#### **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

1. Country:

This question is required

**SWEDEN** 

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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):

#### Brief description of the action:

The forest area in Sweden has been stable during the last 100 years. Some forests have been converted to settlements or infrastructure while new forests have established on abandoned agricultural land.

Today about 28 million ha is under forest cover in our country, which correspond to 68% of the land area. According to the Forestry Act the forest owner has a requirement of regeneration after final felling. Compulsory regeneration of forests is a key component of the national forest legislation since 1903.

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

#### 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):

#### Brief description of the action:

Sweden assesses that active, sustainable forest management with high growth and the use of products from renewable raw materials provide the highest long-term climate benefit. Renewable raw materials are needed to substitute fossil-intensive resources both in Sweden and in other countries. To increase the climate benefit of forests, both for substitution and for increased net removals, efforts for increased growth, good forest health and a growing circular bioeconomy are necessary. There is further a great potential to increase carbon sequestration and the proportion of renewable materials in construction by utilizing more forest products.

It is necessary to maintain and/or enhance the forest carbon sink. That can be done in various ways. For example, by restoration and protection of carbon-rich ecosystems such as peatlands, as this can contribute to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and even carbon sequestration. Since 2021, a total of 1000 hectares of forest on previously drained peatlands have been contracted for rewetting. The rewetting measures have long-term funding with the ambition to significantly increase restored area.

Another example is limiting wildlife browsing damage to forests which currently can hamper increased forest growth.

The Swedish forest carbon stock has been rather stable over the years, at least since 2000 according to FAO FRA 2020.

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:
Weblink:
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):
Brief description of the action:
The Swedish Forestry Act is the foundation for sustainable forest management in Sweden. In addition to this we have over the years worked actively, both at national and international levels, to promote sustainable forest management. Internationally Sweden is active in various international processes and by bilateral and regional development cooperation towards developing countries. At national level sustainable forest management is promoted by extension services towards forest owners.
Ultimately, sustainable forest management is an iterative process in which the goals for balancing the forest's ecological, economic and social functions are decided through the democratic process of governmental and parliamentary decisions. In this respect, the political and societal discussion on forests has been very active and present during the last few years and several official governmental inquiries and reports with broad participation from political parties, science and stakeholders have recently been presented.
As a Member State of the European Union (EU), Sweden currently implements the EU Deforestation Regulation (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023R1115), which aims to reduce the EU's impact on global deforestation and forest degradation by ensuring that certain products placed on the EU market are deforestation-free, as well as the Nature Restoration Law (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/? uri=OJ:L_202401991), which aims at restoring degraded ecosystems across the Union. Sweden also implements the LULUCF regulation, Regulation (EU) 2018/841 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry in the 2030 climate and energy framework, and amending Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 and Decision No 529/2013/EU) which regulates the net carbon removals in the land use sector to 2030.
Another example of Sweden's active engagement in promoting sustainable forest management is through chairmanship of Forest Europe – the custodian of sustainable forest management and its criteria and indicators in the pan-European region – on the 1st of January 2025.
Main results achieved for the action:
This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

### 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):

#### Brief description of the action:

In a changing climate we can foresee increased occurrence of natural disturbances such as, forest fires, storms, flooding etc. Sweden has for a long time worked to create resilient forests and to adapt the forests to be able to withstand various effects of a changed climate. In 2024 Sweden revised its national climate adaptation strategy (https://www.regeringen.se/rattsliga-dokument/skrivelse/2024/03/skr.-20232497), which also includes the forest.

This strategy is the basis for the Swedish Forest Agency's extension service towards forest owners on the need to adapt and reduce the impact on forests from climate change and to make the forests more resilient. The Swedish Forest Agency is also mandated by the Ordinance on climate adaptation (2018:1428) to initiate, support and evaluate the work on adaptation in their area of responsibility.

In addition, the Forest Agency is using remote sensing to monitor the forest development trends as well as identifying risks for larger disturbances (forest fires, storms, outbreak of insects etc.).

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This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

#### **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.

The Swedish context is as follows: Sweden has a stable forest area with a stable governance. According to the Forestry Act the forest owner has a requirement of regeneration after final felling. Main challenges concerns adaptation to climate change as well as balancing various interests regarding land use.

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) are (y) and (y) an

#### 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.

Brief description of the action:	
In 2022, Sweden provided some 400 million USD to the Global Environment Facility. Furthermore provided some 800 million USD to the Green Climate Fund and in addition an extra 20 million Use responding to Loss and Damage. These funds could contribute to decreasing extreme poverty people.	JSD to the Fund for
Main results achieved for the action:	

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

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Action (short title):

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

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:
In 2025 the Swedish Ministry of Finance circulated a ministry memorandum for comment containing a number of proposals aimed at simplifying and improving tax rules related to forests, including increasing the incentives for formal nature conservation designation. The government is currently considering the proposals.

