

Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe

Reporting on the pan-European Qualitative Indicators for Sustainable Forest Manageme

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Deadline for submission	PART I: Policies for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)	
A1. Nation	al forest programmes (NFP) or similar and related forest poli	cies
NFP or similar proce	ss for forest related dialogue, policy development & implementation	
Existence of NFP process or of similar process	Formal NFP process Process explicitly guided by the FOREST EUROPE NFP principles Similar process Other. Please specify: Strategic Planning for the Department of Forests for 2015 - 2017	
Name of NFP or similar process	Name: Strategic Planning for the Department of Forests for 2015 - 2017 Starting	year: 2015
Main formal decision making body of the	Body with members other than Ministry responsible for forestry	

	Ministry responsible for forestry Similar process Other. Please specify:
Significant changes related to the NFP process or similar since 2011	Yes No If yes, please describe the reason/s for and type of changes [max.100 words] The process for the new NFP was halted at its starting point due to the severe and abrupt economic recession. Instead, a new strategic planning for a short-te period (2015-17) was set up as a general governmental policy and decision to overcome the strong effects of the economic crisis.
Key lessons learned on the NFP process or similar	Please specify [max. 100 words], particularly on the NPF principles related to NFP as iterative process, stakeholder participation and approaches to inter-sector coordination and collaboration:
Comments on the NFP or similar process	Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents when relevant: The process for the new NFP was halted at its starting point due to the severe and abrupt economic recession. Instead, a new strategic planning for a short-te period (2015-17) was set up as a general governmental policy and decision to overcome the strong effects of the economic crisis.
Main Forest policy <u>doc</u>	cument (national forest programme document, forest policy statement, strategy or other)
Existence of forest policy document (other than law)	Yes No C
Title of main forest policy document and internet links	Name: Υπουργείο Γεωργίας, Φυσικών Πόρων και Περιβάλλοντος - Τμήμα Δασών. 2013. Δήλωση Δασικής Πολιτικής. Τυπογραφείο Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας. (Ministry of Internet Link: http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/fd/fd.nsf/All/C858586D3F864936C2257B1900238655/\$file/ForestPolicy- Jan2013.pdf
Forest policy document development process	formal NFP process or process explicity guided by NFP principles process similar to NFP or other process
Name of endorsing/authorizing /enacting institution of the main forest policy document	Parliament Council of Ministers or similar Minister responsible for forestry Forestry Department or similar Other. Please specify:
Evaluation of policy	Periodically, pre-specified in the NFP document

		Periodically, but not pre-specified Not specified, not planned Other		
		FOREST EUROPE definition of SFM	Yes	No C
		FOREST EUROPE criteria and indicators for SFM	Yes	No C
	Is there explicit reference to FOREST EUROPE instruments	FOREST EUROPE guidelines for NFPs	Yes	No 🖸
in the fore	in the forest policy document?	FOREST EUROPE Classification of Protected and Protective Forests and Other Wooded Land	Yes	No
		FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Operational Level Guidelines for Sustainable Forest Management	Yes	No C
		FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Guidelines for Afforestation and Reforestation	Yes	No C
	If the responsibility for fores Existence of formally endor	st policy is decentralized: rsed subnational forest policy document(s)	Yes	No
	Significant changes related to main forest policy document since 2011	Yes No If yes, please describe the reason/s for and type of changes [max. 100 words]: The new forest policy incorporates issues like multi-stakeholders' dialogue, forest contribution to carbon cycle, adaptation to clima upgraded/ legalized status of protective forests, the multiple social aspects of forest management and use, illegal logging and timb imposed by the several Ministerial Commitments of MCPFE, the European Union relevant Regulation, Directives and policies and commitments.	er trade, of	ther parame

Comments on the main forest policy document

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:

The document of Forest Policy Statement is currently available only in greek.

