

# **Forest and Tree Resources in States and Union Territories**



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This chapter gives information on the forest and tree cover of different States and Union Territories as per the present assessment and the changes with respect to the preceding assessment.

It also introduces the physical and demographic features of the States/UTs and important parameters related to the forest resources like forest plantations, protected areas, and joint forest management. Tribal population finds specific mention, as it is dependent on forest to a great extent. Under forest resources, occurrence of main forest types and distribution of forests in the States/UTs has been described. Protected areas - their number and extent, and initiatives of JFM find a brief mention. Information on these parameters has been compiled from secondary sources.

The forest cover has been compiled district-wise in all the States / UTs. Owing to the non-availability of district boundaries from SOI or the State governments, it has not been possible to furnish information relating to all the districts separately, and in a few cases information of two or more districts has been clubbed. Out of 593 districts in the country, information in respect of 590 districts has been furnished.

The changes in forest cover relate to the period between data used for the present and the preceding assessments. The change in different categories of forest cover and the dynamics of changes are shown in the change matrices of the States and Union Territories. Figures present maps of distribution of forest cover in different States and Union Territories. The chapter also provides State/UT wise information on the tree cover.