

MISSION REPORT

Distribution: CCB, Travel, Jon	Name of person(s) that undertook mission: Valerie Kapos
	Period (including travel days): 15 – 18 th November 2013
	Projects: 2650.05 /9/ 6 UN-REDD (Regional meetings-Japan safeguards workshop)
	Institution(s) or Meeting(s) and Venue(s): International workshop of REDD+ social/environmental safeguards - possibility and challenges to develop Safeguard Information Systems based on scientific approach, Japan Forest Agency and FFPRI, Tokyo, 7 th October REDD+ safeguards expert meeting, Japan REDD+ Safeguard Research Project Consortium, Tokyo, 8 th October Meeting with JICA staff at JICA offices- Tokyo (8 th Oct) Meeting with ITTO staff at ITTO Headquarters, Yokohama (9 th Oct)
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File(s):	Objective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver an opening presentation on <i>REDD+ Safeguards and how UN-REDD supports development of country approaches</i> at the above workshop, and participate in a closing panel discussion • Participate in a an associated expert meeting organized by the Japan REDD+ Safeguard Research Project Consortium to discuss potential options for research and collaboration on safeguards • Discuss UN-REDD's work safeguard and multiple benefits in REDD+ with JICA and ITTO to explore possibilities for collaboration

Brief summary:


The workshop and subsequent expert meeting were initial activities in the work of the Japan REDD+ Safeguard Research Project Consortium. The former was attended by over 100 researchers, government officials and others, and the latter by about 35. The discussions were wide-ranging, covering national and international scale policy advances in relations to safeguards, project scale experience with REDD+ type actions and experience of community engagement in both projects and forest assessment and monitoring. The presentation I gave was well-received and it was subsequently requested that the same presentation be included in a side-event to hosted by Japan at the UNFCCC CoP in Warsaw. No specific decisions on the direction for the Research Project Consortium were made or announced during the meetings, but the inputs of the participants in both events were warmly welcomed as a basis for further discussion that would direct the Consortium's activities. It is worth watching for the likely valuable results of this work.

In subsequent meetings with JICA and ITTO, I introduced examples of UNEP-WCMC's work within UN-REDD on supporting countries in addressing safeguards and multiple benefits, and discussed the potential for future collaboration. In both cases there was considerable interest in work to mobilise experience and knowledge from project-scale activities in forms that made them both accessible and relevant for informing both policy and other

on-the-ground activities. From ITTO in particular, there was interest in pursuing joint efforts in capturing and structuring existing experience in ways that might highlight its relevance to safeguards and other aspects of REDD+. ITTO also expressed interest in drawing on available economic and other expertise in a forthcoming workshop on PES.

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

Follow up action:	Responsible	Time-frame (by)
Discuss possible presentation at Japan side event with UN-REDD SCG colleagues and identify who is best to placed to give the presentation	VK/LJM	Done
Follow the activities and results of the Research Project Consortium, and continue to explore opportunities for collaboration	VK	Ongoing
Follow up with ITTO on the potential for joint work on mobilising REDD+-relevant experience from ITTO projects within a framework relevant to safeguards, multiple benefits and other aspects of policy & practice	VK	January 2014
Follow up with ITTO on proposed PES event	VK	Jan 2014

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