



Costa Rica

Experience on Safeguards Information Systems

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Background

- Costa Rica is implementing the Readiness Plan Proposal of REDD+
- integrates
 - observance of the World Bank's safeguards,
 - the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA),
 - Cancun Safeguards and an information system.
- Our strategy is based on the experience of incentives for biodiversity conservation including PES Program.



Safeguards Information System Goal

- Generate field experience and systematize lessons learned on the implementation of the UN-REDD approach to supporting countries on the development of REDD+ Safeguards,
- Harmonize them with SESA, SES and the World Bank
- Develop an information system that allows to verify its observance and application.
- Include analysis of risks and benefits of REDD+ strategy and existing relevant safeguard policies



The work will be divided into four phases:

- Phase 1. Gather information on environmental, social and economic indicators used by the country; analyze them and advise on which could be used, improved or adapted.
- Phase 2. Create a national environmental, social and economic indicators matrix that results in a sole information system.
- Phase 3. Validate criteria and indicators. Create a consultation timeline.
- Phase 4. Develop an information system (that cover all processes) and systematize expertise deriving from lessons learned, including additional benefits.

The phases must be validated both by technical groups and a consultation group representing the main stakeholder collectivities involved in the REDD+ process. The REDD+ Strategy Management will have to strengthen its capacities by recruiting consultants for additional activities necessary to design the system.



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- The process will be fully merged with the REDD+ Strategy consultation process.
- Guidance will be provided by the REDD+ Strategy Management in Costa Rica, which will directly coordinate with the relevant national institutions,
- Additionally, coordination with the National Geo-Environmental Information Centre (CENIGA) and the General Directorate of Statistics and Censuses concerning technical aspects of the official national information systems will be paramount. Beside the National Programme on Forest Resources Information Systems (SIREFOR), PROMEC.



UN-REDD+ Programme

UN-REDD+ Program approved the request of Costa Rica's Government to support the development of the national safeguards system (2012-2013).

The participating organizations support UN-REDD Programme is as follows:

- FAO will support the proposed activities with funds for staff costs of technical support.
- PNUD will support the proposed activities.
- PNUMA will support the proposed activities, including the contribution to technical staff time.

Thank you!
Muchas gracias!

