

General information

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Abbreviations in the questionnaire/template:

NA: Not available
NFP: National forest programme
ODA: Official development assistance
SIDS: Small Island Developing States
SFM: Sustainable forest management
UN: United Nations
UNFF: United Nations Forum on Forests
UNFFS: United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat

PART I: The Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (forest instrument)¹

Thematic Clusters of the Forest Instrument The forest instrument has been grouped into five cross-cutting and eight thematic clusters for easy reference²:

- 1A: Strengthening political commitment for sustainable forest management
- 1B: Financing sustainable forest management
- 1C: Capacity building and technology transfer
- 1D: Stakeholder participation
- 1E: Enhanced international cooperation

- 2A: Forest law enforcement and governance
- 2B: International Trade in forest products
- 2C: Protection of forests
- 2D: Science and research
- 2E: Public awareness and education

If yes, which sectors are actively involved:		
Agriculture		X
Climate Change		X
Energy		X
Tourism		X
Water		
Other:		X
Please describe the inter-institutional mechanisms/processes for cross-sectoral cooperation (maximum 250 words).		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Multi-Stakeholders Platform provides the opportunities for these stakeholder's groupings to discuss on consensus bases the future of SFM in Liberia; • At regional level there are coordinating meetings involving all government agencies and the non-government institutions to discuss issues relating to the region. 		
4. Are your national forest programmes and relevant policies and strategies contributing to poverty eradication?	Yes	No

If yes, please specify :

X

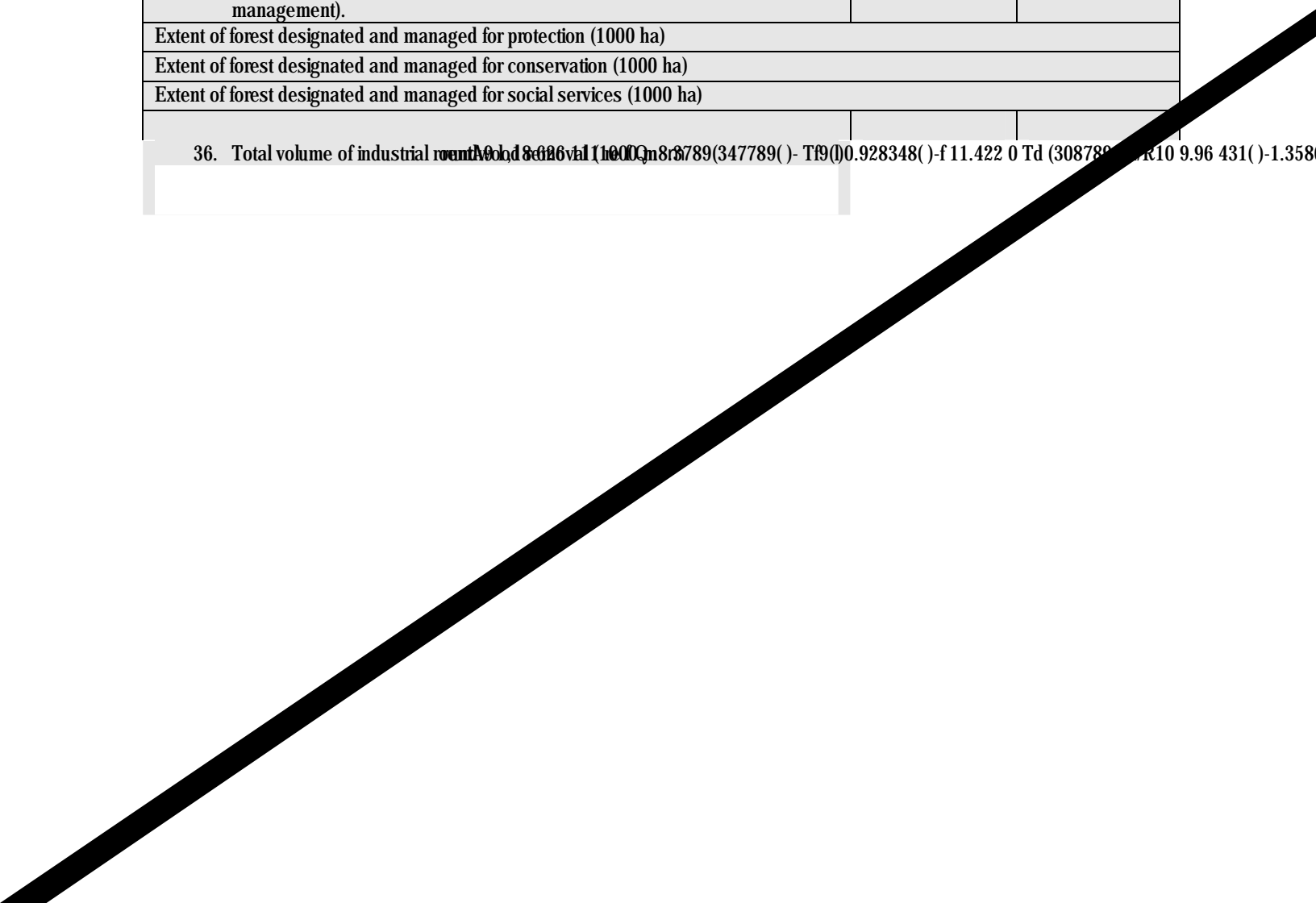
Timber products	N/A	N/A	Nil	> US\$14 Million
Fuelwood				
17. Does your country trade in non-wood forest products? If yes. please list the most important and provide estimated market value:	Yes	X	No	
	Import		Export	
	2007	2011	2007	2011
	N/A	N/A	N/A	>US\$10,000.00
Describe the recent significant steps taken to enhance international trade in forest products in your country (maximum 250 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established membership with ITTO, • Signing of FLEGT/VPA with EU and about to be ratified by the legislature • Encouraged international investment in logging contracts through competitive bidding process; 				
2C: Protection of forests				
18. Forest area (1000 hectares) conservation of biodiversity; data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T 3 – Forest designation and management).				
19. Forest area (1000 hectares) within protective areas; data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T 3 – Forest designation and management).				

