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
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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
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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