

## **FORESTRY**

### **Major Agreements**

MOU on Forestry Cooperation  
Arrangement on Model Forests

### **Major Interlocutors**

#### ***Canada:***

Dept. of Natural Resources (CFS)  
IDRC  
DFAIT

#### ***Mexico:***

Ministry of the Environment (SEMARNAP)

### **Extent and Mechanisms of Cooperation**

Canada-Mexico Forestry relations are conducted, at the Canadian end, principally by the Canadian Forest Service (CFS), part of the Department of Natural Resources.

The relationship of the CFS with Mexico is carried out on two fronts: through an MOU on Forestry Cooperation (currently under revision) and through membership of the North American Forestry Commission (NAFC).

Under the MOU, the principal current projects are the Mexican participation (two sites) in Canada's International Model Forest Programme, as well as training in the prevention of forest fires, in collaboration with the Forestry Service of British Columbia. Responsibility for management of the International Model Forest Programme now resides with the International Development and Research Centre (IDRC).

The NAFC is trilateral, operating under the auspices of the FAO. It deals with sustainable forest management issues, primarily through study groups. Activities focus on research, information exchange and technology transfer. The CFS has also been involved in an advisory capacity in the development of the NAFTA, particularly the North American Environmental Commission.

The Mexican interlocutor for the CFS is the recently formed Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries (SEMARNAP).