



Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe

## 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:

**Name of NFP or similar process**

Name:  
 Internet Link: "

Starting year:

**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]

**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**

Name: Waldstrategie2020 / Forest strategy 2020  
 Internet Link:

**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:  
 Federal Government

Date of endorsement / authorization / enactment

**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	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
FOREST EUROPE criteria and indicators for SFM	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
FOREST EUROPE guidelines for NFPs	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
FOREST EUROPE Classification of Protected and Protective Forests and Other Wooded Land	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Operational Level Guidelines for Sustainable Forest Management	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Guidelines for Afforestation and Reforestation	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>

*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]:

**Comments on the main forest policy document**

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

**Policy objectives by policy area**

**Policy areas**

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:

**B1. Land use and forest area**

The forest area in Germany is to be maintained and, if possible, enlarged. The stability, productivity, diversity and naturalness of forests are to be further improved through the proven integrative approach of sustainable, multi-functional forest management. The planting of site-specific, mainly indigenous species of trees is an important contributory factor here.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes  No

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

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:

**B2. Carbon balance**

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes  No

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

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:

**B3. Health and vitality**

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes  No

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

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:

**B4. Production and use of wood**

The production of timber from sustainable forestry is to be ensured and the framework conditions improved for the sustainable provisioning of raw materials for the timber, paper and energy industry. After 2020 as well, the growing domestic demand for timber is to be mainly covered from indigenous supplies and from the sustainable exploitation of other raw material sources.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes  No 

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

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

The value of forests for recreation and leisure and their specific cultural functions and contributions are to be maintained and suitable measures taken to avoid any negative impact on nature, forest property and management. Hunting makes a special contribution to sustainable forestry plays an important role in sustainable forestry. Strict, efficient hunting ensures the preservation of the forest ecosystem and promotes natural forest regeneration.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes  No 

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

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:**B6. Biodiversity**

Forest biodiversity is to be further improved by suitable measures. The links between forest management and biodiversity are to be researched more extensively and the findings factored into further decision-making and planning processes.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes  No 

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

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:**B7. Protective forests**

Soil, an important production factor for forests, is to be protected and harmful effects reduced. The contributions of forest management to water supply are to be assessed and opportunities for improved remuneration examined.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes  No 

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

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:**B8. Economic viability**

The economic foundations of forestry enterprises, value added and jobs in the forestry and timber industry are to be preserved.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes  No 

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

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:Yes  No

**B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)**

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

The economic foundations of forestry enterprises, value added and jobs in the forestry and timber industry are to be preserved.

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

At the same time, it is about promoting understanding of the forest ecosystem, the contributions of sustainable forestry and the use of renewable resources within the framework of educational schemes and greater awareness-raising amongst consumers about the forest ecosystem.

Yes  No

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

**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:

Major research efforts are needed in order to avoid and reduce conflicting goals in the above areas of action.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes  No

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

**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:

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes  No

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

**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.

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes  No

**B1. Land use and forest area**

**If yes, please specify**

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

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Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes  No

**B2. Carbon balance**

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

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Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes  No

**B3. Health and vitality**

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

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Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes  No

**B4. Production and use of wood**

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

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Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes  No

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

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

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Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes  No

**B6. Biodiversity**

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

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Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes  No

**B7. Protective forests**

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

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Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

**B8. Economic viability** 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

**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

**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

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

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## PART II: Overall institutional frameworks and by policy area

### A2. Institutional frameworks

Please specify the type of forest-related institutional arrangements

Part of Ministry

Sub-national ministries or bodies

Other body. Please specify

- forest policy administration



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|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| - legislative supervision & enforcement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - support to private forest management  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - management of public forests          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- Other. Please specify:

**Government bodies**

Please specify the level of main responsibility	Central government	Subnational governments	Other. (please specify in comments below)
- administering forest policy development and implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- legislative supervision & enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- support to private forest management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- management of public forests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments [max. 100 words]

**Resources and capacity of public organizations related to forests**

Name or group/type <sup>1</sup> : Forest-related staff <sup>2</sup> (2013, Full time equivalent)

Total [estimate]

...of which forest administration <sup>3</sup>

...of which management of public forests

...of which public forest research, education and training institutions

... 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]

**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

**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 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:
- at central government level  
 at federal level  
 other

Name and reference to legal document

Main forest and SFM related legal/regulatory act with national scope (e.g. Forest law, act or code)

Main changes from previous legal act

Date of enactment

Date of latest amendment

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

FOREST EUROPE Definition of SFM

Yes/fully

No

FOREST EUROPE C&amp;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

Comments

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

## 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]

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

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

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**B3. Health and vitality** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B4. Production and use of wood** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B6. Biodiversity** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B7. Protective forests** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B8. Economic viability** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B10. Public awareness and participation** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B11. Research, training and education** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B12. Cultural and spiritual values** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**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

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

#### Main characteristics of economic policy related to forests

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

#### Significant changes in economic policy related to forests (public and private) since 2011

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.

#### 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:

Gibt es Mittel aus Programmen, die nicht GAK und damit ELER sind und hier aufgeführt werden müssen?

- Tax measures. Please elaborate:

Zählt hier der verringerte Einkommensteuersatz im Fall von kalamitätsbedingtem Einschlag

- Incentives. Please elaborate:
- Public funds. Please elaborate:
- Investment support. Please elaborate:
- Loans. Please elaborate:
- Other. Please specify:

Yes  No

**Significant changes in financial instruments related to forests since 2011**

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

Year:

Domestic funding (mil€)

External funding <sup>4</sup> (mil€)

Total (mil€)

Operational expenditure

Transfer payments (support to private forest management)

Total public expenditure

For forest administration

Of which...

For management of public forests

For public forest research, education and training institutions

For other institutions. Please specify:

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

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 %

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

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Yes  No

**B2. Carbon balance**

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

Mittel des Waldklimafonds, wenn man sie den hier verorten wollte?

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Yes  No

**B3. Health and vitality**

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

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Yes  No

**B4. Production and use of wood**

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

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Yes  No

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

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

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Yes  No

**B6. Biodiversity**

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

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Yes  No

**B7. Protective forests**

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

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Yes  No

**B8. Economic viability**

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

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Yes  No

**B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)**

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

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Yes  No

**B10. Public awareness and participation**

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

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Yes  No

**B11. Research, training and education**

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

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Yes  No

**B12. Cultural and spiritual values**

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

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Comments

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

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## PART V: Overall informational means and by policy area

### A5. Informational means

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Is there public access to forest inventory data ?

Yes  No 

If yes, please specify:

www.bundeswaldinventur.de

#### 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]

Waldbericht

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#### Informational means

Yes  No 

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

#### Significant changes in informational means / forest related communication since 2011

**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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### Financial instruments per policy area

#### Significant changes in informational instruments since 2011

Yes  No **B1. Land use and forest area**

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

Yes  No **B2. Carbon balance**

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

Waldklimafonds, wenn man ihn hier verorten wollte?

Yes  No **B3. Health and vitality**

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

Yes  No **B4. Production and use of wood**

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

Yes  No **B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services**

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

Yes  No **B6. Biodiversity**

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

Yes  No **B7. Protective forests**

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

Yes  No **B8. Economic viability**

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

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

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

Yes  No **B10. Public awareness and participation**

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

Yes  No **B11. Research, training and education**

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

Yes  No **B12. Cultural and spiritual values**



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

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**Comments**

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant: