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Global Forest Goals Report 2021 - tracking progress towards implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests (UNSPF)

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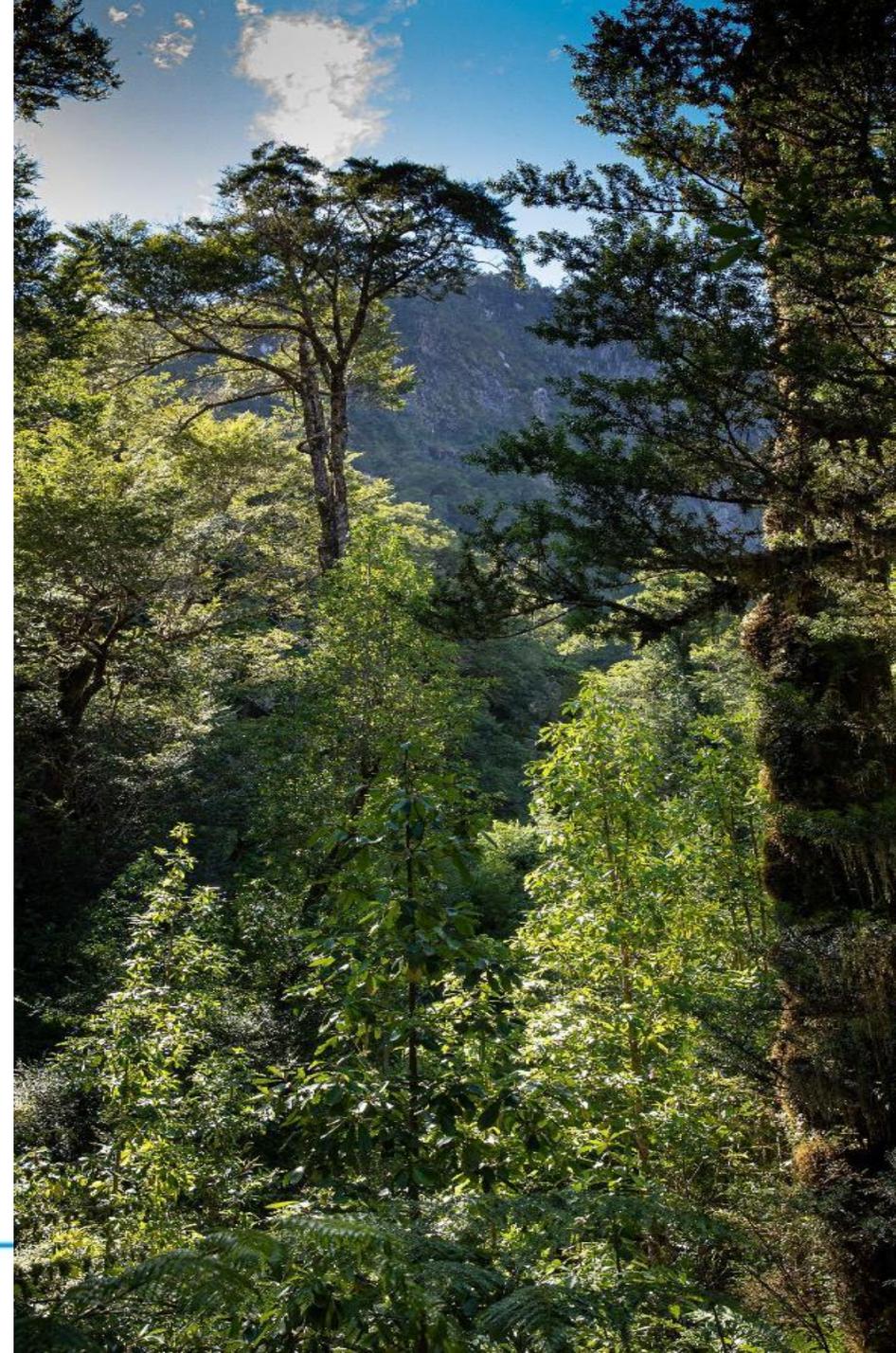
UNSPF: The Strategic Plan provides a global framework for actions on sustainable forest management

- was forged at a special session of the UN Forum on Forests in January 2017, and subsequently **adopted by the UN General Assembly** in April 2017.
- features **six Global Forest Goals and 26 associated targets**, which are voluntary and universal, to be achieved by 2030.
- serves as a **reference framework for forest-related work of the UN system** and for enhanced coherence, collaboration and synergies among UN bodies and partners.



