

Strategy Working Group

Definitions

We need to do more work to develop these definitions in the context of REDD+ and also in the context of needing to ensure the inclusion of other ecosystem services (watersheds, disaster alleviation, livelihoods...).

- Define Forest – the forest ecosystem: flora and fauna
- **REDD** Define Degradation and Deforestation :
 - Degradation – fires, unsust fuelwood collection, invasive species, roads, livestock grazing
 - Deforestation – forest clearance/conversion to other uses

We also need to define:

- + conservation, sustainable management and carbon enhancement

Drivers of deforestation and degradation

Direct

- Encroachment/ Forest conversion
 - Industry/Commercial infrastructure/Roads
 - Urbanisation + Rural settlement
 - Agriculture and Aquaculture
 - Mineral/Gas exploration and extraction
 - Hydropower development
- Unsustainable harvesting
 - Unsustainable logging (illegal and legal)
 - Unsustainable harvesting of other flora and fauna (e.g. mismanaged shifting cultivation methods, wildlife poaching, livestock grazing...)
- Invasive species
- Disease

More to come....

Drivers of deforestation and degradation CONT...

Indirect

- Population growth, food & livelihoods security
- Conflicting policy and legislative weaknesses/loopholes
- Lack of political commitment
- Lack of economic system to value ecosystem services and no payments system for ecosystem services
- Governance weaknesses – corruption, nepotism, lack of accountability, low level enforcement, leakage in forestry accounting
- Lack of information/research e.g. What are sustainable harvesting levels for each forest? Optimum level of ecotourism? ...

More to come....

Actions

We need actions to deal with each of the direct and indirect drivers...

Examples:

- Reform land management policy and improve forest area demarcation
- Improve harvesting practices
- Provide alternatives livelihoods to some forest dependents
- Design sustainable cash crop cultivation
- Resolution of conflict between policies and legislation
- Improve compliance of policies by government agencies
- Review forestry accounting system

More to come....

Conclusion

We've scratched the surface and there's lots more work to be done on each of these sections.

The working group members committed to continuing their input into the working group to further develop these thoughts.

THANK YOU!