

General information

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Abbreviations in the questionnaire/template:

B.Sc.: Bachelor of Science degree
 C & I: Criteria and indicators processes
 FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
 FLEGT: Forest law enforcement, governance and trade
 FRA: FAO's global Forest Resources Assessment
 GOF: Global Objectives on Forests
 ITTO: International Tropical Timber Organization
 MDGs: Millennium Development Goals
 M.Sc.: Masters of Science degree

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

<p>Thematic Clusters of the Forest Instrument</p>	<p>The forest instrument has been grouped into five cross-cutting and eight thematic clusters for easy reference²:</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 2F: Private sector and industry 2G: Indigenous and local communities 2H: Monitoring, assessment and reporting</p> <p>Data provided on thematic clusters of the forest instrument will also be used for assessing progress toward its Global Objectives on Forests (Qs 33-49).</p>		
<p>1A: Strengthening political commitment to sustainable forest management</p>			
<p>1. Existence of Forest policy statement with national scope; data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database³ (T14 – Policy and legal framework)</p>			
<p>2. Existence of national forest programme (nfp); data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T14 – Policy and legal framework)</p>			
<p>3. Do you have inter-institutional mechanisms/processes for cross-sectoral cooperation to achieve sustainable forest management?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="971 1612 1195 1671">Yes X</td> <td data-bbox="1195 1612 1453 1671">No</td> </tr> </table>	Yes X	No
Yes X	No		

¹ <http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N07/469/65/PDF/N0746965.pdf?OpenElement>

² E.CN.18/2009/2, pp 4-5 (<http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N09/240/37/PDF/N0924037.pdf?OpenElement>)

³ http://countrystat.org/for/cont/inctables/pageid/8_mega/en

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	
National forest programs have been revised to include specific measures and resources for eradicating poverty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefit sharing of funds from concessions, Formulation of Community Rights law with regards to forest land of 2009 	
National poverty eradication plans and strategies or equivalent have been revised to incorporate sustainable forest management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of Community Forestry site to allow communities to access the resource for their livelihoods 	
Please describe specific actions or measures taken to eradicate poverty and their effects (maximum 250 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The formation of Community Forest Development Committee to coordinate the Social Agreement with concessionaire. The social agreement entails the provision of fund by the concessionaire to the effected community for the timber harvested and a portion of the land rental fee. The agreement also includes the construction of infrastructures such as schools and medical clinics. Community Forest Management Body, Benefit Sharing Mechanism Trust Board. The board ensure the transparent use of the fund recieved 		
5. Has the forest instrument been translated into your country's official/local language(s)?	Yes	No
	X	
Please list the language(s) into which the forest instrument has been translated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The simple English that is widely spoken by the Liberia at all levels (English is the official language) 		
1B: Financing sustainable forest management: Assessment of this thematic cluster will be conducted on the basis of data provided under Global Objective on Forests 4 (Q. 43-49).		
1C: Capacity building and technology transfer		
6. Total number of persons employed in forestry (1,000 persons-years); data will be derived by UNFFS from the FRA database (T13 – Employment).		
7. Total number of staff working in public forest institutions; data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T15 – Institutional framework).		
Does your country have adequate capacity and technology to implement sustainable forest management?	Yes	No
		X

If no, please describe the main challenges, including institutional and technology priority needs and know-how areas of particular concern (maximum 250 words).

- **The nation as a whole and the stakeholders has very little or low capacity to sufficiently deal with the SFM including Human Resource, finance, infrastructure and logistics.**

8. Is your country engaged in SFM-related technology transfer?	Yes	No
	X	

If yes, is your country a donor or recipient of SFM technology?

Donor country	
Recipient country	X

Describe the nature, source and target of technology transfer (maximum 250 words).

- **The Remote sensing/GIS for data collection and monitoring of the forest dynamism/changes is hardly difficult to be obtained for forestry sector. The Forestry Institutions are using an old model GIS software (ArcGIS 3.5);**
- **Information technology for the dissemination of information and awareness programmes on SFM;**
- **The industries still use obsolete processing machines with less than 45% recovery and large waste with no economic use/importance;**
- **Forestry institution with the statutory mandate to manage the forest cannot easily acquire centralize internet facility for daily work ;**
- **The small scale enterprises are not technically developed. Almost 95% of their production is manually done and with very poor quality that cannot meet the international export standards;**
- **Forestry related research and educational institutions are in a critical condition that cannot cope with the emerging situations in forestry. They are poorly equipped and staff f. Students obtain an undergraduate degree with little or no laboratory work/practical exercises.**

9. Are there any incentives for promoting improved technologies for SFM?	Yes	No
		X

If yes, please check where applicable:

Low-interest loans	
Tax breaks	
Subsidies	
Participation in SFM best practice certification programmes that improve access to markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not yet but is to be implemented according to the logging concession contracts

Others; please specify (maximum 250):

1D: Stakeholder participation

10. Does your country have programmes for involving stakeholders in SFM policy formulation, planning and implementation? If yes, please indicate the levels:	Yes	No
	X	
National	X	
Sub-national	X	
Local	X	

Describe the processes of public participation in SFM, indicating existing mechanisms and stakeholders involved (maximum 250 words).

