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

Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe

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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

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

The existing forest policy was ultimately decided upon by the Government after intensive stakeholder consultations. However, this year in June the Swedish Government formally decided to establish a National Forest Program process. The details on e.g. the decision-making process within the NFP process have not been decided upon. However, with respect to possible legislative changes in e.g. the Forestry Act the normal parliamentary process would apply, regardless of where the initial proposals originate.

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Since the NFP process has just started we have very limited experiences to share. See also above.

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A Swedish National Forest Programme will cover the economic, social and environmental values so that the forest and its value chain further contribute to the development towards a sustainable society and a growing bio-based economy. An important part of the work with the National Forest Programme is to provide for a platform of dialogue and interaction that can give a greater consensus on the role of forestry in the community and provides the opportunity to create a comprehensive long-term strategic focus on sustainable forest management. See also the Government's initiative "The Forest Kingdom" described below.

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

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- Council of Ministers or similar
- Minister responsible for forestry
- Forestry Department or similar
- Other. Please specify: 

### Date of endorsement/authorization/enactment
16/06/2008

### Evaluation of policy implementation
- Periodically, pre-specified in the NFP document
- Periodically, but not pre-specified
- Not specified, not planned
- Other

### 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 2011
- Yes ☐ No ☑

There has been a number of national decisions that has influenced the forest policy even though the main forest policy document from 2008 is still valid. The Swedish government has launched a number of initiatives that relate inter alia to the main forest policy document, and which have influenced the forest policy. Some examples: Skogsriket (http://www.regeringen.se/sb/d/14709)= The Forest Kingdom - with values for the world The establishment of a National Forest Programme Adaptiv skogsskötsel (part of The Forest Kingdom) (http://www.skogsstyrelsen.se/Myndigheter/Projekt/Regeringsuppdrag/Adaptiv-skogsskotsel/)

### Comments on the main forest policy document
- Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant: The main forest policy document describes MCPFE/Forest Europe in the section on international forest commitments. Even though there are no explicit references to Forest Europe's instruments in the main forest policy document, the definition of SFM and criteria and indicators for SFM are partly addressed in the Swedish forest policy through similar applications.

### Policy objectives by policy area

#### Policy areas
- B1. Land use and forest area

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:

Cross reference to B.2, B.4, B.5., B.6.

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:
B2. Carbon balance

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

Through the Climate policy, also expressed in the main forest policy instrument, which highlight the role of forests and forestry in climate mitigation and needs for adaptation due to a changing climate.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

B3. Health and vitality

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

Various different regulations are in place, a.o. through the Swedish Forestry Act. Examples include the obligation to remove harvested or wind-fallen timber in order to prevent insect outbreaks. Furthermore, genetic diversity of tree species is closely monitored and policies are in place to secure a wide genetic 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

B4. Production and use of wood

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

Forests and forest land shall be utilised efficiently aiming at a sustainable and valuable yield. The composition of the forest production must be such, that it has a potential to satisfy different human needs in the future. The Swedish forest policy is based on the co-equal goals of production and biodiversity.

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

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

Sweden has the so-called "right of common access", referred to in the constitution. This implies that every one should have access to all forest land and may pick berries and mushrooms.

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

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

Within the 16 Swedish Environmental Objectives, that has been decided by the Parliament, there is one on "A Rich Diversity of Plant and Animal Life". There it is stated that biological diversity must be preserved and used sustainably for the benefit of present and future generations. Species habitats and ecosystems and their functions and processes must be safeguarded. Species must be able to survive in long-term viable populations with sufficient genetic variation. Finally, people must have access to a good natural and cultural environment rich in biological diversity, as a basis for health, quality of life and well-being. In addition there is one specific Objective regarding "Sustainable Forests", which states that the value of forests and forest land for biological production must be protected, at the same time as biological diversity and cultural heritage and recreational assets are safeguarded. This objective is intended to be achieved within one generation.
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:

Policies concerning protective forests normally serve multiple purposes, foremost biodiversity objectives. Meaning that rules applying to Forests in the poorly regenerating Alpine region as well as e.g. forests close to water receive specific consideration - either meaning that harvesting is not permitted (Alpine impediment) or subject to adapted management. This serves both biodiversity as well as (soil, water) protective functions.

B7. Protective 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

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:

In summary, the Swedish forest policy is based on the principle that forestry is an economically viable activity on its own accord, meaning that the Swedish system does not, in general terms, grant subsidies to forest management.

B8. Economic viability

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:

A high level of safety and health considerations have already been applied for many years. As regards employment, the Forest Kingdom action plan aims at broadening the basis of income and creating new jobs in rural areas, with logically a focus on new and innovative ways of earning a living from the forest (e.g. ecotourism etc.).

