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 process
☐ 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-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:

Main Forest policy document (national forest programme document, forest policy statement, strategy or other)

Existence of forest policy document (other than law)

Yes  No

Title of main forest policy document and internet links


Forest policy document development process

☐ formal NFP process or process explicitly 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:

Date of endorsement / authorization / enactment

23/1/2013

Evaluation of policy implementation

☐ Periodically, pre-specified in the NFP document
☐ Periodically, but not pre-specified
☑ Not specified, not planned
☐ Other

Is there explicit reference to FOREST EUROPE instruments in the forest policy document?

☐ FOREST EUROPE definition of SFM
☐ FOREST EUROPE criteria and indicators for SFM
☐ FOREST EUROPE guidelines for NFPs
☐ FOREST EUROPE Classification of Protected and Protective Forests and Other Wooded Land
☐ FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Operational Level Guidelines for Sustainable Forest Management
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FOREST EUROPE definition of SFM  Yes  No

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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

FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Guidelines for Afforestation and Reforestation  Yes  No
If the responsibility for forest policy is decentralized:

|Existence of formally endorsed 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 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.

Policy objectives by policy area:

Policy areas

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If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, 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.

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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.

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Enhancement of 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.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011:

Yes | No |

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

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.
### 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 multiformity 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:

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 at a series of measures and actions. The latter includes other governmental and non-governmental organizations and bodies as well as the general public.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

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

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<td>New legislation on the trade of timber and timber products. 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.</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>Legal regulation of mushroom collection in order to minimize the disturbances to forest ecosystem.</td>
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<td>B6. Biodiversity</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>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 &quot;Natura 2000&quot; Network. Now, the Network is composed of 40 SCIs and 29 SPAs of 771,6 Km2 and 1476,6 Km2 respectively. 38 SCIs areas</td>
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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.**

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### 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.**

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### 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.**

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### 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.**

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### B10. Public awareness and participation

**Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011**

- **Yes**
- **No**

Public participation in all steps of policy and legal framework formulation and/or amendment.

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

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### B11. Research, training and education

**Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011**

- **Yes**
- **No**

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.

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

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### B12. Cultural and spiritual values

**Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011**

- **Yes**
- **No**

**Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.**
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**PART II: Overall institutional frameworks and by policy area**

### A2. Institutional frameworks

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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

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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**

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B10. Public awareness and participation

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

A new Botanic Garden at Akamas Peninsula has been established. Another (the third) Visitor and Educational Center in Kavo Greko is currently under establishment.

B11. Research, training and education

Yes ☑ No ☐

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

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.

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 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]

☐ in constitution
☑ in legislation enacted by parliament
☐ in administrative decrees / regulations only

Other:

Name and reference to legal document


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 Forest Regulations (legal document) for the control of the disposal and use of state forest land.

Are the following FOREST EUROPE instruments explicitly referred to in the [national?] legal/regulatory framework?

Yes/fully ☑ No ☐

FOREST EUROPE Definition of SFM

☐ ☑ ☐

FOREST EUROPE C&I for SFM

☐ ☑ ☐

Other

☐ ☑ ☐

Significant changes in the legal/regulatory framework since 2011

Yes ☑ No ☐

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

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.

Comments

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

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International commitments

Significant initiatives undertaken since 2011 in implementation of international commitments related to forests signed by your country

Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, please specify [max. 100 words]
The new Forest Law incorporates the main international commitments related to forests (ie climate change, protective forests, protected areas etc).

Comments

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

Legal/regulatory frameworks per policy area

Significant changes in institutional frameworks since 2011

Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B1. Land use and forest area

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.

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
Provision for the control of timber production and harvesting. Adoption of 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.

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.

### B8. Economic viability
- **Yes**  
- **No**

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

### B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)
- **Yes**  
- **No**

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### B10. Public awareness and participation
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### B11. Research, training and education
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- **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:

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### 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 **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.

- **Yes**  
- **No**

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]
Significant changes in economic policy related to forests (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]

- Profit/financially self-sufficient forest management
- Additional financial support from government to forest management
- 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.

- Grants/subsidies. Please elaborate:
- Tax measures. Please elaborate:
- Incentives. Please elaborate:
  Free plants, technical advice etc for greening private lands
- Public funds. Please elaborate:
- Investment support. Please elaborate:
- Loans. Please elaborate:
- Other. Please specify:

Significant changes in financial instruments related to forests since 2011

Yes ☐ No ☑

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

Year: 2013

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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.

- Reforestation
- Afforestation
- Forest inventory and/or planning
- Conservation of forest biodiversity
- Protection of soil and water
- Forest stand improvement
- Establishment or maintenance of protected areas
- Other Publicity, villages parks etc

Please specify the allocation of total public expenditures among the six criteria

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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 ☑
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Comments

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PART V: Overall informational means and by policy area

A5. Informational means

Is there public access to forest inventory data?

Yes ☑ No ☐

If yes, please specify:

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http://www.foresteurope.org/qualitative_questionnaire/admin/imprime.php?tipo=V&cod=9&t2=U

15/17
Main characteristics of informational means

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 international 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]

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Significant changes in informational instruments since 2011

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