

<p><i>NON-LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENT ON ALL TYPES OF FORESTS</i></p> <p><i>VOLUNTARY SHARING OF INFORMATION ON PROGRESS</i></p> <p><i>Suggested Format</i></p>	Country: Japan	Date: 12 September 2008
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This form provides a simple format for voluntarily sharing of information on progress in 2007-08 in implementing the Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (NLBI) and the progress towards achieving the four Global Objectives on Forests.

You are kindly requested to provide, where possible, information relating to the following areas:

- Actions or measures taken at the national or international levels to implement the NLBI;
- Success stories and case-studies, if any;
- Major challenges/opportunities encountered in implementation;
- Suggested actions to enhance implementation.

This document is in three parts:

- A) Implementation of the NLBI
- B) Progress towards achieving the Global Objectives on Forests
- C) Conclusion

A. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NLBI

1. Raising awareness of sustainable management of forests and the NLBI itself is seen as an important component to facilitate implementation. Please provide information on measures taken aimed at introducing the NLBI to professionals and the general public:

- a) Has the NLBI been introduced/recognized through any legal, policy or strategy document? If so, please provide a brief description.

[Yes. The NLBI was introduced through the official website of three ministries of the Government of Japan: i\) Foreign Affairs; ii\) Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; and iii\) Environment.](#)

- b) Has there been action taken to introduce the NLBI to the general public in the electronic, printed or any other media?

[Yes. The NLBI was translated into Japanese and then introduced to the general public through press release by the above-mentioned three ministries and through a forestry journal.](#)

- c) Has the NLBI been translated into the official language(s) of your country? If so we would be grateful for receiving a translated copy.

[Yes. The NLBI was translated into Japanese as attached.](#)

2. To help achieve its purpose the NLBI identified a range of national policies and measures as well as an array of actions related to international cooperation and means of implementation described in detail in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the NLBI. To facilitate reporting progress these have been amalgamated here into 13 thematic clusters – five of which are cross-cutting and the rest topical thematic clusters.

1. Cross-cutting Thematic Clusters		
Ref. Number	Cluster	NLBI Element
1A	A. Strengthening Political Commitment for SFM	6a, 6c, 6d, 6k, 6l, 7a, 7c
1B	B. Financing SFM	6h, 6i, 6m, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e
1C	C. Capacity Building and Technology Transfer	6e, 6s, 6v, 7f, 7i, 7j, 7k, 7l, 7m
1D	D. Stakeholder Participation	6h, 6m, 6v, 6w, 6x, 6y, 7k
1E	E. Enhanced International Cooperation	7i, 7n, 7q, 7r, 7s
2. Topical Thematic Clusters		
2A	A. Forest Law Enforcement and Governance	6n, 7h, 7i, 7j
2B	B. International Trade in Forest Products	6j, 6x, 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j,
2C	C. Protection of Forests	6o, 6p, 6q
2D	D. Science and Research	6r, 6s, 7n, 7o, 7p
2E	E. Public Awareness and Education	6t, 6u, 6v, 7j
2F	F. Private Sector and Industry	6e, 6h, 6i, 6m, 6w, 6x, 7a, 7f, 7k, 7m
2G	G. Indigenous and Local Communities	6f, 6h, 6s, 6v, 6y, 7k
2H	H. Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting	6b, 6g, 8, 9

Details of elements within each cluster are in Appendix 1.

Please provide as much detail as possible of actions taken in 2007-08 in relation to each of these clusters. A suggested format for submitting information on each cluster is provided below.

Where possible, an account of challenges and opportunities faced in the implementation, as well as any case studies/success stories, will be very helpful.

CLUSTER: 1A (Strengthening Political Commitment for SFM)	
Has there been any action taken to implement the tasks identified within this cluster? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes.
Please detail action taken including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type/source (is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In 2007, under the initiative of the Prime Minister, a new campaign entitled "National Movement for Fostering Beautiful Forests" was launched.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A new Act to accelerate necessary operations for promoting sustainable forest management, including thinning, passed the Diet and went into effect in May 2008. 3. The Nation-wide Forest Plan is being renewed and expected to be approved by the Cabinet council during 2008.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short description of each item 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To revitalize forests in Japan, a wide variety of entities, including governmental organizations, private companies and NGOs, are actively participating in this campaign. 2. Based on the basic guideline formulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and supported by special financial arrangements, local governments prepare implementation plans, including thinning, in consultation with forest owners. 3. The Plan stipulates 15-year of concrete plans for forest management and conservation for both public and private forests and is to be reviewed every 5 years.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time frame for implementation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Up to 2012 (as initial target) 2. Up to 2012 (as initial target) 3. From 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiences with implementation (if any) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tie-up with mass media, such as movie company (Walt Disney JAPAN) and newspapers, has been greatly contributing to the promotion of the campaign.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future 	

CLUSTER: 1B (Financing SFM)	
Has there been any action taken to implement the tasks identified within this cluster? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes.
Please detail action taken including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type/source (<i>is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?</i>) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy measures, including special tax exempt/reduction and low-interest loan, to encourage private sector's investment into forestry sector were continuously taken by the government. 2. In the context of climate change, some new financial contributions by the Government of Japan, including the Cool Earth Partnership and FCPF of WB, to cooperate actively with developing countries' efforts for reducing greenhouse emissions were announced by the Prime Minister.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short description of each item 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some examples are a measure to reduce both income and corporate taxes for installing wood processing machine, and a measure to reduce corporate tax for investing overseas plantation establishment. 2. The Cool Earth Partnership on the scale of US\$10 billion covers several sectors including forestry, though the detailed implementation plans are under preparation.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time frame for implementation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In general, measures are reviewed every one or two years. 5 years starting from 2008 (Cool Earth Partnership)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences with implementation (if any) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future 	

CLUSTER: 1C (Capacity Building and Technology Transfer)	
Has there been any action taken to implement the tasks identified within this cluster? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes.
Please detail action taken including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type/source (<i>is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?</i>) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To promote the use of wasted woody biomass, several projects were launched. A wide variety of international forestry training courses/seminars aiming at strengthening capacity of developing countries and transferring relevant technologies were conducted in Japan through/by relevant organizations including JICA.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short description of each item 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The projects include the establishment of low-cost and efficient wasted wood collection system and bio-ethanol production system. Newly started training courses/seminars include C&I training course for Pan Pacific countries organized by JICA and REDD seminar for selected Asian countries organized by the Forestry Agency in collaboration with the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time frame for implementation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Short-term (2011), Midterm (2030) and Long-term (after 2030) targets were set. C&I training course is expected to be continued after 2008.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences with implementation (if any) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future 	

CLUSTER: 1D (Stakeholder Participation)	
Has there been any action taken to implement the tasks identified within this cluster? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes.

Please detail action taken including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type/source (<i>is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?</i>) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> As stated in Cluster 1A 1, relevant stakeholders are being encouraged to participate in the campaign. In the process of reviewing the Nation-wide Forest Plan stated in Cluster A2, the draft will be publicly available for comments/suggestions/questions to secure the participation of general public.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short description of each item 	NA (not applicable)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time frame for implementation 	NA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences with implementation (if any) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future 	

CLUSTER: 1E (Enhanced International Cooperation)	
Has there been any action taken to implement the tasks identified within this cluster? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes.
Please detail action taken including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type/source (<i>is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?</i>) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Some new forestry related bi-lateral projects were newly launched between Japan and several developing countries. Japan has been actively participating in the Asia Forest Partnership (AFP) to strengthen regional initiative. Japan has been continuously providing its financial and technical supports to CPF member, such as ITTO, FAO and UNFCCC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short description of each item 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Newly launched projects include technical cooperation project, development studies, dispatch of experts, training, and R&D. AFP decided to start its second phase at its 7th annual meeting hosted by Japan with mandates of reducing forest loss and degradation and combating illegal logging. As for UNFCCC, SBSTA-REDD Workshop was hosted by Japan in June 2008.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time frame for implementation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation period varies by projects. AFP second phase is from 2008 to 2015. NA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences with implementation (if any) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future 	

CLUSTER: 2A (Forest Law Enforcement and Governance)	
Has there been any action taken to implement the tasks identified within this cluster? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes.
Please detail action taken including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type/source (<i>is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?</i>) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Based on an Action Plan agreed between Japan and Indonesia, Japan has been providing technical support to combat illegal logging in Indonesia. Japan and Brazil agreed to launch a new project to track illegal encroachments including logging in the Amazon forest. International Experts Meetings on illegal logging attended by main producer and consumer countries and relevant international organizations were hosted by Japan in 2007 and 2008.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short description of each item 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Wood traceability technology using 2-dimensional bar code was developed. The new project will utilize the Japanese land observation satellite, ALOS. The topics discussed include: green procurement system; verification of legality and sustainability; improved transparency; and measures against illegal logging and associated trade.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time frame for implementation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The developed technology was tested in the field and expected to be fully utilized in the near future. The project duration is expected to be 3 years. NA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences with implementation (if any) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future 	

CLUSTER: 2B (International Trade in Forest Products)	
Has there been any action taken to implement the tasks identified within this cluster? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes. Please refer to 2A above.
Please detail action taken including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type/source (<i>is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?</i>) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short description of each item 	

• Time frame for implementation	
• Experiences with implementation (if any)	
• Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future	

CLUSTER: 2C (Protection of Forests)	
Has there been any action taken to implement the tasks identified within this cluster? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes.
Please detail action taken including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	
• Type/source (<i>is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?</i>)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Based on the policy to promote protection of unique and precious forest ecosystem, additional protected forest areas in the National Forest including the largest protected forest in a single area in the country, were newly designated by the Government of Japan. 2. To strengthen the network of protected forests, new Green corridors bridging separated protected forest areas were designated. 3. A new programme to monitor changes of forest ecosystem for all protected forest areas was launched.
• Short description of each item	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protected forest areas are classified into 7 types according to their purposes and managed based on the Regional Management Plan for National Forest. 2. same as above 3. Results of the programme are utilized for reviewing the Regional Management Plan for National Forest.
• Time frame for implementation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Regional Management Plan for National Forest is generally reviewed every 5 years. 2. same as above 3. The programme is expected to be continued 5 years.
• Experiences with implementation (if any)	
• Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future	

CLUSTER: 2D (Science and Research)	
Has there been any action taken to implement the tasks identified within this cluster? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes.

Please detail action taken including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type/source (<i>is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?</i>) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Based on “the Strategy for Research and Technology Development on Forest/Forestry/Wood industry” established in 2007, a wide variety of programmes are being implemented by forest research institutes, universities and private companies, etc. The Forestry Agency established “the Future Direction of R&D on Gene-Modification Technologies in Forestry sector” in 2007.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short description of each item 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The strategy indicates three main issues to be tackled with through close cooperation among public/private/academic sectors. Focused areas include efficient utilization of woody biomass and pollen-control measures.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time frame for implementation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The strategy covers following 5- year as a short-term target and 10- year as a mid-term target. NA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences with implementation (if any) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future 	

CLUSTER: 2E (Public Awareness and Education)	
Has there been any action taken to implement the tasks identified within this cluster? If the answer is ‘yes’ please proceed to the next question. If the answer is ‘no’ please provide reasons.	Yes.
Please detail action taken including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type/source (<i>is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?</i>) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Trough several programmes including “National Movement for Fostering Beautiful Forests”, public understanding and awareness for the importance of SFM was strengthened. A wide variety of extension and training programmes to promote SFM including through the efficient use of internet have been implemented. Please refer to 2A for international cooperation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short description of each item 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to 1A-1 above. Among others, intensified extension activities to improve watershed management involving relevant stakeholders were highlighted. Please refer to 2A for international cooperation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time frame for implementation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> NA NA Please refer to 2A for international cooperation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences with implementation (if any) 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future 	

CLUSTER: 2F (Private Sector and Industry)	
Has there been any action taken to implement the tasks identified within this cluster? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes. Please refer to 1B and 1C.
Please detail action taken including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	
Type/source (<i>is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?</i>)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short description of each item 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time frame for implementation 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences with implementation (if any) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future 	

CLUSTER: 2G (Indigenous and Local Communities)	
Has there been any action taken to implement the tasks identified within this cluster? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes.
Please detail action taken including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type/source (<i>is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?</i>) 	A new programme entitled "Comprehensive Measures for Revitalizing Mountain Villages" was launched in 2008.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short description of each item 	The programme includes several activities such as a creation of new industries through utilization of locally available materials, cultures, traditions, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time frame for implementation 	The programme is expected to be continued 5 years from 2008 to 2012.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences with implementation (if any) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future 	

CLUSTER: 2H (Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting)	
Has there been any action taken to implement the tasks identified within this cluster? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes.
Please detail action taken including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type/source (<i>is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?</i>) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In collaboration with other member countries of the Montreal Process, Japan has been actively participating in the review of original set of indicators. A second round of data collection for forest monitoring utilizing around 16000 fixed plots across the country is to be completed in 2008, and the collected data are currently being assessed for reporting. A preparation of the 2nd country report utilizing the Montreal Process C&I has started.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short description of each item 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Revised set of indicators for Criteria 1-6 was finalized in 2007, while review process of indicators for Criteria 7 has been continuing and expected to be finalized late 2008. An assessment is underway by the Forestry Agency in collaboration with natural scientists from various fields. The 2nd country report is expected to be published in 2009.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time frame for implementation 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences with implementation (if any) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future 	Japan is currently hosting the Liaison Office of the Montreal Process.

B. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING GLOBAL OBJECTIVES ON FORESTS

The four Global Objectives are:

Global Objective 1: Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation.

Global Objective 2: Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest dependent people.

Global Objective 3: Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests.

Global Objective 4: Reverse the decline in official development assistance for sustainable forest management and mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of sustainable forest management.

For each of them please provide information on progress, on the basis of the following table.

Global Objective: Global Objective 1	
Has there been any action taken to implement this objective? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes
Action taken to achieve this objective including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	In order to contribute to reversing the loss of forest cover worldwide, Japan has been implementing several policies/programmes including following measures.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type/source (is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Some new forestry related bi-lateral projects were launched between Japan and several developing countries. Japan has been actively participating in the Asia Forest Partnership (AFP) to strengthen regional initiative. Japan has been continuously providing its financial and technical supports to relevant international organizations such as ITTO and FAO.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short description of each item (general description, provisions relevant to the objective) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Newly launched projects include technical cooperation project, development studies, dispatch of experts, training, and R&D. AFP decided to start its second phase at its 7th annual meeting hosted by Japan with mandates of reducing forest loss and degradation and combating illegal logging. A number of ITTO and FAO projects have been funded by Japan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time frame for implementation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation period varies by projects. AFP second phase is from 2008 to 2015. Implementation period varies by projects.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences with implementation (if any) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future 	

Global Objective: Global Objective 2	
Has there been any action taken to implement this objective? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes
Action taken to achieve this objective including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	Please refer to 1A, 1B, 1C, 2F and 2G.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type/source (is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short description of each item (general description, provisions relevant to the objective) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time frame for implementation 	

• Experiences with implementation (if any)	
• Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future	

Global Objective: Global Objective 3	
Has there been any action taken to implement this objective? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes
Action taken to achieve this objective including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	
• Type/source (<i>is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?</i>)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the area of protected forests, please refer to 2C. 2. For the forest products from SFM, in addition to the government procurement policy introduced in 2006 favouring wood and wood products harvested in a legal and sustainable manner, several programmes to promote supply of legally and sustainably harvested woods have been implemented.
• Short description of each item (<i>general description, provisions relevant to the objective</i>)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the area of protected forests, please refer to 2C. 2. The programmes include both internal comprehensive measures and international cooperation as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Case studies for proving legality and sustainability ➢ Information dissemination to relevant stakeholders ➢ Raising public awareness for the use of legally and sustainably harvested woods ➢ Development of wood traceability technology ➢ Financial support to ITTO for developing wood trade information system
• Time frame for implementation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the area of protected forests, please refer to 2C. 2. Implementation period varies by programme.
• Experiences with implementation (if any)	
• Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future	

Global Objective: Global Objective 4	
Has there been any action taken to implement this objective? If the answer is 'yes' please proceed to the next question. If the answer is 'no' please provide reasons.	Yes and No A total amount of Japan's ODA for forestry sector varies from year to year mainly due to a statistical technicality, and has not clearly shown a downward trend over the past several years.
Action taken to achieve this objective including measures, policies, actions or specific goals established.	
3. Type/source (<i>is it a policy, law, national forest programme, strategy?</i>)	In the context of climate change, some new financial contributions by the Government of Japanese, including the Cool Earth Partnership and FCPF of WB, to cooperate actively with developing countries' efforts for reducing greenhouse emissions were announced by the Prime Minister.

• Short description of each item (<i>general description, provisions relevant to the objective</i>)	The Cool Earth Partnership on the scale of US\$10 billion covers several sectors including forestry, though the detailed implementation plans are under preparation.
• Time frame for implementation	5 years starting from 2008 for Cool Earth Partnership
• Experiences with implementation (if any)	
• Any other comments, including lessons learnt and options for the future	

C. CONCLUSION

In this section, you may wish to provide:

- (a) An overall assessment of implementing the NLBI in your country;

Almost all items in NLBI had already been covered under the regular policy measures/ programmes for forest and forestry in Japan before the adoption of NLBI, and therefore, as stated above, NLBI as a whole has been relatively well implemented during the period of 2007-2008 in Japan.

