



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

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Country:	
Date of submission:	

National focal point



I. PROGRESS TOWARDS GLOBAL FOREST GOALS AND TARGETS

GLOBAL FOREST GOAL (GFG) 1 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS¹



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

Resilience and adaptation (target 1.4)

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

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

GLOBAL FOREST GOAL (GFG) 2 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS⁴

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

ASSOCIATED TARGETS

- 2.1 Extreme poverty for all forest-dependent people is eradicated
- 2.2 Increase the access of small-scale forest enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets
- 2.3 The contribution of forests and trees to food security is significantly increased
- 2.4 The contribution of forest industry, other forest-based enterprises and forest ecosystem services to social, economic and environmental development, among other things, is significantly increased
- 2.5 The contribution of all types of forests to biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation and adaptation is enhanced, taking into account the mandates and ongoing work of relevant conventions and instruments

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



Questions on GFG 2

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

Extreme poverty of forest dependent people (target 2.1)

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

Access to finance of small forest enterprises (target 2.2)

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

Food security (target 2.3)

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

Contribution to social economic and environmental development (target 2.4)

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

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



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

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

Types of cooperation and/or public/private partnerships:

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

Areas of cooperation and/or public/private partnerships:

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

Forest financing strategies and access to financing (target 4.4)

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Forest-related information (target 4.5)

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

Yes No

Please describe any improvements (maximum 250 words):

Does your country carry out a National Forest Inventory?

Yes No

If Yes, when was the most recent inventory completed?

Year:

GLOBAL FOREST GOAL (GFG) 5 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS⁷

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

Yes No

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

GLOBAL FOREST GOAL (GFG)6 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS⁸

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

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

ASSOCIATED TARGETS

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

6.4 A greater common understanding of the concept of sustainable forest management is achieved and

To communicate with society and carry out dialogue with stakeholders

To report on forests to regional and international organizations (please specify):





SELF ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS TOWARDS TARGETS

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

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



III. OTHER QUESTIONS

V. FEEDBACK ON THE AMENDED FORMAT

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