Policy objectives by policy area

Policy areas

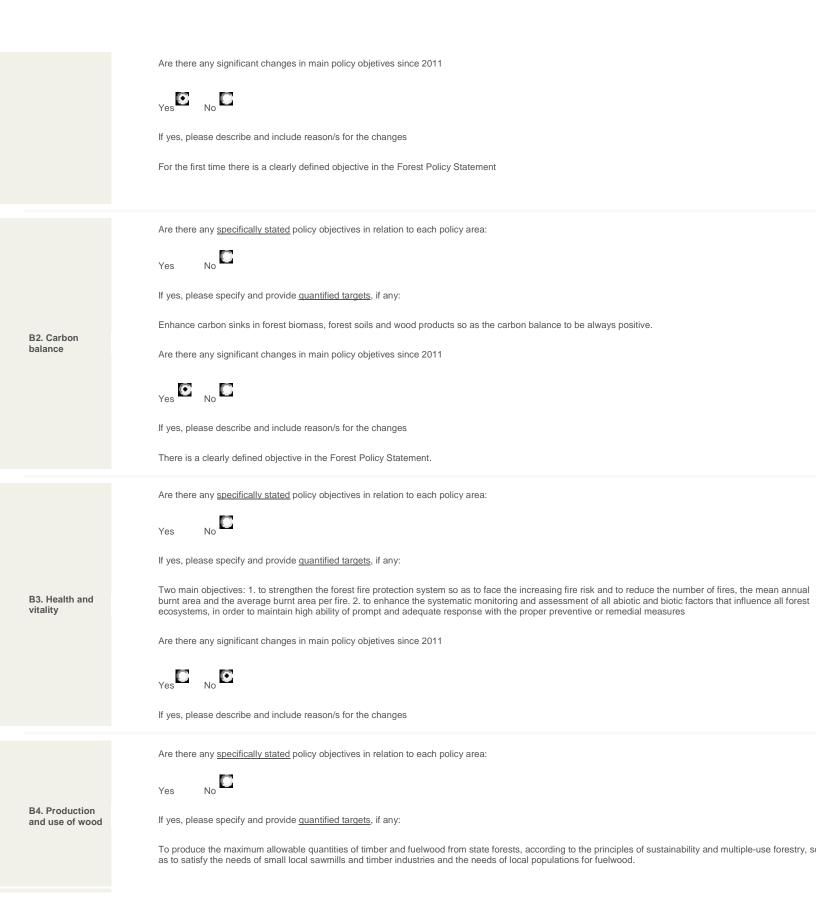
Are there any <u>specifically stated</u> policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

