

# 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

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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

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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](mailto:nadine.souto@un.org)) and Mr. Tomasz Juszcak ([juszcakt@un.org](mailto:juszcakt@un.org)) from the UNFF secretariat.

## 1. General information

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### 1. Country:

*This question is required*

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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**

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**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.*

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### **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):**

Not Applicable to Ghana

**Brief description of the action:**

**Main results achieved for the action:**

**This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**

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

15.1

**Weblink:**

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## 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):**

The world's forest carbon stocks are maintained or enhanced

**Brief description of the action:**

Since 2020 has is taking steps to reduce carbon emissions from deforestation and forest degradation by 10.0 m tCO<sub>2</sub>e. This includes interventions in two initiatives: Ghana Cocoa Forest REDD+ Programme in the High Forest Zone and the Ghana Shea Landscape REDD+ Project in the Savannah Ecological Zone. This covers 2021 to 2024. Two other projects that Ghana has initiated with the private sector include: 1. Forestry Commission (FC)/Tullow REDD+ Project (FTREDD+), 2024–2035 which seeks reduce emission by 1m tCO<sub>2</sub>e annually within the transition zone, and 2. Climate Resilience, Community Empowerment, and Forest Landscape Restoration Programme (UAE) Forestry Commission, 2025–2030 to support community livelihoods and sustainable forest management measures that will contribute to emission reductions.

**Main results achieved for the action:**

Ghana achieved 972,456 tCO<sub>2</sub>e for the first monitoring period under the GCFRP (June to December 2019) after the verification and validation process by third party verifiers. Ghana therefore received US\$4.9m for the emission reductions.

**This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**

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

6.6  
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15.b  
Other, please specify: Also SDG 13.1

**Weblink:**

<https://reddsis.fcghana.org/reddstrategy.php>

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## **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):**

Promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests

**Brief description of the action:**

Since 2021, Ghana has been implementing measures to halt deforestation and forest degradation by targeting to restore 720,000ha of degraded forests through reforestation. Thus for the 2021 to 2024. This will be done through engaging the participation of forest dependent communities and private sector enterprises.

**Main results achieved for the action:**

In effort to halt deforestation and restore degraded forests, Ghana planted 18,494.7ha in 2021; 72,384ha in 2022; 43,400.40ha in 2023 and 37,258.70ha of degraded forest landscapes.

The cumulative achievement for the period 2021-2024 is 248,762.90ha which is 34.6% for the 4-year period (2021-2024).

**This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**

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

6.6  
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15.b  
Other, please specify: Also SDG 17.4

**Weblink:**

<https://fcghana.org/annual-report-2023-ghana-forest-plantation-strategy/>

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## **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):**

Not Applicable to Ghana

**Brief description of the action:**

Not Applicable to Ghana

**Main results achieved for the action:**

Not Applicable to Ghana

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

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## 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.

1. Main challenge is inadequate funding.
2. Slow recovery of the private sector from financial challenges after COVID.

### 3. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 2 and associated targets

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## 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.*

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## 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):

Not Applicable to Ghana

Brief description of the action:

Not Applicable to Ghana

**Main results achieved for the action:**

Not Applicable to Ghana

**This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**

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

**Weblink:**

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## **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):**

Not applicable to Ghana

**Brief description of the action:**

Not Applicable to Ghana

**Main results achieved for the action:**

**This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**

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

**Weblink:**

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## **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):**

Contribution of forests and trees to food security is significantly increased

**Brief description of the action:**

Ghana has planned to produce 300,000 metric tons of food crops from 2021 to 2024 through the Modified Taungya System (MTS), within degraded portions of the forests. This is being implemented under the Ghana Plantation Development Strategy. Forest dependent communities are engaged to participate in the MTS and allowed to grow food crops for themselves while they nurture the planted trees. The MTS facilitates forest regeneration and also significantly contributes to food security, particularly among the poor rural forest-dependent communities in Ghana.

