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Mandate for research on progress towards the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, the United Nations forest instrument and voluntary national contributions

(c) In view of the cross-cutting nature of issues relating to forest management, 10-CONSUL experts will be relevant to the project.

Direct research is being carried out by the project. Stakeholders will be consulted where appropriate. Member States will be invited to contribute to the report.

4. This year 2015 is the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Global Forest Resources Assessment. Where possible, please indicate the sources of information and provide a Web link.

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(ii) Institutional actions

List of actions:

Targets 1.1 and 1.2

Forest territories and respectively the potential for carbon sequestration expand in the last decade.

Target 1.3

Sustainable forest management is ensured by implementation of management plans or programs for all forests.

Target 1.4

To improve the resilience and adaptation of forests to climate change the planning and implementation

of the following forestry activities are ensured:

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Description of actions:

Targets 1.1 and 1.2

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(iii) Financial actions

List of actions:

Financing for:

- protection of forests from pests and diseases and diseases
- inventory and planning
- protection of forests from fires
- natural regeneration

Description of actions:

Financing from the state budget

net and from forest owners
control of forest fires and other damages
Permitted to use the forest territory is assigned for inventory
plans

... has announced a voluntary national contribution of contributions relating to goal 1; please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made therefor.

(e) Any additional requirements, comments on...

Global forest goal 2 and associated targets

Associated targets

2.1 Extreme poverty for all forest-dependent people is eradicated.

2.2 Increase the access of small-scale forest and silviculture-based enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit and their integration into value chains and markets.

2.3 The contribution of forests and trees to food security is significantly increased.

2.4 The contribution of forest industry, other forest-based enterprises and forest ecosystem services to social, economic and environmental development is significantly increased.

2.5 The contribution of all types of forests to biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation, and adaptation is enhanced, taking into account the role of forests in the carbon cycle.

Questions on goal 2

Since 2015, what types of activities have been implemented in the private sector to contribute to the achievement of the forest-related targets?

⁵ Goal 2 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of other Sustainable Development Goals, in particular targets 1.1, 1.4, 2.1, 2.4, 5.a, 6.6, 8.3, 9.3, 12.2, 12.5, 13.6 and 15.1 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

i) Legislative and policy actions

List of actions:

Target 2.3

To guarantee the protective functions of forests, the Forest Law (art. 5 para)

system of forest shelterbelts has been established and maintained in agricultural land from erosion and loss of soil fertility.

Target 2.4

Chapter 17 of the Forest Law defines the types of ecosystem services from

The governmental program for the period 2010-2014 covers the implementation of measure 657/m

express for consumption of wood and other products from forest management

NAT 18/4-2002

Description of actions:

Target 2.3:

Ordinance № 18 from 7 October 2015 defines the forest territories of protective importance for conservation of soil and water resources (art. 42 and art. 43).

A Strategy for strengthening the role of the agricultural sector in the bioeconomy was developed in

January 2019-2010. In forest sector measures are as follows:

Target 2.4

Measures for the implementation of payment for use of ecosystem services were established in conditions for their payment in the development

Target 2.5:

corresponding management plans, etc. in pr

(ii) Institutional actions

List of actions:

Target 2.1

Annually the state and the municipalities supply at preferential prices the local population with more than 300 000 m³ wood, mainly firewood.

Target 2.3.

Assess the state of forests in the state and establish the RDE 2014-2020 and LIFE program.

Target 2.4

From round timber from forests increase the role of forest management of the society in the country.

The annual harvesting of more than 7 million m³ round timber for the economic and social development of the country.

2014-2020

Two projects were implemented with the financial support of the development of Vietnam in the field of ecosystem services and the service provided for the

assessment of the state of forests in the country.

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Target 2.5

Forest management

Implementation of Central Decree No. 05/2014/CT-UBND on the development of forest management in the country.

Description of actions:

2014-2020

Implementation of the compensation of ecosystem services, the forest and the distribution of the forest.

