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# Review\_methods for estimation of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils

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## Relevant LULUCF land categories:

- 4A. Forest land
- 4D. Wetlands
- 4E. Settlements

*NB. N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from Cropland and Grasslands reported under Agriculture sector*

## Terminology:

$\text{N}_2\text{O emissions} = [\text{N}_2\text{O-N}] \times 28/44$

$\text{N}_2\text{O-N}$  = fraction of total N contained by source convertible to N<sub>2</sub>O emission

F = activity data

# N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions from Managed Soils: Direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions sources from managed soils

- **human-induced N inputs to managed soils:**
  - **synthetic N** fertilisers ( $F_{SN}$ );
  - **organic N** applied as fertiliser (e.g., animal manure, compost, sewage sludge, rendering waste) ( $F_{ON}$ );
  - **urine and dung N** deposited on pasture, range and paddock by grazing animals ( $F_{PRP}$ );
  - **N in crop residues** (above-ground and below-ground), including from N-fixing crops and from forages during pasture renewal ( $F_{CR}$ )
- **mineralisation of N in soil organic matter following drainage/management of organic soils:**
  - **drainage/management** of organic soils (i.e., Histosols) ( $F_{OS}$ )
- **mineralisation of N by cultivation/land-use change on mineral soils:**
  - **N mineralisation** associated with loss of soil organic matter resulting from change of land use or management of mineral soils ( $F_{SOM}$ )

# N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions from Managed Soils: Direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions (Tier 1)

## EQUATION 11.1

### DIRECT N<sub>2</sub>O EMISSIONS FROM MANAGED SOILS (TIER 1)

$$N_2O_{Direct}-N = N_2O-N_{N\text{ inputs}} + N_2O-N_{OS} + N_2O-N_{PRP}$$

## EQUATION 11.2

### DIRECT N<sub>2</sub>O EMISSIONS FROM MANAGED SOILS (TIER 2)

$$N_2O_{Direct}-N = \sum_i (F_{SN} + F_{ON})_i \bullet EF_{1i} + (F_{CR} + F_{SOM}) \bullet EF_1 + N_2O-N_{OS} + N_2O-N_{PRP}$$

$N_2O_{Direct}-N$  = N<sub>2</sub>O–N emissions from managed soils, kg N<sub>2</sub>O–N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$N_2O-N_{N\text{ inputs}}$  = N<sub>2</sub>O–N emissions from *N inputs to managed soils*, kg N<sub>2</sub>O–N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$N_2O-N_{OS}$  = N<sub>2</sub>O–N emissions from *managed organic soils*, kg N<sub>2</sub>O–N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$N_2O-N_{PRP}$  = N<sub>2</sub>O–N emissions from *urine and dung inputs to grazed soils*, kg N<sub>2</sub>O–N yr<sup>-1</sup>

# N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions from Managed Soils: **Direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions (Tier 1)**

N<sub>2</sub>O–N *inputs* = **F** (amount of ..., kg N<sub>2</sub>O–N yr<sup>-1</sup>) \* **EF1** (emission factor for share of N which is convertetible to N<sub>2</sub>O emissions, from N inputs)

$$N_2O-N_{N\text{ inputs}} = \left[ \left[ (F_{SN} + F_{ON} + F_{CR} + F_{SOM}) \bullet EF_1 \right] + \left[ (F_{SN} + F_{ON} + F_{CR} + F_{SOM})_{FR} \bullet EF_{1FR} \right] \right]$$

SN –syntetic fertilizer, ON-organic fertilizers, CR-crop rezidues, **SOM – soil organic matter**  
FR-flooded rice

# N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions from Managed Soils: Direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions (Tier 1)

