concentric circle. $A_{c,j}$ is the area of the $j$ th sample plot and $c$ th concentric circle; $m$ is the number of trees on the $j$ th sample plot.
$\bar{\bar{V}}_k = \bar{V}_{3,5,k} + \bar{V}_{10,k} + \bar{V}_{15,k}$	The overall average volume, biomass or carbon per hectare with the $k$ th characteristic ( $\bar{\bar{V}}$ ) is estimated as the sum of the average volume, biomass or carbon per hectare ( $\bar{V}_{c,k}$ ) for the three concentric circles (c=3.5, 10 and 15)
$V_k = \bar{\bar{V}}_k \cdot A_{Forest}$	Total volume, biomass or carbon with the $k^{th}$ characteristic ( $V_k$ ) is the overall average volume, biomass or carbon per hectare ( $\bar{\bar{V}}_k$ ) times the forest area $A_{Forest}$ .

### Dead wood volume, biomass and carbon

The volume of standing dead trees is calculated similarly to the calculations for live trees. The volume of lying dead trees within the sample plot is calculated as the length of the dead wood times the cross sectional area at the middle of the dead wood. Biomass of the deadwood is calculated as the volume times the species specific density and a reduction factor according to the structural decay of the wood (see Appendix 2). Finally, carbon of each standing or lying dead tree is calculated by multiplying the dead wood biomass with 0.5.



Equation	Description
$v_{s,ij} = F(d_{s,ij}, h_{s,ij}, D_{g,j})$	The volume ( $v_s$ ) of the $i$ th standing, dead tree on the $j$ th sample plots is calculated using the existing volume functions ( $F$ ) using the tree diameter and height and the squared mean diameter.
$v_{s,tot,ij} = v_{s,ij} \cdot E_{ij}$	The total above and below ground volume ( $v_{s,tot}$ ) of the $i$ th standing, dead tree on the $j$ th sample plot. $v_s$ is the calculated volume of the tree and $E$ is the expansion factor (1.2 for deciduous species and 1.8 for conifers).
$v_{l,ij} = \frac{\pi}{4} d_{l,ij}^2 \cdot l_{l,ij}$	Volume of lying dead trees ( $v_l$ ) is calculated as the length ( $l$ ) and the $i$ th tree on the $j$ th sample plot times the cross sectional area. The cross sectional area is calculated from the mid-diameter ( $d$ ) of the dead wood.
$B_{s,ij} = v_{s,ij} \cdot D_{ij} \cdot r_{k,ij}$	Biomass of the $i$ th standing ( $B_s$ ) or lying ( $B_l$ ) tree on the $j$ th sample plot is calculated as the volume ( $v_s$ or $v_l$ ) times the species specific density ( $D$ ) and a the $k$ th reduction factor according to the structural decay of the wood observed in the field.
$B_{l,ij} = v_{l,ij} \cdot D_{ij} \cdot r_{k,ij}$	
$K_{s,ij} = B_{s,ij} \cdot 0.5$	Carbon in standing or lying dead wood ( $C_s$ or $C_l$ ) is calculated as the biomass ( $B_s$ or $B_l$ ) times 0.5.
$K_{l,ij} = B_{l,ij} \cdot 0.5$	

Total or regional volume, biomass and carbon pools of deadwood are estimated based on the estimates of volumes, biomass and carbon for individual dead trees or pieces of dead wood. First, deadwood volume, biomass or carbon per hectare is estimated for each of the concentric circles ( $c=3.5, 10$  or  $15$  m radius). Estimates for lying dead wood are made using the  $15$  m circle. Using the estimates from individual plots, the area weighted mean volume, biomass or carbon per hectare of deadwood for the three concentric circles is estimated. The overall mean deadwood volume, biomass or carbon is estimated as the sum of the average volumes for the three circles. Finally, the total or regional deadwood volume, biomass or carbon is estimated as the forest area times the overall mean volume.

Equation	Description
$V_{D,cj} = \frac{1}{A_{cj}} \sum_{i=1}^m R_c v_{s,ij} + R_c v_{l,ij}$	Deadwood volume, biomass or carbon pools per hectare ( $V_D$ ) for the $c$ th circle and the $j$ th sample plot. $v_s$ and $v_l$ is the volume of standing and lying deadwood respectively. $R_c$ is an indicator variable that is 1 if the tree is measured in the $c$ th circle and 0 otherwise. $A_c$ is the sample plot area of the $c$ th circle. $m$ is the number of trees within the $j$ th sample plot.
$\bar{V}_{D,c} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n A_{cj} V_{cj}}{\sum_{j=1}^n A_{cj}}$	The average area weighted deadwood volume, biomass or carbon per hectare ( $\bar{V}_D$ ) of the $c$ th concentric circle. $A_{c,ij}$ is the area of the $j$ th sample plot and $c$ th concentric circle; $n$ is the number of sample plots.
$\bar{\bar{V}}_D = \bar{V}_{D,3,5} + \bar{V}_{D,10} + \bar{V}_{D,15}$	The overall average deadwood volume, biomass or carbon per hectare ( $\bar{\bar{V}}_D$ ) is estimated as the sum of the average volume, biomass or carbon per hectare ( $\bar{V}_{D,c}$ ) for the three concentric circles ( $c=3,5, 10$ and $15$ )
$V_D = \bar{\bar{V}}_D \cdot A_{Forest}$	Total deadwood volume, biomass or carbon $V_D$ is the overall average deadwood volume, biomass or carbon per hectare ( $\bar{\bar{V}}_D$ ) times the forest area $A_{Forest}$ .

## Forest floors

Simple measurements of forest floor thickness in each NFI plot will enable estimation of carbon stock changes in the forest floor (or litter pool according to IPCC GPG) by the stock change method when the second rotation of the NFI has been completed in 2011. Existing national data on forest floor depth/mass relationships can be used to support these estimations.

