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Dear Mr Trepelkov,

**SUBJECT: PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S 2019 VOLUNTARY COUNTRY REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS FORUM ON FORESTS (UNFF)**

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Papua New Guinea by virtue of being a member of the United Nations is obliged to submit its national reports to highlight contributions made in the implementation of the United Nation's Strategic Plan on Forest. We are therefore pleased to submit to the UNFF Secretariat, Papua New Guinea's report on its effort towards sustainable forest management. Find attached is the said report.

We thank the United Nations for its continued collaboration with the PNG government on forestry and related activities to address the impact of climate change and sustainable forest management.

Yours faithfully,

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**TUNOU SABUIN**  
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**Guidelines and Format for reporting on:  
Progress towards implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030, the UN  
Forest Instrument (UNFI), and the Voluntary National Contributions (VNCs)**

1. The format is largely narrative, reflecting the qualitative nature of the majority of targets. It builds on and further simplifies the UNFF11 reporting format and is structured around the newly adopted Global Forest Goals (GFGs) and targets of the UNSPF.
2. Member States are asked to submit only information that is not currently provided to CPF member organizations, or that is unavailable in other international databases, as to the extent possible, the information submitted by countries to the UNFFS will be supplemented with quantitative data, inter alia, from the following international data providers:
  - FAO, Forest Resources Assessment (FRA)/Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CRFQ) - FAO, Forest Europe, UNECE, ITTO, Montreal Process and OFAC
  - Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ) – FAO, ITTO, UNECE, EUROSTAT
  - FAO, State of the World’s Forests (SOFO)
  - Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).
  - Statistical Division of UN DESA
  - UNFCCC
3. Member States are kindly requested to:
  - Submit their completed national report electronically (in MS Word) in English, French or Spanish to [unff@un.org](mailto:unff@un.org), by (...), at the latest. Early submissions will greatly facilitate the Secretariat’s preparation of the analytical, consolidated Secretary-General’s report to UNFFXX.
  - Submit, in a separate electronic file, a scanned version of the official, signed letter conveying their submission from their respective Ministry, or with a *note verbale* from their Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.
  - Submit any graphic elements included in their national report, as separate electronic files.
  - In addition to the “Yes” or “No” answers, countries are encouraged to provide brief descriptive narratives, as this provides context and background. Please also note that space provided for the descriptive information is limited to 250 words per question.
  - In view of the cross-cutting nature of issues related to forests and sustainable forest management (SFM), respondents are encouraged to consult with experts from relevant

national ministries to complete the reporting format, including, for example, the ministries of environment, economic development, finance and agriculture. Respondents are also strongly encouraged to consult with the national focal points for the FAO Forest Resources Assessment (FRA), the Rio Conventions, other CPF member organizations and C&I processes, where applicable.

4. Please note that Year 2015 is used as a baseline throughout the document.
5. All terms used in this document are consistent with the FAO/FRA “Terms and Definitions”.

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## GLOBAL FOREST GOAL 1 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS<sup>1</sup>

Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through SFM, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and contribute to the global effort of addressing climate change.

### Targets

- 1.1 Forest area is increased by 3% worldwide.<sup>2</sup>
- 1.2 The world's forest carbon stocks are maintained or enhanced.
- 1.3 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally.
- 1.4 The resilience and adaptive capacity of all types of forests to natural disasters and the impacts of climate change is significantly strengthened worldwide.

### Questions

1. Since 2015<sup>3</sup>, what types of actions have been taken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to targets 1.1 to 1.4?

*Please select all applicable actions. Please briefly describe each action including its results to date (250 words max). Please indicate to which GFG1 target(s) the action relates:*

- a.  **Legislative and policy actions**
- Work is in progress to review the 1991 Forestry Act (as amended)
  - Reforestation and Afforestation Strategies to be submitted to National Executive Council for endorsement
  - Policy announcement to meet 50% round log export ban by 2025
  - Papua New Guinea -Timber Legality Standard (PNG -TLS) had been finalized and will be submitted to the National Executive Council for endorsement by 2020
  - Papua New Guinea National REDD+ Strategies Approved by government in 2017 for implementation.
  - Climate Change (Management) Act, 2015 came into force

Target date for completion (if applicable):

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

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<sup>1</sup> Goal 1 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among others, Sustainable Development Goal targets 6.6, 12.2, 13.1, 13.3, 14.2, 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4 and 15.8, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 5, 7, 9, 11, 14 and 15; and are supported by UNFI actions 6.o, 7.d and 7.e.

