**FAO Response to Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Request for Targeted Support from the UN-REDD Global Programme**

for the

Development of a Proposal for a Regional Monitoring and MRV Support Structure for Pacific Island Countries

**Background**

On May 4th 2012 the governments of Papua New Guinea (through the Office of Climate Change and Development – OCCD) and the Solomon Islands (through the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology – MoE) sent a joint request to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat for targeted support for the development of a proposal. The request totalled $100,000 and had the following aims:

* Completion of a regionally-endorsed proposal for a regional Pacific REDD+ monitoring and MRV support structure, to be submitted to international donors;
* Strengthened capacity of SOPAC to become a regional focal for forest information management and assessment for the Pacific region.

**Targeted Support Response**

The activities under this request fall under FAO’s work area of Monitoring and MRV for REDD+. FAO will work closely with OCCD and MoE, as well as the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) – that is currently working closely with SPC, and the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), who have an initiative underway to support and develop and regional REDD+ policy framework in the Pacific. FAO’s response, through the UN-REDD Programme, will be delivered over the course of 2012, with the objective of submitting the proposal to a donor or fund in late 2012 or early 2013.

**Timeline and Budget**

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| TIME PERIOD | SUPPORT TO BE DELIVERED | INDICATIVE ACTIVITIES | COST |
| Jun 2012 | Development and presentation of a concept note for the proposal | * Drafting of the concept note * Support to the organisation and execution of a technical forest monitoring and measurement workshop organised by SPC/JICA * Presentation of the concept note at the technical SPC/JICA workshop | $20,000 |
| Jun-Aug 2012 | Capacity needs assessment for remote sensing and GIS for monitoring for REDD+ | * Mission of REDD+ monitoring/remote sensing expert to SOPAC, Fiji * Initial capacity building of SOPAC on technical requirements of monitoring for REDD+ | $30,000 |
| Jul-Sep 2012 | Development and presentation of a first full draft of the proposal | * Support to the collaborative drafting of the full proposal * Consultations with international, regional and national organizations on planned and on-going forestry/REDD+ activities in the Pacific * Support to the organisation and execution of a REDD+ discussion and consultation day prior to the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Heads of Forestry and Agriculture (HOAFS) in Lae, PNG, organised by SPC: the first draft will be consulted upon here | $40,000 |
| Sep 2012-Jan 2013 | Incorporation of feedback from countries and submission of full proposal | * Support to document drafting * Support to collaborative finalisation of the document, possibly involving a further FAO consultation mission * Support to the selection of an appropriate funding body to submit the proposal to | $10,000 |