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Forests

in the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

Threats, actions to address them, and challenges in implementation

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Governing bodies of CPF Members

guidance to enhance the work on forest biodiversity

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**FAO Council at its 176th
Session (December 2024)
recommended:**

FAO to continue to collaborate with the Convention on Biological Diversity and within the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) in advancing the mainstreaming of biodiversity in forestry, including on data and monitoring



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**Conference of the Parties to the
CBD Sixteenth meeting, second
resumed session Rome, 25–27
February 2025 requested:**

the Executive Secretary of the CBD to

“to strengthen collaboration (...) within the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, to support the coherent implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, the Convention and the Framework”



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UNFF 19 Decisions (2024):

“The Forum invited the CPF and its member organizations:

To continue to enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies (...) on sustainable forest management and their forest agendas in a holistic and integrated manner, through addressing the interlinkages of climate change, biodiversity loss (...), taking into account the respective mandates of its members;”



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CPF Joint Initiative on forest biodiversity

Lead agencies: CBD Secretariat, FAO, UNFF Secretariat

Timeline: 2024-2028

- Assisting countries in coherent implementation of forest-related commitments as identified in the KM-GBF and the Global Forest Goals/UNSPF
- Analysis of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) - forest biodiversity
- Contribution to the ongoing Strategic Review of the CBD Programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity (2025)
- Resource mobilization for country-level actions (2025-26)



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Under the CPF Joint Initiative the study was conducted to:

- **Understand how countries address forest biodiversity in their NBSAPs**
- **Draw lessons learned from country case studies**
- **Support the development and implementation of NBSAPs**

54 NBSAPs were reviewed to identify:

- Specific pressures and threats to forest biodiversity
- Concrete actions and strategies that address these threats
- Challenges and capacity gaps in the implementation

