

Voluntary National Report to UNFF

Voluntary National Report on progress towards the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030, the UN Forest Instrument and Voluntary National Contributions

Thank you for taking the time to complete the voluntary national report to the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF). Before you start, please take note of the following important information:

1. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2022/17, requested the UNFF secretariat to amend the format for voluntary national reporting to the Forum, taking into account the suggestions and proposals received from members of the Forum, and conduct a pilot phase for the use of the refined format. In the same resolution, the Council invited the Forum to consider establishing an advisory group on reporting. It further requested that the secretariat explore options for establishing an online reporting platform for the Forum, recognizing the need for streamlined reporting and minimizing the reporting burden, including the challenges faced by developing countries.
2. In fulfilling this mandate, the UNFF Secretariat has amended the format, taking into account the suggestions and proposals received from Members of the Forum and in consultation with the advisory group on reporting. The secretariat has also established an online reporting platform for the submission of voluntary national reports to the Forum.
3. The amended format is structured around the Global Forest Goals and targets of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030 (UNSPF) and builds on the previous format that was used for reporting to the UNFF15.
4. The amended format consists of twelve sections, each with several questions:
 1. General information
 2. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 1 and associated targets
 3. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 2 and associated targets
 4. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 3 and associated targets
 5. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 4 and associated targets
 6. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 5 and associated targets
 7. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 6 and associated targets
 8. Self-assessment of progress toward the Global Forest Goals and targets
 9. Voluntary National Contributions
 10. Other questions: Gender equality
 11. Other questions: International Day of Forests
 12. Success stories

To download a PDF file of the amended voluntary report format, click here [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [French](#)

5. In view of the cross-cutting nature of issues relating to forests and sustainable forest management, you are kindly invited to consult experts from relevant national ministries, the national focal points for the FAO Global Forest Resources Assessments (FRA), Rio Conventions, other member organizations of the CPF, criteria and indicators processes, and relevant stakeholders, where applicable. Only information that is not currently provided to the member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), or that is not available in other international databases, is requested.
6. In completing the national report, you may include actions by the Government, as well as the private sector, communities, civil society, or other stakeholders. The year 2020 is used as a baseline, so please include all actions taken since this date. Where applicable, please indicate the source of information, or provide a weblink as reference.
7. All terms used in this amended format are consistent with terms and definitions used by the FAO Forest Resources Assessment.
8. Please refer to the Explanatory Notes ([English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [French](#)) for more in-depth guidance when completing the national report. Other helpful resources include:
[Global Forest Goals and targets \(E/RES/2017/4\)](#)
[Sustainable Development Goals and targets \(A/RES/70/1\)](#)
9. The deadline for submission of the national reports to the UNFF secretariat is 30 June 2025.

Instructions for using the online reporting platform

1. A dedicated link has been provided to the main UNFF national focal point from each country to complete their national report. You may share the link with other national officials, experts from your own country and other relevant departments to collaborate on a single national report. To avoid accidentally deleting or overwriting completed sections of the report, please ensure no two people are working on the same section of the format at the same time. Please do not share the dedicated link with anyone not involved in completing the UNFF national report for your country.
2. The reporting format is available in English, Spanish and French. Please select the language using the menu located in the top right corner of the page.
3. You are given the flexibility to pause and resume completion of the national report. Your responses will be automatically saved, and you may return to the report at any time before the deadline for submission. To return to the report, please click on the link in the original email. If you are working with a weak internet signal, you may want to connect using an Ethernet cable instead of Wi-Fi to ensure a more stable connection.
4. You are invited to use the Section Navigator to move between sections of the survey. Click on the 'Answer' button next to each Section to navigate to the questions in that Section. Once inside the section, use the 'Save and continue' button to proceed within the section and the 'Back' button to return to previous questions.
5. By clicking 'Review and Download' in the Section Navigator, you will be able to download a PDF copy of your responses. After download, you can return to the questions to amend your answers, if necessary.
6. Prior to submission, you will be prompted to upload a cover letter conveying this as the official national report for your country. This step is mandatory. The cover letter shall include an official letterhead with the full name of country, ministry, and/or institution, mail and email address, phone number and the signature of an authorized senior national official. The cover letter size should not exceed 2MB.
7. After submission, you will receive a confirmation email and a PDF copy of the national report.
8. In case of any questions or technical issues, please reach out to Ms. Nadine Souto (nadine.souto@un.org) and Mr. Tomasz Juszcak (juszcakt@un.org) from the UNFF secretariat.

