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FORESTS AND THE SDG DECADE OF ACTION

Solutions for climate change,
biodiversity and people

“Forests and the SDG Decade of Action: solutions for climate change, biodiversity and people”

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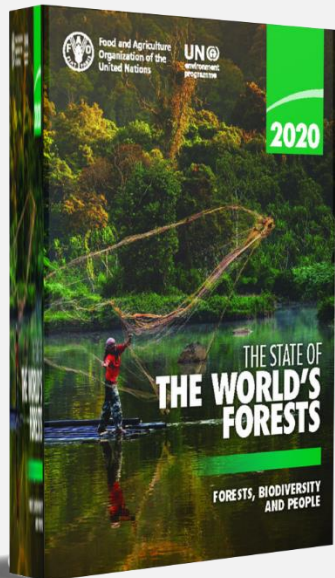
Strategic Directions

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Agenda based on: recommendations of the 6 RFCs;
coordination with FAO Technical Committees, FAO biennial theme.

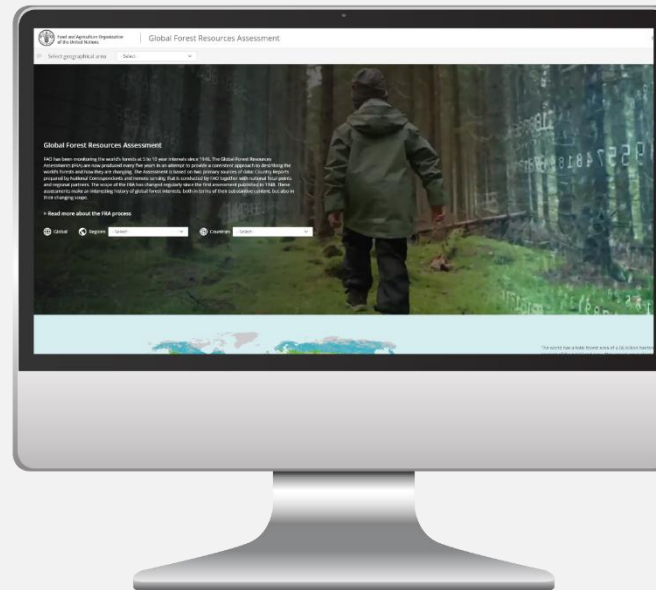
The World's Forests in 2020 (SOFO, FRA)

Policy guidance



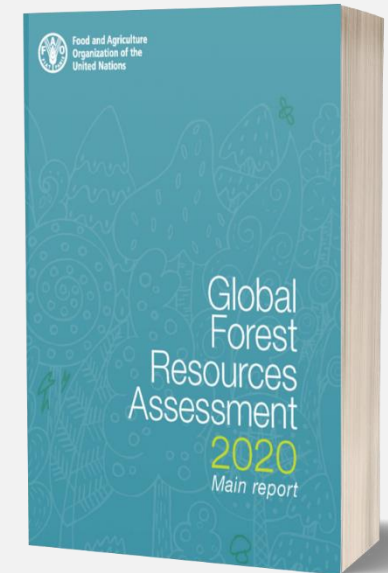
Take **SOFO 2020** into consideration in post 2020 biodiversity negotiations

Guidance to Members



provide voluntary updates on **FRA indicators**, use **FRA on-line platform** and **FRA data**

Guidance to FAO in Forestry



continue **5 years FRA reporting**, develop mechs for **voluntary updates of key indicators**; develop **global core set** indicators; promote **digital innovation**.