Local communities		> 10,000
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28. Are tenure and user rights of local communities and indigenous peoples over publicly-owned forests recognized by law?	Yes	No
	X	
Describe how they are recognized and practiced (maximum 250 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Forest Reform law of 2006 mandated the formulation of Community Rights Law with respect to forest lands; • Access to forest resources in contracted concession areas; • Pre and informed consent for awarding any forest harvesting contract. 		
29. Are local communities and indigenous peoples benefiting from the goods and services produced by forests? ⁴	Yes	No
	X	
Describe how this is functioning (maximum 250 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefit sharing from contract areas; • Social Agreement with concessions • Payment of 30% land area fees from concession • Priority for employment in case of any forest and forestry activity • Developing alternate source of protein in case of stopping the bush meat hunting in the contract areas 		
30. Are traditional forest-related knowledge and practices used in forest management, planning and implementation?	Yes	No
	X	

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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)	2005	2010
34. Extent of the country's forests under public/private ownership (1000 ha); data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T.2 - Forest ownership and management rights).	2005	2010
Extent of the country's forests under private ownership (1000 ha)		
Extent of privately-owned forests according to the following categories (1000 ha)		
Individual		
Business entities and institutions		
Local, indigenous and tribal communities		
Describe any significant actions related to Global Objective on Forests 1 (maximum 250 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Forestry Development Authority has development (put in place)a Reforestation Policy; • NTFP Regulation to control harvesting, commercialization; • Ensuring the sustainable production and utilization of charcoal; • 30% of Liberia's forest cover is earmarked for conservation; • Introduction of low land farming system to reduce pressure on the natural high forest 		
Global Objective 2: Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest dependent people		
35. Extent of forest designated and managed for production (1000 ha); data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T.3 - Forest designation and management).	2005	2010
Extent of forest designated and managed for protection (1000 ha)		
Extent of forest designated and managed for conservation (1000 ha)		
Extent of forest designated and managed for social services (1000 ha)		
36. Total volume of industrial roundwood removed (1000 m ³)	2005	2010
	11.4220	9.96431



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
If yes, please specify:	Certification Scheme	Area
	N/A	N/A

49. If yes, what has been the net ODA received/donated for forestry (US 1000)?	Donor		Recipient	
	2007	2010	2007	2011
			N/A	US\$ 4.5 mi
<p>Please use this space to describe any significant actions related to Global Objective on Forests 4 (maximum 250 words). With the new Forest Reform Law of 2006, mandated the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) to collect forest resource revenue and deposit it to Central Bank of Liberia. The funding of the forestry sector comes from National Fiscal Budget allotment but not from the forest resource revenue collection.</p>				

PART III: Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals

Forests can make significant contributions to poverty reduction, improved health, education and gender equity. Sustainable forest management aims to enhance the contribution of forests to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). However, the evidence of this contribution and greater recognition of the value of sustainably managed forests are difficult to gather.

Currently the only forest-related official MDG indicator that provides information on the proportion of land area covered by forest

assess this contribution?		
Please list the indicators. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools • Roads • Benefits from extraction of resources 		
Please provide a short description how forests contribute to achieving this goal (maximum 200 words). When contracts are given to forest sector investor, Social Agreements ensure the provision of social services to the forest fringe communities in these operational areas. Education is one of the benefits enshrined.		
Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women:		
	Yes	No

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the same as the Goal # 2 above 		
Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases		
Does SFM contribute to achieving this goal in your country?	Yes	No
If so, do you have specific indicators and data which could be/are being used to assess this contribution?	X	
Please list the indicators. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinics • Trained health workers; • Equipped medical facilities; • Established referral hospital. 		

Please describe how forests contribute to achieving