Changes in soil carbon pools following afforestation were for the first time included in the NIR submitted in 2008 and forest floor C sequestration in afforestation has now been reported until the year 2007. The included soil C pool changes only concern C sequestration due to development of forest floors, i.e. the organic layer on top of the mineral soil. We have included C sequestration in this layer because there are results from national scientific projects in afforestation chronosequences (Vesterdal et al., 2002, 2007) as well as a number of studies on forest floor C in stands established by afforestation of cropland (Vesterdal and Raulund-Rasmussen, 1998; Vesterdal et al., 2008). Forest floor C sequestration rates were estimated from age-C stock regressions in afforestation chronosequences or by dividing the forest floor C stock in afforested

stands by age in years. The included stands were up to 40 years and the C sequestration rates therefore apply to the current age range of stands afforested since 1990. The rate for broadleaved stands was 0.09 tC/ha/yr and 0.31 tC/ha/yr for coniferous stands. Average forest floor and mineral soil C pools for broadleaved and coniferous Danish forests based on a database at Forest & Landscape Denmark are given in Table 2.

### Mineral soil

Based on chronosequence studies of afforested stands (<http://www.sl.kvl.dk/afforest/>), no consistent changes have been detected in mineral soil organic matter during the first 30 years following afforestation (Vesterdal et al., 2002; Vesterdal et al., 2007). There is currently too few data available to explore this further.

Better information on C stock changes of Danish forest soils is foreseen for the commitment period. A national project (SINKS) is currently carried out to resample forest soils in a 7x7 km grid (106 forest plots and 26 afforested cropland plots). The main emphasis is to document that Danish forest soils are not a source for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, as Denmark apply the non-source principle for litter and mineral soil pools under the Kyoto Protocol.

Average forest floor and mineral soil C pools for broadleaved and coniferous Danish forests based on a database at Forest & Landscape Denmark are given in Table 2. The data for the analysis are collected from available data sets from Vesterdal & Raulund-Rasmussen (1998), Vesterdal et al. (1995), Vesterdal et al. (2002a), Vesterdal et al. (2007), Vesterdal et al. (2008), Vesterdal et al. (2002b), Gundersen et al. (1998), Breuning-Madsen & Olsson (1995), Vejre et al. (2003, Nordsoil).

Table 2. Forest floor (FFC) and mineral soil (30 and 100 cm) carbon in coniferous and deciduous Danish forests.

Numbers are based on analyses of mature forests. Average carbon pools of the forest floor estimated from NFI data is provided as a reference.

	FFC	Min30	Min100
	ton C/ha		
Deciduous	5.34	64.44	98.07
Conifers	18.17	66.79	121.02
All	12.46	65.86	110.86
NFI	12.52		

### Carbon pools 1990

The 1990 carbon pools in live biomass for each species and age class are calculated by first merging county-, region-, and country-wise average carbon pools per hectare for individual species

and age classes estimated from the 2004-2008 NFI data. Average carbon pools of species and age classes for which no average carbon pool per hectare have been estimated are found by linear interpolation between individual age classes of the particular species. Estimates of average carbon pools are prioritized according to decreasing spatial resolution (i.e. estimates based on the county-wise estimates are preferred over the regional estimates, which again are preferred over the country-wise estimates). When average carbon pools cannot be estimated by interpolation, extrapolations for the individual species are carried out using the country-wise estimates of average carbon pools.

The resulting dataset with average carbon pools per hectare is merged with the county-wise distribution of the forest area to species and age classes observed in the 1990 forest census. The carbon pools in individual species and age classes are then calculated as:

$$C_{k,r} = \bar{C}_{k,r} \cdot A_{k,r},$$

where  $\bar{C}_{k,r}$  is the average carbon pool per hectare,  $A_{k,r}$  is the forest area recorded in the 1990 forest inventory, and  $C_{k,r}$  is the total carbon pool of the  $k$ th combination of species and age class in the  $r$ th county.

Finally, total carbon pools are estimated as the sum of the county-wise estimates of carbon pools scaled by the forest area obtained from an interpretation of satellite images relative to the forest area observed in the 1990 National Forest Census. It is assumed that the forests not included in the 1990 National Forest Census were dominated by small, less intensively managed forests, Christmas tree plantations on farmland and natural expansion of forest. It is likely that the biomass per hectare of such forests is considerably less than in the forests included in the census. Therefore, carbon per hectare in the forest area exceeding the forest census area is reduced by 50%:

$$C = \sum_{r=1}^R \left( \sum_{k=1}^K C_{k,r} + 0.5 \cdot C_{k,r} \left( \frac{A_{sat,r}}{A_{census,r}} - 1 \right) \right),$$

where  $A_{sat,r}$  is the forest area estimated from satellite images and  $A_{census,r}$  is the forest area estimated in the 1990 National Forest Census for the  $r$ th county.  $R$  and  $K$  are the total number of counties and combinations of species and age class respectively. Other variables are as defined above.

Pools of deadwood per hectare for individual species and age classes are calculated using a similar procedure to the calculation of average carbon pools in live biomass. In the calculations, only average carbon pools for individual species and age classes at the regional and country level are used.

Similarly to the calculations for carbon in live biomass deadwood carbon is estimated as the average pools per hectare times the area found in the 1990 forest census:

$$C_{D,k,r} = \bar{C}_{D,k,r} \cdot A_{k,r},$$

where  $\bar{C}_{D,k,r}$  is the average deadwood carbon pool per hectare for the  $k$ th combination of species and age class in the  $r$ th county,  $A_{k,r}$  is the forest area recorded in the 1990 forest inventory, and  $C_{D,k,r}$  is the total deadwood carbon pool of the  $k$ th combination of species and age class in the  $r$ th county.