<sup>2</sup> Based on FRA 2015

<sup>3</sup> Or earlier date where relevant to capture important actions

In progress       Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action<sup>4</sup> if applicable.

- Review of the Forest Legislation
- Policy approval by the Government

**b.  Institutional actions**

- In further recognition of the forestry sector's role in Papua New Guinea's national economy, particularly in providing services in the rural areas where government presence is limited, the government through the PNG Vision 2050, Development Strategic Plan (DSP) 2010 – 2030 and National Strategy for Responsible Sustainable Development for Papua New Guinea have tasked the forestry sector to:
  - Increase processed timber exports to 80 per cent of all forestry exports by 2030 from the current rate of 20 per cent;
  - Have plantations produce all logs and manage forests by 2050; and
  - Increase plantation forests from 62,000 hectares to well over 800,000 hectares by 2050.
- Apart from Plantation forestry, logged over forest land not required for other conversion or use have been allowed to naturally grow with minimal intervention under the program on 'reforestation naturally'. The program has been scaled up throughout the country especially in all Forest Management Agreement timber concession areas where logging has been taking place. To date, over 46,000 hectares of logged over forests have been rehabilitated. The current target of reforestation naturally country-wide is 4,200 hectares yearly.

Target date for completion (if applicable):

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

In progress       Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Reforestation and Afforestation
- Rehabilitation of degraded areas

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Target has been set by the government to achieve 800,000 hectares of plantation forest by 2050

**c.  Financial actions**

- Component of the recently completed EU/FAO project on Multipurpose National Forest Inventory has assisted in funding the review of the Forestry Legislation

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<sup>4</sup> See page13 of UNSPF: [http://www.un.org/esa/forests/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/UNSPF\\_AdvUnedited.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/UNSPF_AdvUnedited.pdf)

- Government imposing a levy on natural forest harvest to fund Plantation development to reduce the pressure on natural forest harvest

Target date for completion (if applicable):

2019 - 2020

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

In progress       Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Review of the Legislation will include areas of forest plantation establishment which is also outlined in the PNG National REDD+ strategy
- Review of the legislation will capture the PNG Timber Legality Standard as a regulation to the Forestry Act for legal compliance to achieve Timber Legality in PNG
- Review of the forestry legislation will capture the climate change actions by the forestry agency (PNG Forest Authority (PNGFA))

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Inclusion of the Reforestation programs in the country as part of carbon enhancement activity under the PNG National REDD+ strategy
- Applying sound forest management actions

d.  **Technical and scientific actions**

- PNGFA in collaboration with Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) are collaborating in establishing clonal seed orchard for seed production to meet the need of seed supply to support the program for plantation development in the country

Target date for completion (if applicable):

2015-2020

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

In progress       Completed

## GLOBAL FOREST GOAL 2 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS<sup>5</sup>

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

### 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, amongst others, 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.

### Questions

1. Since 2015, what types of actions have been taken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to targets 2.1 to 2.5?

*Please select all applicable actions. Please briefly describe each action including its results to date (250 words max). Please indicate which GFG2 target(s) the action relates:*

a.  **Legislative and policy actions**

Work on the review of the countries National Forest Policy and Legislation is ongoing and work in progress. Once completed, relevant components of the UN Forest Instruments will be incorporated into the National Forest Policy.

To enable forest resource owners to have increase access to small scale forest enterprises, the National Government has developed, approved and launched a National policy on Small to Medium Enterprises (SME) policy to empower small people to venture into revenue/income generation activities. For the Forestry sector, provisions have been made for forest resource owners to venture into developing their own forest resources to gain maximum benefits.

