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UTTAR PRADESH

11.28.1 Introduction

Situated in the northern part of the country, Uttar Pradesh covers an area of 2,40,928 sq km, which is 7.33% of the geographical area of the country. The State lies between 23°52'N to 31°28'N latitude and 77°30'E to 84°39' E longitude and is bordered by Uttarakhand in the north, Haryana, Delhi & Rajasthan in the west, Madhya Pradesh in the west and south west, Chhattisgarh in the south and Bihar in the East. It has international border with Nepal in the north. The State has three distinct regions namely, the Shiwalik region in the north, Gangetic plains in the central region and Vindhyan hills in the south. Uttar Pradesh has a humid subtropical climate with dry winters. The annual rainfall ranges between 1,000 mm to 1,200 mm and the annual temperature varies from 5°C to 46°C. The State is drained by a number of rivers, which include Ganga, Yamuna, Gomti, Ghagra, Betwa, Chambal and Gandak. There are 71 districts in the State, of which one is a tribal district and there are no hill districts. As per census 2011, Uttar Pradesh has a population of 199.81 million, which is 16.50% of India population. The urban and rural population constitute 22.27% and 77.73% respectively. The Tribal population is 0.57%. The average population density of the State is 829 per sq km, which is more than twice the national average. The 19th Livestock Census of 2012 has reported a total livestock population of 68.71 million.

TABLE 11.28.1 Land Use Pattern

| Land Use Types | Area (in 000' ha) | Percentage |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| Geographical Area | 24,093 | |
| Reporting area for land utilization | 24,170 | 100.00 |
| Forests | 1,659 | 6.86 |
| Not available for land cultivation | 3,507 | 14.51 |
| Permanent pastures and other grazing lands | 65 | 0.27 |
| Land under misc. tree crops and groves | 305 | 1.26 |
| Culturable wasteland | 405 | 1.68 |
| Fallow land other than current fallows | 509 | 2.11 |
| Current fallows | 1,122 | 4.64 |
| Net area sown | 16,598 | 68.67 |

Source: Land Use Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI, (2014-15)



11.28.1.1 A Brief Overview of Forestry Scenario

As per the Champion & Seth Classification of Forest Types (1968), the forests in Uttar Pradesh belong to five Forest Type Groups, which are further divided into 28 Forest Types. Major part of the State is agrarian. In recent years, massive plantation programmes have been taken up in the State to increase the forest & tree cover. Through the Nursery Management Scheme, the tall saplings of 8 to 12 feet height are also being raised for planting. During the plantation season of 2019 more than 22.5 crores saplings were planted across the State under the Vriksha Mahakhumbh Programme. To promote tree plantations outside the forest areas, improve livelihoods and enhance income of the farmers, the State Government has exempted most of the trees species from felling and transit rules.

Recorded Forest Area (RFA) in the State is 16,582 sq km of which 12,070 sq km is Reserved Forest, 1,157 sq km is Protected Forest and 3,355 sq km is Unclassed Forests. In Uttar Pradesh, during the period 1st January 2015 to 5th February 2019, a total of 163.76 hectares of forest land was diverted for non-forestry purposes under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 (MoEF & CC, 2019).

One National Park and 26 Wildlife Sanctuaries constitute the Protected Area network of the State covering 11.82% of its geographical area. Dudhwa National Park located in the State is known for successful translocation of one horned rhinoceros.

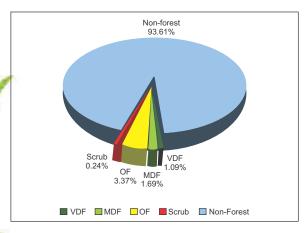
11.28.2 Forest Cover

Based on the interpretation of IRS Resourcesat-2 LISS III satellite data of the period Oct 2017 to Jan 2018, the Forest Cover in the State is 14,805.65 sq km which is 6.15 % of the State's geographical area. In terms of forest canopy density classes, the State has 2,616.43 sq km under Very Dense Forest (VDF), 4,080.04 sq km under Moderately Dense Forest (MDF) and 8,109.18 sq km under Open Forest (OF). Forest Cover in the State has increased by 126.65 sq km as compared to the previous assessment reported in ISFR 2017.

