



ACTION PLAN for sustainable development 2008-2013 Bureau du forestier en chef

**The path we must follow to prepare a legacy
for future generations**



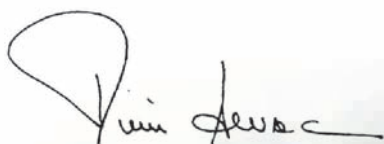
MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF FORESTER



The position of Chief Forester was created relatively recently within the Québec government, in June 2005. One of the duties of the new position is, in particular, to revise the methods used to calculate the annual allowable cut and, at the same time, to help improve public confidence in the quality of forest management. In keeping with the rationale of the *Forest Act*, the mission of the Chief Forester has been based on the considerations of sustainable development, and includes the goal of "ensuring the ongoing viability of forest in the Crown domaine *in a context of sustainable development.*"

This action plan covers the main elements of the mission set out in the 2008-2011 strategic plan of the Bureau du forestier en chef. It introduces awareness-raising and training activities, and ecoresponsible activities within the meaning of the Government Sustainable Development Strategy. In terms of its business mission, the integration of environmental, social and economic concerns has led the Bureau du forestier en chef to transform the *Forest Management Manual* and the review of the state of the forests into the *Sustainable Forest Management Manual* and the *Report on Sustainable Forest Management*, respectively. Similarly, concerns relating to sustainable development have been introduced into the new method for calculating annual allowable cuts. These improvements and changes involve various regional stakeholders and organizations, in keeping with one of the underlying principles of sustainable development.

I can assure you of my total commitment to the government guidelines in the field of sustainable development, along with the rest of my organization. In my view this is the path we must all follow to prepare a legacy for future generations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Pierre Levac". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Pierre Levac, ing.f., M.Sc.
Chief Forester



ACTION PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT BUREAU DU FORESTIER EN CHEF

MISSION OF THE BUREAU DU FORESTIER EN CHEF	Preserve the ongoing viability of forests in the crown domaine in a context of sustainable development	
MINISTÈRE DES RESSOURCES NATURELLES ET DE LA FAUNE ACT	Gives the chief forester an independent status and imposes a transparency requirement	
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ACT	Requires consideration, in all government actions, for the sixteen principles of sustainable development	
GOVERNMENT STRATEGIC DIRECTION (No)*	PRACTICE INTEGRATED, SUSTAINABLE LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT (6)	INFORM, MAKE AWARE, EDUCATE, INFLUENCE
Government objective (No)**	<p>Integrate the imperatives of sustainable development in regional and local strategies and in the design of development plan (18)</p> <p>Note: <i>The implementation of the following actions also contributes to the objectives "Increase consideration for the concerns of citizens in decisions (25)" and "Ensure the protection and enhance of the natural heritage values and natural resources in respect with the capacity of the diversify ecosystems (22)".</i></p>	<p>Make people increasingly aware of the sustainable development concept and principles. Promote knowledge and experience sharing in this area and assimilate the knowledge and know-how facilitating its enforcement (1)</p> <p>Note: <i>The implementation of the following action also contributes to the objective "Increase participation in ongoing training activities and manpower qualification (28)".</i></p>
Objectives of the Bureau du forestier en chef	Integrate the principles of sustainable development in all aspects of the duties of the Chief Forester	Publicize the nature and scope of the concept of sustainable development and the sixteen related principles
<p> Action</p> <p> Indicator</p> <p> Target</p>	<p> Take social, economic and environmental concerns, as <i>a priori</i>, as well as considering the guidelines of the <i>Sustainable Forest Management Strategy</i> when calculating annual allowable cuts</p> <p> Number of forest management units integrating the parameters of sustainable forest management in the 2013-2018 annual allowable cut calculations</p> <p> One hundred percent (100 %) of forest management units integrating the parameters of sustainable forest management in the 2013-2018 annual allowable cut calculations</p> <p> Produce, by 2011, the first <i>Sustainable Forest Management Manual</i></p> <p> State of progress in the production of Sustainable Forest Management Manual fascicles</p> <p> Produce, by 2009, the fascicles required to calculate the 2013-2018 annual allowable cut</p> <p> Produce, by 2011, the first <i>Sustainable Forest Management Manual</i></p>	<p> Provide awareness-raising and continuing education activities in the field of sustainable development for staff of the Bureau du forestier en chef, to develop their expertise and promote ecoresponsible behaviour</p> <p> Number of employee having participated in awareness-raising and education activities</p> <p> Raise awareness of over 80 % of employees by 2011</p> <p> Ensure that, by 2013, over 80 % of professional and technical staff members have competent knowledge to take sustainable development into account in their work</p>

