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# Regional Workshop, Asia-Pacific

## Supporting planning for REDD+ activities through spatial analysis

### Clinic session

## Role of local stakeholders in spatial analysis

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## Example: Engaging local communities in BD monitoring in the context of REDD+

### Key messages:

- It can provide information on how countries are progressing towards meeting MEA and national policy objectives
- It therefore be used to report on the status of REDD+ safeguards implementation.
- It can be a relatively cost-effective and sustainable way to support a national forest monitoring system.
- It can empower and encourage local stakeholders in REDD+ processes and contribute to the full and effective participation (one of the REDD+ safeguards principles)
- It is not suited for a situation where complex equipment and expertise are required.

### Potential benefits for local stakeholders:

- Knowledge and right recognized, increased legitimacy and participation in decision making, local skills made useful and enhanced, increased dialogue among a range of local actors, better NRM, maps for local planning, etc.





Task	Operational level		
	N	S	L
<b>Objective setting</b>			
Identification of the main biodiversity benefits and possible risks from REDD+	X		
Review of existing biodiversity information and monitoring systems	X	X	
Identification of key objectives for biodiversity monitoring for REDD+	X	X	X
Identification of possible synergies with other monitoring schemes, including for REDD+	X		
<b>Framework design</b>			
Identification of possible biodiversity indicators to measure identified objectives	X	X	X
Identification of appropriate data collection methods	X		X
Development and establishment of information management systems	X	X	X
Development of data quality measures: data protocols, standards and quality assessments	X	X	X
Assessment of PBM cost and management of PBM budget	X	X	X
Assessment of needs for and development of PBM incentives	X	X	X
Assessment of influence of land tenure situation on PBM feasibility		X	X
<b>Implementation</b>			
Identification of participants to collect the data		X	X
Training of participants			X
Establishment of sampling plots, transects, and other sampling units in the landscape			X
Biodiversity data collection			X
Data recording and analysis	X	X	X
Communication of monitoring results to different audiences	X	X	X
Use of monitoring data for planning and adaptive management	X	X	X

Do you think there are specific roles to be played by local stakeholders?

Let's identify ways in which local stakeholders can effectively participate in the collection, validation and reporting of land-use, forest and biodiversity related data for spatial analysis, while enhancing their participation in decision-making and other benefits.

This session will focus on identifying:

- Existing practice in your country where local stakeholders participate in collection of information (including but not limited to REDD+)
- How could existing practice be applied to REDD+ ?
- What local data might be missing without local engagement at a national level?
- Who can help collect, validate and report on such data? (Private sector? Forest communities? NGOs?)
- What technical guidance and technologies are required?
- How can contributing to REDD+ planning maps empower people?
- How can local scale maps support REDD+ implementation?

**Finally,**

- What are challenges?



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**Thank You**

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