

DEFINING AND MEASURING SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

A National Framework

A significant initiative taken in response to the National Forest Strategy was the development of science-based criteria and indicators that could be used to define and measure Canada's progress in the sustainable management of forests.

In 1993, the CCFM launched a public process to develop a framework for these indicators. This process led to the publication in 1995 of *Defining Sustainable Forest Management: A Canadian Approach to Criteria and Indicators*. This national framework identifies six criteria of sustainable forest management. These criteria recognize forests as ecosystems providing a wide range of environmental, economic, and social benefits to Canadians. (See chart below.)

CCFM CRITERIA AND INDICATORS FRAMEWORK

