



# FutMon (Life+) Action D2: Nutrient cycling and critical loads Present status Tampere 16-17 Feb 2010

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## Meeting of FutMon Action D2 and ICP Forests EP Foliage & Litterfall



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Agenda

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## **ACTION GROUP D2: Nutrient cycling and critical loads**

## **Description:**

This Action Group is a demonstration project to be carried out on a limited number of IM1 monitoring plots (209 plots). It aims at the refinement and development of monitoring methods in the field of nutrient cycling and critical loads. Data collection is included under Action Group D2, and the related coordination and evaluation is included in Action C1-Fol1-10(FI).









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#### Methods employed:

This action will only be conducted on plots on which the full set of surveys from Action Group IM1 is carried out (exception: no passive samplers in countries of Northern Europe)

In addition, surveys specifically conducted within this action:

- Methods defined in ICP Forests Manual Chapter 11 "Litterfall" (mass and element concentrations)
- Methods defined in ICP Forests Manual Chapter 3 "<u>Soil solution</u>" (chemical composition)
- More <u>intensive foliar surveys</u> (all leaf age classes, estimation of foliage mass, leaf mass per area and leaf area index).
- Nutrient budget of ground vegetation.





## **Information needs:**

Soil, soil solution, deposition, litterfall, foliage, ground vegetation

- •Macro nutrients
- •Micro nutrients?
- •Heavy metals?

Most of the parameters needed are collected in "normal monitoring" or already in database(s) •BioSoil data?



