



I. SUMMARY OF REQUEST	
Main objective	Deliver enhanced capacity building and the drafting of actual Forest Reference (Emission) Levels (FRELs/FRLs) for Fiji, and other UN-REDD pacific countries (PNG, Solomon Islands), and forested pacific countries with REDD+ potential (Vanuatu).
Main results expected	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Enhanced capacity for the construction of FREL/FRL in Fiji, PNG, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu. 2) Draft FREL/FRLs with an expert feedback cycle for Fiji, PNG, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu.
Total amount requested (US\$)	150,000
Related Work Area ² as defined in the <u>UN-REDD Programme Strategy 2011-2015</u>	Measuring Reporting Verification (MRV)
Planned period of implementation	March-December 2015
Please select below type of funding as appropriate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Request for funding for REDD + activities implemented in support of existing UN-REDD National Programmes. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request for funding for REDD+ activities complementary to other nationally-defined REDD+ activities (national strategies, RPP and/or bilaterally funded REDD+ activities) or for initiation of REDD+ activities. (The country has no UN-REDD National Programme.	

¹ It is voluntary to use this form in the application process for UN-REDD Programme targeted support. If the country prefers using its own document, this form can be used as guidance on the content that is needed. See also guidance in the Procedures for Accessing UN-REDD Programme Targeted Support.

The requests for targeted support should be presented in coordination with the teams of the participating UN organizations (FAO, UNDP and UNEP) and the Resident Coordinator.

It is recommended that the UN-REDD Country Focal Point submits the request. The request should be sent to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat (E-mail: un-redd@un-redd.org).

² The work areas are: Monitoring Reporting Verification (MRV), Governance, Stakeholder Engagement, Multiple Benefits, Transparency & Accountability, Green Economy.

II. BACKGROUND²

At the Forest Monitoring Systems and Forest Reference Levels for REDD+ Regional Workshop in Hanoi, Viet Nam, 20-22 October 2014, the idea of sub-regional support to the Pacific on Forest Reference (Emission) Levels (FRELs/FRLs) was conceived with country representatives from Fiji, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea. Pacific UN-REDD countries identified a need for enhanced capacity building on the topic of FREL/FRL. The concept is to bring together Pacific UN-REDD countries for intensive capacity building and learning by doing exercises on FREL/FRL. This will be followed by ongoing technical support and a cycle of expert feedback for the development of actual FREL/FRL for four Pacific countries. Vanuatu has applied for membership to the UN-REDD programme, and it is expected, they will become formal UN-REDD members prior to the commencement of activities under this TS.

As the newest member of UN-REDD, Fiji would like enhanced support on the topic of FREL/FRL. This support can be delivered to Fiji and several Pacific countries simultaneously. This is consistent with the successful approach of the project “Strengthening Regional Support to National Forest Monitoring Systems for REDD+ in the Pacific” whereby under the leadership of the Secretariat for the Pacific Community’s (SPC) located in Fiji, and with funding through UN-REDD, the technical and capacity-related barriers faced by Pacific Island Countries for the development and implementation of national forest monitoring systems for REDD+ is being overcome.

Under the project “Strengthening Regional Support to National Forest Monitoring Systems for REDD+ in the Pacific” countries are compiling Activity Data using the Collect Earth tool. This Activity Data, which can be compiled into a historical time series of land use and land use change, can be used as the basis for constructing FREL/FRL. Preliminary Emission Factors are also being compiled for Pacific countries. Therefore, during the workshop, draft FREL/FRL can be constructed based on this data in “learning by doing” exercises. With subsequent technical support from FAO, the draft FREL/FRL constructed in this workshop will subject a cycle of expert review and elaboration toward possible FREL/FRL submissions to the UNFCCC. This TS will also support an expert working sessions on the draft FREL/FRL in three Pacific Island Countries. PNG has a UN-REDD NP with funds available to support a FREL/FRL expert working session, and hence it is not included in this TS request.

Construction of preliminary FREL/FRL will be based on a guided dialogue with country experts on the following aspects:

- Forest definition
- Scope (Activities)
- Scale (National / Sub-national)
- Data and Methodologies

This TS request also capitalises on the regional convening power of SPC, who regularly convene expert technical workshops to Pacific Island Countries.

Therefore, the main objective of this targeted support is to deliver targeted capacity building and the drafting of actual FREL/FRL for Fiji, PNG, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu.

III. SUMMARIZED WORKPLAN WITH BUDGET AND TIMELINE

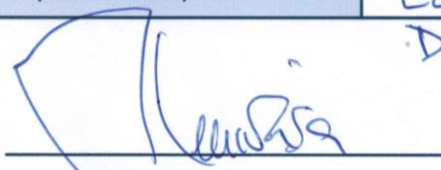
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² Depending on the phase of the country in its REDD+ efforts, some of these details are relevant. Others may be too detailed and can be further elaborated if the request is approved.

Description of planned outputs and activities	Amount (US\$)	Implementation period (<i>from month /year to month/year</i>)
Mission of FAO FREL/FRL experts to Fiji to conduct the capacity building workshop	20,000	March 2015
Participation of an international FREL/FRL expert to provide additional technical guidance on FRL development under the UNFCCC	15,000	March 2015
6 participants from Fiji	5,000	March 2015
4 participants from Papua New Guinea	10,000	March 2015
4 participants from Solomon Islands	10,000	March 2015
4 participants from Vanuatu	10,000	March 2015
Workshop venue	10,000	March 2015
Administrative support from SPC	5,000	March 2015
Fiji expert working session to consolidate draft FREL/FRL. Workshop and mission of FAO FREL/FRL expert	20,000	July 2015
Solomon Islands expert working session to consolidate draft FREL/FRL. Workshop and mission of FAO FREL/FRL expert	20,000	August 2015
Vanuatu expert working session to consolidate draft FREL/FRL. Workshop and mission of FAO FREL/FRL expert	20,000	September 2015
Expert review services for FREL/FRL	5,000	March - December 2015
Total amount requested (US\$)		150,000

IV. UN-REDD COUNTY FOCAL POINT (name and title): ³	, National REDD+ Coordinator for Fiji EIKI SENIVASA
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DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS



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