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG 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):

#### Brief description of the action:

The right of public access allows anyone to explore Sweden's nature –whether it's picking berries, hiking trails, or pitching a tent in the forest. This gives the general public right to be out in any forest for e.g. picking berries or mushrooms, which could contribute to food security in the country. However, the right of public access does not give you the right to hunt. The hunting right belongs to the landowner.

Another example related to forest and food security is that the Swedish government promote the use of wild boar meat and incentives for hunters to shoot more wild boars. Wild boar must be tested for trichinella, and the tests are subsidized for hunters since 2021. Furthermore, government has simplified for hunters to sell wild boar meat to consumers. In March 2025 the Government released an updated version of its food strategy for creation of more jobs and growth in the entire country. The strategy has also some connection to forests (https://www.regeringen.se/rattsligadokument/departementsserien-och-promemorior/2025/03/livsmedelsstrategin-2.0).

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:
This action also contributes to these SDG targets:
Weblink:
Target 2.4: 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 referenders 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):
Brief description of the action:
Through its work on bioeconomy as well as the strategy on sustainable rural development (https://www.regeringen.se/rattsliga-dokument/skrivelse/2021/03/skr202021133) the Swedish government recognizes the central role that the forest sector plays in climate change mitigation, safeguarding biodiversity and ecosystem services as well as for rural development and sustainable value chains.
The National Forest Programme gives possibilities to discuss both opportunities and goal conflicts in the sector with several stakeholders in the forest value chain. The National Forest Programme is also a way to make the forest sector more visible and to increase public awareness and understanding of the forests' multifunctionality.
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:

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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 2.5: 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):

#### Brief description of the action:

Sweden maintains an active and multifunctional forest sector governed by the Forestry Act, which balances production and environmental objectives. This approach contributes to biodiversity conservation and climate benefits, in line with both national environmental objectives and international commitments. Furthermore, the revised version of the National strategy for the formal protection of forests from 2024

(https://www.naturvardsverket.se/4aeb49/globalassets/media/publikationer-pdf/7100/978-91-620-7168-4.pdf) is aiming that the formal protection of forests shall contribute to achieving Sweden's environmental objectives (https://www.naturvardsverket.se/en/om-miljoarbetet/swedish-environmental-objectives/) and international goals for preserving biodiversity. In addition, the EU adopted in 2024 the Nature Restoration Regulation, which is applicable for all EU Member States.

In relation to climate change, the revised national climate adaptation strategy (https://www.regeringen.se/rattsliga-dokument/skrivelse/2024/03/skr.-20232497) from 2024 do also include forest and forestry aspects.

The Environmental Objectives Committee is monitoring developments and providing suggestions on how Sweden should achieve the 16 national environmental objectives. It has newly presented proposals aimed at ensuring that Sweden meets its commitments in biodiversity and net removals of greenhouse gases from the land use sector. The Government is now considering those proposals.

The National Forest Inquiry presented in 2025 also looked into various environmental indicators .

#### **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.

Balancing trade-offs among objectives and stakeholders.

Sweden has a well-founded process where objectives are set by government and parliament through thorough consultations with science, stakeholders and the general public. The actual act of balancing trade-offs can still be a complicated process.

Mobilizing national resources for strengthening international cooperation related to forests.

#### 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):

#### Brief description of the action:

Sweden maintains a multifunctional forestry sector governed by the Forestry Act, which ensures a balance between production and environmental values. This approach includes both sustainable forest management and the designation of forest areas for biodiversity and conservation purposes.

The revised version of the National strategy for the formal protection of forests from 2024 (https://www.naturvardsverket.se/4aeb49/globalassets/media/publikationer-pdf/7100/978-91-620-7168-4.pdf) is aiming at the formal protection of forests shall contribute to achieving Sweden's environmental objectives and international goals for preserving biodiversity. In addition the EU adopted in 2024 the Nature Restoration Regulation (https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/nature-and-biodiversity/nature-restoration-regulation\_en) which is applicable for all EU Member States.