- **The established local level stakeholders platforms including County Forest Forum (CFF),**
- **Community Forest Development Committee (CFDC),**
- **National Forest Forum (NFF), and**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Forest Programme National Multi-Stakeholders Steering Committee (Nfp-NMSC) 			
1E: Enhanced international cooperation			
11. Is your country engaged in international cooperation in sustainable forest management? If yes, please specify the type of the cooperation:	Yes		No
	X		
North-South			
South-South	X		
Triangular			
Others:			
Please give examples, describing the main objectives and elements of the cooperation (maximum 250 words). Scholarships for the development of human resource capacity in forestry			
12. In which areas would your country like to see more international cooperation:			
Forests and climate change	X		
Forest biodiversity	X		
Valuation of ecosystem services provided by forests	X		
Socio-economic issues, including livelihoods	X		
Forest degradation and rehabilitation	X		
Others; please list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technologies for enhance production and marketing of forest products; National forest resource inventory (stock inventory) 			
2A: Forest law enforcement and governance			
13. Existence of law (Act or Code) on forests with national scope; data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T14 - Policy and legal framework).			
14. Since the adoption of the forest instrument in 2007, have steps been taken to strengthen forest-related legislation, law enforcement and governance in support of sustainable forest management?	Yes		No
	X		
15. Is your country participating in international agreements/partnerships to address illicit international trafficking in forest products, including timber, wildlife and other forest biological resources?	Yes		No
	X		
If yes, is your country a donor or recipient of capacity building to address forest-related illegal practices?			
Donor country			
Recipient country	X		
Describe the recent significant steps taken to enhance forest law enforcement and governance in your country (maximum 250 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contracting the management of Chain of Custody System for timber harvesting Signing of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement with the European Union CITES Agreement Upholding of IUCN Red Tape on endangered species 			
2B: International trade in forest products			
16. Is your country involved in international forest products trade? If yes, please provide estimated market value (US\$ 1000):	Yes		No
	X		
	Import		Export
	2007	2011	2007

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).				
Describe any significant actions related to protection of forests since 2007 (maximum 250 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government has earmarked 30% of the Country's forest cover for conservation; • The New Wildlife Management and Conservation Law presently at the corridor of the legislature for enactment • Established protected area network including the Sapo National Park, East Nimba Nature Reserve, Lake Piso Multi-Purpose Nature Reserve; • Establishment of the Gola Trans-boundary Reserve with Sierra Leone; • Undertaking socio-economic and biological surveys for the establishment of other reserves (Gola, Wonegisi, Grebo nature reserves) 				
2D: Science and research				
20. How much funding (US\$ 1000) was designated for forest-related research?	2007		2011	
	N/A		N/A	
21. Please specify the sources of financing:	2007		2011	
	Public sector			
Private industry				
Bilateral cooperation				
Multilateral cooperation				
Others; please describe (maximum 250 words). Most of the Science and Research activities are undertaken by International NGOs and the funding are not published or provided to the Government.				
22. Does your country have an institute(s) promoting the development and application of scientific and technological innovations for SFM?	Yes		No	
	X			
If yes, do they have extension programs for promoting the use of these scientific and technological innovations directed at forest owners, local and indigenous communities and other stakeholders?	Yes		No	
	X			
How many persons from the following groups were reached by these extension programs?	2007		2011	
	Forest owners			