Finally, the total deadwood carbon pools are estimated by scaling the estimated pools with the forest area estimated from satellite images:

$$C_D = \sum_{r=1}^R \left( \sum_{k=1}^K C_{D,k,r} + 0.5 \cdot C_{D,k,r} \left( \frac{A_{sat,r}}{A_{census,r}} - 1 \right) \right)$$

## Carbon pools 2000

Carbon pools in 2000 are estimated in much the same way as carbon pools in 1990. First, average carbon pools per hectare for individual species and age classes and at different regional levels are estimated from the 2004-2008 NFI data. These estimates are then merged with the county-wise distribution to individual species and age classes of the 1) forest area established before 1990 and 2) the forest area afforested after 1990 observed in the 2000 National Forest Census.

County-wise carbon pools for individual species and age classes are subsequently estimated for forests established before 1990 and afforestations made after 1990:

$$C_{90,k,r} = A_{90,k,r} \cdot \bar{C}_{k,r}$$

$$C_{00,k,r} = A_{00,k,r} \cdot \bar{C}_{k,r}$$

where  $A_{90}$  and  $A_{00}$  are the area of forests established before 1990 and afforestations after 1990 recorded in the 2000 National Forest Census, respectively. Other variables are as previously defined.

Total carbon pools in forests established before 1990 and afforestations after 1990 are estimated as the sum of the county-wise estimates of carbon pools scaled by the forest (and afforestation) area in 2000 obtained from an interpretation of satellite images relative to the forest (and afforestation) area observed in the 2000 forest census:

$$C_{90} = \sum_{r=1}^R \left( \sum_{k=1}^K C_{90k,r} + 0.5 \cdot C_{90k,r} \left( \frac{A_{sat90,r}}{A_{census90,r}} - 1 \right) \right)$$

$$C_{00} = \sum_{r=1}^R \left( \sum_{k=1}^K C_{00k,r} + 0.5 \cdot C_{00k,r} \left( \frac{A_{sat00,r}}{A_{census00,r}} - 1 \right) \right),$$

Calculations of deadwood carbon pools in forests established before 1990 and afforestations after 1990 are similar to the calculations for live carbon pools.

## Carbon pools 2004-2008

Carbon pools in 2004 to 2008 are estimated using NFI data from 2002-2009. Assuming that the development of carbon pools is close to linear, estimates for each year are based on 3 (2008) or 5 (2004-2007) years of NFI data having the estimation year as midpoint. As an example estimates for 2005 are based on NFI data from 2003-2007. First, the georeferenced NFI plots are assigned to one of three categories 0) not forest, 1) forest established before 1990 and 2) forest established after 1990 using a GIS analysis and the 1990/2005 land use/land cover maps. In a subsequent step, plots with observed trees planted before 1990 (based on observed tree age) are assigned to category 1 and plots with regeneration established after 1990 on land not previously forest (observed in the field) are assigned category 2. The forest area and carbon pool distribution to the three categories is estimated, using the analyses described above.

Due to the difference in resolution, some NFI sample plots identified as having no forest from the satellite images are in fact identified as having forest cover in the field inventory. This problem cannot always be mitigated by a subsequent analysis of the observations by field crews. Hence, estimates of carbon pools in forests established before 1990 and afforestations after 1990 need to be corrected. It is assumed that the distribution of carbon pools to forest established before 1990 and afforestations after 1990 in forested plots identified as having no forest from the satellite image

is similar to the distribution observed in the NFI data. Hence, the carbon pools in forests established before 1990 ( $k=1$ ) and afforestations after 1990 ( $k=2$ ) is estimated as the total carbon pool ( $C_{total}$ ) times the fraction of carbon in the  $k$ th class relative to the sum of carbon pools in classes 1 and 2.

$$C_{k,corr} = \frac{C_k}{\sum_{k=1}^2 C_k} C_{total}$$

## Carbon pools 2009-2020

Carbon pools 2009 - 2020 are based on a projection. The projection takes offset in the NFI based calculation of carbon pools from the full rotation of measurements from 2005-2009 - with midpoint in 2007. For the forests established before 1990, the total forest area is assumed constant, with no significant deforestation. Also, the area of temporarily non-wooded areas, fire breaks, and other small open areas, is assumed constant in the period 2009-2020.

The species and age-class distribution in 2009-2020 is projected assuming that the forest area in each species and age class, that has not been harvested, should progress into the subsequent age class after each year. Furthermore, the area harvested each year is re-assigned to the first age class of the same species class. The probability that the forest area is transferred to the subsequent age class after a year is termed the transition probability whereas the net flow to or from the species classes is termed the conversion probability.

Transition probabilities are derived from an analysis of the two successive forest censuses (Nord-Larsen & Heding, 2002). For each species class the aggregated probability that the forest area has been harvested at any given point in time was modelled from the transition possibilities and the area weighted production class in each county, using a logistic function:

$$p(afdrift) = \frac{1}{1 + (\beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot (1 / PK)) \cdot e^{-\beta_2 \cdot T}},$$

where  $PK$  is production class expressed as total volume production per hectare for a full rotation,  $T$  is age and  $\beta_0$  to  $\beta_2$  are species specific parameters. Parameters of the transition probability model for individual species and species classes are provided in Appendix 3. The accumulated transition probabilities are illustrated in Figure 1.

By basing the estimation of the transition probability models on the two successive forest censuses the effects of windthrow (especially occurring in conifers e.g. Norway spruce) is included directly in the model. This also results in short rotation ages for most conifers (see lower graphs in figure 1).

