



## Activity Delivery Report

- 1.1. Project title: **ICA – DEPI-ROLAC for Implementation of the Targeted Support in Costa Rica for private sector engagement in REDD+**
- 1.2. Project number: UNEP/ICA/DEPI/2014/CCATEB-UN-REDD/051
- 1.3. Responsible division in UNEP: DEPI-ROLAC
- 1.4. Project starting date: 31<sup>st</sup> – October -2014
- 1.5. Project completion date: 31<sup>st</sup> -December-2015
- 1.6. Reporting period: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 – 31<sup>th</sup> June 2015<sup>1</sup>

### 2.1 Output/activity delivery status

	Activities / Outputs	Status	Comments
1.	A report on value chain and business model analysis for Costa Rica's timber sector	<p>The planning process and technical discussions with the national counterpart were held in early 2015. Following these discussions, Costa Rica decided to shift the focus of the study to other commodities considered as key drivers of deforestation. UNEP accepted this change in focus as it continues to meet the objectives of this component of the Targeted Support, which is to explore value chain and business models for areas considered key for the implementation of REDD.</p> <p>A consultant was hired in late May 2015 and the first assignment consisted in developing a detailed work plan based on the lessons of an updated study of drivers of deforestation in Costa Rica. This work is ongoing.</p>	The process for defining the scope of this activity as well as administrative processes has taken longer than expected.
2.	A report on costs – benefits analysis of selected strategic options for REDD+ in Costa Rica	<p>Costa Rica has changed the scope of this activity and decided to focus UNEP's support in implementation costs, as a first step. UNEP has accepted the change in focus as this is key for decision on strategic options and it is also a requirement for Costa Rica to access additional REDD financing from the World Bank.</p> <p>It was agreed that other costs as well as benefits will be considered after the country submits the ERPD and completes the first part of the process with the World Bank.</p>	None
3.	A report on investment opportunities for private sector engagement in the implementation of REDD+	<p>This will be a report based on the work of activity 1 and partly on the support given to Costa Rica's financial Strategy in which UNEP will be focusing on domestic financial options, including private sector.</p> <p>Activities to develop this report are foreseen by the end of 2015.</p>	

<sup>1</sup> Even though the ICA was signed at the end of October 2014, activities did not begin in Costa Rica until early 2015 and the sub-allotment was made available in February 2015.

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4.	A report on options to increase demand for REDD+	This document will report on the support that UNEP provides for the domestic market of Costa Rica. The country is working on a methodology to ensure complementarities between different types of ERUs.  Detailed support for this activity has still to be defined during the second semester of 2015.	None

**General comment:**

The TS has taken considerable time to start. The first semester was focus on planning and recruiting staff to support the implementation of the TS. Almost all activities have been delayed due to the demands put on Costa Rica to access additional REDD+ financing from the World Bank in the context of the FCPF project.

The delays suffered in the first semester will demand an extension of the project so as to complete with all agreed products and objectives. This discussion will take place during the last quarter of 2015.

Finally, UNEP is also supporting Costa Rica's National REDD+ Strategy, Financial Strategy and Private Sector Engagement through a national team and technical feedback from the regional UNEP-REDD team.

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