

Voluntary National Report to UNFF

Voluntary National Report on progress towards the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030, the UN Forest Instrument and Voluntary National Contributions

Thank you for taking the time to complete the voluntary national report to the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF).
Before you start, please take note of the following important information:

1. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2022/17, requested the UNFF secretariat to amend the format for voluntary national reporting to the Forum, taking into account the suggestions and proposals received from members of the Forum, and conduct a pilot phase for the use of the refined format. In the same resolution, the Council invited the Forum to consider establishing an advisory group on reporting. It further requested that the secretariat explore options for establishing an online reporting platform for the Forum, recognizing the need for streamlined reporting and minimizing the reporting burden, including the challenges faced by developing countries.
2. In fulfilling this mandate, the UNFF Secretariat has amended the format, taking into account the suggestions and proposals received from Members of the Forum and in consultation with the advisory group on reporting. The secretariat has also established an online reporting platform for the submission of voluntary national reports to the Forum.
3. The 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.
4. The amended format consists of twelve sections, each with several questions:
 1. General information
 2. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 1 and associated targets
 3. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 2 and associated targets
 4. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 3 and associated targets
 5. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 4 and associated targets
 6. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 5 and associated targets
 7. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 6 and associated targets
 8. Self-assessment of progress toward the Global Forest Goals and targets
 9. Voluntary National Contributions
 10. Other questions: Gender equality
 11. Other questions: International Day of Forests
 12. Success stories

To download a PDF file of the amended voluntary report format, click here [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [French](#)

5. 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.
6. In completing the national report, you may include actions by the Government, as well as the private sector, communities, civil society, or other stakeholders. The year 2020 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.
7. All terms used in this amended format are consistent with terms and definitions used by the FAO Forest Resources Assessment.
8. Please refer to the Explanatory Notes ([English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [French](#)) for more in-depth guidance when completing the national report. Other helpful resources include:
[Global Forest Goals and targets \(E/RES/2017/4\)](#)
[Sustainable Development Goals and targets \(A/RES/70/1\)](#)
9. The deadline for submission of the national reports to the UNFF secretariat is 30 June 2025.

Instructions for using the online reporting platform

1. A dedicated link has been provided to the main UNFF national focal point from each country to complete their national report. You may share the link with other national officials, experts from your own country and other relevant departments to collaborate on a single national report. To avoid accidentally deleting or overwriting completed sections of the report, please ensure no two people are working on the same section of the format at the same time. Please do not share the dedicated link with anyone not involved in completing the UNFF national report for your country.
2. The reporting format is available in English, Spanish and French. Please select the language using the menu located in the top right corner of the page.
3. You are given the flexibility to pause and resume completion of the national report. Your responses will be automatically saved, and you may return to the report at any time before the deadline for submission. To return to the report, please click on the link in the original email. If you are working with a weak internet signal, you may want to connect using an Ethernet cable instead of Wi-Fi to ensure a more stable connection.
4. You are invited to use the Section Navigator to move between sections of the survey. Click on the 'Answer' button next to each Section to navigate to the questions in that Section. Once inside the section, use the 'Save and continue' button to proceed within the section and the 'Back' button to return to previous questions.
5. By clicking 'Review and Download' in the Section Navigator, you will be able to download a PDF copy of your responses. After download, you can return to the questions to amend your answers, if necessary.
6. Prior to submission, you will be prompted to upload a cover letter conveying this as the official national report for your country. This step is mandatory. The cover letter shall include an official letterhead with the full name of country, ministry, and/or institution, mail and email address, phone number and the signature of an authorized senior national official. The cover letter size should not exceed 2MB.
7. After submission, you will receive a confirmation email and a PDF copy of the national report.
8. In case of any questions or technical issues, please reach out to Ms. Nadine Souto (nadine.souto@un.org) and Mr. Tomasz Juszczak (juszczakt@un.org) from the UNFF secretariat.

1. General information

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This question is required

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2. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 1 and associated targets

Global Forest Goal 1: 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

Target 1.1: Forest area is increased by 3 per cent worldwide

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

Target 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

Target 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

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 and are supported by paragraphs 6 (o) and 7 (d) and (e) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Target 1.1: Forest area is increased by 3 per cent worldwide

5. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 1.1? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 1.1, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Formulation of new "Basic Plan for Forest and Forestry"

Brief description of the action:

In June 2021, the Cabinet approved new Basic Plan for Forest and Forestry, which stipulates that the forest area of 25 million hectares, which accounts for 66% of the country's land area as of 2020, will be maintained until 2040. In addition, the basic plan includes ensuring appropriate forest management and promoting reforestation.

Main results achieved for the action:

The total area of Japan's forests is approximately 25 million ha, which corresponds to about two-thirds of the total land area. The high forest coverage has been maintained for more than 70 years, thanks to its warm and humid climate and the tireless efforts by its people of conserving and restoring the forests over time.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.2
1.3

This action contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1
15.2

Weblink:

(4th Country Report to the Montréal Process, page 7) <https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kaigai/attach/pdf/index-56.pdf>

Action (short title):

JICA Technical Cooperation Project (Project for Strengthening Forestry Sector Development and Community Resilience to Climate Change through Sustainable Forest Management and Landscape Restoration in Kenya)

Brief description of the action:

Japan contributes Kenya to the increase of forest and tree cover, as well as strengthening resilience of local populations vulnerable to climate change, through the JICA technical cooperation project, to further strengthen the policy and implementation capacity of central and local governments, promote commercial forestry, and develop and diffuse drought-resilient forest trees.

Main results achieved for the action:

The JICA project supports tree breeding such as *Melia volkensii*, which is indigenous species in Kenya, drought-tolerant and commercially valuable, high-quality timber, and seedling distribution for commercial forestry.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.2
1.3

This action contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1
15.2

Weblink:

<https://www.jica.go.jp/Resource/project/english/kenya/019/outline/index.html>,
https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/kenya/information/topics/2024/1545167_53444.html

Action (short title):

Technical Cooperation Project

Brief description of the action:

In the arid and semi-arid regions, which account for about 80% of Kenya's land area, afforestation is not progressing due to unstable rainfall and poor seedling survival rates. Since 2021, Japan International Forestry Promotion and Cooperation Center, with the financial supports by the Forestry Agency of Japan, has been collaborating with the Kenya Forest Research Institute to develop and disseminate a technology of producing long-rooted seedlings that can tolerate limited water resources.

Main results achieved for the action:

Since 2022, this project have been conducting technical demonstrations of afforestation with the long-rooted seedlings on the land of over 70 farmers.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.2
1.3

This action contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1
15.2

Weblink:

(Annual Report summary 2023,page20) <https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kikaku/hakusyo/r5hakusyo/attach/pdf/index-1.pdf>

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

6. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 1.2? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 1.2, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Formulation of new "Basic Plan for Forest and Forestry"

Brief description of the action:

In June 2021, a new Basic Plan for Forest and Forestry was approved by the Cabinet, which set a target to increase the forest stock from 5.41 billion m3 in 2020 to 6.18 billion m3 in 2040. The Plan includes the promotion of appropriate thinning and the contribution to the realization of carbon neutrality.

Main results achieved for the action:

According to The National Forest Inventory survey, the growing stock of forest in Japan has increased to about 5.6 billion cubic meters as of the end of March 2022, of which planted forest account for about 3.5 billion cubic meters and about 60% of the total stock.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.1
1.3

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

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15.2

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Target 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

7. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 1.3? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 1.3, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Forest Management and Conservation based on the Forest Planning System

Brief description of the action:

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries formulates the Nationwide Forest Plan for a period of 15 years every five years. The Plan sets the targets of the management and conservation of all forests in the country at the national level. In accordance with the Nationwide Forest Plan, Prefectural Governor of each prefecture formulates a Regional Forest Plan for each prefecture respectively, and the Director General of each Regional Forest Office formulates a Regional Forest Plan for the national forests in the region and provides the targets for management and conservation of forests, as well as the concept of the forest management practices such as zoning of forests, logging, etc., depending on the situation of each area.

Main results achieved for the action:

In the current 15-year Nationwide Forest Plan which was formulated in October 2023, for the fiscal year from 2024 to 2038, new descriptions are added including the appropriate implementation of safety measures for embankments, etc., the strengthening of enforcement to verify the legality of timber, and the acceleration of measures to control pollen sources to reduce the incidence of hay fever. In the Plan, the volumes of wood to be harvested, the areas to be afforested, etc., were revised from the previous Plan according to the new plan period.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

- 1.1
- 1.2
- 3.2

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

- 15.1
- 15.2

Weblink:

(4th Country Report to the Montréal Process, page141) <https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kaigai/attach/pdf/index-56.pdf>

Action (short title):

FAO "Building Global Capacity on Halting Deforestation and Conversions from Agricultural Commodities" (BiG-CHANCE) project

Brief description of the action:

To decouple agricultural commodity production from deforestation, this project focuses on managing the trade-offs between agriculture and forestry and promoting the transformation of agri-food systems, and promotes the approaches that balance economic development and environmental conservation.

Main results achieved for the action:

This project developed the analytical framework to assess the effectiveness of policy measures to decouple agricultural commodity production from deforestation, and a toolkit designed to help governments promote the development of agricultural supply chains that have positive impact on forests.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

- 1.1
- 1.2
- 6.3

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1
15.2

Weblink:

<https://www.fao.org/redd/news/detail/en/c/1652576/>

Target 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

8. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 1.4? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 1.4, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Formulation of "Five-Year Road Program for Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and National Resilience"

Brief description of the action:

In 2020, the Cabinet approved the "Five-Year Road Program for Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and National Resilience", which promotes measures to conserve land to be resilient against damages from intensified wind, flood and others from disasters as the priority.

Main results achieved for the action:

As a measure to prevent and minimize damages to human lives and properties, which are prioritized in the "Five-Year Road Program for Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and National Resilience", Forestry Agency conducts forest conservation and management works at the high disaster risk areas on mountain sides (Areas at high risks of damages from mountain disasters which were identified through surveys conducted by prefectural governments and regional forest offices under national government) and at the areas around important infrastructures.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

6.6
15.1

Weblink:

(Annual Report summary 2022, page1-10) <https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kikaku/hakusyo/r4hakusyo/attach/pdf/index-6.pdf>

Action (short title):

Dissemination of regional resilience measures in mountain watersheds through FAO

Brief description of the action:

In the Philippines and Peru as pilot countries, this project supports the assessment of disaster risks in mountain watersheds, the investigation and analysis of issues for risk management through forest management and conservation, the development of training programs, and the holding of training seminars among others., and disseminates the outcomes of the project worldwide.

Main results achieved for the action:

Based on disaster risk assessments at the local government levels, this project conducted on-site trainings for disaster risk management and formulated watershed management plans. In addition, this project supported the formulation of disaster prevention and mitigation guidelines using the functions of forests and the capacity buildings to spread agroforestry, which contributes to improvement of livelihoods, and disaster prevention and mitigation.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**This action also contributes to these SDG targets:****Weblink:**

(Annual Report summary 2022,page20)<https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kikaku/hakusyo/r4hakusyo/attach/pdf/index-6.pdf>

Action (short title):

JICA Technical Cooperation Project - The Project for Natural Disaster Management in Forest Areas in Uttarakhand,India

Brief description of the action:

In forest area managed by Uttarakhand Forest Department, JICA supported the establishment of a system for implementing mountain disaster countermeasures using mountainous land conservation technologies.

Main results achieved for the action:

The Project aims to establish a system to properly implement slope disaster management (erosion control works) using erosion control technology in Uttarakhand by (1) developing appropriate erosion control technology for Uttarakhand, (2) improving the knowledge and skills of the Uttarakhand Forest Department and other relevant agency staff, and (3) sharing the developed erosion control technology within the state and with other states.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**This action also contributes to these SDG targets:****Weblink:**

<https://openjicareport.jica.go.jp/pdf/12375846.pdf>, <https://www.jica.go.jp/oda/project/1600707/index.html?wovn=en>

Global Forest Goal 1 Challenges

9. What are the main challenges in achieving Goal 1 in your country?

Please limit your answer to 250 words.

- Due to the aging of forest owners, generational changes through inheritance, and lack of registration, it takes a great deal of effort to identify owners and clarify forest boundaries.
- In anticipation of increased harvesting, it is important to undertake reforestation appropriately after logging, to reduce the cost of afforestation and to ensure the stable supply of tree seedlings.
- Many of the Japan's forests are located on steep terrain with fragile geological features and susceptible to expose frequent heavy rain falls as weather conditions. In this light, it is necessary to conduct mountainous land conservation measures and to undertake forest management such as tending and thinning appropriately according to the ages of forests, in order to promote disaster-resilient forests.

3. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 2 and associated targets

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

Target 2.1: Extreme poverty for all forest-dependent people is eradicated

Target 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

Target 2.3: The contribution of forests and trees to food security is significantly increased

Target 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

Target 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

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, 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.

Target 2.1: Extreme poverty for all forest-dependent people is eradicated

10. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 2.1? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 2.1, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Brief description of the action:

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Target 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

11. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 2.2? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 2.2, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Brief description of the action:

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Target 2.3: The contribution of forests and trees to food security is significantly increased

12. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 2.3? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 2.3, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

JICA Technical Cooperation Project (Project for Strengthening Forestry Sector Development and Community Resilience to Climate Change through Sustainable Forest Management and Landscape Restoration in Kenya)

Brief description of the action:

In a semi-arid area of Kenya, members of the Tree Growing Club planted *Melia volkensii* and baobab (*Adansonia digitata*) trees, with agroforestry practices (including carbon credit feasibility study), and supported the introduction of baobab leaves (rich in calcium, iron and vitamins) into school lunches.

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e163f3a56c804316ae06a88cd03dcafe>,
<https://www.jica.go.jp/Resource/project/english/kenya/019/outline/index.html>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1LRh2liAYI>

Action (short title):

Promotion of production of Non-timber forest products

Brief description of the action:

The Basic Plan for Forest and Forestry explicitly states that non-timber forest products such as mushrooms are important local resources that contribute to securing income in mountain village area, and that production facilities, technologies, and demand will be developed.
The Basic Plan for Food, Agriculture and Rural Area sets mushrooms production volume for FY2030.

Main results achieved for the action:

Forestry Agency provides supports for the development of facilities for efficient productions in order to ensure stable supply of mushrooms, as well as for model activities by producers that are taking advanced measures to expand consumption and improve production efficiency.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

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Target 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

13. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 2.4? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 2.4, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Registration of forest-related service industry promotion areas and holding Forums to connect with private companies

Brief description of the action:

Forestry Agency provides hands-on programs and places for activities in the field of health tourism education in some forest areas. The Agency supports development and promotion of "Forest Service Industry" that will improve incomes and provide employment opportunities in mountainous village areas. The Agency also has designated some national forest areas as "Forest Service Industry Promotion Areas,"

Main results achieved for the action:

In fiscal year 2023, "Forum to Connect Mountain Villages and Companies" was held to connect forest-related service industry promotion areas with companies which are interested in forest utilization. As of the end of 2024, there are 55 forest-related service industry promotion areas that offer programs such as forest bathing.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**This action also contributes to these SDG targets:**

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Target 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

14. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 2.5? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 2.5, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Establishment of green corridor in the national forest
/Biodiversity Conservation Initiatives in National Forests

Brief description of the action:

Green Corridors are designated to connect habitats for wildlife, secure migration routes, enhance interactions among populations, and promote the conservation of forest ecosystems more broadly and effectively.

Main results achieved for the action:

As of March 2023, there are 24 sites of corridors in place covering an area of approximately 580,000 hectares, which accounts for about 8% of the national forests.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

3.1

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1

Weblink:

(Annual Report summary 2023, page31) <https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kikaku/hakusyo/r5hakusyo/attach/pdf/index-1.pdf>

Action (short title):

Certification of "Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites" / Enactment of "Act on Promoting Activities to Enhance Regional Biodiversity"

Brief description of the action:

In response to the 30by30 target (stated in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework), a system was launched in April 2023, in which the national government certifies "areas where biodiversity conservation is being promoted through private sector and other initiatives" as "Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites" and register those Sites, excluding areas where are overlaped with protected areas, in an international database as OECMs.

Main results achieved for the action:

As of March 2025, 328 sites such as company-owned forests and watershed protection forest have been certified, and many of them include forests within their certified areas.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

3.1

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1

Weblink:

<https://policies.env.go.jp/nature/biodiversity/30by30alliance/kyousei/>

Action (short title):

Formulation of "Guidelines for Forestry Management to Enhance Forest Biodiversity"

Brief description of the action:

These Guidelines are targeted at forest owners and forestry enterprises responsible for forest management, outline the significance and objectives of biodiversity conservation and present challenges and specific forest management methods for increasing forest biodiversity.

Main results achieved for the action:**This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**

3.1

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1

Weblink:

(Annual report summary 2023, page18) <https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kikaku/hakusyo/r5hakusyo/attach/pdf/index-1.pdf>

Global Forest Goal 2 Challenges

15. What are the main challenges in achieving Goal 2 in your country?

Please limit your answer to 250 words.

In order to ensure the sustainability of forest resources and forestry management, it is important to increase the retail price of the logs and improve the efficiency of forestry management by increasing the productivity of logging, transporting timber and silviculture works and by reducing their costs.

4. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 3 and associated targets

Global Forest Goal 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

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

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

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

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, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (p), (q) and (x) and 7 (f) and (g) of the United Nations forest instrument.

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

16. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 3.1? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 3.1, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Establishment of Protected Forests in National Forest

Brief description of the action:

The Protected Forests are established aiming at managing forests for conservation of genetic resources and protection of wildlife among others, in primeval natural forests representing a particular climatic or forest zone, in forests with a biocoenosis unique to the region, or in forests necessary for the growth and inhabitation of rare wildlife species.

Main results achieved for the action:

As of the end of March 2023, there were 658 protected forests with an area of 1.014 million hectares, accounting for 13.4% of the national forest area.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

2.5

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1

Weblink:

(Annual Report summary 2023, page 31) <https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kikaku/hakusyo/r5hakusyo/attach/pdf/index-1.pdf>

Action (short title):

Promotion of forest management in World Natural Heritage Areas

Brief description of the action:

In 2021, "Amami-Oshima Island, Tokunoshima Island, Northern part of Okinawa Island, and Iriomote Island" was newly inscribed as UNESCO World Natural Heritage sites. An area of seventy percent of the Heritage Site which is national forest managed by Forestry Agency, was designated as "Forest Ecosystem Reserve" to protect and manage there strictly.

Main results achieved for the action:

In cooperation with related organizations, protection of rare species, and distribution surveys and extermination of invasive plants were conducted.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

2.5

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1

Weblink:

(Annual Report summary 2021, page2) <https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kikaku/hakusyo/r3hakusyo/attach/pdf/index-2.pdf>

Action (short title):

New designation and large-scale expansion of national and quasi-national parks

Brief description of the action:

Based on the 30by30 roadmap, 14 candidate sites for new designation and expansion of national and quasi-national parks were selected through the follow-up (implemented in fiscal year 2022) of the "National and Quasi-National Park Overhaul Project" in 2010.

Main results achieved for the action:

Among the candidate sites, in fiscal year 2024, Hidakasanmyaku-Erimo-Tokachi National Park was newly designated as the 35th national park, and a large-scale expansion of Aso-Kuju National Park was carried out, expanding into the grassland areas mainly around Aso.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

2.5

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1

Weblink:

<https://www.env.go.jp/en/nature/nps/park/index.html>

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

17. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 3.2? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 3.2, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Forest Management and Conservation based on Forest Planning System

Brief description of the action:

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries formulates the Nationwide Forest Plan for a period of 15 years every five years. The Plan sets the targets of the management and conservation of all forests in the country at the national level. In accordance with the Nationwide Forest Plan, Prefectural Governor of each prefecture formulates a Regional Forest Plan for each prefecture respectively, and the Director General of each Regional Forest Office formulates a Regional Forest Plan for the national forests in the region and provides the targets for management and conservation of forests, as well as the concept of the forest management practices such as zoning of forests, logging, etc., depending on the situation of each area.

Main results achieved for the action:

In the current 15-year Nationwide Forest Plan which was formulated in October 2023, for the fiscal year from 2024 to 2038, new descriptions are added including the appropriate implementation of safety measures for embankments, etc., the strengthening of enforcement to verify the legality of timber, and the acceleration of measures to control pollen sources to reduce the incidence of hay fever. In the Plan, the volumes of wood to be harvested, the areas to be afforested, etc., were revised from the previous Plan according to the new plan period.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

- 1.1
- 1.2
- 1.3

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

- 15.1
- 15.2

Weblink:

(4th Country Report to the Montréal Process, page 141) <https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kaigai/attach/pdf/index-56.pdf>

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

18. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 3.3? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also

indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 3.3, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Enforcement of the "Act for Promotion of Use of Wood in Buildings to Contribute to the Realization of a Decarbonized Society"

Brief description of the action:

In order to further promote the use of wood in buildings, the "Act for Promotion of the Use of Wood in Buildings to Contribute to the Realization of a Decarbonized Society" came into effect in October 2021.

Main results achieved for the action:

In order to promote the use of wood in buildings in general, including private buildings, this Act newly established "Headquarters for wood use promotion" (Chief of Headquarters: Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries), "Agreement System for Wood Use Promotion in Buildings", "Wood Use Promotion Day" (October 8) and "Wood Use Promotion Month" (October).

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

(Annual Report summary 2021, page1) <https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kikaku/hakusyo/r3hakusyo/attach/pdf/index-2.pdf>

Action (short title):

Promotion of Kizukai Undo (Wood use) initiative

Brief description of the action:

With the slogan "Wood Change," Kizukai Undo initiative encourages concrete actions such as replacing daily necessities with wood products.

Main results achieved for the action:

Companies and organizations that support the purpose of "Wood Change" and promote wood use initiatives can utilize the "Wood Change" logo. These visual appearance of "Wood Change" raised awareness and encouraged action for wood use.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Action (short title):

ITTO project (support for the promotion of sustainable wood use in timber producing countries)

Brief description of the action:

Projects to expand sustainable wood use in Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and India are supported through ITTO.

Main results achieved for the action:

In Vietnam, a support to implement the project to improve the policy framework to promote sustainable wood consumption was provided.

Also supports were provided for the project to promote domestic consumption of sustainable wood products in Thailand, the project to develop domestic market for wood products in Indonesia, the project to improve policy framework to stimulate domestic wood consumption in Malaysia, and the project to improve the strategy to promote teak resources and products in India, which are currently in progress.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**This action also contributes to these SDG targets:****Weblink:**

(Vietnam) https://www.itto.int/ja/project/id/PD922_21-Rev.1-I, (Thailand) https://www.itto.int/ja/project/id/PD926_22-Rev.1-I, (Indonesia) https://www.itto.int/ja/project/id/PD928_22-Rev.1-I, (Malaysia) https://www.itto.int/ja/project/id/PD935_23-Rev.1-I, (India) https://www.itto.int/ja/project/id/PD933_23-Rev.2-M

Global Forest Goal 3 Challenges

19. What are the main challenges in achieving Goal 3 in your country?

Please limit your answer to 250 words.

- Due to the aging of forest owners, generational changes through inheritance, and lack of registration, it takes a great deal of effort to identify owners and clarify forest boundaries.
- The issue is that the costs related to logging, reforestation and silviculture are high compared to the income from sales of wood.

5. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 4 and associated targets

Global Forest Goal 4: 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

Target 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

Target 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

Target 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

Target 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

Target 4.5: The collection, availability and accessibility of forest-related information is improved through, for example, multidisciplinary scientific assessments

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, 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.

Target 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

20. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 4.1? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 4.1, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Forest management funded by Forest Environment Tax

Brief description of the action:

In 2019, the Forest Environment Tax and the Forest Environment Transfer Tax were introduced as a mechanism to support Japan's forests by sharing the financial burden fairly among the citizens. From 2024, Forest Environment Tax is levied by adding 1,000 yen to the resident tax. Using taxes as a source of revenue, municipalities are engaged in forest management such as thinning, human resource development, securing forest workers, promoting use of wood and raising public awareness.

Main results achieved for the action:

Regarding utilization status of municipalities by purpose, in fiscal year 2022, 79% of municipalities worked on forest management such as thinning, 35% worked on human resource development and securing workers, and 52% worked on wood use and public awareness. As for the results of these efforts, the area of forest management such as thinning in fiscal year 2022 amounted to approximately 43,300 ha, which was about seven times that of fiscal year 2019, showing steady progress.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

- 1.2
- 1.3

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1
15.2
15.b

Weblink:

(Annual Report summary 2023, page10,17) <https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kikaku/hakusyo/r5hakusyo/attach/pdf/index-1.pdf>

Action (short title):

Promotion of forest management and vegetation through Greenery Donation Fund

Brief description of the action:

In accordance with the "Act on the Promotion of Forest Management through Utilization of Greenery Donation Fund", the Greenery Donation Fund Campaign is held nationwide every spring and autumn. The fund raised is used for tree planting, forest management, international cooperation and other related activities.

Main results achieved for the action:

The "Greenery Donation Fund" received a total of approximately 2 billion yen donation in 2022. The donation is used for the management and conservation of forests that are important to lives of citizens, such as the development of watershed forests and maintenance of satoyama forests, as well as for international cooperation including restoration of tropical forests and prevention of desertification.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.b

Weblink:

Target 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

21. Since 2020, has your country been able to mobilize significantly increased financial resources for the implementation of sustainable forest management?

Yes

**22. If yes, please specify the sources:
(Select all that apply)**

Public domestic funding

23. If no, please describe the main challenges encountered:

Target 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

24. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 4.2? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 4.2, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Contributions to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

Brief description of the action:

Japan contributed USD\$3.0 billion in total to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) (through the initial resource mobilization and the first replenishment). GCF plays a central role in results-based payment for REDD+. Japan is one of the top donors in total to the Global Environment Facility (GEF), which supports a large number of forest-related programs.

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.b

Weblink:

(GCF) https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/ch/page1we_000106.html, (GEF) https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/gaiko/kankyo/kikan/gbl_env.html

Action (short title):

JICA projects (technical cooperation projects, loan assistance), staffing and financial contributions through FAO and ITTO

Brief description of the action:

Through its Official Development Assistance (ODA), Japan has been collaborating with international organizations such as the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), as well as development assistance agencies such as JICA, to continue implementing forest-related projects even after 2020.

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Action (short title):

Brief description of the action:

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Target 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

25. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 4.3? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 4.3, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

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Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Target 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

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

Yes

**27. If yes, please specify the entity or entities with which your country is cooperating:
(Select all that apply)**

Governments
Intergovernmental organizations and/or processes
Private sector
Non-governmental organizations

**28. Please specify the types of cooperation and/or public-private partnerships in which your country is engaged:
(Select all that apply)**

North-South
North-North
Triangular

**29. Please specify the areas of cooperation and/or public-private partnerships in which your country is engaged:
(Select all that apply)**

Science
Technology
Innovation
Other, please specify: Policy (FCLP, UNFF COLI)

Target 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

30. Since 2020, has your Government developed or implemented financing strategies to achieve sustainable forest management and to implement the United Nations forest instrument?

No

31. Since 2020, has your country had access to financing to achieve sustainable forest management and to implement the United Nations forest instrument?

Yes

**32. If yes, please specify the sources:
(Select all that apply)**

Public domestic funding
Private domestic funding

Target 4.5: The collection, availability and accessibility of forest-related information is improved through, for example, multidisciplinary scientific assessments

33. Has the collection, availability and accessibility of forest-related information in your country, for example, through multidisciplinary scientific assessments, improved since 2020?

Yes

34. If yes, please describe any improvements (maximum 250 words).

Forestry Agency is promoting the collection of forest-related information using remote sensing such as aerial lasers and satellite images. In addition, prefectural governments are promoting the introduction of forest cloud systems to manage forest-related information, and also promoting the development of an environment in which local governments and forestry enterprises can easily access information.

35. Does your country carry out a National Forest Inventory?

Yes

36. If yes, what year was the most recent inventory completed?

2024

Global Forest Goal 4 Challenges

37. What are the main challenges in achieving Goal 4 in your country?
Please limit your answer to 250 words.

6. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 5 and associated targets

Global Forest Goal 5: 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

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

Target 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

Target 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

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

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, 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.

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

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

Yes

**39. If yes, please specify which:
(Select both, if applicable)**

National sustainable development plans

Target 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

40. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 5.2? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 5.2, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Formulation of the Act on Promoting the Distribution and Use of Legally Harvested Wood and Wood Products (the Clean Wood Act) (enforced in 2017) and its revision (enforced in 2025)

Brief description of the action:

With regard to measures against illegal logging, the Act on Promoting the Distribution and Use of Legally Harvested Wood and Wood Products (the Clean Wood Act) came into effect in May 2017. Under the Act, a wide range of businesses (wood-related business entities) that handle wood and wood products, including paper and furniture, are encouraged to use legally harvested wood and wood products. In 2025, the revised Clean Wood Act came into force, providing for obligations including the confirmation of legality on business entities that first acquire wood and wood products in the domestic market.

Main results achieved for the action:

Under the Act, wood-related business entities that appropriately and reliably implement measures to ensure the use of legally harvested wood and wood products may apply to and be registered by a "Registering Organization," a third-party organization designated by the competent ministers, and upon receiving registration, can use the name "Registered Wood-related Business Entities". Currently, five Registering Organizations are carrying out registration operations.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.3
3.3

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1
15.2

Weblink:

(Annual Report summary 2025, page10-11) <https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kikaku/hakusyo/r5hakusyo/attach/pdf/index-1.pdf>

Action (short title):

JICA Technical Cooperation Project (Project for improving control of illegal deforestation through advanced SAR and AI technologies in the Brazilian Amazon)

Brief description of the action:

This project supports to strengthen countermeasures and management capacity for illegal logging through detection and prediction of deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon.

Main results achieved for the action:

In order to crack down on illegal logging in the vast Amazon areas, it is necessary to carry out the formation of appropriate information that contributes to efficient and effective control, and through new initiatives that utilize radar satellite data and AI technology, this project support the establishment of a system that contributes to the reduction of illegal logging.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

3.3

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1
15.2

Weblink:

<https://www.jica.go.jp/oda/project/1900371/index.html?wovn=en>

Action (short title):

ITTO Project (Implimenting Mechanisms To Improve Traceability in the Forest Production Chain in Guatemala)

Brief description of the action:

International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) has completed project to support the improvement of traceability of forest production supply chain in Guatemala

Main results achieved for the action:

Forestry Agency provided supports to Guatemala through financial contributions to ITTO and promoted the activities to improve timber traceability. As one of the results of this project, a smartphone app was developed that enables the measurement of timber volume with only a photograph and simple measurement easily. It used to be inefficient in terms of time, labor, and cost with conventional methods. This project also supported the development of simple forest plans for small scale forest owners.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

3.3

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1
15.2

Weblink:

(FAO, State of World's Forest 2024, page72-73) <https://openknowledge.fao.org/server/api/core/bitstreams/bf9ac694-29f7-466c-9187-a24d432e0ccb/content>, (ITTO website) https://www.itto.int/project/id/PD832_16-Rev.2-M

Target 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

41. Since 2020, has your government taken steps to prevent and reduce illegal international trafficking in forest products, wildlife and other biological resources?

Yes

42. If yes, please specify the type of action:

Improved enforcement of existing legislation

Target 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

43. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 5.3? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 5.3, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Coordination in the formulation of the Basic Plan for Forest and Forestry

Brief description of the action:

Recognizing that forest and forestry have multifunctional roles linked to the environment, society and economy, the government is legally mandated to draft the Basic Plan for Forest and Forestry under a mechanism involving coordination among various relevant ministries.

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Target 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

44. Please describe what types of mechanisms are in place to involve stakeholders in the formulation, planning and/or implementation of forest-related policies and programmes (maximum 250 words).

- For forest related policies, the Forestry Policy Council has been set up based on the Forest and Forestry Basic Act. It is composed of members from a wide range of fields, including academic scholars, people involved in forests/forestry, and nature conservation organizations. Various laws and regulations state that the government should consult with the council when formulating a plan or others.
- When formulating or amending laws, regulations and other important policies, a public commentary are conducted, in accordance with the rules of the Administrative Procedure Act.

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

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

Yes

Global Forest Goal 5 Challenges

46. What are the main challenges in achieving Goal 5 in your country?
Please limit your answer to 250 words.

7. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 6 and associated targets

Global Forest Goal 6: 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

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

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

Target 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

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.

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

47. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 6.3? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 6.3, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Forest Management through Forest Management Entrust System

Brief description of the action:

In private forests, there is difficulties in forest management due to unknown ownership and unclear forest boundaries. In 2019, Forest Management Entrust System was introduced, that allows municipalities to be entrusted with the management of forests.

Main results achieved for the action:

By the end of fiscal year 2022, 1,070 municipalities had conducted the questionnaires about forest owner's intentions regarding their forests covering 810,000 hectares. It found that about 40% of the responses requested entrustment. "Forest Management right accumulation plans," which municipalities formulate when they accept a entrustment, have been drawn up for a total of 15,658 hectares in 337 municipalities, of which 4,865 hectares in 232 municipalities have already conducted forest management, based on these plans.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.2

1.3

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1
15.2

Weblink:

(Annual Report summary 2023,page16-17)<https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kikaku/hakusyo/r5hakusyo/attach/pdf/index-1.pdf>

Action (short title):

FAO "Building Global Capacity on Halting Deforestation and Conversions from Agricultural Commodities" (BiG-CHANCE) project

Brief description of the action:

To decouple agricultural commodity production from deforestation, this project focuses on managing the trade-offs between agriculture and forestry and promoting the transformation of agri-food systems, and promotes the approaches that balances economic development and environmental conservation.

Main results achieved for the action:

This project developed the analytical framework to assess the effectiveness of policy measures to decouple agricultural commodity production from deforestation, and a toolkit designed to help governments promote the development of agricultural supply chains that have positive impact on forests.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.1
1.2
1.3

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1
15.2

Weblink:

<https://www.fao.org/redd/news/detail/en/c/1652576/>

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

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

Yes

49. If yes, please specify the sectors involved:

Climate change
Biodiversity
Land use

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

50. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 6.4? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 6.4, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Inauguration of the "National Promotion Council of Forest Development"

Brief description of the action:

With the aim to promote establishments of forests that contributes to the SDGs and a realization of carbon neutrality by 2050, the "National Promotion Council of Forest Development" was established in October 2022. Companies and organizations in various fields including business, local governments, education, consumers, and tourism have become members and are carrying out a national campaign for forest development.

Main results achieved for the action:

In October 2023, the 2nd "National Promotion Council of Forest Development" was held, and case studies were presented by members who are working on pioneering forest development, such as an initiative to develop towns through forestry and forest education, and initiatives aimed at creating a virtuous cycle of forest resources and the local economy.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

6.3

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Action (short title):

Submission of the 4th Country Report to the Montréal Process,
Holding of International Symposium

Brief description of the action:

- Forestry Agency submitted the 4th Country Report of the Montreal Process in 2025.
- Forestry Agency hosted the International Symposium on "Forestry Management in Harmony with Biodiversity Conservation in Temperate and Boreal Forests and its Monitoring" for stakeholders of forest sector and the general public in December 2024 and raised the awareness of the significant roles of the criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management.

Main results achieved for the action:

- The 4th Country Report of the Montréal Process is shown at the link below.
- At the international Symposium in 2024, case studies of each country and the activities of international organizations were introduced with participation of the member countries of Montreal Process and UNFF Secretariat. The importance of using the criteria and indicators and the recognition of their effectiveness as a communication tool among various stakeholders for promoting sustainable forest management were shared.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

6.3

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

(4th Country Report to the Montréal Process) <https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kaigai/attach/pdf/index-56.pdf>, (International Symposium) <https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kaigai/kaigai/bio2024en.html>

Action (short title):

Brief description of the action:

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

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

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

Yes

**52. If yes, please specify which sets of criteria and indicators are used:
(Select all that apply)**

National or subnational

Regional or international (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)

**53. If yes, please specify for which of the following purposes the criteria and indicators are used:
(Select all that apply)**

To generate information for national reports on forest conditions and management
To monitor and assess forest conditions and management

Target 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

54. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 6.5? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 6.5, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Brief description of the action:

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Target 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

55. Since 2020, have major groups and other relevant stakeholders been involved in the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030?

Yes

56. If yes, please describe their involvement in a maximum of 250 words:

In commemoration of International Day of Forests, the organizations such as the National Land Afforestation Promotion Organization hosts the events of forest management, inviting volunteers from general public.

Global Forest Goal 6 Challenges

57. What are the main challenges in achieving Goal 6 in your country?
Please limit your answer to 250 words.

8. Self-assessment of progress toward the Global Forest Goals and targets

58. In your opinion, what is the progress of your country towards the targets of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests, since its adoption in 2017?

	Achieved	On track	Some progress	No change	Negative change	Not applicable
1.1 Forest area			X			
1.2 Carbon stock			X			
1.3 Implementation of SFM			X			
1.4 Resilience and adaptation			X			
2.1 Extreme poverty of forest dependent people						
2.2 Access to finance of small forest enterprises						
2.3 Food security			X			
2.4 Contribution to social economic and environmental development			X			
2.5 Contribution to biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation			X			
3.1 Protected areas			X			
3.2 Long-term forest management plans			X			
3.3 Products from sustainably managed forests			X			
4.1 Mobilization of resources for SFM			X			
4.2 Increased forest related financing			X			
4.3 Enhanced cooperation and partnerships			X			
4.4 Forest financing strategies and access to financing			X			
4.5 Forest-related information			X			
5.1 Integration of forests in national plans and strategies			X			
5.2 Enhancement of forest law enforcement and governance			X			
5.3 Coherence and coordination of policies and programmes			X			
5.4 Integration of forest related issues into land-use planning			X			
6.3 Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation			X			
6.4 Common understanding of concept of SFM indicator sets			X			
6.5 Strengthened involvement of stakeholders			X			

9. Voluntary National Contributions

59. Has your government announced any Voluntary National Contributions (VNCs) related to the Global Forest Goals?

Yes

60. If yes, please provide a brief description, including information on timeframes and the progress made thus far. If your government has announced more than one Voluntary National Contribution, please click "Add another contribution" (can add up to ten).

Brief description:

Progress to date:

This action contributes to these GFG targets:

This action contributes to these SDG targets:

10. Other questions: Gender equality

61. Since 2020, has your country taken action to promote gender equality in the forest sector?

Yes

62. If yes, please indicate the purpose of the action taken to promote gender equality in the forest sector: (Select all that apply)

Women's effective participation and representation in forest management institutions

63. Please provide a brief description of the actions taken to promote gender equality in the forest sector:

- The Forest Owners' Cooperatives Act, which was amended in 2020, includes provisions that require a consideration to avoid disparities in terms of age and gender when selecting directors for forest owners' cooperatives.
- Forestry Agency supports initiatives to hold interactive training courses to create businesses in local communities for women who intend to start a business or expand existing ones using forest resources, and online schools and seminars such as "Forest Creative Women's School" as an example.

11. Other questions: International Day of Forests

64. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country in observance of the International Day of Forests? (Select all that apply)

Educational activities (for example, workshops and symposiums)

65. Please provide up to three examples of actions taken in observance of International Day of Forests since 2020. If possible, include a weblink to relevant documentation.

International Forest Day Action:

In commemoration of International Day of Forests, the organizations such as the National Land Afforestation Promotion Organization hosts the events of forest management, inviting volunteers from general public.

Weblink:

<https://www.fao.org/international-day-of-forests-2025/events/detail/japan-29-march--green-earth-for-the-future/en>,<https://www.green.or.jp/promotion/kokusai-shinrin-day/kokusai-shinrin-day20250321.html>

12. Success stories

66. Since 2020, does your country have any success stories relating to the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030?

Yes

67. If yes, provide a brief description, with references (such as weblinks, publications and/or articles), showing how the action contributed to achieving the goals and targets. Please specify the relevant GFG targets.

You may provide up to three success stories by clicking on "Add another success story".

Title:

Forest management funded by Forest Environment Tax

Brief description:

In 2019, the Forest Environment Tax and the Forest Environment Transfer Tax were introduced as a mechanism to support Japan's forests by sharing the financial burden fairly among the citizens. From 2024, Forest Environment Tax is levied by adding 1,000 yen to the resident tax. Using taxes as a source of revenue, municipalities are engaged in forest management such as thinning, human resource development, securing forest workers, promoting use of wood and raising public awareness.

The above actions contribute to the achievement of the goals in terms of promoting forest management and securing the necessary financial resources.

Main results achieved:

Regarding utilization status of municipalities by purpose, in fiscal year 2022, 79% of municipalities worked on forest management such as thinning, 35% worked on human resource development and securing workers, and 52% worked on wood use and public awareness. As for the results of these efforts, the area of forest management such as thinning in fiscal year 2022 amounted to approximately 43,300 ha, which was about seven times that of fiscal year 2019, showing steady progress.

GFG targets addressed:

1.2
1.3
4.1

Weblink:

(Annual Report summary 2023, page10,17)<https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kikaku/hakusyo/r5hakusyo/attach/pdf/index-1.pdf>

Title:

Forest Management through Forest Management Entrust System

Brief description:

In private forests, there is difficulties in forest management due to unknown ownership and unclear forest boundaries. In 2019, Forest Management Entrust System was introduced, that allows municipalities to be entrusted with the management of forests.

The above actions contribute to the achievement of the goals in terms of promoting forest management and coordinating among related organizations.

Main results achieved:

By the end of fiscal year 2022, 1,070 municipalities had conducted the questionnaires about forest owner's intentions regarding their forests covering 810,000 hectares. It found that about 40% of the responses requested entrustment. "Forest Management right accumulation plans," which municipalities formulate when they accept a entrustment, have been drawn up for a total of 15,658 hectares in 337 municipalities, of which 4,865 hectares in 232 municipalities have already conducted forest management, based on these plans.

GFG targets addressed:

1.2
1.3
6.3

Weblink:

(Annual Report summary 2023, page16-17)<https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kikaku/hakusyo/r5hakusyo/attach/pdf/index-1.pdf>

Title:

Reduction of disaster risk through forest conservation projects

Brief description:

Japan is densely populated country with little flat lands. Because of its topographical and geological characteristics, it has been prone to natural disasters such as intense rainfalls, typhoons, volcanic activities and earthquakes, which cause landslide, debris flows and mud slides. Under such circumstances, the government of Japan has systematically implemented mountainous forest conservation projects in accordance with plans, in order to protect lives and properties of its citizens from mountainous disasters through afforestation and maintenance, and has sought to protect land by headwater conservation and habitat preservation.

The reduction of mountain disaster risk through forest conservation projects contribute to the achievement of the goals through conserving forest and preserving living environment (houses and farmland etc.) of people in surrounding area of forest.

Main results achieved:**GFG targets addressed:**

1.4

Weblink:

(Annual Report summary 2022, page1-10) <https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/kikaku/hakusyo/r4hakusyo/attach/pdf/index-6.pdf>

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