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

A special request is related to any foreseen changes related to policies, institutions and instruments until December 2014. Please select the button to provide such information.

Yes ☒ No ☐

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PART I: Policies for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)

A1. National forest programmes (NFP) or similar and related forest policies

NFP or similar process 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
Internet Link: "

Starting year: 2015

Main formal decision making body of the

- ☐
- Body with members other than Ministry responsible for forestry

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ministry responsible for forestry <input type="checkbox"/> Similar process <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please specify:	
Significant changes related to the NFP process or similar since 2011	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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-term 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 NFP principles related to NFP as iterative process, stakeholder participation and approaches to inter-sectoral 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-term 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>document</u> (national forest programme document, forest policy statement, strategy or other)		
Existence of forest policy document (other than law)	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> formal NFP process or process explicitly guided by NFP principles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> process similar to NFP or other process	
Name of endorsing/authorizing/enacting institution of the main forest policy document	<input type="checkbox"/> Parliament <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council of Ministers or similar <input type="checkbox"/> Minister responsible for forestry <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry Department or similar <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please specify:	Date of endorsement / authorization / enactment 23/1/2013
Evaluation of policy implementation	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodically, pre-specified in the NFP document	

	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Periodically, but not pre-specified</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not specified, not planned</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Other</div>
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Is there explicit reference to FOREST EUROPE instruments in the forest policy document?	FOREST EUROPE definition of SFM	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	FOREST EUROPE criteria and indicators for SFM	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	FOREST EUROPE guidelines for NFPs	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	FOREST EUROPE Classification of Protected and Protective Forests and Other Wooded Land	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Operational Level Guidelines for Sustainable Forest Management	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Guidelines for Afforestation and Reforestation	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<i>If the responsibility for forest policy is decentralized:</i> Existence of formally endorsed subnational forest policy document(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Significant changes related to main forest policy document since 2011	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	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 climate change, the need for upgraded/ legalized status of protective forests, the multiple social aspects of forest management and use, illegal logging and timber trade, other parameters imposed by the several Ministerial Commitments of MCPFE, the European Union relevant Regulation, Directives and policies and other international commitments.			

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.		
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Policy objectives by policy area

Policy areas

B1. Land use and forest area	Are there any <u>specifically stated</u> policy objectives in relation to each policy area:	
	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	If yes, please specify and provide <u>quantified targets</u> , if any: It specifies that the state forests will increase in area and in no case will decrease.	

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes ☒ 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

B2. Carbon balance

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:

Enhance carbon sinks in forest biomass, forest soils and wood products so as the carbon balance to be always positive.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

There is a clearly defined objective in the Forest Policy Statement.

B3. Health and vitality

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:

Two main objectives: 1. to strengthen the forest fire protection system so as to face the increasing fire risk and to reduce the number of fires, the mean annual burnt area and the average burnt area per fire. 2. to enhance the systematic monitoring and assessment of all abiotic and biotic factors that influence all forest ecosystems, in order to maintain high ability of prompt and adequate response with the proper preventive or remedial measures

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

B4. Production and use of wood

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:

To produce the maximum allowable quantities of timber and fuelwood from state forests, according to the principles of sustainability and multiple-use forestry, so as to satisfy the needs of small local sawmills and timber industries and the needs of local populations for fuelwood.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes ☒ No ☒

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

B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services

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:

The continuation of the production of non-wood forest products and services, on a sustainable basis.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes ☒ No ☒

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

B6. Biodiversity

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:

The conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and multifunctionality of forests, with emphasis on protected areas, endemic species and Mediterranean features, making special effort to reverse the shrinkage of endangered species' populations and the reversal of the reduction of endangered species' populations.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes ☒ No ☒

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

More specific provisions in the new Forest Policy Statement

B7. Protective forests

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:

Further enhancement of the protective role of forests so as to avoid soil erosion and to improve the water quality and quantity.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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 objectives since 2011

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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 quantified 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 to the forests.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives 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 objectives 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 of a series of measures and actions. The latter includes other governmental and non-governmental organizations and bodies as well as the general public

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

B11. Research, training and education

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:

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 level of forest education, training and specialization for all forest employees.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes

No



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

More specific provisions in the new Forest Policy Statement

B12. Cultural and spiritual values

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:

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 objectives since 2011

Yes

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

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
	If yes, please specify [max. 100 words]	Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.
B1. Land use and forest area	<p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please specify</p> <p>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 of such claims.</p>	<p>Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>
B2. Carbon balance	<p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>	
B3. Health and vitality	<p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>	
B4. Production and use of wood	<p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>

B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes ☒ No ☐

Legal regulation of mushroom collection in order to minimize the disturbances to forest ecosystem.