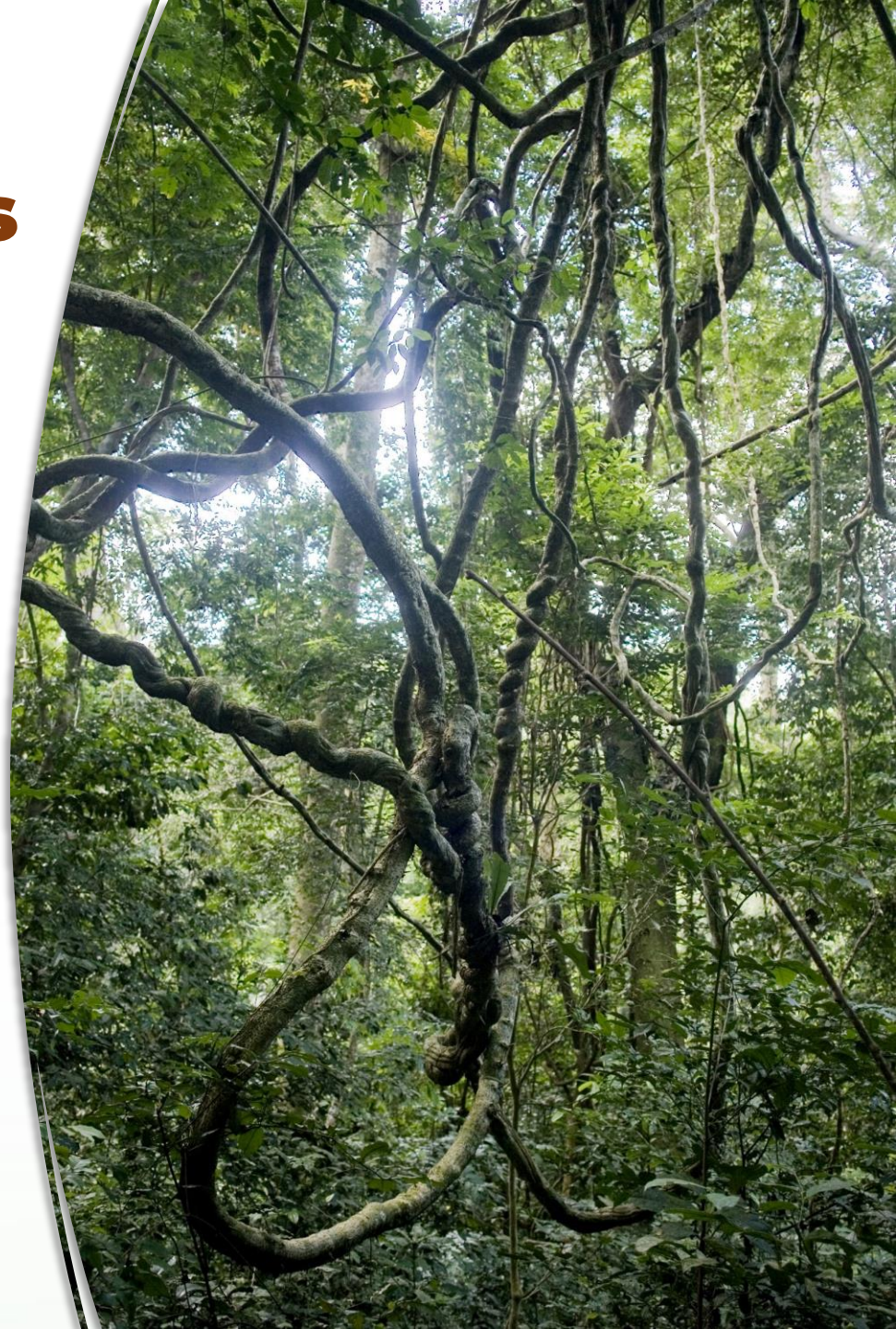
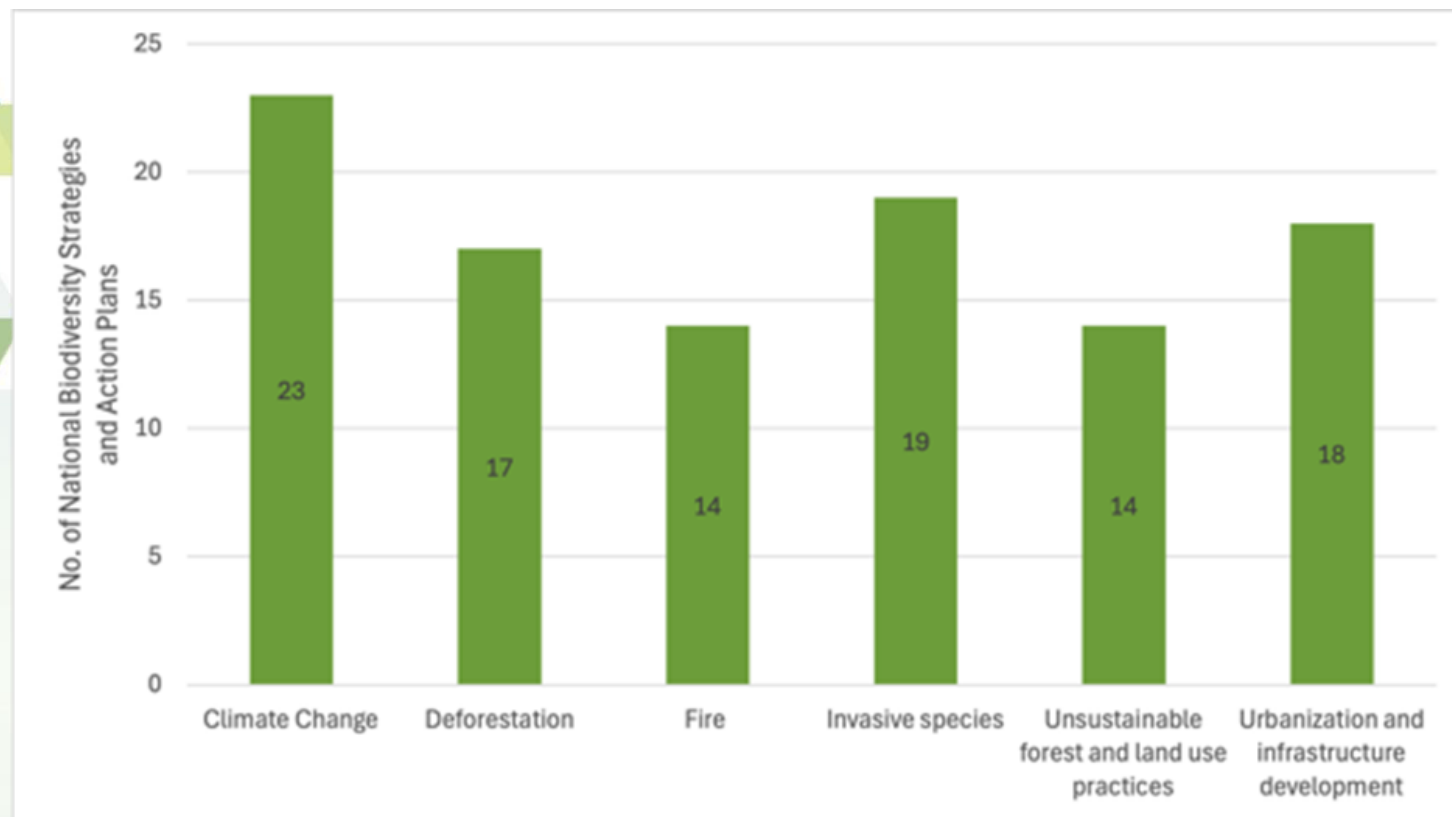


