



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

COUNTRY: Portugal

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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: Starting year: 1996
 Internet Link: www.icnf.pt"

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:

As the Portuguese National Forest Programme is a continuous process, some low level changes have occurred since the last report: the National Forest Strategy and Regional Forest Plans (PROF) are being updated. EU Timber Regulation is in place (2013).

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: Forest Policy Act and National Forest Strategy
Internet Link: <http://dre.pt/pdf1sdip/1996/08/190A00/25682573.pdf> and
<http://www.icnf.pt/portal/icnf/docref/enf>

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

1996 and 2006

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 No

FOREST EUROPE criteria and indicators for SFM

Yes No

FOREST EUROPE guidelines for NFPs

Yes No

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 2011Yes 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**

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**

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

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:

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

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

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:

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:

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

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:

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:**B12. Cultural and spiritual values**

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

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

New Monumental Trees Protection Act (Lei 53/2012, 5 setembro)

Comments

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant:

Policy objectives are the same as reported for the Forest Europe 2011. respective targets are being updated.

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**

Legal Regime of Afforestation and Reforestation (RJAAR), since July 2013

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

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

B2. Carbon balanceYes No **Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.**

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

B3. Health and vitalityYes No **Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.**

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

B4. Production and use of

wood

Yes No **Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.**

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

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No **Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.**

B6. Biodiversity

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No **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 **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 **Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.**

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.**

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.**

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.****Comments**

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

RJAAR - Legislation_DL 96/2013, de 19 Julho (19.07). Link:<http://www.icnf.pt/portal/florestas/arboriz>**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	<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"/>
Other. Please specify: County Technical Bureau (GTF-Gabinete T�cnico Florestal)			

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 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]

GTF - Municipality level

Resources and capacity of public organizations related to forests

Name or group/type ¹ :	Forest-related staff ² (2013,Full time equivalent)
Total [estimate]	540
...of which forest administration ³	219
...of which management of public forests	321

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

... 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]

The national forest and nature conservation authorities were merged in the same national agency (Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests - ICNF, 2012). The main objective was to increase the efficiency of the administration.

Comments

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

New Institutional Framework ICNF, IP (<http://www.icnf.pt/portal/icnf/organica>)

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

Yes No

B8. Economic viability

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 participationYes No

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

B11. Research, training and educationYes No

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

B12. Cultural and spiritual valuesYes 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

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

Name and reference to legal document

Lei de Bases da Política Florestal (Forest Policy Act), Lei nº 33/96, de 17 de Agosto and Estratégia Nacional para as Florestas (National Forest Strategy), Resolução do Conselho de Ministros nº114/2006

Main changes from previous legal act

Date of enactment

1996 and 2006 (respectively)

Date of latest amendment

National Forest Strategy is currently being updated

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&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

Legal Regime of Afforestation and Reforestation (RJAAR). Two main reasons: quantitative data on forest management options and administrative simplification.

Comments

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

The Forest Europe instruments identified above are referred in the legal and regulatory framework but not "fully"

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]

EU Timber Regulation is in place (2013): national application of an EU Regulation to combat illegal marketing wood products.

Comments

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

National Legislation EU T R: <http://www.icnf.pt/portal/florestas/fileiras/reg-op>**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

RJAAR - Legislation_ DL 96/2013, de 19 Julho (19.07). Link:<http://www.icnf.pt/portal/florestas/arboriz>**B2. Carbon balance**Yes No

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

B3. Health and vitalityYes No

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

B4. Production and use of woodYes No

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

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

To improve forest management practices in order to increase the productivity and simultaneously reduce the risk of forest fires

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

Main measures adopted aim to increase the competitiveness of the private forest sector by improving forest management practices to reach higher productivity and simultaneously reduce the investment risks due to forest fires.

Significant changes in economic Yes No

policy related to forests (public and private) since 2011

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:

Tax measures. Please elaborate:

Incentives. Please elaborate:

Public funds. Please elaborate:

Forest Permanent Fund (FFP-Fundo Florestal Permanente)

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

Main instruments are the Fundo Florestal Permanente (Permanent Forest Fund) as national funding and support measures under the Rural Development Regulation (EU)

Year:	Domestic funding (mil€)	External funding ⁴ (mil€)	Total (mil€)
Operational expenditure	13.191		13.191
Transfer payments (support to private forest management)	12.790	72.515	85.305
Total public expenditure	25981		25981
Of which...			
	For forest administration		5.759
	For management of public forests		7.285

For public forest research, education and training institutions	110
For other institutions. Please specify:	37

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

	Estimate of resources %
C1. Forest resources and carbon	33.3%
C2. Health and vitality	11.2%
C3. Productive functions	
C4. Biodiversity	
C5. Protective functions	55.2%
C6. Socio-economic functions	0.3%
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. BiodiversityYes No

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

B7. Protective forestsYes No

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B8. Economic viabilityYes No

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

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

B10. Public awareness and participationYes No

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

B11. Research, training and educationYes No

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

B12. Cultural and spiritual valuesYes 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**

Is there public access to forest inventory data ?

Yes No

If yes, please specify:

General inventory data is obtained directly in the ICNF site (www.icnf.pt). More detailed data must be specifically required.

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]

Informational meansYes 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.

Financial instruments per policy area**Significant changes in informational instruments since 2011****B1. Land use and forest area**Yes No

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

B2. Carbon balanceYes No

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

B3. Health and vitalityYes No

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

B4. Production and use of woodYes No

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

B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and servicesYes No

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

B6. BiodiversityYes No

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

B7. Protective forestsYes No

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

B8. Economic viabilityYes 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 participationYes No

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

B11. Research, training and educationYes No

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

B12. Cultural and spiritual valuesYes No

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

Comments

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant: