

FORMAK Glossary

Basal Area: Cross sectional area of tree stems. Usually expressed as square metres per hectare

Clinometer: Device for measuring slopes and angles. A simple version of a clinometer is provided with the full FORMAK kit.

DBH - Diameter at Breast Height: Tree stem diameter measured 1.35m above the ground.

Diameter Tape: A tape that allows direct reading of diameter when wrapped around the circumference of a stem.

Faecal Pellets: Animal droppings

GPS: Global Positioning System. Uses satellites orbiting the earth to determine position on the earth's surface by trigonometry.

NFM - Native Forest Monitoring: The publication "Native Forest Monitoring – A guide for forest owners and managers" by Peter Handford. Published by FRONZ, September 2002. Available from PA Handford & Associates Ltd.