N<sub>2</sub>O–N<sub>OS</sub> = **F** (area of ....., kg N<sub>2</sub>O–N ha<sup>-1</sup>) \* **EF<sub>2</sub>** (mission factor for N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from drained/managed organic soils)

$$N_2O-N_{OS} = \left[ \begin{aligned} & \left( F_{OS,CG,Temp} \bullet EF_{2CG,Temp} \right) + \left( F_{OS,CG,Trop} \bullet EF_{2CG,Trop} \right) + \\ & \left( F_{OS,F,Temp,NR} \bullet EF_{2F,Temp,NR} \right) + \left( F_{OS,F,Temp,NP} \bullet EF_{2F,Temp,NP} \right) + \\ & \left( F_{OS,F,Trop} \bullet EF_{2F,Trop} \right) \end{aligned} \right]$$

## N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions from Managed Soils: **Direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions (Tier 1)**

N<sub>2</sub>O–N<sub>PRP</sub> = **F** (amount of ....., kg N<sub>2</sub>O–N ha<sup>-1</sup>) \* **EF3** (emission factor for N<sub>2</sub>O from urine and dung N deposited on pasture, range and paddock by grazing animals)

$$N_2O-N_{PRP} = \left[ \left( F_{PRP,CPP} \bullet EF_{3PRP,CPP} \right) + \left( F_{PRP,SO} \bullet EF_{3PRP,SO} \right) \right]$$

# N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions from Managed Soils: Direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions (Tier 1)

TABLE 11.1 DEFAULT EMISSION FACTORS TO ESTIMATE DIRECT N <sub>2</sub> O EMISSIONS FROM MANAGED SOILS		
Emission factor	Default value	Uncertainty range
EF <sub>1</sub> for N additions from mineral fertilisers, organic amendments and crop residues, and N mineralised from mineral soil as a result of loss of soil carbon [kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N (kg N) <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.01	0.003 - 0.03
EF <sub>1FR</sub> for flooded rice fields [kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N (kg N) <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.003	0.000 - 0.006
EF <sub>2CG, Temp</sub> for temperate organic crop and grassland soils (kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N ha <sup>-1</sup> )	8	2 - 24
EF <sub>2CG, Trop</sub> for tropical organic crop and grassland soils (kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N ha <sup>-1</sup> )	16	5 - 48
EF <sub>2F, Temp, Org, R</sub> for temperate and boreal organic nutrient rich forest soils (kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N ha <sup>-1</sup> )	0.6	0.16 - 2.4
EF <sub>2F, Temp, Org, P</sub> for temperate and boreal organic nutrient poor forest soils (kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N ha <sup>-1</sup> )	0.1	0.02 - 0.3
EF <sub>2F, Trop</sub> for tropical organic forest soils (kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N ha <sup>-1</sup> )	8	0 - 24
EF <sub>3PRP, CPP</sub> for cattle (dairy, non-dairy and buffalo), poultry and pigs [kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N (kg N) <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.02	0.007 - 0.06
EF <sub>3PRP, SO</sub> for sheep and ‘other animals’ [kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N (kg N) <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.01	0.003 - 0.03
Sources: EF <sub>1</sub> : Bouwman et al. 2002a,b; Stehfest & Bouwman, 2006; Novoa & Tejeda, 2006 in press; EF <sub>1FR</sub> : Akiyama <i>et al.</i> , 2005; EF <sub>2CG, Temp</sub> , EF <sub>2CG, Trop</sub> , EF <sub>2F, Trop</sub> : Klemetsson <i>et al.</i> , 1999, IPCC Good Practice Guidance, 2000; EF <sub>2F, Temp</sub> : Alm <i>et al.</i> , 1999; Laine <i>et al.</i> , 1996; Martikainen <i>et al.</i> , 1995; Minkinen <i>et al.</i> , 2002; Regina <i>et al.</i> , 1996; Klemetsson <i>et al.</i> , 2002; EF <sub>3, CPP</sub> , EF <sub>3, SO</sub> : de Klein, 2004.		