TABLE 11.28.2 Forest Cover of Uttar Pradesh

| | | (in sq. km) |
|-------|-----------|-------------|
| Class | Area | % of GA |
| VDF | 2,616.43 | 1.09 |
| MDF | 4,080.04 | 1.69 |
| OF | 8,109.18 | 3.37 |
| Total | 14,805.65 | 6.15 |
| Scrub | 586.52 | 0.24 |

FIGURE 11.28.1 Forest Cover of Uttar Pradesh



11.28.2.1 Forest Cover inside and outside Recorded Forest Area (or Green Wash)

The State has reported extent of recorded forest area (RFA) 16,582 sq km which is 6.88% of its geographical area. The reserved, protected and unclassed forests are 72.79% and 6.98% and 20.23% of the recorded forest area in the State respectively. Due to non-availability of digitized boundary of recorded forest areas from the State, the updated Green Wash from Sol toposheets which is 13,433.75 sq km has been used as proxy to the RFA boundary and the analysis of forest cover inside and outside this area is given below.

TABLE 11.28.3 Forest Cover inside and outside Recorded Forest Area or (Green Wash) in Uttar Pradesh (in sq km)

| Forest Cove | Forest Cover inside the Recorded Forest Area Forest Cover outside the Recorded Forest Area (or Green Wash) | | | | | st Area | |
|-------------|--|--------|-------|-------|--------|---------|-------|
| VDF | MDF | OF | Total | VDF | MDF | OF | Total |
| 2,455 | 3,039 | 3,701 | 9,195 | 162 | 1,041 | 4,408 | 5,611 |
| 26.70% | 33.05% | 40.25% | | 2.88% | 18.55% | 78.57% | |

^{*}in case of Uttar Pradesh Green Wash boundaries have been used.

FIGURE 11.28.2 Forest Cover inside and outside GW in Uttar Pradesh

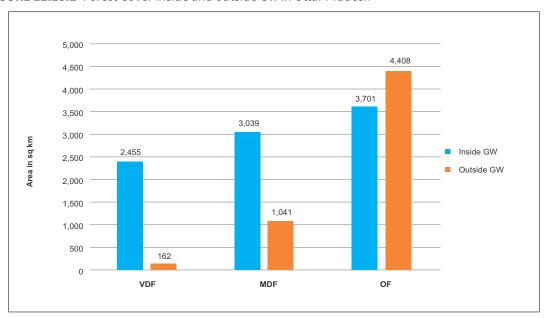


TABLE 11.28.4 District-wise Forest Cover in Uttar Pradesh

(in sq km)

| | | | 2019 Ass | 2019 Assessment | | | Change | |
|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------|------------|------------------------|-------|
| District | Geographical Area (GA) | Very Dense Forest | Mod. Dense Forest | Open Forest | Total | % of GA | wrt 2017 assessment | Scrub |
| Agra | 4,041 | 0.00 | 62.68 | 199.94 | 262.62 | 6.50 | -9.38 | 75.14 |
| Aligarh | 3,650 | 0.00 | 7.00 | 59.75 | 66.75 | 1.83 | -0.25 | 1.00 |
| Allahabad | 5,482 | 6.00 | 26.00 | 97.21 | 129.21 | 2.36 | 2.21 | 36.26 |
| Ambedkar Nagar | 2,350 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 40.12 | 41.12 | 1.75 | 0.12 | 0.00 |
| Auraiya | 2,016 | 0.00 | 4.96 | 36.42 | 41.38 | 2.05 | 0.38 | 10.09 |
| Azamgarh | 4,054 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 49.00 | 50.00 | 1.23 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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(in sq km)