1. General information

1. Country:

This question is required

Georgia

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(The national focal point will receive a PDF copy of the UNFF national report upon submission)

This question is required

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2. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 1 and associated targets

Global Forest Goal 1: Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and contribute to the global effort of addressing climate change

Target 1.1: Forest area is increased by 3 per cent worldwide

Target 1.2: The world's forest carbon stocks are maintained or enhanced

Target 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

Target 1.4: The resilience and adaptive capacity of all types of forests to natural disasters and the impact of climate change is significantly strengthened worldwide

Goal 1 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 6.6, 12.2, 13.1, 13.3, 14.2, 15.1–15.4 and 15.8 of the Sustainable Development Goals and are supported by paragraphs 6 (o) and 7 (d) and (e) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Target 1.1: Forest area is increased by 3 per cent worldwide

5. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 1.1? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 1.1, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

National Forest Inventory and management-level inventories

Brief description of the action:**Main results achieved for the action:**

Georgia's 2019-2021 National Forest Inventory (NFI) confirmed that nearly half the country is forested amounting to 44,5% (3 100 500ha). It was the first ever inventory in the Caucasus region. NFI and its subsequent report represents a key component in national policy decision-making, ecological monitoring, and adaptive response to climate and conservation goals. Based on the report relevant recommendations have already been prepared for forest management bodies.

Moreover, forest management-level inventory are also being carried out and it involves verifying the areas of forests, contributing to the overall process.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.2
1.3
1.4

This action contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1

Weblink:

<https://mepa.gov.ge/En/Page/NFI>

Target 1.2: The world's forest carbon stocks are maintained or enhanced

6. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 1.2? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 1.2, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Afforestation/reforestation activities on identified 1,500 ha of degraded lands/ Assist natural regeneration of forests through different methods on 7,500 ha

Brief description of the action:

Main results achieved for the action:

Between 2018 and 2025, reforestation activities have been carried out across a total of 7,646 hectares nationwide.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.1
1.3
1.4

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1

Weblink:

Action (short title):

Implementation of forest maintenance and protection measures on 70,000 ha

Brief description of the action:

Main results achieved for the action:

As of 2025, forest maintenance and protection measures have been implemented on 65,894 hectares across the country.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.1
1.3
1.4

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1

Weblink:

Action (short title):

Reforestation on identified 20, 000 of degraded lands

Brief description of the action:

Main results achieved for the action:

Since the pledge was declared in 2024, reforestation efforts have been actively underway, with 262 hectares reforested to date. Further activities are planned, with the target of reaching 20,000 hectares by 2030.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.1
1.3
1.4

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1

Weblink:

Target 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

7. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 1.3? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 1.3, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Implementation of sustainable forest management on 270 000 ha

Brief description of the action:

Main results achieved for the action:

By 2030, 270 000 ha of forests will be managed sustainably. 9 forest management plans have been already adopted and implementation works are underway.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.1
1.2
1.4

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1

Weblink:

Target 1.4: The resilience and adaptive capacity of all types of forests to natural disasters and the impact of climate change is significantly strengthened worldwide

8. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 1.4? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 1.4, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Categorization of Forests

Brief description of the action:

Considering ecological, social and economic functions of forest and the main goals of management, Forest Code divides forests into following categories:

- a) Protected forest;
- b) Protective forest;
- c) Resort and recreational forest;
- d) Commercial forest.

Main results achieved for the action:

Work is underway to designate relevant categories of forest areas. As a part of this process, the national floodplain forest restoration strategy and action plan was elaborated. This strategy aims to identify and restore floodplain forests. Additionally, the forest management-level inventory process will be used to identify specific forest categories, which will then be integrated into forest management plans.

In addition, protected forests within legally established protected areas amount to 445,309 ha.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.2
1.3
2.5
3.1

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1

Weblink:

Global Forest Goal 1 Challenges

9. What are the main challenges in achieving Goal 1 in your country?

Please limit your answer to 250 words.

- Lack of staff in the sector
- Insufficient FMI data
- Insufficient finances
- Insufficient awareness of population with regards to the sustainable use forest resources

3. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 2 and associated targets

Global Forest Goal 2: Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people

Target 2.1: Extreme poverty for all forest-dependent people is eradicated

Target 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

Target 2.3: The contribution of forests and trees to food security is significantly increased

Target 2.4: The contribution of forest industry, other forest-based enterprises and forest ecosystem services to social, economic and environmental development, among other things, is significantly increased

Target 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

Goal 2 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, 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 of the Sustainable Development Goals, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (d)–(f), (h), (j), (p), (q), (t)–(v) and (y) and 7 (k) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Target 2.1: Extreme poverty for all forest-dependent people is eradicated

10. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 2.1? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 2.1, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Establishment of multipurpose forest use (NWFP, Eco-tourism)

Brief description of the action:

Forest Code introduced legal grounds for commercial use of forest resources. In 2021, through Forest Code decree, legal framework for personal and commercial use of NWFPs was introduced which entails:

- Encouraging legal business activities through minimal regulations -Simplified permit procedures & Low taxes
- Nominal prices for commercial use & free access for non-commercial use

Main results achieved for the action:

As a result, businesses have been utilizing the NWFPs. In 2023 permits were given to 1305.5 t of NWFPs and in 2024 the number amounted to 1168.05 t.

Moreover, ecotourism is being actively developed in the forest in the framework of which development plans are being elaborated.

Since 2021, 25 permits were issued for recreational use of forests, 96 permits for agricultural use and 1 permit for arranging animal shelters and breeding facilities.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

- 2.4
- 3.3

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Target 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

11. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 2.2? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 2.2, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Support of small-scale entrepreneurs in forest-related value chains (timber, NWFP, eco-tourism)

Brief description of the action:

Development of essential business skills and knowledge for relevant operators in timber/non-timber forest products and eco-tourism.

Main results achieved for the action:

72 entrepreneurs gained essential business skills and knowledge for success in timber/non-timber forest products and eco-tourism. 32 of these entrepreneurs received individual coaching and developed detailed business plans ready for financing by private or public sources.

In Addition, Sawmill operators were also trained for the purposes of developing essential business skills.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

2.1

2.4

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:**Weblink:**

Target 2.3: The contribution of forests and trees to food security is significantly increased

12. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 2.3? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 2.3, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Elaboration and Approval of Decree on Forest Use

Brief description of the action:**Main results achieved for the action:**

According to the decree on Forest Use, in order to balance economic needs with the sustainable use of forest resources, if the volume of resource use reaches a significant level, the collecting company is required to conduct a study— per request of the forest management body—to ensure that the extraction will not lead to overuse or cause harm to the existing forest ecosystem.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

2.2

2.4

2.5

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:**Weblink:**

Target 2.4: The contribution of forest industry, other forest-based enterprises and forest ecosystem services to social, economic and environmental development, among other things, is significantly increased

13. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 2.4? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 2.4, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Brief description of the action:

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Target 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

14. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 2.5? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 2.5, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Categorization of Forests

Brief description of the action:

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- a) Protected forest;
- b) Protective forest;
- c) Resort and recreational forest;
- d) Commercial forest.

Main results achieved for the action:

Work is underway to designate relevant categories of forest areas. As a part of this process, the national floodplain forest restoration strategy and action plan was elaborated. This strategy aims to identify and restore floodplain forests. Additionally, the forest management-level inventory process will be used to identify specific forest categories, which will then be integrated into forest management plans. In addition, protected forests within legally established protected areas amount to 445,309 ha.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.2
1.3
1.4
3.1

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:**Weblink:****Action (short title):**

Evaluating Forest Vulnerability to Climate-Related Risks

Brief description of the action:

Strengthen the knowledge base on climate risk and vulnerability, promote climate-responsive planning, processes and management, increase awareness on climate-risks, and build the necessary capacities on climate-resilient planning and adaptive ecosystem-based management.

Main results achieved for the action:

The process of hiring experts for this specific assignment is currently underway. At this stage, no assessments have been conducted, and no results are available.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.4
4.5

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:**Weblink:**

Global Forest Goal 2 Challenges

15. What are the main challenges in achieving Goal 2 in your country?

Please limit your answer to 250 words.

- Lack of information on the economic potential of Georgia's forests
- Lack of necessary expertise of TFP and NTFP producers
- Lack of environmental awareness among local population in the vicinity of forests
- Lack of NTFP supporting programs for local population

4. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 3 and associated targets

Global Forest Goal 3: 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

Target 3.1: The area of forests worldwide designated as protected areas or conserved through other effective area-based conservation measures is significantly increased

Target 3.2: The area of forests under long-term forest management plans is significantly increased

Target 3.3: The proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests is significantly increased

Goal 3 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 7.2, 12.2, 12.6, 12.7, 14.2, 14.5, 15.2 and 15.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (p), (q) and (x) and 7 (f) and (g) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Target 3.1: The area of forests worldwide designated as protected areas or conserved through other effective area-based conservation measures is significantly increased

16. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 3.1? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 3.1, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Expansion of Protected Areas

Brief description of the action:

As one of its objectives, the expansion of protected areas also envisions an increase in the area of protected forests and the conservation of these forests.