According to national statistics (https://www.scb.se/en/finding-statistics/statistics-by-subject-area/housing-construction-and-building/land-use/formally-protected-forest-land-voluntary-set-asides-consideration-patches-and-unproductive-forest-land/) forest areas exempted from forestry operations, in favour of biological diversity and cultural values, has increased from 26% to 27% of the total forest area between 2020 and 2024. This includes formal protected forest land, voluntary set-asides, consideration patches and unproductive forest land. Of this, the formally protected areas have increased from 8.7% to 9.4% during the same period. As regards the category "unproductive forest land" – this is forest that has an annual growth of less than 1 cubic meter per hectare per year. These forests are protected by the Forestry Act and harvesting is not allowed. These forests often occur on mires or in the high mountains and have considerable biodiversity values.

Sweden contributes to the global targets for biodiversity conservation and sustainable forest use both through formal protection and integrated conservation in active forest management.

#### Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:
Weblink:
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 ref 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):
Brief description of the action:
Forest management plans are not compulsory in Sweden. However, more than 80% of forest owners have a plan. It is mainly the small forest owners that do not have a management plan.
The Swedish Forest Agency provides all forest owners - for free - with an online GIS tool with a host of (remote sensing) information, maps and planning tools for their forests, (https://www.skogsstyrelsen.se/e-tjanster-och-kartor/mina-sidor/). Forest owners can use this GIS tool even for making their own forest management plan. This GIS tool is continuously under development. Forest owners can e.g. use this tool to directly send in their harvesting notifications to the Swedish Forest Agency, including obligatory information on what environmental consideration will be taken during harvesting and how regeneration will be carried out.
Main results achieved for the action:
This action also contributes to these GFG targets:
This action also contributes to these SDG targets:
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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):

#### Brief description of the action:

All forest land in Sweden is managed in line with sustainable forest management principles, supported by national legislation. The Swedish Forestry Act requires forest owners to ensure regeneration, maintain biodiversity, soil productivity and take environmental considerations into account during operations. About 66 percent of all productive forest land outside formal protection, is managed in line with at least one of the voluntary certification schemes, PEFC or FSC.

In 2025 the Swedish government established a Council on the Forest Industry Value Chain. The Council serves as an advisory body and platform for dialogue and experience-sharing with stakeholders in the forest sector.

Through robust national legislation, widespread certification, and proactive policy development, Sweden contributes with products originate from sustainably managed forests. By significant export, Sweden also contributes to increasing the global availability of forest products from sustainably managed forests.

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

#### **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.

Sweden is committed to the achievement of Goal 3 and continues to advance sustainable forest management through robust legislation, voluntary certification, and active stakeholder dialogue. As forests are expected to deliver multiple environmental, economic, and social benefits, one ongoing challenge is ensuring that these objectives are balanced in a coherent and inclusive manner. Continued efforts are focused on supporting all forest owners in applying sustainable practices and promoting innovation and knowledge exchange across the forest sector.

#### 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):

#### Brief description of the action:

Sweden's bilateral and multilateral development assistance to forestry has increased from about 10 mill. USD/year 2010 to about 20 mill. USD/year from 2020-2024. If we also include more general environmental aspect on forests the amount is higher.

Sweden is contributing SEK 8 billion to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and SEK 4 billion to the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Both amounts will be paid out over a ten-year period. The climate funds support includes projects and programmes aiming to strengthen resilient forestry as well as broader environment and climate goals.

Main results achieved for the action:		
This action also contributes to these GFG target	ts:	
This action also contributes to these SDG targe	ts:	

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)
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):
Brief description of the action:
See target 4.1.
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.

Action (short title):

#### Brief description of the action:

An example of North-South cooperation in the Swedish context is that the Swedish Forest Agency has since 2020 engaged in an international training programme on "Locally Controlled Forest Restoration" (https://www.skogsstyrelsen.se/en/locoforest), which focuses on how we can scale up restoration of forest landscapes while securing the prosperity of local communities and maintaining and improving ecosystem services. A number of countries in Asia and Africa have benefitted from this training.

Furthermore, there have been a North-North cooperation for quite a long time in Europe on the forests and forestry. Some examples where Sweden has been involved is in UN Economic Commission for Europe and their Forest and Bioeconomy Section, FAO European Forestry Commission as well as the Forest Europe, a voluntary process of 44 signatory countries and the EU, where Sweden for the time being serves at the secretariat for the process.

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

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

## 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)

### 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).

The technology development including digitalisation opens for high quality accessibility of forest-related information. This includes also access to remote-sensing tools incl. access to satellite images. Also, the development of Artificial Intelligence opens the opportunity to scan large amounts of data for analyses and conclusions.

The Swedish Forest Agency provides to the general public and forest owners an online GIS tool where they can get access to digital open forest data with the view of developing all the forest values – the economic, environmental, climate-related and social values (https://www.skogsstyrelsen.se/en/digital-open-forest-data/). It includes maps of valuable environmental and cultural heritage sites, forest attribute maps and maps on forest damage risks (e.g. risk of bark beetle outbreak). As a forest owner you can get more precise data for your own forests, which can be used for different kind of planning, see target 3.2.

