Progress using REDD+ SES and UN-REDD initiatives in Ecuador

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Progress with REDD+ SES

National intepretation process

NATIONAL INTERPRETATION WORKSHOP

- First national workshop with representatives of the public sector, CSOs and IPs
- National interpretation of the standards indicators to suit the national context
- Matrix of the national interpretation available for public comment in the Internet for a 90 day period

CONSULTATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

- Two workshops with IPs' representatives to review the results of the national interpretation of indicators and receive their feedback
- Internet is not the appropriate tool

APPROVAL BY THE NATIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

- Integration of comments received during the consultation process
- Revision by the Ministry of Environment to ensure alignment with the national legislation and maintaining the essence of the indicator
- Discussion and approval by the National Standards Committee

National Standards Committee

National Standards Committee
13 members

Public sector
- Ministry of Environment
- Planning Office
- Social Movements Secretariat

Civil Society
- 2 NGOs
- Private sector
- Academia
- Young People

Indigenous Peoples
- 3 IPs organisations
- 2 grassroots representatives

Call for applications

- CSO and IPs representatives

- Criteria for applications

Role

- Follow up the REDD+SES initiative in Ecuador

Rules of Work

- Role and responsibilities

- Meeting organisation

- Reporting, information sharing and accountability

Decision making mechanism

- By consensus

- Alternative mechanism for decision making

Work of the Committee so far

- 4 meetings and a workshop

- Revision and approval of the final version of the national interpretation

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Monitoring and Assessment

Monitoring

- Develop a monitoring plan
  - Type and source of information to report on standards
  - Two parts: Socio Bosque Programme and National REDD+ Programme
- Piloting to Socio Bosque Programme
- Standards to be considered for the development of the National REDD+ Programme.

Reporting and Assessment

- Final report in elaboration, to be completed with the results of the pilot implementation.

- Review by stakeholders, the National Standards Committee and the facilitation team.

- Ecuador's participation in sub-group to work with the International Secretariat on reviewing the principles and criteria.
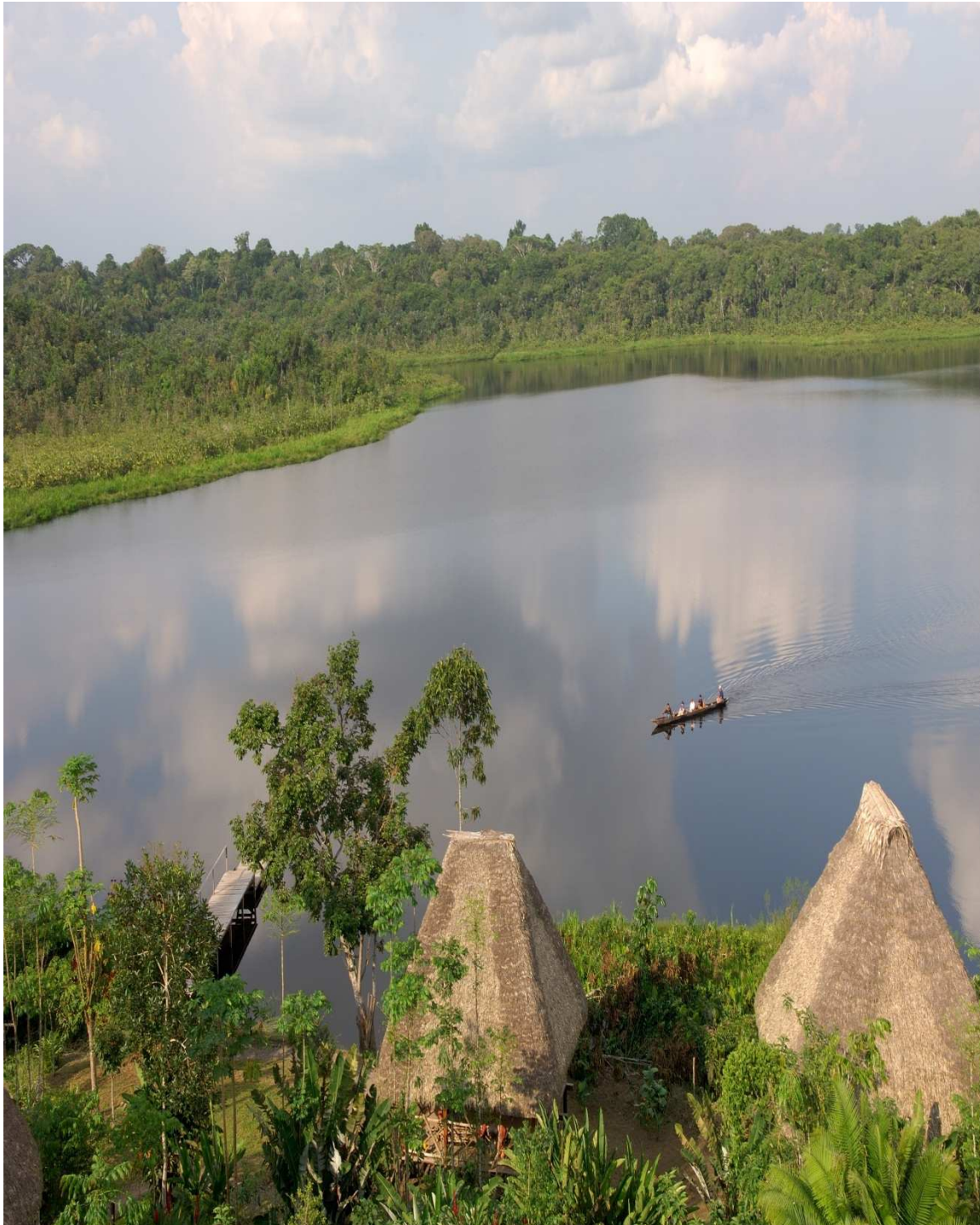
Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges

- ✓ Find a balance between participation and time and costs constraints

- ✓ Collecting and constantly update information on safeguards and REDD+ SES requires financial resources and technical capacities

- ✓ Review indicators to be merged or simplify so they are more easily monitored

Opportunities

- ✓ REDD+ SES as a useful tool to provide information for the safeguards information system
- ✓ Opportunity to build capacity and involve diverse stakeholders with some conflicting positions
- ✓ Stakeholder approach helps to strengthen information credibility and stakeholder empowerment of the reporting system
- ✓ Strengthen the relationship between CSOs, IPs and the Ministry of Environment

UN-REDD
related
initiatives

UN-REDD related initiatives

Participative Governance Assessment PGA

- Identify areas of governance
- Monitor
- Feed the information system
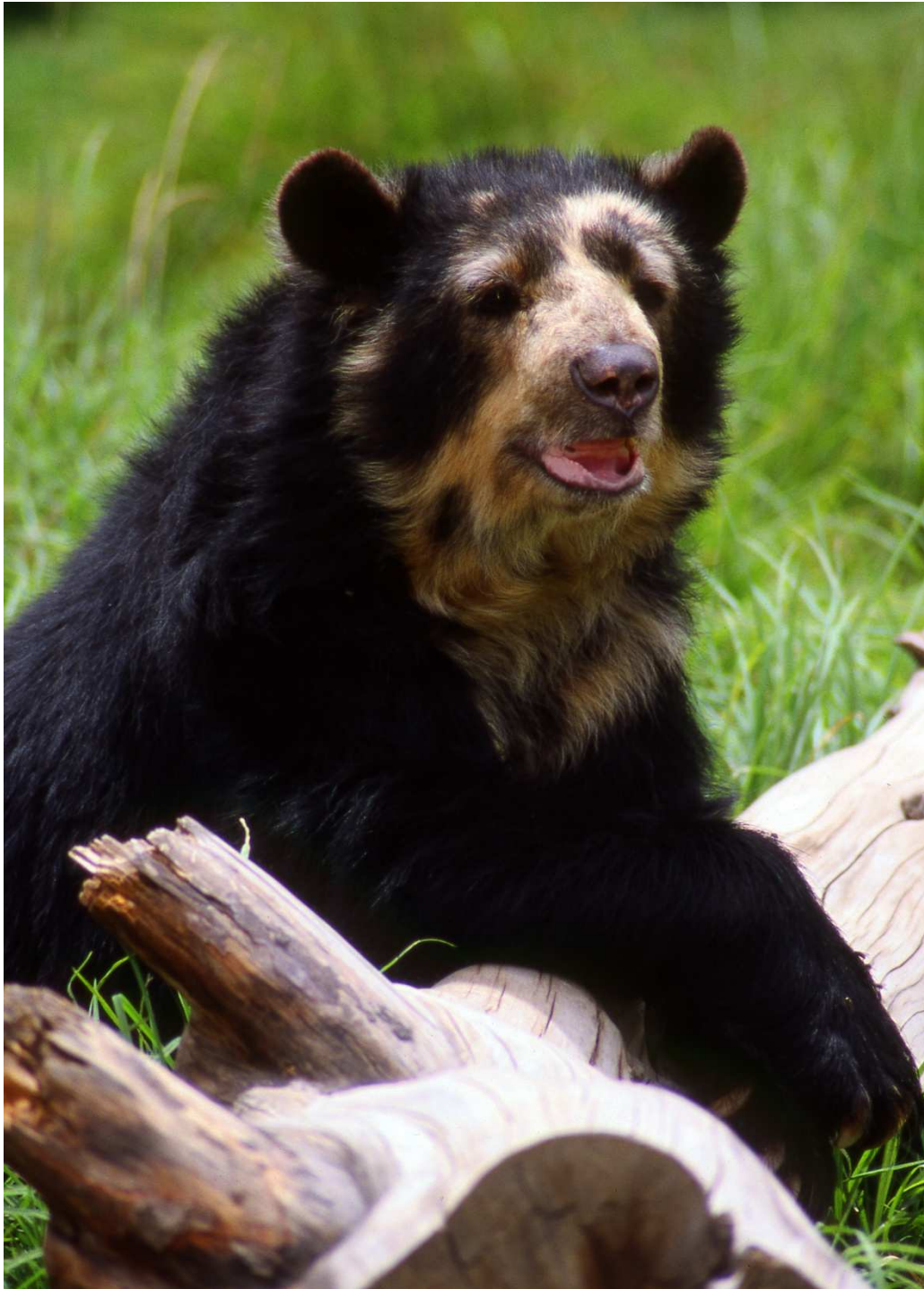- Suggest recommendations
- Build capacities

