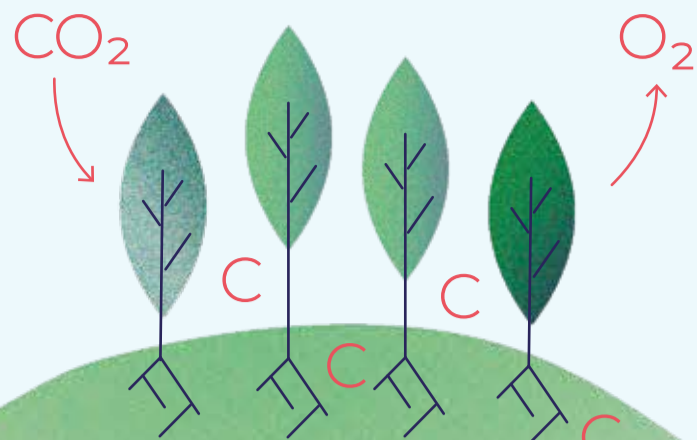# Safeguarding people and nature in REDD+

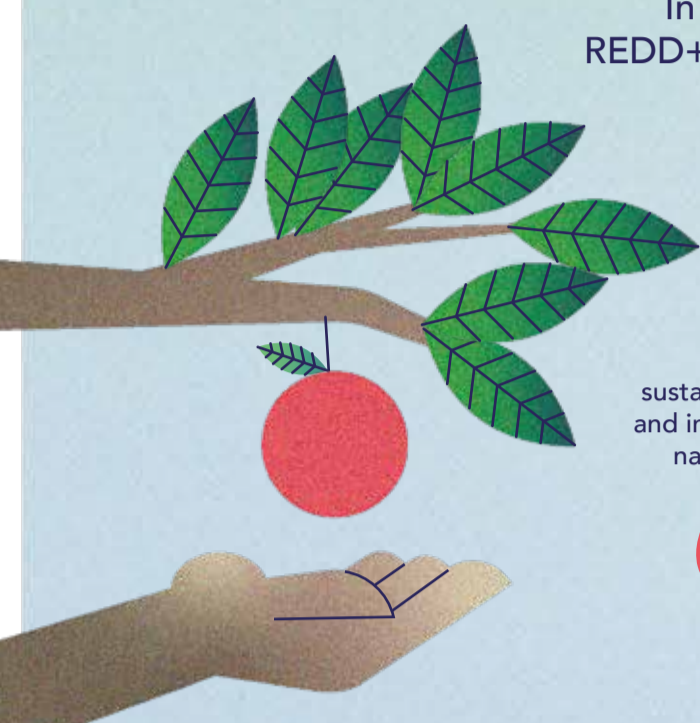**REDD+** is a mechanism that creates a **financial value for the carbon stored in forests** by offering incentives for developing countries.

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REDD+ stands for countries' efforts to **reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, foster conservation, sustainable management of forests,** and **enhancement of forest carbon stocks**.

## Why are the safeguards needed?

In reducing CO2 emissions by avoiding deforestation, REDD+ presents both **benefits** and **risks** to people and nature.