The Forest Industry in the country has been visible in the most remotest parts of the country. The industry has been collaborating with the government and landowners to develop the forest resources according to policies and legislations thus enabling landowners to take part in other

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<sup>5</sup> Goal 2 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among others, Sustainable Development Goal 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, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 4, 14 and 18; and are supported by UNFI actions 6.d, 6.e, 6.f, 6.h, 6.j, 6.p, 6.q, 6.t, 6.u, 6.v, 6.y and 7.k.

spin-off benefits for enhancing livelihoods. The industry has grown from strength to strength in most parts of the country and continues to grow.

Target date for completion (if applicable): End of 2020 for the review of the Policy and Legislation

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

Planned

In progress

Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

Some indicative thematic areas that Actions are being done in the country under Global Forest Goal 2(GFG2)

- Reforestation and afforestation
- Natural forest regeneration
- Contribution of forests to climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Government empowering provincial governments and Landowners

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

Traditional forestry and subsistence use of forests continue to be the basis for survival of most rural people in Papua New Guinea. The forest related projects initiated by the government across the country allows for landowners to have access to their forest and land for forest-based products and services for livelihood sustenance. Currently, around 85 percent of PNG's population still live in rural areas and depend on forests for their traditional and subsistence living. Forests are still major sources of traditional wealth and cultural inheritance.

However, traditional forestry management and subsistence use of forests are now transformed into modern market commodities to meet the growing demands of people in rural areas. For instance, traditional medicinal plants and other forest produce that used to be cultivated and domesticated through traditional forestry practices are now sold in the informal sector markets for cash income. Firewood which used to be the only source of energy in rural areas for cooking and lighting, is now also sold in towns and cities for additional cash income. Various nuts and fruits obtained from the bush are being sold for cash. As such, traditional and subsistence use of forests continue to maintain their traditional values and significance but in some instances transformed into modern market in Papua New Guinea today, thus contributes to alleviating poverty in the country.

**b.  Institutional actions**

In line with the thematic areas specified under the UN Forest Instrument, Papua New Guinea has developed a National Forest Development Guideline (NFDG, 2009) as a roadmap to enhance sustainable forest management in the country. Though it was formulated in 2009, it is highly relevant to current circumstances. The country's National Forest Plan and Provincial the Forest



Plans are currently being reviewed to enable orderly management, utilization and conservation of the countries forest resources.

Target date for completion (if applicable): N/A

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

Planned  In progress  Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

Some indicative thematic areas that Actions are being done in the country under Global Forest Goal 2(GFG2)

- Working towards the policy and legislation review
- Reforestation and Afforestation Strategies ready for submission to the National Executive Council for endorsement
- Implementation of activities under the recently approved National REDD+ Strategies 2017
- Involvement of Landowners/Resource owners in all aspects of forest development

c.  **Financial actions**

Financial resources have over the years been sourced internally from Government recurrent budget and organisational internal revenues through levies charged for forest resource harvesting to fund the work of sustainable forest management including royalty and premium payments made to resource owners for livelihood support.

Target date for completion (if applicable):

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

In progress  Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- livelihood support to landowners
- Increasing forest resources through reforestation and afforestation and forest rehabilitation of degraded sites
- Monitoring Forestry Projects
- Downstream processing of forest resources
- Ascertaining the forest resources base through the national forest industry

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Mobilizing funding support from the government
- Mobilizing funding support from International Donors

d.  **Technical and scientific actions**

- Research being done with Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) on enhanced wood processing and engineered wood processing to add value to wood products being sold internally and exported overseas.
- Collaborative research with ACIAR on community forestry with the involvement of local communities
- Collaborative research with ACIAR on improving Germplasm of indigenous tree species for tree plantation activities
- A recently concluded MultiPurpose National Forest Inventory (MPNFI) has been undertaken to ascertain the forest resources base of the country which includes the inventory of lower plants, upper plants, insects, birds, as well as carbon in the soil and above ground. The project has been funded by the European Union and FAO.

Target date for completion (if applicable):

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

In progress       Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Reforestation and afforestation
- Domestic processing
- Community forest management
- Tree species improvement
- Multi-purpose National Forest Inventory

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Community forest management
- Domestic processing
- Reforestation and afforestation
- Knowledge of the forest resources base to ascertain socio economic potential and assist in environmental management.