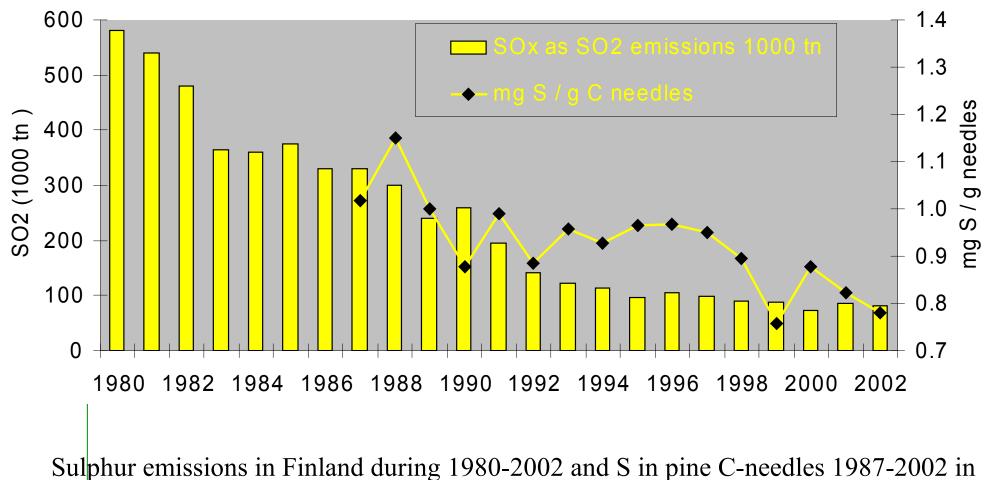


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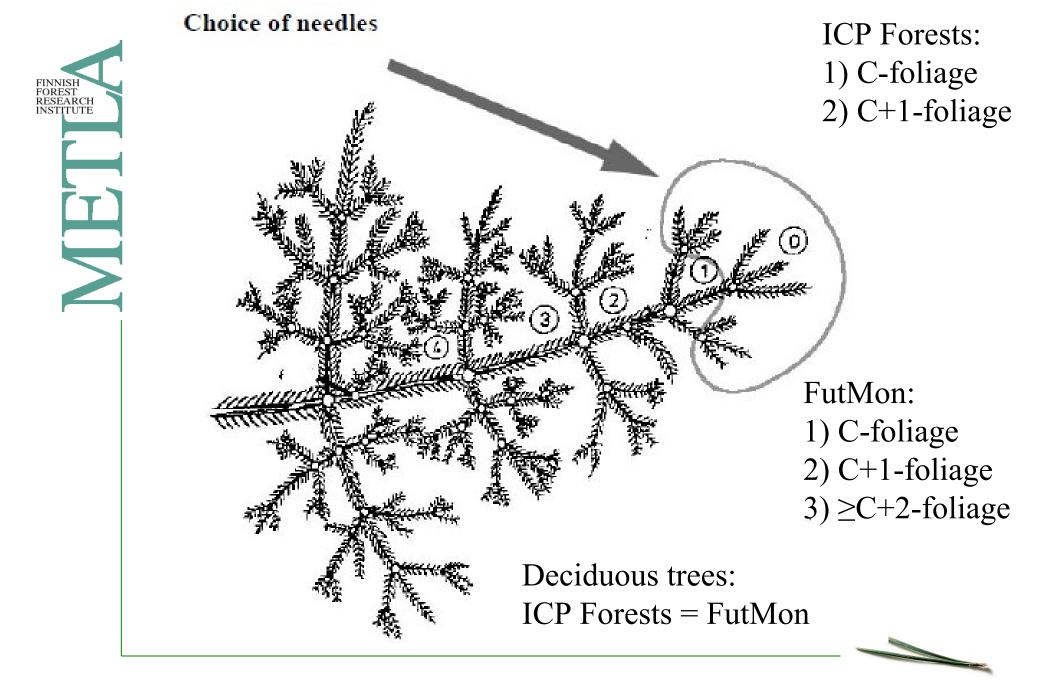
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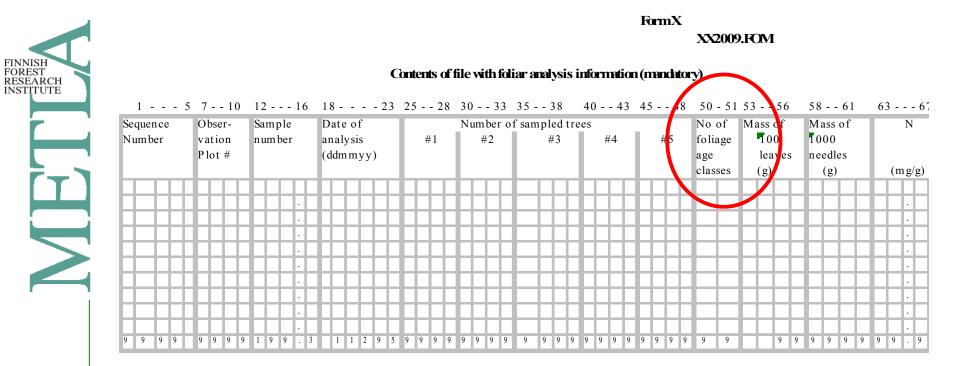
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Sulphur emissions in Finland during 1980-2002 and S in pine C-needles 1987-2002 in selected ICP Forests Level I plots





- 1 5 Sequence Number (1 to 99999)
- 7 10 Observation Plot number (max. 9999)
- 12 16 Sample number

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- Date of analysis 18 - 23
- 25 28 Tree number #1
- 30 33 Tree number #2
- 35 38 Tree number #3
- 40 43 Tree number #4
- 45 48 Tree number #5
- 50 51 No of needle age classes
- 53 56 Mass of 100 leaves
- 58-61 Mass of 1000 needles

Tre	ee species (Coue from 1 to 199) and
leav	ves type $(0 = \text{current}, 1 = \text{current} + 1, 2 = \text{older than current} + 1)$
Dat	te of analysis (ddmmyy)
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Nur	mber of second tree in sample
Nur	mber of third tree in sample
Nur	mber of fourth tree in sample
Nur	mber of fifth tree in sample
Nur	mber of foliage age classes left in tree **)
Mas	ss of 100 current year leaves
Mas	ss of 1000 current year or 1000 current +1 year needles





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## FutMon field protocol

- 1st version circulated within a small group of experts in Nov 2008
- Edited version to a larger group Nov-Dec
  - 3rd version sent to every EP member before Christmas 2008
  - Discussion in Hamburg Jan 2009
  - 4<sup>th</sup> version February-March 2009
  - Comments from EP ground veg. & biodiversity
  - Task Force 2009?



