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Abbreviations in the questionnaire/template:

NA: Not available

NFP: National forest programme ODA: Official development assistance SIDS: Small Island Developing States SFM: Sustainable forest management

UN: United Nations

UNFF: United Nations Forum on Forests

If yes, which sectors are actively involved:				
Agriculture	X			
Climate Change X		X		
Energy		X		
Tourism		X		
Water				
Other:	Other: X			
Please describe the inter-institutional mechanisms/processes for cross-sectoral of	cooperation (maximum 2	50 words).		
 The National Multi-Stakeholders Platform provides the opportunit 	ies for these stakehold	er's groupings to		
discuss on consensus bases the future of SFM in Liberia;				
 At regional level there are coordinating meetings involving all go 	vernment agencies and	l the non-		
government institutions to discuss issues relating to the region.				
4. Are your national forest programmes and relevant policies and	Yes	No		
strategies contributing to poverty eradication?				
If yes, please specify :	X			

Timber products	N/A	N/A	Nil	> US\$14
				Million
Fuelwood				
17. Does your country trade in non-wood forest products? If yes. please	Yes	X	No	
list the most important and provide estimated market value:	Im _]	port	Ex	port
list the most important and provide estimated market value:	2007	2011	2007	port 2011
list the most important and provide estimated market value:				1

Describe the recent significant steps taken to enhance international trade in forest products in your country (maximum 250 words).

- Established membership with ITTO,
- Signing of FLEGT/VPA with EU and about to be ratify by the legislature
- Encouraged international investment in logging contracts through competitive bidding process;

2C: Protection of forests

- 18. Forest area (1000 hectares) conservation of biodiversity; data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T 3 Forest designation and management).
- 19. Forest area (1000 hectares) within protective areas; data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T 3 Forest designation and management).

Local communities	> 10,000	

28. Are tenure and user rights of local communities and indigenous	Yes	No
peoples over publicly-owned forests recognized by law?	X	110
Describe how they are recognized and practiced (maximum 250 words).	A	
The National Forest Reform law of 2006 mandated the formulation	n of Community Righ	ts Law with respect to
forest lands;	, ,	•
 Access to forest resources in contracted concession areas; 		
 Pre and informed consent for awarding any forest harvesting con 	ntract.	
29. Are local communities and indigenous peoples benefiting from the	Yes	No
goods and services produced by forests?4	X	
Describe how this is functioning (maximum 250 words).		
 Benefit sharing from contract areas; 		
Social Agreement with concessions		
 Payment of 30% land area fees from concession 		
 Priority for employment in case of any forest and forestry activity 	1	
Developing alternate source of protein in case of stopping the bu	sh meat hunting in th	ne contract areas
30. Are traditional forest-related knowledge and practices used in forest	Yes	No
management, planning and implementation?	X	

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otection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to preve	ent forest degradati	ion;
33. Extent of the country's forests and other wooded lands (1000 ha.); data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T.1 - Extent of forest and other wooded land)	2005	2010
34. Extent of the country's forests under public/private ownership (1000 ha); data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T.2 - Forest ownership and management rights).	2005	2010
Extent of the country's forests under private ownership (1000 ha)		
Extent of privately-owned forests according to the following categories (1000 ha)		
Individual		
Business entities and institutions		
Local, indigenous and tribal communities		
Describe any significant actions related to Global Objective on Forests 1 (maximum 250 w		
 The Forestry Development Authority has development (put in place)a Refo 	restation Policy;	
 NTFP Regulation to control harvesting, commercialization; 		
 Ensuring the sustainable production and utilization of charcoal; 		
 30% of Liberia's forest cover is earmarked for conservation; 		
Introduction of low land farming system to reduce pressure on the natural land.	high forest	
	fits, including by i	mproving the
Global Objective 2: Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental bene		
Giodal Objective 2: Ennance forest-based economic, social and environmental bene livelihoods of forest dependent people		
	2005	2010
35. Extent of forest designated and managed for production (1000 ha); data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T.3 - Forest designation and management). Extent of forest designated and managed for protection (1000 ha)	2005	2010
35. Extent of forest designated and managed for production (1000 ha); data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T.3 - Forest designation and	2005	2010

41. Extent of forest designated and managed for sustainable forest management (1000 ha); data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T.3 – Forest designation and management).	2005	2010
Extent of forest with management plans (1000 ha)		
42. Does your country have forests under internationally recognized certification	Yes	No
schemes?		Х
If yes, please specify:	Certification	Area
	Scheme	
•	N/A	N/A

49. If yes, what has been the net ODA received/donated for forestry (US 1000)?	Donor		Reci	pient
	2007	2010	2007	2011
			N/A	US\$
				4.5 mi

Please use this space to describe any significant actions related to Global Objective on Forests 4 (maximum 250 words). With the new Forest Reform Law of 2006, mandated the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) to collect forest resource revenue and deposit it to Central Bank of Liberia. The funding of the forestry sector comes from National Fiscal Budget allotment but not from the forest resource revenue collection.

PART III: Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals

Forests can make significant contributions to poverty reduction, improved health, education and gender equity. Sustainable forest management aims to enhance the contribution of forests to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). However, the evidence of this contribution and greater recognition of the value of sustainably managed forests are difficult to gather.

Currently the only forest-related official MDG indictor that provides information on the proportion of land area covered by forest

assess this contribution?		
Please list the indicators.		
• Schools		
• Roads		
 Benefits from extraction of resources 		
Please provide a short description how forests contribute to achieving this goal (m	aximum 200 words).	
When contracts are given to forest sector investor, Social Agreements ensure the $$	provision of social servic	es to the forest fringe
$communities \ in \ these \ operational \ areas. \ Education \ is \ one \ of \ the \ benefits \ enshrine \ one \ of \ the \ benefits \ enshrine \ one \ of \ the \ benefits \ enshrine \ one \ one \ of \ the \ benefits \ enshrine \ one \ one$	d.	
Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women:		
	Yes	No

This is the same as the Goal # 2 above			
Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases			
Does SFM contribute to achieving this goal in your country?	Yes	No	
If so, do you have specific indicators and data which could be/are being used to	X		
assess this contribution?			

Please list the indicators.

- Clinics
- Trained health workers;
- Equipped medical facilities;
- Established referral hospital.

Please describe how forests contribute to achieving