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There are various types of stakeholders involving in the management and utilization of forest biodiversity and related resources in Myanmar. Forest Department and Myanmar Timber Enterprise, and Forest Product Joint Venture are major stakeholders under the Ministry of Forestry. However, there are also different stakeholders from different Ministries, for example, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Livestock and Animal Production and Fishery, Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Home Affairs and National Commission for Environmental Affairs. Apart from information from Forest Department, information from other stakeholders is not available for this report. Therefore, this report is processed using information mainly from Forest Department.

**VOLUNTARY REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF WORK ON
FOREST BIODIVERSITY**

Expanded Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity

Annex to Decision VI/22

1. Has your country identified priority goals, objectives and activities included in the expanded programme of work for implementation at the national level?	
a) no (please specify the reasons)	X
b) yes (please provide a list of priorities identified)	
Further comments on identification of priority goals, objectives and activities	
Since various ministries are involved in the management of natural resources including forest biodiversity resources, a mechanism to coordinate these ministries to work on these criteria is yet to be formed.	
2. From the list of priorities, did some or all of them produce the expected impacts after their implementation (i.e. a success)?	
a) no (please specify the reasons)	X
b) yes (please specify success stories)	
Further comments on impacts of implementation of priority activities	
As no priorities are listed no data is available. There is no monitoring and therefore no information on impact assessment is available at this stage.	
3. Were there any challenges/impediments to the implementation of priority activities that could have negatively affected their chance of success?	
a) yes (please specify the activities and the main challenges/impediments)	
b) no	X
Further comments on challenges/impediments to implementation of priority activities	
It cannot be identified at this stage and therefore there is no comment on this.	
4. Is your country collaborating with other Governments and regional and international organizations and processes to implement regional or international activities in the expanded programme of work?	
a) no	
b) yes, limited collaboration (please provide details)	X
c) yes, significant collaboration (please provide details)	
Further comments on collaboration with other Governments and regional and international organizations and processes to implement regional or international activities in the expanded programme of work	
Criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management had been developed. Code of Harvesting Practice was developed. Model Forest was also developed, and ITTO delegations visited it.	

Programme Element 1: Conservation, Sustainable Use and Benefit-sharing

5. Has your country developed practical methods, guidelines and/or indicators to apply the ecosystem approach in relation to sustainable forest management?	
a) no (please specify the reasons)	
b) relevant methods, guidelines and indicators under development	
c) some methods, guidelines and indicators developed (please provide details)	X
d) a comprehensive set of methods, guidelines and indicators developed (please provide details)	
Further comments on the practical methods, guidelines and indicators to apply the ecosystem approach in relation to sustainable forest management	
Myanmar Selection System maintains living and non-living resources. In doing so Forest Department is developing modifying approaches according to the socioeconomic as well as geophysical situation of the country.	
6. Has your country taken any measures to prevent the introduction of invasive alien species that threaten ecosystems, and mitigate their negative impacts on forest biodiversity in accordance with international law?	
a) no	
b) relevant measures under development	
c) yes, some measures taken (please outline the measures)	X
d) yes, comprehensive measures taken (please outline the measures)	
Further comments on the measures taken	
CITES Management Authority and Scientific Authority were formed. Efforts are being made by concerned departments to develop regulations on CITES of Myanmar. Myanmar is collaborating with CITES member countries.	
7. Has your country taken any measures to mitigate the impact of pollution on forest biodiversity?	
a) no	
b) under consideration	
c) relevant measures under development	X
d) yes, some measures taken (please provide details)	
e) yes, comprehensive measures taken (please provide details)	
Further comments on the measures taken to mitigate the impact of pollution on forest biodiversity	
Reserved Forests are protected against pollution by Forest Laws. Protected areas are strictly protected against pollution by Protected Areas Laws 1994.	