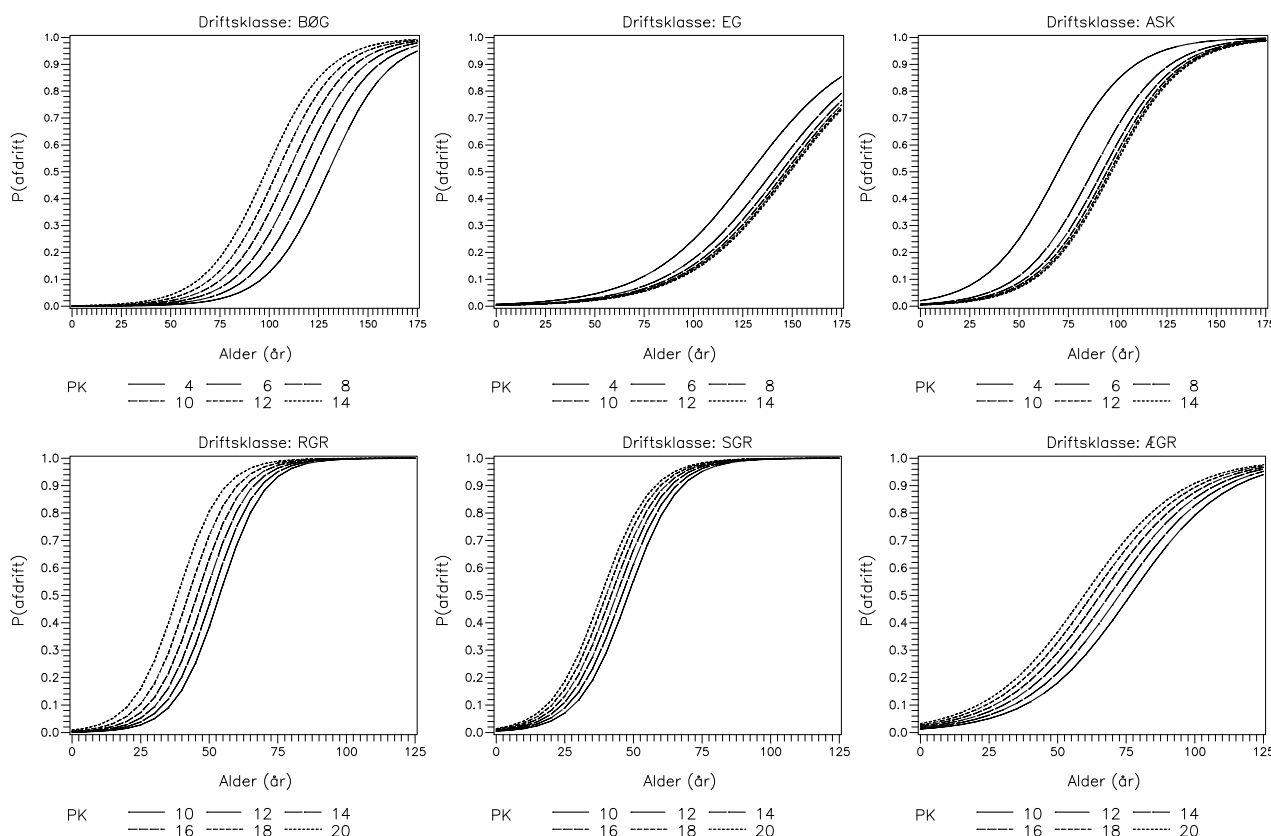


Figure 1. Accumulated clear cut probability for different species and production classes (Nord-Larsen & Heding 2002).

Based on annual projection of the forest area for all species and age classes a management class distribution is estimated for each year. Assuming the NFI values for carbon pools in each management class can be applied for the period of 2009-2020 - annual estimates of carbon is calculated. For soil carbon a constant value is applied.

A similar approach is utilised for the forests established after 1990. For the afforestation in the period 2009-2020 the average annual afforested area of 1900 ha is added for each year, assuming a species distribution similar to the analysis of the NFI data for total forest area in 2005-2009. The rate of afforestation may decline in coming years because of a change in the policies and instruments regarding afforestation in Denmark (see Danish Government 2009).

The forest area and carbon pool distribution to the three categories is estimated, using the analyses described for the previous periods.



## Results

### Forest area

The figures below for forest area represent the reporting for 2008 to the UNFCCC and the Kyoto protocol. The land use matrix is based partly on the preliminary maps of the ESA FM project and subsequent GIS analyses. The final versions maps are currently being processed in the SINKS project SatMon and will be finalised later in 2010. Preliminary versions of the map for 1990 is utilised for distinguishing forest established after 1990.

The mapped Danish forest area ha in 1990 (January 1st) is 539,788 ha. Compared to the 1990 forest census, the mapped forest area is almost 100,000 ha or 23 pct. larger. The difference is probably caused by the large number of forest owners not included in the forest census. In 2006 (January 1st) the mapped forest area is 567,797 ha. Compared to the NFI, the mapped forest area is 3,000 ha less than the NFI based estimate. The difference is less than the statistical uncertainty.

Afforestation has been estimated to approx. 35,000 ha in the period from 1990 to 2005. This number is close to the reported afforestation in the same period reaching 30,962 ha for the same period and 35,834 ha for the period 1990-2007 (Vesterdal et al., 2009). Deforestation in the 15 years of 1990 to 2005 is assessed to be about 6,700 ha. The documented deforestation at Mols Bjerger and Thy gives an area of around 1100 ha. In addition to this, are the areas of restoration projects in Northern Jutland and Anholt. Large deforestations are known to have occurred around 1996 and 2002-2003 respectively. Hence, it was possible to allocate the deforestation for these areas to those years.

The area of forest established before 1990 is estimated as the forest area in 1990 corrected for deforestation but not for windthrow areas. Denmark has experienced several larger windthrows (including windthrows in connection with the storms in 1967, 1981, 1999, and 2005).

Table 3. Estimated total forest area, forest area established before 1990, deforestation and afforestation in 1990-2005. Estimated areas are based on the interpretation of maps produced from satellite images.

Year	Total area included in the reporting	Forest area established before 1990	Afforestation	Deforestation
1990	540,498	539,788	711	884
1991	540,581	538,903	1,677	394
1992	542,382	538,509	3,873	728
1993	542,899	537,781	5,119	2
1994	545,310	537,779	7,531	547
1995	547,027	537,232	9,795	2
1996	548,462	537,231	11,232	203
1997	550,460	537,028	13,432	2
1998	551,826	537,026	14,800	2
1999	555,935	537,024	18,910	1,248
2000	557,367	535,777	21,590	734
2001	559,001	535,043	23,959	685
2002	559,624	534,358	25,266	54
2003	561,057	534,304	26,754	459
2004	561,986	533,845	28,141	329
2005	564,910	533,517	31,393	82
2006	567,797	533,403	34,394	114
2007	568,067	533,289	34,778	114
2008	571,374	533,175	38,199	114

## Carbon pools

In this section a few comments are given to the resulting estimations of carbon pools. The full set of data are given in Appendix 4 (period 1990 - 2008) and 5 (2009 - 2020), respectively.

### Forest established before 1990

For the area of forests established before 1990 there is an increase in carbon stock for the period 1990 to 1999. In the period 2000 - 2003 decreasing stock is estimated, mainly due to deforestation. In the period 2004 - 2008 the NFI provides sufficient data for the calculation of total carbon stock and shows an increase in carbon stocks. However - for 2008 only three years field inventory is included in the calculations.

### Afforestation

In the afforestation a steady increase in carbon stock is found. For the period 1990 - 2000 the estimates are based on the reported species composition in the 2000 Forest Census. In 2004 - 2008 estimates of carbon pools are based on the NFI field inventory in afforestation areas. The updated NFI field inventory from 2009 and the preliminary versions of the SatMon map for 1990 results in a significantly larger carbon pool in 2008 and hence causing a large sequestration of

carbon in 2008. It is expected that estimates based on the final map of 1990 will even out the observed fluctuations. The map will be finalised later in 2010.

## Deforestation

Deforestation amount to 6.353 ha during the period 1990 - 2005. The carbon pools of the areas deforested are estimated based on the area of the deforestation and the average carbon pools for the year in question.

## Prognosis for 2009 - 2020

The prognosis provides estimates of carbon pools for both forest area established before 1990 and for afforestation. The total carbon stock of the forest established before 1990 is estimated to decline slowly in the period 2009 - 2020. There is not included any deforestation, so the forest area is constant, as is the carbon pool in the soil.

For the afforestation the carbon pools are steadily increasing also in the period 2009 - 2020. Both the increasing maturity of the stands and the increasing area contributes to this.

Table 4. Estimated forest area, live biomass carbon, carbon in dead wood and soil carbon (in forest floor and in mineral soil). Estimates of forest area are in hectares and estimates of carbon are in 1000 tonnes. Full data are given in appendix 4 and 5.

			1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
Forests established before 1990	Area		539,788	537,232	535,777	533,517	533,175	533,175	533,175
	Live biomass	Above ground	29,838	30,950	32,116	32,614	33,448	33,181	32,973
		Below ground	4,811	4,989	5,175	5,314	5,460	5,431	5,413
	Dead wood		455	487	520	588	571	574	577
	Forest floor		7,292	7,190	7,103	6,639	6,508	6,508	6,508
	Mineral soil		59,131	58,851	58,692	58,444	58,407	58,407	58,407
	Total		101,527	102,467	103,606	103,599	104,393	104,101	103,876
Forests established after 1990	Area		711	9,795	21,590	31,393	41,999	51,499	60,999
	Live biomass	Above ground	0	49	97	218	697	1,058	1,462
		Below ground	0	8	16	35	111	168	234
	Dead wood		0	1	2	9	9	14	21
	Forest floor		0	9	18	49	94	156	229
	Mineral soil		78	1,225	2,365	3,439	4,601	5,642	6,682
	Total		78	1,292	2,499	3,749	5,513	7,038	8,629
Deforestation	Area		884	2	734	82	0	0	0
	Live biomass	Above ground	49	0	-44	-5	0	0	0
		Below ground	8	0	-7	-1	0	0	0
	Dead wood		1	0	-1	0	0	0	0
	Forest floor		12	0	-10	-1	0	0	0
	Mineral soil		97	0	-80	-9	0	0	0
	Total		166	0	-142	-16	0	0	0

## **Comparison with previous data submissions to UNFCCC and JRC scenarios**

The revision of the forest data back to 1990 influences the accounting significantly (Figure 2). The change to the stock change approach focuses on the forest area and the carbon pools for each year and the changes from year to year. Previous submissions of data have been based on models for forest growth combined with recorded harvesting. The stock change approach on the other hand relies on observed values of forest biomass and the transformation of the biomass to carbon and CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents.

In comparison with the previous data submissions to UNFCCC (before 2009) the new data reduces the removals in the period 1990 - 2000. A similar tendency is observed in 2004 - 2008 where estimates are based on NFI data. The difference between previous reporting and the present estimates is primarily due to the revised forest area estimates which have led to an increase in the forest area of about 23% in 1990 and thus a larger initial carbon stock than previously expected. Also, the present analysis is based on the stock change approach to carbon reporting.

The shift in methodology implies that growth models are no longer used in combination with harvesting statistics to estimate removals. As the official harvest statistics only include what is being reported by forest owners, these may significantly underestimate the actual harvest which has probably led to overestimation of actual carbon sequestration, previously. Also, the use of growth models in estimating forest growth may be biased when models are applied across a wide range of growth conditions and management practises leading to overestimation of carbon sequestration.

