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**National Report to the Tenth Session of the
United Nations Forum on Forests**

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

GUIDANCE FOR THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL REPORTS

This streamlined reporting format is made up of three parts:

- I. The forest instrument
- II. The four Global Objectives on Forests
- III. The contribution of forests to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals

The forest instrument covers a broad spectrum of issues beyond forests. Its implementation requires close cooperation between different authorities. Consequently, the preparation of national reports may require a coopera

General information

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PART I The Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (forest instrument)⁵

Thematic Clusters

<p>- Council to Mitigate Actions to Help Address Problems Associated with Illegal Logging, led by the Deputy Prime-Minister of Armenia, established in 2005.</p> <p>- Steering Committee of the Climate Change Related Projects in Armenia funded by GEF and supported by UNDP</p>		
4. Are your national forest programmes and relevant policies and strategies contributing to poverty eradication?	Yes	No
If yes, please specify :		
National forest programs have been revised to include specific measures and resources for eradicating poverty.		
National poverty eradication plans and strategies or equivalent have been revised to incorporate sustainable forest management.		
Please describe specific actions or measures taken to eradicate poverty and their effects (maximum 250 words). A great number of afforestation and reforestation activities have been undertaken in the framework of Natural Resources Management and Poverty Reduction Project of the World Bank. In 2006-2007 in the result of the increase of afforestation and reforestation activities in communities new vacancies were opened for the people.		
5. Has the forest instrument been translated into your country's official/local language(s)?	Yes	No
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Please list the language(s) into which the forest instrument has been translated.		
<p>- National Forest Policy and Strategy Paper of the Republic of Armenia, approved by the Government of the Republic of Armenia in 2004 (English and Armenian)</p> <p>- National Forest Program of Republic of Armenia, approved by the Government of the Republic of Armenia in 2005(English and Armenian)</p> <p>- Action Plan for Mitigating Actions to Help Address Problems Associated with Illegal Logging, approved by the Government of the Republic of Armenia in 2004 (English and Armenian)</p>		
<p>1B: Financing sustainable forest management: Assessment of this thematic cluster will be conducted on the basis of data provided under Global Objective on Forests 4 (Q. 43-49).</p>		
<p>1C: Capacity building and technology transfer</p>		
6. Total number of persons employed in forestry (1,000 persons-years); data will be derived by UNFFS from the FRA database (T13 – Employment).		
7. Total number of staff working in public forest institutions; data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T15 – Institutional framework).		
Does your country have adequate capacity and technology to implement sustainable forest management?	Yes	No
		√
If no, please describe the main challenges, including institutional and technology priority needs and know-how areas of particular concern (maximum 250 words). <p>- Lacking knowledge and capacities in the forestry sector,</p> <p>- Lacking capacities to increase the afforestation/reforestation area,</p> <p>- Lacking knowledge and capacities to introduce environmental sound technologies in the forest management and planning</p>		
8. Is your country engaged in SFM-related technology transfer?	Yes	No
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If yes, is your country a donor or recipient of SFM technology?		
Donor country	FAO	

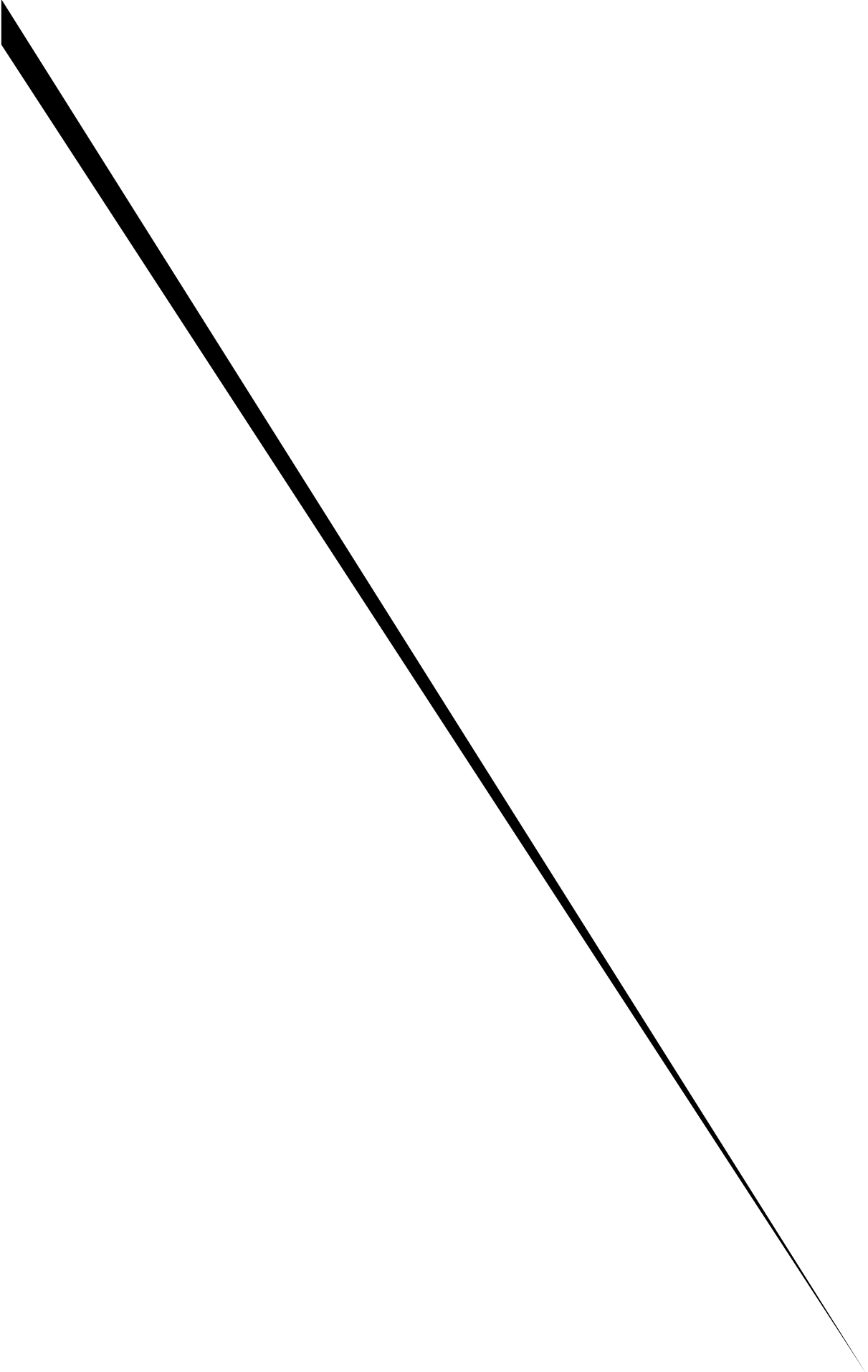
Recipient country	Armenia	
Describe the nature, source and target of technology transfer (maximum 250 words). - FAO project on Forest Rehabilitation and Afforestation - NFP Facility projects - GIZ project (remote sensing)		
9. Are there any incentives for promoting improved technologies for SFM?	Yes	No
		√
If yes, please check where applicable:		
Low-interest loans		
Tax breaks		
Subsidies		
Participation in SFM best practice certification programmes that improve access to markets		

If yes, please specify the type of the cooperation:		
North-South		
South-South		
Triangular	YES	
Others: FLEG	YES	

Please give examples, describing the main objectives and elements of the cooperation (maximum 250 words).

- **REC projects** .

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benefits of sustainable forest management		
Other; please describe (maximum 100 words).		
2F: Private sector and industry		
26. Do stakeholder participation mechanisms in support of sustainable forest management exist that engage the private sector and industry?	Yes	No
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27. Have you established or strengthened public-private partnerships to advance sustainable forest management?	Yes	No
		√
If yes, please describe (maximum 250 words).		
Describe these mechanisms and their functions. What specific role do the private sector and industry play in promoting and supporting the forest instrument and sustainable forest management? (maximum 250 words).		
2G: Indigenous and local communities		
28. Are tenure and user rights of local communities and indigenous peoples over publicly-owned forests recognized by law?	Yes	No
	√	
Describe how they are recognized and practiced (maximum 250 words).		

If yes, how many persons from the following communities were the beneficiaries?	2007	2011
Indigenous		
Local	100	150

Part II: The Global Objectives on Forests

Global Objective 1: Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation;

33. Extent of the country's forests and other wooded lands (1000 ha.); data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T.1 - Extent of forest and other wooded land)

41. Extent of forest designated and managed for sustainable forest management (1000 ha); data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T.3 - Forest designation and management).	2005	2010
Extent of forest with management plans (1000 ha)		
42. Does your country have forests under internationally recognized certification schemes?	Yes	No
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If yes, please specify:	Certification Scheme	Area
Describe any significant actions related to Global Objective on Forests 3 (maximum 250 words).		
Global Objective 4: Reverse the decline in official development assistance for sustainable forest management and mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of sustainable forest management;		
43. Does your country have a government budget specific for forests?	Yes	No
	√	
44. What is the total amount of funding in forest management, administration, research and human resource development (US\$ 1,000)?	2007	2011
	US\$6478019	US\$3396969
45. If the funding for forests is spread among other se		

PART III: Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals

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Although domestic legislation in Armenia provides a framework for the equal rights of men and women, women remain disadvantaged, facing various forms of tacit discrimination, and are underrepresented in decision-making bodies. There is no gender discrimination in terms of literacy and employment. One of the main contemporary challenges in Armenia is to utilize the intellectual and professional potential of Armenia's women to contribute to the economic development and better governance of the country, and at the same time to counter gender-based discrimination. More than 140 women are working in forest management sphere. A number of women are involved in afforestation and reforestation activities implemented in the framework of international projects.

Goal 4: Reduce child mortality:

Yes

No

Please list the indicators.

Please describe how forests contribute to achieving this goal (maximum 250 words).

During the last years Armenia has an active cooperation with a number of International Organizations.

FAO – Afforestation and Reforestation

WB – Natural Resources Management and Poverty Reduction

SIDA – Institutional reforms in forest sector

GTZ – Sustainable management of bioresources in South Caucasus

NFG – Community forest management in Armenia

FLEG - “Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia”

Assistance Fund of Japan Government, other organization concerned with the forest sphere.