





## General information

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

The forest instrument has been grouped into five cross-cutting and eight thematic clusters for easy reference<sup>6</sup>:

- 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

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).

**1A: Strengthening political commitment to sustainable forest management**

1. 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)

2. 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?

Yes

**x**

No

If yes, which sectors are actively involved:

Agriculture

**X**

Climate Change

Energy

**X**

Tourism

**X**

Water

**X**

Other:

**Ministry of Interior , Municipalities, Wildlife  
Comms**

National forest programs have been revised to include specific measures and resources for eradicating poverty.		
National poverty eradication plans and strategies or equivalent have been revised to incorporate sustainable forest management.	<b>x</b>	
Please describe specific actions or measures taken to eradicate poverty and their effects (maximum 250 words). Subsidies and legal measures to encourage forest users grouping (Cooperatives) and activities to increase income of low income populations (bee keeping, livestock ...)		
5. Has the forest instrument been translated into your country's official/local language(s)?	Yes	No
		<b>x</b>
Please list the language(s) into which the forest instrument has been translated.		
<b>1B: Financing sustainable forest management:</b> Assessment of this thematic cluster will be conducted on the basis of data provided under Global Objective on Forests 4 (Q. 43-49).		
<b>1C: Capacity building and technology transfer</b>		
6. Total number of persons employed in forestry (1,000 persons-years); data will be derived by UNFFS from the FRA database (T13 – Employment).		
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	No
		<b>x</b>
If no, please describe the main challenges, including institutional and technology priority needs and know-how areas of particular concern (maximum 250 words).		

recreation areas.

**1D: Stakeholder participation**

Yes

No

Describe the recent significant steps taken to enhance forest law enforcement and governance in your country (maximum 250 words). **Several attempts through meetings among the main stakeholders for a good application of the range and forest act to protect forest resources, but results have been up to now less than expected.**

**2B: International trade in forest products**

16. Is your country involved in international forest products trade? If yes, please provide estimated market value (US\$ 1000):	Yes		No	
	<b>x</b>			
	Import		Export	
	2007	2011	2007	2011
Timber products	<b>2,061,195</b>	<b>3,330,666</b>		
Fuel wood	<b>8,138</b>	-		
17. Does your country trade in non-wood forest products? If yes, please list the most important and provide estimated market value:	Yes		No	
	Import		Export	
	2007	2011	2007	2011
	<b>44,164</b>	<b>20,870</b>		

Describe the recent significant steps taken to enhance international trade in forest products in your country (maximum 250 words). **The main significant steps concern encouraging importing fuel wood to reduce wood cutting in Saudi forests and rangelands. Facilities are provided in terms of exemption from customs.**

**2C: Protection of forests**

18. Forest area (1000 hectares) conservation of biodive

23. Graduation of students in forest-related education: data will be derived by UNFFS from FRA database (T 16 - Education and research).		
Number of students in forest-related education graduated with M.Sc. degree or equivalent		
Number of students in forest-related education graduated with B.Sc. degree or equivalent		
Number of students in forest-related education graduated with a technician certificate/diploma		
Percentage of students in forest-related education that graduated with M.Sc. degree or equivalent who are women		
Percentage of students in forest-related education that graduated with B.Sc. degree or equivalent who are women		
Percentage of students in forest-related education that graduated with a technician certificate/diploma who are women		
24. Did your country organize specific events and activities in support of the International Year of Forests?	Yes	No
	<b>x</b>	
If yes, please describe them (maximum 250 words). <b>Production of awareness raising material (Posters and brochures), making talks and presentations about the international year of forests' theme at the different events including the forest week, cultural and economic events ect...</b>		
25. Has your country implemented actions to increase public awareness of the importance of and the benefits provided by forests and sustainable forest management?	<b>x</b>	
If yes, which of the following approaches have been utilized?		
Published materials, such as brochures, pamphlets, leaflets, posters, etc.		<b>x</b>
Meetings with the general public to inform them of the benefits provided by forests to society		<b>x</b>
Meetings with private and public sector stakeholders to inform them of the benefits of sustainable forest management		
Other; please describe (maximum 100 words). <b>Organize summer camps in the major forest and recreation areas.</b>		
<b>2F: Private sector and industry</b>		
26. Do stakeholder participation mechanisms in support of sustainable forest management exist that engage the private sector and industry?	Yes	No
	<b>x</b>	
27. Have you established or strengthened public-private partnerships to advance sustainable forest management?	Yes	No
		<b>x</b>
If yes, please describe (maximum 250 words).		
Describe these mechanisms and their functions. What specific role do the private sector and industry play in promoting and supporting the forest instrument and sustainable forest management? (maximum 250 words). <b>A natural vegetal cover fund was created to collect contributions from the private sector and any donor to support SFM and rangelands. However the fund is not enough promoted and the private sector contribution remains very low.</b>		
<b>2G: Indigenous and local communities</b>		
28. Are tenure and user rights of local communities and indigenous peoples over publicly-owned forests recognized by law?	Yes	No
	<b>x</b>	

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Describe how this is functioning (maximum 250 words).

**By benefiting from products such as fodder, honey, aromatic & medicinal plants and tourism recreation and economic activities.**

30. Are traditional forest-related knowledge and practices used in forest management, planning and implementation?	Yes	No
		<b>x</b>

Explain how they are used and by whom (maximum 250).

31. Do stakeholder participation mechanisms in support of sustainable forest management exist for the engagement of the following?	Yes	No
Indigenous peoples (where applicable)		<b>x</b>
Local communities		<b>x</b>

Describe these mechanisms and their functions. What



Others; please specify:		
<b>(The Ministry of Finance main fund provider), The Saudi Wildlife Commission, Municipalities, Roads and transport</b>		
46. Has the country been able to mobilize significantly increased financial resources for the implementation of SFM since 2007? If yes, please specify sources:	Yes	No
	<b>x</b>	
Domestic public funding	2007 (US\$)	2011 (US\$)
		<b>6,000,000</b>
	2007 (US\$)	2011 (US\$)

### **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 fore

products.		
<b>Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women:</b>		
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 assess this contribution? <b>no</b>	<b>x</b>	
Please list the indicators.		
Please provide a short description how forests contribute to achieving this goal (maximum 200 words). <b>The SFM activities and benefits are directed to local populations regardless of gender, including rights and responsibility.</b>		
<b>Goal 4: Reduce child mortality:</b>		
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 assess this contribution?	<b>x</b>	
Please list the indicators. <b>1. Portion of food coming from forests or forest related activities.</b> <b>2. Portion of medical services coming from forests or forest related activities</b>		
Please describe how forests contribute to achieving this goal (maximum 250 words). <b>By increasing family income, forests improve the chances of access of families to better nutrition and better medical services , thus reducing child mortality .</b>		
<b>Goal 5: Improve maternal health</b>		
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 assess this contribution?	<b>x</b>	
Please list the indicators. <b>1. Portion of food coming from forests or forest related activities.</b> <b>Portion of medical services coming from forests or forest related activities</b>		
Please describe how forests contribute to achieving this goal (maximum 250 words). <b>By increasing family income, forests improve the chances of access of families to better nutrition and better medical services , thus improving maternal health.</b>		
<b>Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases</b>		
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 assess this contribution?		<b>x</b>
Please list the indicators.		
Please describe how forests contribute to achieving this goal (maximum 250 words).		
<b>Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability</b>		
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 assess this contribution?	<b>x</b>	
Please list the indicators. <b>1. Increase in vegetal cover</b> <b>2. Reduction in dust charge in the air,</b>		