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actions:

Description of actions:

financial actions

Global forest goal 3 and associated targets⁶

3.1 Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas sustainably

Associated targets

3.2 The area of forests under long-term forest management

3.3 The proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests significantly increased

Questions on goal 3

Government, the private sector, the achievement of targets

3.1 (a) Since 2015, what types of action have been taken (by the Government, the private sector, the achievement of targets)

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3.1 (a) (ii) Please indicate whether this is continuous, planned, in progress or completed (250 words). For each action, please

⁶ Goal 3 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 7.2, 12.2, 12.6, 12.7, 14.2, 14.5, 15.2 and 15.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity

(1) Legislative and policy actions

List of actions:

Target 3.1

The following laws were amended:
Law for the protected territories - 03.01.2019;
Law for protection of the species

in accordance with Council Directives 92/43/EEC and 79/409/EEC
Regimes for sustainable management of forests

Target 3.2
Ordinance No 18 for inventory and classification of forest territories was adopted

Target 3.3
According to the Forest Law, forest certification is a voluntary instrument and is performed by independent non-government certification bodies

Description of actions:

Target 3.1

planning and execution of forestry activities in habitats in order to
management

Ordinance No 8 defines that the
resumes, measures and standards for sus

Target 3.2

Ordinance No 16 defines the terms and procedures for preparation, adoption and amendment of
Forest inventory program

- Forest management plans and programs;
- Game management plans;
- Planned activities on protection of forests from fire

Target 3.3

Specialized forestry are determined by Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

FSC and is applied from August 2017

National standards for forest certification and the Undersecretary for Forest Certification of the
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAGF) are developed. The approval of the Bulgarian scheme for forest certification by the General
assembly of PEFC is expected

(ii) Institutional actions

List of actions:

Target 3.1

National Council on biodiversity to the Ministry of Environment and Waters was established in order to designate or review the areas in NATURA 2000.

In 2015 in category "protective forests" new 109 000 ha state forests were included. In 2016 state

Execution of control on the implementation of the forest management plans and programs, game management, fire analysis and activities related to protection of forest fires.

Target 3.3

Description of actions:

Target 3.1

geological and landscape diversity; long-term protection of the biodiversity

divided populations and species.

Reviewing the negative environmental effects of forest protection.

Target 3.2

Permanent control of forest activities (felling, afforestation, restoration, protection) in all types of forests, regardless of their ownership. Expansion of forest territories with a strict management regime.

Target 3.3

territories. Towards December 2015, 456 units of FSC Chain of custody certificate is issued to 456 units in forest area. The certified units

BBCC Chain of custody certificate is issued to 20 units.

Discrepancies:

Description of actions:

In 2016 about 120 000 of private forests were included for a total of about 600 000 BGN.

List of actions:

Target 3.1

University of Forestry, Sofia and the Forest Research Institute, Sofia

Description of actions:

Target 3.1

There are publications of scientific studies and PhD theses are developed on biodiversity dynamics in development of forest ecosystems; genetic variability and adaptability of tree species; the risks of invasion of new pests and diseases and preventive measures.

iv) (a)

Technical and scientific actions

private sector, communities, civil society?

(b) What other action is being taken (by the Government, the society or others) in your country in support of the achievement of goal 3?

of the United Nations forest

territories included in the NATURA 2000 ecological network and the territories as protective and old forests

the significant share of the designation of new forest

(d) What are the main challenges in achieving goal 3 in your country?

Introducing appropriate incentives to increase the interest and engagement of forest owners in

certification for certified timber and products from certified forest areas.

to goal 3, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

(f) Any additional comments on goal 3:

Global forest goal 4 and associated targets⁷

Associated targets

4.1 Forests are used in a sustainable manner, and the contribution of forests to sustainable development is significantly increased.