## **GLOBAL FOREST GOAL 3 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS<sup>6</sup>**

**Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests.**

### **Targets**

- 3.1 The area of forests worldwide designated as protected areas or conserved through other effective area-based conservation measures is significantly increased.
- 3.2 The area of forests under long-term forest management plans is significantly increased.
- 3.3 The proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests is significantly increased.

### **Questions**

1. Since 2015, what types of actions have been taken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to targets 3.1 to 3.3?

*Please select all applicable actions. Please briefly describe each action including its results to date (250 words max). Please indicate which GFG3 target(s) the action relates to:*

**e.  Legislative and policy actions**

Forest policies and legislations are put in place by the government that enable sustainable management and development of the country's forest. Policy actions and reforms are ongoing to improve the management strategies and processes to ensure delivery of goods and services and contribute to the economy of the country. Currently, Forest Management Agreement (FMA) is one of the policy tools used to develop and manage timber project areas that allow landowners and the companies to participate in reforestation and conservation activities /programs within the timber project areas and is managed and developed as long term forest management areas in the country.

National Strategies for Reforestation and Afforestation in PNG is in draft for the submission to the National Executive Council (NEC) for endorsement. Once endorsed, this policy tool together with the related reforestation programs under the government's Strategies for Responsible Sustainable Development (StaRS), PNG Strategic Development Plan (PNGSDP) and vision 2050 will set the foundation for the establishment of long term forest management areas and will contribute to the increment in the proportion of protected forests for long term forest management areas in the country.

Our forest is the home to many rare animal and plant species that cannot be found anywhere in the world and the cross sector policies are also set towards the protection of our country's biodiversity hence increasing areas of protection and conservation forests in the country.

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<sup>6</sup> Goal 3 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, amongst others, Sustainable Development Goal targets 7.2, 12.2, 12.6, 12.7, 14.2, 14.5, 15.2 and 15.4, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 7, 11, 12 and 16; and are supported by UNFI actions 6.p, 6.q, 6.x, 7.f and 7.g.

Target date for completion (if applicable):

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

In progress       Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Enabling conservation in production forest areas under Forest Management Agreement (FMA) with consent from landowners

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Setting aside of 10% of forest areas of a timber concession for conservation purposes under Forest Management Agreement (FMA).

f.  **Institutional actions**

- PNG has a 32-step process for forest resources acquisition and allocation that allows for scrutiny to manage forest sustainably thus taking forest protection and conservation initiatives

Target date for completion (if applicable):

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Managing Forests under a long term management plan

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Setting aside 10% of the forest concession for forest conservation under FMA

g.  **Financial actions**

- Established a forest management levy to be collected to manage forest concessions for long-term

Target date for completion (if applicable):

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Area of forest managed under long-term management plan

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Collection of forest management levy to manage timber concessions for long term

**h.  Technical and scientific actions**

- Forest working plans for timber companies are strictly assessed and approved according to Planning, Monitoring and Control Procedures

Target date for completion (if applicable):

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Approaches for reduced impacts of logging

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- FMA areas managed for long term through forest working plans

## **GLOBAL FOREST GOAL 4 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS<sup>7</sup>**

**Mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of SFM and strengthen scientific and technical cooperation and partnerships.**

### **Targets**

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<sup>7</sup> Goal 4 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, amongst others, Sustainable Development Goal targets 12.a, 15.7, 15.a, 15.b, 17.1, 17.2, 17.3, 17.6, 17.7, 17.16, 17.17, 17.18 and 17.19, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Target 19; and are supported by UNFI actions 6.h, 6.i, 6.m, 6.r, 6.s, 7.a, 7.b, 7.c, 7.l, 7.m, 7.n, 7.o, 7.p and 7.q.

- 4.1 Mobilize significant resources from all sources and at all levels to finance sustainable forest management and provide adequate incentives to developing countries to advance such management, including for conservation and reforestation.
- 4.2 Forest-related financing from all sources at all levels, including public (national, bilateral, multilateral and triangular), private and philanthropic financing is significantly increased.
- 4.3 North-South, South-South, North-North and triangular cooperation and public-private partnerships on science, technology and innovation in the forest sector are significantly enhanced and increased.
- 4.4 The number of countries which have developed and implemented forest financing strategies and have access to financing from all sources is significantly increased.
- 4.5 The collection, availability and accessibility of forest-related information is improved through, for example, multi-disciplinary scientific assessments.

### **Questions**

1. Since 2015, what types of actions have been taken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to targets 4.1 to 4.5?

The current Forestry legislation has provisions that allow for internal revenue generation for the forestry sector. Even though the revenue is insufficient, PNG Forest Authority is doing all it can to fund the management and utilization of forest resources in the country. Two such levies are the Forest Management Levy and Reforestation Levy. The reforestation levy has been used annually to fund reforestation and Afforestation activities including rehabilitation of logged-over areas. This has enabled the country to work towards meeting Targets 4.1 and 4.4 objectives.

Under the draft Reforestation and Afforestation and Downstream Processing Strategies which are pending Government endorsement, provisions have been made for certain incentives to be given to investors to contribute to investment in Reforestation and Downstream Processing.

Various CPF members such as ITTO, UNDP and FAO provide development assistance to the PNG forestry sector to undertake sustainable forest management related activities. Donor governments particularly Australia, European Union and Japan have provided financial and technical assistance to support sustainable forest management in Papua New Guinea. These areas include capacity building and institutional strengthening, research and development, training, forest law enforcement, community forest management and climate change related activities such as REDD+. The significance of such cooperation is strengthening relationships between countries and organizations not only financial and technical assistance but knowledge and experiences learnt in other countries are imparted when implementing projects.

In the last five (5) years (2015-2019) PNG has implemented projects funded by the Japanese, European Union and Australian government and ITTO for enhancing SFM in the country. Three that are worth mentioning are:

1. Capacity Development for addressing Climate Change in Papua New Guinea project funded by the government of Japan which has recently been concluded. The main output of this project is that PNG has developed a Forest Base Map which will be used as the base for monitoring future changes in forest cover.
2. The second JICA project which follows on from the last JICA project was the Capacity Development Project for Operationalization of PNG Forest Resource Information Management System (PNG-FRIMS) for Addressing Climate Change which has been completed recently. The outcomes of this project has helped assist in sound forest monitoring and management.
3. Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) project which was completed few years ago funded by the ITTO. The main component of the project is to develop a timber legality standard that can be adopted by the PNG Forest Authority to assist in effective monitoring of logging operations. This was a two-year project and was completed in 2012 but the draft timber legality standard has not been thoroughly field tested and endorsed by the government. Through the Funding assistance in 2016 by the Australian Government through RAFT3 program and the EU/FAO funding support, the timber legality standard has been thoroughly field tested and is about to be finalized for governments endorsement.
4. The Multipurpose National Forest Inventory which has been recently completed. This project was jointly funded by the European Union and UNREDD. The project has been implemented to gather forest resource information of the country to better manage and utilize the country's forest and related resources.

This has enabled the country to work towards meeting Targets 4.2 and 4.5 objectives.

**a.  Legislative and policy actions**

- The 1991 forestry legislation is currently under review to accommodate for climate change actions and to institutionalize donor project outcomes. Provisions to enable the PNG Forest Authority to generate sufficient revenue internally will be looked at and be factored into the Legislation so that it is consistent with the constitution of the country.

Target date for completion (if applicable):

2020

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

In progress       Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- International public funding and national budgets
- Best practices and innovative tools
- Expertise in expanding capacity building in developing countries

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Mobilizing financial resource bilaterally and internally

**b.  Institutional actions**

- Through the recently approved PNG National REDD+ Strategy, PNG Forest Authority is working with the Climate Change Development Authority and UNDP to have a funding proposal submitted to FCPF for possible funding under REDD+ to fund sustainable forest management related activities within the country so as to achieve REDD+ objectives.

Target date for completion (if applicable):

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

- In progress       Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Means of implementation to achieve sustainable forest management
- Regional and sub-regional financing sources and mechanisms

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Mobilize significant financial resources

**c.  Financial actions**

- PNG Forest Authority is working with the Climate Change Development Authority and UNDP to secure funding under FCPF to fund SFM related activities in the country

Target date for completion (if applicable):

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

- In progress       Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.