DEVELOPMENT 2008-2013

Development

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INNOVATE (1)

Create and periodically update Québec's sustainable development profile (2)

Support research and new practices and technologies contributing to sustainable development and maximizing its spinoffs in Québec (3)

PRODUCE AND CONSUME RESPONSIBLY (3)

Apply environmental management procedures and the ecoresponsible procurement policy (6)



Assess the state of the Québec forests and their performance in the area of sustainable forest management

Assess, the impacts of draft policies, programs, strategies and development scenarios

Apply ecoresponsible practices in everyday management activities of the Bureau du forestier en chef

- ✓ Produce, by 2009, the first *Sustainable Forest Management Report* for the years 2000-2008 to assess the state of public forests and the performance of the sustainable forest management, and start work on the second Sustainable Forest Management Report in 2010

- ➔ State of progress in the *Sustainable Forest Management Report*

- 🎯 Table, in 2009, the first *Sustainable Forest Management Report*

- 🎯 Have completed, by the fall of 2013, 100 % of the audits required to produce the second *Sustainable Forest Management Report*

- ✓ Develop, for 2011, the new system used to calculate annual allowable cuts, integrating considerations relating to sustainable development

- ➔ State of progress in the development of the system

- 🎯 New system operational in 2011

- ✓ Produce impact assessments on annual allowable cuts required as a decision-making tool for the government and regional organizations

- ➔ Number of impact assessments produced

- 🎯 Produce 90 % of impact assessments within times selected

- ✓ Implement practices and activities contributing to the *Policy relating to an ecoresponsible government*

- ➔ State of progress in the implementation of an environmental management framework and number of ecoresponsible acquisition practices

- 🎯 Have adopted, by 2011, an environmental management framework

- 🎯 Have introduced, by 2012, five ecoresponsible acquisition practices



GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVES PARTIALLY OR INDIRECTLY RELATED TO THE MISSION (No)*

THE MISSION OR INTERNAL MANAGEMENT OF THE BUREAU DU FORESTIER EN CHEF CONTRIBUTES PARTIALLY OR INDIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

- (4) ■ Continue developing and promoting a culture of prevention and define conditions that are beneficial for health, safety and the environment.
- (14) ■ Focus on family life and facilitate conciliation of work, school and personal life.
- (19) ■ Strengthen the viability and resilience of urban, rural or territorial communities and native communities.
- (21) ■ Strengthen conservation and enhance of the scientific heritage.
- (23) ■ Step up cooperation among national and international partners on integrated sustainable development projects.

GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVES NOT CONNECTED TO THE MISSION (No)*

BECAUSE OF THE FIELDS TARGETED BY ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, THE BUREAU DU FORESTIER EN CHEF CANNOT CONTRIBUTE REALISTICALLY TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES OF THE *SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ACT*

- (5) ■ Better prepare communities to face events that could harm their health and safety and to attenuate the consequences.
- (7) ■ Promote reduction in the amount of energy, natural resources and materials used to produce and marketing of goods and services.
- (8) ■ Increase the share of renewable energies with less environmental impact (biofuels, biogas, biomass, solar energy, wind energy, geothermics, hydro-electricity, etc.) in Québec's energy consumption.
- (9) ■ Apply more ecoconditionality and social accountability in public assistance programs and encourage their implementation in financial institutions' programs.
- (10) ■ Provide the reference points required to make enlightened, responsible consumer choices and, if applicable, promote goods and services certification.
- (11) ■ Increasingly reveal the externalities associated with goods and services production and consumption.
- (12) ■ Promote recourse to economic, fiscal and non-fiscal incentives so that goods and services production and consumption reflect sustainable development imperatives.
- (13) ■ Improve the demographic profile of Québec and its regions.
- (15) ■ Increase standard of living.
- (16) ■ Increase productivity and quality of jobs using measures that are ecologically and socially responsible.
- (17) ■ Keep public finances healthy for the generations to come.
- (20) ■ Ensure fair and efficient access to basic services according to regional and local realities.
- (21) ■ Strengthen conservation and enhance of the cultural heritage.
- (24) ■ Increase citizens' involvement in their community.
- (26) ■ Prevent and fight poverty and social exclusion.
- (27) ■ Increase schooling, number of graduates and the population's qualification.
- (29) ■ Support initiatives of the social economy sector aimed at the sustainable integration of people outside the job market.



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