

INDEPENDENT FOREST MONITORING

MODULAR TRAINING MATERIALS

Model timetable for

**2 DAY
COURSE**



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Introduction

These modules require two days, and are designed to be the minimum introduction to IFM, for example when they part of a longer course. There is no practical or field work component, although one could be integrated with the longer course. Most of module b – Context – is omitted on the understanding that this is covered by other parts of the longer course.

It has typically been delivered to groups of 20 participants from civil society organisations, government forest authorities and private sector associations, including people from many different countries on the same course.

This timetable should be used alongside the Curriculum / Index of modules that provides learning objectives for each section.

The materials provided in this modular set include **Presentations**, and **Group exercises**. Participants benefit from being given the full set of training materials so that they can refer to these after the course.

Timetable Day 1

Day	Time	Title	Description
1	Morning	Module C: Setting up an IFM initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of participants • Introduction organisers and trainers
		c.1.1 Exercise: History of IFM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Witness IFM Video
		c.1.2 Presentation: Types of independent monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difference between forest control, independent monitoring, and independent audit • Discussion / question and answer
	Afternoon	b.1.1 Exercise: What is Illegal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguishing what's illegal from what you might disapprove of, but isn't illegal
		c.2.2 Presentation: Specific aspects of IFM by communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of CS-IFM and of involving communities in IFM • Discussion / question and answer

Timetable Day 2

2	Morning	Module D: Implementing an IFM initiative	Recap of the previous day by a volunteer at the start of the day
		c.2.1 Presentation: Principles of IFM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ten principles of IFM (this covers all the core aspects of IFM); question and answer for each slide.
		d.1.2 Presentation: Case selection and field preparations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condense these two presentation into a single one covering case selection, preparations, and IFM tools.
		d.2.1 Presentation: Field techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion / question and answer
	d.1.1 Exercise: Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants' experiences of monitoring forest activities: obstacles, challenges, needs, and recommended practices. 	
	Afternoon	Module E: Using what you find	
		e.1.1 Presentation: Analysis e.1.3 Presentation: Report writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show real examples of different types of report. Condense these two presentation into a single one covering on analysis, report structure, reporting and follow-up. Discussion / question and answer
f.1.1 Exercise: Follow-up action points		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominate rapporteurs who will describe 'why do IFM?'. Imagine themselves as a CSO initiating discussions on an MOU with the authorities. 	

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