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)

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:

The Forest Kingdom has been the Government's main communication tool to reach the public at large with regard to the wealth Swedish Forests have to offer - socially, economically, culturally and biologically. For example, Forest Kingdom Ambassadors have been appointed who have promoted topics such as wood construction, gender equality in the forest sector and skills provision. The F.K. Action Plan is based on a dialogue with all stake holders in the forest sector. The F.K. has also had a web site and a quarterly news letter.

B10. Public awareness and participation

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:

One focus area of The Forest Kingdom is education and skills provision, where the Ministry for Rural Affairs has worked together with stakeholders to increase the number of students, particularly female, pursuing education/jobs in the forest sector.

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

Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

- The Ministry for Rural Affairs has been actively involved preparing the strategy and follows up on results once a year using 15 indicators.

### 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:

Cultural heritage sites in the forest are under rather strict protection, meaning that all forestry operations shall not damage these remnants.

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

Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

- The forestry sector of Sweden has developed its own strategy for gender equality called Competitiveness requires gender equality. The Ministry for Rural Affairs has been actively involved preparing the strategy and follows up on results once a year using 15 indicators.

### Key measures and lessons learnt per policy area

#### B1. Land use and forest area

- **Policy areas**
  - Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011:
    - Yes [ ] No [ ]
  - **B1. Land use and forest area**
    - On the basis of the work carried out under the Parliamentary All Party committee the Government considers upon a strategy for sustainable land use and some work has already been done. (For ex. the Swedish Government Official Reports 2013:43 and 2012:15). This will be part of a wider approach on the Environmental Objectives. The forest area has been rather stable for at least 100 years.

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

#### B2. Carbon balance

- **Policy areas**
  - Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011:
    - Yes [ ] No [ ]
  - **B2. Carbon balance**
    - The government has initiated long-term work on a “Roadmap 2050” with the aim to abolish nett emissions by 2050, this includes the forest sector.

- **Key lessons learnt**
  - Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant:
B3. Health and vitality

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

B4. Production and use of wood

An initiative for strengthening the work on tree-breeding has been taken by the Swedish Government and is co-financed by forest industry. The aim of the initiative is to secure long term productivity and supply of raw material to the industry as well as to develop propagating materials adopted for new conditions caused by climate changes. The work is carried out by Skogforsk - the forestry research institute of Sweden. Cross-reference to at least B.11 Research, B.8 Economic viability, B.4 Production and use of wood, B.3 Health and vitality.

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

The Forest Kingdom included a grant called "Grow with the Forest" for which small and middle sized businesses could apply. The "product" had to be related to forest tourism in a broad sense.

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

B6. Biodiversity

In order to implement the Aichi targets the Swedish government has set a national target of protecting 20% of our land area (including fresh water surfaces). This will likely also be effected by means of additional forest protection measures such as e.g. a possible increase in (voluntary) set-aside areas.

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

A new law on Timber Measurement (Virkesmättningslagen) was passed in May 2014, in which the scope of the original law was broadened to include all assortments, independent of tree species. This means the new law also includes measurements of the energy assortment, as this has become a more important assortment in later years. The objective, of sellers and buyers having equal possibilities to assess if the remuneration for the timber trade is fair, has also been clarified. http://www.regeringen.se/sb/d/108/a/235625

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)

One very important lesson is that the demand for skilled workers and staff cannot be met as long as the forest sector remains a mainly male domain. Therefore, gender equality has to be integrated in the educational system from an early age and girls’ interest in the forest sector promoted. It is not only a question of making women fit in the system but to make the system welcome the talents and knowledge that women bring into it. Science proves that a more gender equal enterprise makes a better profit.

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 ☐

See employment

**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.

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**Comments**

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

In general, no major changes have been made to Swedish forest or forest-related legislative framework since 2011. Within the existing forest policy several important initiatives have been taken over the recent years to promote the implementation of the societal goals for forest and forestry. The Government's vision The Forest Kingdom - with values for the world is built around four branches: Sustainable Forestry, Research and Innovation, Tourism and Sweden in the world. Three branches have dealt with national matters and the fourth branch with the importance of SFM for helping relieve hunger and prevent climate change. Its main Action Plan has been picked up by various counties which have developed their own Action Plans, adapted to regional challenges and possibilities. The Forest Kingdom also deals with export promotion of products and know-how related to forestry and wooden products.

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

**A2. Institutional frameworks**

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Ministry for Rural Affairs is chief de file for administering forest policy development in Sweden. The Swedish Forest Agency is the Government's expert authority on forests and forest policy, including policy administration, supervision and enforcement of forest legislation as well as to carry out extension service to forest owners. Sweden does not financially support private forest management. The state owned forestry enterprise Sveaskog together with The National Property Board of Sweden manages the main portion of state forests. State forests within protected areas are mainly managed by the County Administrative Boards.

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

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### 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

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### Institutional frameworks per policy area

#### Significant changes in institutional frameworks since 2011

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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

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

An All Party Committee on Environmental Objectives has been set up to secure broad political consensus on environmental issues. Its role is to advise the Government on how the generational goal and the environmental quality objectives can be achieved in a way that is cost-effective in economic terms. It was established 1 July 2010.