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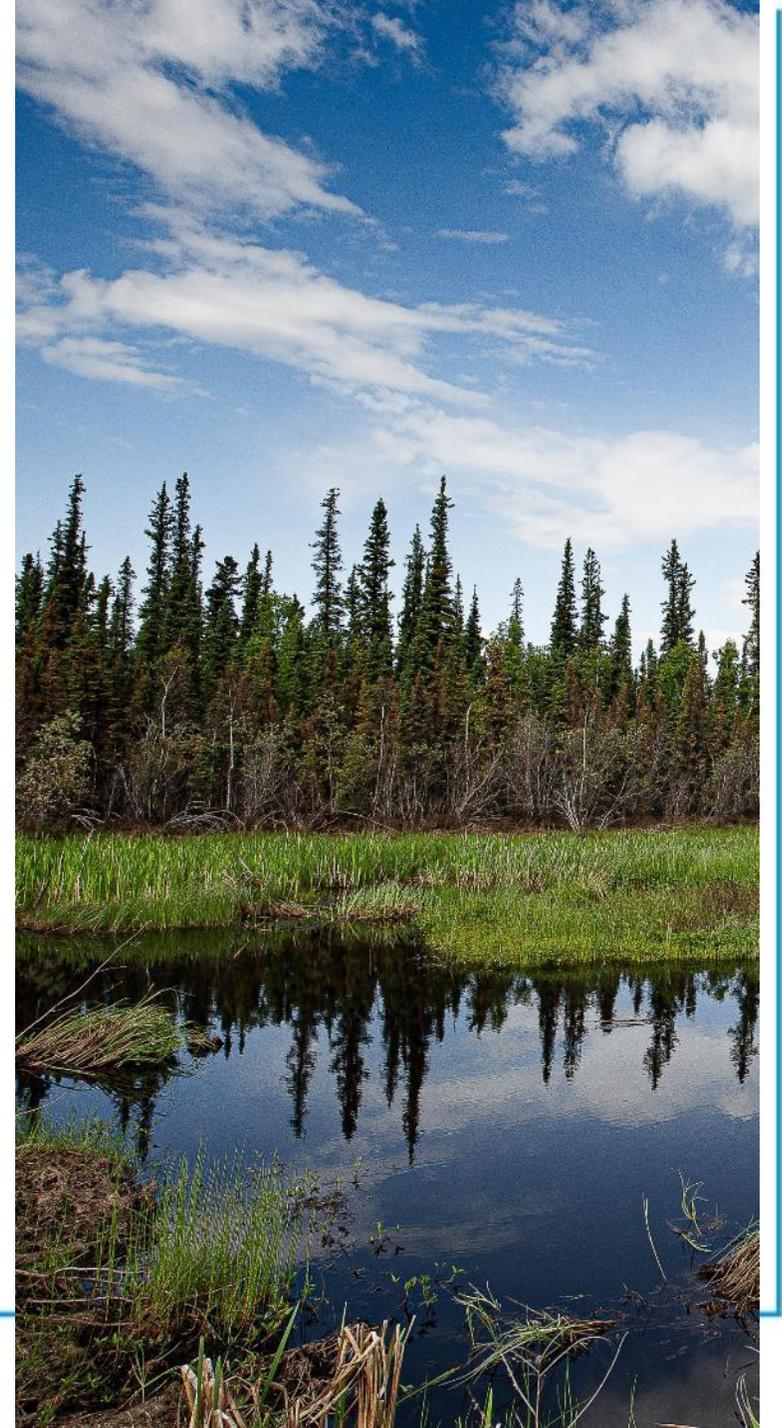


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Monitoring, assessment and reporting (MAR)

- Is among the core functions of the Forum
- Constitutes an integral part of the Strategic Plan 2017-2030
- Systematic data is critical to demonstrate the contributions of forests to livelihoods, poverty reduction, and well-being and sustainable development overall
- Supports contribution from UNFF to HLPF [and] on review of forest related SDGs
- Essential for informed and evidence-based decision-making





