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The UNFF & Global Forest Goals: Australia's insights and vision towards supporting the Paris Agreement



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Global Forest Goals: Australia's contributions

- Australia is committed to the Global Forest Goals - promoting Sustainable Forest Management and enhancing cooperation on forest-related issues within the UN system.
- Strong synergies between the objectives for forests under the Paris Agreement and the Global Forest Goals:
 - Forests will be needed for carbon outcomes through their conservation, sustainable management and the increased production and use of forest products to displace carbon-intensive materials.
- Australia's Voluntary National Contribution (VNC) – 4 target areas – announced April 2020, but we are also:
 - Continuing long running forest monitoring and reporting, including promoting improved reporting globally
 - Working internationally in support of SFM and combatting illegal logging, both multilaterally and bilaterally
 - Supporting international cooperation through the UNFF (in line with Global Forest Goal 6)



Australia's VNC – 4 key areas:

1. Ecologically Sustainable Forest Management commitment
2. Increasing area productive forests
3. Emissions reductions through forest management and monitoring
4. Combatting illegal logging and associated trade

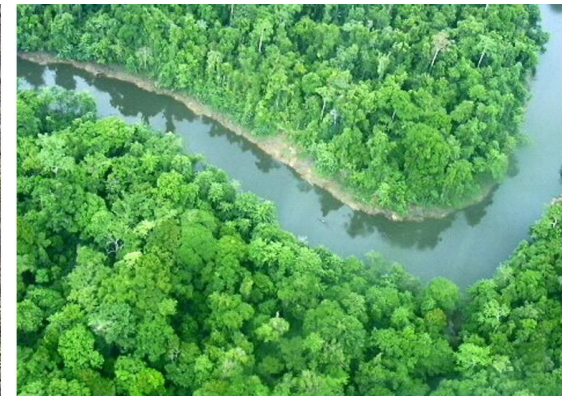
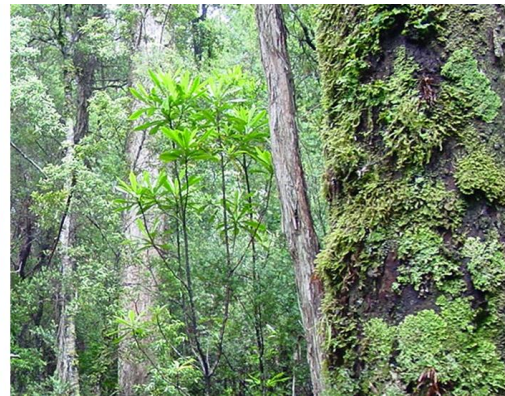
Global Forest Goals Report 2021: Australia's input and perspectives

- The 2021 UNFF Global Forest Goals Report is a pivotal milestone to measure and showcase progress, but more importantly build awareness for future action.
- Australia's Country Report:
 - We have demonstrated strong progress with our VNC to the GFGs and Sustainable Development Goals
 - We want to support the GFGs through stronger international reporting – need to address differing definitions, data availability and assessment methods
- Future reporting essential – but let's not re-invent the wheel
 - Recent UNFF Informal Advisory Group a valuable oversight model without creating a rigid process



Global cross-cutting leadership on forests required

- Global action requires global coordination – we already have a vision (UN Strategic Plan for Forests)
- UNFF can deliver stronger co-ordination in the UN system for delivery of the GFGs:
 - The UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCD & HLPF all have significant interests in forests > UNFF should be custodian
 - Cross-cutting commitments and ambition, such as the ***Glasgow Declaration on Forests and Land Use***, need coordination to progress
 - UNFF brings together forest policy and technical expertise – it is well placed
- The organisation needs the adaptiveness, resourcing and flexibility to deliver on ambitious targets for forests this decade
- Important role for members (government and civil society) and the Bureau





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Thank you