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
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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:
The Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management was established 1 July 2011 by merging one government agency and part of another one. It is a government agency that works for flourishing seas, lakes and streams for the benefit and enjoyment of all. Their work does also influence on forest and water.

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

- in constitution
- in legislation enacted by parliament
- at central government level
- at federal level
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Legal/regulatory frameworks per policy area
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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**

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

See comments

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

See comments

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

Yes  No

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

**Comments**

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

The forest sector (incl. both public and private forests) should in the long run be self-financing and self-sustained. Revenues from forestry should be reinvested in sustainable forest management. This economic policy is an overall policy applied to almost all other sectors in the economy, except for agriculture and fishery. In principle no direct subsidies to wood production exists. There are however some state subsidies for measures in forestry in order to enhance the environmental values in the forest.

**Financial instruments**

**State/federal forest management, act or code**

- [ ] Profit/financially self-sufficient forest management
- [ ] Additional financial support from government to forest management
- [ ] Other. Please specify

Please specify the use of financial instruments for private forests and their management, incl. main objectives [max. 100 words]. For the EU Member States, please specify apart from the EU Rural Development Programme Funds.

- [ ] Grants/subsidies. Please elaborate:
Vocational training and information dissemination outside the EU Rural Development Programme

- Tax measures. Please elaborate:
  There are specific tax instruments for forest owners.

- Incentives. Please elaborate:

- Public funds. Please elaborate:

- Investment support. Please elaborate:
  Investments in higher added value including support to innovative business ideas e.g. eco-tourism, refinement and product development, etc. See earlier description of the grant "Grow with the forest", which is part of The Forest Kingdom.

- Loans. Please elaborate:

- Other. Please specify:

**Government financial instruments:**
**Private forest management**

- **Significant changes in financial instruments related to forests since 2011**
  - Yes
  - No
  - If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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*For forest administration* 115

*For management of public forests* n/a

*For public forest research, education and training institutions* 64

*For other institutions. Please specify:* n/a

The expenditure for management of public forests are self financing and no public funding is needed.

- 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 categories:

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*Note: the total must be 100%*

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

Transfer payments for Reforestation is only allocated for valuable broad-leaved Forests (oak, beech, etc.). It is almost impossible to divide the public expenditures among the six criteria since the public expenditure is not divided in such way. The percentages presented are rough estimates.

**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

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**B3. Health and vitality**

- Yes
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**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:

As above, it is complicated to give an account of the budgetary measures in a summarised, yet subdivided way as asked for in this web inquiry. However, in general it should be noted that the Gov't has through the Forest Kingdom initiative deployed measures for SFM to a sum of about 300 million Swedish kronor since its inception in 2011. For more information on details please contact the Swedish national focal point.

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:
Information from the Swedish National Forest Inventory is available through the SLU publication "Skogsdata" (http://pub.epsilon.slu.se/10812/9-nilsson_et_al_130923.pdf) as well as through the Swedish Statistical Yearbook of Forestry (http://www.skogsstyrelsen.se/en/AUTHORITY/Statistics/Statistical-Yearbook-).

Does a written (governmental) forest-related outreach and communication strategy exist?
Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, please provide reference: [max. 100 words]
Even if a written Communication strategy doesn't exist there are both outreach and Communication activities incorporated in the Working strategy for the governmental organisations. However, for the Forest Kingdom there are communication strategies covering both the Ministry for Rural Affairs and the Swedish Forest Agency.

Does a national report on the status of sustainable forest management exist?
Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, please provide reference/link: [max. 100 words]
An annual publication on the status of SFM can be found in the Swedish Statistical Yearbook of Forestry, where a wide range of forest related information is available (http://www.skogsstyrelsen.se/en/AUTHORITY/Statistics/)
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]

Skogsriket/The Forest Kingdom (http://www.government.se/sb/d/16290/a/171804) is a vision for creating jobs related to forests in a broad sense in the countryside. It is based on the sustainable use of forests and the coequal objectives of environment and production. Mina sidor/My pages is an e-service for forest owners provided by the Forest Agency where the forest owner will get information about what data the authority has about his/her forest estate, incl. maps and satellite images. The forest owner could also easily keep in contact with the authority. Also see below.

Forest related communication
Yes ☐ No ☐

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

Skogens pärlor (translates approximately as Treasures of the Forest) is a website provided by the Swedish Forest Agency where you can find environmentally valuable forest habitats as well as cultural heritage. See also above.

Comments
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Financial instruments per policy area

Significant changes in informational instruments since 2011

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Although there would logically be a shifting focus as regards the main topic of communication varying due to changes in biotic, abiotic conditions, politics etc. it is impossible to split up our communication efforts along the very rigid divisions provided above in your questionnaire. When communicating about forests all these topics are covered, albeit to varying degree and level of detail.