| | | 2019 Assessment | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------|------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| District | Geographical Area (GA) | Very Dense Forest | Mod. Dense Forest | Open Forest | Total | % of GA | Change wrt 2017 assessment | Scrub |
| Baghpat | 1,321 | 0.00 | 5.00 | 12.06 | 17.06 | 1.29 | 0.06 | 0.00 |
| Bahraich | 5,237 | 240.00 | 156.11 | 153.99 | 550.10 | 10.50 | 1.10 | 9.00 |
| Ballia | 2,981 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 22.15 | 22.15 | 0.74 | 0.15 | 0.00 |
| Balrampur | 3,349 | 279.00 | 157.94 | 89.07 | 526.01 | 15.71 | 2.01 | 3.00 |
| Banda | 4,408 | 0.00 | 55.91 | 46.00 | 101.91 | 2.31 | -0.09 | 4.00 |
| Bara Banki | 4,402 | 3.00 | 6.00 | 74.07 | 83.07 | 1.89 | 6.07 | 5.70 |
| Bareilly | 4,120 | 0.00 | 7.00 | 38.00 | 45.00 | 1.09 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Basti | 2,688 | 1.00 | 6.00 | 22.25 | 29.25 | 1.09 | 0.25 | 0.00 |
| Bijnor | 4,561 | 39.00 | 218.38 | 146.23 | 403.61 | 8.85 | 1.61 | 5.52 |
| Budaun | 5,168 | 0.00 | 8.13 | 23.91 | 32.04 | 0.62 | -12.96 | 6.00 |
| Bulandshahr | 4,512 | 0.00 | 49.72 | 115.40 | 165.12 | 3.66 | -0.88 | 0.00 |
| Chandauli | 2,541 | 7.00 | 192.00 | 366.26 | 565.26 | 22.25 | 0.26 | 10.00 |
| Chitrakoot | 3,216 | 81.00 | 319.00 | 186.40 | 586.40 | 18.23 | 0.40 | 40.51 |
| Deoria | 2,540 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 14.21 | 15.21 | 0.60 | 0.21 | 0.00 |
| Etah | 2,431 | 0.00 | 0.98 | 25.20 | 26.18 | 1.08 | -4.82 | -0.26 |
| Etawah | 2,311 | 0.00 | 62.75 | 188.63 | 251.38 | 10.88 | 9.38 | 45.05 |
| Faizabad | 2,341 | 6.00 | 10.00 | 73.30 | 89.30 | 3.81 | 3.30 | 0.96 |
| Farrukhabad | 2,181 | 0.00 | 14.00 | 33.45 | 47.45 | 2.18 | 0.45 | 2.00 |
| Fatehpur | 4,152 | 0.00 | 18.00 | 35.44 | 53.44 | 1.29 | 0.44 | 0.00 |
| Firozabad | 2,407 | 0.00 | 5.00 | 53.60 | 58.60 | 2.43 | 9.60 | 27.01 |
| Gautam Buddha Nagar | 1,282 | 0.00 | 5.00 | 15.00 | 20.00 | 1.56 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Ghaziabad | 1,179 | 0.00 | 8.67 | 16.55 | 25.22 | 2.14 | -0.78 | 0.00 |
| Ghazipur | 3,377 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 28.00 | 29.00 | 0.86 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Gonda | 4,003 | 67.00 | 8.36 | 39.50 | 114.86 | 2.87 | 0.86 | 0.00 |
| Gorakhpur | 3,321 | 28.00 | 23.00 | 28.00 | 79.00 | 2.38 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Hamirpur | 4,021 | 0.00 | 80.00 | 147.00 | 227.00 | 5.65 | 0.00 | 14.00 |
| Hardoi | 5,986 | 0.00 | 16.98 | 126.87 | 143.85 | 2.40 | -0.15 | 5.00 |
| Jalaun | 4,565 | 0.00 | 60.58 | 186.73 | 247.31 | 5.42 | -1.69 | 37.97 |
| Jaunpur | 4,038 | 0.00 | 11.00 | 56.02 | 67.02 | 1.66 | 0.02 | 0.00 |
| Jhansi | 5,024 | 0.00 | 42.00 | 262.05 | 304.05 | 6.05 | 1.05 | 41.96 |
| Jyotiba Phule Nagar | 2,249 | 0.00 | 25.00 | 61.00 | 86.00 | 3.82 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Kannauj | 2,093 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 27.82 | 27.82 | 1.33 | -0.18 | 0.00 |
| Kanpur Dehat | 3,021 | 0.00 | 3.00 | 38.00 | 41.00 | 1.36 | 0.00 | 9.00 |
| Kanpur Nagar | 3,155 | 0.00 | 7.00 | 59.00 | 66.00 | 2.09 | 0.00 | 3.00 |
| Kanshiram Nagar | 1,955 | 0.00 | 7.67 | 41.13 | 48.80 | 2.50 | -19.20 | 0.00 |
| Kaushambi | 1,779 | 0.00 | 5.00 | 22.83 | 27.83 | 1.56 | 0.83 | 0.00 |
| Kheri [™] | 7,680 | 804.91 | 158.21 | 309.94 | 1,273.06 | 16.58 | -0.94 | 4.49 |
| Kushinagar | 2,905 | 0.00 | 2.00 | 32.84 | 34.84 | 1.20 | 0.84 | 0.00 |
| Lalitpur | 5,039 | 0.00 | 128.89 | 452.40 | 581.29 | 11.54 | -5.71 | 33.18 |
| Lucknow | 2,528 | 0.00 | 162.00 | 216.87 | 378.87 | 14.99 | 13.87 | 2.18 |
| Mahamaya Nagar | 1,840 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 22.00 | 23.00 | 1.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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(in sq km)

