

What are safeguards and why are they needed?

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What are safeguards?

- a technical measure to prevent accidents or similar problems (protecting your computer from viruses)
- a precautionary measure, stipulation, or device (laws protecting the rights of citizens)



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- Complement or are consistent with the objectives of national forest programmes and relevant international conventions and agreements;
- Transparent and effective national forest governance structures;
- Respect for the knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities (noting the UNDRIP);
- The full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders;



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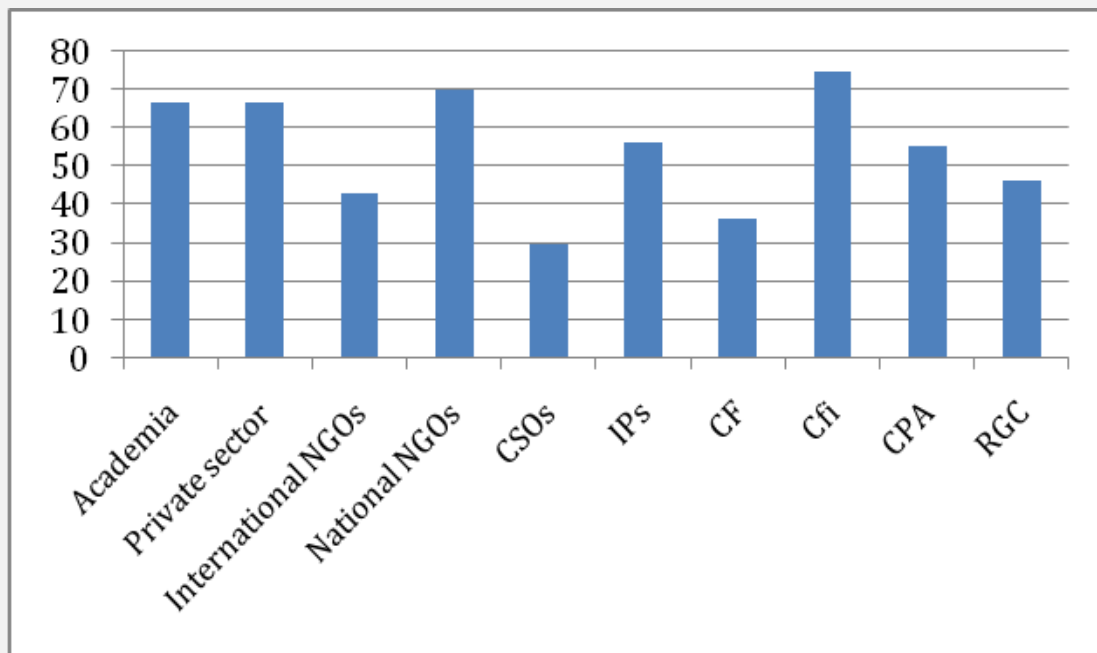
- Actions are consistent with the conservation of natural forests and biological diversity, ensuring [no] conversion of natural forests, but protection and conservation of natural forests and their ecosystem services, and enhancing other social and environmental benefits;
- Actions to address the risks of reversals;
- Actions to reduce displacement of emissions.



Why?

What aspects of the REDD + Cambodia Programme would you like to participate in?

Ensuring
safeguards
are applied
for REDD+
Overall score:
52%



Why?

- For the private sector, strong safeguards are a pre-requisite, not an aspiration

Reputational risks:

- Nestle/Greenpeace, social license to operate

Operational risk/costs - poor environmental risk management can lead to:

- Production stoppages, fines, license withdrawals, etc.

Legal risks:

- Legal liability for investors can remain beyond the investment term

What does this mean?



- Don't develop safeguards because the Cancun Agreements say so.
- Do no harm instead of watching the watchdogs.
- Develop an approach to safeguards appropriate to Papua New Guinea.
- Develop a Safeguards Information System that enables you to monitor your performance and provide information if and when requested.



Thank you for your attention!

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