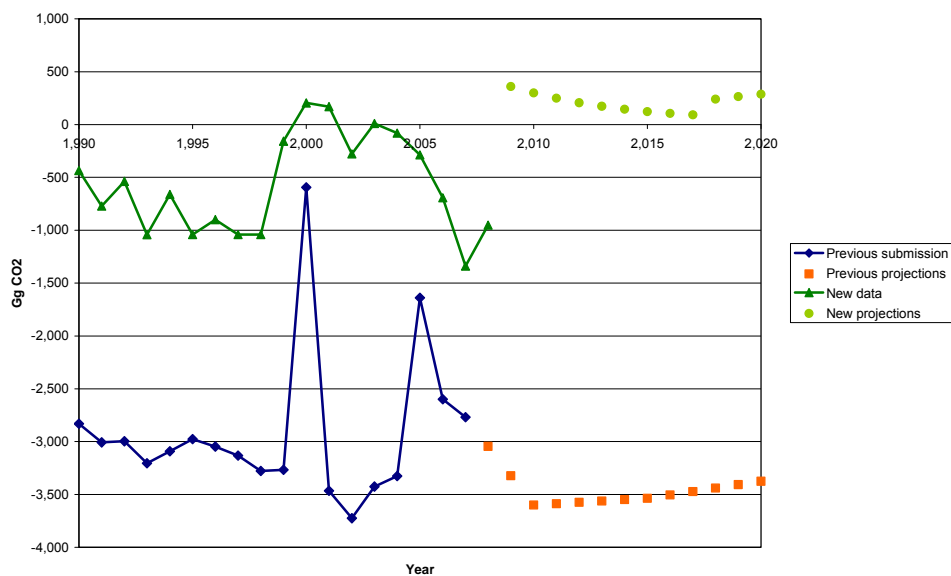


Figure 2. Comparison of previously submitted figures of CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration and present findings for area of forests established before 1990.

The change in reporting method and the new data from the NFI also influences the projection for the period until 2020. Based on the analysis described previously, the Danish forest will in the period until 2020 be a source of CO<sub>2</sub>. This is primarily due to the age distribution especially for the common species beech and oak (Figure 3). The large areas with mature trees (more than 25% of the area and 36 % of the biomass in beech is more than 100 years old, Nord-Larsen et al., 2008) indicate pronounced fellings in the coming years, which will lead to increased emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> from the forest.

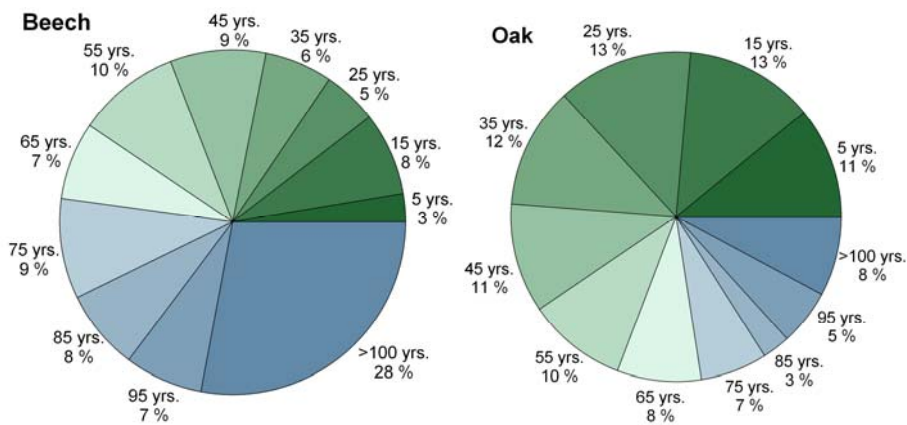


Figure 3. Age-class distribution for the two most common broadleaved forest tree species in Denmark, beech and oak (from Nord-Larsen et al., 2008). Ages indicate the midpoints of ten-year classes.

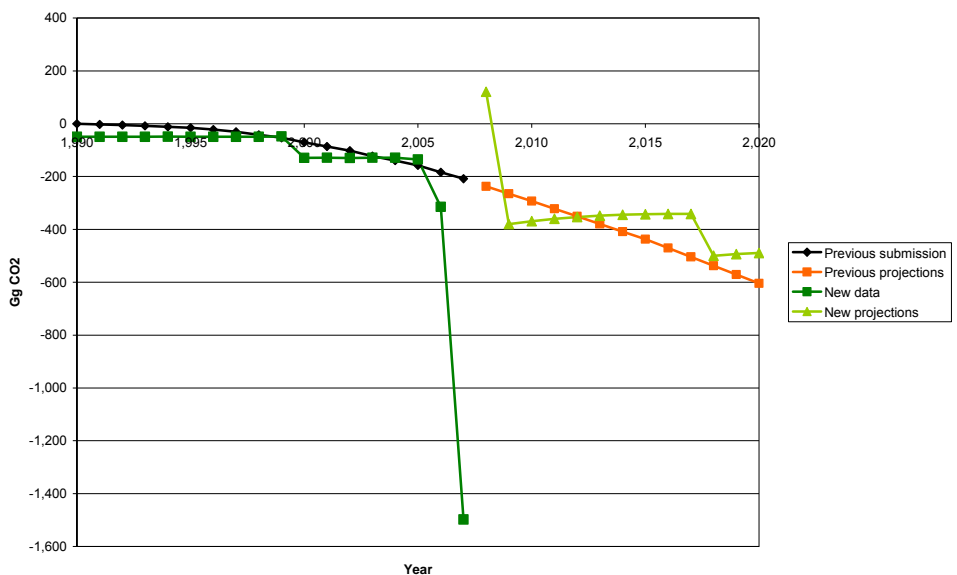


Figure 4. Comparison of previously submitted figures of CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration and present findings for afforestation (carbon pool in mineral soils is assumed constant in these areas).

Carbon emissions from afforestation are very similar to previous submissions. However, a large increase in carbon sequestration is estimated in 2008. This is primarily caused by the small sample size in this year (only three years of NFI data was used, 2007-2009) and the update of the forest/nonforest map in 1990.