- Multilateral, Bilateral, Regional and sub-regional financing sources and mechanisms

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- PNG Forest Authority is working with the Climate Change Development Authority and UNDP to secure funding under FCPF to fund SFM related activities in the country

d.  **Technical and scientific actions**

- Capacity building within the Organization (PNGFA) through Donor Projects funding

Target date for completion (if applicable):

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

In progress

Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Expertise in expanding capacity building in developing countries

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Capacity building within the Organization (PNGFA) through Donor Projects funding

**GFG4 Supplementary questions:**

1. ***Since 2015, has your government been able to mobilize significantly increased financial resources for the implementation of SFM? If yes, please specify sources:***

- Public domestic funding
- Private domestic funding
- Public international funding (including ODA)
- Private international funding
- Blended financing

Please describe the main challenges in mobilizing funds:

- The big challenge faced by PNG Forest Authority is putting up a very quality project proposal that will attract possible donors to fund projects.
- Donors have the tendency shifting the goal post and have stringent requirements.

**2. Is your government engaged in international cooperation to promote SFM?**

- Yes  
 No

If yes, please specify with whom:

- Government
- Intergovernmental Organization
- Private sector/philanthropy
- NGOs
- Others

Type of cooperation:

- North-South
- North-North
- South-South
- Technical
- Financial
- Others (Bilateral)

Specify the areas of cooperation:

- Forests and climate change
- Forest biodiversity
- Valuation of ecosystem services provided by forests
- Socio-economic issues, including livelihoods
- Forest degradation and rehabilitation
- Scientific cooperation
- Forest monitoring/data collection
- Technology transfer and capacity development
- Production of timber or non-timber products
- Others, please list below:

Please provide up to 3 examples of international cooperation, and, if possible, web-link(s) to relevant document(s):

- [MoU with the Australian Forestry Branch on Forestry Cooperation](#)
- [Working on an MoU with China on Forestry Cooperation currently in progress](#)

3. **Since 2015, has your government developed or implemented financing strategies to achieve SFM and to implement the UNFI?**

- Currently the Government (PNG Forest Authority) does not have financing strategies

If yes, what is the timeframe of these strategies?

- 2-5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10-20 years
- Others, please specify:

4. **What sets of criteria and indicators (C&I) for SFM are used in your country:**

- National set of C&I
- Regional/international set of C&I (e.g. ITTO, Forest Europe, Montreal Process, Tarapoto etc.)
- Other

Please describe, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):

- PNG does not have a nationally developed criteria and indicators for SFM, but because of its membership and strong linkage with the International Tropical Organization (ITTO), PNG uses the ITTO criteria and indicators for SFM in the country.

Are these C&I used to:

- Generate information to national reports on forest conditions and management
- Monitor and assess forest conditions and management
- Review and develop national forest policies and tools for SFM
- Communicate with society and carry out dialogue with stakeholders
- Report on forests to regional and international organizations If so, which ones:

### **GLOBAL FOREST GOAL 5 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS<sup>8</sup>**

**Promote governance frameworks to implement SFM, including through the UN Forest Instrument, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda.**

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<sup>8</sup> Goal 5 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement, amongst others, of Sustainable Development Goal targets 1.4, 2.4, 5.a, 15.c, 15.9, 16.3, 16.5, 16.6, 16.7, 16.10 and 17.14, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 2 and 3; and are supported by UNFI actions 6.a, 6.c, 6.k, 6.l, 6.n, 6.w, 7.c, 7.h, 7.i and 7.j.

## Targets

- 5.1 Number of countries which have integrated forests into their national sustainable development plans and/or poverty reduction strategies is significantly increased.
- 5.2 Forest law enforcement and governance are enhanced, including through significantly strengthening national and subnational forest authorities and illegal logging and associated trade is significantly reduced worldwide.
- 5.3 National and subnational forest-related policies and programs are coherent, coordinated and complementary across ministries, departments and authorities, consistent with national laws, and engage relevant stakeholders, local communities and indigenous people, fully recognizing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.
- 5.4 Forest-related issues and the forest sector are fully integrated into decision-making processes of land use planning and development.

