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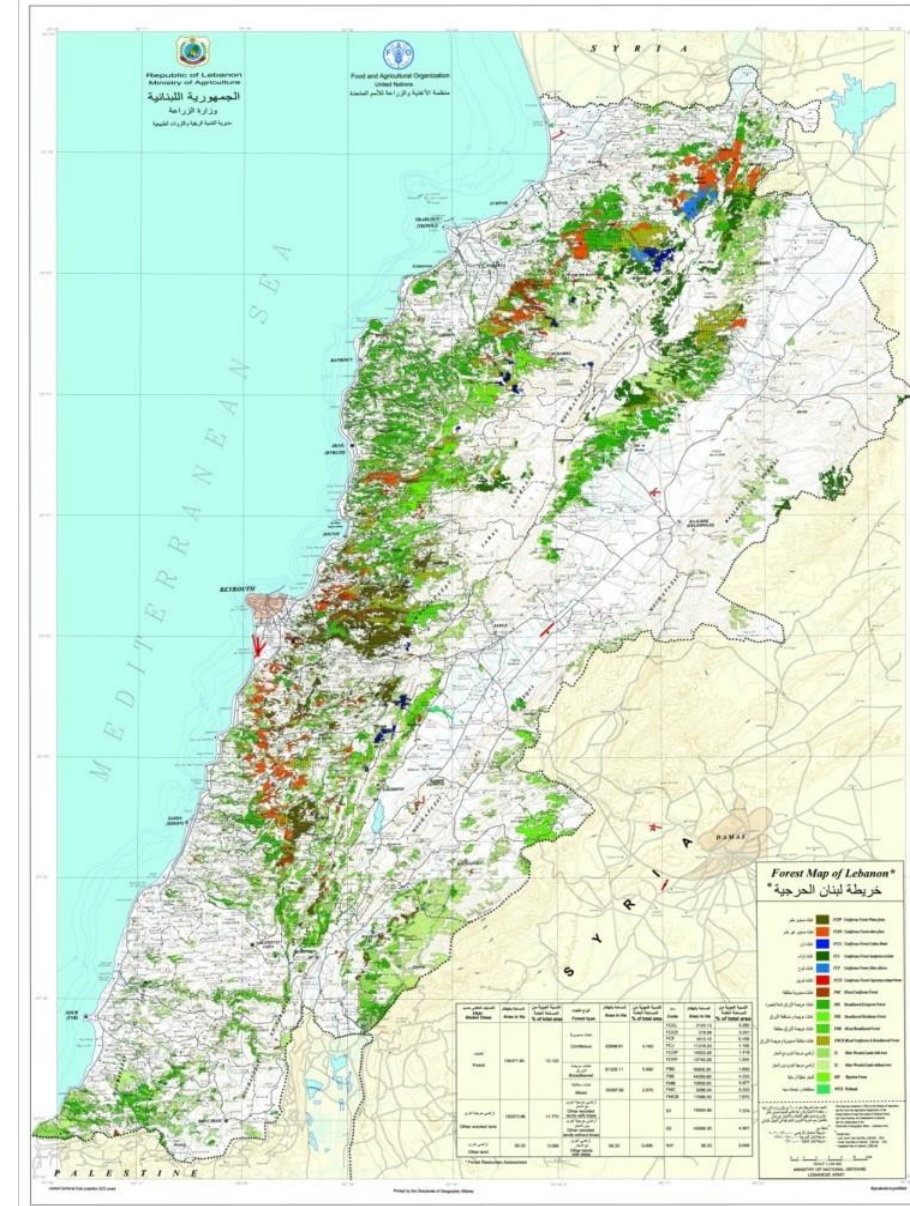
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## Restoration Policies and Strategies in Lebanon: The National Approach of the Ministry of Agriculture

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## Country overview

- Complex physical geography (73% mountains).
- N arrow coastal strip along the Mediterranean Sea
- Western Lebanon Mountain Range (oak, pine and cedar forests)
- Central Plateau or Beqaa valley (Fertile agricultural region)
- Eastern Lebanon Mountain Range or Anti-Lebanon bordering with Syria.
- One of the world's biodiversity hotspots
- Lebanon's ecosystems change from North to South and from West to East,



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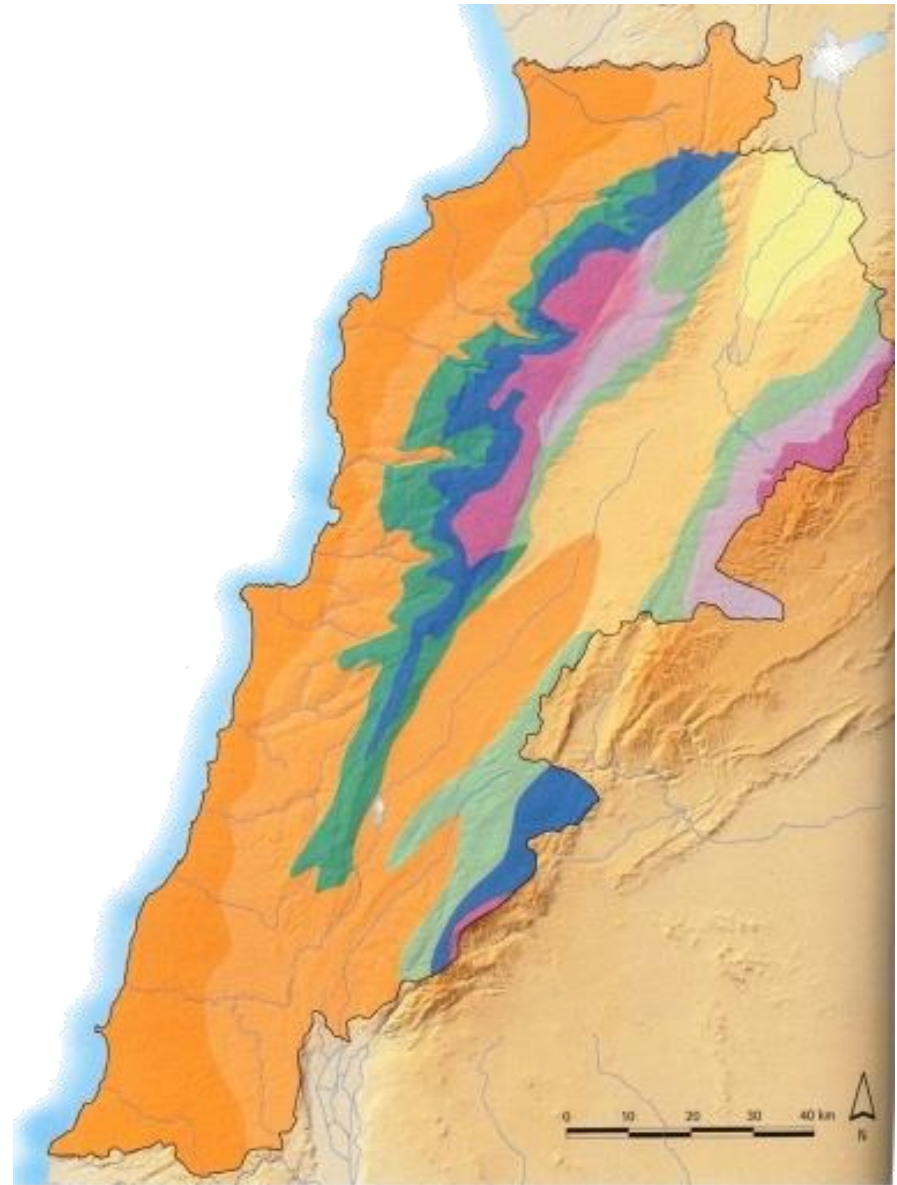
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