

Sweden's National Forest Programme

On 17 May 2018, the Government adopted a strategy for Sweden's National Forest Programme. In July 2018, the Government adopted an action plan with specific measures. The action plan will be updated in dialogue with interested parties.

The core of the National Forest Programme is the broad dialogue on the role forests play to ensure a sustainable society and a growing bioeconomy.

The strategy for the National Forest Programme focuses on objectives for five main areas that the Government considers key to achieving this vision and contributing to the two co-equal objectives of Swedish forest policy – to provide a valuable yield and at the same time preserve biodiversity. Forest management shall also take into account other public interests.

Focus area 1. Sustainable forest management with greater climate benefits

The objective for the focus area 'Sustainable forest management with greater climate benefits' is sustainable forest growth, including good and assured access to domestic biomass resources from Swedish forests, within the context of achieving the national environmental objectives.

"Forests – our 'green gold' – will contribute to creating jobs and sustainable growth throughout the country, and to the development of a growing bioeconomy."

Focus area 2. Multiple uses of forest resources for more jobs and sustainable growth throughout the country

The objectives for the focus area 'Multiple uses of forest resources for more jobs and sustainable growth throughout the country' are increased employment, strengthened sustainable growth



and rural development, taking into account the social values of forests. The skills and expertise of both women and men will be harnessed in these efforts, including those of newly arrived immigrants.

Focus area 3. World-class innovation and processed forest products

The objectives for the focus area ‘World-class innovation and processed forest products’ are that Sweden’s forest industry will be a world leader in creating and utilizing innovation, sustainably producing processed forest products for a growing bioeconomy, and satisfying the demand for sustainable, fossil-free products and services in global markets.

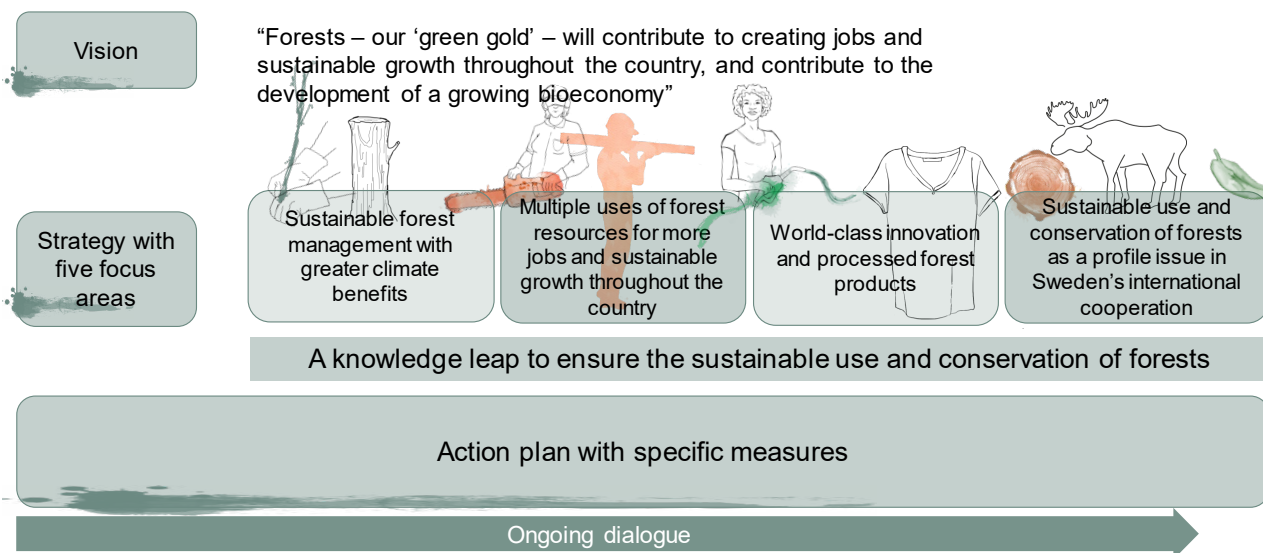
Focus area 4. Sustainable use and conservation of forests as a profile issue in Sweden’s international cooperation

The objective for the focus area ‘Sustainable use and conservation of forests as a profile issue in Sweden’s international cooperation’ is for forests and their value chains to contribute to global sustainable development and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Forests will be included as a profile issue in Sweden’s international cooperation. Export and investment promotion will be strengthened and synergies between development cooperation and forest issues will be harnessed, where appropriate. The right of national self-determination over forest issues will be safeguarded in relation to the EU.

Focus area 5. A knowledge leap to ensure the sustainable use and conservation of forests

The objective for the focus area ‘A knowledge leap to ensure the sustainable use and conservation of forests’ is to increase knowledge about and innovation for all the values that forest offer and the entire value chain to ensure a sustainable and growing bioeconomy.

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