



## PROJECT SUMMARY

Ecosystem  
Management

Forest Productivity

Public Involvement

Adaptive  
Management

Developing and implementing Sustainable Forest Management Plans for both the Lakes and Morice Timber Supply Areas is the central objective of the Morice and Lakes Innovative Forest Practices Agreement. The adaptive management cycle and public involvement are both important components of this planning process.

# Indicator Reporting Standard Operating Procedures



Fraser Lake Sawmills



### Introduction

The primary purpose of the Morice & Lakes Innovative Forest Practices Agreement (M&L IFPA) is to establish a planning and management framework and specific plans for sustainable forest management (SFM) in the Morice and Lakes Timber Supply Areas.

Standardization of indicator monitoring and reporting is required to objectively guide adaptive management activities such as management adjustments, continual improvement initiatives, general communication to interested persons, continued public involvement and certification commitments. A key requirement in addressing this need is the preparation of standard operating procedures for indicator monitoring and reporting.

### Objectives

The objective of this project is to develop a standard operating procedures (SOPs) manual (for each TSA) for monitoring and reporting of M&L IFPA sustainable forest management (SFM) plan indicators. The SOP document is to be reviewed with the proponent organizations regarding its structure, use, and implementation. The SOP document will guide each M&L IFPA partner organization to produce timely and consistent indicator monitoring information and reports

from all IFPA participants as required by the SFM Plan. In this regard, the standard operating procedures will enable indicator reporting to be completed in a consistent and collaborative manner for each TSA and take full advantage of economies of scale.

### Methods

The initial part of this project involved a compilation and review of relevant M&L IFPA documents for developing indicator reporting SOPs, in addition to soliciting M&L IFPA partners for relevant documentation and existing SOPs. This stage was conducted to ensure linkages of these SOPs with associated products and to strive for consistency with pre-existing SOPs of partner organizations.

Once this initial phase of the project was complete, an indicator reporting SOP template was developed. For each indicator, "Time Zero" (i.e. current) status reports were developed. The indicator reporting SOPs were derived from detailing the procedures required to develop Time Zero reporting information (i.e. according to the template format). This was performed for both "operational" indicators (i.e. those indicators requiring information from company operations) and also the "analytical" indicators (i.e. those indicators that resulted from resource analysis/spatial modelling and forecasting).

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Once the SOPs were completed, the draft document was reviewed with the M&L IFPA Implementation Team in order to review the structure, use and proposed implementation of the document and also to gain feedback for document improvements.

## Results

The first versions of the Indicator Reporting SOPs were completed in March 2004 and form the basis for guiding objective monitoring and reporting of M&L IFPA sustainable forest management performance indicators.

## Discussion

By virtue of the SFM indicator reporting SOPs developed from this project, the M&L IFPA will be able to monitor and report indicator performance in a standardized and objective manner.

In addition, these SOPs will provide the ability to consistently compare and evaluate results between reporting periods. This factor will contribute to the capacity to objectively evaluate and assess management and operational performance toward the indicator targets identified in the M&L IFPA sustainable forest management plans.

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