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.

The Swedish principle is that SFM should be self-sustained, and we do not see any major challenges in finding enough financing for SFM. Financing of forest management is the responsibility of the forest owner.

#### 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):

#### Brief description of the action:

The Swedish governance structure is robust. The Swedish Forest Agency (the forest authority) is among other tasks responsible for the forest law enforcement, monitoring of the forest development and giving advice to forest owners. It is of great importance in the implementation of the forest policy, that has been decided by the Parliament, to have a constructive dialogue with various stakeholders. Through the technology development the Forest Agency has been

more efficient in forest monitoring. For example, biweekly national cover satellite imagery is automatically checked against the GIS registry of forestry owners' harvesting notifications (polygons on maps) in order to ensure compliance with the Forestry Act. In addition Sweden together with the other EU Member States are about to going from implementing the EU Timber Regulation (https://www.skogsstyrelsen.se/en/laws-and-regulations/eu-timber-regulation/) to implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation (https://www.skogsstyrelsen.se/en/laws-and-regulations-on-Deforestation-free-products/), which promotes the consumption of deforestation-free products. Sweden has been categorised as low risk country within the deforestation regulation.
Main results achieved for the action:
This action also contributes to these GFG targets:
This action also contributes to these SDG targets:
Weblink:
Target 5.2: 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
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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

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.

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	Weblink:				
This action also contributes to these SDG targets:					
This action also contributes to these GFG targets:					
	Main results achieved for the action:				
	The forest policy in Sweden is characterized by a close cooperation between ministries and authorities in its implementation and relevant interest groups are invited to have an active role in the decision-making processes.				
	Brief description of the action:				
	Action (short title):				

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).

See previous text on Target 5.3

## 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.

Sweden has a well functional governance structure that is regularly evaluated, based on continuous scientific knowledge development and multistakeholder dialog processes.

One challenge pertains to multi-level governance. With Sweden being an EU member state, there are at least three levels of governance affecting forests. Both at global and EU level there is a certain degree of policy fragmentation, with different sectoral policies setting their own priorities. The interplay between these policies can sometimes make national implementation complicated.

#### 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.

maximum of 150 words per action.							
Action (short title):							
Brief description of the action:							
See text on 5.2 and 5.3.							
Main results achieved for the action:							
This action also contributes to these GFG targets:							
This action also contributes to these SDG targets:							
Weblink:							
Target 6.3: 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:							
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							

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

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.

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

Action (short title):

readers to more information about the action.

#### Brief description of the action:

Sweden is part of the Forest Europe process, which for a long time has been working with the concept of sustainable forest management incl. a Criteria & Indicator process. In addition, Sweden has been active in the CPF work on putting forward a "core set of global forest related indicators" and we think this work is essential.

Finally, Sweden has developed a set of 16 Environmental objectives (see target 2.5). One of them is called Sustainable forests that monitor the development on environmental indicators in the forest.

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)

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)

National or subnational

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

## 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:

Major groups and other stakeholders are actively involved in various processes related to forests and forest policy development in our country including the implementation of the UN strategic plan for forests. An example is the ongoing work in the National Forest Programme Council, which consists of representatives from various organizations and authorities and its role is to provide advice and guidance in the implementation of the National Forest Programme.

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:

See answer to previous question to Target 6.5.

#### **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.

One of the main challenges is to mobilize resources for activities related to international development cooperation.

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						
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						

#### 9. Voluntary National Contributions

59. Has your government announced any Voluntary National Contributions (VNCs) related to the Global Forest Goals?
No
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)
Other, please specify: Establishment of a Gender Equality Council for the forest sector.
63. Please provide a brief description of the actions taken to promote gender equality in the forest sector:
Even though Sweden promotes gender equality in the forest sector, the sector is still a male dominated business. To step up this work the sector created in 2022 a Gender Equality Council for the forest sector. The Council is a national forum for dialogue and collaboration with the aim of achieving a gender-equal forest sector in Sweden and consist for the time being of 35 different organisations.
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)
Other, please specify: Regional entities and various organisations have arranged various activities in relation to IDF (21 March) in our country.
65. Please provide up to three examples of actions taken in observance of International Day of Forests since 2020. I possible, include a weblink to relevant documentation.
International Forest Day Action:
Weblink:

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

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:	
Brief description:	
Main results achieved:	
GFG targets addressed:	
Weblink:	

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