Implementation of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management in Slovenia

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• Slovenian Forests and Forest Policy;

• Process of preparation of NFP as a framework for dialogue and communication on SFM;

• Slovenian forest sector – Reporting on the state and trends;

• Evaluation of NFP and assessment of progress towards SFM;

• Relation with other sectors.
Slovenian forests

Forest area: 1.2 million ha (60% of total area of Slovenia).

Growing stock: 330 million m$^3$ (broadleaves 53%, conifers 47%).

Increment: 8 million m$^3$/year.

Forest management principles

- **Sustainability**
  - Use of forests and forest lands in a way, and at a rate, that fulfills, now and in the future, relevant ecological, economic and social functions.

- **Multifunctionality**
  - Ecological, economic and social functions of forests are fulfilled at the same time and space.

- **Close-to-Nature Forest Management**
  - Forest management methods that promote conservation of natural forest structure by mimicking natural processes.
Legal framework of forestry

- **Forest Act of 1993 with amendments**

  **Article 1**

  (1) This act shall regulate the protection, silviculture, exploitation and use of forests, and the disposal of forests as natural resources with the aim of ensuring their close-to-nature and multi-purpose management in accordance with the principles of protection of the environment and natural values, long-term and optimal working of forests as ecosystems, and enabling their functions.

- **National Forest Programme 2007**
  
  – Set out a national policy of forest management, guidelines for the conservation and development of forests, and conditions for their exploitation and/or multiple use.
  
  – Adopted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia.
NFP – Process of preparation

Ministry as initiator and coordinator

Communication plan

Working group

Popularisation

Organisation of the participation process
NFP – Reasons for the preparation

International reference points:

- United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
- Convention on Biological Diversity;
- EU legislation.
NFP structure and C&I for SFM

- Slovenian forests and sustainable forestry;
- Environmental aspect of Slovenian forest;
- Economical aspect of Slovenian forests;
- Social aspect of forest;
- Education / Research / Funding;

Objectives / Guidelines / Indicators
Report on the state and trends of the forest sector

- **Annual reports on forest** – Slovenian Forest Service;

- **Annual reports** – Monitoring the degradation and damage to forests and forest impact on climate change mitigation – Slovenian Forestry Institute;

- **Economic accounts for forestry** – Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia;

- **Annual reports on the state of agriculture, food production and forestry** – Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment.

C&I for SFM are fully covered
Assessment of progress towards SFM

- **Implementation and evaluation of NFP**
  - Operational Plan:
    - adopted by Government of Slovenia;
    - specific measures;
    - Founding sources from State Budget.
  - Reports on implementation of NFP (2013) – followed every 5 years:
Relation with other sectors

- **Biodiversity** – reporting under Convention on Biodiversity

- **Climate change** – national reports for UNFCCC and KP LULUCF;

- **Energy** - National Energy Programme, National renewable energy action plan for 2010-2020;

- **Natura 2000** – Site management programme.
Thank you for your attention!