| | | | 2019 Ass | ssessment | | | Change | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------|------------|------------------------|--------|
| District | Geographical Area (GA) | Very Dense Forest | Mod. Dense Forest | Open Forest | Total | % of GA | wrt 2017 assessment | Scrub |
| Mahoba | 3,144 | 0.00 | 21.00 | 149.00 | 170.00 | 5.41 | 0.00 | 62.00 |
| Mahrajganj | 2,952 | 259.00 | 101.00 | 69.07 | 429.07 | 14.53 | 0.07 | 0.34 |
| Mainpuri | 2,760 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 12.64 | 13.64 | 0.49 | -0.36 | 0.00 |
| Mathura | 3,340 | 0.00 | 4.00 | 53.04 | 57.04 | 1.71 | -2.96 | 3.52 |
| Mau | 1,713 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11.00 | 11.00 | 0.64 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Meerut | 2,559 | 0.00 | 34.00 | 34.41 | 68.41 | 2.67 | 0.41 | 0.00 |
| Mirzapur | 4,405 | 8.00 | 289.58 | 506.15 | 803.73 | 18.25 | -1.27 | 47.00 |
| Moradabad | 3,718 | 0.00 | 5.00 | 23.00 | 28.00 | 0.75 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Muzaffarnagar | 4,008 | 0.00 | 14.00 | 52.11 | 66.11 | 1.65 | 26.11 | 0.00 |
| Pilibhit | 3,686 | 471.00 | 86.73 | 129.38 | 687.11 | 18.64 | -0.89 | 2.11 |
| Pratapgarh | 3,717 | 0.00 | 31.58 | 86.24 | 117.82 | 3.17 | 15.82 | 2.00 |
| Rae Bareli | 4,609 | 0.00 | 4.00 | 89.54 | 93.54 | 2.03 | 0.54 | 1.32 |
| Rampur | 2,367 | 4.00 | 26.00 | 45.00 | 75.00 | 3.17 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Saharanpur | 3,689 | 0.00 | 174.00 | 269.26 | 443.26 | 12.02 | 70.26 | 0.00 |
| Sant Kabir Nagar | 1,646 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 13.00 | 14.00 | 0.85 | 0.00 | 1.00 |
| Sant Ravidas Nagar (Bhadohi) | 1,015 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.12 | 3.12 | 0.31 | 0.12 | 0.00 |
| Shahjahanpur | 4,388 | 26.00 | 7.00 | 26.31 | 59.31 | 1.35 | -1.69 | 1.17 |
| Shrawasti | 1,640 | 151.52 | 90.23 | 42.79 | 284.54 | 17.35 | -0.46 | 0.00 |
| Siddharthnagar | 2,895 | 0.00 | 8.00 | 26.08 | 34.08 | 1.18 | 0.08 | 0.00 |
| Sitapur | 5,743 | 0.00 | 19.00 | 190.42 | 209.42 | 3.65 | 0.42 | 6.30 |
| Sonbhadra | 6,905 | 130.00 | 967.00 | 1,443.29 | 2,540.29 | 36.79 | 1.29 | 28.00 |
| Sultanpur | 4,436 | 5.00 | 15.00 | 190.03 | 210.03 | 4.73 | 6.03 | 0.00 |
| Unnao | 4,558 | 0.00 | 28.00 | 236.59 | 264.59 | 5.80 | 14.59 | 0.00 |
| Varanasi | 1,535 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 16.10 | 17.10 | 1.11 | 0.10 | 0.00 |
| Grand Total | 2,40,928 | 2,616.43 | 4,080.04 | 8,109.18 | 14,805.65 | 6.15 | 126.65 | 586.52 |

 TABLE 11.28.5
 Forest Cover Change Matrix for Uttar Pradesh

(in sq km)

| Class | | Total ISFR | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|------------|-------|-------|----------|----------|
| Class | VDF | MDF | OF | Scrub | NF | 2017 |
| Very Dense Forest | 2,617 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,617 |
| Moderately Dense Forest | 0 | 4,052 | 9 | 0 | 8 | 4,069 |
| Open Forest | 0 | 25 | 7,899 | 16 | 53 | 7,993 |
| Scrub | 0 | 0 | 10 | 539 | 2 | 551 |
| Non Forest | 0 | 3 | 191 | 32 | 2,25,472 | 2,25,698 |
| Total ISFR 2019 | 2,617 | 4,080 | 8,109 | 587 | 2,25,535 | 2,40,928 |
| Net Change | 0 | 11 | 116 | 36 | -163 | |

Main reasons for the increase in forest cover in the State are plantation and conservation activities as well as improvement in interpretation.

TABLE 11.28.6 Altitude-wise Forest Cover in Uttar Pradesh

(in sq km)

| Altitude Zone (m) | Geographical Area | VDF | MDF | OF | Total | Scrub |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 0-500 | 2,40,458 | 2,617 | 3,894 | 7,888 | 14,399 (97.25%) | 585 |
| 500-1000 | 470 | 0 | 186 | 221 | 407 (2.75%) | 2 |
| Total | 2,40,928 | 2,617 | 4,080 | 8,109 | 14,806 | 587 |

(based on SRTM, Digital Elevation Model, 30 m, 2016)

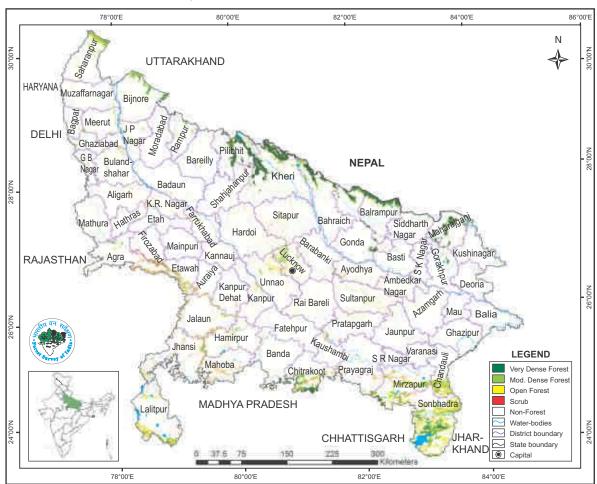
TABLE 11.28.7 Forest Cover in different slope classes in Uttar Pradesh

(in sq km)

| Slope (in degrees) | Geographical Area | VDF | MDF | OF | Total | Scrub |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 0-5 | 2,35,259 | 2,394 | 3,142 | 7,074 | 12,610 (85.17%) | 505 |
| 5-10 | 4,405 | 156 | 498 | 637 | 1,291 (8.72%) | 57 |
| 10-15 | 730 | 39 | 220 | 207 | 466 (3.15%) | 15 |
| 15-20 | 300 | 15 | 116 | 104 | 235 (1.59%) | 6 |
| 20-25 | 143 | 8 | 62 | 52 | 122 (0.82%) | 3 |
| 25-30 | 60 | 4 | 28 | 22 | 54 (0.36%) | 1 |
| >30 | 31 | 1 | 14 | 13 | 28 (0.19%) | 0 |
| Total | 2,40,928 | 2,617 | 4,080 | 8,109 | 14,806 | 587 |

(based on SRTM, Digital Elevation Model, 30 m, 2016)

FIGURE 11.28.3 Forest Cover Map of Uttar Pradesh



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TABLE 11.28.8 Wetlands inside the Recorded Forest Area (or Green Wash) in Uttar Pradesh

(in ha)

| Wetland Category | No. of Wetlands | Total Wetland Area |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | | |
| Lake/Pond | 92 | 924 |
| Ox-bow lake/Cut-off meander | 47 | 742 |
| Riverine wetland | 103 | 1,079 |
| Waterlogged | 240 | 3,035 |
| River/Stream | 310 | 26,048 |
| Sub - Total | 792 | 31,828 |
| | Inland Wetlands -Man-made | |
| Reservoir/Barrage | 504 | 8,754 |
| Tank/Pond | 106 | 353 |
| Waterlogged | 50 | 390 |
| Sub - Total | 660 | 9,497 |
| Wetlands (<2.25 ha) | 899 | 899 |
| Total | 42,224 | |
| | | |
| Total Recorded Forest (or Green Wash) | 13,43,375 | |
| % of Wetland area inside Recorded Fo | 3.14% | |

(analysis based on the National Wetland Atlas: India, 2011)

11.28.3 Forest Types & Biodiversity

Forest Types Maps of 2011 have been refined in the recently completed exercise by FSI. Percentage area under different forest types of Uttar Pradesh as per the Champion & Seth classification (1968), according to the latest exercise are presented in the following table.

