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Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-1

Number and size of information events organized on the subject of desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity, and audience reached by media addressing DLDD and DLDD synergies

Global target

Percentage of population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

30 %

2018

National contribution to the global target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

55

2011

2013

2015

2017

2019

Voluntary national target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

%

55

Year

2013

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Information events

Year	Number of events	Total estimated participants
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	3	200000
2013	3	214000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Mass media articles and radio/television programmes about these events

Year	Number	Estimated people reached
2012	3	385000
2013	3	400000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

1) National Soil Services Centre, Department of Agriculture,

2) Information and Communication Section, Ministry of Agriculture & Forests,

3) Media agencies- Kuensel

4) National Statistic Bureau, Bhutan

5) BBS and other private news papers

Qualitative assessment

Does your country have a national communication strategy addressing DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity in place?

Yes No

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Communication Strategy, activities relating to the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight Against Desertification, etc.):

The National communication to UNFCCC includes information on national circumstances of the country, actions needed and taken to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change among other climate related informations

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-3

Number of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) participating in the Convention processes

Global target

A steady growth in the participation of CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy.

National contribution to global target: number of CSOs and STIs involved in DLDD-related programmes/projects

Year	Number of civil society organizations	Number of science and technology institutions
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	7	3
2013	7	3
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information: name of the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs

CSO- RSPN, Tarayana Foundation, BCNC, GNHC, Greener ways, Bhutan Ecological society
STI- CNR, UWICE, CST
1) National Soil Services Centre, Department of Agriculture (Ministry of Agriculture and Forests),
2) UNDP Country Office, Small Grants Programme, Thimphu
3) Department of forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of CSOs and STIs participating in the Convention process at national level, per biennium %

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the participation of CSOs and STIs in DLDD-related programmes and projects? Yes No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to promote participation by CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes.

In order to increase the participation of CSOs and STIs in the DLDD- related programmes and projects, the Central Government Institution has made enormous efforts in areas such as providing close collaboration in activities related to DLDD, supporting the thematic proposals, provision of technical support whenever requested including capacity building. The government also provides various policy related inputs to steer the DLDD attributes and curriculum developments in the institutes.

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-4

Number and type of DLDD-related initiatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) in the field of education

Global target

A steady growth in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy

National contribution to the global target: number of DLDD-related initiatives implemented by CSOs and STIs in the field of education

Year	Number of CSOs initiatives	Number of STIs initiatives
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	10	3
2013	10	3
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

- 1) National Soil Services Centre, Department of Agriculture (Minsitry of Agriculture and Forests)
- 2) UNDP Country Office, Small Grants Programme, Thimphu
- 3) Department of Forest, MoAF

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs, per biennium



Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives in the education sector implemented by CSOs and STIs?

Yes No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives of CSOs and STIs in the field of education.

Incorporation of Land Management subject in the Non Formal Education and also in the College of Natural resources academic curriculum. In addition development of manuals and training materials for use by stake holders interested/involved in DLDD initiatives.

CONS-0-5 Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have finalized the formulation/revision of national, subregional and regional action programmes (NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs) aligned to The Strategy, taking into account biophysical and socio-economic information, national planning and policies, and integration into investment frameworks

Global target Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities that have formulated/ revised a NAP/SRAP/RAP aligned to The Strategy **≥ 80 %** **2018**

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have a NAP aligned to the Strategy? Yes No

Qualitative assessment

Is your NAP being implemented? Yes No

Please answer the following two questions only if your country has not aligned the NAP to the Strategy

Voluntary national target

When do you plan to align your NAP to the Strategy? 2014-2015
 2016-2017
 2018-2019
 No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., national circumstances affecting the NAP alignment and implementation process)

NAP was developed in 2010 and endorsed in April 2011. The country applied for NAP alignment and UNCCD reporting GEF grant of US\$ 150,000 and it was approved only in April 2013. Currently the NAP alignment is under progress.

Sources of information

National Soil Services Centre, Department of Agriculture (Ministry of Agriculture and Forests)

CONS-O-7

Number of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation, at all levels

Global target

Each affected country Party has either one joint national plan in place or functional mechanism(s) to ensure synergies among the three Rio conventions

2014

National contribution to the global target

Was your country implementing joint planning/programming initiatives for the three Rio conventions in the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Were there any operational mechanisms that facilitated joint implementation of the three Rio Conventions during the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Please answer the following questions if your country has such initiatives or mechanisms in place

Qualitative assessment

If your country has initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions, specify the type of joint initiative(s):

- Evaluation of national plans and identification of gaps in synergies
- Identification of national sectors and policies that could benefit from synergies and cooperation
- Review of national policies to enhance cooperation and synergies
- Enhancement of the institutional and scientific capacities and awareness of relevant stakeholders
- Other (please describe below):

Qualitative assessment

If your country has mechanisms for joint implementation, specify the type of mechanism(s):

- Regular meetings between focal points and focal point teams of the Rio conventions
- A national coordinating committee for the implementation of the Rio conventions
- National coordination on synergies in reporting under the Rio conventions
- Other (please describe below):

Provide any complementary information as needed:

The Gross National Happiness Commission being the apex of the planning institution of the country, ensures that the four Gross National Happiness pillars are equally addressed. The pillars embed Rio conventions/MDG goals which are equally incorporated into the annual plans.

Sources of information

- National Soil Services Centre, Department of Agriculture (Ministry of Agriculture and Forests)
- UNCCD focal agency in Bhutan National Environment Commission Secretariat-
- GNHC's reports, local government reports

CONS-O-8 Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have established and supported a national/subregional/regional monitoring system for DLDD

Global target	Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD	≥ 60 %	2018
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National contribution to the global target Is a monitoring system specifically dedicated to DLDD established in your country? Yes No

Please answer the following questions if your country has not established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD by the end of the current reporting period

Voluntary national target When does your country plan to establish and support a national monitoring system for DLDD?

2014-2015	<input type="checkbox"/>
2016-2017	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2018-2019	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Plan Yet	<input type="checkbox"/>

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Sources of information

National Soil Services Centre, Department of Agriculture (Ministry of Agriculture and Forests)

Qualitative assessment Does your country have a monitoring system partially covering DLDD? Yes No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., major difficulties experienced, how the system is being supported, etc.):

Bhutan Environment Outlook, produced every 4-5 years, which reports on the state of the land and environment along with air, water bio-diversity. The existing BEO (2008) provides data for 10 'PRESSURE' indicators, 3 'STATE' indicators and 8 'RESPONSE' indicators related to land & environment.

Knowledge-sharing systems List any DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing system in your country, providing an Internet link and estimated number of users per year (add as many rows as necessary).

Name of the system:	NSSC website, ICS/MOAF website, NEC website
Internet link:	http://www.moa.gov.bt; http://nssc.gov.bt, www.nec.gov.bt
Estimated number of users per year:	15000

Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge

CONS-0-10

Number of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs reflecting knowledge of DLDD drivers and their interactions, and of the interaction of DLDD with climate change and biodiversity

Global target

Percentage of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs that have successfully gone through a quality self-assessment.

≥ 70 %

2018

CONS-O-13

Number of countries, subregional and regional reporting entities engaged in building capacity to combat DLDD on the basis of the National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) or other methodologies and instruments

Global target

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that implement DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects

≥ 90 %

National contribution to the global target

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of the NCSA?

Yes

No

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of other methodologies and instruments to assess national capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Provide any relevant information on the size, scope, effectiveness and status of the initiatives implemented, or other complementary information as needed

Through GEF/UNDP funded Medium Size Project attached to NSSC had partially carried out the need assessment on land degradation and found Eastern and Southern Bhutan were more vulnerable to Land degradation. Further, assessment of human resource capacity in SLM at various level was carried out.

Sources of information

National Soil Services Centre, Department of Agriculture (Ministry of Agriculture and Forests),

UNDP Small Grants Programme, Thimphu, Bhutan

Qualitative assessment

Has your country assessed DLDD-related capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Did your country receive technical and/or financial assistance to build capacities to combat DLDD?

Yes

No

From which institutions and which type of assistance was provided?

Financial

Technical

UNCCD Secretariat

Global Mechanism

Global Environment Facility

Bilateral agencies

Other multilateral organizations

CONS-O-14

Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities whose investment frameworks, established within the integrated financing strategy (IFS) devised by the Global Mechanism (GM) or within other IFSs, reflect leveraging national, bilateral and multilateral resources to combat DLDD

Global target

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have developed integrated investment frameworks (IIFs)

≥ 50 %

2014

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have an integrated investment framework?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g. is the IIF based on the NAP; non-traditional and innovative financing targeted by the IIF; overview of the progress in implementing the IIF in your country; assistance received in the development or implementation of the IIF from the GM or other development partners, etc.)

