

Country: Germany

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

### INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The present report is prepared in accordance with the mandate of the United Nations Forum on Forests, established by the General Assembly in 2001. It provides an overview of the forest sector in Germany, including the status of forests, forest management, and the role of forests in sustainable development. The report is structured as follows: Chapter 1 provides an overview of the forest sector; Chapter 2 discusses the status of forests; Chapter 3 discusses forest management; Chapter 4 discusses the role of forests in sustainable development; and Chapter 5 discusses the role of forests in climate change mitigation and adaptation.

The report is based on data from the German Forest Inventory and Data Analysis (DWD) and the German Forest Survey (DWD). It also draws on information from other sources, including the German Forest Act (Forstgesetz) and the German Forest Management Act (Forstverordnungsamt). The report is intended to provide a comprehensive overview of the forest sector in Germany and to serve as a basis for policy-making and action.

The report is organized into five chapters. Chapter 1 provides an overview of the forest sector in Germany, including the status of forests, forest management, and the role of forests in sustainable development. Chapter 2 discusses the status of forests in Germany, including the extent of forests, the composition of forests, and the health of forests. Chapter 3 discusses forest management in Germany, including the principles of forest management, the types of forest management, and the role of forest management in sustainable development. Chapter 4 discusses the role of forests in sustainable development, including the role of forests in providing ecosystem services, the role of forests in providing timber and other forest products, and the role of forests in providing recreational and cultural services. Chapter 5 discusses the role of forests in climate change mitigation and adaptation, including the role of forests in carbon sequestration, the role of forests in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and the role of forests in adapting to climate change.

The report is intended to provide a comprehensive overview of the forest sector in Germany and to serve as a basis for policy-making and action. It is also intended to provide information to the public and to other stakeholders in the forest sector.



### General information

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#### UNFF national focal point, p q no o )

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#### Person to contact concerning the national report, if other than the UNFF national focal point

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#### Abbreviations in the questionnaire/template:

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**PART E The Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (forest instrument)<sup>5</sup>**

**Thematic Clusters of the Forest Instrument**

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<p><b>Global Objective 2: Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest dependent people</b></p>
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<p>D n n n on o o on o ( r r ] o )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Domestically, sustainable forest management is used on all forest area and is controlled by the authorities of the Laender</li> <li>- In order to promote SFM globally, the federal government and some Laender and municipalities use public procurement policies to ensure the use of forest products from sustainably managed forests</li> <li>- In addition see answer to question 2A</li> </ul>		

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