8. Has your country taken any measures to mitigate the negative impacts of climate change on forest biodiversity?	
a) no	
b) relevant research and monitoring programmes under development	X
c) some research and monitoring activities being undertaken but no measures taken	
d) yes, some measures taken (please outline the measures)	
e) yes, comprehensive measures taken (please outline the measures)	
Further comments on the measures taken to mitigate the negative impacts of climate change on forest biodiversity	
Special attention is given to carry out afforestation in central dry zone of Myanmar to ameliorate the weather. Impact of climate change on forest biodiversity is not a big issue in Myanmar.	
9. Has your country taken any measures to prevent and mitigate the adverse effects of forest fires and fire suppression (where fire is a natural disturbance agent)?	
a) no	
b) relevant measures being considered	
c) relevant measures under development	X
d) yes, some measures undertaken (please specify)	
e) yes, many measures being undertaken (please specify)	
Further comments on the measures to prevent and mitigate the adverse effects of forest fires and fire suppression	
Fire is completely protected in plantation areas. Fire guards are employed in dry season. Forest Protection Training Courses are conducted at on going training schools. Extension activities are carried out to protect forests and cropfields against fire.	
10. Is your country mitigating effects of the loss of natural disturbances necessary to maintain biodiversity in regions where these no longer occur?	
a) no	
b) monitoring and assessment of effects ongoing	X
c) potential measures identified	
d) yes, some adopted and being implemented (please provide details)	
e) yes, comprehensive measures adopted and being implemented (please provide further details)	
Further comments on measures adopted to mitigate effects of the loss of natural disturbances necessary to maintain biodiversity in regions where these no longer occur	
No comment is given.	

11. Is your country preventing and mitigating losses of forest biodiversity due to fragmentation and conversion to other land uses?	
a) no	
b) potential measures identified	
c) yes, some measures undertaken	X
b) yes, comprehensive measures undertaken	
12. Is your country restoring forest biological diversity in degraded secondary forests and in forests established on former forestlands and other landscapes?	
a) no	
b) potential measures identified	
c) yes, some measures implemented in some areas (please provide details)	
d) yes, comprehensive measures implemented in major areas (please provide details)	X
Further comments on the measures to restore forest biological diversity in degraded secondary forests and in forests established on former forestlands and other landscapes	
Plantation of suitable tree species, Enrichment planting, Rehabilitation of Natural forests, etc... Large scale afforestation program is being implemented by Dry Zone Greening Department in Myanmar.	
13. Is your country promoting forest management practices that further the conservation of endemic and threatened species?	
a) no	
b) relevant forest management practices under development	
c) yes, some practices adopted and promoted (please provide details)	
d) yes, some practices being implemented (please provide details)	X
Further comments on the forest management practices that further the conservation of endemic and threatened species	
Forest Management Plans were prepared for 64 forest Districts in Myanmar and updated from time to time.	
14. Is your country ensuring adequate and effective protected forest area networks?	
a) no	
b) networks of protected areas being planned	
c) some protected areas established but networks not in place	
d) networks of protected areas taking shape	X
e) major networks of protected areas established	
15. Is your country promoting sustainable use of forest resources to enhance the conservation of forest biological diversity?	
a) no	
b) relevant policy and programme under development	

c) yes, some policies and programmes in place (please provide details)	X
d) yes, comprehensive policies and programmes in place (please provide details)	
Further comments on the policies and programmes for promoting sustainable use of forest resources to enhance the conservation of forest biodiversity	
16. Is your country preventing losses caused by unsustainable harvesting of timber and non-timber forest resources?	
a) no	
b) potential measures identified	
c) some measures undertaken (please provide details)	X
d) comprehensive measures undertaken (please provide details)	
Further comments on the measures to prevent losses caused by unsustainable harvesting of timber and non-timbering forest resources	
<p>Forest Department collaborates with Myanmar Timber Enterprise the solely agency permitted to do logging and extraction of timber in Myanmar, to prevent loss of timber from unsustainable timber harvesting. Severe punishments are given to offenders who committed to Wildlife Law of 1994 which deals with protection of endangered and threaten species of Myanmar.</p> <p>Myanmar Selection System ensures not only Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) but also gives to habitat to wild animals.</p> <p>Myanmar Forest Department had developed Criteria and Indicators (C&I) in accordance with ITTO Guide Lines.</p>	
17. Is your country taking any measure to enable indigenous and local communities to develop and implement adaptive community-management systems to conserve and sustainably use forest biological diversity?	
a) no	
b) not applicable	
c) relevant policy and programme under development	
d) yes, some policies and programmes in place (please specify)	X
Further comments on the policies and programmes to enable indigenous and local communities to develop and implement adaptive community-management systems to conserve and sustainably use forest biological diversity	
Forest user's groups are formed according to C.F.I, 1995. Community forest management is included in Model Forest of Myanmar.	

18. Has your country developed effective and equitable information systems and strategies and promoted implementation of those strategies for <i>in situ</i> and <i>ex situ</i> conservation and sustainable use of forest genetic diversity?	
a) no	
b) relevant information system and strategy under development	
c) relevant information system in place	
d) relevant strategies in place (please provide details)	X
e) relevant information system and strategies in place (please provide details)	
Further comments on the strategies for <i>in situ</i> and <i>ex situ</i> conservation and sustainable use of forest genetic diversity	
19. Is your country promoting the fair and equitable sharing of benefits resulting from the utilization of forest genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge?	
a) no	
b) relevant policies and programmes under development	X
c) some policies and programmes in place (please specify)	
d) comprehensive policies and programmes in place (please specify)	
Further comments on the policies and programmes for promoting the fair and equitable sharing of benefits resulting from the utilization of forest genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge	

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No additional information is given.