## Questions

1. Since 2015, what types of actions have been taken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to targets 5.1 to 5.4?

In further recognition of the forestry sector's role in Papua New Guinea's national economy, particularly in providing services in the rural areas to improve livelihoods where government presence is limited, the government through the PNG Vision 2050, Development Strategic Plan (DSP) 2010 – 2030 and Medium Term Development plan Two (MTDP2) 2015 – 2017 have tasked the forestry sector to:

- Increase processed timber exports to 80 per cent of all forestry exports by 2030 from the current rate of 20 percent;
- Have plantations produce all logs and manage forests by 2030; and
- Increase plantation forests from 62,000 hectares to well over 800,000 hectares by 2050.

*Please select all applicable actions. Please briefly describe each action including its results to date (250 words max). Please indicate which GFG15 target(s) the action relates to:*

a.  **Legislative and policy actions**

- PNG Forest Authority has developed two strategies which are Downstream Processing and Reforestation and Afforestation strategies which are yet to be endorsed by the Government
- PNG Forest Authority has developed a National Timber Legality Standard that would be used by third parties to audit/verify all forest industry participants for legal compliance.

Target date for completion (if applicable):

2020

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Legal policy and institutional framework for sustainable forest management

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Sectoral Policy Development to align with National Plans

**b.  Institutional actions**

- PNG Forest Authority is developing a National Timber Legality Standard to be used to certify all forestry related projects in the country to making sure the operations are compliant to all relevant laws of the country.

Target date for completion (if applicable):

2020

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

In progress       Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Forest law enforcement, governance and trade
- Illegal logging and associated trade

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Forest law enforcement and governance are enhanced, including through significantly strengthening national and subnational forest authorities and illegal logging and associated trade is significantly reduced worldwide.

**c.  Financial actions**

- Funding has been sought from RAFT3 Program under the Australian Government to work towards finalizing the PNG Timber Legality Standard.
- Additionally, funding support has been sought from the EU/FAO under the recently concluded National Forest Inventory project to support the work of finalizing the PNG Timber Legality Standard.

Target date for completion (if applicable):

2020

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

In progress       Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Cross-sectoral coordination at all levels
- Stakeholder engagement at all levels

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- National and subnational forest-related policies and programs are coherent, coordinated and complementary across ministries, departments and authorities, consistent with national laws, and engage relevant stakeholders, local communities and indigenous people, fully recognizing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

d.  **Technical and scientific actions**

- Nil

Target date for completion (if applicable):

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

Planned       In progress       Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Nil

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Nil

**GFG5 Supplementary questions:**

**1. In your country, have forests been integrated into the national sustainable development plans and/or poverty reduction strategies?**

If yes, please specify:

- National sustainable development plans
- Poverty reduction strategies

**2. Since 2015, what steps has your government taken to prevent and reduce illegal international trafficking of forest products, wildlife and other biological resources?**

- New legislation
- Improved enforcement of existing legislation
- Export controls
- Import controls
- Bilateral agreements between exporting/importing countries
- None
- Other, e.g. public procurement policies, public-private partnerships. Please list below:

**3. What types of mechanisms are currently in place to ensure cross-sectoral coordination amongst government agencies?**

The following are National Government plans that enable cross-sectoral coordination amongst government agencies:

- PNG Vision 2050
- Development Strategic Plan 2010-2030
- Medium Term Development Plans 1&2
- PNG's Strategies for Responsible Sustainable Development (StaRS)
- PNG National REDD+ Strategies

**4. What type of mechanisms are currently in place for involving stakeholders in forest/SFM policy formulation, planning and implementation?**

The following are mechanisms that enable stakeholders' involvement in forests/SFM policy formulation, planning and implementation:

- Establishment of the Provincial Forest Management Committees
- Establishment of the National Forest Board

**5. What type of mechanisms are currently in place for involving forest sector in cross-sectoral coordination amongst government agencies in charge of land-use planning and development?**

The following are mechanisms that enable cross-sectoral coordination amongst government agencies in charge of land-use planning and development:

