

## *Letter to the Editor*

During data collection for preparation of volume functions for high forest species at Cox's Bazar Forest Division, some photographs of wood stacks were taken in order to find a relationship of stacked volume versus solid wood volume. The stacks were composed of round woods of varying sizes. The photographs in black and white were taken from three places of Cox's Bazar Forest Division.

The blank and wooded areas of four enlarged photographs were traced on transparent overlays and the blank areas were coloured. A dot grid was used to count the dots of the blank areas and of the total area after which the percentages of wooded and blank areas were calculated. The results are summarized below :

Photo No.	Area of the stack (cm <sup>2</sup> )	No. of dots of the stack	No. of dots of blank area	% Blank area	% Wooded area
1.	39.60	990	288	29.09	70.91
2.	89.09	2227	809	36.33	63.67
3.	78.40	1960	663	33.80	66.20
4.	97.50	2437	728	29.87	70.13

The average percentage of wooded and blank areas are 67.73 and 32.27 respectively.

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