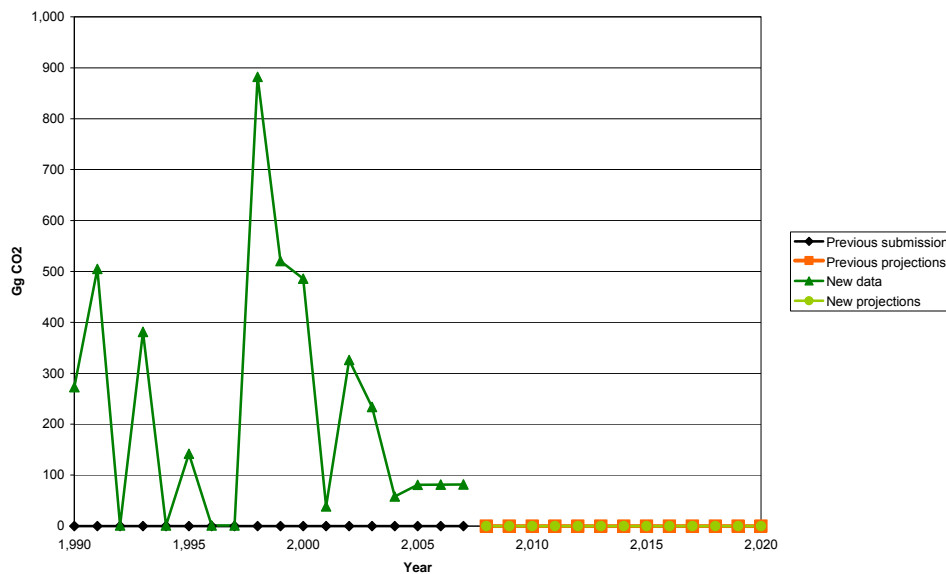


Figure 5. Comparison of previously submitted figures of for emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> from deforestation.

Analysis of satellite based forest maps has estimated a total deforestation in the period 1990 - 2006 of 6,353 ha. These have mainly been the result of restoration projects. There is only expectation of very minor deforestation in the period until 2020.

## Discussion

In the calculation of carbon pools for the years 1990 and 2000 it was assumed that carbon pools for individual species and age classes from 1990 to 2005 are largely unchanged. This assumption may be dubious as changing market conditions and technological advances are likely to change forest management practises. It is likely that increased use of natural regeneration and generally less frequent thinning operations in young deciduous stands combined with a reduction in the price of deciduous wood at the end of the 1990's have led to increased average carbon pools in deciduous species from 1990 to 2005. Also, the increasing demand for forest fuels may have led to decreasing average carbon pools predominantly in young coniferous forest stands. This indicates that estimates of CO<sub>2</sub> removals may be lower than actual removals.

Another assumption in the estimation of carbon pools in 1990 and 2000 is that the species and age class distribution observed in the National Forest Census is similar to the true species and age class distribution. However, the forests which were not included in the 1990 and 2000 forest census are likely to have specific characteristics that may influence the distribution to species and

age classes, as recorded by the National Forest Census, and thus their carbon pools. This has been incorporated in the analysis through reduction of the carbon pools on the additional area found by the satellite image analysis.

In the calculation of the carbon pools for the period 2009-2020 it is assumed that carbon pools for individual species and age classes are largely unchanged. This may be questioned. Increasing demand for wood (for construction and for energy) may lead to increased harvesting of wood from the forest. This may affect carbon pools of individual species and age classes. Simulations of a gradual reduction of standing volume in the forests lead to a 1-2% reduction in the total carbon pool over the entire period.

Change in market demands for wood or changes in forest policy may affect the transition probabilities. This will in turn lead to changes in the management class distribution and hence future biomass stock and carbon pools. This may be in either direction - towards increase emissions or removals.

The projection of the carbon pools indicate a slight decrease in carbon pools in forest established before 1990. This is due to the large proportion of old stands in the current Danish forests which will be harvested and regenerated in the projection period. At the same time the carbon pools of the forests established after 1990 is gradually increasing - as expected.

The current project SINKS includes subprojects that will improve the estimation of carbon pools in forest. The SatMon project improves the land use and land use change information for all land use classes (ends in 2013). The Forest Soil Carbon project will provide more detailed knowledge on the carbon pools of forest soils (ends in 2010). Finally, the project on biomass expansion functions for Danish forest tree species (Norway spruce, beech and oak) will provide important national information for more reliable estimation of the carbon stock of the forest biomass and will be included in the reporting for 2009 submitted in 2011. Currently expansion factors based on data from other countries are utilised, and some of the factors used may be higher than actual values for Danish forest trees. This may have impact on the calculations of carbon pools. As the projects are finalised the results will be incorporated in the reporting on forest data.



## In relation to the UNFCCC negotiations

It is important to note that:

- Forest management may in the period 2009 - 2020 be a source of CO<sub>2</sub>. The magnitude can be influenced by many factors. The projection is based on an assumption of unchanged demand for wood in the near future, but changed prices on wood or other conditions may alter the conclusions.
- Afforestation will in the period 2009 - 2020 be a sink for CO<sub>2</sub>. The magnitude is slightly dependent on the future afforestation rate, but the majority of the removals in the period will come from areas afforested in the period 1990 - 2008.
- Deforestation may occur, but the small total area will be of minor influence on the full LULUCF accounting.

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## Appendices

### Appendix 1. Density of common Danish tree species

Deciduous	Density g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Coniferous	Density g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Beech	0,56	Norway spruce	0,38
Oak	0,57	Sitka spruce	0,37
Ash	0,56	Silver fir	0,38
Sychamore	0,49	Pine	0,43
Other deciduous species	0,56	Mountain pine	0,48
		Contorta pine	0,37
		Scots pine	0,43
		Nordmann fir	0,38
		Noble fir	0,38
		Douglasfir	0,41
		Larch sp.	0,45
		Other conifers	0,38

**Appendix 2. Reduction factors for calculating biomass of deadwood for different degrees of structural decay for deciduous and coniferous species.**

Structural decay	Reduction factor	
	Deciduous species	Coniferous species
1	0,804	0,895
2	0,607	0,632
3	0,429	0,605
4	0,304	0,447

### Appendix 3. Parameters for the transition probability

Table X. Parameters for the transition probabilities - dependent on species and region

