

REPUBLIC OF GHANA

TARGETS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF

**GHANA'S NATIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO ACHIEVING THE TARGETS
OF THE GLOBAL FOREST GOALS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS STRATEGIC PLAN ON
FORESTS 2017-2020**

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VOLUNTARY NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE ATTAINMENT OF THE GLOBAL FOREST GOALS AND TARGETS

Global Forest Goal 1: *Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and contribute to the global effort of addressing climate change*

1. **Target 1.2:** Ghana planned to take steps to reduce its **emissions from deforestation and forest degradation by 10.9 Million tCO₂e** under two initiatives: Ghana Cocoa Forest REDD+ Programme in the High Forest Zone and the Ghana Shea Landscape REDD+ Project in the Savannah Ecological Zone.

Achievements

Ghana has in all 5 thematic REDD+ programmes that have been tailored to cover the entire landscape of Ghana. Out of this there are currently two programmes running under REDD+;

- **Ghana Cocoa Forest REDD+ Programme:**

This program seeks reduce 10m tCO₂e by 2024 with a results-based payment of about 50million dollar.

- **Ghana Shea Landscape Emission Reduction Program:**

This project seeks to reduce 6.135 million tCO₂e in emission reductions and removals by 2026 with a total value of USD30.1m from GCF Grant

2. **Target 1.3:** We are implementing measures to halt deforestation and restore **25,000ha of degraded forests** annually. Thus for the **2017 – 2020** Ghana has targeted the restoration of **100,000ha of degraded forests** through reforestation.

Achievements

62,202.10ha of degraded forests restored through reforestation between the year. 2017-2020.

Global Forest Goal 2: *Enhance forest-based economic. Social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihood of forest-dependent people*

3. **Target 2.3:** Contribution of Forests to food security: By 2020 Ghana would have produced **300,000 metric tons of food crops** under the Modified Taungya System (MTS), which is being implemented under our National Plantation Development Strategy. Through the production of food crops from the regenerating forest reserves, our forest are significantly contributing to food security, particularly among the poor rural forest-dependent communities in Ghana;

Achievements

105,895.55 metric tons of food crops produced under the Modified Taungya System. Some of these food crops are plantain, cereals, tubers, vegetables etc. A total number of **297,068 jobs** created between 2017-2020. eg Community work gangs and tree nursery operators.

Global Forest Goal 3: *Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests*

4. **Target 3.2:** Management plans are being developed to cover **100 of the 298 forest reserves** and to ensure that they are put under appropriate long-term sustainable management regimes by 2020.

Achievements

A total of **142 management plans** were developed with **62 valid** management plans which expires between 2020-2027, **10 final versions** prepared, 40 drafts of plan prepared and **30 Partially prepared**

Global Forest Goal: *Mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for implementation of sustainable forest management and strengthen scientific and technical cooperation and partnership*

5. **Target 4:1:** Ghana to mobilize **US\$323,758,700.00 to support sustainable forest management**. This is being done through financial strategies designed to access

funding under the Forest Carbon Facility Programme (FCFP) and the Forest Investment Programme (FIP) both of the World Bank. Under the REDD+ Programme alone, Ghana is attracting about **US\$273,758,700** to implement strategies and actions to address deforestation and forest degradation.

Achievements

- The Ghana Cocoa Forest REDD+ Programme is a results-based program with payment of USD50m.
- The Ghana Shea Landscape Emission Reduction Project has also a grant of 30.1m USD.

Mr. Chairman, these are the achievements made by Ghana for the period 2017 to 2020.

Ghana's Voluntary National Contributions for the period 2021 to 2024 are provided below according to the new reporting format:

Ghana's Voluntary National Contributions to the attainment of the Targets and Goals of the UN Strategic Plan on Forests 2017 -2030

Member State: GHANA

Date/Forum session that voluntary national contributions were announced: APRIL, 2021

Date voluntary national contributions transmitted to secretariat through Permanent Mission to the United Nations: 09 DECEMBER, 2020

List of voluntary national contributions

<i>Contribution also contributes to:</i>					
<i>Concise description of each Contributions and any Associated activities</i>	<i>supports the global forest goals and targets Contributions</i>	<i>Contributions included in nationally Determined</i>	<i>Sustainable Development Goals targets (list)</i>	<i>Post 2020 biodiversity framework (list)</i>	<i>Other</i>
Time Frame					
By 2024_	Contribution 1` Reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation by 10m tCO ₂ e	1.2	Yes	13	UNFCCC NFP Aichi Goal D:15
By 2024	Contribution 2: Halt Deforestation and restore 100,0000 of degraded forests	1.3	Yes	15	UNFCCC NFP Aichi Goal :15
By 2024.	Contribution 3: Produce 300,000 tons of food crops to enhance food security	2.3	Yes	2	SDG 2 NFP
By 2024	Contribution 4: Develop Management Plans for	3.2	Yes	15	NFP Aichi Goal : 4

180 forests out of 304 forests
and wildlife reserves for long-term
sustainable management

SDG 15

By 2024

Contribution 5: Mobilized
US\$.280,000,000.
from all sources
for sustainable
Forest management

4.1

Yes

SDG 17