# N loss in soil management

## EQUATION 11.8

**N MINERALISED IN MINERAL SOILS AS A RESULT OF LOSS OF SOIL C THROUGH CHANGE IN LAND USE OR MANAGEMENT (TIERS 1 AND 2)**

$$F_{SOM} = \sum_{LU} \left[ \left( \Delta C_{Mineral, LU} \cdot \frac{1}{R} \right) \cdot 1000 \right]$$

$\Delta C_{Mineral, LU}$  = average annual loss of soil carbon for each land-use type ( $LU$ ), tonnes C (Note: for Tier 1,  $\Delta C_{mineral, LU}$  will have a single value for all land-uses and management systems. Using Tier 2 the value for  $\Delta C_{mineral, LU}$  will be disaggregated by individual land-use and/or management systems.

$R$  = C:N ratio of the soil organic matter. A default value of 15 (uncertainty range from 10 to 30) for the C:N ratio ( $R$ ) may be used for situations involving land-use change from Forest Land or Grassland to Cropland, in the absence of more specific data for the area. A default value of 10 (range from 8 to 15) may be used for situations involving management changes on *Cropland Remaining Cropland*. C:N ratio can change over time, land use, or management practice<sup>17</sup>. If countries can document changes in C:N ratio, then different values can be used over the time series, land use, or management practice.

# N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions from Managed Soils: in-direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions sources

- **Volatilisation and deposition** & **leaching and runoff** from land associated to:
  - synthetic N fertilisers ( $F_{SN}$ );
  - organic N applied as fertiliser (e.g., animal manure, compost, sewage sludge, rendering waste) ( $F_{ON}$ );
  - urine and dung N deposited on pasture, range and paddock by grazing animals ( $F_{PRP}$ );
  - N in crop residues (above-ground and below-ground), including from N-fixing crops and from forages during pasture renewal ( $F_{CR}$ );
  - N mineralisation associated with loss of soil organic matter resulting from change of land use or management of mineral soils ( $F_{SOM}$ )

# N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions from Managed Soils: In-direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions (Tier 1)

EQUATION 11.9

N<sub>2</sub>O FROM ATMOSPHERIC DEPOSITION OF N VOLATILISED FROM MANAGED SOILS (TIER 1)

$$N_2O_{(ATD)}-N = [(F_{SN} \cdot \text{Frac}_{GASF}) + ((F_{ON} + F_{PRP}) \cdot \text{Frac}_{GASM})] \cdot EF_4$$

Frac<sub>GASF, GASM</sub> = fraction that volatilises as NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>  
[kg N volatilised (kg of N applied or deposited)-1]

EF<sub>4</sub> = emission factor for N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from  
atmospheric deposition of N on soils and water surfaces,  
[kg N–N<sub>2</sub>O (kg NH<sub>3</sub>–N + NO<sub>x</sub>–N volatilised)-1]

EQUATION 11.10

N<sub>2</sub>O FROM N LEACHING/RUNOFF FROM MANAGED SOILS IN REGIONS WHERE LEACHING/RUNOFF  
OCCURS (TIER 1)

$$N_2O_{(L)}-N = (F_{SN} + F_{ON} + F_{PRP} + F_{CR} + F_{SOM}) \cdot \text{Frac}_{LEACH-(H)} \cdot EF_5$$

Frac<sub>LEACH-(H)</sub> = fraction leaching/runoff  
occurs that  
[kg N (kg of N additions)-1]

EF<sub>5</sub> = emission factor for N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from N leaching and  
runoff  
[kg N<sub>2</sub>O–N (kg N leached and runoff)-1]

# N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions from Managed Soils: In-direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions (Tier 1)

**TABLE 11.3**  
**DEFAULT EMISSION, VOLATILISATION AND LEACHING FACTORS FOR INDIRECT SOIL N<sub>2</sub>O EMISSIONS**

Factor	Default value	Uncertainty range
EF <sub>4</sub> [N volatilisation and re-deposition], kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N (kg NH <sub>3</sub> –N + NO <sub>x</sub> –N volatilised) <sup>-1 22</sup>	0.010	0.002 - 0.05
EF <sub>5</sub> [leaching/runoff], kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N (kg N leaching/runoff) <sup>-1 23</sup>	0.0075	0.0005 - 0.025
Frac <sub>GASF</sub> [Volatilisation from synthetic fertiliser], (kg NH <sub>3</sub> –N + NO <sub>x</sub> –N) (kg N applied) <sup>-1</sup>	0.10	0.03 - 0.3
Frac <sub>GASM</sub> [Volatilisation from all organic N fertilisers applied, and dung and urine deposited by grazing animals], (kg NH <sub>3</sub> –N + NO <sub>x</sub> –N) (kg N applied or deposited) <sup>-1</sup>	0.20	0.05 - 0.5
Frac <sub>LEACH(H)</sub> [N losses by leaching/runoff for regions where Σ(rain in rainy season) - Σ (PE in same period) > soil water holding capacity, OR where irrigation (except drip irrigation) is employed], kg N (kg N additions or deposition by grazing animals) <sup>-1</sup>	0.30	0.1 - 0.8

Note: The term Frac<sub>LEACH</sub> previously used has been modified so that it now only applies to regions where soil water-holding capacity is exceeded, as a result of rainfall and/or irrigation (excluding drip irrigation), and leaching/runoff occurs, and redesignated as Frac<sub>LEACH(H)</sub>. In the definition of Frac<sub>LEACH(H)</sub> above, PE is potential evaporation, and the rainy season(s) can be taken as the period(s) when rainfall > 0.5 \* Pan Evaporation. (Explanations of potential and pan evaporation are available in standard meteorological and agricultural texts). For other regions the default Frac<sub>LEACH</sub> is taken as zero.

# CO2 EMISSIONS FROM LIMING

## EQUATION 11.12

### ANNUAL CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS FROM LIME APPLICATION

$$CO_2\text{-C Emission} = (M_{\text{Limestone}} \cdot EF_{\text{Limestone}}) + (M_{\text{Dolomite}} \cdot EF_{\text{Dolomite}})$$

CO<sub>2</sub>-C Emission = annual C emissions from lime application, t C yr<sup>-1</sup>

M = annual amount of calcic limestone (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) or dolomite (CaMg(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), t yr<sup>-1</sup>

EF = emission factor, tonne of C (tonne of limestone or dolomite)<sup>-1</sup>. Default emission factors **EF = 0.12** for limestone and **EF=0.13** for dolomite

# CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS FROM UREA FERTILIZATION

EQUATION 11.13

ANNUAL CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS FROM UREA APPLICATION

$$\text{CO}_2\text{-C Emission} = M \cdot EF$$

CO<sub>2</sub>-C Emission = annual C emissions from urea (CO(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) application, tC yr<sup>-1</sup>

M = annual amount of urea fertilisation, t urea yr<sup>-1</sup>

EF = emission factor, tC (tonne of urea)<sup>-1</sup>. The default emission factor **EF = 0.20** for carbon emissions from urea applications (carbon content of urea on an atomic weight basis (20% for CO(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)).

# Emissions and removals from drainage and rewetting and other management of organic and mineral soils

2006 IPCC Guidelines (Chapter 7: Wetlands)

TABLE 7.1 SECTIONS ADDRESSING MAJOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM MANAGED WETLANDS		
Land-use category/GHG	Peatlands	Flooded Land
Wetlands Remaining Wetlands		
CO <sub>2</sub>	Section 7.2.1.1	No Guidance <sup>1</sup>
CH <sub>4</sub>	No Guidance <sup>2</sup>	Appendix 3
N <sub>2</sub> O	Section 7.2.1.2	No Guidance <sup>3</sup>
Lands Converted to Wetlands		
CO <sub>2</sub>	Section 7.2.2.1	Section 7.3.2.1 and Appendix 2
CH <sub>4</sub>	No Guidance <sup>2</sup>	Appendix 3
N <sub>2</sub> O	Section 7.2.2.2	No Guidance <sup>3</sup>

2013 IPCC Wetland Supplement – include EFs for CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O

Chapter 2	Drained Inland Organic Soils
Chapter 3	Rewetted Organic Soils
Chapter 4	Coastal Wetlands
Chapter 5	Inland Wetland Mineral Soils
Chapter 6	Constructed Wetlands for Wastewater Treatment

See TABLE 1 COVERAGE OF THE WETLANDS SUPPLEMENT