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strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, the United Nations forest instrument and
voluntary national contributions

(c) In view of the cross-cutting nature of issues relating to forest management, 10-CONSUL experts will be invited to provide relevant information and expertise.

Stakeholders, including possible Members, may also wish to consult the report.

4. In year 2015, wherever possible, please indicate the source of information or provide a website.

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(iii) Financial actions

List of actions:

Financing for:

- protection of forests from pests and diseases and diseases
- inventory and planning
- protection of forests from fires
- natural regeneration

Description of actions:

Financing from the state budget

net and from forest owners
control of insects and other animals
Permitted to use the forest territory assigned for inventory and planning

(iv) Technical and scientific actions

List of actions

Scientific works and development of scenarios for the expected climate change and their impact on forest ecosystems by the Forest Research Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the University of Forestry, Sopron
Zonation of forest-tree vegetation in accordance with climate and environmental conditions in order to increase the stability and resilience of the forest ecosystems and the impact of climate change on them
Research on the species diversity of the forest stands and the impact of climate change on them
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actions:

Description of actions:

For the period 2021-2023, the following projects are planned or are under implementation more than 25% projects financed by EU programs (LIFE, NERVA, OP-Environment, OP-Good Governance), and other national and regional development programs (European Regional Development Fund, National Developmental Fund, Regional Development Fund, etc.)
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Government has announced a voluntary national contribution of contributions relating to goal 1; please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made therefor.

(e) Any additional requirements, comments on...

Global forest goal 2 and associated targets

Associated targets

2.1 Extreme poverty for all forest-dependent people is eradicated.

2.2 Increase the access of small-scale forest and silviculture enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit and their integration into value chains and markets.

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

2.4 The contribution of forest industry, other forest-based enterprises and forest ecosystem services to social, economic and environmental development is significantly increased.

2.5 The contribution of all types of forests to biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation, and adaptation is enhanced, taking into account the role of forests in the water cycle.

Questions on goal 2

Since 2015, what types of activities have been implemented in the private sector to contribute to the achievement of the forest-related targets?

⁵ Goal 2 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of other Sustainable Development Goals, in particular targets 1.1, 1.4, 2.1, 2.4, 5.a, 6.6, 8.3, 9.3, 12.2, 12.5, 13.6 and 15.1 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

i) Legislative and policy actions

List of actions:

Target 2.3

To guarantee the protective functions of forests, the Forest Law (art. 5 para)

system of forest shelterbelts has been established and maintained in agricultural land from erosion and loss of soil fertility.

Target 2.4

Chapter 17 of the Forest Law defines the types of ecosystem services from

The governmental program for the period 2010-2014 covers the implementation of measure 657/m

expressed for consumption of wood and other products from the management of forest areas in

NAT 18/4-2002

Description of actions:

Target 2.3:

Ordinance № 18 from 7 October 2015 defines the forest territories of protective importance for conservation of soil and water resources (art. 42 and art. 43).

A Strategy for strengthening the role of the agricultural sector in the bioeconomy was developed in

January 2019-2010. In forest sector measures are as follows:

Target 2.4

Measures for the implementation of payment for use of ecosystem services were established in conditions for their payment in the development

Target 2.5

corresponding management plans, etc. in pr

(ii) Institutional actions

List of actions:

Target 2.1

Annually the state and the municipalities supply at preferential prices the local population with more than 300 000 m³ wood, mainly firewood.

Target 2.3.

Assess the state of ecosystems in the state and establish the RDE 2014-2020 and LIFE program.

Target 2.4

From round timber from forests increase the role of forest management of the society in the country.

The annual harvesting of more than 7 million m³ round timber from forests increase the role of forest industry for the economic and social development of the society in the country.

Two projects were implemented with the financial support of the development of Vietnam by the World Bank, including assessment of the state of forest ecosystems and the service provided for the local population.

Target 2.5

Implement an appropriate status of the forest and the forest management of the society in the country.

Description of actions:

Target 2.2: Carry out the implementation of the compensation of ecosystem services, the forest and the forest management of the society in the country.