Programme Element 2: Institutional and Socio-economic Enabling Environment

20. Is your country improving the understanding of the various causes of forest biodiversity losses?	
a) no	
b) a limited analysis being undertaken	X
c) a thorough analysis being undertaken	
d) yes, some analyses completed and results available (please outline some findings from these analyses)	
e) yes, comprehensive analysis completed and results available (please provide some findings from these analyses)	
Further comments on the analysis of the various causes of forest biodiversity losses	
21. Has your country integrated biodiversity conservation and sustainable use into forest and other sector policies and programmes?	
a) no	
b) under consideration	
c) yes, integrated into policies and programmes in some sectors (please provide details)	X
d) yes, integrated into policies and programmes in major sectors (please provide details)	
Further comments on the integration of biodiversity conservation and sustainable use into forest and other sector policies and programmes	
22. Has your country developed good governance practices, reviewed and revised and implemented forest and forest-related laws, tenure and planning systems, to provide a sound basis for conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity?	
a) no	
b) review under way	
c) review and revision completed	X
d) some good governance practices and related laws developed and implemented (please provide details)	
e) a comprehensive set of practices and laws developed and implemented (please provide details)	
Further comments on the practices and laws developed and implemented to provide a sound basis for conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity	

23. Is your country promoting forest law enforcement and addressing related trade?	
a) no	
b) review under way	
c) potential measures identified	
d) yes, some measures in place to strengthen law enforcement and address related trade	X
e) yes, comprehensive measures in place to strengthen law enforcement and address related trade	
24. Is your country mitigating the economic failures and distortions that lead to decisions that result in loss of forest biodiversity?	
a) no	
b) review under way	
c) potential measures identified	X
d) yes, some measures taken (please provide details)	
e) yes, comprehensive measures taken (please provide details)	
Further comments on the measures taken to mitigate economic failures and distortions that lead to decisions that result in loss of forest biodiversity	
25. Is your country increasing public support and understanding of the value of forest biodiversity and its goods and services at all levels?	
a) no	
b) relevant programme under development	
c) yes, some programmes in place	X
d) yes, comprehensive programmes in place	

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Programme Element 3: Knowledge, Assessment and Monitoring

26. Has your country reviewed and adopted a minimum forest classification system, based on harmonized and accepted forest definitions and addressing key forest biodiversity elements?	
a) no	X
b) review under way	
c) review completed	
d) a forest classification system adopted	
27. Has your country developed national forest ecosystem classification systems and maps that use agreed international standards and protocols?	
a) no	
b) early stages of development	X
c) advanced stages of development	
d) yes, classification systems in place	
28. Has your country developed specific forest ecosystems surveys in priority areas for conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity?	
a) no	
b) under consideration	
c) relevant surveys being planned	X
d) relevant surveys completed (please provide details)	
e) results of relevant surveys available (please provide details)	
Further comments on the surveys of specific forest ecosystems in priority areas for conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity	
29. Is your country advancing the development and implementation of international, regional and national criteria and indicators based on key regional, subregional and national measures within the framework of sustainable forest management?	
a) no	
b) relevant programme under development	
c) some criteria and indicators developed (please provide details)	X
d) comprehensive indicators developed (please provide details)	
Further comments on the development and implementation of criteria and indicators	
30. Has your country conducted key research programmes on the role of forest biodiversity and ecosystem functioning?	
a) no	
b) research programs under development	
c) yes, some research programs conducted	X
d) yes, comprehensive research programs conducted	

31. Is your country enhancing and improving the technical capacity at the national level to monitor forest biodiversity, benefiting from the opportunities offered through the Clearing House Mechanism of CBD?	
a) no	x
b) capacity building programme under development	
c) yes, some programmes in place (please provide details)	
d) yes, comprehensive programmes in place (please provide details)	
Further comments on the programmes to enhance and improve the technical capacity at the national level to monitor forest biodiversity	

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Myanmar was trying to obtain technical and financial support from the CBD to prepare a National Biodiversity Action Plan before. However, it was unsuccessful, and instead invited to the meetings. Relevant to this program element Myanmar formulated Agenda 21, in which biological as well as physical resources will be promoted for their sustainable use.

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