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## **Forest Cover Map and Reconnaissance Forest Inventory of Albania (GCP/ALB/002/IDA)**

In the context of the "Integrated Forest Management Project" for Albania, a Letter of Agreement (LOA) between FAO and The World Bank was signed on 16 August 1994 for the preparation of a "Forest Cover Map and Reconnaissance Forest Inventory of Albania". This work was carried out by FAO in cooperation with international and national consultants, the University of Goettingen (Germany) and the General Directorate of Forests and Pastures in Albania. The preparation of the Forest and Land Cover Map of Albania was based on the analysis of satellite remote sensing data through visual interpretation of geometrically corrected and specifically enhanced satellite imagery. Visual interpretation of Landsat TM images was undertaken to delineate the main features, using as ancillary data only the Forest map at 1:20000 scale. The maps and statistics produced under this LOA are also available to the Albanian beneficiaries (Directorate General of Forests and Pastures and Forest and Pasture Research Institute) in digital form and can thus be used for the development of GIS data base (nowadays this technology is available and operative in Albania).