



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: Forest Policy 2020
 Internet Link: <http://www.bafu.admin.ch/publikationen/publikation/01704/index.html?lang=en>
 Starting year: 2002

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: Federal Office for the Environment FOEN

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:

In 2009 the FOEN started a review-process of the national forest program from 2004. It was helpful to separate this process in a first part of controlling/evaluation/analysis and make this accessible for the stakeholders/public. And in the second part to develop the interpretation/findings together with the stakeholders in a participatory process.

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: Forest Policy 2020
Internet Link: <http://www.bafu.admin.ch/publikationen/publikation/01704/index.html?lang=en>

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
2011

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

Yes No

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

Significant changes related to main forest policy document since 2011

The implementation of some of the measures through which the Confederation shall pursue the eleven objectives of Forest Policy 2020 have legal or financial impacts. In consequence the Swiss Government prepared a adaptation of the national forest law in 2013. In a formal consultation process all stakeholders were invited to formulate their interests. In June 2014 the Government transferred the adaptation of the national forest law to the parliament. The main topics are: Prevention and control of biotic hazards outside the protective forest, Adaptation to climate change, wood promotion and adaptations to forestry practice.

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:

See Forest Policy 2020 p. 30

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

In certain cases (e.g. to protect agricultural priority areas and for the rehabilitation of watercourses), it is now possible to dispense with compensation in kind or compensation for deforestation. Static forest boundaries can be designated in relation to the open land on the basis of overall planning (in particular structural planning).

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:

See Forest Policy 2020 p. 18

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

in process

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:

See Forest Policy 2020 p. 37 and p. 40

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

in process

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

See Forest Policy 2020 p. 18

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

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

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

See Forest Policy 2020 p. 45

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

See Forest Policy 2020 p. 27

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

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

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

See Forest Policy 2020 p. 25

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

See Forest Policy 2020 p. 34

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:

See Forest Policy 2020 p. 48

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:

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

See Forest Policy 2020: 48

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:

See Forest Policy 2020: 48

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

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

in process

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:

quantified targets for each policy objective can be found in "Forest Policy 2020" p. 62 following pages

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

B1. Land use and forest area Yes No

If yes, please specify

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

B2. Carbon balance

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

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

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

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.

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

B8. Economic viabilityYes 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:

FOEN elaborated a plan of measures based on the forest policy 2020, adopted by the government (see â€œForest Policy 2020â€). The implementation started 2012. FOEN conducts an intern controlling system over the about 100 measures.

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 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
- management of public forests
- Other. Please specify:

Please specify the level of main responsibility	Central government	Subnational governments	Other. (please specify in comments below)
Government bodies			
- administering forest policy development and implementation	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments [max. 100 words]			
Switzerland's forest policy is a joint task of the Confederation and cantons. In consequence the two levels are involved both at the institutional arrangement and the level of responsibility. Management of public forests is done either by subnational governments=cantons or by municipalities or by other publicly or privately owned management structures. Support to sfm is provided by cantonal forest administration. The cantonal administration has role of supervision and law enforcement. The Federal administration has role of overall supervision.			

Name or group/type ¹ :	Forest-related staff ² (2013, Full time equivalent)
Total [estimate]	360
...of which forest administration ³	360
...of which management of public forests	n.a.
...of which public forest research, education and training institutions	n.a.
... of which others	n.a.

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:

No significant changes in the institutional framework

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

at central government level

in legislation enacted by parliament

at federal level

in administrative decrees / regulations only

other

Other: subnational legislation (at cantonal level)

Name and reference to legal document

Federal Law on Forests of 1991 (SR 921.0) <http://www.admin.ch/opc/en/classified-compilation/19910255/index.html>

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

Parliament decision of 4 October 1991, in force since 1 January 1993

Date of latest amendment

1 July 2013

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

Yes No

Significant changes in the legal/regulatory framework since 2011

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

The federal Law on Forest has been revised by 1 July 2013: In certain cases (e.g. to protect agricultural priority areas and for the rehabilitation of watercourses), it is now possible to dispense with compensation in kind or compensation for deforestation. Furthermore static forest boundaries can be designated in relation to the open land on the basis of overall planning (in particular structural planning).

