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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 (SFM)? Please specify:

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

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

- Elaborated and adopted normative acts regulating specific questions of forest management.
- Adopted State Target Oriented Programme “Forest of Ukraine” fro 2010-2015.
- Introduces electronic system of timber tracking and certificate of timber origin.

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest legislation	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NFP	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest land tenures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other actions	x	<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):

- Adopted State Target Oriented Programme “Forest of Ukraine” fro 2010-2015. <http://zakon1.rada.gov.ua/cgi-bin/laws/main.cgi?nreg=977-2009-%EF&p=1270642806762283>
- Introduces electronic system of timber tracking and certificate of timber origin. <http://zakon1.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/z1111-07>

2. 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:

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

- Since 2013 unified state system of electronic timber accounting is implemented. The system provides accurate accounting of forest resources in the online mode and is based on marking timber by special barcode tags and use of mobile electronic devices for accounting operations in forest conditions.
- In accordance with the current Ukrainian legislation certificate of origin of timber is required for export transactions. This certificate confirms the legality of timber harvesting. Information from system of electronic timber accounting is the base for certificate issuing. <http://zakon1.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/z1111-07>.
- State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine conducts auctions on raw timber sales in order to ensure full and transparent providing raw materials to domestic forest industry enterprises.

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:

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:

State forest enterprises are carried out work focused on improvement of forest infrastructure. At present the density of forest road network in Ukraine is 7.3 km per 1 thou ha (in Europe - 32-36 km per 1 thou ha). Amount of forest roads construction is growing every year:
 2007-2010 years - 709 km;
 2011 - 460.6 km;
 2012 - 943,2 km;
 2013 - 1132 km
 Further construction of forest roads will facilitate the implementation of complex environmental measures aiming to improve forest maintenance, protection against fires,

improve forest recreational potential and support tourism development.

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

<http://zakon1.rada.gov.ua/cgi-bin/laws/main.cgi?nreg=977-2009-%EF&p=1270642806762283>
 State Target Oriented Program "Forests of Ukraine" for 2010-2015 was adopted by Ukrainian Government by Resolution of 16.09.09 № 977.

State Target Oriented Program "Forests of Ukraine" is the main normative document for forest management in Ukraine, which presents the main indicators of forest management within the largest permanent forest users.

The main objective of a new program is ensuring sustainable forest management, enhancing environmental, social and economic functions of forests in Ukraine. The strategic objective is further increasing area, stability and productivity of forest stands.

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:

Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food, Ministry of Environment, State Statistic Service, National Agency of environmental investments, State Agency of Land Resources

	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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):

It is developed and implemented Rules of exchange of environmental information, Regulation of providing information about conducting wood cuttings in the forests (Ministry of Environment – State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine), draft Regulation on exchange between state land and state forest cadastre (State Agency of Land Resources - State

Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine).

It is signed agreements on cooperation between State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine and of Environment.

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):

State Target Oriented Program "Forests of Ukraine" for 2010-2015 contains priorities and tasks for forestry. <http://zakon1.rada.gov.ua/cgi-bin/laws/main.cgi?nreg=977-2009-%EF&p=1270642806762283>

The main objectives of the Program are:

- increasing forest cover;
- increasing resource and environmental potential of forests,
- ensure sustainable forest management;
- improve the stability of forest ecosystems, ensuring forests protection;
- reproduction, protection and rational game use;
- sustainable use of forest resources;
- increasing the efficiency of forest management;
- improving scientific and human resources in forestry sector;

development of:

- International cooperation in forestry;
- Recreation and tourism infrastructure, implementation of environmental and educational activities

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	189,8	Thou ha
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reforestation	328,1	Thou ha
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restoration	11,9	Thou 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:

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

Increasing level of forest cover is one of the priorities of Ukrainian forestry

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:

It is substantively improved level of public relation in forestry. There are created Public Council at State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine as an advisory body with participation relevant stakeholders including NGO's.
http://dklg.kmu.gov.ua/forest/control/uk/publish/category?cat_id=93829 Similar Public Councils were created at regional State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine departments.

During the process of normative acts elaboration it is necessary their approval by different interesting governmental authorities.

How effective are these mechanisms in promoting consensus approaches:

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

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

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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):

According to the Forest Code the population has unrestricted right to attend forests free of charge and collect non-timber forest products for their own consumption

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

x Yes No

If Yes, what is the timeframe of these strategies?

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

These strategies take into account:

- x 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):

Recently, the Government of Ukraine introduced the following steps:
- Doubled the size of payments for forest use <http://zakon2.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/2456-17>
- Banned incentives for paying value added tax <http://zakon4.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/1621-18/paran6#n6>

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

x 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
x Other, please list below: USD

Payment for recreational facilities

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

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
x	Domestic public funding	Thou USD 543468.06	Thou USD 648923.5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Domestic private funding	USD	USD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public international funding (including ODA and REDD+)	USD	USD
<input type="checkbox"/>	External private funding	USD	USD

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

On the amount of financial support there is influenced the global economic crisis that affected some fall of financial support in 2009 and 2011, but the overall increase in financing took place in Ukraine until beginning of 2014.

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
- x 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)
- x Development and improvement of infrastructure and other public services related to SFM
- x Other; please list below:

- Support on afforestation on private lands
 - Improving forest infrastructure

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

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

x Yes No

If Yes, please specify with whom:

- x Government
- x Intergovernmental Organization
- Private sector/philanthropy
- NGOs
- x 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:

- Cooperation agreements in the field of forestry
- Implementation of international obligations in the field of forestry

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

- Cooperation agreements in the field of forestry (between Government of Ukraine and Government of Turkey in the fields of forestry, between State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine and relevant forest authority in Republic of Belarus, Poland and Slovak Republic.
- Implementation of international obligations in the field of forestry (Protocol on sustainable forest management in the framework of Carpathian Convention and arrangements within FOREST EUROPE)

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

- Relatively low average forest cover of the country.
- Very different climatic and geographic condition within a country what caused very unequal forest distribution. Forests growth in various natural areas (Polesye, Forest steppe, Steppe, Mountain Ukrainian Carpathians and Crimea), which have significant differences in growing conditions and requires different forest management approaches.
- Mainly ecological importance of forests and high proportion (50%) forests with restriction on forest use.
- 16.6% of forest lands are reserved with a strong tendency to increasing of reserved areas. It is leading to a very low intensity of use of forest resources.
- Historically formed situation of giving state forests for permanent use to enterprises, institutions and organizations under subordination of several dozen ministries and agencies;
- Half of Ukrainian forests is artificially created and requires intensive care.
- Significant part of Ukrainian forests is affected by Chernobyl catastrophe.
- Unsufficient level of financial support for forestry.

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:

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):

Level of financial support is significantly decreased due to financial crisis

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):

Every year State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine held the campaign " Future forest in your hands." There is involved general public, students, representatives of government and the media. The campaign starts at International Forest Day and lasts until the Environment Day. The main event of the campaign is planting trees and creating new forests.

Conducting drawing and esse competition within pupils on the theme "Human and Forest" is also part of the campaign.

Regional departmantms of the State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine are also held regional campaigns, in particular "Plant your tree", "House for the birds" etc.

For the purpose of environmental education there are created silvicultural and

environmental educational centers.

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):

In Ukraine there is used a set of indicators that characterize activities in forestry, in particular regarding:

- Forest reproduction
- Final fellings
- Measures aiming to improve the quality of forest
- Protection of forests against fire
- Protection of forests against pests and diseases
- Construction of forest roads
- Sales revenue (products, goods and services)
- Number of employees
- Average salary
- The amount of taxes paid and benefits in social funds

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:

FRA
FOREST EUROPE (state of forest resources)
ICP Forests

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

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:

Objective 1

State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine is provided activities aimed at preserving and enlargement forest area. In Ukraine every second hectare of forest is created artificially according to afforestation and forest regeneration work. Every year, new forests are created on an area not less than 35-40 thousand hectares. Thus, the area covered by forest in Ukraine and its growing stock is increased steadily. Volumes of created new forests for the last 3 years are 1.5 times more than the area of annual clear cutting.

Question of increasing forest cover in Ukraine is included in the priority areas of forest sector development.

For providing large-scale afforestation it is created sufficient facilities. Under the responsibility of state forest enterprises there are operating 2,2 thousand ha of permanent and temporary nurseries and greenhouses where it is growing annually over 400 million standard planting material of valuable forest species

Objective 2

Forest Ukraine is crucial for rural areas aiming employment for rural population. Besides forest enterprises in most cases, is the largest source of pumping up the local budgets in the northern and western part of the country

Objective 3

According the latest forest inventory 13,2% of Ukrainian forests are reserved. In comparison - in a total 6% of whole country territory is reserved. Practically in every region level of reserved forests is much higher than in average figures.

A significant percentage of protected forests in Ukraine shows that forestry was created strict criteria on the management principles and they fully meet all European strategy for the conservation of biological and landscape diversity.

Objective 4

State target oriented program "Forests of Ukraine" for 2010-2015 was adopted by Ukrainian Government by Resolution of 16.09.09 № 977.

State target oriented Program "Forests of Ukraine" is the main normative document for forest management in Ukraine, which presents the main indicators of forest management within the largest permanent forest users.

The main objective of a new program is ensuring sustainable forest management, enhancing environmental, social and economic functions of forests in Ukraine. The strategic objective is further increasing area, stability and productivity of forest stands.

All work associated with the implementation of planned activities are carried out by the state and local budget means, revenue received from wood, wood products and services.

From state budget there are mainly funded activities on afforestation, protection of forests against fire, pests and diseases, partially solved problem of purchasing forestry equipment and construction of forest roads.

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"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting subsistence needs, including fuel wood, fodder and shelter	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contributing to food security, including through agroforestry systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing employment, including employment in informal economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

Forest Ukraine is crucial for rural areas aiming employment for rural population. Besides forest enterprises in most cases, is the largest source of pumping up the local budgets in the northern and western part of the country

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 type="checkbox"/>	x
Supporting ecosystem, species and genetic diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Stabilizing soils and slopes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Safeguarding water resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sequestering carbon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Providing timber, energy and other products	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

Forests of Ukraine is its national wealth and according of its purpose and location serving mostly for water protection, safety, hygiene, health, recreational, aesthetic, educational, and other functions and is the source for meet the needs of society in forest resources.
<http://zakon4.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/3852-12>

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 type="checkbox"/>	x
Through trade agreements involving forest products (e.g. bilateral/sub-regional/regional/inter-regional free trade agreements, EU voluntary partnership agreements, etc.)	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fostering partnerships with the private sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attracting foreign investment in the forest sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fostering bilateral and international financial cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fostering north-south, and south-south technical, technological and scientific partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

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

Yes x No

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

MDG2: Achieving universal primary education

MDG3: Promoting gender equality and empowering women

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MDG4: Reducing child mortality

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MDG5: Improving maternal health

[Empty rectangular box]

MDG6: Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

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