## **3.4 Assorting species into functional groups**

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# Questionary

1) Is the field sampling for "Nutrient budget of ground vegetation" already conducted?

If yes, on how many plots?

If not, how many plots remains to be done?

2) Is the field sampling for "Foliar survey (incl. more intensive foliar survey)" conducted?

If yes, on how many plots?

If not, how many plots remains to be done (evergreens / deciduous)?

- 3) Is "litterfall" and "soil solution" surveys going as planned?
- 4) Any problems / questions?



				No of plots	Ground	Intensive	Litterfall &	
		Country	AB No	(Life+ appl.)	vegetation	foliar survey	soil sol.	NOTE
	AT	Austria	2	6	6	6	6	
		Belgium-Flanders	3	5	0 (5)	5	5	
	BU	Bulgaria	5	3	0 (3)	0 (3)	3*	*prolems with litter fractions, no soil sol. in 2009
	cz	Czech Republic	7	10				
	DK	Denmark	8	6	6	6	6	
	EE	Estonia	9	5	1	2 (5)	1&5	
	FI	Finland	10	18	18	18	18	
	FR	France	11	10				
	GR	Greece	12	3	3	2 (1)	3	
10		Hungary	13	2				
11		Ireland	14	3	0 (3)	0 (3)	3	
12		Romania	20	4	0 (4)	3 (1)	4	
13		Slovakia	21	4	4	4	4*	*1 soil solut. reinstalled 2009
14		Slovenia	22	2	2	2	2	
15		Spain	23	30/13	13*	13		*spring & autumn, ** not enough sample in south
16		Sweden	25	12	0 (?)	12*		* ongoing, **core plots
17	UK	United Kingdom	26	6	0 (6)	2 (6)	6	
18	BB	Germany, Brandenburg	27	4	4*	0 (4)	4	*1m <sup>2</sup>
19	BW	Germany, Baden Württernberg	28	5				
20	BY	Germany, Bayern	29	10	10	10	10	
21	NWD	Germany, Northwest	30	9	0 (9)	9	9	
22	MV	Germany, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	31	2	0 (2)	0 (2)	2	
23	NW	Germany, Nordrein-Wesfalen	32	4				
24	RP	Germany, Rheinland-Pfalz	33	3	0*	3	3	*Computed using Phytocalc programme
25	SH	Germany, Schleswig Holstein	34	1				
26	SL	Germany, Saarland	35	1	1*	1	1	* No ground vegetation or shrub layer
27	SN	Germany, Sachen	36	2	2	2	6&?	
28	TH	Germany, Thüringen	37	3	0 (3)	3	3	
29		Italy	40	22 / 11	0 (11)	19 (3)	6 & 11	
Total no of partners: 29		Tot no o	of plots	(X) r	remains to be d	one	Answer received	
		of which 11 German Länders	Life+:	195				No answer
		> 19 different countries	Now:	?				Withdrawn



## Summary (of the 23 partners responded)

- Ground vegetation: 13 partners are ready / 10 to be done
- Foliar sampling: 14 done / 9 to be done
- Litterfall & soil solution generally going as planned





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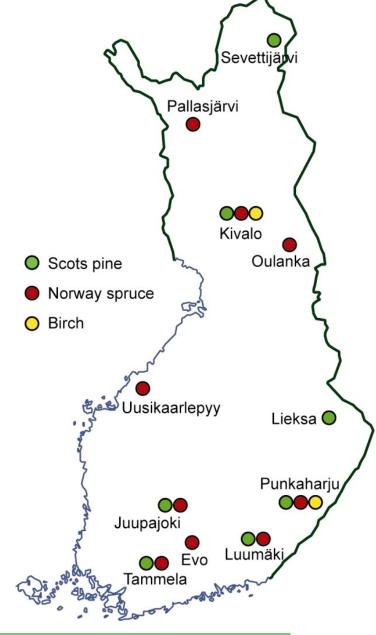
# Ground vegetation sampling

## **Example from Finland:**

- July-August 2009
- 18 plots







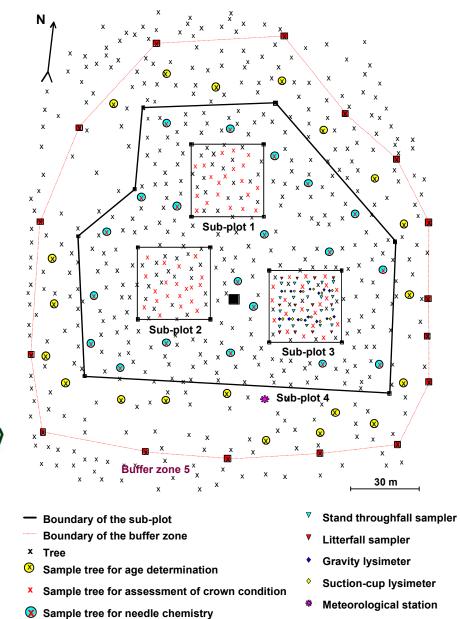






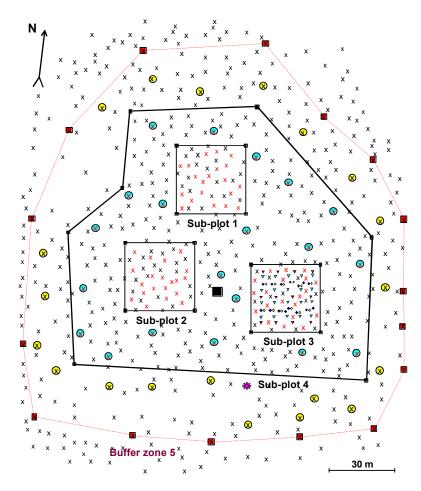






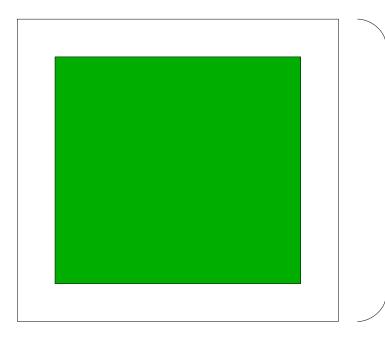
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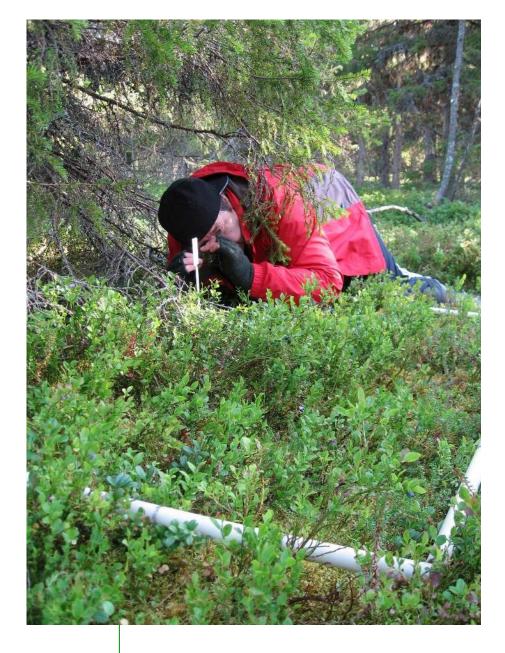


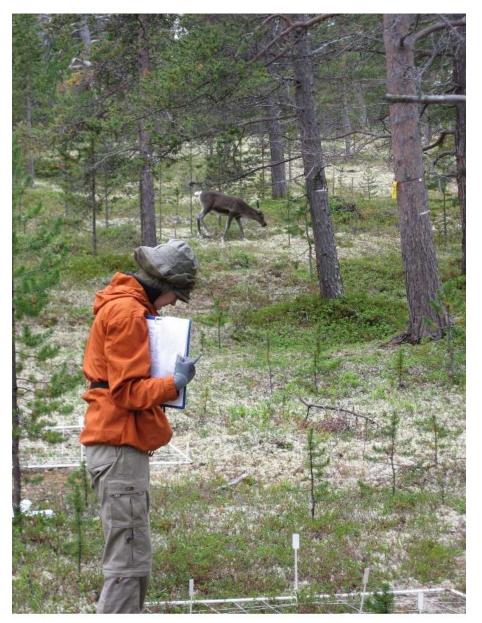
- Boundary of the sub-plot
- Boundary of the buffer zone
- × Tree
- Sample tree for age determination
- × Sample tree for assessment of crown condition
- Sample tree for needle chemistry

- ▼ Stand throughfall sampler
- Litterfall sampler
- Gravity lysimeter
- Suction-cup lysimeter
- Meteorological station



#### 30 m



















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#### <u>Austria:</u>

Leaf area determination on litter is not feasible, as leaves (and needles) will be broken when sampled

#### Germany Sachen:

4) Problems / Questions?

Include litterfall samples in Foliar ring tests! Its a real analytical difference between the categories fruits - woody debris – leafs

#### Others:

Descriptions of fractions is unclear? Mass of leaves at what dried temperature to report Problems of area measurements with broadleaf vs conifers.





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#### Germany Saarland:

On our plot exists no ground vegetation and a shrub layer is also missing. A relevé counts less than 10 Quercus petraea sprouts on 400 m<sup>2</sup>. The sprouts survive only two or three month before they are feeded by insects or birds. It isn't possible to sample enough material for Analysis.

#### Greece:

4. I have one question with regard to ground vegetation survey. Sometimes the quantity is little. It is enough for some analyses but not for others. Is there any priority in terms of analysis?

#### Germany, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

Is the calculation of nutrient budgets by software solutions (Phytocalc) based on the results of the ground vegetation assessment alloud? I couldnt find anything related to this topic in the field protocol.

#### <u>Bavaria:</u>

(4) Questions to ground vegetation budgeting:

(a) QA- aspect: how to deal with accuracy, error and representativity of the methods (Are estimates based on intensive collections performed or foreseen in order to adapt the method)

(b) Are restrictions for composite samples across functional groups necessary (data analysis)

(c) What are the strategies and hypothesis of data use (=data analysis)

#### <u>ltaly</u>

GROUND VEGETATION SAMPLING IN OR OUT OF THE LEVEL II PLOTS. BIOMASS ASSESSMENT OF GROUND VEGETATION TO DERIVE THE BUDGET. ROLE OF PROPER SAMPLING OF FOLIAGE IN OVERALL DATA QUALITY FOR NUTRIENTS



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# **Data submission (to vTI)**

- 2009 Data submission: 01/09/2010 30/11/2010
- 2009 Final data validation and reporting: 01/12/2010 31/12/2010







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# **Biomass Equations for Scots Pine and Norway Spruce in Finland**

Jaakko Repola





# SILVA FENNICA Monographs 4 · 2005

Dimitris Zianis, Petteri Muukkonen, Raisa Mäkipää and Maurizio Mencuccini

**Biomass and Stem Volume** Equations for Tree Species in Europe





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# **Biomass Equations for European Trees:** Addendum\*

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# Reporting

- Originally foreseen in the end of 5 year project
- Now in the end of 2010
  - But D2 needs D3-results
  - $\rightarrow$  In depth analysis planned in ForEU project





# ForEU

# Action Group E-ECyc: Evaluations related to forest nutrition and critical loads and limits

- 1)E-ECyc-10(FI): Coordination of the action group and estimation of forest nutrition status and critical loads
- 2)E-ECyc-30(NWD): Effects of environmental change and forest management on forest nutrition

3)E-ECyc-8(DK): Tree response to critical soil solution element concentrations and ratios 4)E-ECyc-1a(DE): Empirical critical deposition levels for soil and soil solution status 5)E-ECyc-41(FR): Critical loads and dynamic modelling 6)E-ECyc-1b(DE): Calculation of total deposition

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