



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

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GFG2:

- 2.1 Extreme poverty for all forest-dependent people is eradicated**
- 2.2 Increase the access of small-scale forest 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, among other things, 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 mandates and ongoing work of relevant conventions and instruments**

GFG2: Politically important but difficult to measure

2.1 while “extreme poverty” defined in the SDG context, “forest dependent people” - no harmonized data

2.2 no credible statistical information is available on access of small-scale forest enterprises to financial services

2.3 although, there has been much discussion of the contribution of forests and trees to food security - it is not yet possible to monitor in an objective way global progress towards this Target

2.4 broad scope of the Target, which refers to the forest sector’s contribution to “social, economic and environmental development, among other things” - therefore, a single indicator would not be sufficient, but a comprehensive list would be too long

2.5 assessing progress towards climate mitigation and adaptation will be very challenging

Consequences of not having data

- benefits and services provided by forests are not measured = not valued in quantifiable terms
- full contribution of forests to society and sustainable development is often underestimated
- the difficulty of measuring the contribution of forests to poverty eradication and the lack of understanding of that potential contribution leads to insufficient allocation of funding and development assistance for sustainable forest management