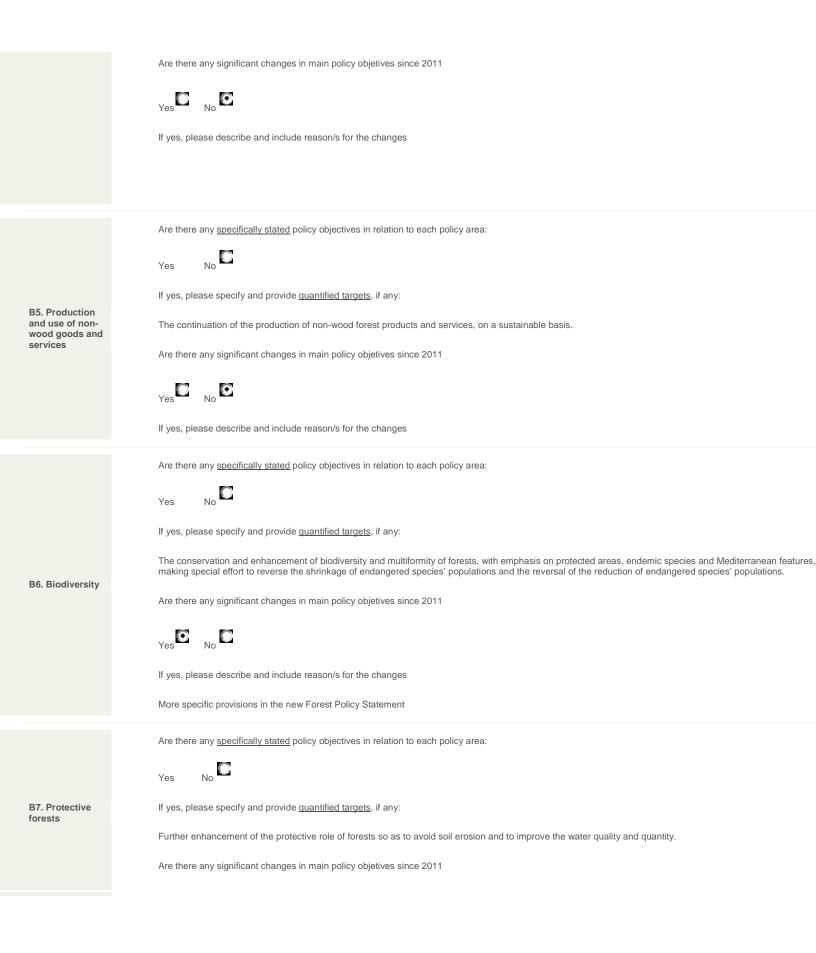
Yes No No

B1. Land use and forest area

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

It specifies that the state forests will incease in area and in no case will decrease.





	Yes No
B8. Economic viability	Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area: Yes No If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any: Are there any significant changes in main policy objetives since 2011
	Yes No
B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)	Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area: Yes No If yes, please specify and provide guantified targets, if any: To utilize the opportunities of forests for employment with emphasis on the inhabitants of rural areas and more particularly, to the population of villages adjacent the forests. Are there any significant changes in main policy objetives since 2011 Yes No If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes
B10. Public awareness and participation	Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area: Yes No If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any: Are there any significant changes in main policy objetives since 2011 The objective is to further enhance public awareness and forest understanding, so as the public to better and consciously support forest protection and conservation. It also provides for a broader public consultation before the adoption af a series of measures and actions. The latter includes other governmental and non-governmental organizations and bodies as well as the general public

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Public consultation and participation is clearly defined as a means for more inclusive policy formulation and implementation

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

No C

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Two main objectives: 1. to develop and promote forest research, at least on areas of special interest for Cyprus forestry, and 2. to continuously improve the leve forest education, training and specialization for all forest employees.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objetives since 2011

Yes No No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

More specific provisions in the new Forest Policy Statement

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes

No C

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

The main objective is to identify, map and classify all sites of cultural interest in forest area or which are related to forests.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objetives since 2011

Yes No No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

For the first time there is a clearly defined objective in the Forest Policy Statement

Comments

B12. Cultural and spiritual

values

B11. Research. training and education

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant:

Key measures and lessons learnt per policy area

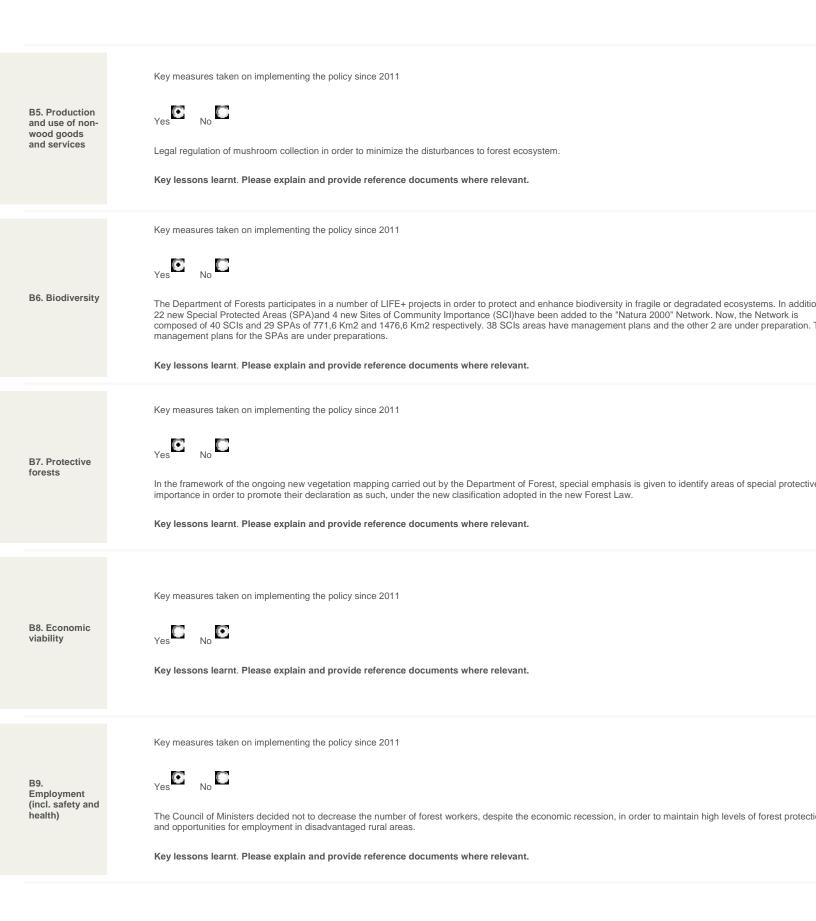
Policy areas		Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011	Key lessons learnt	
	Policy areas	If yes, please specify [max. 100 words]	Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.	
	B1. Land use and forest area	Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011 Yes No If yes, please specify The Regulations regarding the disposal and use of state forest land have been amended for various reason, mainly to specify the preconditions for the approval such claims. Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.		
	B2. Carbon balance	Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011 Yes No Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference docu	iments where relevant.	
	B3. Health and vitality	Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011 Yes No Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference docu	iments where relevant.	
	B4. Production	Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011 Yes No		

1.New legislation on the trade of timber and timber products. 2. A departmental Scheme to extract more fuelwood for the needs of inhabitants of adjacent to the forest villages. In order to avoid illegal fellings and to partly satisfy the needs of local communities, especially after the economic crisis and the difficulties for disadvantaged households, the Department of Forests decided to provide more fuelwood for sale at the local level.

Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

B4. Production and use of

wood



Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011 Yes No No B10. Public awareness and participation Public paricipation in all steps of policy and legal framework formulation and/or ammendement. Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant. Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011 Yes No No B11. Research, training and There is a very recent proposal by the Department of Forests for the future of the Cyprus Forestry College - the only forest educational institution in Cyprus. It is expected that very soon, the Council of Ministers will take the final decisions on the matter. In 2013, the Cyprus University of Technology finalised its proposal fo education the establishment of a new Department on Naural Resources (including Forestry) and Energy. The approval of the proposal and its implementation has been postponed due to the economic recession. Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant. Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011 B12. Cultural Yes No C and spiritual values Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant. Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant: Comments PART II: Overall institutional frameworks and by policy area A2. Institutional frameworks

Part of Ministry

Sub-national

ministries or bodies

Other body. Please specify

Government

bodies

Please specify the type of forest-related

institutional arrangements

	- forest policy administration	▽		
	- legislative supervision & enforcement	~		
	- support to private forest management	V		
	- management of public forests	✓		
	Other. Please specify:			
	Please specify the level of main responsibility	Central government	Subnational governments	Other. (please specify in comments below)
	- administering forest policy development and implementation	~		
	- legislative supervision & enforcement	~		
	- support to private forest management	~		
	- management of public forests	~		
	Comments [max. 100 words]			
	The Departmentof Forests is part of the Ministry of public forests.	of Agriculture, Natural Resource	es and Environment and it is entitled	I with the administration and managemer
	Name or group/type ¹ :	Forest-related staff ² (2013,Full time equivalent)	
	Total [estimate]	843		
	of which forest administration ³	37		
	of which management of public forests	792		
	of which public forest research, education and training institutions	14		
	of which others			
Significant changes in the institutional framework, public and private, since 2011 Significant changes in the institutional framework, public and private, since 2011 Yes No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words] Due to the economic recession, the number of permanent posts for Forest Officers (Foresters)in the organizational structure of the Department of Forests been decreased. In addition, some 20% of the remaining permanent posts are currently vacant.				structure of the Department of Forests ha
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B2. Carbon balance	Yes No No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes
B3. Health and vitality	Yes No No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes
B4. Production and use of wood	Yes No No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes After the adoption of the new legislation on the control of the trade of timber and timber products, the Department of Forests has been assigned as the Cyprus competent authority for the EU Timber Regulation.
B5. Production and use of non- wood goods and services	Yes No No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes
B6. Biodiversity	Yes No No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes
B7. Protective forests	Yes No No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes
B8. Economic viability	Yes No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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B12. Cultural and spiritual values	Yes No No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes
Comments	Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:
	PART III: Overall legal/regulatory frameworks and international commitments and by policy area
A3.Legal/re	egulatory frameworks and international commitments
Legal/regulatory fram	eworks

at central government level

at federal level

other

Main forest and SFM Name and reference to legal document related

Other:

in constitution

in legislation enacted by parliament

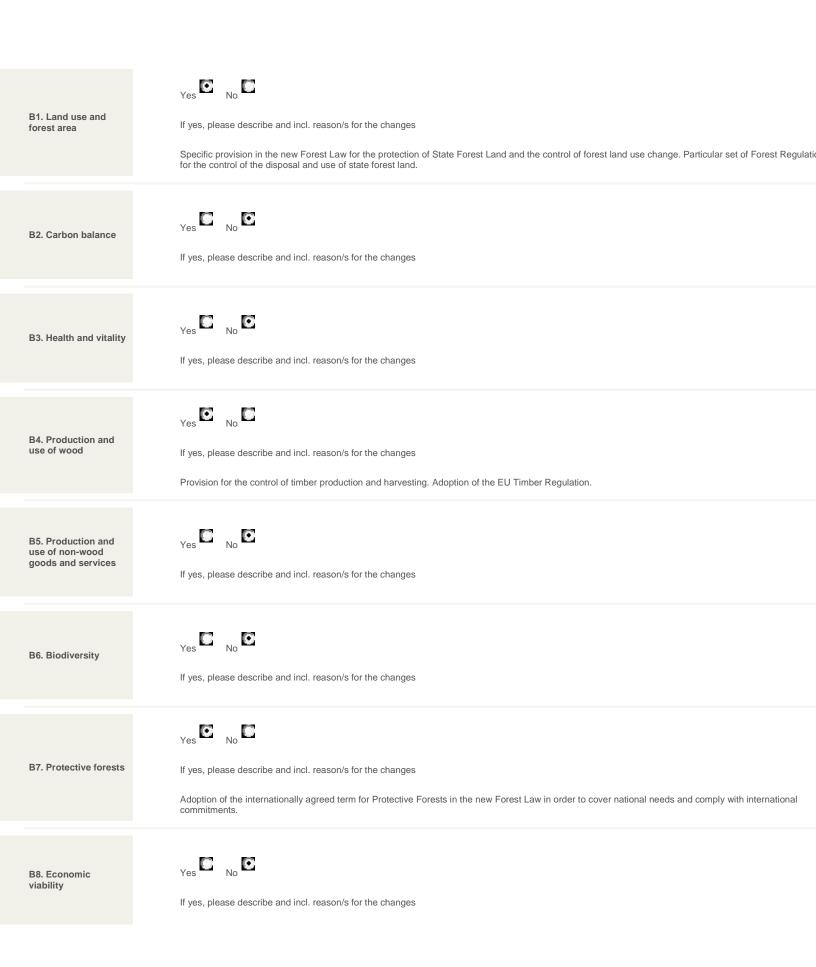
in administrative decrees / regulations only

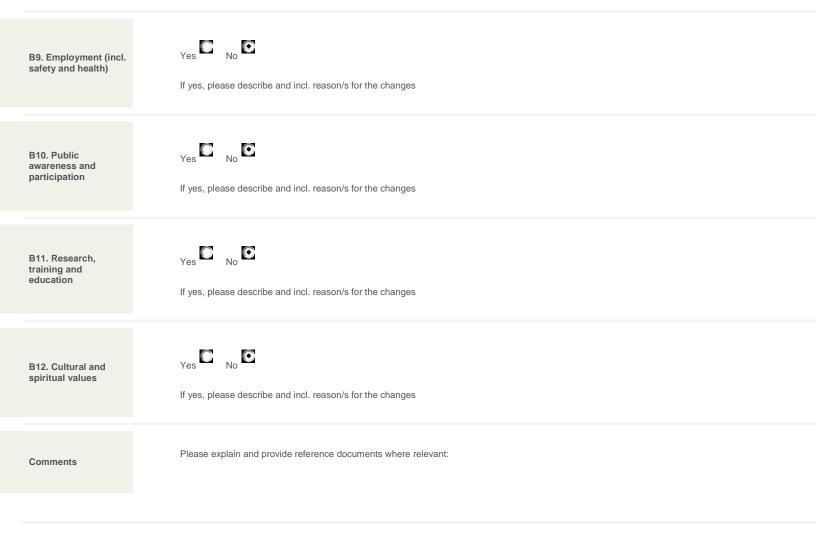
General characteristics of legal/regulatory framework: formal authority on main forest matters is laid down... [multiple answers possible]

