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Introduction

Introductory text

No official report has been received from Nauru. This report is the result of a desk study prepared by the FRA secretariat in Rome, which summarizes existing available information using the established format for FRA 2020 country reports.

The Republic of Nauru is a small island in the South Pacific Ocean. Nauru is one of three great phosphate rock islands in the Pacific Ocean. A sandy beach rises to a fertile ring around raised coral reefs. Soils are poor and highly porous. The raised phosphate plateau ('Topside') takes up the central portion of the island. The highest point is 61 m above sea level, along the plateau rim.

The climate is tropical, with a monsoonal rainy season from November to February. Rainfall is generally variable.

Nauru has no forest area and very limited tree resources given its size and land area. The flora of Nauru consists of almost 200 species, of which 30 are indigenous, and covering almost 20 percent of the land area. The major tree species are *Cocos nucifera*, *Calophyllum inophyllum* and *Ficus benghalensis*. Only 250 hectares of land is presently available for cultivation with *Cocos nucifera* being the main crop.^[1]

The major roles for trees are as shelterbelts, for amenity purposes and to assist in soil improvement programmes. The high species endemism but low occurrence of individual species, lead to high risk for the loss of biological diversity. Forests on Nauru comprise only small areas of strand vegetation receiving no formal silvicultural treatment.^[2] Furthermore mining has removed a large proportion of original forest.

^[1] Nauru - Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015 – Country Report, FAO, 2015. Retrieved April 10, 2017.

^[2] Country Profiles – Department of Forest <http://www.fao.org/forestry/country/en/> FAO. Retrieved April 10, 2017.

1 Forest extent, characteristics and changes

1a Extent of forest and other wooded land

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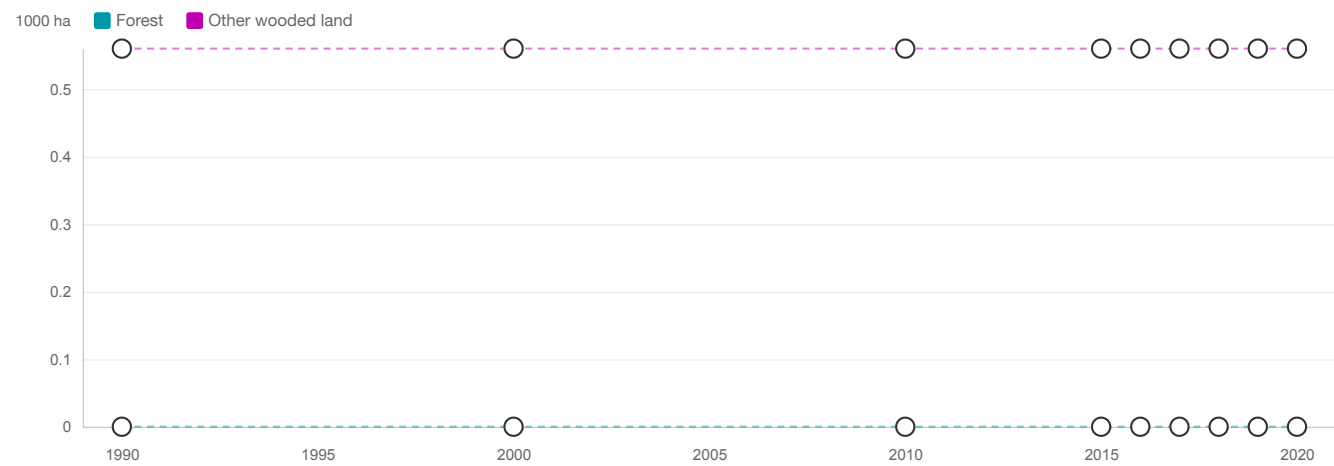
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FRA categories	Area (1000 ha)								
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Forest (a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other wooded land (a)	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56
Other land (c-a-b)	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44
Total land area (c)	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

The FAOSTAT land area figure for the year 2015 is used for all reference years

Climatic domain	% of forest area 2015	Override value
Boreal	0.00	
Temperate	0.00	
Sub-tropical	0.00	
Tropical	100.00	

Comments

Other wooded land data is taken from Globeland30 (2010)

1b Forest characteristics

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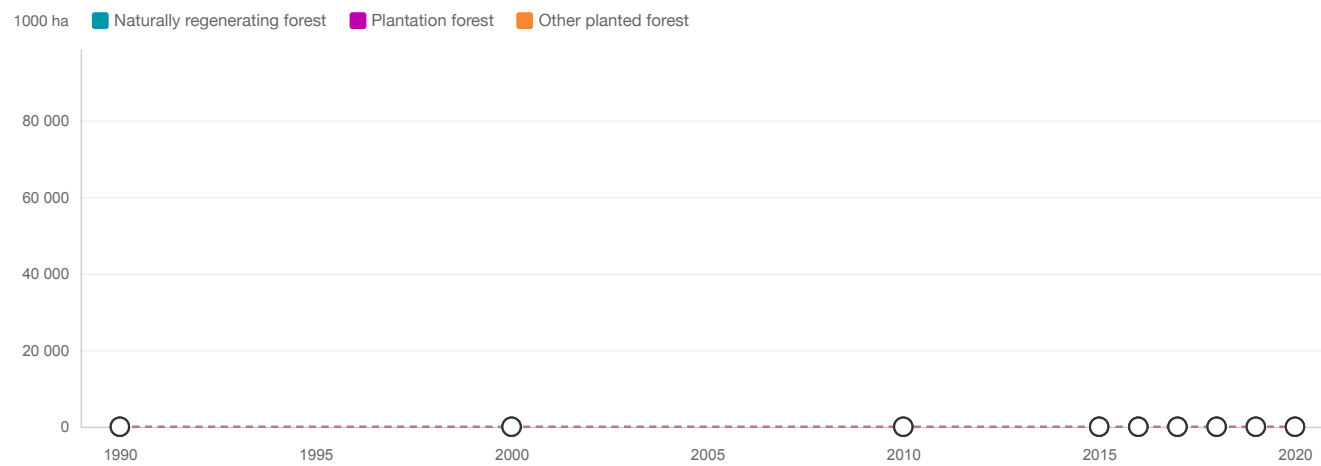
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FRA categories	Forest area (1000 ha)								
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Naturally regenerating forest (a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Planted forest (b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plantation forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
...of which introduced species	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other planted forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total (a+b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total forest area	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Comments

1c Primary forest and special forest categories

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FRA categories	Area (1000 ha)				
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2020
Primary forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Temporarily unstocked and/or recently regenerated	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bamboos	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mangroves	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rubber wood	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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1d Annual forest expansion, deforestation and net change

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FRA categories	Area (1000 ha/year)			
	1990-2000	2000-2010	2010-2015	2015-2020
Forest expansion (a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
...of which afforestation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
...of which natural expansion	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deforestation (b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Forest area net change (a-b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Comments

1e Annual reforestation

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FRA categories	Area (1000 ha/year)			
	1990-2000	2000-2010	2010-2015	2015-2020
Reforestation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Comments

1f Other land with tree cover

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FRA categories	Area (1000 ha)				
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2020
Palms (a)					
Tree orchards (b)					
Agroforestry (c)					
Trees in urban settings (d)					
Other (specify in comments) (e)					
Total (a+b+c+d+e)	–	–	–	–	–
Other land area	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44

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2 Forest growing stock, biomass and carbon

2a Growing stock

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FRA categories	Growing stock m³/ha (over bark)								
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Naturally regenerating forest									
Planted forest									
...of which plantation forest									
...of which other planted forest									
Forest									
Other wooded land	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

FRA categories	Total growing stock (million m³ over bark)								
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Naturally regenerating forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Planted forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
...of which plantation forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
...of which other planted forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other wooded land	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Comments

2b Growing stock composition

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FRA categories	Scientific name	Common name	Growing stock in forest (million m³ over bark)				
			1990	2000	2010	2015	2020
Native tree species							
#1 Ranked in terms of volume							
#2 Ranked in terms of volume							
#3 Ranked in terms of volume							
#4 Ranked in terms of volume							
#5 Ranked in terms of volume							
#6 Ranked in terms of volume							
#7 Ranked in terms of volume							
#8 Ranked in terms of volume							
#9 Ranked in terms of volume							
#10 Ranked in terms of volume							
Remaining native tree species							
Total volume of native tree species			–	–	–	–	–
Introduced tree species							
#1 Ranked in terms of volume							
#2 Ranked in terms of volume							
#3 Ranked in terms of volume							
#4 Ranked in terms of volume							
#5 Ranked in terms of volume							
Remaining introduced tree species							
Total volume of introduced tree species			–	–	–	–	–
Total growing stock			–	–	–	–	–

Comments

2c Biomass stock

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FRA categories	Forest biomass (tonnes/ha)								
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Above-ground biomass	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Below-ground biomass	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dead wood	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Comments

2d Carbon stock

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FRA categories	Forest carbon (tonnes/ha)								
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Carbon in above-ground biomass	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Carbon in below-ground biomass	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Carbon in dead wood	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Carbon in litter	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Soil carbon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Soil depth (cm) used for soil carbon estimates	
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3 Forest designation and management

