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This report supplements the National Report on Sustainable Forests—2003 (National Report). The National Report presents:

- Background information on events leading up to its publication
- One-page summaries of analyses of data for each of the indicators of sustainable forest management found in the Santiago Declaration of the Montreal Process
- Issues involved with interpretation of the data
- Examples of domestic actions that have the intent of fostering sustainable forest management, and
- Suggestions for further thought following publication of the National Report.

For most of the one page summaries of analysis of data for each indicator, there is a supporting analysis. This report—The Data Report—repeats the one page summaries and also includes the supporting analysis for each indicator, when available.

The Data Report first has a listing of the criteria and indicators and an explanation of why the criteria are important. This is a repeat of material in the National Report and is provided for convenience in referencing the indicators' wide-ranging nature while reading the analyses.

The Data Report is available only because of the many contributions of the many authors of the supporting analyses. My thanks to them for making this report possible. In the end, Syble Kincannon brought everything together on the Internet and deserves special acknowledgment.

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