Ecuador : one of the 4 pilot countries

November 2011: First scoping workshop with representatives of the government, NGOs and IPs

- Road map to elaborate the **'Concept Note'**
  - Interview to the people of NSC, stakeholders and experts
  - National workshop to validate the concept note

- Opportunity for scaling up REDD+ SES to the PNREDD+ and feedback between the mechanisms

Social and Environemental Principles and Criteria

- Participation in the revision of the draft version of P&C
- Identify complementarity with REDD+ SES at conceptual level
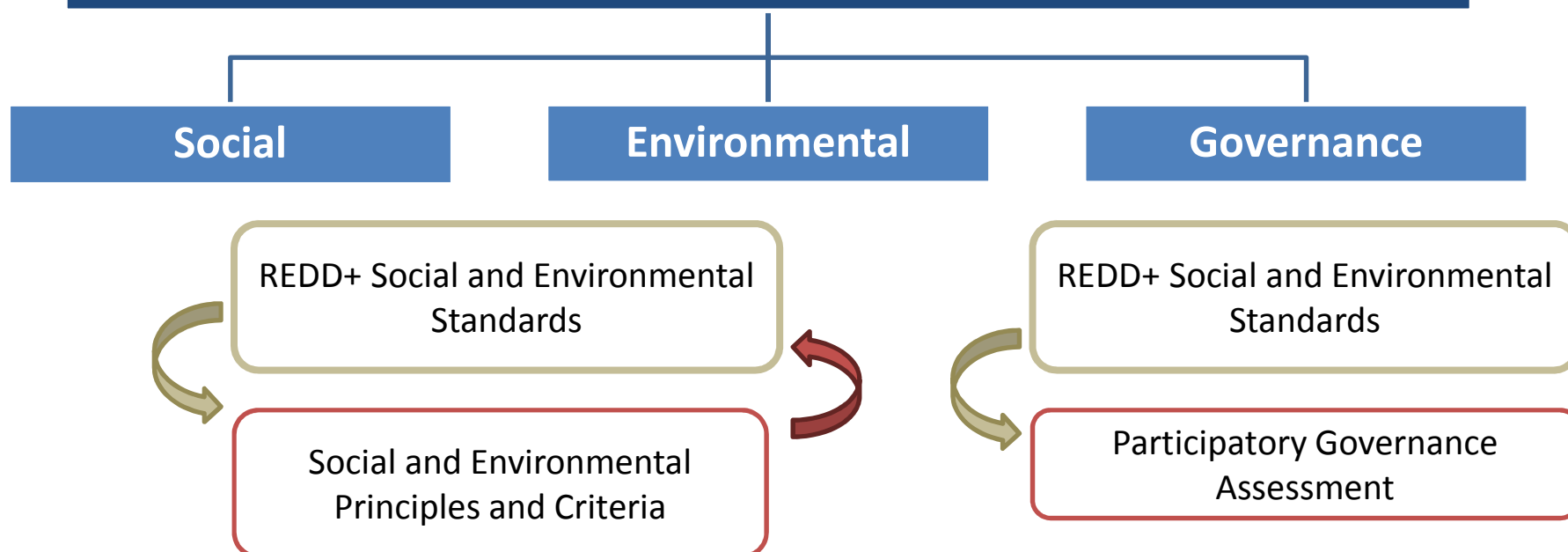- Harmonization with REDD+SES for implementation in Ecuador (as part of activities included in the NJP)

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Reporting and institutionalizing: Towards a third phase in Ecuador

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Towards a National Information system and complementarity of international tools

National information system to report on safeguards compliance

Social	Environmental	Governance

REDD+ Social and Environmental Standards

Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria

REDD+ Social and Environmental Standards

Participatory Governance Assessment

- ✓ Building a robust information system by concentrating efforts on information collection
- ✓ Integration of initiatives to ensure the cost-efficiency of the processes by using existing indicators and building on existing capacities in REDD+.
- ✓ Opportunity for feedback between mechanisms

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Phase 3: planned activities

- Evaluation of phase 2 and lessons learned

  - Join indicators at national level

- Integration with PGA an P&C in practice:

  - Governance structures

  - Processes

  - Content

- Include REDD+ SES information to the national projects registry

- Scaling up the National REDD+ Programme

  - Ensure that the PNREDD+ include safeguards and REDD+ SES guidelines

  - Apply REDD+ SES to additional pilot REDD+ projects

  - Institutionalize the standards within the Ministry

  - Design and implement the national information system

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Thank you for your attention!

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