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

Comments

See "Forest Policy 2020" p. 32 for the background information. See all footnotes "Amended/repealed by No I of the Federal Act of 16 March 2012, in force since 1 July 2013" in the federal Law on Forests for the new legislative formulation. <http://www.admin.ch/opc/en/classified-compilation/19910255/index.html>

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

Yes No

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

B1. Land use and forest area

The federal Law on Forestt has been revides by 1 July 2013: In certain cases (e.g. to protect agricultural priority areas and for the rehabilitation of watercourses), it is now possible to dispense with compensation in kind or compensation for deforestation. Furthermore static forest boundaries can be designated in relation to the open land on the basis of overall planning (in particular structural planning).

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 participation

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:

See all footnotes "Amended/repealed by No I of the Federal Act of 16 March 2012, in force since 1 July 2013" in the federal Law on Forests: <http://www.admin.ch/opc/en/classified-compilation/19910255/index.html>

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

A4. Financial instruments and economic policy

Economic policy

Main characteristics of economic policy related to forests

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

The objective of Forest Policy 2020 is: The efficiency and performance of the Swiss forestry sector and, therefore, the structure of forestry operations and cooperation beyond ownership structures shall improve. The additional expenses incurred by managers for the provision of the desired forest services, or corresponding losses in income, shall be compensated. For the strategic directions and the measures see Forest Policy 2020 p. 34 and following pages.

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

Public and private owned forests are not adressed differently.

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]

The content of Forest Policy 2020 concerning the economic policy related to forests is not significantly different from the former "Swiss National Forest Program", but a continuation.

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

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:

Programme agreements with the cantons for the maintenance of the protective forests

Tax measures. Please elaborate:

Incentives. Please elaborate:

**Government financial instruments:
private forest management**

Programme agreements for the improvement of forest biodiversity. Programme agreements for the improvement of economic efficiency and the performance of the forestry sector (e.g. improving structures and mergers of forest enterprises)

Public funds. Please elaborate:

Investment support. Please elaborate:

Loans. Please elaborate:

The confederation provides returnable capital investment loans to the cantons to improve the structures of forest enterprises, their techniques and proceedings.

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: 2012	Domestic funding (mil€)	External funding ⁴ (mil€)	Total (mil€)
Operational expenditure	9.4	0	9.4
Transfer payments (support to private forest management)	69.6	0	69.6
Total public expenditure	79	0	79
	For forest administration		n/a
Of which...	For management of public forests		n/a
	For public forest research, education and training institutions		n/a
	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

		Estimate of resources %
Please specify the allocation of total public expenditures among the six criteria	C1. Forest resources and carbon	8
	C2. Health and vitality	5

C3. Productive functions	15
C4. Biodiversity	10
C5. Protective functions	60
C6. Socio-economic functions	2

Note: the total must be 100 %

Comments and lessons learnt

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

Currency translation: 1 Euro = 1.2 CHF (which is significantly different from 2010 with 1 Euro = 1.5 CHF!) Total public expenditure without technical measures against natural hazards and natural hazard planning. Transfer payments include: maintenance of the protective forests, improvement of economic efficiency and the performance of the forestry sector, improvement of forest biodiversity

Financial instruments per policy area

Significant changes in financial instruments since 2011

B1. Land use and forest area

Yes No

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

B2. Carbon balance

Yes No

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

B3. Health and vitality

Yes No

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

B4. Production and use of wood

Yes No

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

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

Yes No

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

B6. Biodiversity

Yes No

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

B7. Protective forests

Yes No

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

B8. Economic viability

Yes No

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

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

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

B10. Public awareness and 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:

<http://www.lfi.ch/index-en.php?lang=en>**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]

Forest report 2005: <http://www.bafu.admin.ch/publikationen/publikation/00767/index.html?lang=en> The next forest report will be published in 2015.

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

A national information champagne has been supported by the government to use swiss wood (<http://www.bafu.admin.ch/aktionsplan-holz/10302/10305/13067/index.html?lang=de>). Furthermore wood stakeholders started the label Swiss Wood to promote the use of swiss wood (<http://www.schweizerholz.ch/>)

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

Forest biodiversity included as part of the national biodiversity strategy 2012 and its action plan under development till 2015

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: