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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 C₁ 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 **p r 1**. Submission of the reports ahead of this deadline is encouraged, as this will facilitate the preparation of analyses and syntheses to be made available to the UNFF1.
- Member States are kindly requested to submit the original signed copy of the national report with an official letter from their respective institution/ ministry via mail or email to the address below. Electronic copies should be available in word processing software. 6 11 88 Td r

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Annex B: Main Instruments on Assessment of Forests or Instruments

<p>Cluster of Instruments</p>	<p>The forest instrument has been grouped into five cross cutting and eight thematic clusters for easy reference⁶</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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>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>	
<p>Annex C: Policy Instruments</p>		
<p>1 Existence of Forest policy statement with national scope data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database⁷ T14 Policy and legal framework</p>		
<p>2 Existence of national forest programme nfp data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database T14 Policy and legal framework</p>		
<p>3 Do you have inter institutional mechanisms processes for cross sectoral cooperation to achieve sustainable forest management</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Within the Forest Policy Act 1996 it is foreseen a Forest Consultation Council a consultation body for forest related issues it integrates among others public administration municipalities forest producers associations industry ngo e Academia additionally public consultations direct request for comments as well as thematic consultations meetings with interested parties take place whenever considered necessary especially when crucial and relevant documents decisions are at stake Also within the Forest Policy Act it is foreseen an interministerial commission for forest related issues aimed at guaranteeing an effective articulation amongst the different sectoral policies But whenever necessary contacts are established using the institutional channels

4	Are your national forest programmes and relevant policies and strategies contributing to poverty eradication	Yes X	No
If yes please specify			
National forest programs have been revised to include specific measures and resources for eradicating poverty		Not exactly but first of all it should be pointed out that the Portuguese NFP is a comprehensive instrument characterized by an iterative nature allowing a holistic approach to SFM secondly forest related activities are an important source of employment and income in Portugal therefore contributing to the enhancement of the wellbeing of the population thirdly SFM contributes to food security as there are recognized good and diverse effects on agricultural land when SFM is a reality	
National poverty eradication plans and strategies or equivalent have been revised to incorporate sustainable forest management		No	
Please describe specific actions or measures taken to eradicate poverty and their effects maximum 25 words Considered answered above			
5	Has the forest instrument been translated into your country's official local language(s)	Yes	No
			X
Please list the language(s) into which the forest instrument has been translated			
<p>1 B F n n s s i n o r s n n Assessment of this thematic cluster will be conducted on the basis of data provided under Global Objective on Forests 4 Q 43 49</p>			

Recipient country		
Describe the nature source and target of technology transfer maximum 25 words Mainly the transfer is focused desertification climate change and environment related issues and it can take the format of training research projects and dedicated University thesis for master or doctor s degree one way or the other although not specifically dedicated to SFM these activities contribute positively to sustainable management of forests as good practices can be involved the majority of these activities are addressed to the Portuguese Speaking Countries some countries from North Africa are also recipients		
9 Are there any incentives for promoting improved technologies for SFM	Yes	No
	X	
If yes please check where applicable		
Low interest loans		
Tax breaks		
Subsidies	X	
Participation in SFM best practice certification programmes that improve access to markets	X Whoever is interested may join one or both certification systems operating in Portugal FSC and PEFC these are market driven instruments over which the administration has no power the administration can instead join them for the purpose of certifying the state owned forests	
Others please specify maximum 25		
1 D Participation		
1 Does your country have programmes for involving stakeholders in SFM policy formulation planning and implementation If yes please indicate the levels	Yes	No
	X	
National	X	
Sub national	X	
Local	X	
Describe the processes of public participation in SFM indicating existing mechanisms and stakeholders involved maximum 25 words As already mentioned there is the Forest Consultation Council a consultation body for forest related issues which integrates among others public administration municipalities forest producers associations industry ngo e Academia additionally public consultations direct request for comments as well as thematic consultations meetings with interested parties at the various levels national sub national and local take place for instance the regional forest management plans have a process with Consultative Committees		
1 E International cooperation		
11 Is your country engaged in international cooperation in sustainable forest management If yes please specify the type of the cooperation	Yes	No
	X	
North South	X	
South South		
Triangular		
Others		
Please give examples describing the main objectives and elements of the cooperation maximum 25 words In the same lines as it was stated for technology transfer the main elements of international cooperation are focused in desertification climate change and environment related issues which can definitely contribute to SFM in the recipient countries Portuguese Speaking Countries and some countries from North Africa the main objectives and elements are related to extension activities related to desertification capacity building on environment related issues rural extension and water and irrigation related issues		

12 In which areas would your country like to see more international cooperation	
Forests and climate change	
Forest biodiversity	
Valuation of ecosystem services provided by forests	
Socio economic issues including livelihoods	
Forest degradation and rehabilitation	
Others please list	

A For s n or n n o r n	
13 Existence of law Act or Code on forests with national scope data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database T14 Policy and legal framework	

14 Since the adoption of the forest instrument in 2 7 have steps been taken to strengthen forest related legislation law enforcement and governance in support of sustainable forest management	Yes	No
	X but because NFP is an iterative process and not directly due to the forest instrument changes have also occurred in forest	

Describe any significant actions related to protection of forests since 2017 maximum 250 words

The most important forest protection related actions have been focused both on forest fires prevention and on the need to

forest management exist that engage the private sector and industry	X	
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41 Extent of forest designated and managed for sustainable forest management

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Please use this space to describe any significant actions related to Global Objective on Forests 4 maximum 25 words

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Forests can make significant contributions to poverty reduction improved health education and gender equity Sustainable forest management aims to enhance the contribution of fore

Please describe how forests contribute to achieving this goal maximum 25 words

Forests are an important sector within the National Strategy for Sustainable Development as one of the strategic clusters due to its contribution to GDP and as an export sector

Please provide a short description of case studies and success stories on data collection on the contribution of forests to achieve MDGs that could serve as examples of good practice for other countries maximum 25 words