4.2 Forests are used in a sustainable manner, and the contribution of forests to sustainable development is significantly increased.

the achievement of, among other things, target 4.1 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi

⁷ Goal 4 and its targets support and contribute to

4.5 The collection, availability and accessibility of forest-related information is improved through, for example, multidisciplinary scientific assessments

Questions on goal 4

4 and its associated

4.1 Please describe major actions taken in your country to move towards goal targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be shown below

Target 4.1:

According to art. 178 and art. 178 of the Forest Law in order to ensure the financial stability and generate funds for the future investments necessary

(b) If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating

to the Sustainable Development Goals, please provide information on the nature, status, date and the progress made in

Progress towards targets 4.1 and 4.2

Yes No

If 'Yes', please specify the sources:

Public domestic funding

Private domestic funding

Official development assistance

Public international financial institutions

Private international funding

Blended financing

in a maximum of 250 words:

Please describe the main challenges in mobilizing funds

for investments from the private sector.

Weak invest

Progress towards target 4.3

(d) Is your country (the Government, the private sector, civil society or others) engaged in international cooperation to promote sustainable forest management?

engaged in international

No Yes

If yes, please specify:

- Governments
- Inter-governmental organizations/processes
- Private sector
- Non-governmental organizations
- Other

Types of cooperation:

- North-South
- South-South
- North-North

- Technical
- Financial
- Other (please specify):

Areas of cooperation:

- Forests and climate change

- Forest biodiversity
- Valuation of the ecosystem services provided by forests
- Socioeconomic issues, including livelihoods
- Forest regeneration and rehabilitation
- Scientific cooperation
- Forest monitoring/data collection
- Technology transfer and capacity development
- Production of timber or non-timber forest products
- Other (please specify):

Progress towards target 4.4

(e) Since 2016, has your Government developed or implemented financing strategies to achieve

Yes No

If yes, what is the time frame for these strategies (multiple answers possible, if there is more than one)

- 5 years
- 10 years
- 15-20 years
- more than 20 years

Global forest goal 5 and associated targets⁸

Promote governance frameworks to implement sustainable forest management, including through the United Nations forest instrument, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Associated targets

5.1. National laws, policies, strategies and programmes are developed and implemented to promote sustainable forest management, including through significantly strengthening forest law enforcement and governance arrangements worldwide

5.2. Forest law enforcement and governance arrangements are strengthened worldwide

Questions on goal 5

How does your country contribute to the achievement of goal 5 and its associated targets? Please describe major actions taken in your country to move towards goal 5 and its associated targets. Detailed information on each target may be submitted below.

Goal 5 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of other Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 13 (Climate Action), Goal 15 (Life on Land) and Goal 17 (Partnerships for Sustainable Development).

Target 5.1

The Governmental program for the period

2017-2021 foresees support for the development of forest

management and forest enterprises

processing industries, with two measures:

improving the conditions for development of forest enterprises (timber harvesting and timber processing)

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Target 5.4

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Diagnosis and development

of forest territories

and involve all stakeholders

(b) If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 5,

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Progress towards target 5:1

(c) In your country, have forests been integrated into national sustainable development plans

Yes No

If yes, please specify: integrat

II. National sustainable development plans and/or

100. Poverty reduction strategies

Progress towards target 5:2

Since 2016, has your Government taken any

Yes No

If yes, please specify:

New legislatio

Improved enfo

ment and reduce illegal internatio

fy the type of action:

renewal of existing legislation

Progress towards target 5:3

(f) What types of mechanism are in place to involve stakeholders in forest/ sustainable forest management

development and / or

Working groups in participation of all stakeholders are set up for the development and adoption of strategic documents in the forestry sector by order of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (for the National Executive Forest Agency) and the Executive Forest Agency (for the National Executive Forest Agency) respectively.

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Maximum of 250 words:

Please specify in a maximum of 250 words:

Target 5.4

Progress towards target 5.4

Mechanisms in place to involve the forest sector in cross-sectoral

(g) Are mechanisms in place to involve the forest sector in cross-sectoral

If yes, please specify in a maximum of 250 words:

Public consultation of the Regional plans for the development of forest territories (art. 9 para. 2 of the Forest Law)

Global forest goal 6 and associated targets⁹

Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the United Nations system and across member organizations of the Call to Action on Forests, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders

Note: targets 6.1 and 6.2 are not included in this section of the reporting format as they are cross-cutting targets.

⁹ Goal 6 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and are supported by the United Nations Forest Ecosystems Resilience and Growth Initiative.

(d) Has your government announced a Voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to:

[Empty box]

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Progress towards target 6.4 on terrestrial indicators:

Progress towards target 6.4 on marine indicators:

Are criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management used in your country?

No

Yes

Please specify which sets are used:

Yes

International

Yes, please specify

Regional

National

Other (please specify)

Regional

Other

For which of the following purposes are they used? (Multiple answers possible)

For which

Progress towards target 6.4 (communication and awareness)

(a) Since 2015, has action been taken by the government, the private sector, communities, civil

Yes No

If yes, please specify in a maximum of 250 words

Communication campaign:

Bulgaria for one day, "Christmas trees", Forest pedagogy, "Forester for one day"

Campaigns for raising awareness of the importance of PM in the context of forest

Forest pedagogy as a separate

University of forestry

Progress towards target 6.5

(b) Have actions been taken by your government to involve major groups and other relevant

stakeholders in the implementation of the National Strategy on Forests (2021-2030)?

Yes No

Other questions

Has your country taken action to promote gender equality in the forestry sector?

Yes No

If yes, please indicate action taken with regard to the following:

Women's benefits access to the forest land use and forest management

Women's participation in decision-making at the local level

Other

[Empty rectangular box for additional information]

(b) What action has been taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in observance of the International Day of Forests?

Cultural Activities (for example, art and music)

Educational activities (for example, workshops and symposia)

Media activities (for example, newspaper, radio, TV, social media)

Socialized Forestry

Other

Please provide up to three examples and

of forests 21 March became national event

In 2018 the celebration of the International day

Success stories

8. Do you have any success stories related to the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 in your country? If so, please provide a brief description of the success story, including the actors involved, the activities carried out, and the results achieved.

Success story

Success

and targets addressed:

Goals and

References:

Annex II

Draft global core set of forest-related indicators

Indicator	Thematic element	Unit	Frequency	Applicable countries	Linkage to Sustainable Development Goals
1. Extent of forest resources	Extent of forest resources	Percentage	1	FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment for Sustainable Development Goal indicator 15.1.1	Measures progress towards target 15.1 of the Sustainable Development Goals
2. Forest area change	Forest area	Hectares	1	FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment for Sustainable Development Goal indicator 15.2.1	Measures progress towards target 15.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals
3. Net greenhouse gas emissions	Net greenhouse gas emissions	Kilograms of carbon	1	FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment for Sustainable Development Goal indicator 13.2.1	Measures progress towards target 13.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals
4. Proportion of forest area located within protected areas	Forest biological diversity	Percentage	1	FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment for Sustainable Development Goal indicator 15.8.1	Measures progress towards target 15.8 of the Sustainable Development Goals
5. Forest vitality	Forest health	Percentage	1	FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment for Sustainable Development Goal indicator 15.9.1	Measures progress towards target 15.9 of the Sustainable Development Goals

Indicator

Thematic element

Resources: Paris Agreement 2017-2030
Assessment: Linkages with target 15.2 of the

Sustainable Development Goals
as well as Aichi Biodiversity
Target 11. Linkages to strategic
Objective 1 of the 10-year strategic
plan of the framework to enhance
the implementation of the United
Nations Convention on Combat-

experiencing serious drought
and/or desertification, particularly
in Africa (2008-2018), and the
United Nations Framework
Convention on Climate Change

8. Above-ground
biomass stock in forest

Development Goal
Assessment of progress towards target
15.2 of the United Nations
Sustainable Development Goals

Exp. Versus

Sustainable Development
Goal 15.2.1

Measures progress towards target

9. Volume of wo

Organization/
Eurostar joint
forest sector III
questionnaire

10. Wood-based
energy consumption

Percentage

energy
consumption

11. Forest area with no
designated function of forest

Linked to target 15.2 of the United
Nations Sustainable Development
Goals

maintain
enhance its

12. Employment
related to the
functions of forest

Number of
full-time

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FAO Global
Forest

Measures progress towards target
2.4 of the United Nations strategic

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Thematic element</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Tiera</i>	<i>Data supplier</i>	<i>Linkages to globally agreed goals and targets</i>
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