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

B6. Biodiversity

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes ☒ No ☐

The Department of Forests participates in a number of LIFE+ projects in order to protect and enhance biodiversity in fragile or degraded ecosystems. In addition 22 new Special Protected Areas (SPA) and 4 new Sites of Community Importance (SCI) have been added to the "Natura 2000" Network. Now, the Network is composed of 40 SCIs and 29 SPAs of 771,6 Km² and 1476,6 Km² respectively. 38 SCIs areas have management plans and the other 2 are under preparation. The management plans for the SPAs are under preparations.

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

B7. Protective forests

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes ☒ No ☐

In the framework of the ongoing new vegetation mapping carried out by the Department of Forest, special emphasis is given to identify areas of special protective importance in order to promote their declaration as such, under the new classification adopted in the new Forest Law.

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

B8. Economic viability

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes ☒ No ☐

The Council of Ministers decided not to decrease the number of forest workers, despite the economic recession, in order to maintain high levels of forest protection and opportunities for employment in disadvantaged rural areas.

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

<p>B10. Public awareness and participation</p>	<p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Public participation in all steps of policy and legal framework formulation and/or amendment.</p> <p>Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>
<p>B11. Research, training and education</p>	<p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>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 for the establishment of a new Department on Natural Resources (including Forestry) and Energy. The approval of the proposal and its implementation has been postponed due to the economic recession.</p> <p>Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>
<p>B12. Cultural and spiritual values</p>	<p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>
<p>Comments</p>	<p>Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:</p>

PART II: Overall institutional frameworks and by policy area

A2. Institutional frameworks

Government bodies	Please specify the type of forest-related institutional arrangements	Part of Ministry	Sub-national ministries or bodies	Other body. Please specify
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- forest policy administration

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- legislative supervision & enforcement

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- support to private forest management

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- management of public forests

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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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- legislative supervision & enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- support to private forest management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- management of public forests	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments [max. 100 words]			
The Department of Forests is part of the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment and it is entitled with the administration and management of public forests.			

Resources and capacity of public organizations related to forests

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

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 has been decreased. In addition, some 20% of the remaining permanent posts are currently vacant.

Comments

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

Institutional frameworks per policy area

Significant changes in institutional frameworks since 2011

**B1. Land use
and forest area**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

**B2. Carbon
balance**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

**B3. Health and
vitality**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

**B4. Production
and use of wood**

Yes ☒ 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 ☐

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

B6. Biodiversity

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

**B7. Protective
forests**

Yes ☒ 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

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes</p>
B10. Public awareness and participation	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes</p> <p>A new Botanic Garden at Akamas Peninsula has been established. Another (the third) Visitor and Educational Center in Kavo Greko is currently under establishment.</p>
B11. Research, training and education	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes</p> <p>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 finalized its proposal for the establishment of a new Department on Natural Resources (including Forestry) and Energy. The approval of the proposal and its implementation has been postponed due to the economic recession.</p>
B12. Cultural and spiritual values	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes</p>
Comments	<p>Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:</p>

PART III: Overall legal/regulatory frameworks and international commitments and by policy area

A3.Legal/regulatory frameworks and international commitments

Legal/regulatory frameworks		
General characteristics of legal/regulatory framework: formal authority on main forest matters is laid down... [multiple answers possible]	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> in constitution </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in legislation enacted by parliament </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> in administrative decrees / regulations only </div> <div> Other: </div>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at central government level </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> at federal level </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> other </div>
Main forest and SFM related	Name and reference to legal document	

legal/regulatory act with national scope (e.g. Forest law, act or code)	<p>The Forest Law 2012. (L.25(I)/2012. Official Gazette Annex I(I), 30.3.2012)</p> <p>Main changes from previous legal act</p> <p>A totally new forest legislation that replaces the previous one.</p> <p>Date of enactment</p> <p>30/3/2012</p> <p>Date of latest amendment</p> <p>No amendments on the basic Law. A minor amendment on Forest Regulations (legal document) for the control of the disposal and use of state forest land</p>
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Are the following FOREST EUROPE instruments explicitly referred to in the [national?] legal/regulatory framework?	<div>Yes/fully</div> <div>No</div> <tr><td>FOREST EUROPE Definition of SFM</td><td><input checked="" type="radio"/></td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr> <tr><td>FOREST EUROPE C&I for SFM</td><td><input checked="" type="radio"/></td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr> <tr><td>Other</td><td><input checked="" type="radio"/></td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr>	FOREST EUROPE Definition of SFM	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	FOREST EUROPE C&I for SFM	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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FOREST EUROPE C&I for SFM	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>								
Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>								