Local communities		> 10,000
Private sector		> 5,000
Indigenous communities		
2E: Public awareness and education		
23. Graduation of students in forest-related education: data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T 16 - Education and research).		
Number of students in forest-related education graduated with M.Sc. degree or equivalent		
Number of students in forest-related education graduated with B.Sc. degree or equivalent		
Number of students in forest-related education graduated with a technician certificate/diploma		
Percentage of students in forest-related education that graduated with M.Sc. degree or equivalent who are women		
Percentage of students in forest-related education that graduated with B.Sc. degree or equivalent who are women		
Percentage of students in forest-related education that graduated with a technician certificate/diploma who are women		
24. Did your country organize specific events and activities in support of the International Year of Forests?	Yes	No
	X	
If yes, please describe them (maximum 250 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over 200 stakeholders invited and (participated) • Conducted indoor and outdoor programme • Undertook awareness and sensitization programme 		
25. Has your country implemented actions to increase public awareness of the importance of and the benefits provided by forests and sustainable forest management?	Yes	
If yes, which of the following approaches have been utilized?	X	
Published materials, such as brochures, pamphlets, leaflets, posters, etc.		X
Meetings with the general public to inform them of the benefits provided by forests to society		X
Meetings with private and public sector stakeholders to inform them of the benefits of sustainable forest management		X
Other; please describe (maximum 100 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play of Dramas and Jingles in both national and community radios • Phone-in-Talk shows (electronic media), flyers, brochures, T-shirts 		
2F: Private sector and industry		
26. Do stakeholder participation mechanisms in support of sustainable forest management exist that engage the private sector and industry?	Yes	No
	X	
27. Have you established or strengthened public-private partnerships to advance sustainable forest management?	Yes	No
	X	
If yes, please describe (maximum 250 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an open collaboration with all Government Institution, private organizations and Civil Society in every policy decision making; • There are county/regional coordinating meetings in each county to discuss forestry issues amongst others • The National Forest Forum brings in the stakeholders groupings to discuss forestry matters in public. 		
Describe these mechanisms and their functions. What specific role do the private sector and industry play in promoting and supporting the forest instrument and sustainable forest management? (maximum 250 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring compliance with the legal frameworks for the forestry sector • Research and education • Provide awareness 		
2G: Indigenous and local communities		

28. Are tenure and user rights of local communities and indigenous peoples over publicly-owned forests recognized by law?	Yes X	No
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 X	No
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 X	No
Explain how they are used and by whom (maximum 250). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use as para-botanists in resource assessment; • Use for Wildlife survey for protected areas suitability studies; • Use as Cultivars and ethno botanists by research officers; • Ideas from the traditional people are mostly incorporated in policy decision for SFM 		
31. Do stakeholder participation mechanisms in support of sustainable forest management exist for the engagement of the following?	Yes X	No
Indigenous peoples (where applicable)		
Local communities	X	
Describe these mechanisms and their functions. What specific role do indigenous peoples and/or local communities play in achieving sustainable forest management? (Maximum 250 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing themselves into a platform to discuss forest and forestry related issues; • Providing alternative livelihood opportunities to the communities • Involvement and development of legal instrument • Capacity building of others community members 		
32. Are training and extension programmes being implemented that are directed at local communities and indigenous peoples in order to develop resource management approaches that will reduce the pressure on forests?	Yes X	No
If yes, how many persons from the following communities were the beneficiaries?	2007	2011
Indigenous		
Local	N/A	>30,000
Part II: The Global Objectives on Forests		
Global Objective 1: Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including		

⁴ Benefit-sharing policies for management of forest resources vary among countries. In national policy regimes that require permits from a national forest authority, benefits can include payments for protecting, regenerating and planting forests; payments for ecosystem services; harvesting of non-timber forest products, dry timber and dead trees; and selective harvesting of timber, among others.

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 removal (1000 m ³); data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T.11 - Forest Wood removals and value of removals).	2005	2010
Total value of industrial roundwood removal (US\$1000)		
Total volume of fuelwood removal (1000 m ³)		
Total value of fuelwood removal (US\$1000)		
Total value of non-wood forest products (NWFP) (US\$1000)		
37. Has your country established a mechanism(s) for payment of ecosystem services?	Yes	No
		X
If yes, what is the estimated value of the payment of ecosystem services (US\$ 1,000)?	2005	2011
	N/A	N/A
Please describe how the mechanism(s) function (maximum 250 words).		
38. What is the number of visitors to national parks and other protected areas in your country?	2005	2011
	N/A	N/A
39. What is the area of urban parks in your country (1000 ha)?	N/A	N/A
40. What is the estimated number of visitors to urban parks in your country?	N/A	N/A
Describe any significant actions related to Global Objective on Forests 2 (maximum 250 words).		
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;		