- National REDD+ Strategies

## **GLOBAL FOREST GOAL 6 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS<sup>9</sup>**

**Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the UN System and across CPF member organizations, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders.**

### **Targets**

- 6.1 Forest-related programmes within the UN system are coherent and complementary and integrate the Global Forest Goals and targets where appropriate. ***Not applicable for national reporting***
- 6.2 Forest-related programmes across CPF member organizations are coherent and complementary and together encompass the multiple contributions of forests and the forest sector to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. ***Not applicable for national reporting***
- 6.3 Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote SFM and halt deforestation and forest degradation is significantly enhanced at all levels.
- 6.4 A greater common understanding of the concept of SFM is achieved and an associated set of indicators is identified.
- 6.5 The input and involvement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the UNSPF and in the work of the Forum, including intersessional work, is strengthened.

### **Questions**

1. Since 2015, what types of actions have been taken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to targets 6.3 to 6.5?

Through the recently approved PNG National REDD+ Strategy, key stakeholders in the land-use sectors have come together to develop the REDD+ Strategy thus to achieve SFM objectives that should contribute to reducing deforestation and forest degradation in the country.

*Please select all applicable actions. Please briefly describe each action including its results to date (250 words max). Please indicate which GFG6 target(s) the action relates to:*

a.  **Legislative and policy actions**

- The country has a Climate Change Management Policy and Act of 2015
- Through this enabling Policy and Act, a National REDD+ strategy was developed and approved for implementation
- The Forestry Act is being reviewed to enable provisions of REDD+ are captured.

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<sup>9</sup> Goal 6 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, amongst others, Sustainable Development Goal target 17.14; and are supported by UNFI actions 6.b, 6.c, 6.g, 6.m, 6.w, 7.r and 7.s.



Target date for completion (if applicable):

- Review of the Forestry Act to be completed by end of 2020

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

- Planned
- In progress
- Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Collaboration and cooperation between Member States, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and regional and sub-regional organizations and processes, as well as major groups and other non-governmental stakeholders

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote SFM and halt deforestation and forest degradation is significantly enhanced at all levels.

**b.  Institutional actions**

- PNG Forest Authority is working with Climate Change Development Authority through the REDD+ strategy to enhance the work of SFM in the country.

Target date for completion (if applicable):

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

- In progress
- Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote SFM and halt deforestation and forest degradation is significantly enhanced at all levels.
- A greater common understanding of the concept of SFM is achieved and an associated set of indicators is identified.

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- The Forestry Act is being reviewed to enable provisions of climate change actions including of REDD+ are captured.

c.  **Financial actions**

- PNGFA is working with Donor Partners and CPF members to access international funding to fund Forestry related projects in the country to enhance SFM practices in the country.

Target date for completion (if applicable):

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

In progress  Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Joint initiatives and joint programming of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests
- Coherence, collaboration and cooperation amongst forest-related programmes and initiatives

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Strong Collaboration with CPF members like ITTO, FAO and UNDP for funding to support work on SFM in the country

d.  **Technical and scientific actions**

- Nil

Target date for completion (if applicable):

Continuous:

Current status of implementation:

Planned  In progress  Completed

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

- Nil

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- Nil

## OTHER QUESTIONS

**1. Since 2015 has your country taken any actions to promote gender equality in the forest sector?**

- Yes  
 No

*If yes, please indicate actions taken on the following*

- Women's access to control and use of forest resources;  
 Women's participation in decision making at household and community levels;  
 Women's participation and representation in forest management institutions  
 Other

Please provide a short description:

Women have been recognised and nominated to be members of Provincial Forest Management Committees in each province as well as having women representatives on the National Forest Board for decision making of management and utilisation of forest resources of the country. Women are taking charge of NGOs and participating actively in community projects.

**2. What actions have been undertaken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in observance of the International Day of Forests?**

- Cultural activities (eg. art, music, film, and theater)  
 Educational activities (eg. workshops and symposia)  
 Media activities (eg. newspapers, magazines, TV and radio)  
 Social Media Activities  
 Other

Please provide 2-3 examples, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):

- Every year schools are being involved in activities of celebrating the International Day of Forests
- Media is invited every year to be part of the celebrations