The Global Forest Goals Report

- Marks the first time UNFFS has produced a UN DESA flagship publication
- A communication tool to showcase progress towards the Global Forest Goals of the UNSPF
- Provides an overview of progress based on available national data (VNRs and VNCs)
- Was supplemented with global biophysical data primarily from FRA 2020
- Used the Global Core Set of Indicators

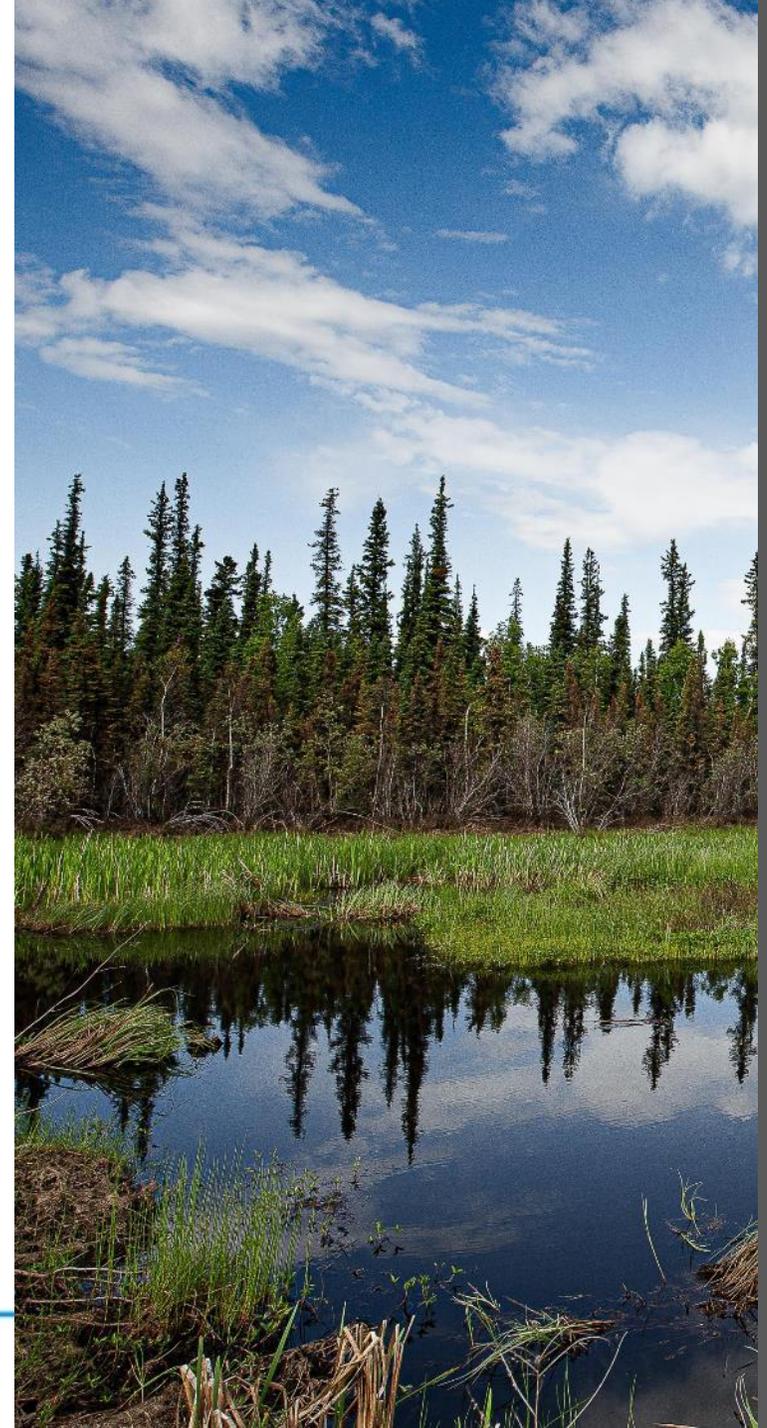
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Tracking Progress on Target 1.2

Forest carbon stocks are maintained or enhanced

- Countries have integrated actions on forest carbon into broader climate action and funding
- Incorporating forest and climate action opened access to resources and promoted intersectoral approaches.
- International programmes, REDD+, as well as work under the UNFCCC NDCs, CDM and NAMA played a major role
- International funding sources included the Green Carbon Fund, the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), and the Climate Investment Fund.





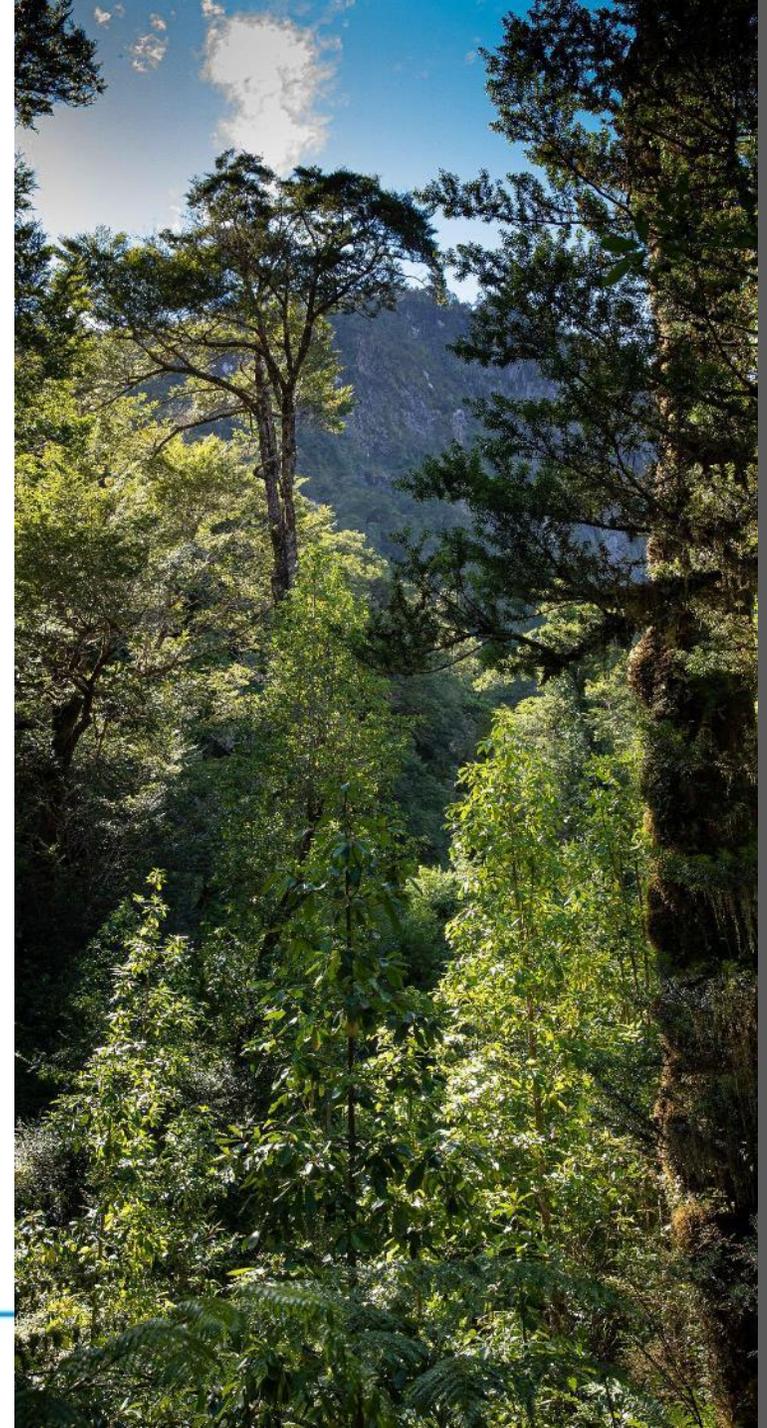
What we learned from the preparing GFGR 2021

- Tracking progress towards the GFGs requires data that goes beyond the traditional forest sector
- Many information-related challenges:
 - Availability of data (socio-economic, finance)
 - Weak indicators (not clear definitions, methodology)
- Specificity of GFGs & targets: 7 quantitative and 19 qualitative targets,
- Strengthened collaboration among UN agencies/other organizations which collect data is needed



Looking ahead

- Continue to work on the GCS indicators (with active engagement of Forum members in testing and finalizing)
- Organize, with partners, capacity-building activities to support national reporting to the Forum
- Make the Global Forest Goals Report a recurrent publication (in conjunction with future cycles of national reporting)
- Explore ways to facilitate submission of greater number of voluntary national reports





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