Main results achieved for the action:

As of 2025, protected forests within legally established protected areas amount to 445,309 ha.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

1.1
1.2
1.3
1.4
3.2
3.3

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1

Weblink:

Action (short title):

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Brief description of the action:

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Main results achieved for the action:

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In addition, protected forests within legally established protected areas amount to 445,309 ha.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

- 1.2
- 1.3
- 2.5

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

- 15.1

Weblink:

Target 3.2: The area of forests under long-term forest management plans is significantly increased

17. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 3.2? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 3.2, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

FMI process

Brief description of the action:

Forest management bodies carry out FMI work and elaborate management plans. The Ministry then approves forest management plans.

Main results achieved for the action:

As of right now, FMI process is ongoing. FMI process has been finalized and management plans are already approved on 1,166,292 ha of forests.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

- 1.2
- 1.3

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1

Weblink:

Target 3.3: The proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests is significantly increased

18. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 3.3? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 3.3, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Brief description of the action:

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Global Forest Goal 3 Challenges

19. What are the main challenges in achieving Goal 3 in your country?
Please limit your answer to 250 words.

- lack of expertise in the sector
- lack of robust scientific organizations within the country

5. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 4 and associated targets

Global Forest Goal 4: Mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of sustainable forest management and strengthen scientific and technical cooperation and partnerships

Target 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

Target 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

Target 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

Target 4.4: The number of countries that have developed and implemented forest financing strategies and have access to financing from all sources is significantly increased

Target 4.5: The collection, availability and accessibility of forest-related information is improved through, for example, multidisciplinary scientific assessments

Goal 4 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 12.a, 15.7, 15.a, 15.b, 17.1–17.3, 17.6, 17.7 and 17.16–17.19 of the Sustainable Development Goals, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (h), (i), (m), (r) and (s) and 7 (a)–(c) and (l)–(q) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Target 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

20. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 4.1? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 4.1, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Implementation of Project ECO. Georgia

Brief description of the action:

ECO.Georgia is the largest forestry sector reform support project in the country, backed by significant contributions from donors, including the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the German and Swiss governments, and the Government of Georgia. The total funding amounts to €175 million, with GCF providing €33 million, Germany €10 million, Switzerland €4 million and Georgia €118 million.

The main objective of the project is to establish sustainable forest management by strengthening the capacities of forest management bodies and promoting energy-efficient and alternative fuel sources, thereby reducing pressure on forests. Additionally, the project supports the development of policy and legislative frameworks, the implementation of forest inventories and monitoring systems, and the delivery of training and education initiatives to empower stakeholders at all levels.

Main results achieved for the action:**- Strengthening Sustainable Forest Management:**

The project has bolstered the institutional capacities of forest management bodies, assisting them in implementing practices that align with Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) principles.

-Forest Policy and Legislative Framework:

ECO. Georgia supported the revision and strengthening of policy and legal instruments — including the new Forest Code — to provide a solid foundation for effective forestry governance.

-Energy Efficiency and Alternative Fuels:

Initiatives were implemented to promote energy-efficient technologies and alternative energy sources, helping ease pressure on forests for fuelwood and conserving valuable resources.

-Training and Capacity-Building:

Hundreds of forestry practitioners, policy makers, and stakeholders received training to enhance their skills in forestry management, policy implementation, and community engagement.

-Support to Local Livelihoods:

ECO. Georgia encouraged community participation in forestry and supported income-generating initiatives — helping to create green jobs, diversify livelihoods, and reduce reliance on forests.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

- 1.1
- 1.2

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Target 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

21. Since 2020, has your country been able to mobilize significantly increased financial resources for the implementation of sustainable forest management?

Yes

22. If yes, please specify the sources:
(Select all that apply)

Blended financing

23. If no, please describe the main challenges encountered:

Target 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

24. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 4.2? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer

readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 4.2, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Brief description of the action:

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Target 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

25. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 4.3? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 4.3, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Cooperation between Georgia and Armenia and Georgia and Azerbaijan- "Climate Change and Security" project

Brief description of the action:

"Climate Change and Security in Northern Armenia and Southern Georgia" project is a regional cooperation initiative led by the OSCE in partnership with Adelphi and the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC). Launched in late 2024, it focuses on enhancing climate resilience in border communities—specifically the pilot municipalities of Armenia and Georgia and Azerbaijan and Georgia

Main results achieved for the action:

Meetings were held in the target municipalities with local stakeholders. The discussions focused on strengthening and further developing bilateral cooperation in landscape fire management between Georgia and Azerbaijan, and between Georgia and Armenia. The parties identified the following key areas for deepening their cooperation:

- Strategy development & stakeholder engagement
- Community training
- Joint monitoring infrastructure
- Model projects & awareness raising campaigns

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

- 1.1
- 1.2
- 1.3
- 1.4

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

- 15.1

Weblink:

Target 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

26. Is your country engaged in international cooperation and/or public-private partnerships to promote sustainable forest management?

Yes

27. If yes, please specify the entity or entities with which your country is cooperating:
(Select all that apply)

Governments
Intergovernmental organizations and/or processes
Non-governmental organizations

28. Please specify the types of cooperation and/or public-private partnerships in which your country is engaged:
(Select all that apply)

North-South
South-South
Triangular

29. Please specify the areas of cooperation and/or public-private partnerships in which your country is engaged:
(Select all that apply)

Science
Technology
Innovation

Target 4.4: The number of countries that have developed and implemented forest financing strategies and have access to financing from all sources is significantly increased

30. Since 2020, has your Government developed or implemented financing strategies to achieve sustainable forest management and to implement the United Nations forest instrument?

Yes

31. Since 2020, has your country had access to financing to achieve sustainable forest management and to implement the United Nations forest instrument?

Yes

**32. If yes, please specify the sources:
(Select all that apply)**

Public domestic funding

Public international funding, including official development assistance

Target 4.5: The collection, availability and accessibility of forest-related information is improved through, for example, multidisciplinary scientific assessments

33. Has the collection, availability and accessibility of forest-related information in your country, for example, through multidisciplinary scientific assessments, improved since 2020?

Yes

34. If yes, please describe any improvements (maximum 250 words).

The Forest Code stipulates that all information related to forestry sector developments must be transparent and accessible to stakeholders. Active measures have been taken to raise awareness among the population about the forest sector and its ongoing reforms. To this end, regular meetings are held within the framework of the National Forest Program Process (NFPP). The NFPP serves as a platform for extensive stakeholder engagement, involving NGOs, donor organizations, scientific communities, local municipalities and more. A range of forestry-related topics are discussed through the NFPP, helping to make the dissemination of information more effective and efficient. Furthermore, prior to the approval of forest management plans, public hearings are held with local stakeholders to review the proposed changes and assess how each management plan and its activities may affect the communities with regards to the use of forest resources.

35. Does your country carry out a National Forest Inventory?

Yes

36. If yes, what year was the most recent inventory completed?

2021

Global Forest Goal 4 Challenges

**37. What are the main challenges in achieving Goal 4 in your country?
Please limit your answer to 250 words.**

6. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 5 and associated targets

Global Forest Goal 5: Promote governance frameworks to implement sustainable forest management, including through the United Nations forest instrument, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Target 5.1: Number of countries that have integrated forests into their national sustainable development plans and/or poverty reduction strategies is significantly increased

Target 5.2: Forest law enforcement and governance are enhanced, including through significantly strengthening national and subnational forest authorities, and illegal logging and associated trade are significantly reduced worldwide

Target 5.3: National and subnational forest-related policies and programmes are coherent, coordinated and complementary across ministries, departments and authorities, consistent with national laws, and engage relevant stakeholders, local communities and indigenous peoples, fully recognizing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Target 5.4: Forest-related issues and the forest sector are fully integrated into decision-making processes concerning land use planning and development

Goal 5 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement, among other things, of targets 1.4, 2.4, 5.a, 15.9, 15.c, 16.3, 16.5–16.7, 16.10 and 17.14 of the Sustainable Development Goals, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (a), (c), (k), (l), (n) and (w) and 7 (c) and (h)–(j) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Target 5.1: Number of countries that have integrated forests into their national sustainable development plans and/or poverty reduction strategies is significantly increased

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

Yes

39. If yes, please specify which:
(Select both, if applicable)

National sustainable development plans

Target 5.2: Forest law enforcement and governance are enhanced, including through significantly strengthening national and subnational forest authorities, and illegal logging and associated trade are significantly reduced worldwide

40. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 5.2? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 5.2, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Capacity development of forest management and supervision bodies

Brief description of the action:**Main results achieved for the action:**

Through capacity development activities, forest supervision bodies have been equipped with modern forestry technologies such as off road cars, planchets, drones, camera traps and more. In addition, regular trainings for staff are being held during which trainees receive necessary skills for forest operations and renewed legal frameworks.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

- 1.1
- 1.2
- 1.3
- 1.4

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:**Weblink:****Action (short title):**

Sustainable harvesting and fuelwood provision through introduction of Business Service Yards(BSY)

Brief description of the action:

BSYs serve as a sustainable alternative for sustainable harvesting and fuelwood provision. They are established in designated locations close to communities living near forests. Within the BSY framework, forest management bodies harvest wood in a sustainable manner and transport it from the forest to these yards. Local people can then purchase this pre-sorted firewood directly from the BSY.

Main results achieved for the action:

Across the country, 70 BSYs have already been established to support sustainable harvesting and wood supply, contributing to the broader goals of sustainable forest management (SFM) and illegal logging.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

- 1.1
- 1.2

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:**Weblink:**

Target 5.2: Forest law enforcement and governance are enhanced, including through significantly strengthening national and subnational forest authorities, and illegal logging and associated trade are significantly reduced worldwide

41. Since 2020, has your government taken steps to prevent and reduce illegal international trafficking in forest products, wildlife and other biological resources?

Yes

42. If yes, please specify the type of action:

Export controls
Import controls

Target 5.3: National and subnational forest-related policies and programmes are coherent, coordinated and complementary across ministries, departments and authorities, consistent with national laws, and engage relevant stakeholders, local communities and indigenous peoples, fully recognizing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

43. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 5.3? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 5.3, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Elaboration and approval of National Environmental Action Plan (NEAP)

Brief description of the action:

NEAP serves as a country's strategic document. NEAP constitutes the country's main strategic document in the field of environmental and natural resources protection. It defines the sector's long-term strategic priorities and a specific action plan for a five-year period.

Main results achieved for the action:

The 2022–2026 NEAP document was developed and approved in 2022. The defined activities are reported twice a year until 2026.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

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2.5

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1
15.2

Weblink:

Action (short title):

Georgia's 2030 Climate Strategy and Action Plan

Brief description of the action:

The Climate Strategy and Action Plan sets out the pathways for achieving greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets in Georgia by 2030, as part of the country's efforts to mitigate climate change under the Paris Agreement of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Main results achieved for the action:

Climate Strategy is accompanied with relevant action plan and the defined activities are reported twice a year.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

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This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

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Target 5.3: National and subnational forest-related policies and programmes are coherent, coordinated and complementary across ministries, departments and authorities, consistent with national laws, and engage relevant stakeholders, local communities and indigenous peoples, fully recognizing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

44. Please describe what types of mechanisms are in place to involve stakeholders in the formulation, planning and/or implementation of forest-related policies and programmes (maximum 250 words).

-Prior to the development and approval of the NEAP, public discussions were held with relevant stakeholders. These discussions involved governmental and non-governmental organizations, experts from the scientific community, and other stakeholders likely to be affected.

-National Forest Program Process (NFPP) aims at Improving institutional and legal frameworks for forest governance, ensuring relevant stakeholder involvement and transparency, participation, and inter-sectoral coordination. Regular meetings are held on various important topics related to the sectoral reforms.

-Recommendations based on first ever NFI were prepared and sent to other ministries and governmental entities for further multisector coordination and involvement in SFM processes.

Target 5.4: Forest-related issues and the forest sector are fully integrated into decision-making processes concerning land use planning and development

45. In your country, have forests been integrated into decision-making processes concerning land use planning and development?

Yes

Global Forest Goal 5 Challenges

46. What are the main challenges in achieving Goal 5 in your country?
Please limit your answer to 250 words.

- Lack of financial and human resources
- Relatively high rate of illegal logging
- Law enforcement

7. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 6 and associated targets

Global Forest Goal 6: Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the United Nations system and across member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders

Note: targets 6.1 and 6.2 are not included in this section of the reporting format as they address actions taken by the international community, and not those taken at the national level

Target 6.3: Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote sustainable forest management and halt deforestation and forest degradation are significantly enhanced at all levels

Target 6.4: A greater common understanding of the concept of sustainable forest management is achieved and an associated set of indicators is identified

Target 6.5: The input and involvement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the strategic plan and in the work of the Forum, including intersessional work, is strengthened

Goal 6 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, target 17.14 of the Sustainable Development Goals and are supported by paragraphs 6 (b), (c), (g), (m) and (w) and 7 (r) and (s) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Target 6.3: Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote sustainable forest management and halt deforestation and forest degradation are significantly enhanced at all levels

47. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 6.3? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer

readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 6.3, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Cooperation on energy efficient technologies for reducing the pressure on forests

Brief description of the action:

Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia and Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia are actively cooperating in advancing the energy efficient stoves and alternative fuel market aim of which is to reduce the pressure on forests and further contribute to the sustainable forest management goals.

Main results achieved for the action:

As a result of the cooperation, several producers of energy efficient stoves have already been identified and supported. Moreover, support schemes have been implemented for users of energy efficient stoves to further stimulate the market.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

- 1.1
- 1.2
- 1.3
- 1.4
- 2.5

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Action (short title):

National Forest Program Process (NFPP)

Brief description of the action:

National Forest Program Process (NFPP) aims at Improving institutional and legal frameworks for forest governance, ensuring relevant stakeholder involvement and transparency, participation, and inter-sectoral coordination. Regular meetings are held on various important topics related to the sectoral reforms.

Main results achieved for the action:

operating Since 2013, NFPP has been utilized as a platform for cross-sectoral coordination involving different agencies and Ministries on cross cutting issues.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

- 5.3
- 5.4

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Target 6.3: Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote sustainable forest management and halt deforestation and forest degradation are significantly enhanced at all levels

48. Are mechanisms in place for cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote sustainable forest management and halt deforestation and forest degradation?

Yes

49. If yes, please specify the sectors involved:

Climate change
Energy
Biodiversity
Rural development

Target 6.4: A greater common understanding of the concept of sustainable forest management is achieved and an associated set of indicators is identified

50. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 6.4? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 6.4, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

Elaboration and approval of Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)

Brief description of the action:

Main results achieved for the action:

Approved by Government of Georgia in 2022 as a decree to the Forest Code, Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) of Georgia represents the tool for measuring the progress towards country's efforts of implementing sustainable forest management practices. C&I is grounded on social, economic, ecological principles. In accordance with the decree, Georgia is required to submit a national report on the progress achieved in sustainable forest management by 2026.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

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This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

6.6

Weblink:

Target 6.4: A greater common understanding of the concept of sustainable forest management is achieved and an associated set of indicators is identified

51. Are criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management used in your country?

Yes

**52. If yes, please specify which sets of criteria and indicators are used:
(Select all that apply)**

National or subnational

Other, please specify: Criteria and indicators is national but it is harmonized with FAO's principles of sustainable forest management

**53. If yes, please specify for which of the following purposes the criteria and indicators are used:
(Select all that apply)**

To generate information for national reports on forest conditions and management

To monitor and assess forest conditions and management

To review and develop national forest policies and tools for sustainable forest management

To communicate with society and carry out dialogue with stakeholders

To report on forests to regional and international organizations (please specify):: UNFF, FAO, Forest Europe

Target 6.5: The input and involvement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the strategic plan and in the work of the Forum, including intersessional work, is strengthened

54. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of target 6.5? Please provide titles and briefly describe up to three actions per target, and the results to date. You may also indicate additional GFG and SDG targets supported by each action. Where possible, please provide a weblink to refer readers to more information about the action.

To report more than one action for target 6.5, click on "Add another action" below. Please limit your answers to a maximum of 150 words per action.

Action (short title):

National Forest Program Process (NFPP)

Brief description of the action:

National Forest Program Process (NFPP) aims at Improving institutional and legal frameworks for forest governance, ensuring relevant stakeholder involvement and transparency, participation, and inter-sectoral coordination. Regular meetings are held on various important topics related to the sectoral reforms.

Main results achieved for the action:

operating Since 2013, NFPP has been utilized as a platform for information sharing and discussion on forest related issues involving different stakeholders including members of municipalities, NGOs, international organizations, NTFP associations, scientific communities.

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

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6.4

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

Target 6.5: The input and involvement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the strategic plan and in the work of the Forum, including intersessional work, is strengthened

55. Since 2020, have major groups and other relevant stakeholders been involved in the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030?

Yes

56. If yes, please describe their involvement in a maximum of 250 words:

operating Since 2013, NFPP has been utilized as a platform for information sharing and discussion on issues related to forest sector reform involving different stakeholders including members of municipalities, NGOs, international organizations, NTFP associations, scientific communities.

Global Forest Goal 6 Challenges

**57. What are the main challenges in achieving Goal 6 in your country?
Please limit your answer to 250 words.**

Low level of public awareness

8. Self-assessment of progress toward the Global Forest Goals and targets

58. In your opinion, what is the progress of your country towards the targets of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests, since its adoption in 2017?