Significant changes in the legal/regulatory framework since 2011	<div>Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/></div> <div>No <input type="radio"/></div> <p>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes</p> <p>In 2012 there has been a totally new Forest Law replacing the previous one and incorporating all main provisions for the conservation, protection, sustainable management and development of forests.</p>
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Comments	<p>Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</p> <p>www.moa.gov.cy/forest</p>
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International commitments

Significant initiatives undertaken since 2011 in implementation of international commitments related to forests signed by your country	<div>Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/></div> <div>No <input type="radio"/></div> <p>If yes, please specify [max. 100 words]</p> <p>The new Forest Law incorporates the main international commitments related to forests (ie climate change, protective forests, protected areas etc).</p>
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Comments	<p>Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:</p>
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Legal/regulatory frameworks per policy area

	Significant changes in institutional frameworks since 2011
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B1. Land use and forest area	<div><div>Yes</div><div><input checked="" type="radio"/></div><div>No</div><div><input type="radio"/></div></div> <div>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes</div> <div>Specific provision in the new Forest Law for the protection of State Forest Land and the control of forest land use change. Particular set of Forest Regulations for the control of the disposal and use of state forest land.</div>
B2. Carbon balance	<div><div>Yes</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>No</div><div><input checked="" type="radio"/></div></div> <div>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes</div>
B3. Health and vitality	<div><div>Yes</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>No</div><div><input checked="" type="radio"/></div></div> <div>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes</div>
B4. Production and use of wood	<div><div>Yes</div><div><input checked="" type="radio"/></div><div>No</div><div><input type="radio"/></div></div> <div>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes</div> <div>Provision for the control of timber production and harvesting. Adoption of the EU Timber Regulation.</div>
B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services	<div><div>Yes</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>No</div><div><input checked="" type="radio"/></div></div> <div>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes</div>
B6. Biodiversity	<div><div>Yes</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>No</div><div><input checked="" type="radio"/></div></div> <div>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes</div>
B7. Protective forests	<div><div>Yes</div><div><input checked="" type="radio"/></div><div>No</div><div><input type="radio"/></div></div> <div>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes</div> <div>Adoption of the internationally agreed term for Protective Forests in the new Forest Law in order to cover national needs and comply with international commitments.</div>
B8. Economic viability	<div><div>Yes</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>No</div><div><input checked="" type="radio"/></div></div> <div>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes</div>

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

B10. Public awareness and participation

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

B11. Research, training and education

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

B12. Cultural and spiritual values

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Comments

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant:

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

A4. Financial instruments and economic policy

Economic policy

Main characteristics of economic policy related to forests

Please specify objectives of main measures taken to address economic aspects of publicly owned 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 related to forests

Yes ☒ No ☐

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.

Comments

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

Main objectives of forest-related economic policy are the sustainable management and development of state and private forests, the protection and conservation of forest ecosystems and the expansion of forest cover.

Financial instruments

State/federal forest management, act or code)

Please specify financial arrangements related to state-owned forests and their management [max. 100 words]

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Profit/financially self-sufficient forest management

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Additional financial support from government to forest management

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Other. Please specify

Government financial instruments: private forest management

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.*

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Grants/subsidies. Please elaborate:

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Tax measures. Please elaborate:

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Incentives. Please elaborate:

Free plants, technical advice etc for greening private lands

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Public funds. Please elaborate:

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Investment support. Please elaborate:

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Loans. Please elaborate:

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Other. Please specify:

Significant changes in financial instruments related to forests since 2011

Yes

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No

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

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
Of which...	For forest administration		n.a.
	For management of public forests		n.a.
	For public forest research, education and training institutions		n.a.
	For other institutions. Please specify:		n.a.

If transfer payments are made for forest management and conservation, indicate for what specific objective(s) - Please tick all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reforestation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Afforestation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Forest inventory and/or planning
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation of forest biodiversity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protection, of soil and water
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Forest stand improvement
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Establishment or maintenance of protected areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Publicity, villages parks etc

Please specify the allocation of total public expenditures among the six criteria		Estimate of resources %
	C1. Forest resources and carbon	10.2
	C2. Health and vitality	38.4
	C3. Productive functions	3.0
	C4. Biodiversity	13.4
	C5. Protective functions	1.0
	C6. Socio-economic functions	34.0
	Note: the total must be 100 %	

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

B1. Land use and forest area

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

B2. Carbon balance

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

B3. Health and vitality

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

B4. Production and use of wood

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

B6. Biodiversity

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

B7. Protective forests

Yes ☒ 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

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

B10. Public awareness and participation

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

B11. Research, training and education

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

B12. Cultural and spiritual values

Yes ☒ 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 V: Overall informational means and by policy area

A5. Informational means

Main characteristics of informational means

Is there public access to forest inventory data ?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please specify:

Yes, only on request.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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

Yes ☒ 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 ☐

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

Forest related communication Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Comments

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

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