Actions:

Description of actions:
Financial actions

Global forest goal 3 and associated targets⁶

3.1 Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas sustainably managed

Associated targets

3.1.1 The area of protected forests worldwide and other areas sustainably managed has significantly increased

3.1.2 The area of forests under long-term forest management has significantly increased

3.2 The proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests has significantly increased

Questions on goal 3

Government, the private sector, and civil society have all contributed to the achievement of targets 3.1 and 3.2.

3.1.1 (a) Since 2015, what types of action have been taken (by the Government, the private sector, and civil society) to increase the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas sustainably managed?

3.1.1.1

For each action, please indicate whether it is continuous, planned, in progress, or completed. (250 words). For each action, please indicate the results to date in terms of the number of hectares of protected forests worldwide and other areas sustainably managed.

⁶ Goal 3 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 7.2, 12.2, 12.6, 12.7, 14.2, 14.5, 15.2 and 15.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

(1) Legislative and policy actions

List of actions:

Target 3.1

The following laws were amended:

Law for the protected territories - 03.01.2019;

Law for protection of the species

in accordance with Council Directives 92/43/EEC and 79/409/EEC
Regimes for sustainable management of forests

Target 3.2

Ordinance No 18 for inventory and classification of forest territories was adopted

Target 3.3

According to the Forest Law, forest certification is a voluntary instrument and is performed by independent non-government certification bodies

Description of actions:

Target 3.1

planning and execution of forestry activities in habitats in order to

Ordinance No 8 defines that the

Target 3.2

Ordinance No 16 defines the terms and procedures for preparation, adoption and amendment of

Forest inventory program

forest management plans and programs;

Game management plans;

Planned activities on protection of forests from fire

Target 3.3

Specialized forestry activities are performed by Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

FSC and is applied from August 2017

National standards for forest certification (Bulgarian scheme for forest certification by the General Assembly of PEFC) are developed. The approval of the Bulgarian scheme for forest certification by the General

(ii) Institutional actions

List of actions:

Target 3.1

National Council on biodiversity to the Ministry of Environment and Waters was established in order to designate or review the areas in NATURA 2000.

In 2015 in category "protective forests" new 109 000 ha state forests were included. In 2016 state

Execution of control on the implementation of the forest management plans and programs, game management, fire analysis and activities related to a national forest fires.

Target 3.3

Description of actions:

Target 3.1

geological and landscape diversity; long-term protection of the biodiversity

divided populations and species

Reviewing the negative environmental effects of the extraction

Target 3.2

Permanent control of forest activities (felling, afforestation, restoration, protection) in all types of forests, regardless of their ownership. Expansion of forest territories with a strict management regime

Target 3.3

territories towards December 2025 to 2026 of 14% of the total area of the certified forests are FSC Chain of custody certificate is issued to 450 units in forest area. The certified units

BBFC Chain of custody certificate is issued to 20 units.

Discrepancies:

Description of actions:

In 2016 about 120 000 of private forests were included in a total of about 600 000 BGN.

List of actions:

Target 3.1

University of Forestry, Sofia and the Forest Research Institute, Sofia

Description of actions:

Target 3.1

There are publications of scientific studies and PhD theses are developed on biodiversity dynamics in development of forest ecosystems; genetic variability and adaptability of tree species; the risks of invasion of new pests and diseases and preventive measures.

iv) (a)

Technical and scientific actions

private sector, communities, civil society?

(b) What other action is being taken (by the Government, the society or others) in your country in support of the achievement of goal 3?

of the United Nations forest

territories included in the NATURA 2000 ecological network and the territories as protective and old forests

the significant share of the designation of new forest

(d) What are the main challenges in achieving goal 3 in your country?

Introducing appropriate incentives to increase the interest and engagement of forest owners in

certification for certified timber and products from certified forest areas.

to goal 3, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

(f) Any additional comments on goal 3:

Global forest goal 4 and associated targets⁷

Associated targets

4.1 Forests are used in a sustainable manner, and the benefits derived from forests are significantly increased.

4.2 Forests are used in a sustainable manner, and the benefits derived from forests are significantly increased.

the achievement of, among other things, target 4.1 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi

⁷ Goal 4 and its targets support and contribute to

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

Questions on goal 4

4 and its associated

4.1 Please describe major actions taken in your country to move towards goal targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be shown below

Target 4.1:

According to art. 178 and art. 178 of the Forest Law in order to ensure the financial stability and generate funds for the future investments necessary

(b) If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating

to the Sustainable Development Goals, please provide information on the status, date and the progress made in

Progress towards targets 4.1 and 4.2

Yes No

If 'Yes', please specify the sources:

Public domestic funding

Private domestic funding

Development assistance

Private international funding

Blended financing

in a maximum of 250 words:

Please describe the main challenges in mobilizing fr

for investments from the private sector.

