

AMENDED FORMAT FOR VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REPORTING ON PROGRESS TOWARDS
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FORESTS 2017–2030,
THE UNITED NATIONS FOREST INSTRUMENT AND VOLUNTARY NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

1. In paragraph 22 of ECOSOC resolution 2020/17, Members of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF) requested the UNFF Secretariat to amend the format for voluntary national reporting, to conduct a pilot phase using the amended format (with interested countries), and to report back on the progress made to the Forum at its eighteenth session in 2023. In fulfilling this mandate, the UNFF Secretariat is sharing, herewith, the amended format, which takes into account the suggestions and proposals received from Members of the Forum.
2. The present amended format is structured around the Global Forest Goals and targets of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030 (UNSPF) and builds on the previous format that was used for reporting to the UNFF15.
3. In view of the cross-cutting nature of issues relating to forests and sustainable forest management, you are kindly invited to consult experts from relevant national ministries, the national focal points for the FAO Global Forest Resources Assessments (FRA), Rio Conventions, other member organizations of the CPF, criteria and indicators processes, and relevant stakeholders, where applicable. Only information that is not currently provided to the member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), or that is not available in other international databases, is requested.
4. In completing the present format, you may include actions by the Government, as well as the private sector, communities, civil society, or other stakeholders. The year 2015 is used as a baseline, so please include all actions taken since this date. Where applicable, please indicate the source of information, or provide a weblink as reference.
5. All terms used in this amended format are consistent with terms and definitions used by the FAO FRA.
6. Member states interested in participating in the pilot phase are invited to communicate their interest through their UNFF National Focal Point by emailing the UNFF Secretariat at unff@un.org with a copy to Tomasz Juszcak at juszcakt@un.org, by 31 October 2022.
7. The pilot phase will be conducted from November 2022 through 15 February 2023 and the results of the pilot will be shared during a global workshop, to be co-organised by UNFFS and FAO in spring 2023.
8. Participating countries in the pilot phase for the use of the present amended format, are kindly requested to submit the completed format electronically (in Microsoft Word format) to unff@un.org with a copy to Tomasz Juszcak at: juszcakt@un.org by 15 February 2023.
9. The purpose of the pilot phase is to conduct a technical test of the amended format and further improve the format, rather than a data collection exercise, per se. Accordingly, feedback on amended format is an essential part of the pilot phase.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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I. PROGRESS TOWARDS GLOBAL FOREST GOALS AND TARGETS

GLOBAL FOREST GOAL (GFG) 1 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS¹

Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and contribute to the global effort of addressing climate change

ASSOCIATED TARGETS

1.1 Forest area is increased by 3 per cent worldwide²

1.2 The world's forest carbon stocks are maintained or enhanced

1.3 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally

1.4 The resilience and adaptive capacity of all types of forests to natural disasters and the impact of climate change is significantly strengthened worldwide

Questions on GFG 1

Since 2015,³ what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 1.1 to 1.4? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date (Maximum of 150 words for each action)

Forest area (target 1.1)

Actions (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

Carbon stock (target 1.2)

Actions (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

Implementation of SFM (target 1.3)

¹ Goal 1 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 6.6, 12.2, 13.1, 13.3, 14.2, 15.1–15.4 and 15.8 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 5, 7, 9, 11, 14 and 15, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (o) and 7 (d) and (e) of the United Nations forest instrument.

² Based on the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015.

³ Or earlier, where relevant to capturing important action. The same applies hereafter.

Actions (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

Resilience and adaptation (target 1.4)

Actions (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

What are the main challenges in achieving Goal 1 in your country? (maximum 250 words)

GLOBAL FOREST GOAL (GFG) 2 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS⁴

Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people

ASSOCIATED TARGETS

- 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

⁴ Goal 2 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 1.1, 1.4, 2.4, 4.4, 5.a, 6.6, 8.3, 9.3, 12.2, 12.5, 15.6 and 15.c of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 4, 14 and 18, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (d)–(f), (h), (j), (p), (q), (t)–(v) and (y) and 7 (k) of the United Nations forest instrument.

 Questions on GFG 2

Since 2015, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 2.1–2.5? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per targets, and the results to date (maximum of 150 words for each action)

 Extreme poverty of forest dependent people (target 2.1)

Actions (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

 Access to finance of small forest enterprises (target 2.2)

Action (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

 Food security (target 2.3)

Actions (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

 Contribution to social economic and environmental development (target 2.4)

Actions (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

 Contribution to biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation (target 2.5)

Actions (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

What are the main challenges in achieving Goal 2 in your country? (maximum 250 words)

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GLOBAL FOREST GOAL (GFG) 3 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS⁵

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

ASSOCIATED TARGETS

3.1 The area of forests worldwide designated as protected areas or conserved through other effective area-based conservation measures is significantly increased

3.2 The area of forests under long-term forest management plans is significantly increased

3.3 The proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests is significantly increased

Questions on (GFG)3

Since 2015, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 3.1–3.3? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per targets, and the results to date (maximum of 150 words for each action)

Protected areas (target 3.1)

Actions (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

Long-term forest management plans (target 3.2)

