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Voluntary National Report to the 11th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

Background

The eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF11) will be held from 4 to 15 May 2015 in New York. In accordance with the Forum's Multi-Year Program of Work for 2007-2015, the overall theme of UNFF11 is *Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward on the international arrangement on forests (IAF)*. The UNFF11 will, *inter-alia*:

1. Review progress towards the achievement of the Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs) and implementation of the Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (hereinafter referred to as the "Forest Instrument"), and
2. Review the contribution of forests and the IAF, including the Forest Instrument, to the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The submission of national reports by UNFF Member States on the above items will provide a crucial input to the Secretary-General's analytical, consolidated report to UNFF11 on the progress and trends in the above-mentioned areas, as well as to the Forum's deliberation on the future of the IAF.

Pursuant to Resolution 10/1 of the tenth session of the Forum¹, the UNFF Secretariat (UNFFS) in collaboration with the CPF member organizations and in close consultations with countries, revised and streamlined the reporting format. The attached revised format builds on and further simplifies the UNFF10 reporting format. Specifically, the number of questions has been reduced by consolidating previous areas of overlap, and Member States are asked to submit only information that is not currently provided to CPF member organizations, or that is unavailable in other international databases.

The UNFF11 reporting format is presented in two parts. Part I includes questions related to the progress on the implementation of the Forest Instrument, including achievement of the GOFs. Part II includes questions on the contribution of forests and SFM to the achievement of the MDGs.

To the extent possible, the information submitted by countries to the UNFFS will be supplemented with quantitative data, *inter alia*, from the following international data providers:

- FAO, Forest Resources Assessment (FRA)/Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CRFQ) - FAO, Forest Europe, UNECE, ITTO, Montreal Process and OFAC
- Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ) – FAO, ITTO, UNECE, EUROSTAT
- FAO, State of the World's Forests (SOFO) 2014
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

¹ Resolution 10/1 of UNFF10 requested the UNFF secretariat (UNFFS) to further streamline the guidelines and format for voluntary national reporting to the eleventh session of the Forum including a technical discussion on reporting methodology with relevant experts of Collaborative Partnership on Forest member organizations, taking into account types of information provided to Collaborative Partnership on Forest member organizations and through criteria and indicators and other regional processes and balanced regional workshops depending on available resources. (United Nations Forum on Forests, Report on the Tenth Session -8 to 19 April 2013, E/2013/42 _E/CN.18/2013/18, Page 6)

Reporting Guidelines and Format

Member States are kindly requested to:

1. Submit their completed national report **electronically (in MS Word) in English, French or Spanish to unff@un.org, by 30 September 2014**, at the latest. Early submissions will greatly facilitate the Secretariat's preparation of the analytical, consolidated Secretary-General's report to UNFF11. Please note that the MS Word file of the reporting format can also be downloaded from the UNFF website at: http://www.un.org/esa/forests/unff11_reporting_template.doc
2. Submit, in a separate electronic file, a scanned version of the official, signed letter conveying their submission from their respective Ministry, or a note verbale from their Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.
3. Submit any graphic elements included in their national report, as separate electronic files.
4. Check all boxes that apply to questions that have multiple-choice components. In addition to the "Yes" or "No" answers, countries are encouraged to provide brief descriptive narratives, as this provides context and background. Please also note that space provided for the descriptive information is limited to 250 words per question.

In view of the cross-cutting nature of issues related to forests and sustainable forest management (SFM), respondents are encouraged to consult with experts from relevant national ministries to complete the reporting format, including, for example, the ministries of environment, economic development, finance and agriculture. Respondents are also strongly encouraged to consult with the national focal points for the FAO Forest Resources Assessment (FRA), the Rio Conventions, other CPF member organizations and C&I processes, where applicable.

Please note that the Year 2007 – the year of the adoption of the Forest Instrument (2007), is used as a baseline throughout the document.

