

14 Table T14 – Policy and legal framework

14.1 FRA 2010 Categories and definitions

Term	Definition
Forest policy	A set of orientations and principles of actions adopted by public authorities in harmony with national socio-economic and environmental policies in a given country to guide future decisions in relation to the management, use and conservation of forest and tree resources for the benefit of society.
Forest policy statement	A document that describes the objectives, priorities and means for implementation of the forest policy.
National forest programme (nfp)	A generic expression that refers to a wide range of approaches towards forest policy formulation, planning and implementation at national and sub-national levels. The national forest programme provides a framework and guidance for country-driven forest sector development with participation of all stakeholders and in consistence with policies of other sectors and international policies.
Law (Act or Code) on forest	A set of rules enacted by the legislative authority of a country regulating the access, management, conservation and use of forest resources.

14.2 Data for Table T14

Indicate the existence of the following (2008)			
Forest policy statement with national scope		Yes	
	X	No	
If Yes above, provide:	Year of endorsement		
	Reference to document		
National forest programme (nfp)	X	Yes	
		No	
If Yes above, provide:	Name of nfp in country	UK National Forest Programme (includes UK Forestry Standard)	
	Starting year	2003	
	Current status		In formulation
			In implementation
		X	Under revision
	Process temporarily suspended		
	Reference to document or web site	UK Forestry Standard: http://www.forestry.gov.uk/PDF/fcfc001.pdf/\$FILE/fcfc001.pdf	
Law (Act or Code) on forest with national scope	X	Yes, specific forest law exists	
		Yes, but rules on forests are incorporated in other (broader) legislation	
		No, forest issues are not regulated by national legislation	

If Yes above, provide:	Year of enactment	1967
	Year of latest amendment	2006
	Reference to document	Forestry Act 1967

In case the responsibility for forest policy- and/or forest law-making is decentralized, please indicate the existence of the following and explain in the comments below the table how the responsibility for forest policy- and law-making is organized in your country.		
Sub-national forest policy statements	X	Yes
		No
If Yes above, indicate the number of regions/states/provinces with forest policy statements	4	
Sub-national Laws (Acts or Codes) on forest		Yes
	X	No
If Yes above, indicate the number of regions/states/provinces with Laws on forests		

14.3 Comments to Table T14

Variable / category	Comments related to data, definitions, etc.
Forest policy statement with national scope	<p>In 1999 forestry in the UK became a devolved issue, meaning responsibility for forests (at national level, including funding) transferred from the Westminster Government to the Scottish Parliament for Scotland and the Welsh Assembly Government for Wales. The development of international forestry policy and related discussions remains as a central responsibility for the UK Westminster Government.</p> <p>The Scottish Forestry Strategy has been reviewed and a new version was launched in 2006. England's Forestry Strategy was reviewed, and a new version titled a strategy for England's Trees Woods and Forests was launched in 2007. The Welsh Forestry Strategy has been reviewed.</p> <p>Since devolution the challenge to the Government departments, the Devolved Administrations, private forestry organisations, NGO's and representative bodies has been to ensure effective communication and appropriate consultation with stakeholders in the development forest policies.</p>
National forest programme (nfp)	The UK NFP, published in 2003 was developed in line with the MCPFE approach. It includes the country Forestry Strategies and the UK Forestry Standard. The UK Forestry Standard was first published in 1998 and updated in 2004; it is currently under revision.
Law (Act or Code) on forest with national scope	The Forestry Act 1967 and later amendments. The Government of Wales Act 1998, the Scotland Act 1998 and the Forestry Commission Regulatory Reform Order 2006.
Sub-national forest policy statements	The Forestry Commission has by agreement with the devolved administrations identified a number of regulations, processes issues which the Forestry Commission leads and implements on a cross sectoral basis, The Forestry Commission operates across Great Britain (GB) as a cross border public body. Forestry is the responsibility of Ministers in England, Scotland and Wales; certain GB functions such as international forest policy, EU matters and Plant Health are not devolved and remain the responsibility of the Westminster

	parliament.
Sub-national Laws (Acts or Codes) on forest	

Other general comments to the table