Forests and Biodiversity

Policy guidance

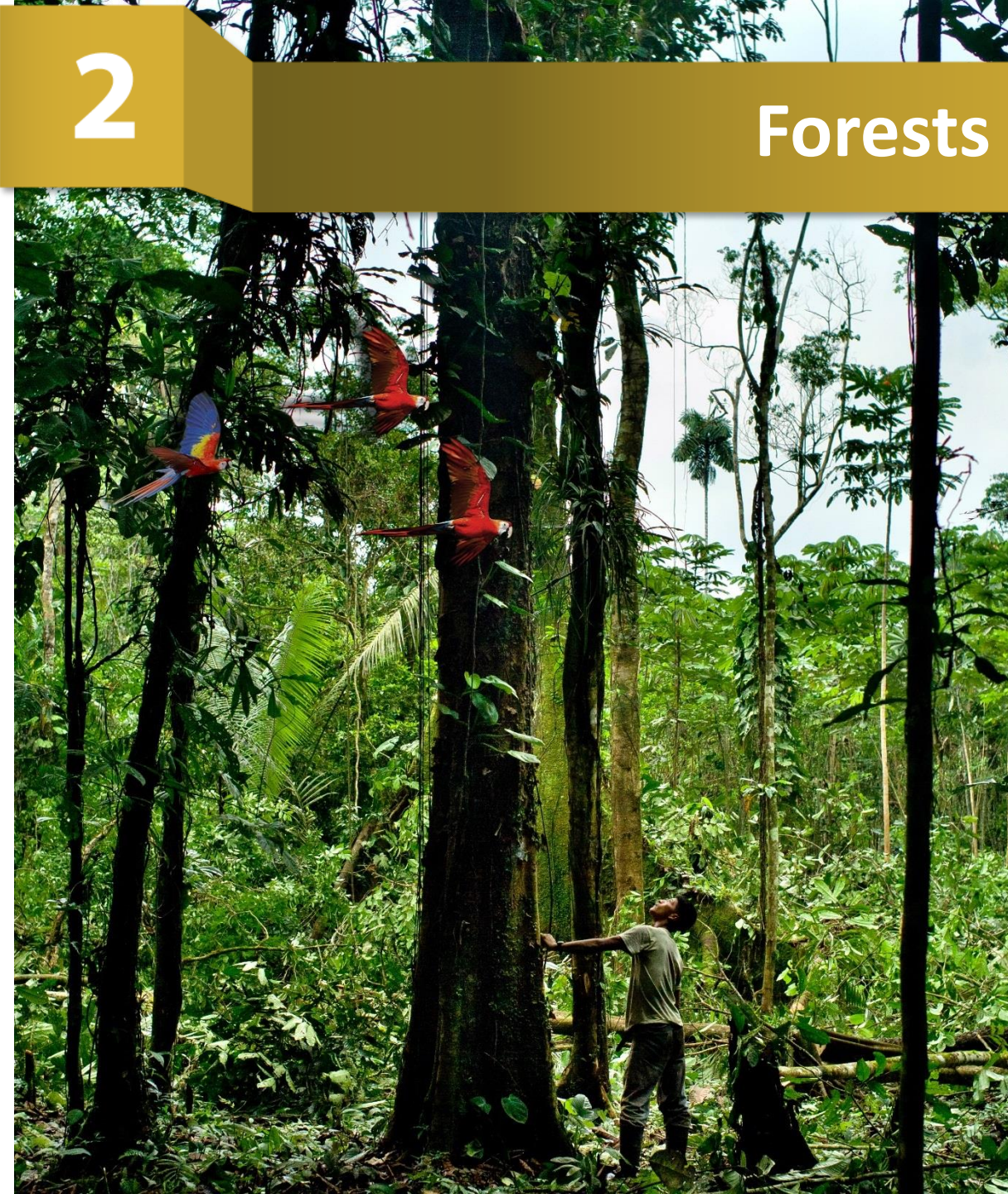
- reflect **critical role of forests** in biodiversity;
- strengthen forestry in **mainstreaming** biodiversity across agricultural sectors
- balance conservation and **sustainable use**
- strengthen measures to prevent **zoonotic diseases**

Guidance to Members

- strengthen mainstreaming of biodiversity
- submit Forest Genetic Resources **country reports**

Guidance to FAO in forestry

- strengthen forestry in mainstreaming biodiversity
- ...and in COVID-19 responses, incl. to prevent zoonotic disease risks, **One Health**



Forests: Nature-based Solutions for Climate Change



Policy guidance

- intensify actions to **halt deforestation** & degradation
- enhance forest **ecosystem health and resilience**
- orient COVID-19 actions towards **low-carbon economies** and enhancing resilience

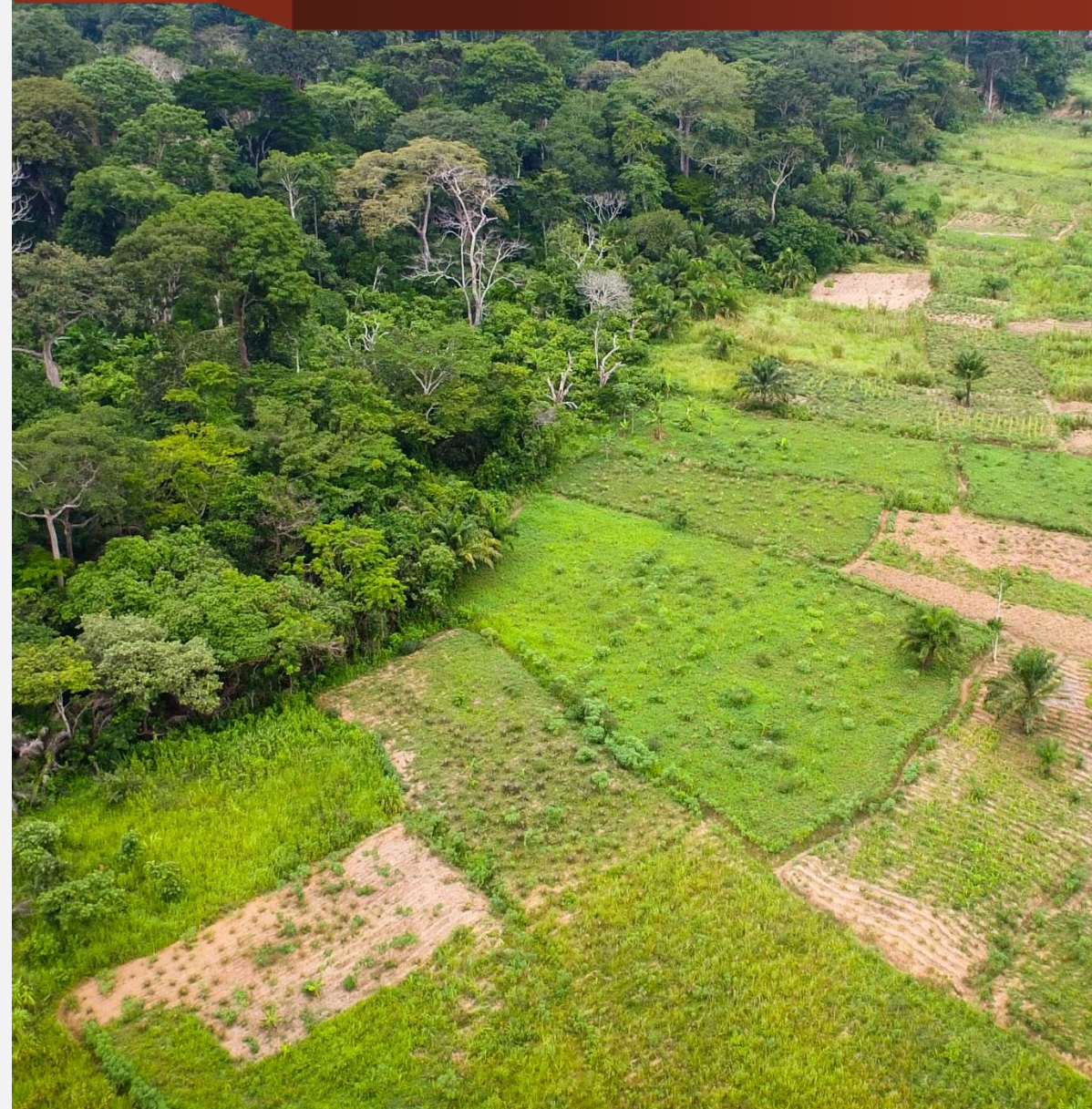
Guidance to Members

- strengthen the role of **forests and wood** in climate actions, including in **NDCs**
- strengthen systems on forest **fire, disaster risk, pests and diseases**

Guidance to FAO in forestry

- integrate forestry in work on agriculture and food
- strengthen collaboration with the **private sector**
- be involved in **defining NBS**, in case, and on financial instruments and access to **funding**

Forests and their Role in Transforming Food Systems



Policy guidance

- integrate forestry in work on **agri-food systems** and address impacts
- engage with **private sector**, stakeholders, initiatives;
- address **COVID-19** and enhance resilience

Guidance to Members

- promote policy coordination **and incentives to halt deforestation**
- foster sustainable food systems, production and consumption
- support implementation of **UN Decades of Family Farming and on Ecosystem Restoration**

Guidance to FAO in forestry

- integrate forestry in work on agri-food systems and on nutrition
- enhance work on afforestation, reforestation and restoration
- strengthen collaboration with private sectors on **sustainable production, consumption and trade**

Progress in Implementation (incl. UNSPF)

Policy guidance

- support implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030

Guidance to FAO in forestry

- enhance **cross-sectoral work** and encourage **stronger linkages** between programmes and main projects
- continue and **strengthen leadership** of Collaborative Partnership on Forests.



Strategic Directions

Policy guidance

- integrate forests, trees, agroforestry into agri-food systems
- take up forestry in **healthy diets and nutrition strategies**

Guidance to Members

- integrate priorities in forestry in post **COVID-19 recovery**
- support and engage in the **World Forestry Congress**

Guidance to FAO in forestry

- integrate forestry in agri-food systems & nutrition work
- enhance **cross-sectoral work, linkages with Statutory Bodies**, including Regional Forestry Commissions
- align WFC with COVID and SDG agendas, report outcomes
- ensure that FAO's new strategic framework adequately reflects forestry issues and FAO's **leading role on forest matters in the UN system**



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COFO25 Report is scheduled
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Thank you

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