	Achieved	On track	Some progress	No change	Negative change	Not applicable
1.1 Forest area						X
1.2 Carbon stock						X
1.3 Implementation of SFM			X			
1.4 Resilience and adaptation						X
2.1 Extreme poverty of forest dependent people			X			
2.2 Access to finance of small forest enterprises			X			
2.3 Food security				X		
2.4 Contribution to social economic and environmental development				X		
2.5 Contribution to biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation				X		
3.1 Protected areas		X				
3.2 Long-term forest management plans			X			
3.3 Products from sustainably managed forests				X		
4.1 Mobilization of resources for SFM			X			
4.2 Increased forest related financing			X			
4.3 Enhanced cooperation and partnerships		X				
4.4 Forest financing strategies and access to financing			X			
4.5 Forest-related information			X			
5.1 Integration of forests in national plans and strategies		X				
5.2 Enhancement of forest law enforcement and governance			X			
5.3 Coherence and coordination of policies and programmes		X				
5.4 Integration of forest related issues into land-use planning			X			
6.3 Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation			X			
6.4 Common understanding of concept of SFM indicator sets			X			
6.5 Strengthened involvement of stakeholders		X				

9. Voluntary National Contributions

59. Has your government announced any Voluntary National Contributions (VNCs) related to the Global Forest Goals?

Yes

60. If yes, please provide a brief description, including information on timeframes and the progress made thus far. If your government has announced more than one Voluntary National Contribution, please click "Add another contribution" (can add up to ten).

Brief description:

Afforestation/reforestation activities on identified 1,500 ha of degraded lands/ Assist natural regeneration of forests through different methods on 7,500 ha

Progress to date:

Between 2018 and 2025, reforestation activities have been carried out across a total of 7,646 hectares nationwide.

This action contributes to these GFG targets:

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2.1

This action contributes to these SDG targets:

15.1

Brief description:

Implementation of forest maintenance and protection measures on 70,000 ha

Progress to date:

As of 2025, forest maintenance and protection measures have been implemented on 65,894 hectares across the country.

This action contributes to these GFG targets:

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1.2
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1.4

This action contributes to these SDG targets:

Brief description:

Reforestation on identified 20,000 of degraded lands

Progress to date:

Since the pledge was declared in 2024, reforestation efforts have been actively underway, with 262 hectares reforested to date. Further activities are planned, with the target of reaching 20,000 hectares by 2030.

This action contributes to these GFG targets:

- 1.1
- 1.2
- 1.3
- 1.4

This action contributes to these SDG targets:

10. Other questions: Gender equality

61. Since 2020, has your country taken action to promote gender equality in the forest sector?

Yes

**62. If yes, please indicate the purpose of the action taken to promote gender equality in the forest sector:
(Select all that apply)**

Women's effective participation and representation in forest management institutions

63. Please provide a brief description of the actions taken to promote gender equality in the forest sector:

Within the National Forestry Agency, which serves as the forest management authority, 34 out of the 141 women employed hold positions as foresters.

In the Department of Environmental Supervision 38 out of 111 women are directly involved in reacting on environmental offences, including illegal logging in forests.

In Adjarian Forestry Agency 3 out of 32 women are foresters.

In the Agency of Protected Areas 4 out of 73 women are rangers

11. Other questions: International Day of Forests

**64. Since 2020, what actions have been taken in your country in observance of the International Day of Forests?
(Select all that apply)**

Educational activities (for example, workshops and symposiums)

Social media activities

65. Please provide up to three examples of actions taken in observance of International Day of Forests since 2020. If possible, include a weblink to relevant documentation.

International Forest Day Action:

The Environmental Information and Education Center of the Ministry annually organizes events for school students to raise awareness about the importance of forest ecosystems. During these events, students receive information, participate in discussions, and join field visits with foresters, providing them with practical insights into forest operations.

Weblink:

<https://www.eiec.gov.ge/En/News/details/3028/>

12. Success stories

66. Since 2020, does your country have any success stories relating to the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030?

Yes

67. If yes, provide a brief description, with references (such as weblinks, publications and/or articles), showing how the action contributed to achieving the goals and targets. Please specify the relevant GFG targets.

You may provide up to three success stories by clicking on "Add another success story".

Title:

National Forest Inventory

Brief description:

Main results achieved:

Georgia's 2019-2021 National Forest Inventory(NFI) confirmed that nearly half the country is forested amounting to 44,5% (3 100 500ha). It was first ever inventory in the Caucasus region. NFI and its subsequent report represents a key component in national policy decision-making, ecological monitoring, and adaptive response to climate and conservation goals. Based on the report relevant recommendations have already been prepared for forest management bodies.

GFG targets addressed:

- 1.1
- 1.2
- 1.3
- 1.4

Weblink:

Title:

Elaboration and approval of Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)

Brief description:

Main results achieved:

Approved by Government of Georgia in 2022 as a decree to the Forest Code, Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) of Georgia represents the tool for measuring the progress towards country's efforts of implementing sustainable forest management practices. C&I is grounded on social, economic, ecological principles. In accordance with the decree, Georgia is required to submit a national report on the progress achieved in sustainable forest management by 2026.

GFG targets addressed:

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Weblink:

Title:

Brief description:

Main results achieved:

GFG targets addressed:

Weblink:

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