

# REDD+ activities, REDD+ actions and Benefits from REDD+

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## RED, REDD, REDD+

- UNFCCC is developing a mechanism to create an incentive for developing countries to protect, better manage and wisely use their forest resources, contributing to the global fight against climate change.
- **R**educing **E**missions from **D**eforestation and Forest **D**egradation.
- “+” covers the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in reducing emissions.



# An international mechanism initiated by the UNFCCC

- UNFCCC is the international initiative to reduce climate change
- Designing a REDD+ mechanism where countries with standing forests are incentivised to maintain their forest cover
- REDD+ under the UNFCCC will be results-based - main objective being emissions reduction, not development



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## Example REDD+ actions under the five UNFCCC REDD+ activities

### **Reducing emissions from deforestation**

Reduce agricultural incursion in an area of natural forest through creation of alternative livelihoods

### **Reducing emissions from degradation**

Provide woodlots close to villages to reduce the need for firewood collection

### **Conservation of forest carbon stocks**

Designate new national park

### **Sustainable management of forests**

Introduce a policy that logging concessions create reduced impact logging management plans

### **Enhancement of forest carbon stocks**

Restore a degraded forest through the planting of native species





# What are the Multiple Benefits of REDD+?

- When **forests are retained** or **restored** through **REDD+**, they deliver **additional benefits** to protecting or enhancing **carbon stocks**.
- **All benefits from REDD+**, including mitigating climate change, are referred to as **“multiple benefits”**
- Types of benefits from REDD+:
  - Biodiversity conservation
  - Ecosystem services
  - Livelihoods and social well-being



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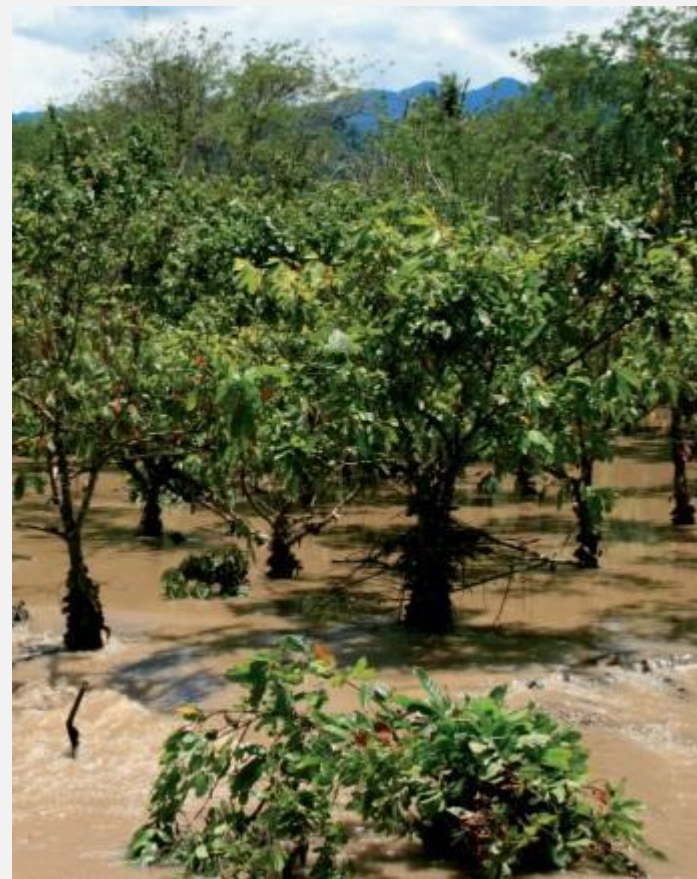


- Cancun safeguards agreed by Parties to UNFCCC, they aim to guard against harm from REDD+ and enhance benefits
- Social and environmental benefits should result from successful application of the Cancun safeguards

*“[REDD+ should]...incentivize the protection and conservation of natural forests and their ecosystem services, and to enhance other social and environmental benefits”*



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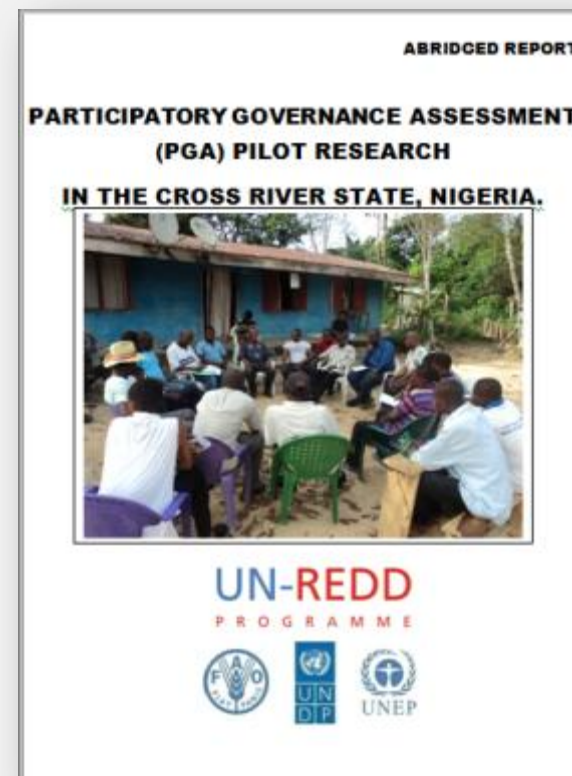
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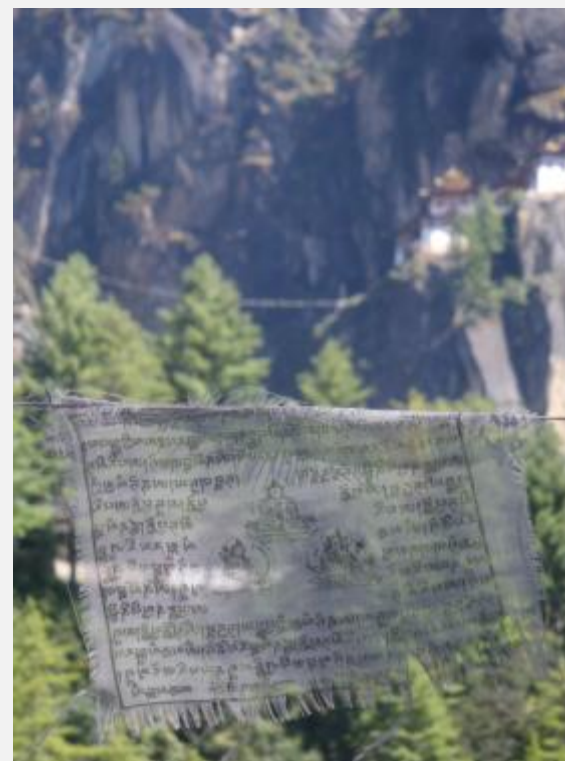
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