*“***Development of NFMS and MRV system for REDD+ - Learning from Demonstration Activities***”,* presented by the Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute (FFPRI)

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***Presentation #1: Mitsuo Matsumoto,*** *FFPRI (moderator)*

* Side event will focus on NFMS and MRV
* As agreed in Copenhagen, NFMS will require combination of remote sensing and ground measurements
* Will present ongoing FFPRI REDD+ projects estimating forest carbon stocks using a combination of remote and on-the-ground approaches
* On remote sensing, their approach: process cloud-free images, remove effects of seasonality (NDVI values in deciduous forests fluctuate), develop time series of data
* Can standardize SPOT images with an algorithm to remove seasonality effects
* They use object-based classification : SPOT 4– 20 m while LANDSAT has 30 m resolution – this type of classification system helps when using images of varying resolution
* On ground-based measurement – need clear rules for Dbh
* on-ground sampling measurements very good to reduce uncertainty but these techniques require capacity building
* FFPRI is developing new allometric equations in Cambodia and Paraguay using destructive sampling
* Doing a trial ground-based inventory of C stocks by forest type in Peninsula Malaysia
* How many plots are required at national level: 336 plots determined for Cambodia at national level
* Using stock-change method
* Came up with technical guidebook for REDD – “REDD Cookbook” – takes into account IPCC, GOFC-GOLD, UNFCCC decisions
  + Sample pages presented– for example, explains how to do object-based classification. Will be published this year – will be introduced at COP18; currently, only in prototype version
* Developed an intro to REDD+ DVD primarily for LDCs; includes demonstration of activities on the ground
* Current activities are at a project-scale but to be consistent with UNFCCC, need to scale up to sub-national and national; need guidance to ensure this is done in a robust way – they are working on elaborating guidelines

Q from audience: degradation – how do you account? Repeated ground measurement; not remote-sensing

*Presentation #2, Outcome of International Technical Seminar, Naoko Tsukada, FFPRI*

* “Toward a REDD+ Global Framework: Scaling up Demonstration Activities” – title of seminar held this past February
* IGES/ITTO moderated – 2-day workshop in Tokyo; 230 participants from 11 REDD+ countries; REDD+ technical experts presented
* Outcomes:
  + Innovative methods and promising research are being developed
  + Strong political commitment is key
  + Scaling up will be a big challenge
    - Recognized that jurisdictional nested REDD+ can enable scaling up; this is a potential solution
  + Capacity building at all levels is needed
    - Specifically referred to: REDD+ Cookbook, Ecosystems Carbon Toolkit (Winrock); both recognized as important tools
  + Also discussed the potential for SFM under REDD+
  + Importance of broader forest-related issues/multiple functions of forests was recognized
  + Panel of experts: included Dr. Sarah Walker (Winrock), Naomi Swickard (VCS)– convened to look at future
    - Creation of clear C ownership rights needed
  + Co-sponsors: the seminar was co-hosted by a number of Japanese ministries, IGES and ITTO
  + Presentations from seminar can be downloaded from FFPRI website: http://www.ffpri.affrc.go.jp/redd-rdc/en/seminars/reports/2012/02/07/01.html
  + Planning on hosting a 4th REDD+ technical seminar early next year (Feb 2013 probably)

*Presentation #3: Progress on REL/RL and MRV in Cambodia, Mr. Chivin Leng, Forestry Administration, MRV/REL focal point*

* REDD+ Readiness status:
  + Components:
    - Consultation process
    - National REDD+ Strategy
    - REL
    - Monitoring system
  + There’s a REDD+ Management arrangements – a REDD+ Task Force, supported by Secretariat, and there are technical teams focused on particular issues: like safeguards, REL/MRV
  + The basic method for assessing land-based GHG emissions – Tier 2 approach: AD X EF
  + Will be moving to Tier 3
  + 7 ministries are involved with MRV (!)
  + Cambodia’s initial Nat Comm was in 2004
  + Have used LANDSAT, classified forest area into 4 classes – time series (3 years of data: 2002, 2006, 2010) for recent historical data
  + Doing forest inventories through various pilots/projects: WCS, CI, Japanese Research Insititute all conducting pilots
  + Referenced UN-REDD and JICA work in the country
  + JICA is supporting NFMS while UN-REDD is supporting REL work
  + Training on satellite imagery from JICA – outcome: to help country set up protocol of NFM system
  + Listed key MRV constrainsts: integration of sub-national into national
  + Forest defs, completeness, consistency
  + Future steps: Need donor support to re-classify forest to include mangroves
    - High quality satellite analysis that will capture forest degradation – collaborating with FFPRI on this
    - Need a simple, standardized methodology that
    - More research on wood density – which kinds are higher C stock?
    - Understand RIL impacts
  + Still no def. for degradation established

Kei Suzuki, JICA : Technical Options for REL/RL development – Vietnam example

* Development of interim REL/RL at national scale
  + JICA study – developing activity data using RS data
  + EF from Forest inventory
  + Gives a ref level; trying to take into account national circumstances but it is very difficult
  + Using both LANDSAT and SPOT
    - Visually interpret and then correct through field surveys
    - For EFs, they have developed tables for C densities for different forest types
  + Technical options when developing the RL:
    - Either aggregate emissions/removals or look at each separately
      * Carbon stock change vs gain-loss
* Have developed interim REL/RL with activities disaggregated for Vietnam
* Stepwise approach for NFMS
  + In draft text from SBSTA as of this morning, some parties are proposing step-wise approach as the most appropriate
  + Define NFMS as consisting of MRV, REL/RL and safeguards
  + NFMS needs to collect broader info like on drivers and safeguards
  + Showed an approach to have a step-wise development of NFMS in line with the phases of REDD+
* How do they deal with mosaic forest where plantations are interspersed with natural forest
  + Different satellite types