

25th Session of the Committee on Forestry

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Item 4.1 State of the World's Forests 2020 - Key Messages

Member Name	Comments
Japan (2 October)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We welcome the joint effort between FAO and UNEP on SOFO 2020, and that SOFO 2020 provided important information and updates on forest biodiversity for humanity at the timing to discuss post-2020 biodiversity targets. • Regarding the analysis on drivers of deforestation following to SOFO 2016, Japan believes that it is preferable to keep highlighting to other sectors that the major driver is a conversion from forest land to other land use.
USA (4 October)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We appreciate the work of FAO and its partners on this report, which provides important information, including for other ongoing processes. • We support the proposed recommendations in the background paper for the COFO report and suggest edits that better capture the actions countries can take to utilize this information in the discussions on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. <p><i>[Invite countries to] Take note of the key findings of SOFO 2020 and ensure that take these into consideration and reflect them in the post 2020 biodiversity framework take these into consideration and adequately reflect to account for the critical role that forests play in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.</i></p>