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**MANAGEMENT OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY, SUSTAINABLE USE TO DERIVE PRODUCTS  
AND SERVICES, AND BENEFIT-SHARING: COMPILATION OF THE RESPONSES TO THE  
QUESTIONNAIRE ON FOREST BIODIVERSITY SUBMITTED BY PARTIES***Note by the Executive Secretary*

The Conference of the Parties, pursuant to paragraph 19 (f) of decision VI/22, requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, in collaboration with United Nations Forum on Forests and Collaborative Partnership on Forests members, and other relevant bodies including indigenous peoples organizations, institutions and processes, a report, including recommendations, on the management of forest biodiversity, sustainable use to derive products and services, and benefit-sharing. The Conference of the Parties requested that the report cover the following elements: (i) sustainable use and management of forests, including by indigenous and local communities; (ii) planning and modelling tools; (iii) criteria and indicators; (iv) economic valuation of forest biodiversity goods and services; (v) monitoring unsustainable uses; (vi) needs of indigenous and local communities; and (vii) information pertaining to the consideration of the needs of future generations. The Conference of the Parties further requested that the report be based on information provided by Parties and members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.

To facilitate the gathering of relevant information from Parties, the Executive Secretary circulated in October 2002 a questionnaire (see annex) addressing the aforementioned subjects. Twenty-five Parties to the Convention responded to the questionnaire. A synopsis of their submissions as well as relevant recommendations are contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/9/Add.1. For reasons of economy the full text of the 25 responses will not be printed. The full text of their submissions is available on the website of the Convention at: <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/socio-eco/use/for.asp>.

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**MANAGEMENT OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY, SUSTAINABLE USE TO DERIVE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, AND BENEFIT-SHARING**

*Questionnaire*

**A. Policy and planning**

1. Has your country undertaken or is it planning structural changes (new legislation, creation of new institutions, etc.) to promote the sustainable management and use of forest biological diversity and benefit-sharing?
2. How does your country/organization take into consideration the needs of future generations while planning for the sustainable management and use of forest biological resources and benefit-sharing?
3. Which policies and/or programmes has your country/organization implemented to promote the sustainable management and use of forest biological resources and the sharing of benefits arising from their utilization? (Please provide examples)
4. Do your Government/organization's planning practices for the sustainable use of forest resources incorporate socio-economic and cultural values? How? (Please provide examples)

**B. Indigenous and local communities**

5. Have these programmes, developed to promote sustainable management and use of forest biological resources, addressed the specific needs of indigenous and local communities, including supporting activities of indigenous and local communities involving the use of traditional forest-related knowledge in biodiversity management? (Please provide examples)

**C. Tools and criteria**

6. Does your country assess/calculate the economic value of forest biodiversity goods and services? If yes, what are the tools/methods/criteria and reporting mechanisms used?
7. Which planning and modelling tools is your country/organization promoting for the sustainable management and use of forest biological diversity?
8. Which criteria and indicators is your country/organization using to monitor the sustainable use of forest biodiversity and assess progress in the implementation of sustainable management policies?
9. Does your country promote the use and sustainable management of non-timber forest resources (NTFR)? If yes, please provide information on modalities and tools of NTFR management and use.
10. Does your country/organization monitor unsustainable uses of forest biodiversity? If yes, what are the tools/methods/criteria and reporting mechanisms utilized?

**D. Certification schemes**

11. Is your country encouraging the implementation of voluntary independent forest certification schemes that take into consideration relevant forest biodiversity criteria, indigenous and local communities rights and NTFR management?

***E. Cooperation***

12. Is your country/organization supporting/contributing to regional cooperation initiatives and work on sustainable use of forest products and services, including through technology transfer and capacity-building programmes? If yes, please provide examples.

***F. Lessons learned and recommendations***

13. What are the lessons learned in your country/organization as it concerns the sustainable management and use of biodiversity and benefit-sharing? And what are your country/organization's specific concerns regarding these issues?

14. Please provide your views and recommendations, based on your country/organization's experience, for the sustainable management and use of forest biological resources and benefit-sharing.

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