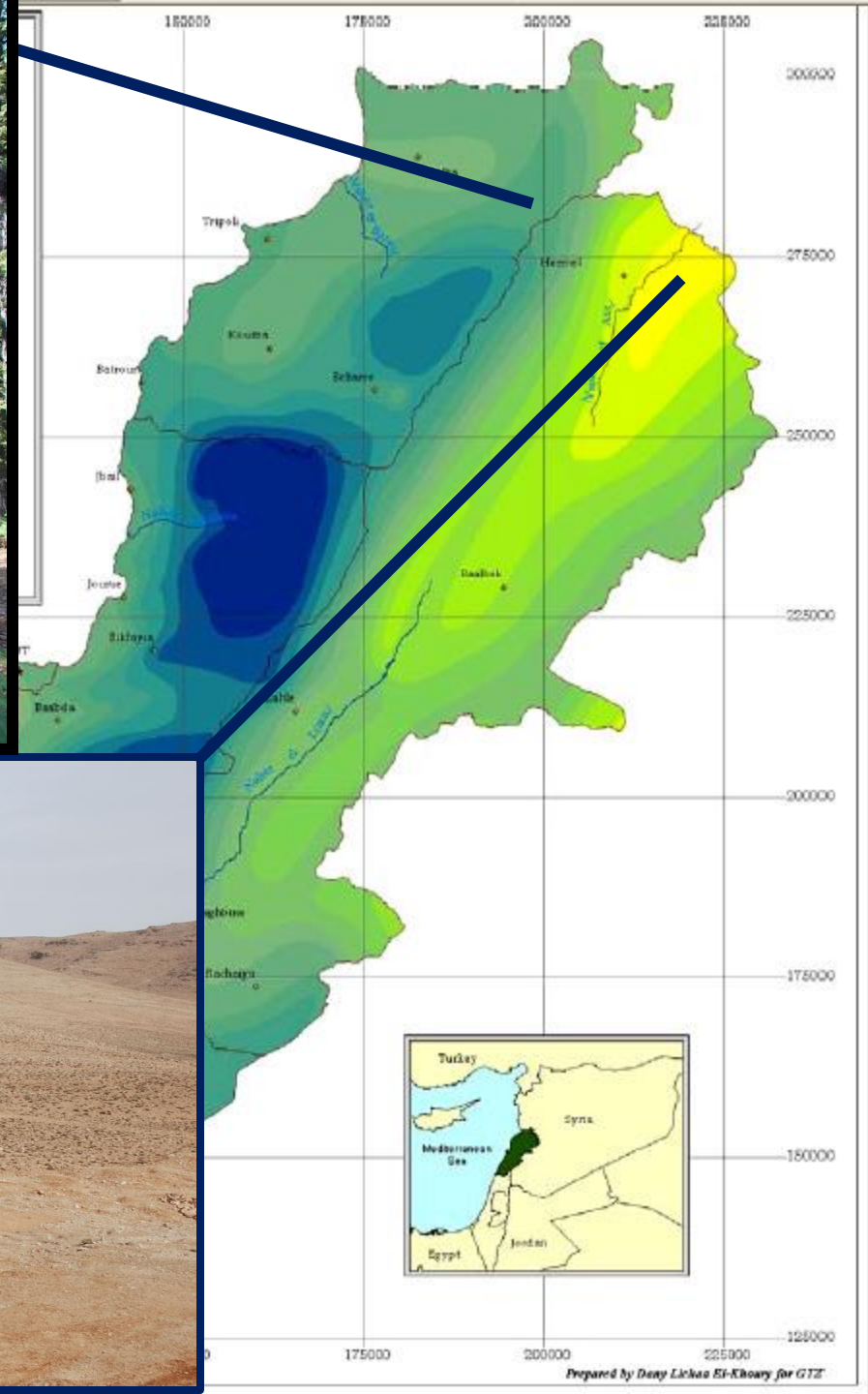
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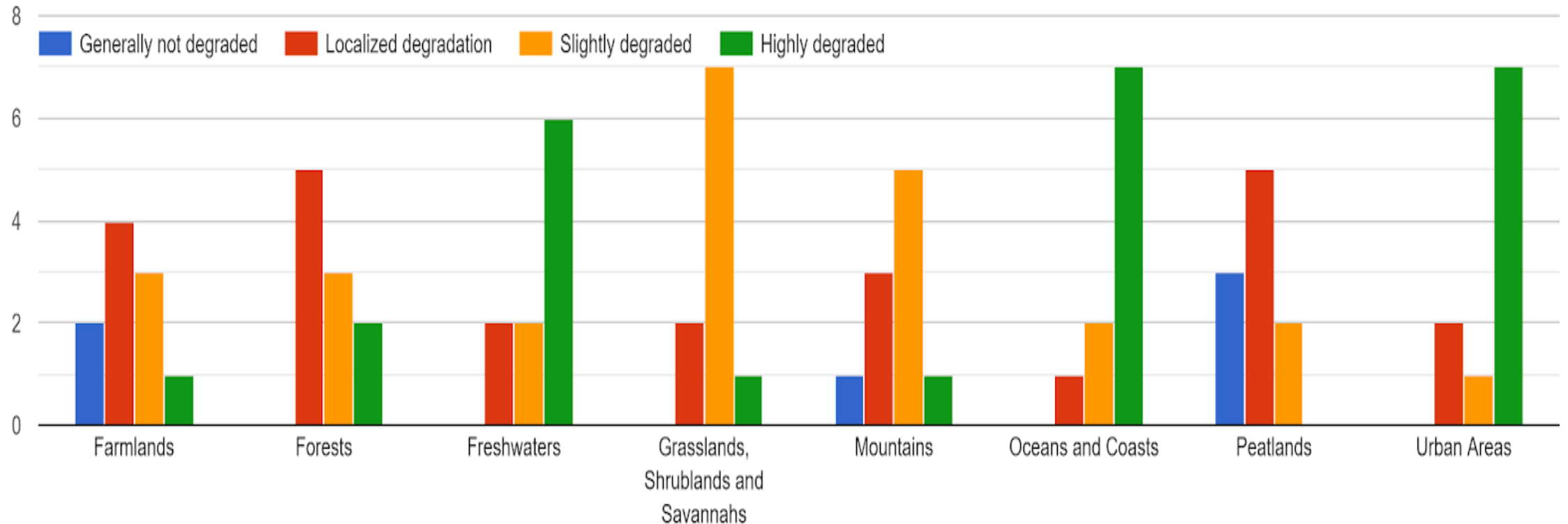
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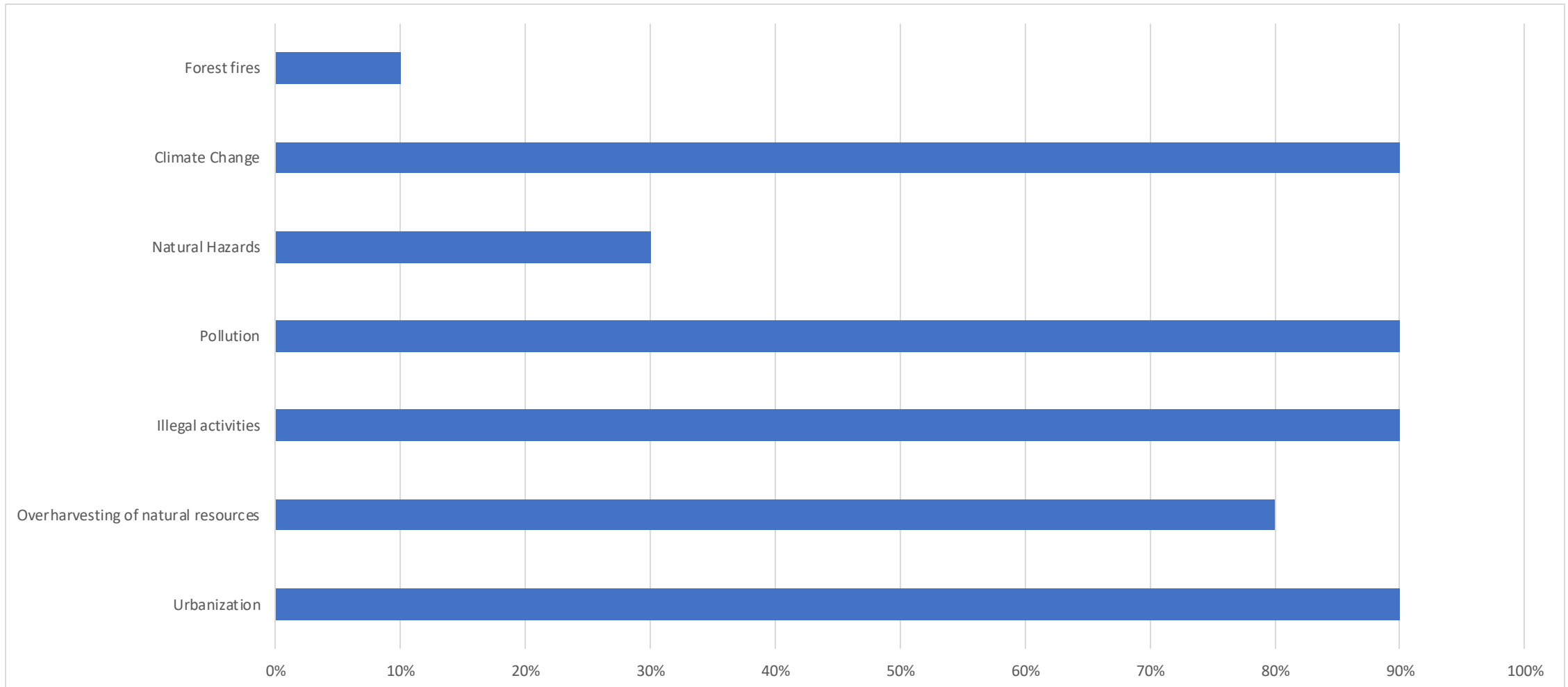




# *Current status of ecosystems degradation*



# Drivers of Ecosystem Degradation





# Lebanon's commitments

- Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) signed in 1992 and ratified in 1994 (Law No. 360)
- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development
- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification,
- Agadir commitment 2015
- NDCs unconditional targets for GHG emission reduction of 20 percent in 2030 (renewable energy sources and energy-efficient measures)
- Lebanon's NBSAP (2018) defined 18 National Targets and 91 National Actions
  - Target 6: 50 percent of all natural ecosystems sustainably managed
  - Target 9: rehabilitation plans implemented in at least 20 percent of degraded sites
  - Target 14: vulnerable ecosystems to Climate Change identified and adaptation plans developed and implemented.



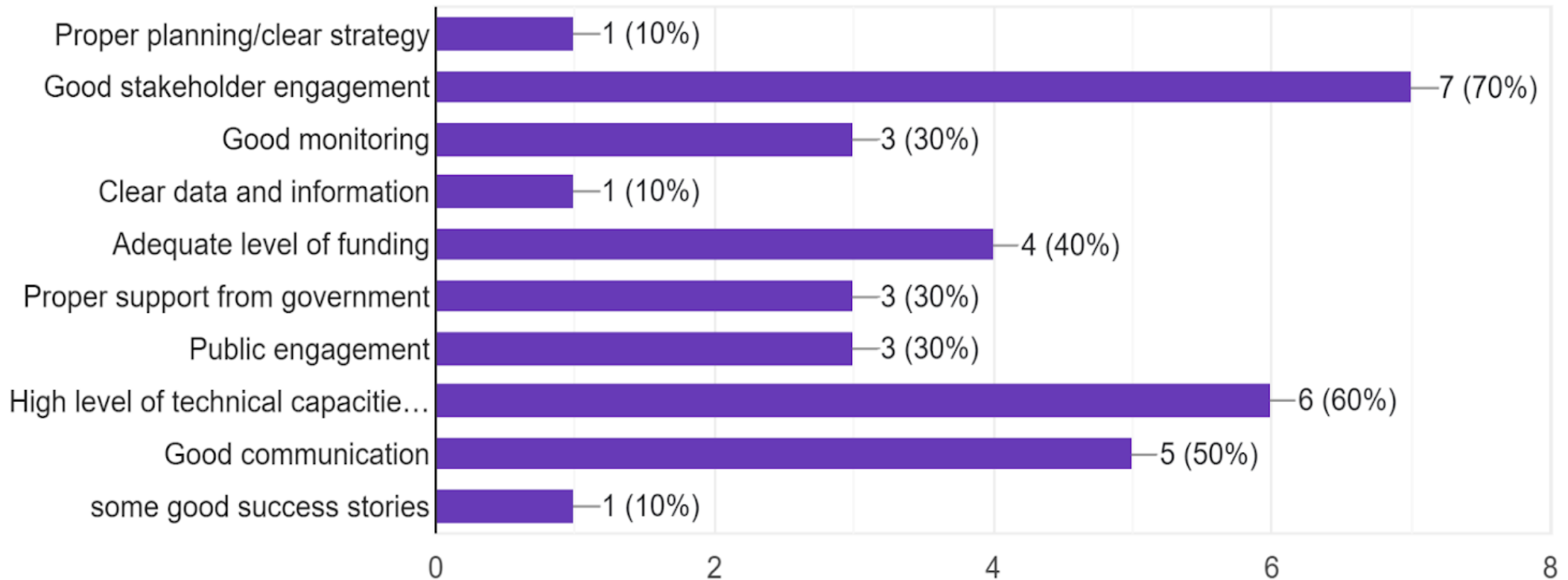
# Main Policies and strategies related to ecosystem restoration

National Policies and Strategies	Year	General Objective
National Afforestation and Reforestation Program (NARP)	2012	Implementing the 40 million trees Programme
National Strategy for Agriculture Sector	2020-2025	Improve good governance and sustainable use of Natural Resources
National Strategy for Forest Fire Management in Lebanon	2009	Coordination between different actors in relation to forest fire fighting
National Forest and Tree Assessment and Inventory	2005	Database for better forest management
Lebanon National Forest Program	2015-2025	Setting the National Forest Policy

# Main Documents related to ecosystem restoration

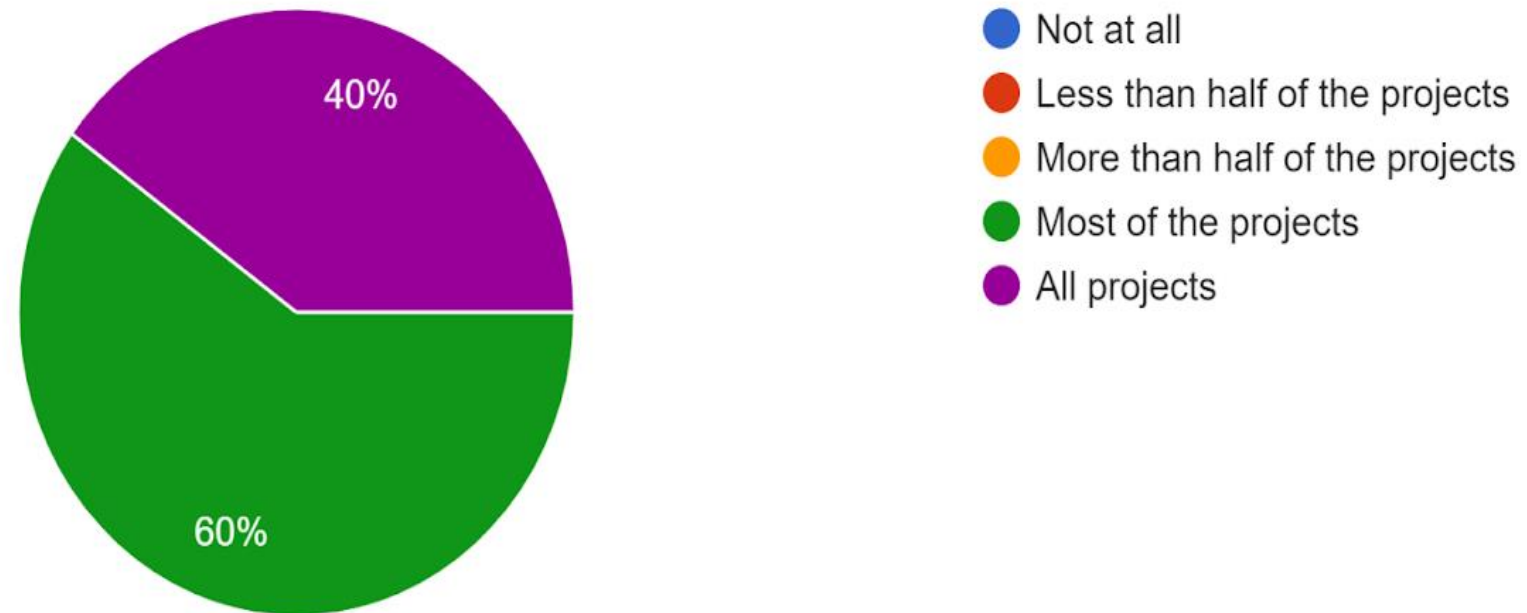
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LDN National targets for restoration	2018	Set national voluntary targets for land degradation neutrality
Lebanon's updated NDC with focus on the restoration/reforestation	2020	Increase in mitigation ambition and transparency
Lebanon's NBSAP (currently being updated)	2016	New CBD strategic goals and integration of the 2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets
Updated strategy for forest fire management	2022	
Guidelines for post-fire restoration	2023	

# Strengths of Lebanon's restoration initiatives/projects

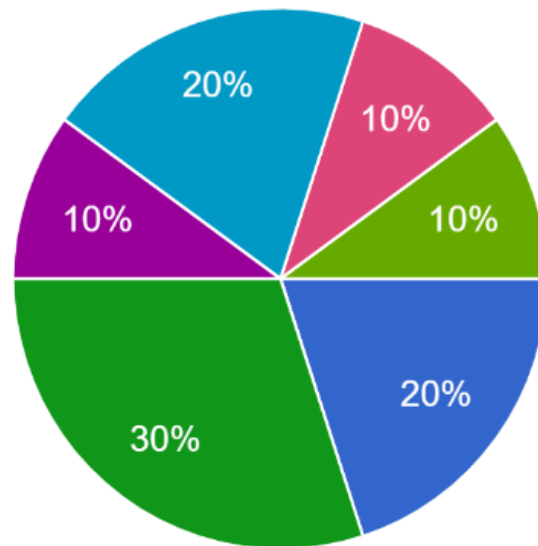




# Inclusion of gender considerations in restoration projects

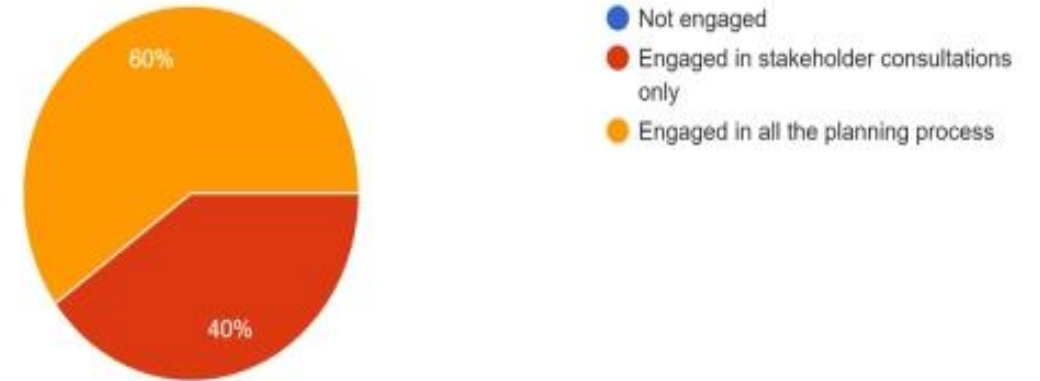


## Knowledge sharing for better restoration

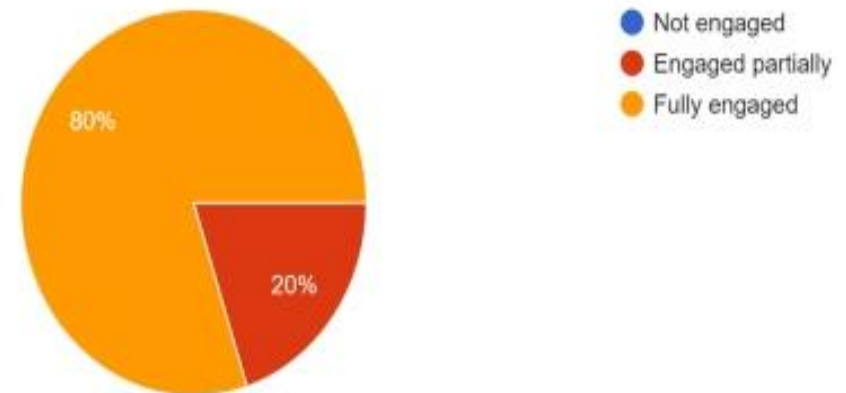


- National Reports
- Publications
- Government/project websites
- Other online platforms
- News media
- Social media
- combination of media, social media and websites
- N/A

## Engagement of non-state actors (NGOs, CBOs, Civil society) in planning restoration initiatives/projects



## Engagement of non-state actors (NGOs, CBOs, Civil society) in implementing restoration initiatives/projects





# Improvement of restoration planning and implementation

- Coordination
- Communication
- Harmonization mechanism
- Regional/Global initiatives (FLRM, UN Decade...)
- New funding opportunities

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