**Main results achieved for the action:**

Ghana achieved food production of 125,050 tonnes in 2021; 67,988 tonnes in 2022; 48,460.6 tonnes in 2023 and 59,781.2 tonnes in 2024 under the Modified Taungya System (MTS) being implemented to restore degraded forest areas. This represents 100.43% out of the target that was set for the period 2021 to 2024.

**This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**

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4.1  
5.2

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

6.6  
15.1  
15.2  
15.b  
Other, please specify: 13.1

**Weblink:**

[https://www.mereplantations.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Ghana-Forest-Plantation-Strategy\\_24\\_01\\_16-210.pdf](https://www.mereplantations.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Ghana-Forest-Plantation-Strategy_24_01_16-210.pdf)

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## **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):**

Not Applicable to Ghana

**Brief description of the action:**

Not Applicable to Ghana

**Main results achieved for the action:**

**This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**

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

**Weblink:**

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## **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):**

Not Applicable to Ghana

**Brief description of the action:**

Not Applicable to Ghana

**Main results achieved for the action:**

**This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**

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

**Weblink:**

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## **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.

1. Not enough degraded lands for communities to participate.
2. Farming activities encroached on forest under sustainable management,

## **4. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 3 and associated targets**

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## 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.*

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### 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):

Not Applicable to Ghana

Brief description of the action:

Not Applicable to Ghana

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

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### 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):**

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

**Brief description of the action:**

Management Plans developed for 180 forest and wildlife reserves out of the total of 304 forest and wildlife reserves. Ghana has a total number of 288 forest reserves and 16 wildlife protected areas. The reserves with management plans will cover an area of 2,500,000ha of the 3,567,500ha terrestrial protected areas by 2024. This is to ensure their long-term sustainable management.

**Main results achieved for the action:**

Out of the total target of developing 180 management plans between 2021 and 2024, 160 management plans for forest and wildlife reserves have been fully developed and operational by end of 2024. The remaining 20 are under various stages of review and printing. The achievement made in this regard is 88.8%.

**This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**

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

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15.b  
Other, please specify: 13.1

**Weblink:**

<https://fcghana.org>

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## 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):**

Not Applicable to Ghana

**Brief description of the action:**

Not Applicable to Ghana

**Main results achieved for the action:**

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

This action also contributes to these SDG targets:

Weblink:

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## 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.

Inadequate funding

## 5. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 4 and associated targets

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### 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.*

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### 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):**

Mobilize significantly 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.

**Brief description of the action:**

Ghana has planned to mobilize US\$356,508,093.92 from all sources to support sustainable forest management between 2021 and 2024. Financial strategies have been designed to access funding under the Forest Carbon Facility Programme (FCFP) and the Forest Investment Programme (FIP) both of the World Bank, which are all part of Ghana's REDD+ Programme, aimed at reducing deforestation and forest degradation. Other funding sources include government annual budgetary allocations, internally generated revenues and financing from other development partners.

**Main results achieved for the action:**

In 2024 alone, Ghana successfully mobilized a total of US\$51,203,914.49 from the Government of Ghana, Development Partners, and the Forestry Commission's internally generated funds to support sustainable forest management and the livelihoods of forest fringe communities.

This brings the cumulative resource mobilization for the period 2021 to 2024 to US\$206,463,075.33, representing 58.2% of the planned target.

Ghana was able to mobilize secure private sector funding such as FC/Tullow partnership bringing USD 2.15Million. This excludes the Climate Resilience, Community Empowerment, and Forest Landscape Restoration Program (UAE) of USD 30Million which covers 2025 – 2029.