TABLE 11.28.9 Percentage area under different forest types of Uttar Pradesh

| SI.No. | Forest Type | % of Forest cover |
|--------|---|-------------------|
| 1. | 2/E1 (Cane Brakes) | 0.14 |
| 2. | 3C/1S1 Low Alluvial Savannah Woodland (Salmalia Albizzia) | 0.03 |
| 3. | 3C/C2d (i) Western Light Alluvium Plains Sal | 10.06 |
| 4. | 3C/C2d (iii) Eastern Heavy Alluvium Plains Sal | 4.11 |
| 5. | 3C/C3a West Gangatic Moist Mixed Deciduous Forest | 2.56 |
| 6. | 3C/2S1 Northern Secondary Moist Mixed Deciduous Forest | 2.25 |
| 7. | 4D/SS2 Barringtonia Swamp Forest | 0.01 |
| 8. | 4D/2S2 Eastern Wet Alluvial Grassland | 0.63 |
| 9. | 4D/SS3 Syzygium cumini Swamp Low Forest | 1.33 |
| 10. | 5B/C2 Northern Dry Mixed Deciduous Forest | 34.90 |
| 11. | 5/E1 Anogeissus Pendula Forest | 2.81 |
| 12. | 5B/DS1 Dry Deciduous Scrub | 2.75 |
| 13. | 5B/C1c Dry Peninsular Sal Forest | 2.39 |
| 14. | 5E1/DS1 Anogeissus Pendula Scrub | 1.08 |
| 15. | 5/1S2 Khair-Sissu Forest | 1.08 |
| 16. | 5A/C1b Dry Teak Forest | 0.91 |
| 17. | 5/E2 Boswellia Forest | 0.80 |
| 18. | 5B/C1a Dry Siwalik Sal Forest | 0.71 |

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| SI.No. | Forest Type | % of Forest cover |
|--------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 19. | 5/E9 Dry Bamboo Brake | 0.52 |
| 20. | 5B/C1b Dry Plains Sal Forest | 0.41 |
| 21. | 5/E3 Babul Forest | 0.25 |
| 22. | 5/E8b Babul Savannah Forest | 0.10 |
| 23. | 5/E5 Butea Forest | 0.05 |
| 24. | 5/E8a Phoenix Savannah Forest | 0.02 |
| 25. | 5/DS2 Dry Savannah Forest | 0.01 |
| 26. | 5/DS3 (Euphorbia Scrub) | 0.01 |
| 27. | 5/1S1 Dry Tropical Riverain Forest | 0.00 |
| 28. | 6B/C2 Ravine Thorn Forest | 5.11 |
| 29. | Plantation/ TOF | 24.97 |
| | Total | 100.00 |

11.28.3.1 Assessment of Biodiversity

Findings of the rapid assessment of Biodiversity carried out at the national level for natural forests during September 2018 to May 2019 as part of the forest type mapping exercise is summarized below in table 11.28.10 and table 11.28.11 in respect of Uttar Pradesh.

TABLE 11.28.10 No. of species observed during the rapid assessment

| Plant Type | Number of Species |
|------------|-------------------|
| Tree | 84 |
| Shrub | 71 |
| Herb | 86 |

 $\textbf{TABLE 11.28.11} \quad \textbf{Shannon-Wiener Index of Tree, Shrub and Herb species in different Type Groups of Uttar Pradesh$

| SI.No. Forest Type Group | | Shai | nnon-Wiener In | dex |
|--------------------------|---|------|----------------|------|
| 31.NO. | SI.NO. Polest Type Gloup | | Shrub | Herb |
| 1 | Group 2- Tropical Semi-Evergreen Forests | * | 2.48 | 2.49 |
| 2 | Group 3- Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests | 2.31 | 2.41 | 2.26 |
| 3 | Group 4- Littoral and Swamp Forests | 1.98 | 2.29 | 2.63 |
| 4 | Group 5- Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests | 3.44 | 2.15 | 2.97 |
| 5 | Group 6- Tropical Thorn Forests | 1.42 | 2.07 | * |

^{*} adequate number of sample plots were not available

11.28.4 Fire Prone Forest Areas

Geographical area under different classes of forest fire proneness are given in the following table

TABLE 11.28.12 Forest Fire Prone Classes (in sq km)

| | | (59) | |
|------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Sl. No. | Forest Fire Prone Classes | Geographical Area | % of Total forest cover |
| 1. | Extremely fire prone | 124.70 | 0.92 |
| 2. | Very highly fire prone | 976.65 | 7.10 |
| 3. | Highly fire prone | 1,813.22 | 11.86 |
| 4. | Moderately fire prone | 3,487.79 | 17.66 |
| 5. | Less fire prone | 58,287.13 | 62.46 |
| | Total | 64,689.49 | 100.00 |



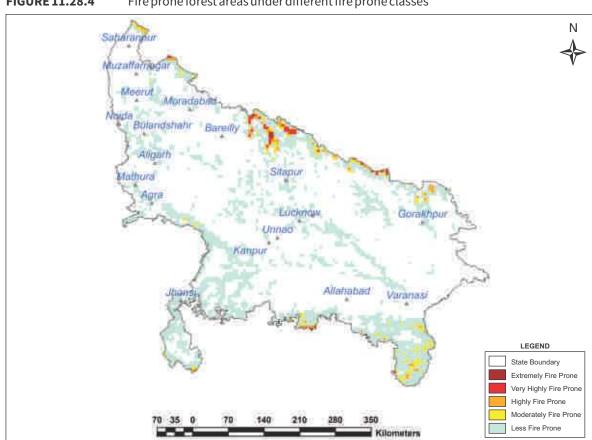


FIGURE 11.28.4 Fire prone forest areas under different fire prone classes

11.28.5 Tree Cover

Forest cover presented in the section 11.28.2 accounts for tree patches of size 1 ha and more having canopy density more than 10%. However, trees occurring in patches of size less than 1 ha including scattered trees are assessed through sampling based methodology. Tree cover in Uttar Pradesh has been estimated as given in table 11.28.13.

TABLE 11.28.13 Tree Cover in Uttar Pradesh (in sq.km)

| Troe Cover | Area |
|------------|-------|
| Tree Cover | 7,342 |

Tree cover of Uttar Pradesh has decreased by 100 sq km as compared to the previous assessment reported in ISFR 2017.

11.28.6 Extent of Trees Outside Forest (TOF)

Trees outside Forests (TOF) refer to tree resources found outside the forests as defined in the Government records. FSI maps forest cover using satellite data and assesses tree cover outside forests using sampling based method. Forest Cover outside the recorded forest area is derived using boundaries of RFA or Green Wash. Extent of TOF therefore may be estimated as the sum of extent of forest cover outside the recorded forest areas (RFA) and tree cover as given in the preceding section.

TABLE 11.28.14 Extent of TOF in Uttar Pradesh

(in sq km)

| Forest Cover outside the RFA/GW | Tree Cover | Extent of TOF |
|---------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 5,611 | 7,342 | 12,953 |

11.28.7 Growing Stock in Forest

Growing stock in the recorded forest areas (RFA) in Uttar Pradesh is given in the table 11.28.15. Diameter class-wise distribution of top 5 species in numbers derived from the forest inventory data is presented in the table 11.28.16

TABLE 11.28.15 Growing Stock in Uttar Pradesh

(in m cum)

| Growing Stock (GS) | | % of Country's GS |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Growing Stock in Recorded Forest Area | 96.04 | 2.25 |
| Growing Stock in TOF | 97.62 | 5.94 |

TABLE 11.28.16 Diameter class distribution of top five species inside RFA in Uttar Pradesh

(in '000)

| Sl.No. | Sl.No. Species | | Dia class (cm) | , i |
|--------|-------------------------|--------|----------------|-------|
| | Species . | 10-30 | 30-60 | >60 |
| 1. | Shorea robusta | 12,454 | 19,709 | 1,988 |
| 2. | Tectona grandis | 7,376 | 4,851 | 313 |
| 3. | Butea monosperma | 8,439 | 1,575 | 66 |
| 4. | Mallotus philippinensis | 9,659 | 707 | 0 |
| 5. | Lannea coromendelica | 8,557 | 1,246 | 0 |

11.28.8 Carbon Stock in Forest

The total Carbon stock of forests in the State is 115.69 million tonnes (424.20 million tonnes of CO_2 equivalent) which is 1.62% of total forest carbon of the country. Pool wise forest carbon in Uttar Pradesh is given in the following table

TABLE 11.28.17 Forest Carbon in Uttar Pradesh in different pools

(in '000 tonnes)

| AGB | BGB | Dead wood | Litter | soc | Total |
|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|----------|
| 32,498 | 10,374 | 372 | 1,893 | 70,553 | 1,15,690 |

11.28.9 Growing Stock of Bamboo

Bamboo bearing area and growing stock inside the recorded forest area (RFA)/ Green Wash in the State which includes culms of 1 year age and above are given in the table 11.28.18

TABLE 11.28.18 Growing Stock of Bamboo in Uttar Pradesh

| Growing Stock (GS) | | % of Country's GS of Bamboo |
|--|-------|-----------------------------|
| Bamboo bearing area inside RFA/Green Wash (in sq km) | 1,235 | 0.77 |
| Total number of culms (in millions) | 236 | 0.60 |
| Total equivalent green weight (in 000' tonnes) | 974 | 0.35 |

11.28.10 Dominant tree species in Trees Outside Forests (TOF)

Top five species in numbers in Trees Outside Forests in Uttar Pradesh in Rural and Urban areas are given in the table 11.28.19 and table 11.28.20 respectively.

TABLE 11.28.19 Top five tree species in TOF (Rural) **TABLE 11.28.20** Top five tree species in TOF (Urban) in Uttar Pradesh

in Uttar Pradesh

| Sl. No. | Species | Relative Abundance (%) |
|---------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | Mangifera indica | 31.54 |
| 2. | Eucalyptus species | 15.86 |
| 3. | Populus species | 9.60 |
| 4. | Azadirachta indica | 5.71 |
| 5. | Acacia arabica | 5.30 |

| Sl. No. | Species | Relative Abundance (%) |
|---------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | Azadirachta indica | 15.90 |
| 2. | Mangifera indica | 9.81 |
| 3. | Eucalyptus species | 8.87 |
| 4. | Psidium guyava | 3.90 |
| 5. | Terminalia arjuna | 3.33 |

11.28.11 Major NTFP and Invasive Species

Major NTFP and invasive species as assessed from forest inventory data are presented in the table 11.28.21 and table 11.28.22 respectively.

TABLE 11.28.21 Major NTFP species in the State of Uttar Pradesh

| Sl. No. | Species | Plant Type | Relative Abundance (%) |
|---------|---------------------|------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Calotropis gigantea | Shrub | 87.76 |
| 2. | Acacia concina | Shrub | 11.04 |
| 3. | Hedyotes scandens | Shrub | 1.20 |

TABLE 11.28.22 Major invasive species in the State inside the RFA/Green Wash in Uttar Pradesh

(in sq km)

| Sl. No. | Species | Estimated Extent |
|---------|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. | Lantana camara | 798 |
| 2. | Cassia tora | 193 |
| 3. | Saccharum spontanem | 126 |
| 4. | Dioscorea pentaphylla | 72 |
| 5. | Ichnocarpus frutescens | 59 |

Major NTFP species are given in terms of relative abundance whereas invasive species are given in terms of their estimated extent.

11.28.12 Quantified estimation of Dependence of People living in forest fringe villages on forests in **Uttar Pradesh**

Through a nation-wide study, FSI has done estimation of dependence of people living in the villages close to forest for fuel wood, fodder, small timber and bamboo in quantified terms for each State & UT of the country (Please refer to Chapter 10 in Vol. I for details). The estimated quantities of the four produce for Uttar Pradesh is given in the table 11.28.23.

TABLE 11.28.23 Estimation of Dependence of People in Forest Fringe Villages on Forests in Uttar Pradesh

| Fuelwood | Fodder | Bamboo | Small Timber |
|-----------|-------------|----------|--------------|
| (tonnes) | (tonnes) | (tonnes) | (cum) |
| 51,40,777 | 5,93,35,092 | 1,09,512 | |