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
		X
If yes, please specify:	Certification Scheme	Area
	N/A	N/A
Describe any significant actions related to Global Objective on Forests 3 (maximum 250 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established National Parks and Nature Reserves; Formulated national wildlife Conservation and management Law; Logging companies are placed under Forest Management Contracts (annual coupe and management Plan); Regulations for the sustainable management of Forests; National Forest Reform Law of 2006. 		
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;		
43. Does your country have a government budget specific for forests?	Yes	No
	X	
44. What is the total amount of funding in forest management, administration, research and human resource development (US\$ 1,000)?	2007	2011
		US\$3.5 Million
45. If the funding for forests is spread among other sectors, please specify the main contributors:		
Agriculture		
Energy		
Water		
Climate change		
Nature conservation		
Others; please specify:		
46. Has the country been able to mobilize significantly increased financial resources for the implementation of SFM since 2007? If yes, please specify sources:	Yes	No
	X	
Domestic public funding	2007 (US\$)	2011 (US\$)
		3.5 Million
Domestic private sector funding	2007 (US\$)	2011 (US\$)
External private sector funding	2007 (US\$)	2011 (US\$)
		2,000,000.00
If there has been no increase, please describe the main challenges in mobilizing funds (maximum 250 words).		
47. Does your country have a National Forests Fund?	Yes	No
	X	
48. Is your country a donor or recipient of ODA for forestry?	Donor	Recipient
		X

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

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.

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 is Indicator 7.1 under Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability. This indicator, however, neither reflects the full range of benefits and services including socio-economic benefits of forests to society, nor the contributions of forests to the achievement of other MDGs. Establishing the direct and indirect links between forests and MDGs is pivotal to ensure that concrete efforts are being taken to reverse the loss of forest cover and to prevent forest degradation while maximizing the benefits of forests for achieving sustainable development.

The aim of this part of the reporting format is to explore the existing data, evidence basis and cases demonstrating the contribution of forests and sustainable forest management to MDGs, at the same time identifying gaps in the monitoring systems and lack of adequate indicators.

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

Please indicate the most forest relevant MDGs in your country

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger:

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.
- **Farm to market road;**
 - **Social infrastructure (clinics and health facilities, schools);**
 - **Employment opportunities.**

Please provide a short description how forests contribute to achieving this goal (maximum 200 words).

- **Most of the infrastructure development are undertaking by logging concessions including farm to market road, clinics schools and water;**
- **Provide livelihood opportunities to the forest fringe communities by tapping on the resources**

Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education:

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	X	

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:		
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"> • Employment of women in harvesting and production of wood energy; • Marketing of Charcoal products for domestic energy (95% of urban population depend on charcoal energy); • Engagement in harvest of Non-timber Forest Products (NTFPs); • 		
Please provide a short description how forests contribute to achieving this goal (maximum 200 words).		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University of Liberia is encouraging female students to enter into forestry career; • Women are members of the Community Forest Development Committee (a decision making body coordinating between concessionaires and communities); • At least 5 women are represented at the County Forest Forum (CFF)- a local level platform for decision making on forest and forest related activities. 		
Goal 4: Reduce child mortality:		
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 in the forest fringe communities provided by development agencies and private sector investment • Clean water supply • Hygienic environment 		
Please describe how forests contribute to achieving this goal (maximum 250 words). This process is similar to Goal # 2		
Goal 5: Improve maternal health		
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 and medical Services with trained medical staff • provided by development agencies and private sector investment; • Medical staff paid by the private sector investor and government • 		
Please describe how forests contribute to achieving this goal (maximum 250 words).		

<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 this goal (maximum 250 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The award of forest resource extraction contracts are obligated to provide these social benefits to the forest fringe communities; • Plantation development (Rubber and palm oil) contracts also provide these social benefits to the forest fringe communities; 		
Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability		
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"> • Enforcement of Forestry Law, Regulation and Code of Harvesting Practices in the forest; • Enforcement and monitoring of environmental policies of Liberia through EPA. 		
Please describe how forests contribute to achieving this goal (maximum 250 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every forest resource extraction contract is obligated to undertake Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) through an independent service provider as pre-requisite to approval of permits; • Post harvest assessment audit of operational areas; 		
Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development		
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"> • Agreements with international/bilateral organizations; • Projects from donor organizations; • Grants and programme from Organizations. 		
Please describe how forests contribute to achieving this goal (maximum 250 words). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The willingness of the country to commit its forest and forest resources to global objectives of sustainable forest management; • Ratification of conventions and treaties that lead to SFM. 		
Please provide a short description of case studies and success stories on data collection on the contribution of forests to achieve MDGs that could serve as examples of good practice for other countries (maximum 250 words). <p>In all cases in Liberia, the collection of data seems to be much difficult situation especially among the various sectors related to the provision of data. Some of the institution sometimes becomes reluctant/unwilling to provide such data. The success of getting this information was because of our involvement with other programme other than Forestry alone. Some instance you will have to invite the personnel involve to a lunch or dinner.</p>		