**This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**

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

6.6  
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15.2  
15.b  
Other, please specify: 13.1; 17

**Weblink:**

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## **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)**

Public domestic funding  
Private domestic funding  
Public international funding, including official development assistance  
Private international funding  
Blended financing

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

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## **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):**

Not Applicable to Ghana

**Brief description of the action:**

Not Applicable to Ghana

**Main results achieved for the action:**

**This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**

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

**Weblink:**

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## 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):**

Not Applicable to Ghana

**Brief description of the action:**

Not Applicable to Ghana

**Main results achieved for the action:**

**This action also contributes to these GFG targets:**

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

**Weblink:**

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## 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  
Private sector  
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  
North-North

**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

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### **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  
Private domestic funding  
Public international funding, including official development assistance  
Private international funding  
Blended financing

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### **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).**

Through multi-stakeholder platforms such as Environment and Natural Resources Sector Working Group chaired by the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and Co-chaired by Environment Science & Technology.

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

No

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

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## **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.

NA

## 6. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 5 and associated targets

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### **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.

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### **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?

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

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### **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):

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:

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**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?

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

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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**

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):

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:

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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).

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**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?

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## **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.

## **7. Progress toward Global Forest Goal 6 and associated targets**

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## 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.*

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### 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):

Not Applicable to Ghana

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:

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## **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?

49. If yes, please specify the sectors involved:

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## **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):

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:

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## **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?

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

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

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### **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.

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Brief description of the action:

Main results achieved for the action:

This action also contributes to these GFG targets:

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### **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?

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

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

## 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

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**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:**

The second announcement was made at UNFF 18th Session in 2021 for the period 2021 to 2024. Thereafter Ghana reported on achievements at each subsequent session to date. As at this time, Ghana has achieved the following: Target 1.2. The world's forest carbon stocks are maintained or enhanced - 2021 to 2024 Ghana had targeted to reduce carbon emission by 10.0 million tonnes of carbon.

**Progress to date:**

Ghana achieved 972,456 tCO<sub>2</sub>e for the first monitoring period under the GCFRP (June to December 2019) after the verification and validation process by third party verifiers. Ghana therefore received US\$4.9m for the emission reductions.

**This action contributes to these GFG targets:**

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

6.6

15.1

15.2

15.b

Other, please specify: SDG 13.1, SDG 17.3

## 10. Other questions: Gender equality

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**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 access to the control and use of forest resources

Women's effective participation in decision-making at the household and community levels

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:**

The Forestry Sector is not bias towards any gender because equal opportunities are giving to all. There Women's Desk at all Ministries and agencies as a government policy. There is the Forestry Women Association that seeks to promote female staff welfare and rights in Ghana.

## 11. Other questions: International Day of Forests

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

Other, please specify: Stakeholder durbars  
Educational activities (for example, workshops and symposiums)  
Media activities (for example, newspapers, magazines, television and radio)  
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:**

Ghana initiated several government-led Tree Planting Initiatives from 2021 to 2024 which resulted in the establishment of a total of 82,471 hectares of forest plantations, 9,205 hectares of Enrichment Planting within degraded forest reserves and integrated native trees within 157,096 hectares of agricultural landscapes. The total area put under restoration over the period is approximately 248,770 hectares.

This year (2025), as part of the International Day of Forests celebration, The President of the Republic of Ghana, His Excellency John Dramani Mahama launched the 'Tree for Life' Restoration Initiative to Plant an estimated 30 million trees annually through public and private investments to restore our degraded forest landscapes.

**Weblink:**

<https://fcghana.org/tree-for-life-ghana/>

## 12. Success stories

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**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:**

Government-led Tree Planting Initiatives

**Brief description:**

The President of Ghana led the tree planting exercise which involved key Government officials, celebrities, NGOs which inspired other stakeholders to get involved.

**Main results achieved:**

From 2021 to 2024 which resulted in the establishment of a total of 82,471 hectares of forest plantations, 9,205 hectares of Enrichment Planting within degraded forest reserves and integrated native trees within 157,096 hectares of agricultural landscapes. The total area put under restoration over the period is approximately 248,770 hectares.

**GFG targets addressed:**

1.1  
2.2  
2.3  
3.2  
4.1  
6.4

**Weblink:**

<https://fcghana.org/tree-for-life-ghana/>

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