

Implementing Partners

Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy
(MoE&RE)

- Forest Department (FD)
- Climate Change Secretariat (CCS)

Ministry of Wildlife Conservation

- Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWC)

Food and Agriculture Organization of the
United Nations (FAO)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)



3rd PEB Meeting is in progress



International Day of Forests Commemoration 2014

The UN-REDD Programme

The United Nations collaborative initiative on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in developing countries (UN-REDD) is supporting the Government of Sri Lanka to get ready for REDD+.

Implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Programme supports national REDD+ readiness efforts in 53 partner countries, spanning Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America through direct assistance for the design and implementation of national REDD+ strategies and complementary support through common approaches, analyses, methodologies, tools and best practices.

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Supporting Sri Lanka to prepare and
implement a national REDD+ strategy



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Sri Lanka UN-REDD Programme

The Sri Lanka UN-REDD Programme will effectively prepare the country to access economic incentives for reducing deforestation and forest degradation, and for enhancement and maintenance of forest carbon stocks. It will provide multiple benefits for the island's people, environment and economy.

Through the Programme, countries are assisted in addressing drivers of deforestation and forest degradation by re-orienting the development of the forest sector and other land-use sectors. Getting ready for REDD+ will enable Sri Lanka to evaluate the potential costs and benefits of REDD+ against current practices, and thus ascertain whether it will ultimately be in the national interest to implement REDD+. It will facilitate the development of supporting policies through studies (e.g. study of post-conflict development needs and their impacts on forests); enhance cross-sectoral coordination; develop social relationships; build capacity through skills and knowledge development; assess economic incentives that can help wean people away from unsustainable practices; and promote governance reforms.

Maintaining natural forests through a national REDD+ strategy will generate ecosystem services and enhance biodiversity conservation. Social benefits include greater awareness about the value of forests among policy makers, land-use planners, communities and other stakeholders, as well as clarification of land tenure and enhanced participation in decision-making.

Ultimate Expected Outcomes

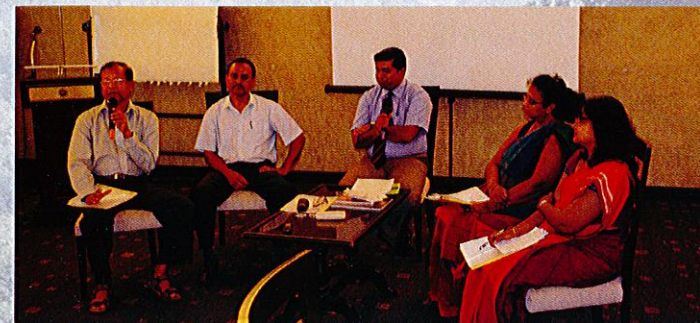
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions caused by deforestation and forest degradation
- Improved forest management
- Enhanced biodiversity conservation
- Sustained forest carbon stocks

Recent Programme Activities

- Awareness-raising sessions on the UN-REDD Programme for senior government officials, civil society organizations and indigenous peoples' representatives
- Workshop on integrating donor and nationally funded forestry programmes
- Establishment of Indigenous Peoples (IP) Forum
- Establishment of Civil Society Organisations (CSO) Platform
- Establishment of Communications Network
- Training on remote sensing application in forestry, ecology and environmental issues for MRV Task-force members
- Training on allometric equations
- Workshop on extension and communications for the Forest Department
- National awareness raising programmes
- Capacity building needs assessments
- Establishment of taskforces
- Studies and knowledge management

Key Milestones

- Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) released funds in March 2013
- Inception workshop was conducted on 7 June 2013
- Programme Management Unit (PMU) office was opened on 1 August 2013
- First Programme Executive Board (PEB) Meeting was conducted on 4 September 2013



A model TV interview with environmental specialists at the Think Shop for awareness raising.

The UN-REDD Programme helps countries to engage all relevant stakeholders in the development and implementation of national REDD+ strategies and develop capacities to effectively implement REDD+.



National Programme Director and the National Programme Manager meet with the Hon. Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy at the Forest Department's Extension and Communications Workshop.