legal/regulatory act with national scope (e.g. Forest law, act or code)	The Forest Law 2012. (L.25(I)/2012. Official Gazette Annex I(Main changes from previous legal act A totally new forest legislation that replaces the previous one. Date of enactment 30/3/2012 Date of latest amendment No amendments on the basic Law. A minor amendment on Fe		for the control of the disposal	and use of state forest
		V		
Are the following FOREST EUROPE instruments explicitly	FOREST EUROPE Definition of SFM	Yes/fully	No G	
referred to in the [national?]	FOREST EUROPE C&I for SFM		0	
legal/regulatory framework?	Other	0	O	
Significant changes in the legal/regulatory framework since 2011	If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes			
Comments	Please explain and provide reference documents where relev www.moa.gov.cy/forest	ant.		
International commitmen	ts			
Significant initiatives undertaken since 2011 in implementation of international commitments related to forests signed by your country	Yes No No If yes, please specify [max. 100 words] The new Forest Law incorporates the main international co	mmitments related to forests (ie clin	mate change, protective fores	ts, protected areas etc).
Comments	Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference doo	cuments where relevant:		

Legal/regulatory frameworks per policy area

Significant changes in institutional frameworks since 2011





PART IV: Overall financial instruments/economic policy and by policy area

A4. Financial instruments and economic policy

Economic policy

Please specify objectives of main measures taken to address economic aspects of <u>publicly owned forests</u>

Main characteristics of economic policy related to forests The level of investment in forestry is very low in Cyprus. Forestry funding are credits coming from the ordinary budget, the development budget, the EU and other sources. Some subsidies are coming from national and community sources. As from 2004, the State and private forestry get allocations through Rural Development Plans (2004-06 and 2007-13) which are co-financed by EU.

Please specify objectives of main measures taken to address economic aspects of privately owned forests or other

Private forestry is characterized by what is known as passive ownership and there is almost no management and therefore, the level of investment is even lower. Some subsidies are coming from national and community sources. As from 2004, the State and private forestry get allocations through Rural Development Plans (2004-06 and 2007-13) which are co-financed by EU.

Significant changes in economic policy



If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]

(public and private) since 2011 The situation remains more or less unchanged. Despite the deep economic recession, the forest sector has not been seriously affected, either directly or indirectly. The reason lies on the fact that forestry has never been a viable business on the island and its contribution to GDP was always very low. The only recorded impacts are the slight reduction in forestry funding coming from the budget of the government and, the observed slight reduction of foreign visitors coming for nature tourism and the total amount per capita spent by visitors. The demand from local visitors for ecotourism has not been affected. Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant. Comments Main objectives of forest-related economic policy are the sustainable management and development of state and private forests, the protection and conservati of forest ecosystems and the expansion of forest cover. **Financial instruments** Please specify financial arrangements related to state-owned forests and their management [max. 100 words] State/federal forest Profit/financially self-sufficient forest management management, act or code) Additional financial support from government to forest management Other. Please specify Please specify the use of financial instruments for private forests and their management, incl. main objectives [max. 100 words]. For the EU Member States, please specify apart from the EU Rural Development Programme Funds. Grants/subsidies. Please elaborate: Tax measures. Please elaborate: Government financial Incentives. Please elaborate: instruments: private forest management Free plants, technical advice etc for greening private lands Public funds. Please elaborate: Investment support. Please elaborate: Loans. Please elaborate: Other. Please specify: Yes No No Significant changes in

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

financial instruments

2011

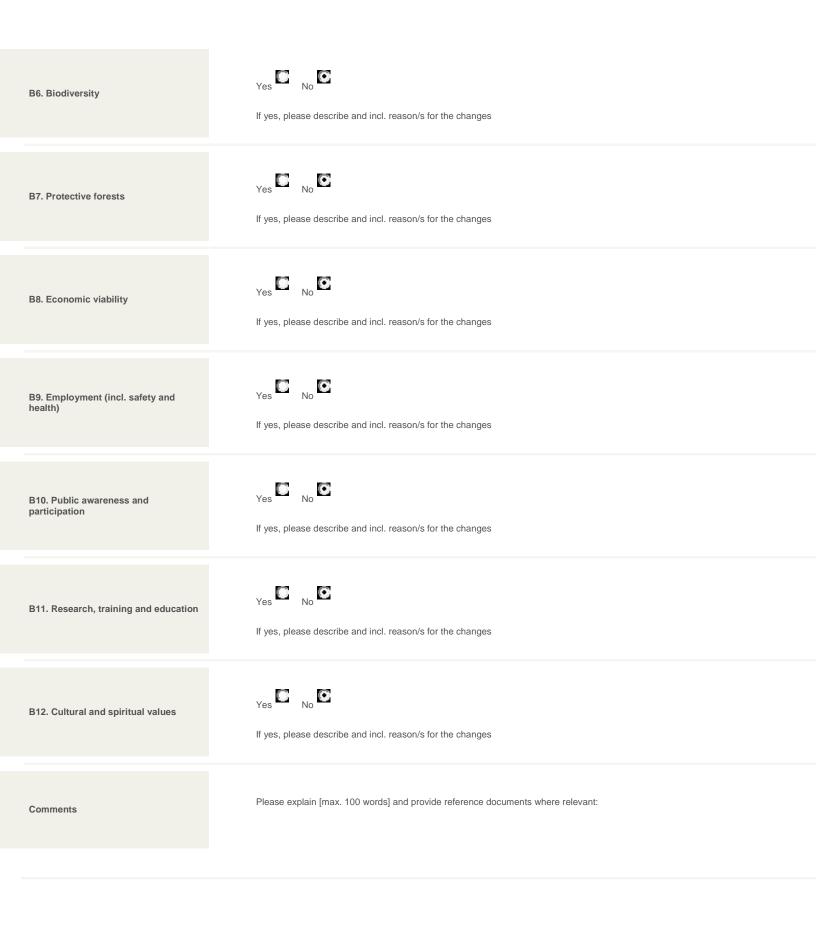
related to forests since

Year: 2013	Domestic funding (mil€)	External funding ⁴ (mil⊖)	Total (mil⊜	
Operational expenditure	30.602683	0.580917	31.183600	
Transfer payments (support to private forest management)	0.208024	0.199153	0.407177	
Total public expenditure	30.810707	0.780070	31.590777	
	For forest administration		n.a.	
Of which	For management of public forests		n.a.	
	For public forest research, education		n.a.	
If transfer payments are made for forest management and conservation, indicate for what specific objective(s) - Please tick all that apply.	Reforestation Afforestation Forest inventory and/or plannin Conservation of forest biodiver. Protection,of soil and water Forest stand improvement Establishment or maintenance Other Publicity, villages parks of	sity of protected areas		
Please specify the allocation of total public expenditures among the six criteria	C1. Forest resources and carbon C2. Health and vitality C3. Productive functions C4. Biodiversity C5. Protective functions C6. Socio-economic functions Note: the total must be 100 %		Estimate of resources % 10.2 38.4 3.0 13.4 1.0 34.0	

Comments and lessons learnt

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:

Financial instruments per policy area Significant changes in financial instruments since 2011 Yes No No B1. Land use and forest area If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes Yes No No **B2.** Carbon balance If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes Yes No No B3. Health and vitality If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes Yes No No B4. Production and use of wood If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes Yes No No B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes



A5. Informational means



Yes No No

If yes, please specify:

Yes, only on request.

Main characteristics of informational means

Does a written (governmental) forest-related outreach and communication strategy exist?

Yes No No

If yes, please provide reference: [max. 100 words]

Does a national report on the status of sustainable forest management exist?

Yes No No

If yes, please provide reference/link: [max. 100 words]

Only the Reports prepared and submitted to the interantional organizations and fora: FRA2015, SoEF2015, JFSQ, etc.

Significant changes in informational means / forest related communication since 2011

Informational means

Yes No No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]