- (b) An analysis of lessons learned regarding implementation, highlighting examples of successful and less successful actions taken;

By ensuring strong political commitment and rising public awareness, a wide range of measures/actions to promote SFM were successfully taken by the Government of Japan during the period of 2007-2008 particularly with a view to contributing to the achievement of the Kyoto commitment in the context of climate change. However, in some areas such as 2D (Science and Research) and 2F (Private Sector and Industry), there are still a lot of measures/actions to be taken by the government for further development.

- (c) A summary of future priorities and any problems that need to be addressed for further national-level implementation of the Instrument;

1A (Strengthening Political Commitment for SFM), 1B (Financing SFM), 1E (Enhanced International Cooperation), 2B (International Trade in Forest Products), 2D (Science and Research) and 2F (Private Sector and Industry) are the areas of priority for national-level implementation of NLBI.

- (d) Suggestions for actions that need to be taken to further enhance implementation of the NLBI.

As is stipulated by the Basic Plan for Forest and Forestry revised in 2006, four main measures to be taken by the government to promote SFM, and thus contribute to further enhancing implementation of NLBI are to:

- Continuously demonstrate the multiple functions inherent to the forests in response to the needs of the people;
- Attempt the sustainable and sound development of the forestry given the existence of the available resources and the change of the demand structure of wood;
- Secure the supply of wood products and promote its utilization; and
- Properly manage the national forests, accounting for 30% of the total forest area.

- (e) Any other comments

One of the major concerns, among others, is the modalities and rules for the treatment of forest carbon sinks after the 1st commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, which is being negotiated under

the UNFCCC process and will substantially affects the implementation of NLBI for both national and international level. In that regard, active participation and appropriate level of input from international forestry community to the UNFCCC negotiation process, with a view to promoting SFM worldwide, is indispensable.

ANNEX 1

Questions related to UNFF 8 agenda item 5.c: Forests and Biodiversity Conservation, including Protected Areas

UNFF focal points are invited to provide updated information related to issues on forest biodiversity, in accordance with the Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (NLBI) and the Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs), and to suggest elements for the Forum to consider in relation to UNFF 8 agenda item 5.c on “Forests and Biodiversity Conservation, including Protected Areas”. These questions are intended to offer the UNFF Focal Points an opportunity to express their views on relevant emerging policy issues affecting and affected by the forest sector. Please bear in mind past reports on related topics submitted to other intergovernmental bodies and consider, as appropriate, to build from those reports.

- Please describe any advances and/or promising developments which may contribute to implementation of the Global Objectives on Forests (GOF 1 and 3) and national and international provisions of the NLBI (6b, 6k, 6o, 6p,6q, 6v, 7d) related to forest biodiversity and protection forests?
 - The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries established its 1st Biodiversity Strategy in July 2007.
 - The 3rd National Biodiversity Strategy that provides the target and the direction for the measures of the government on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in which forest biodiversity covers major parts was approved by the Cabinet council in November 2007.
 - The Basic Act on Biodiversity passed the Diet and was enacted in May/June 2008.
 - COP9 (CBD) made a decision to hold its COP10 in Nagoya, Japan, in 2010.
- Based on information compiled in the reporting framework for FRA 2010, and the 3rd and 4th National Reports to the Convention on Biological Diversity, what are the most significant (including new and emerging) threats to forest biodiversity, and in particular impacting the implementation of Global Objective 1 and 3 in your country?

Although there are some threats, such as invasive tree species and decreasing area of wildlife habitats, in some parts of forests in Japan, there is no significant threat across the country. It's not directly relevant to forest biodiversity, but one of the major problems regarding the forest health in Japan is still pine wood nematode which has spread to 45 of total 47 prefectures in the country, though its damage has been on a decreasing track.
- In addressing these threats, do the relevant international instruments, in particular the NLBI and the CBD expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity, provide adequate frameworks? If so, please describe how? If not, please explain what is lacking from those frameworks and how can they be improved.

In view of that the Government of Japan has been providing technical assistances to developing countries in addressing threats to forest biodiversity, international instruments including NLBI which encourage strengthening international cooperation provide adequate frameworks.
- Which areas of your work require a stronger link to the international level? How and what elements would you view as necessary for enhanced collaboration between the Secretariats of the CBD and UNFF (as called for in decision IX/5 of the CBD at COP-9, 19-30 May 2008), as well

as elements for potential joint activities with other CPF members, including targeted support to celebrate the International Year of Forests?

The areas which need strong link to the international level in my work, among others, are international cooperation including capacity building, technology transfer and financing. I am of view that the potential area of further collaboration between CBD and UNFF is Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting on forest biological diversity in order to enhance sharing of information and knowledge among member states, and thus identifying collective measures to address the problems.