3a Designated management objective

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Primary designated management objective

FRA 2020 categories	Forest area (1000 ha)				
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2020
Production (a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Protection of soil and water (b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conservation of biodiversity (c)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Services (d)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Multiple use (e)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other (specify in comments) (f)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
None/unknown (g)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total forest area	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total area with designated management objective

FRA 2020 categories	Forest area (1000 ha)				
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2020
Production					
Protection of soil and water					
Conservation of biodiversity					
Social Services					
Other (specify in comments)					

Comments

3b Forest area within protected areas and forest area with long-term management plans

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Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

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FRA categories	Area (1000 ha)								
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Forest area within protected areas	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Forest area with long-term forest management plan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
...of which in protected areas	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Comments

4 Forest ownership and management rights

4a Forest ownership

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FRA categories	Forest area (1000 ha)			
	1990	2000	2010	2015
Private ownership (a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
...of which owned by individuals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
...of which owned by private business entities and institutions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
...of which owned by local, tribal and indigenous communities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public ownership (b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unknown/other (specify in comments) (c)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total forest area	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Comments

4b Holder of management rights of public forests

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Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

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FRA categories	Forest area (1000 ha)			
	1990	2000	2010	2015
Public Administration (a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Individuals (b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Private business entities and institutions (c)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local, tribal and indigenous communities (d)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unknown/other (specify in comments) (e)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total public ownership	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Comments

5 Forest disturbances

5a Disturbances

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Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

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FRA categories	Area (1000 ha)																	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Insects (a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Diseases (b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Severe weather events (c)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other (specify in comments) (d)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total (a+b+c+d)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total forest area	0.00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.00	–	–	–	–	0.00	0.00	0.00

Comments

5b Area affected by fire

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National classification and definitions

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Original data

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Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

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FRA categories	Area (1000 ha)																	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total land area affected by fire																		
...of which on forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Comments

5c Degraded forest

Does your country monitor area of degraded forest		No
If "yes"	What is the national definition of "Degraded forest"?	
	Describe the monitoring process and results	

Comments

6 Forest policy and legislation

6a Policies, Legislation and national platform for stakeholder participation in forest policy

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Indicate the existence of	Boolean (Yes/No)	
	National	Sub-national
Policies supporting SFM	No	No
Legislations and regulations supporting SFM	No	No
Platform that promotes or allows for stakeholder participation in forest policy development	No	No
Traceability system(s) for wood products	No	No

Comments

6b Area of permanent forest estate

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FRA 2020 categories	Forest area (1000 ha)					
	Applicable?	1990	2000	2010	2015	2020
Area of permanent forest estate	No					

Comments

7 Employment, education and NWFP

7a Employment in forestry and logging

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FRA 2020 categories	Full-time equivalents (1000 FTE)											
	1990			2000			2010			2015		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
Employment in forestry and logging	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
...of which silviculture and other forestry activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
...of which logging	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
...of which gathering of non wood forest products	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
...of which support services to forestry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Comments

7b Graduation of students in forest-related education

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FRA 2020 categories	Number of graduated students											
	1990			2000			2010			2015		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
Doctoral degree	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Master's degree	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bachelor's degree	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Technician certificate / diploma	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Comments

7c Non wood forest products removals and value 2015

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	Name of NWFP product	Key species	Quantity	Unit	Value (1000 local currency)	NWFP category
#1						
#2						
#3						
#4						
#5						
#6						
#7						
#8						
#9						
#10						
All other plant products						
All other animal products						
Total					-	

Name of currency	
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Comments

8 Sustainable Development Goal 15

8a Sustainable Development Goal 15

SDG Indicator 15.1.1 Forest area as proportion of total land area 2015

Indicator	Percent							
	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Forest area as proportion of total land area 2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Name of agency responsible	
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SDG Indicator 15.2.1 Progress towards sustainable forest management

Sub-Indicator 1	Percent						
	2000-2010	2010-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Forest area annual net change rate	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Name of agency responsible	
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Sub-Indicator 2	Forest biomass (tonnes/ha)							
	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Above-ground biomass stock in forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Name of agency responsible	
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Sub-Indicator 3	Percent (2015 forest area baseline)							
	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Proportion of forest area located within legally established protected areas	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Name of agency responsible	
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Sub-Indicator 4	Percent (2015 forest area baseline)							
	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Proportion of forest area under long-term forest management plan	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Sub-Indicator 5	Forest area (1000 ha)							
	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Forest area under independently verified forest management certification schemes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	–	–