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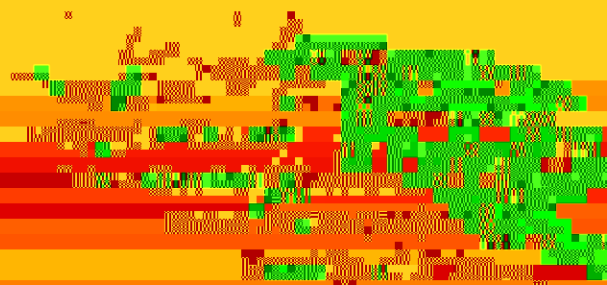
Subject: Submission of the Voluntary National Report (Republic of Korea)

We are delighted we have been selected as a VNR Specialist for the Voluntary National Report of the Republic of Korea on the progress to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the strategic plan for 2017-2030.

This report was prepared by the Korea Forest Service (KFS) and the Korea Forestry Research Institute (KFRI). KFS made a great effort in including as much substance as possible.

Thank you for your kind attention and support. We will manage our VNR activities responsibly and carefully.

Sincerely yours,



Country:	Republic of Korea
Date of submission:	31 January 2020

Format for reporting on progress towards the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, the United Nations forest instrument and voluntary national contributions¹

1. The format is structured around the global forest goals and targets of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 and builds on the format previously used for reporting to the United Nations Forum on Forests at its eleventh session. It is largely narrative, reflecting the qualitative nature of many of the targets.

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(c) In view of the cross-cutting nature of issues relating to forests and sustainable forest management, to consult experts from relevant national ministries, such as those of the environment, economic development, finance and agriculture, in completing the reporting format and to consult the national focal points for the forest resources assessments, the Rio Conventions secretariats, other member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, criteria and indicators processes, and relevant stakeholders, where applicable. Members may also wish to consult stakeholders when preparing their report.

4. The year 2015 is used as a baseline.

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Global forest goal 1 and associated targets²

GFG 1. Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management,

(ii) Institutional actions

List of actions:

In relation to associated targets 1.1-1.2:

1. Implementation of forest carbon offset scheme: In progress.
2. Designation and operation of graduate school spe.

(2009-2023) to provide the carbon sink maintenance and improvement policies and technologies needed for meeting the reduction targets assigned up to 2030.

achievements among others: 1) development and testing of country-specific factors (22 tree species and 136 emission factors) for improving the completeness and accuracy of national GHG inventory for the forest sector; establishment of sample and image-based land use change matrices (proposed); comparison of methods for setting the cut-off line for forest management and development of carbon accounting system for the forest sector; development of forest soil carbon model; and development of an analytical model for GHG abatement potential in the forest sector.

Description of actions:

1. The Forest Welfare Act was enacted for the purpose of pursuing happiness and enhancing public health and quality of life by providing systematic forest welfare services. Since then, it has been amended

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1. The registration system for forest welfare professionals enables registered corporations and organizations that meet the registration criteria (personnel, capital, offices, etc.) to provide forest welfare services. As of 2016, the system transitioned to a privately contracted operation from

environmental benefits of these sectors, studies are being conducted on scaling and maximum utilization of forest welfa

3. Through the 14th Conference of the parties to the UNCCD (September 2019), KFS is starting to introduce the Peace Forest Initiative (PFI), a policy program promoting peace

(iv) Technical and scientific actions

List of actions:

1. Study on Baekdudaegan conservation/rehabilitation and systematization of spatial management.
2. Study on sustainable forest management for solving global environmental issues.

Description of actions:

1. Baekdudaegan and DMZ, which represent the key ecological corridor of the Korean Peninsula, have distinct spatial classification characteristics and very high ecological value, and thus, they could be viewed as representative conservation/rehabilitation areas to which effective region-based conservation methods could be applied. Accordingly, studies are being conducted for assessment of spatial and ecological functions and establishment of mid-

million dollars of funding support will be provided (2019-2022).

3. The Korea Forest Service continues to make financial contributions for bilateral and multi-party ODA projects, while developing partnerships between private organizations and businesses for the

5.(f) What types of mechanism are in place to involve stakeholders in forest/ sustainable forest management policy formulation, planning and implementation?

Please specify in a maximum of 250 words:

Progress towards targets 5.4

5.(g) Are mechanisms in place to involve the forest sector in cross-sectoral coordination among government agencies in charge of land use planning and development?

Yes No

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

Global forest goal 6 and associated targets⁹

GFG 6. 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 Collaborative Partnership on Forests, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders

Associated targets

Note: targets 6.1 and 6.2 are not included in this section of the reporting format as they address actions taken by the international community, and not those taken at the national level

6.3 Cross-

Yes

No

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

-making at the household and community levels

Global forest goal and associated targets success stories

Success stories

8. Do you have any success stories relating to the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 in your country? If so, please provide a brief description, with references (such as weblinks, publications and articles), showing how the action contributed to achieving the goals and targets and specifying which goals and targets are relevant. Please provide a maximum of three success stories.

Success story 1

Actions taken: Implementation and operation of a legal timber trade promotion system

Goals and targets addressed:

promoting the trade of legally logged timber the domestic timber industry by

Implementation background:

2 INTERPOL report, an estimate of 15-30% of timber products worldwide is from illegal sources.

Success story 2

Actions taken: Establishment and operation of the Baekdudaegan Global Seed Vault

Goals and targets addressed:

conservation of global biodiversity

Detailed goals: Store 10,000 species and 120,000 pieces (domestic and foreign) by 2030

Implementation background:

Foreign

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degraded forest	vitality			Resources Assessment	plan for forests 2017 2030. Linkages with target 15.3 of the Sustainable Develop6 Tm9.96 Tf37(

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forest sector	resources	equivalents		Resources Assessment	plan for forests 2017 2030
13. Number of forest-dependent people in extreme poverty	6. Socioeconomic functions of forest resources	Number	3	FAO and United Nations Forum on Forests	Measures progress towards global forest goal 2 and target 2.1 of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017 2030
14. Contribution of forests to food security	6. Socioeconomic functions of forest resources	To be decided	3	FAO and United Nations Forum on Forests	Measures progress towards global forest goal 2 and target 2.3 of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017 2030
15. Financial resources from all sources for the implementation of sustainable forest management	6. Socioeconomic				

