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Australia's ongoing journey with the Montreal Process

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- Forest resources



- Forest values



A recognised meaningful reporting framework

Montréal Process Criteria and Indicators



Seven criteria covering all values of forests on all tenures

1. Biological diversity
2. Productive capacity
3. Health and vitality
4. Soil and Water
5. Carbon cycles
6. Economic and social
7. Legal, institutional, and economic frameworks

44 indicators adapted to Australia's unique forests



Australia and the Montréal Process



National level

- National legislation
 - *Regional Forest Agreement Act 2002*
- National policy
 - *Australia's National Forest Policy Statement*
- Certification
 - *Australian Forestry Standard*
- National reporting
 - *Australia's State of the Forests Reports*
 - *Montreal Process country report*

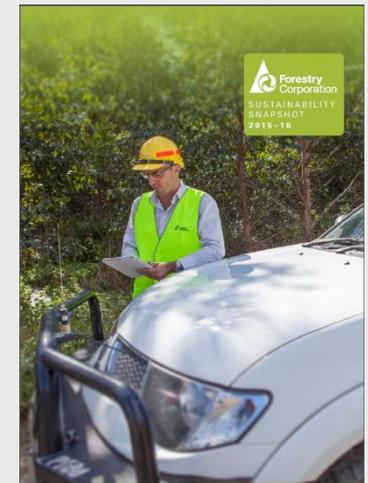
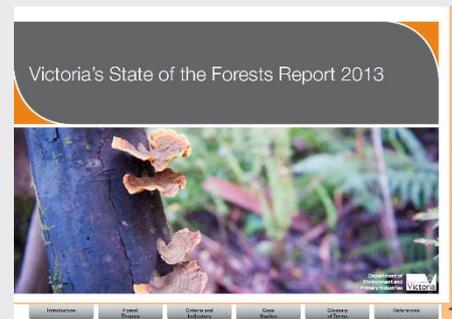
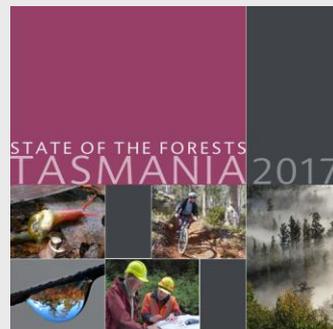
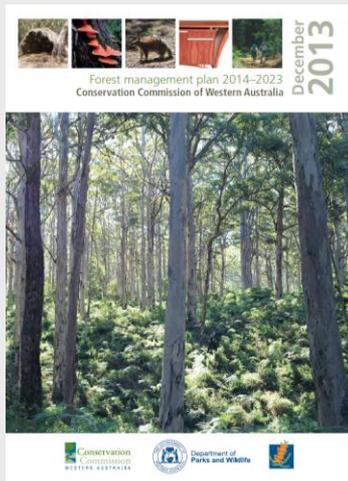




Australia and the Montréal Process

Provincial government engagement

- State and territory government legislation
- State and territory forest management plans
- State and territory reporting



New government plan 2018

Actions

The Australian Government will assist in growing community understanding of forest management by:

- working with industry to ensure it meets community expectations and engages with a broad range of stakeholders in a manner that builds trust and confidence
- reporting on the management of Australia's forests and forest industries through the State of the Forests Reports
- reporting on the management of native forests in the Regional Forest Agreements regions every five years.



Why has Australia's criteria and indicator framework worked?

- Collaboration and consultation across governments and stakeholders
 - ownership + trust
- Consistency, efficiencies for collection and reporting of forest-related information
 - value in process + outputs
- Relevant & meaningful at various scales
 - coupe, state, national, international
- Credibility & transparency
- Collective understanding of SFM



Australia's State of the Forests Report series



Each report has been tabled as a Country Report to the Montreal Process

Australia's fifth country report to the Montreal Process



Australia's State of the Forests Report 2018

Australia's State of the Forests Report 2018 Executive summary



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A five-yearly report prepared by the Montreal Process Implementation Group
for Australia and the National Forest Inventory Steering Committee
on behalf of the Australian, state and territory governments

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Forests Australia website

agriculture.gov.au/abares/forestsaustralia

Available:

- Hardcopy – Full report and Executive Summary
- PDF documents – full report and chapters (criteria)

Complemented by

- Key spatial datasets
- Tabular datasets for all figures and tables



Thank you

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