

**hCountry: JAMAICA**

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**National Report to the Tenth Session of the**

## GUIDANCE FOR THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL REPORTS

This streamlined reporting format is made up of three parts:

- I. The forest instrument
- II. The four Global Objectives on Forests
- III. The contribution of forests to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals

The forest instrument covers a broad spectrum of issues beyond forests. Its implementation requires close cooperation between different authorities. Consequently, the preparation of national reports may require a cooperative exercise among institutions and ministries such as ministries of environment, economic development, finance, agriculture, health and statistics, and in particular with national focal points for FRA, the NFP Facility, the ITTO C&I process and the Rio Processes, where applicable.

For reporting, please note the following:

- The fields with FRA indicators are highlighted in grey. This data will be derived by UNFFS from the FRA database;
- If information for a specific question does not exist, please enter NA (not available) or NR (not relevant) but do not leave the fields blank - all the responses to the questions contained in this reporting format are important for the Forum to analyze the progress, to identify the gaps and needs in implementing the forest instrument, including data gaps, and in finding ways and means to address them;
- Some of the questions include descriptive parts. We encourage countries to fill in these parts and provide context and background information in addition to the requested figures and the “yes” and “no” answers. At the same time, the responses should be limited [maximum 250] to keep the analytical efforts within reasonable bounds;
- The national report should be submitted in English, French or Spanish. To facilitate exchange of experience, countries are also encouraged to submit, where relevant, a translation of their summary report in English.
- The national reports should be submitted to UNFFS by **30 September 2012**. Submission of the reports ahead of this deadline is encouraged, as this will facilitat

## General information

### Head of forest agency

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Title:	

**PART I: The Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (forest instrument)<sup>5</sup>**

<b>Thematic Clusters of the Forest Instrument</b>	<p>The forest instrument has been grouped into five cross-cutting and eight thematic clusters for easy reference<sup>6</sup>:</p> <p>1A: Strengthening political commitment for sustainable forest management  1B: Financing sustainable forest management  1C: Capacity building and technology transfer  1D: Stakeholder participation  1E: Enhanced international cooperation</p> <p>2A: Forest law enforcement and governance  2B: International Trade in forest products  2C: Protection of forests  2D: Science and research  2E: Public awareness and education  2F: Private sector and industry  2G: Indigenous and local communities  2H: Monitoring, assessment and reporting</p> <p>Data provided on thematic clusters of the forest instrument will also be used for assessing progress toward its Global Objectives on Forests (Qs 33-49).</p>
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**1A: Strengthening political commitment to sustainable forest management**

- Existence of Forest policy statement with national scope; data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database<sup>7</sup> (T14 – Policy and legal framework)

- FRA DATA OUTDATED – REVISED FOREST POLICY 2012 DRAFT COMPLETED**

- Existence of national forest programme (nfp); data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T14 – Policy and legal framework)

3. Do you have inter-institutional mechanisms/processes for cross-sectoral cooperation to achieve sustainable forest management?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
If yes, which sectors are actively involved:		
Agriculture	•	
Climate Change	•	
Energy	•	
Tourism	•	
Water	•	
Other:	•	

Please describe the inter-institutional mechanisms/processes for cross-sectoral cooperation (maximum 250 words).

<sup>5</sup> <http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N07/469/65/PDF/N0746965.pdf?OpenElement>

<sup>6</sup> E.CN.18/2009/2, pp 4-5 (<http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N09/240/37/PDF/N0924037.pdf?OpenElement>)

<sup>7</sup> [http://countrystat.org/for/cont/inctables/pageid/8\\_mega/en](http://countrystat.org/for/cont/inctables/pageid/8_mega/en)

***Vision 2030 Jamaica- National Development Plan, serves as a means of integrating the functions of all Government Agencies towards reaching specific country goals. This requirement allows for cross-sectoral cooperation across all levels and the implementation of a results-based strategic planning model being adopted in all Government Agencies and Departments. The Forestry Department was recently reassigned to the Ministry of Water, Land,, Environment and Climate Change (MWLE&CC) as the Government seeks to support the implementation of the National Strategies relating to the sustainable management of our environment and resources. The outcomes of these thirteen strategies seek:***