Annual plans are prepared based on the National Five Year Plan documents which are formulated and endorsed by the parliament. The plan is inclusive of both government and Donor funds.

Sources of information

National Soil Services Centre, Department of Agriculture (Ministry of Agriculture and Forests)

CONS-O-16

Degree of adequacy, timeliness and predictability of financial resources made available by developed country Parties to combat DLDD

Rating of the bilateral assistance received for the implementation of the Convention and its Strategy during the reporting period

Adequacy of bilateral assistance received	Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not adequate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Timeliness of bilateral assistance received	Timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly timely	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Not timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
Predictability of bilateral assistance received	Predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly predictable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Not predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>

Provide any complementary information (e.g., additional information on other aspects beyond those mentioned above which impact proper planning and effective implementation of the Convention in your country, etc.)

Bilateral assistance in the area of combating land degradation and sustainable land management is currently limited although activities and/or programmes to address land degradation and sustainable land management do occur in the overall design of several DLDD and environmental projects funded by bilateral donors.

Qualitative assessment

Did your country receive assistance in raising resources from bilateral donors? Yes No

If yes, from whom?

GEF, • Multilateral (United Nations agencies, IGOs, international financing institutions, etc.), Gross National Happiness Commission, Royal Government of Bhutan

CONS-0-18

Amount of financial resources and type of incentives which have enabled access to technology by affected country Parties

Global target

A steady growth in the financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by affected country Parties is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

A steady growth in the number of economic and policy incentives reported upon is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

National contribution to the target: estimated amount of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	BTN - Ngultrum	79000000
2013	BTN - Ngultrum	71000000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Has your country established economic and policy incentives intended to facilitate access to technology? Yes No

Sources of information

National Soil Services Centre, Department of Agriculture (Ministry of Agriculture and Forests)
GEF Small Grant Programme UNDP,

Voluntary national target

Percentage increase of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by a given year % Year

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

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Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., a short overview of specific aspects and the nature of technology transfer in your country, aspects in which there is a need to increase the level of technology transfer, etc.)

Technology such as check-dams, terracing, hedgerows are established on cost sharing basis with 50% by beneficiaries and 50% by government. Considering the cost involvement , the technology transfer remained low and hence there is a need to increase the supports/incentives. Further government plans are more concentrated towards infrastructural development such as roads, schools, irrigation channels so priority on SLM interventions remains low.
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Identification

Identification code

Enter the Identification Code (ID), number or acronym given to the activity funded (if known)

P087039 (Program funded through Sustainable Land Management Project)

Name of the activity funded

Enter the name or title of the activity, project, programme, organization or initiative

1-Cardamom rehabilitation in ex-tseri land: An alternative to tseri or shifting cultivation.
 2-Mainstreaming socio-economy and prevention of rangeland degradation by the nomads of Haa in western bhutan.
 3- Establishment of Agro- forestry nursery at Pallangphu, Tsakaling geog, Mongar.
 4-Sustainable land management at sanu Dorona, Dorona geog , Dagana
 5-Water source protection and management at Trashicholing, Taraythang geog, Sarpang.
 6-Scaling up of SLM in Loduma, Dagana.
 7- Land management training at Thrizor, Martshala, Samdrup Jongkhar.
 8- Community based land management at Lapsa, Derpong geog, Mongar.
 9- Training on organic farming (NOP)
 10-Reduction of fuel wood consumption and protection of water source and environment (TY)
 11-Community Based land management at Yangmalashing (PG)
 12-Bio gas and degraded land management project (W)
 13-Integrated Landscape Management at Yenangbrangsa Samkhar Trashigang
 14-Phochu catchment protection and land reclamation at lunana (JDNP)
 15-Protection of Agriculture land through river bank management and plantation (Samtsi)
 16-Reduction of environment pressure from over grazing and extraction of natural resources (Thimphu)
 17-Sustainable rangeland management and reducing pressure on environment, Cheburling Merak
 18-Halting loss of agriculture land to flash floods and to erosion , Phongmey Tgang
 19-Land rehabilitation and erosion control, Songphu Trashigang

Basic data

Recipient country, subregion and region

Enter the name of the country(ies), subregion(s) or region(s) in which the activity is taking place or is due to take place. Indicate "global" if the activity is of global scale or has no specific geographical focus

