Field-Map is a comprehensive software and hardware technology designed for field data collection and processing. It is used in a wide range of projects, including forest management planning, statistical forest inventory, and timber tracking.

**Statistical Forest Inventory**

The aim of the statistical forest inventory is providing comprehensive information on state and development of forests for strategic and management planning. Field-Map has a comprehensive functionality to support any type of statistical forest inventory. The Russian National Forest Inventory (the largest NFI programme worldwide) is one of the best examples of the Field-Map capacity to manage extensive databases and support multiple field teams. Other NFI programs using Field-Map are Ireland, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Iceland, Cape Verde and Hungary.

The above mentioned inventory programs demonstrate that the use of the Field-Map technology in statistical forest inventory optimizes the inventory costs and accuracy of the collected data and results. Even in cases with a relatively low number of inventory plots, the data evaluation often yields a desired accuracy of results while optimizing the costs of the whole inventory campaign. Specifically effective is the statistical data processing by Field-Map, which dramatically reduces the time for data processing and reporting.

**Forest and natural reserves**

Long-term monitoring of forest ecosystems is important for management of protected areas. Field-Map meets the requirements of long-term ecosystem monitoring, covering establishment of permanent plots and/or transects, repeated measurements, data processing and 2D/3D visualization. Field-Map has been applied for monitoring of forest and natural reserves in Belgium, Germany, Ukraine, Peru and several other temperate and tropical countries.

**Carbon stock monitoring**

Field-Map technology has been used in a number of projects for estimation of ecosystem carbon stock and monitoring of forest carbon stock changes. The capacity of the Field-Map system to integrate information from different remote sensing sources with the in-situ measurements ensures maximum efficiency and productivity of inventory projects focused on growing stock, biomass and carbon stock estimation. Furthermore, the experience from the Field-Map projects conducted in Uganda and Malaysia shows that such technology is also user friendly. After two weeks training the local experts are able to use the technology for biometric measurements in tropical forests, resulting in estimation of ecosystem carbon stocks. Capacity building is one of the important aspects of Field-Map projects. The field measurements cannot be done without the knowledge of local conditions. Therefore the field teams always include local experts who first master the technology and then carry out the projects.

**Forest management planning**

Field-Map has substantially increased the productivity of forest inventories for management planning of forest resources. Field-Map newly supports creating forest management plans right in the field. It includes mapping forest boundaries, roads, attributing forest stands, performing validation checks against legislative standards, etc.

**Standing Volume Assessment**

Measurements conducted with the Field-Map technology permit the determination of equations for tree volume calculations for number of forest species. The Field-Map can be used to parametrize global model of tree profile using just a few sample trees. It can then calculate assortments for the entire forest stand or the entire study area.

**What is Field-Map**

Field-Map is a comprehensive software and hardware technology for effective computer aided field data collection and subsequent data processing. Field-Map product line combines flexible real-time GIS software Field-Map with electronic equipment for mapping and dendrometric measurement. Field-Map application covers a whole range of different tasks ranging from single-tree measurements, research or inventory plot level, forest compartments up to the landscape level. Field-Map is being used in many projects of forest inventory, forestry research, forestry and landscape mapping and others.

**Example projects**

- **National Forest Inventory, Russia**
- **Acer platanoides Ulmus scabra Sorbus aucuparia Picea abies Fagus sylvatica Acer pseudoplatanus**
- **Forest management planning in tropical rainforest, Tolima, Colombia**
- **2D visualization of natural reserve, Poledník, Czech Republic**
- **2010 Carbon offset monitoring campaign in National park Kibale, Uganda**
- **Forest Management Planning, Czech Republic**
- **Forest management planning in tropical rainforest, Tolima, Colombia**
- **Monitoring of natural forest reserves, Junin, Peru**
- **Forest-Map users**
  - Field-Map users
  - Field-Map used in National Forest Inventory

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**Field-Map Software**

Field-Map consists of several applications. Depending on the type of your projects you may select those, which you need.

- **Field-Map Project Manager**
  - Prepare your project using user-friendly interface with no need of programming skills.
  - Implement your methodology into flexible database open to changes at any time.
  - Scripting environment is available for highly specific tasks such as data checking and local equations for volume or biomass estimation.

- **Field-Map Data Collector**
  - Collect your data in situ using field computer with external electronic tools (GPS, electronic rangefinder and compass) and/or traditional measurement devices.
  - Use navigation, continuous georeferencing, on-screen visualization, data checking and other functionality for efficient field survey, data collection and mapping.

- **Field-Map Inventory Analyst**
  - Evaluate your data and produce instant results, including calculation of missing trees, tree volume calculation, user-defined classification, user-reclassification, aggregation and others.
  - Use Inventory Analyst, an integral part of Field-Map, for advanced statistical processing of your inventory projects and produce publication-ready tables and graphs.

- **Field-Map Stem Analyst**
  - Calculate parameters for global stem profile model and use it for calculation of timber volume.
  - Field-Map Stem Analyst contains also module for calculating assortments and expressing it as financial value of the timber within specified area.

**Field-Map Hardware**

Field-Map software is flexible and can be used for many types of projects. Field-Map hardware can be optimized depending on the type of fieldwork you plan.

- **Hardware set for simple projects where weight of the equipment matters the most.**
  - If you need to make a lot of detailed measurements at one location (typically full mapping of large plot), you may want to consider tripod with large screen computer, precise laser range finder and additional battery pack.
  - Free your hands with adjustable aluminium arm holding your computer.

- **Hardware for projects where both weight and computing power matters.**
  - For projects where both weight and computing power matters, you can combine standard measuring devices with lightweight PC computer.
  - While mapping forest stand boundaries you may walk around 20 km a day. Then you need lite computer, GPS and just a small pocket laser range finder.

For complete list and detail information about hardware components or the entire hardware sets please download Field-Map Catalogue at www.field-map.com

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