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The biggest forest biodiversity threats identified in the NBSAPs



Actions to address forest biodiversity in the NBSAPs

The proposed actions span across:

- Practical, on-the-ground forest management activities
- Development and promotion of innovative economic tools (PES)
- Participatory approaches
- Enhancement of legal frameworks
- Private sector engagement
- Information and knowledge sharing
- Strengthening partnerships and collaboration



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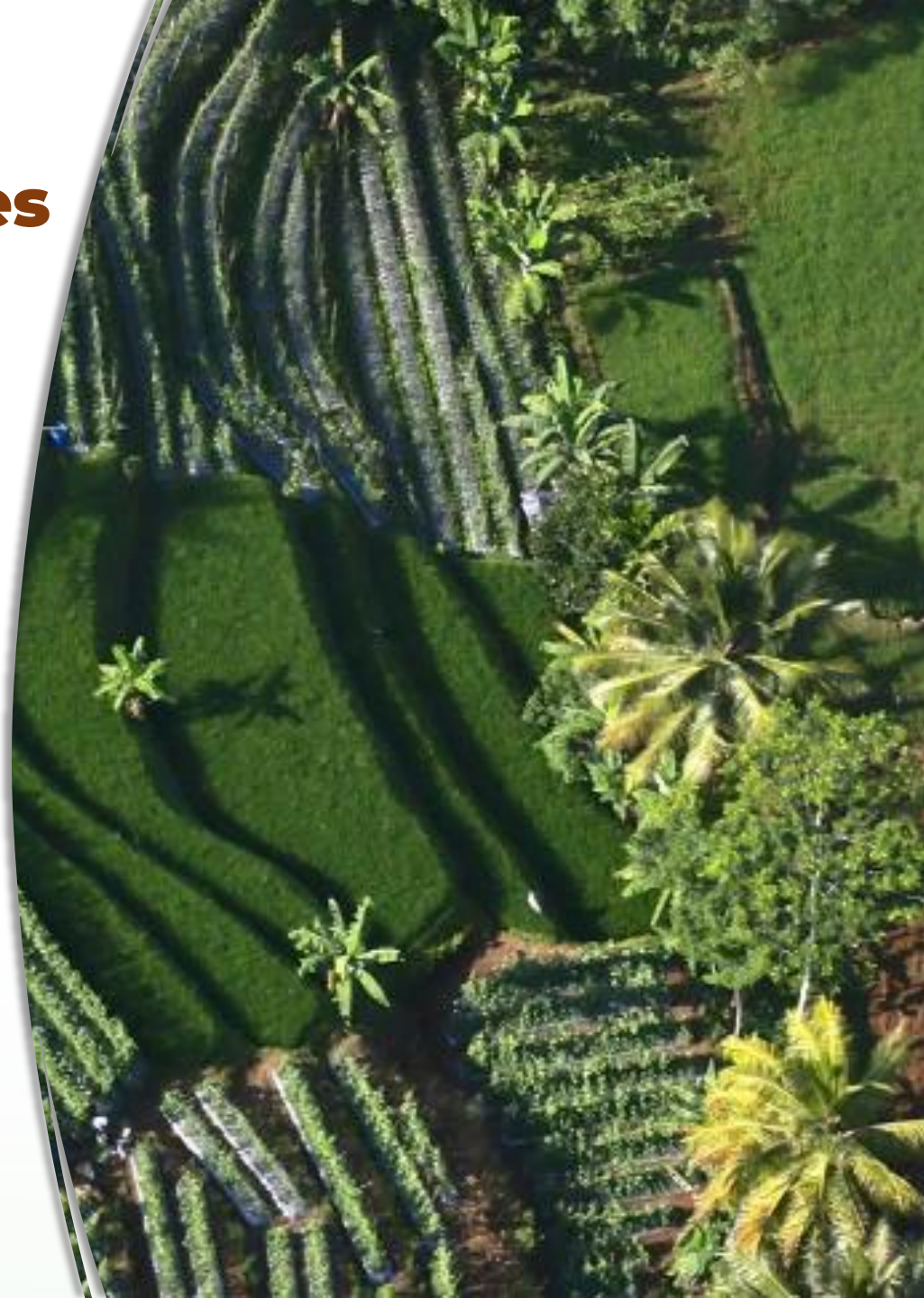


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NBSAPs focus on practical, on-the-ground forest management activities

Majority of proposed actions focus on improving sustainable forest management

- Enhancement of conservation and protection
- Advancement of sustainable and improved forest management
- Refining forest establishment and expansion
- Forest composition enhancement
- Strengthening resilience and risk management



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NBSAPs focus on practical, on-the-ground forest management activities

76% of the proposed strategies and actions focus on improving sustainable forest management

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Other proposed actions and strategies

- **Strengthening partnerships and collaboration** - Multi-stakeholder engagement
- **Development and promotion of innovative economic tools** - Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)
- **Policy, governance, and participatory approaches** - Enhancing sustainable forest management policies
- **Enhancement of legal frameworks** - Strengthening forest law enforcement
- **Private sector engagement** - Forest certification schemes
- **Information and knowledge sharing** - Raising awareness



Challenges and capacity gaps related to the implementation of the NBSAPs

- Over **50 %** of the analyzed NBSAPs **report challenges or capacity gaps**
- The two most frequently mentioned are
 - **Lack of data**
 - **Lack of financial resources**
- Other challenges relate to lack of technical capacity, tools or the urgent need to establish national biodiversity information systems.



Connecting forests with GBF targets

- Actions and strategies contribute to 13 out of 23 targets across the analyzed NBSAPs
- Target 10 focused on improving sustainable forest management is most widely addressed



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GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

CONNECTING FOREST AND GBF TARGETS

TARGETS: 1 2 3
Plan and manage areas to halt deforestation, restore and conserve forests.

TARGETS: 10 11 12 13
Restore forests' contributions to people, enhance biodiversity friendly practices in forestry, increase area and quality of urban forests, and share benefits from genetic resources.

TARGET: 8
Build forest resilience to offer nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based approaches.

TARGETS: 4 5 6 9
Halt forest species extinction, conserve forest genetic diversity, sustainably manage forest wildlife and minimize impacts of invasive species.

TARGETS: 14 15 18 19 20
Value and integrate forest services and function in policies, enable transparent disclosure of operations and supply chains, scale-up finance, and reduce harmful incentives.

TARGETS: 22 23
Respect rights of indigenous people and local communities, ensure equitable and gender responsive representation and participation in forest management.

Summary

- Forests are addressed in all reviewed NBSAPs
- Climate change emerges as the most frequently mentioned threat
- Improving sustainable forest management emerges as a key strategy
- Financial and data-related constraints are the most widely reported obstacles



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Thank you

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