Category	Location
Country	Bhutan

Status

Indicate the status of the activity at the time of completing this form

Committed
 Proposal
 On-going
 Completed

Co-financing

Source	Currency	Amount
GEF & RGOB	BTN - Ngultrum	150726420

Type of funding

Indicate the instruments used to finance the activity

- Grant
- Loan (commercial)
- Loan (concessional)
- Budget authority
- Debt swap/relief
- Basket funding
- Sectoral support
- Sovereign wealth fund
- Payments for Environmental Services (PES)
- Results based financing
- Equity
- Venture capital
- Remittances
- Derivatives
- Blended value products
- Impact investments
- Microcredit
- Bonds
- Insurance
- Mortgages/guarantees
- Advance market commitments
- Other (please describe below):

Classification

Rio Markers

Assign the appropriate Rio Marker for desertification to the funded activity
(tick only one of the boxes below)

UNCCD		1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
UNFCCC	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	
CBD	0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	

Relevant Activity Code (RAC)

Indicate all the RACs that may apply to the funded activity

Knowledge Management

Research Information campaigns Advocacy/Mainstreaming Natural capital accounting Land degradation monitoring Reporting

Enabling Activities

Capacity building Governance and institutions Policies, strategies and regulations Economic valuation of land use/change options Incentives and market-based mechanisms Resource mobilization Development assistance

Land Degradation Prevention

Adaptation to climate change Natural resource conservation Enhancing ecosystem resilience Sustainable land and natural resource management Sustainable production Sustainable consumption

Restoration and recovery

Afforestation/reforestation for carbon sequestration Ecosystem rehabilitation Infrastructure reconstruction/rehabilitation Land restoration/reclamation Emergency response Relocation/rescue/relief operations

Strategic and operational objectives targeted

Indicate which strategic and/or operational objective of the Strategy is addressed by the funded activity

Strategic objective 1: living conditions of affected populations Strategic objective 2: condition of affected ecosystems Strategic objective 3: global benefits Strategic objective 4: resource mobilization and partnership building Operational objective 1: advocacy, awareness raising and education Operational objective 2: policy framework Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge Operational objective 4: capacity-building Operational objective 5: financing and technology transfer

Add new 'Unified financial annex' full section

Reporting process-related issues

Financial resources

Could your country count on sufficient financial resources to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No

Provide an estimate of the amount invested from your country's national budget into the current UNCCD reporting process

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	BTN - Ngultrum	60000
2013	BTN - Ngultrum	60000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Human resources

Provide an estimate of the people involved in your country in the UNCCD reporting process, and of the total number of months dedicated by these persons to the reporting process

Year	Number of people	Number of months
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	3	3
2013	3	3
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Knowledge

Could your country count on sufficient technical and scientific knowledge to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No

Coordination

Was coordination at the national level with the relevant line ministries satisfactory in order to report comprehensively and coherently?

Yes No

Participation and consultation

Was a participatory or consultative approach applied to involve all relevant stakeholders in the reporting process?

Yes No

Validation

Was a validation meeting held as a part of the reporting process?

Yes No

Subregional and regional processes

Did your country cooperate with the entities entrusted with preparing the subregional and regional action programme reports?

Yes No

Accommodation of specific requests within decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties

Reporting on specific COP requests: iterative process on indicators

Tick the boxes only if you have experienced difficulties in reporting on one or more performance indicator(s). When doing so, place the tick mark under the e-SMART criterion for which the difficulty occurred.

	Economic	Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Relevant	Time-bound
CONS-0-1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-14	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-16	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-18	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other country-specific issues

Does your country have any specific issue to bring to the attention of the Conference of the Parties? Yes No

If yes, please specify under which of the following broad categories it can be classified

- Policy, legislative and/or institutional framework
- Capacity-building and awareness-raising
- Desertification/land degradation and drought and sustainable land management monitoring and assessment/research
- Funding/resource mobilization
- Knowledge management and decision-making support
- Participation, collaboration and networking
- Reporting and review process
- Other

Please describe below:

Bhutan is a developing country with limited resources at hand. Therefore, to spearhead the DLDD into the plans, policies and to mobilize resources remains the major challenges.

Submission form

Name of the reporting officer	Haka Drukpa
Date of completion	25th June 2014
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