All terms used in this document are consistent with the FAO/FRA Working Paper 180 "Terms and Definitions FRA 2015": <http://www.fao.org/docrep/017/ap862e/ap862e00.pdf>

Abbreviations

C&I	Criteria and Indicators processes
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FLEGT	Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade
FRA	FAO's global Forest Resources Assessment
GOF	Global Objectives on Forests
ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organization
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
NFP	National Forest Programme
ODA	Official Development Assistance
SIDS	Small Island Developing States
SFM	Sustainable forest management
UN	United Nations
UNFF	United Nations Forum on Forests

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PART I:
Progress on the implementation of the Forest Instrument,
including achievement of the Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs)

1. Since the adoption of the Forest Instrument in 2007, what actions has your government taken to strengthen forest-related policies, legislation, and law enforcement in support of sustainable forest management (SM)? Please specify:

	New	Amendment of existing
Forest policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
National forest programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest land tenure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
None	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please provide further information on these and/or other actions:

New Forest and Wildlife Policy - 2012 developed and being implemented; New Forest Legislation for Trade in Legal Timber (LI) under the Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA); Revision of Forestry Development Master Plan (2015 -2035) currently ongoing, New Forest Plantation Strategy developed; Ratio for sharing of royalties has been reviewed downwards from 60% to 40% for Forestry Commission and upward from 40% to 60% for resource owners as a way of increasing income levels of the resource owners; Ghana National REDD+ Readiness Programme almost completed; NLBI successfully implemented and impact assessment carried out; Consolidated Wildlife Bill before Carbinet of Ghana awaiting approval into law to make protection of wildlife more effective; Grant of timber rights off-reserve areas currently under review to ensure sustainable harvesting levels.

To what extent have these actions been effective in advancing implementation of the Forest Instrument?

	Effective	Partially effective	Not effective	Not in place
Forest policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NFP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest land tenures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide 2-3 examples of effective actions in support of the Forest Instrument and web-link(s) to relevant document(s):

1. Under the VPA, Log Tracking System to ensure effective monitoring of illegal timber traffic developed and being implemented;
2. New Forest and Wildlife Policy - 2012, placing emphasis on ecotourism development, such as the emerging Accra Eco-Park Project;
3. New Timber Procurement Policy that ensures sourcing of only legal timber for government development projects;

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4. Since 2007, what steps has your government taken to prevent and reduce international trafficking in illegally-harvested forest products such as timber, wildlife and other biological resources?

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

Rapid Response Task Teams constituted to clamp down on illegal activities; Voluntary Partnership Agreement with EU to export only legal timber to the EU market sale in domestic markets; Memorandum of Understanding on cross-border trade (Bourkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo).

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

1. Voluntary Partnership Agreement with EU;
 2. MOU on establishment of Transboundary Wildlife Corridor with Bourkina Faso
- Website: www.fcghana.org

3. Since 2007, what steps has your government taken to raise the importance of forests and SFM in national development plans, poverty reduction strategies or other equivalent plans?

- Forests/SFM are now included in national development plans/strategies
- Forests/SFM now have a higher priority in national development plans/strategies
- The contribution of forests/SFM to poverty eradication, food security, water security, employment is an ongoing subject of discussion
- Other, please list below:

Enhanced the visibility of the contribution of forest to national development particularly Gross Domestic Product computation. Annual celebration of National Forestry Week and International Day of Forests, to enhance public awareness of importance of forest to national development and global environmental sustainability.

Have these steps resulted in:

- More Official Development Assistance (ODA) being programmed to SFM-related activities
- More domestic public resources devoted to SFM-related activities
- Increased awareness of the importance of forests/SFM to sustainable development
- Increased awareness of the importance of forests/SFM to poverty eradication
- Other, please list below:

These steps have engendered greater support from key stakeholders in the management of forest resources.

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

Forest Investment Programme under the support of Climate Investment Fund (CIF); REDD+ programme under Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF); Natural Resource and Environmental Governance (NREG) Programme currently under the EU and the World Bank.

4. Since 2007, has your government taken measures to strengthen coordination across ministries and departments whose policies have an impact on or may affect forests and SFM?

Yes No

If Yes, please specify which ministries and/or departments are involved and how effective these measures have been in implementing SFM:

1. Environment and Natural Resources Advisory Council, created at the presidency and chaired by the Vice-President;
2. Intwer-Ministerial Coordinating Group (Ministries of Environment, Finance, and Lands and Natural Resources)
3. Technical Coordinating Committee to coordinate natural resource governance initiatives

	Effective	Partially effective	Not effective	Not in place
Agriculture/Rural Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climate Change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1. Environmental and Natural Resource Annual Summit to discuss corss-sectoral issues and related Reports
2. Cross-sectoral cooperation on National Cocoa Platform to discuss forest-cocoa production landscapes;
3. Ecotourism development with Ministry of Tourism;
4. Watershed Protection in collaboration with Water Resources Commission
5. Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation with Ministry of Environment

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5. Does your government's national forest policy/strategy or national forest programme contain time-bound and quantified targets related to the forest area?

Yes No

If yes, please list the targets and dates by which they are to be achieved and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):

1. Development of National Plantation Strategy to develop 20,000 ha per annum for the next twenty years (2015 – 2035);
2. National REDD Readiness Plan developed for implementation by end of 2015;
3. Accra Eco-Park Strategy developed for implementation in 2015;

6. Since 2007, what activities has your government undertaken to reverse the loss of forest cover and/or to enhance the area and quality of forests? Please specify:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Afforestation	35,460	ha
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reforestation	140,000	ha
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restoration	840	ha

Introduction or enforcement of:

- Existing legislation aimed at reduction of deforestation and/or support afforestation and or reforestation
- New legislation aimed at reduction of deforestation and/or support of afforestation and/or reforestation
- New legislation and actions aimed at conservation and protection of forests
- Subsidies for forest owners to prepare and implement management plans
- Subsidies for forest protection
- Reduced/deferred taxes for forest land
- Low-interest loans for forest activities/management
- Other, please list below:

Promoting collaborative resource management

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

Community Investment Fund instituted as an alternative livelihood scheme for forest fringe communities; It is a revolving fund support community income generation and promote collaborative resource management initiative; Reviewed benefit-sharing arrangement for forest resources including royalties; Annual Plantation Report: www.fcghana.org;

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

- Roundtables/committees have been established which meet regularly
- Forest authorities meet with stakeholders on an *ad hoc* basis as issues affecting them arise
- Other, please list below:

Forestry Forums; National Working Group on Forest Certification, Community Resource Management Areas for forest and wildlife protection; Creation of Civil Society Platform for forest and wildlife resource advocacy; Engagement of research institutions to undertake research in forestry and wildlife related issues, such as promotion of lesser used species; Facilitating the signing of Social Responsibility Agreements between communities and timber contractors; Organizing Annual Summits on Environment and Natural Resources; Representation and participation in District Assembly governance systems;

How effective are these mechanisms in promoting consensus approaches:

	Effective	Partially effective	Not effective	Not in place
Private sector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest workers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indigenous communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NGOs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Partnership with private sector in forest plantation development through public private partnership arrangements; Empowering communities to manage forest and wildlife resource through Community Resource Management Areas system; Engaging communities in forest boundary cleaning for a fee; Granting access for collection of non forest products; www.fcghana.org

8. To what extent do local and indigenous communities have tenure or user rights over publicly-owned forests?

- Completely
- Partially
- None
- Not applicable

Please provide 2-3 examples how local and indigenous communities are benefiting from goods and services produced by forests and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):

Permitted to collect fuelwood, medicinal, food and building materials. Also allowed to perform traditional rites and rituals; Keeping and managing sacred groves

9. Since 2007, has your government developed or updated financing strategies to achieve SFM and to implement the Forest Instrument?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, what is the timeframe of these strategies?

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

Natural Resource and Environmental Governance (NREG) programme financed through Sector Budget Support (SBS); Establishment of Forest Plantation Development Fund; Export Levy on Timber Export; Park user fees, charges on timber rights permits; Support from climate investment funds for REDD+ and Forest Improvement Programme;

These strategies take into account:

- Domestic public funding
- Domestic private funding
- Public international (including ODA and REDD+)
- External private funding

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

Forest Carbon Partnership Facility; National Forest Plantation Development Fund; Fund allocation from Central Government

10. Has your government established one or more systems/mechanisms for payment for ecosystem services (PES) provided by forests?

- Yes No

If Yes, please specify, and, if possible, provide the estimated total value of these payments since 2007:

- Watershed protection/water supply USD
- Carbon storage (including REDD+) USD
- Nature conservation USD
- Other, please list below: USD

Studies on payment for ecosystem services initiated and various options yet to be identified and piloted; the concept of PES has really not been fully exploited.

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

Carbon rights and tree tenure studies are still ongoing; currently exploring models for payment for watershed management services; Ecotourism opportunities being identified;

11. Since 2007, has your government been able to mobilize significantly increased financial resources for the implementation of SFM? If yes, please specify sources:

	2007	2013
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Domestic public funding	USD 7m	USD 30m
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Domestic private funding	USD Nil	USD Nil
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public international funding (including ODA and REDD+)	USD 5m	USD 12m
<input type="checkbox"/> External private funding	USD Nil	USD 1.2m

If there has been no increase, please describe the main challenges in mobilizing funds:

12. Since 2007, what steps has your government taken to encourage private sector investment in SFM and forests?

- Policy and legal reforms that encourage greater private investment
- Financial incentives, such as credit guarantees, tax breaks, employment subsidies etc.
- Establishment of markets for ecosystem services provided by forests
- Outreach to the private sector (leaflets, conferences, fairs promoting investment in forests)
- Development and improvement of infrastructure and other public services related to SFM
- Other; please list below:

Establishment of Training Institution for the forestry sector – Forestry Commission Training School.

Promoting bamboo and rattan as alternative raw material for processing

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

Development of ecotourism infrastructure through partnership with private sector eg. Mloe National Park, Kakum National Park, Proposed Accra ECOPARK. www.fcghana.org

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

- Yes No

If Yes, please specify with whom:

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

Type of cooperation:

- North-South
- South-South
- Technical
- Financial
- Others

And specify the areas of cooperation:

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

Please provide 2-3 examples of international cooperation, and, if possible, web-link(s) to relevant document(s):www.fcghana.org

Voluntary Partnership Agreement on export of legal timber to the European Union; Bilateral Cooperation with Netherlands Government for Fire Protection and Wildlife Management Infrastructure; Japanese Forest Preservation Programme- FPP (through forest inventory, database development and technology transfer)

Please list the key challenges faced by your government in implementing SFM:

Inadequate funding; Weak law enforcement; high rate of illegal activities in forest sector; low visibility of the contribution of forestry to national development as a result of inadequate expertise for the inventory and valuation of forest resources

14. Does your country have one or more institutes or centers of excellence engaged in the development and application of scientific, technical and technological innovations for SFM?

Yes No

If Yes, what areas do these technical/scientific activities focus on:

- Forest inventory systems
- Low-impact logging or other harvesting techniques
- Wood production for energy
- Wood processing technology
- Waste reduction and recycling
- Other, please list below:

Research into Lesser Known Timber Species
Research into bamboo and rattan as alternative to timber

Are these programs directed at:

- Forest owners
- Timber companies/forest products industry
- State agencies
- Local communities
- Indigenous communities
- NGOs
- General public

Since 2007, has funding for forest-related science and research increased?

Yes No

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

Forestry Research Institute of Ghana (FORIG)
www.csir-forig.org.gh

15. What actions has your country undertaken to increase public awareness of the important benefits provided by forests?

- Published broadcasts on TV and/or Radio
- Published materials, e.g. brochures, pamphlets, leaflets, or/and posters, etc.
- Meetings with the general public
- Art events/Exhibitions
- Activities in support of the International Day of Forests
- Other

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

Activities in support of the International Year of Forests; Celebration of Annual Greening Ghana Day; Observation of World Environment Day

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

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

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

Four Global Objectives on Forests; Forest Instrument; Forest Certification Standards

Are these C&I used to:

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

UNFF, ITTO, International Network for Bamboo and Rattan - INBAR

17. Has your country translated the Forest Instrument into another language (not including the official UN languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish)?