Actions (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

Products from sustainably managed forests (target 3.3)

⁵ Goal 3 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 7.2, 12.2, 12.6, 12.7, 14.2, 14.5, 15.2 and 15.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 7, 11, 12 and 16, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (p), (q) and (x) and 7 (f) and (g) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Action (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

What are the main challenges in achieving Goal 3 in your country? (maximum 250 words)

GLOBAL FOREST GOAL (GFG) 4 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS⁶

Mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of sustainable forest management and strengthen scientific and technical cooperation and partnerships

ASSOCIATED TARGETS

- 4.1 Mobilize significant resources from all sources and at all levels to finance sustainable forest management and provide adequate incentives to developing countries to advance such management, including for conservation and reforestation
- 4.2 Forest-related financing from all sources at all levels, including public (national, bilateral, multilateral and triangular), private and philanthropic financing, is significantly increased
- 4.3 North-South, South-South, North-North and triangular cooperation and public-private partnerships on science, technology and innovation in the forest sector are significantly enhanced and increased
- 4.4 The number of countries that have developed and implemented forest financing strategies and have access to financing from all sources is significantly increased
- 4.5 The collection, availability and accessibility of forest-related information is improved through, for example, multidisciplinary scientific assessments

Questions on GFG 4

Since 2015, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 4.1–4.5? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date (maximum of 150 words for each action)

Mobilisation of resources for SFM (target 4.1)

⁶ Goal 4 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 12.a, 15.7, 15.a, 15.b, 17.1–17.3, 17.6, 17.7 and 17.16–17.19 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Target 19, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (h), (i), (m), (r) and (s) and 7 (a)–(c) and (l)–(q) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Actions (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

Since 2015, has your country been able to mobilize significantly increased financial resources for the implementation of sustainable forest management?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify the sources:

- Public domestic funding
- Private domestic funding
- Public international funding, including official development assistance
- Private international funding
- Blended financing

If no, please describe the main challenges encountered:

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Increased forest related financing (target 4.2)

Actions (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

Enhanced cooperation and partnerships (target 4.3)

Actions (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

Is your country engaged in international cooperation and/or public/private partnerships to promote sustainable forest management?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify the entity or entities with which your country is cooperating:

- Governments
- Intergovernmental organizations/processes
- Private sector
- Non-governmental organizations
- Other

Types of cooperation and/or public/private partnerships:

- North-South
- South-South
- North-North
- Triangular

Areas of cooperation and/or public/private partnerships:

- Science
- Technology
- Innovation
- Other (please specify):

Forest financing strategies and access to financing (target 4.4)

Since 2015, has your Government developed or implemented financing strategies to achieve sustainable forest management and to implement the United Nations forest instrument?

- Yes No

Since 2015, has your country had access to financing from all sources to achieve sustainable forest management and to implement the United Nations forest instrument?

- Yes No

Forest-related information (target 4.5)

Has the collection, availability and accessibility of forest-related information in your country, for example, through multidisciplinary scientific assessments, improved since 2015?

- Yes No

Please describe any improvements (maximum 250 words):

Does your country carry out a National Forest Inventory?

Yes No

If Yes, when was the most recent inventory completed?

Year:

GLOBAL FOREST GOAL (GFG) 5 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS⁷

Promote governance frameworks to implement sustainable forest management, including through the United Nations forest instrument, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

ASSOCIATED TARGETS

5.1 Number of countries that have integrated forests into their national sustainable development plans and/or poverty reduction strategies is significantly increased

5.2 Forest law enforcement and governance are enhanced, including through significantly strengthening national and subnational forest authorities, and illegal logging and associated trade are significantly reduced worldwide

5.3 National and subnational forest-related policies and programmes are coherent, coordinated and complementary across ministries, departments and authorities, consistent with national laws, and engage relevant stakeholders, local communities and indigenous peoples, fully recognizing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

5.4 Forest-related issues and the forest sector are fully integrated into decision-making processes concerning land use planning and development

Questions on GFG 5

Integration of forests in national plans and strategies (target 5.1)

In your country, have forests been integrated into national sustainable development plans and/or poverty reduction strategies?

Yes No

If yes, please specify if integrated into (two positive answers possible)

- National sustainable development plans and/or
- Poverty reduction strategies

⁷ Goal 5 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement, among other things, of targets 1.4, 2.4, 5.a, 15.9, 15.c, 16.3, 16.5–16.7, 16.10 and 17.14 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 2 and 3, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (a), (c), (k), (l), (n) and (w) and 7 (c) and (h)–(j) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Since 2015, what actions have been in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 5.2–5.3? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target and the results to date (maximum of 150 words for each action)

Enhancement of forest law enforcement and governance (target 5.2)

Actions (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

Since 2015, has your government taken steps to prevent and reduce illegal international trafficking in forest products, wildlife and other biological resources?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify the type of action:

- New legislation
- Improved enforcement of existing legislation
- Export controls
- Import controls
- Bilateral agreements between exporting/importing countries
- Other action, for example, public procurement policies and public-private partnerships. Please list below:

Coherence and coordination of policies and programmes (target 5.3)

Actions (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

Please describe what types of mechanism are in place to involve stakeholders in forest/ sustainable forest management policy formulation, planning and implementation? (maximum 250 words)

Integration of forest related issues into land-use planning (target 5.4)

In your country, have forests been integrated into decision-making processes concerning land use planning and development

Yes No

Please describe the main challenges in achieving Goal 5 in a maximum of 250 words:

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GLOBAL FOREST GOAL (GFG)6 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS⁸

Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the United Nations system and across member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders

Note: targets 6.1 and 6.2 are not included in this section of the reporting format as they address actions taken by the international community, and not those taken at the national level

ASSOCIATED TARGETS

6.3 Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote sustainable forest management and halt deforestation and forest degradation are significantly enhanced at all levels

6.4 A greater common understanding of the concept of sustainable forest management is achieved and an associated set of indicators is identified

6.5 The input and involvement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the strategic plan and in the work of the Forum, including intersessional work, is strengthened

Questions on GFG6

Since 2015, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 6.3–6.5? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date (maximum of 150 words)

Cross-sectoral cooperation (target 6.3)

Action (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

⁸ Goal 6 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, target 17.14 of the Sustainable Development Goals and are supported by paragraphs 6 (b), (c), (g), (m) and (w) and 7 (r) and (s) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Are mechanisms in place for cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote sustainable forest management and halt deforestation and forest degradation?

- Yes No

If yes, what sectors are involved?

- Climate change
 Biodiversity
 Energy
 Rural development
 Land use
 Other (please specify):

Common understanding of concept of SFM, indicator sets (target 6.4)

Action (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

Are criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management used in your country?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify which sets are used (multiple answers possible):

- National or subnational
 Regional or international⁹
 Other (please specify):

For which of the following purposes are they used? (Multiple answers possible)

- To generate information for national reports on forest conditions and management
 To monitor and assess forest conditions and management
 To review and develop national forest policies and tools for sustainable forest management

⁹ For instance, those used by the International Tropical Timber Organization, Forest Europe, the Montreal Process and the Tarapoto Proposal on Criteria and Indicators for Sustainability of Amazonian Forests.

- To communicate with society and carry out dialogue with stakeholders
- To report on forests to regional and international organizations (please specify):

Strengthened involvement of major groups and other stakeholders (target 6.5)

Action (short titles):	
Brief description of each action:	
Main results achieved for each action:	

Have major groups and other relevant stakeholders been involved in the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030?

- Yes No

If yes, please describe the actions in a maximum of 250 words:

SELF ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS TOWARDS TARGETS

In your opinion what is the progress of your country towards the targets?

	Target	Achieved	On track	Some progress	No change	Not applicable
1.1	Forest area					
1.2	Carbon stock					
1.3	Implementation of SFM					
1.4	Resilience and adaptation					
2.1	Extreme poverty of forest dependent people					
2.2	Access to finance of small forest enterprises					
2.3	Food security					
2.4	Contribution to social economic and environmental development					
2.5	Contribution to biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation					
3.1	Protected areas					
3.2	Long-term forest management plans					
3.3	Products from sustainably managed forests					
4.1	Mobilization of resources for SFM					
4.2	Increased forest related financing					
4.3	Enhanced cooperation and partnerships					
4.4	Forest financing strategies and access to financing					
4.5	Forest-related information					
5.1	Integration of forests in national plans and strategies					
5.2	Enhancement of forest law enforcement and governance					

5.3	Coherence and coordination of policies and programmes					
5.4	Integration of forest related issues into land-use planning					
6.3	Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation					
6.4	Common understanding of concept of SFM, indicator sets					
6.5	Strengthened involvement of stakeholders					

II. VOLUNTARY NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

If your government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to global forest goals, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far:

GFG1	
GFG2	
GFG3	
GFG4	
GFG5	
GFG6	

III. OTHER QUESTIONS

Since 2015, has your country taken action to promote gender equality in the forest sector?

- Yes No

If yes, please indicate action taken with regard to the following:

- Women’s effective access to the control and use of forest resources
- Women’s effective participation in decision-making at the household and community levels
- Women’s effective participation and representation in forest management institutions
- Other

Please provide a brief description of the actions taken:

What action has been taken in your country in observance of the International Day of Forests?

- Cultural activities (for example, art, music, film and theatre)
- Educational activities (for example, workshops and symposiums)
- Media activities (for example, newspapers, magazines, television and radio)
- Social media activities
- Other

Please provide two to three examples and, if possible, a weblink or weblinks to relevant documentation:

IV. SUCCESS STORIES

Do you have any success stories relating to the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 in your country? If so, please provide a brief description, with references (such as weblinks, publications and articles), showing how the action contributed to achieving the goals and targets and specifying which goals and targets are relevant. Please provide a maximum of three success stories.

Title:	
Brief description of Action:	
Goal and targets addressed:	
Main results achieved:	

V. FEEDBACK ON THE AMENDED FORMAT

Please describe your general experience with completing this amended reporting format and provide suggestions, if any, on how to improve it further. (maximum 250 words)