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MISSION REPORT

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	Period (including travel days): 10-12 February 2013
	Projects: 2650.06 Task 3 activity 11
	Institution(s) or Meeting(s) and Venue(s): UN-REDD Programme Safeguards Coordination Group meeting, International Environment House, Geneva
	Main Person(s) contacted: FAO: Maria Sanz Sanchez, Emelyne Cheney UNDP: Kimberley Todd, Jennifer Laughlin, Tim Clairs, Akihito Kono, Pierre Yves Guedez, Timothy Boyle, Josep Gari UNEP: Julie Greenwalt UN-REDD Secretariat: Mario Boccucci, Clea Paz, Helena Eriksson
File(s):	**Objective(s):** (i) Agree coordinated plan for work of safeguards coordination group over 2013; (ii) Share and obtain input on UNEP's plans for work on safeguards and multiple benefits in 2013; (iii) Emphasise importance of SEPC as a guiding framework for our safeguards work

Brief summary:

The Safeguards Coordination Group meeting's objectives were:

1. To improve the coordination and work of the UN-REDD Programme on safeguards
2. To finalize the work plan and role of the safeguards coordination group for 2013
3. To clarify the structures, roles and responsibilities relevant for the implementation of the Programme's work on safeguards including implementation in countries.

The meeting was spread over two days. The first was open to UN-REDD Programme staff more widely, and included Tim Clairs, a number of regional officers from UNDP (see above), and Lucy Goodman from WCMC. They were able to provide some clearer national perspectives on approaches to safeguards and safeguard information systems.

On the second day, the SCG core group discussed the ongoing role of the group, and more concrete plans for the coming year's work. We agreed that the conceptual framework was (virtually) complete. More time overall was spent on the Policies, Laws and Regulations component of the national approach to safeguards than on Safeguard Information Systems, but information was shared and actions agreed relating to both.

We were clear that the role of the group was to provide guidance based on this framework for the broader UN-REDD Programme on safeguards and SIS, to coordinate and undertake global work as needed, and to be available to provide technical support. The need now is to communicate this within UN-REDD. The group asked that new proposals for work on safeguards (in-country or under the SNA) be submitted to the group for review. We would not wish to review every output. The group also agreed to track (log) safeguards work being undertaken across the programme. We didn't precisely define the boundaries for this (e.g. when is work on FPIC, or mapping potential benefits, 'safeguards work').

We agreed to request an Information Session at Policy Board 10, which would focus on the conceptual framework and offer scope to communicate other safeguards work.

One welcome advance was a proposal from Maria Sanz Sanchez to put together an interactive decision tree (or matrix) for the tools and guidance available to countries at different stages of their work on safeguards. I offered the new multiple benefits webpages as a home for this, as it should be possible to use the CMS library of tools as a backbone for the tree. The draft of the framework would be prepared in time for the Information Session.

On specific tools, we agreed to work on options for the Benefit and Risks Tool, based on initial discussions last year and feedback received on the draft tool.

A participatory biodiversity monitoring briefing, drafted by UNEP-WCMC in collaboration with SNV, was circulated to the group for review and some constructive feedback received after the meeting.

The draft work table is attached; and a list of recommendations from the meeting will be sent to UN-REDD MG.

Recommendation(s)/Action(s) to be taken:

Follow up action:	Responsible	Time-frame (by)
Safeguards		
See workplan	LM / RM (/LG)	Various

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Draft work plan table for Safeguards Coordination Group, 2013

Conceptual Framework

	Lead	Timescale
Finalise and translate (esp section 3)	Kim, Julie	31-3-13
Provide link to Conceptual Framework in handbook, with Clea (revise links to any other pertinent tools)	Kim, Julie, (Clea)	15-2-13
Proposal for information session or pre-meeting for PB10 (& engage with MG)	Helena, Kim	Ongoing until June
Slides on conceptual framework (review also Jen's slide)	Lera, Helena	31-3-13
Share framework with external partners - UNFCCC	Emelyne	April
Clarify PGA contribution to safeguards work	Emelyne, Jen	Before PB, June

Communication

	Lead	Timescale
Internal communication – workspace; bulletins, willingness to provide technical support on safeguards	Emelyne ++	Ongoing
REDD+SES information exchange	Kim	Ongoing
FCPF engagement	Clea, Jen	Ongoing
CBD, UNFCCC side events – provide input to UN-REDD events as planned	--	Ongoing

Coordination & technical support

	Lead	Timescale
Develop & maintain a log of safeguards activities across the Programme – topic and contact [link to tracking tool?]	Helena, Clea	Ongoing
Provide technical inputs on TS requests related to safeguards (review, not approval)	All. Helena, Clea ensure requests passed to group	Ongoing
Provide technical advice on safeguards activities in NPs and regional activities, on request	All	Ongoing
Provide technical input on developing NPs	Clea to notify group at an early stage	Ongoing from July
Internal calls for group [at least monthly; keeping to time; minutes as actions only; most urgent points first]	Helena	Ongoing
'Priority' countries; liaising with	Maria/Julie	

national contacts & fostering dialogue with group – Costa Rica		
'Priority' countries - DRC	Julie	Ongoing
'Priority' countries – Ecuador	Emelyne (w Connie)	Ongoing
'Priority' countries –Viet Nam	Emelyne (w Akiko), Lera (w Thomas)	Ongoing
'Priority' countries – Zambia	Maria (w Philippe & Julian)	Ongoing

BeRT

Update website to link to latest (SEPC final v) version of BeRT	Lera (Linda)	20-2-13
Compile & gather comments – review; Bhutan workshop; RTAs	Lera, Jen	31-3-13
Review national programme reporting template - indicators	Lera, Jen	31-3-13
Proposal on objectives & BeRT-like tool development needs	Lera, Jen	30-4-13

Accountability Updates

on latest developments for info	Jen	Ongoing

Web-based decision tree

First draft	Maria	28-2-12
Teleconference	all	~7-3-13
Further development	Kim, Emelyne	~7 Mar -31 May
Graphic design (seek internal advice)	Emelyne	As needed
Explore link to multiple benefits webpages	Lera, Maria (w Fernando on potential web tools)	28 Feb

Better integration of social and environmental aspects

UNDP and FAO to think further and get back to safeguards group on options for integration (both on benefits side – e.g. input on mapping work & drawing on existing internal resources; and experience on collection of information)	Kim, Maria	