



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations, in its presents its compliments to the UN Forum on Forests Secretariat and has the honor to submit herewith, Botswana Voluntary National Contributions, as of March 2024.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the UN Forum on Forests Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

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UN Forum on Forests Secretariat
New York



Simple format for members of the Forum to communicate voluntary national contributions to the secretariat¹

Member State: Botswana

Date/Forum session that voluntary national contributions were announced:

Date voluntary national contributions transmitted to secretariat through Permanent Mission to the United Nations:

List of voluntary national contributions²

<i>Time frame³</i>	<i>Concise description of each contribution and any associated activities</i>	<i>Supports the global forest goals and targets</i>	<i>Contribution included in nationally determined contributions⁴</i>	<i>Contribution also contributes to:</i>		
				<i>Sustainable Development Goals targets (list)</i>	<i>Post-2020 biodiversity framework (list)⁵</i>	<i>Other</i>
By 2030 Forest degradation is reduced by 10%. (Land Degradation	Plant 2 million trees in homesteads, road Reserves, open spaces etc.	GFG 1 Target 1.1, 1.3, 1.4 GFG 2 Target 2.1, 2.3,2.4	Yes	1,2,6,13, 15	1, 2, 4,8,10, 11,12	Land degradation neutrality target setting National Forest Master Plan,

¹As contained in Annex III of the outcome of the fifteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests **E/RES/2020/14**

²Information listed is illustrative only.

³2030 or earlier.

⁴Under the Paris Agreement.

⁵Placeholder for the outcome of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

Neutrality target)	Establish mokolwane plantations to support basketry in the communities of Shorobe, Mosu and Gweta.	GFG 1 Target 1.1, 1.3 GFG 2 Target 2.1 2.3, 2.4	No	1,2,13,15	1,2,4,8,9,10	National Action Plan (UNCCD) Nationally Determined Contribution of Botswana Agroforestry Strategy Forest Reserve Management Plan
	Revive the 1400 ha of existing community Woodlots and increase area by 1000ha.	GFG 1 Target 1.1, 1.3, GFG 2 Target 2.1, 2.4	Yes	1,2,13,15,	1,2,4,8	Land degradation neutrality Target setting, National Forest Master Plan, National forest programme
	Land productivity and Soil Organic Carbon stocks are improved by 1% across all land types.	GFG 1 Target 1.2,1.4	Yes	13,15	11	
	-Prevent land use and land cover conversion and maintain 409,540ha of	GFG 1 Target 1.2, 1.3,1.4 GFG 3 Target 3.1,3.2	Yes	13,15	3	

	<p>protected areas during opening up of forest reserves for eco-tourism activities.</p> <p>Prevent spread of Prosopis by 10%.</p> <p>Approximately 665 000 ha of bush encroached areas will be cleared of <i>Acacia mellifera</i> and <i>Dichrostachys ceneria</i>.</p> <p>20% less area burned relative to average 2014/15</p>	<p>GFG 1, Target 1.2,</p> <p>GFG 1 Target 1.2, GFG 2 Target 2.1</p> <p>GFG 1 Target 1.1,1.2, 1.4</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>13,15</p> <p>13,15</p> <p>13,15</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2</p> <p>8</p>	
By 2030 Sustainable and optimal use of natural resources will have transformed our economy and uplifted	Establish and operationalize veldt products multiplication and commercialization projects for <i>Sclerocarya birrea</i> (Morula), <i>Schinziophyton</i>	GFG 2 Target 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5	No	1, 2,13,15	9, 10,11	Agro-forestry strategy, National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, Second Transition National

our people's livelihoods	<i>rautenii</i> (mongongongo), <i>Ambrosia belina</i> (phane), thatching grass, <i>Harphagophytum procumbens</i> (devils claw), <i>Hyphaene petersiana</i> (Mokolwane)					Development Plan, National forest Master Plan National forest programme
	Increase household income, food production, fodder for livestock, agro tourism, medicinal indigenous plants through establishment of agro forestry projects in Shaikarawe, Charleshill, Mochudi, Gobojango, Habu Xhumo, Mulambakwena,	GFG 2, Target 2.1 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5	Yes	1, 2;13,15	9,10,11	

	Otse, Mabule, Tshane					
	Establish ecotourism businesses in three forest reserves (Chobe, Kasane and Kazuma)	GFG 2 Target 2.1 2.2, 2.3, 2.4	No	1,2	9,10	
	Establish community timber harvesting businesses in existing eucalyptus plantations (Pharing, Nata, Gaborone).	GFG 2 Target 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4	No	1,2	9,10	
By 2030 Mobilise financial resources for sustainable forest and land management	To tap into the national quota under Adaptation Fund, submit proposal for funding under Climate Change Fund, GEF 8, Green Climate Fund , Global Forest Financing	GFG 4 Target 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5	Yes	13,14,15	35,36	National Adaptation Plan Framework for Botswana. National Action Programme to Combat Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought. National Biodiversity

	Facilitation Network and Private Sector and Development partners					Strategy and Action Plan. Draft National Forest Master Plan.
By 2030 Effectively facilitate participation of local communities, individuals and private sector in the sustainable management of forest resources	Strengthen governance of forests through stakeholder participation and harmonization of different related legal forest management instrument.	GFG 5 Target 5.1, 5.2, 5.3,5.4	Yes	15,16	13, 14, 15	Forest Policy 2011 Environment Assessment Act 2021 Climate Change Policy 2021 Wildlife Policy 2013 Community Based Natural Resources Management Policy 2007 Tourism Policy 2021 Town and Country Planning Act 2011
By 2030 Enhance existing laws and	Issuance of permits for natural resources at differentiated	GFG 5 Target 5.2, 5.3	No	1,2,7,11,15,16	13,14,15,16	Statutory Instrument No.89 (Veld products

regulations in order to reduce unsustainable use of forest resources	values for commercial and subsistence categories Intensify monitoring of illegal harvesting of live trees	GFG 5 Target 5.2, 5.3	No	1,2,7,11,15,16	13,14,15,16	Utilisation regulations) 2006. Forest Policy 2011 National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
By 2030 Promote sustainable forest management by upholding commitments to multi-lateral environment agreements.	Expedite the review of Multi-Lateral Environment Agreements strategy	GFG 6 Target 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5	Yes	5,11,12,15	46	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan Forest Policy 2011
	Ensure compliance to MEAs obligations	GFG 6 Target 6.1	No	5,11,12,15	13,14,15,16	Environment Assessment Act 2021 Climate Change Policy 2021 Wildlife Policy 2013 Community Based Natural Resources Management Policy 2007

						Tourism Policy 2021 Ministry of Environment and Tourism-APP (2023/24)
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