Weak invest

Progress towards target 4.3

(d) Is your country (the Government, the private sector, civil society or others) engaged in international cooperation to promote sustainable forest management?

engaged in international

No Yes

If yes, please specify:

Governments

Intergovernmental organizations/processes

Private sector

Non-governmental organizations

Other

Types of cooperation:

North-South

South-South

North-North

Technical

Financial

Other (please specify):

Areas of cooperation:

Forests and climate change

Forest biodiversity

Valuation of the ecosystem services provided by forests

Socioeconomic issues, including livelihoods

Forest regeneration and rehabilitation

Scientific cooperation

Forest monitoring/data collection

Technology transfer and capacity development

Production of timber or non-timber forest products

Other (please specify):

Progress towards target 4.4

(e) Since 2016, has your Government developed or implemented financing strategies to achieve Sustainable Forest Management?

Yes No

If yes, what is the time frame for these strategies (multiple answers possible, if there is more than one)

5 years

10 years

15-20 years

more than 20 years

Global forest goal 5 and associated targets⁸

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

Associated targets

5.1. Sustainable development plans

5.2. Forest law enforcement and governance

Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Questions on goal 5

in your country to move towards goal 5 and its associated

More detailed information on 2019 and 2020 target may be submitted below

Please describe major actions taken

targets

Goal 5 and its targets support the contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda

Target 5.1

The Governmental program for the period

2017-2021 foresees support for the development of forest

management and forest enterprises

processing industries, with two measures:

regarding improving the conditions for development of forest (timber harvesting and timber processing)

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Target 5.2

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Target 5.3

The National

Target 5.4

The National

2a. forest territories regardless of their ownership and aim to identify

holders in the planning process; designation of areas protected of a

by whom the use of certain functions in the ecosystem services are paved

planning and development

for forests. Key include

and involve all stakeholders

(b) If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 5,

[Redacted area]

Progress towards target 5.1

(c) In your country, have forests been integrated into national sustainable development plans

Yes No

If yes, please specify:

1. National sustainable development plans and/or

2. Poverty reduction strategies

Progress towards target 5.2

Since 2016, has your Government taken any of the following actions to

Yes No

If yes, please specify:

New legislation

Improved enforcement of existing legislation

below:

Progress towards target 5.3

(a) Are mechanisms in place to ensure cross-sectoral coordination among government agencies?

(f) What types of mechanism are in place to involve stakeholders in forest/ sustainable forest management

development and / or

Working groups in participation of all stakeholders are set up for the development and adoption of strategic documents in the forestry sector by order of the Ministry of Forestry and Agriculture

National Forest Strategy) or by order of the Executive Director of the National Forest Agency

Executive Forest Agency (for the National Forest Strategy) and the Executive Forest Agency (for the National Forest Strategy) respectively

responsible institutions involved in implementing the relevant measures and actions

are set up with the involvement of all stakeholders

of the relevant document

before their adoption

maximum of 250 words

Please specify in a maximum of 250 words

Target 5.4

Progress towards target

mechanisms in place to involve the forest sector in cross

(g) Are mechanisms

in the development, implementation, and monitoring of the National Forest Strategy and Strategic Management Plan

If yes, please specify in a maximum of 250 words

Art. 9 para. 2

Public consultation of the Regional Plans for the development of forest territories (art. 9 para. 2 of the Forest Law)

Global forest goal 6 and associated targets⁹

all levels,

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 Global Forest Coalition, 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 are not forest-specific

among other things, target 7.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals and are supported by the United Nations Forest Ecosystems Resilience and Growth Initiative

Goal 6 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and are supported by the United Nations Forest Ecosystems Resilience and Growth Initiative

(d) Has your government announced a Voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to:

[Empty box]

[Empty box]

Progress towards target 6.4 on terrestrial indicators:

Progress towards target 6.4 on marine indicators:

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

(c)

No

Yes

Please specify which sets are used:

Yes, please specify

national or subnational

National

international

Regional

(please specify)

Other

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

For which

Progress towards target 6.4 (communication and awareness)

(a) Since 2015, have actions been taken by the government, the private sector, communities, civil

Yes No

If yes, please specify in a maximum of 250 words

Communication campaign:

Bulgaria for one day, "Christmas trees", Forest pedagogy, "No paper for one day"

Campaigns for illegal logging, illegal logging, illegal logging, illegal logging

Illegal logging, illegal logging, illegal logging, illegal logging

Introduction of Forest pedagogy as a separate

University of Forestry

Progress towards target 6.5

(a) Have actions been taken by your government to involve major groups and other relevant

stakeholders in the implementation of the United Nations Forest Strategy (2015-2030)?

Yes No

Other questions

Has your country taken action to promote gender equality in the forestry sector?

Yes No

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

Women's benefits access to the forest land use and forest management

Women's participation in decision-making at the local level

Other

(b) What action has been taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in observance of the International Day of Forests?

Cultural Activities (for example, art, music, dance, etc.)

Investment on forest value chain activities, such as forest products processing, marketing, etc.

Awareness raising (for example, campaigns, seminars, etc.)

Social media campaigns

Other

Please provide a link to these campaigns

Day of forests: 21 March became national event

In 2018 the celebration of the International Day of Forests

Success stories

8. Do you have any success stories related to the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 in your country? If so, please provide a brief description of the success story, including the actors involved, the activities carried out, and the results achieved.

Success story

and targets addressed:

Goals and

References:

Annex II

Draft global core set of forest-related indicators

Indicator	Thematic element	Unit	Frequency	Applicable countries	Linkage to Sustainable Development Goals
1. Extent of forest resources	Extent of forest resources	Percentage	1	FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment for Sustainable Development Goal indicator 15.1.1	Measures progress towards target 15.1 of the Sustainable Development Goals
2. Forest area change	Forest area	Hectares	1	FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment for Sustainable Development Goal indicator 15.2.1	Measures progress towards target 15.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals
3. Net greenhouse gas emissions	Net greenhouse gas emissions	Kilograms of carbon	1	FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment for Sustainable Development Goal indicator 13.2.1	Measures progress towards target 13.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals
4. Proportion of forest area located within protected areas	Forest biological diversity	Percentage	1	FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment for Sustainable Development Goal indicator 15.5.1	Measures progress towards target 15.5 of the Sustainable Development Goals
5. Change in forest health	Forest health	Percentage	1	FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment for Sustainable Development Goal indicator 15.2.1	Measures progress towards target 15.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals

Indicator

Thematic element

Resources: Paris Agreement 2017-2030
Assessment: Linkages with target 15.2 of the

Sustainable Development Goals
as well as Aichi Biodiversity
Target 11. Linkages to strategic
Objective 1 of the 10-year strategic
plan of the framework to enhance
the implementation of the United
Nations Convention on Combat-

experiencing serious drought
and/or desertification, particularly
in Africa (2008-2018), and the
United Nations Framework
Convention on Combating

8. Above-ground
biomass stock in forest

Reserves - Development Goals and
Assessment of progress towards target
15.2 of the United Nations

Exp. Versus

Sustainable Development Goals
Development Goal Indicator
5.2.1

Measures progress towards target

9. Volume of wo

Organization/
Eurostar joint
forest sector III
questionnaire

10. Wood-based
energy consumption

Percentage

energy
consumption

11. Forest area with no
designated function of forest

Linked to target 15.2 of the United
Nations

maintain
enhance its

12. Employment
related to the
functions of forest

Number of
full-time

2
FAO Global
Forest

Measures progress towards target
2.4 of the United Nations strategic

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Thematic element</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Tiera</i>	<i>Data supplier</i>	<i>Linkages to globally agreed goals and targets</i>
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