Management class	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	Earliest regeneration age (region)	
				Jutland	Islands
Beech	-370,7834	9473,0017	0,0597	90	80
Oak	64,8302	-84,7190	0,0303	120	110
Ash	201,6577	-666,4862	0,0567	60	50
Sychamore	29,1421	44,7930	0,0427	60	50
Other broadleaves	29,1421	44,7930	0,0427	50	40
Norway spruce	-531,4614	12937,8018	0,1239	50	40
Sitka spruce	-174,8721	4867,6015	0,1198	50	40
Nordmann fir	92,5424	1	0,2301	5	5
Noble fir	173021,012	1	0,2657	40	40
Other fir	-9,3377	726,5105	0,0590	60	50
Pine	-270,3996	6832,1561	0,0915	50	40
Other conifers	-9,3377	726,5105	0,0590	50	40
Mountain pine	116449,585	1	0,2565	50	40

## Appendix 4. Carbon pools 1990 - 2008.

		1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Forests established before 1990	Area	539,788	538,903	538,509	537,781	537,779	537,232	537,231	537,028	537,026	537,024	535,777	535,043	534,358	534,304	533,845	533,517	533,403	533,289	533,175	
	Live biomass	Above ground	29,838	30,041	30,270	30,480	30,731	30,950	31,201	31,439	31,690	31,940	32,116	32,199	32,285	32,408	32,507	32,614	32,734	32,886	33,256
		Below ground	4,811	4,843	4,880	4,914	4,954	4,989	5,029	5,067	5,107	5,147	5,175	5,200	5,226	5,257	5,285	5,314	5,345	5,354	5,455
	Dead wood	455	461	467	474	481	487	494	501	507	514	520	534	547	561	575	588	602	638	565	
	Soil	Forest floor	7,292	7,266	7,248	7,224	7,211	7,190	7,177	7,160	7,147	7,133	7,103	7,007	6,911	6,823	6,730	6,639	6,565	6,569	6,549
		Mineral soil	59,131	59,034	58,991	58,911	58,911	58,851	58,851	58,829	58,829	58,828	58,692	58,611	58,536	58,530	58,480	58,444	58,432	58,419	58,407
	Total		101,527	101,645	101,856	102,003	102,287	102,467	102,751	102,996	103,280	103,564	103,606	103,551	103,504	103,580	103,577	103,599	103,678	103,867	104,232
Forests established after 1990	Area	711	1,677	3,873	5,119	7,531	9,795	11,232	13,432	14,800	18,910	21,590	23,959	25,266	26,754	28,141	31,393	34,394	34,778	38,199	
	Live biomass	Above ground	0	10	20	29	39	49	59	68	78	88	97	122	146	170	194	218	243	307	619
		Below ground	0	2	3	5	7	8	10	12	13	15	16	20	24	27	31	35	38	49	104
	Dead wood	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	5	6	7	9	10	13	45	
	Soil	Forest floor	0	2	4	6	7	9	11	13	15	17	18	24	31	37	43	49	56	65	73
		Mineral soil	78	308	538	766	996	1,225	1,454	1,683	1,912	2,141	2,365	2,579	2,793	3,010	3,224	3,439	3,768	3,810	4,185
	Total		78	321	565	807	1,050	1,292	1,535	1,777	2,020	2,263	2,499	2,749	2,998	3,250	3,499	3,749	4,115	4,243	5,026
Deforestation	Area	884	394	728	2	547	2	203	2	2	1,248	734	685	54	459	329	82	114	114	114	
	Live biomass	Above ground	49	-22	-41	0	-31	0	-12	0	0	-74	-44	-41	-3	-28	-20	-5	-7	-7	-7
		Below ground	8	-4	-7	0	-5	0	-2	0	0	-12	-7	-7	-1	-5	-3	-1	-1	-1	-1
	Dead wood	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Soil	Forest floor	12	-5	-10	0	-7	0	-3	0	0	-17	-10	-9	-1	-6	-4	-1	-1	-1	-1
		Mineral soil	97	-43	-80	0	-60	0	-22	0	0	-137	-80	-75	-6	-50	-36	-9	-12	-12	-12
	Total		166	-74	-138	0	-104	0	-39	0	0	-241	-142	-133	-10	-89	-64	-16	-22	-22	-22
Total		101,771	101,892	102,283	102,809	103,233	103,759	104,247	104,773	105,299	105,586	105,964	106,167	106,492	106,741	107,013	107,333	107,770	108,087	109,236	

## Appendix 5. Carbon pools 2009 - 2020.

			2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Forests established before 1990	Area		533,175	533,175	533,175	533,175	533,175	533,175	533,175	533,175	533,175	533,175	533,175	533,175	
	Live biomass	Above ground	33,536	33,448	33,374	33,313	33,261	33,218	33,181	33,150	33,123	33,099	33,038	32,973	
		Below ground	5,470	5,460	5,451	5,445	5,439	5,435	5,431	5,429	5,427	5,425	5,419	5,413	
	Dead wood		571	571	572	572	573	573	574	574	575	576	576	577	
	Soil	Forest floor	6,508	6,508	6,508	6,508	6,508	6,508	6,508	6,508	6,508	6,508	6,508	6,508	6,508
		Mineral soil	58,407	58,407	58,407	58,407	58,407	58,407	58,407	58,407	58,407	58,407	58,407	58,407	58,407
	Total		104,491	104,393	104,312	104,244	104,188	104,140	104,101	104,067	104,039	104,013	103,948	103,876	
Forests established after 1990	Area		40,099	41,999	43,899	45,799	47,699	49,599	51,499	53,399	55,299	57,199	59,099	60,999	
	Live biomass	Above ground	618	697	773	847	919	989	1,058	1,125	1,193	1,259	1,362	1,462	
		Below ground	99	111	123	135	146	157	168	179	190	201	217	234	
	Dead wood		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	19	21	
	Soil	Forest floor	84	94	106	118	130	143	156	170	184	199	214	229	
		Mineral soil	4,393	4,601	4,809	5,017	5,225	5,433	5,642	5,850	6,058	6,266	6,474	6,682	
	Total		5,201	5,513	5,822	6,128	6,432	6,735	7,038	7,339	7,640	7,942	8,286	8,629	
Total		109,692	109,906	110,133	110,372	110,620	110,876	111,138	111,406	111,679	111,955	112,234	112,505		