- a. Sustainable Management and Use of Environmental and Natural Resources***
- b. Sustainable urban and rural development***
- c. Hazard risk reduction and adaptation to climate change***

***The following Government Agencies/Departments are involved in the implementation activities aimed at achieving the three key outcomes stated:***

- a. Ministry of Health***
- b. Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining***
- c. Office of the Prime Minister***
- d. National Land Agency***
- e. National Environment and Planning Agency***
- f. Meteorological Service of Jamaica***
- g. Office of Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management***
- h. Ministry of Local Government***
- i. Cabinet Office***
- j. Planning Institute of Jamaica***
- k. Forestry Department***
- l. Environment Management Division, (MWLE&CC)***

***A State of the Environment Report is compiled every three years. This report supports the monitoring mechanism of the Vision 2030 National Plan, in addition to the Medium Term Framework that is produced every three years.***

- **Training and capacity building for farmers and community members in areas such as business development and operations, tourism management, tour-guiding,**
- **Organizational development and networking**
- **Improvement in community infrastructure and access to funding for small scale livelihood projects**

**The benefits to the formation of LFMCs since its inception in 2000 are currently being reviewed to determine the social and economic benefits that have been derived.**

5. Has the forest instrument been translated into your country's official/local language(s)?	<b>YES</b>	No
	<b>X</b>	

Please list the language(s) into which the forest instrument has been translated. **Official Language is English**

**1B: Financing sustainable forest management:** Assessment of this thematic cluster will be conducted on the basis of data provided under Global Objective on Forests 4 (Q. 43-49).

**1C: Capacity building and technology transfer**

6. Total number of persons employed in forestry (1,000 persons-years); data will be derived by UNFFS from the FRA database (T13 – Employment). **FRA DATA OUTDATED : 128 EMPLOYEES AS OF DECEMBER 2011**

7. Total number of staff working in public forest institutions; data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T15 – Institutional framework).

Does your country have adequate capacity and technology to implement sustainable forest management?	Yes	<b>NO</b>
		<b>X</b>

If yes, is your country a donor or recipient of SFM technology?	
Donor country	✓
Recipient country	

Describe the nature, source and target of technology transfer (maximum 250 words).

***The United States Forest Services will be supporting the Agency in the development of a Forest Fire Management Plan for all Forest Reserves. The Activity is being funded by the European Union: Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Project. The activity will support the inclusion of a fire management programme as a component of local forest management plan.***

12. In which areas would your country like to see more international cooperation:

Forests and climate change

**X**











Describe these mechanisms and their functions. What specific role do indigenous peoples and/or local communities play in achieving sustainable forest management? (maximum 250 words).

*These groups are facilitated through the formation of Local Forest Management Committees.*

32. Are training and extension programmes being implemented that are directed

**YES**

No

36. Total volume of industrial roundwood removal (1000 m <sup>3</sup> ); data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T.11 - Forest Wood removals and value of removals).	2005	2010
Total value of industrial roundwood removal (US\$1000)		
Total volume of fuelwood removal (1000 m <sup>3</sup> )		
Total value of fuelwood removal (US\$1000)		

43. Does your country have a government budget specific for forests?	<b>Yes</b>	No
	<b>X</b>	
44. What is the total amount of funding in forest management, administration, research and human resource development (US\$ 1,000)?	2007	2011
	<b>US\$2,271,384</b>	<b>US\$4,688,526</b>
45. If the funding for forests is spread among other sectors, please specify the main contributors:		
Agriculture		
Energy		
Water		
Climate change		
Nature conservation		

Others; please specify:

***Project funding/grant funding:***

***1. EU Project: Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Project.***

***The project is being funded by the European Union through the implementing agency the Food and Agriculture Organisation, (FAO) via a grant of US\$32,410.00 which is available to the Forestry Department and an additional US \$22,000.00 which will be paid directly by the FAO to the consultants hired to dev1435(n)13.0anl***



If there has been no increase, please describe the main challenges in mobilizing funds (maximum 250 words).		
47. Does your country have a National Forests Fund?	<b>YES</b>	No
	<b>X</b>	
48. Is your country a donor or recipient of ODA for forestry?	Donor	Recipient
		<b>X</b>
49. If yes, what has been the net ODA received/donated	Donor	<b>RECIPIENT</b>
	2007   2010	2007   2011





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