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Dear UNFF Secretariat,

**Subject: Submission of Voluntary National Communications of Thailand**

Please refer to your email dated 6 November 2019 reminding UNFF Focal Point Thailand to submit Voluntary National Communications (VNCs) Report to UNFF Secretariat for assessing progress towards implementation of the UNSPF and will provide the basis for the

In this connection, we are pleased to submit the VNCs of Thailand for your consideration. Please find the reports that are attached via the email to UNFF Secretariat.

Thank you very much for your support and please be assured of our full cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sapol Boonsermsuk". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light gray rectangular background.

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*List of actions:*

1. **Totally 147,514 ha of rehabilitated of degraded forests and forest plantations were made during 2015-2019. Detail is listed below**
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*List of actions:*

1. **During 2015-2018, totally 132,680 of degraded forest areas and new forest plantations were rehabilitated and established (Target: 760,825 ha to be rehabilitated in 2037).**
2. **Approximately 12,618 ha of new protected areas under the management of National Park Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP) are now under the preparation stage of establishment**
3. **Strictly law enforcement has been implemented to ensure protected area secure from illegal encroachments**

*Description of actions:*

1. **Approximately 18,400 ha has been preserved for biodiversity conservation within totally 184,000 ha of forest plantation under the management of Forest Industry Organization (FIO)**
2. **11 new arboretum (10,884 ha) and 2 new botanical gardens (1,734 ha) are now under the consideration to announce to be the new protected areas under DNP.**
3. **Regular patrolling plus public outreaches has been deployed for prevention of illegal activities within the protected areas.**

*List of actions:*

**Financial supports may come from the 3 major sources**

1. **Government budget**
2. **Business sector**
3. **International grants and aids**

*Description of actions:*

1. **The state-own organization such as Forest Industry Organization (FIO) received financial support from the government to establish economic forest within both state lands and private properties. During 2015-2018, totally 2.6 m USD was supported from the government for managing sustainable forest plantation under FIO which 10% of the land areas will be devoted to be conservation for ecosystem.**
2. **According to the report of Department of National Park Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP), over 11,165 ha of degraded land within protected areas was financed by private sector and other government agencies during 2015-2018.**
3. **In particular, Department of National Park Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP) have received 7.34 m USD of financial support from GEF 5 through the project title Strengthening Capacity and Incentives for Wildlife Conservation in the Western Forest Complex during 2015-2020 while GEF6 also granted 4.02 m USD to support the project title Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade, Focusing on Ivory, Rhino Horn, Tiger and Pangolin in Thailand which has implemented during 2018-2062**

*List of actions:*

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. The successful comes from the application of deploying sustainable forest plantation management scheme from global standard approaches such as Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and other international standard schemes.

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*Description of actions*

1. From 2015-2018, it is found that wood productions from sustainable forest management plantations were increasing approximately 14,000 cubic meters per year or 8.56% per year in total comparing to the previous production amount.

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2. During 2017-2019, more than 1.16 m USD was allocated to farmers to plant valuable trees within their farms. The program is managed by Forest Industry Organization (FIO).
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, many small and up to large scale project implementations in Thailand have been supported by ITTO, FAO, APFNet, GEF, JICA, AFoCO, etc.





- 1. Thailand shows strongly support to UNSPF especially Goal 5 through the establishment of UNSPF Mobilizing Committee including to make a linkage and integrate UNSPF into the new National Forest Policy.**
- 2.**



**Cross sectoral coordination is now becoming to ensure the achievement of policy implementations and mobilize the integrated task force to get the job done. Some examples of relevant cross-sectoral coordination are given here.**

- 1. National Land Policy Committee has been set up in order to coordinate among the land use authority agencies such as Department of Land, Royal Forest Department,**



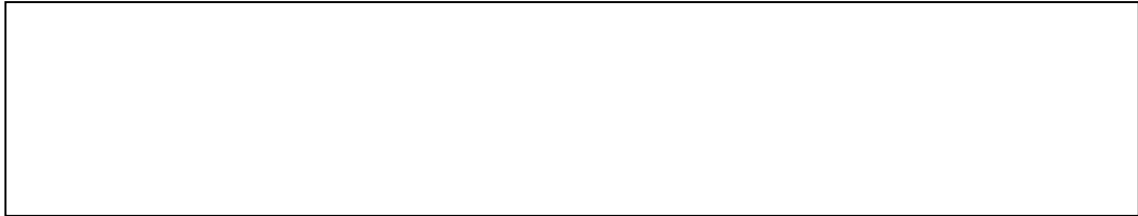




**Since 2015, Thailand has been conducting many activities to ensure well-perceived of communication to**

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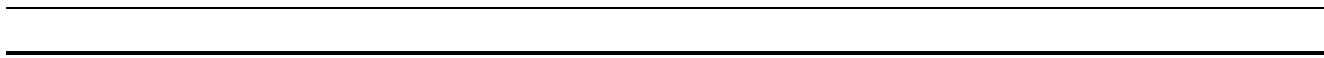
- 1. Thailand has supported the works on sustainable forest management. All authorized agencies in forestry sector has been provided of all information regarding issues brief on forests through national focal points under different responsibilities (i.e. UNFF, UNFCCC, UNCCD, UNCBD, etc.) Those responsible agencies would deliberate issues on sustainable development goals and its targets relating to forests to enhance public understanding and awareness.**
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