No translation has been done.

18. Please give examples of your country's success stories and lessons learned related to the implementation of the Forest Instrument, including contributions towards the four Global Objectives on Forests:

Major Stakeholder consultation platforms established such as the National Forestry Forum, Awareness creation on National forest programmes, Visibility of the contribution of forest to national development enhanced; Political-will for supporting SFM significantly enhanced; Monitoring and Evaluation mechanism established, including performance assessment frameworks.

PART II

Contribution of forests and SFM to achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

The aim of Part II of this reporting questionnaire is to learn how forests and SFM have contributed to achieving the MDGs in your country, particularly with respect to poverty and hunger eradication (MDG1), environmental sustainability (MDG7) and developing a global partnership for development (MDG8).

19. How have forests/SFM contributed to eradicating extreme poverty and hunger (MDG1) in your country?

Please rate the scale of contribution on a scale of 1-5 (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest)

By:	1	2	3	4	5
Improving livelihoods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting subsistence needs, including fuel wood, fodder and shelter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Contributing to food security, including through agroforestry systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing employment, including employment in informal economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Increased food production through plantation development models (modified taungya agroforestry system); Harvesting of Non Timber Forest Products such as bush meat, medicinal plants and firewood. Ghana Millennium Development Goals Report, April 2010. www.ghanaweb.org

20. How have forests/SFM contributed to ensuring environmental sustainability (MDG7) in your country?

Please rate the scale of contribution on a scale of 1-5 (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest)

By:	1	2	3	4	5
Providing habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting ecosystem, species and genetic diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stabilizing soils and slopes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safeguarding water resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sequestering carbon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Providing timber, energy and other products	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

21. How have forests/SFM contributed to developing a global partnership for development (MDG8) in your country?

Please rate the scale of contribution on a scale of 1-5 (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest)

By:	1	2	3	4	5
Engaging in regional and international collaboration on issues related to improved governance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Through trade agreements involving forest products (e.g. bilateral/sub-regional/regional/inter-regional free trade agreements, EU voluntary partnership agreements, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fostering partnerships with the private sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attracting foreign investment in the forest sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fostering bilateral and international financial cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fostering north-south, and south-south technical, technological and scientific partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Voluntary Partnership Agreement on export of legal timber to the EU; Attracted support from World Bank Forest Carbon Partnership Facility to support REDD+ and Forest Improvement Programme with support from the Japanese Government; www.fcghana.org and Ghana Millennium Development Goals Report, April, 2010, www.ghanaweb.org

22. Have forests/SFM contributed to making progress in achieving any of the remaining MDGs in your country?

Yes No

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

Contributed to improving incomes to take care of children going to school, good nutrition for pregnant and nursing mothers and good health through medicinal plants. Ghana Millennium Development Goals Report, April, 2010, www.ghanaweb.org

MDG2: Achieving universal primary education

Improved income for parents forest fringe communities through plantation development and other afforestation schemes and thereby creating opportunities for many school children to be enrolled in school. This increased the enrolment in primary schools. Ghana Millennium Development Goals Report, April, 2010, www.ghanaweb.org



MDG3: Promoting gender equality and empowering women

Improved income for women through the Community Investment Fund, which supported women in forest communities that empowered them to embark on income generating ventures. Ghana Millennium Development Goals Report, April, 2010, www.ghanaweb.org

MDG4: Reducing child mortality

Contributed to reducing Infant mortality in forest fringe communities through the use of medicinal plants and food supplements from the forests. Ghana Millennium Development Goals Report, April, 2010, www.ghanaweb.org

MDG5: Improving maternal health

The participation of forest communities plantation development enabled them to earn incomes that empowered the women to attend maternal health facilities for medical attention. Ghana Millennium Development Goals Report, April, 2010, www.ghanaweb.org

MDG6: Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

Awareness and sensitization programmes were undertaken in forest fringe communities to increase awareness on HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases. Income generating activities also improved nutritional status and limited forest fringe communities in illicit sexual practices. Ghana Millennium Development Goals Report, April, 2010, www.ghanaweb.org