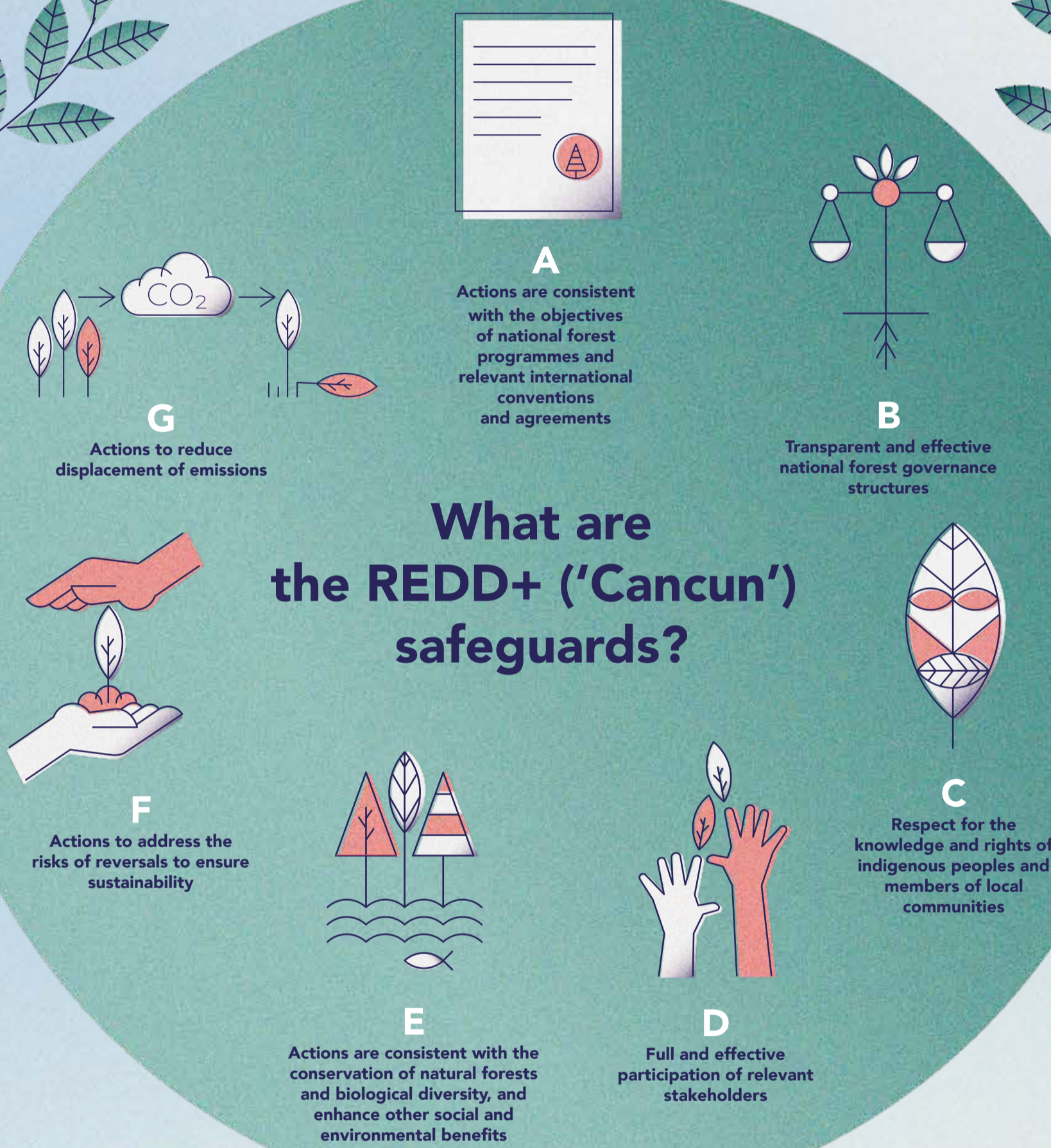e.g. more sustainable livelihoods and improved access to natural resources

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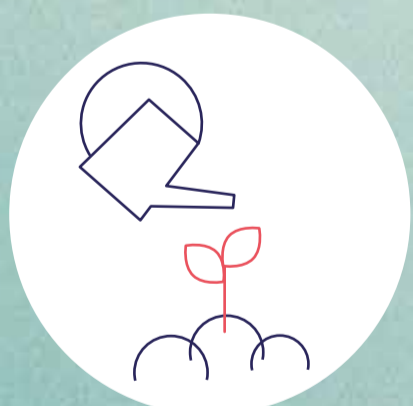
### Safeguards

are measures to protect or to **avoid risks** (do no harm), while **promoting benefits** (do good).

## What are the REDD+ ('Cancun') safeguards?

**A** Actions are consistent with the objectives of national forest programmes and relevant international conventions and agreements

**B** Transparent and effective national forest governance structures

**C** Respect for the knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities

**D** Full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders

**E** Actions are consistent with the conservation of natural forests and biological diversity, and enhance other social and environmental benefits

**F** Actions to address the risks of reversals to ensure sustainability

**G** Actions to reduce displacement of emissions

## How does the UN-REDD Programme support the countries?

Extensive experience of supporting safeguards processes in 36 countries through:

Supporting countries' approaches to address and respect safeguards.

Designing Safeguards Information System (SIS) and putting it in operation

Helping to draft the summaries of safeguards information

## What was achieved up till now?

Mexico

Colombia

Ecuador

Chile

Ghana

Liberia

Côte d'Ivoire

Brazil

Paraguay

Zambia

Pakistan

Malaysia

Indonesia

Viet Nam

Philippines

**10** countries have their Safeguards Information System (SIS) online

**12** countries submitted one or two summaries of information