



# United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre

## MISSION REPORT

<b>Distribution:</b>  CCB, JH, MG, TJ UNEP UN-REDD	<b>Name of person(s) that undertook mission:</b> Cordula Epple
	<b>Period (including travel days):</b> May 4 – 11, 2013 (with follow-on travel to Peru)
	<b>Projects:</b> 6196 UN-REDD Ecuador
	<b>Institution(s) or Meeting(s) and Venue(s):</b> Regional multiple benefits prioritization workshops in Puyo and Tonsupa (provinces of Pastaza and Esmeraldas), Ecuador
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<b>File(s):</b>	<b>Objective(s):</b> Contribute to organization and running of workshops; assist in identification of regional priorities related to risks and benefits from REDD+ as a basis for further work under the project; receive feedback on draft information materials; discuss next steps on the project with colleagues from MAE and UN-REDD

### Brief summary:

The two workshops on the identification and prioritization of the multiple social and environmental benefits from REDD+ were held as part of UNEP's contribution to the Ecuador UN-REDD National Joint Programme. Their objective was to reach a shared understanding of the perspectives, needs and preferences of local communities with regard to the possible benefits and risks from REDD+ in the regions of southern and northern Amazonia (Puyo, 6-7 May) and Esmeraldas (9-10 May).

Both events were run in collaboration between UNEP-ROLAC/UNEP-WCMC, MAE, and the national UN-REDD team. The Puyo workshop was attended by 21 representatives of indigenous and local community organizations, and the workshop in Tonsupa by 14.

The workshops ran smoothly and were evaluated positively by the participants. For each region, a list of relevant social and environmental benefits and risks was developed and ranked according to the views of the participants as to the importance of the different topics. In both cases, governance issues, availability of non-timber forest products and regulation of water quality and quantity were among the top priorities. The attitude of the participants towards REDD+ was mostly characterized by cautious interest and a strong wish to receive more information.

The results of the workshops will feed into a national list of priority benefits and risks that will form the basis for future work on multiple benefits under the UN-REDD Ecuador National Programme.

Time between the workshop sessions was used for conversations with MAE and UN-REDD colleagues about next steps and approaches for the further work on multiple benefits analyses for Ecuador and the development of a proposal for an information and monitoring system for safeguards and multiple benefits. A new timeline for the work was agreed based on the interdependencies between work to be carried out by UNEP-WCMC and UN-REDD Ecuador.

### Recommendation(s)/Action(s) to be taken:

Follow up action:	Responsible	Time-frame (by)
Finalize extension of ICA for UNEP-WCMC's contribution to UN-REDD Ecuador National Programme	UNEP-ROLAC/ UNEP-WCMC	Done
Prepare draft workshop reports and share with MAE and UN-REDD Ecuador	CE	Done.

Prepare consolidated list of priority benefits and risks and share with MAE and UN-REDD Ecuador	CE	Done.
Repeat follow-up with MAE about finalization and publication of the information materials that were developed for the workshops	CE	Done.
Adjust zero draft of monitoring system outline in line with discussions held and re-send to MAE	CE	Done.

<b>Detailed report</b> [ ] incl. [X] N/A.	<b>Documents</b> [ ] incl. [ ] list [ ] non	<b>Date</b> 11 August 2013
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