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National experience with REDD-plus

The national structure for REDD-plus planning

- Ministry of Environment is the focal point of UNFCCC and responsible for the formulation of the climate policy
- Ministry of Physical Planning Land and Forest is responsible for forest policy

The status of REDD-plus preparations

- We still have to finalize the RPP of Suriname
- In the development of a MRV a forest Cover Map is developed
- Implementation of a 3 year project” Capacity improvement for Efficient Forest Carbon Stock Assessment” by the Ministry of RGB.
- Workshop on REDD+ and training in measuring Forest Carbon for indigenous people.



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National experience with REDD-plus (continued)

The involvement of biodiversity experts and indigenous people

In the process of the formulation of the National Forest Policy, National Biodiversity Strategy, National Biodiversity Action Plan, National Climate Action Plan and the Readiness Project Proposal (RPP) all relevant stakeholders including representatives of indigenous en tribal communities were involved.

The experiences from the voluntary carbon market

There are no experiences from the voluntary carbon market. At this point Suriname is in the phase of preparatory activities for the RPP and MRV.



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National experience with biodiversity safeguards

The political support and capacity for including biodiversity safeguards

Regarding biodiversity safeguards Suriname has a well established legislation which prescribes conservation, safeguard and sustainable utilization. However our legislation needs to be revised and up dated.

The main obstacles for including biodiversity safeguards

In general lack of mainstreaming and integration of biodiversity issues into other sectors and lack of / insufficient (scientific) knowledge on safeguards.



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National experience with biodiversity safeguards (continued)

Concrete capacity building needs regarding biodiversity safeguards (if any), and at which level (government, civil society/IPs, local communities)

- Need for Uniform understanding and implementations of the safeguards;
- Need of Assessment on carbon sequestration in the forests especially in mangrove forests in accordance with the reference indicator.
- Need of Technical / skill trainings for such assessments;
- Create public awareness.

The main lessons learned so far regarding biodiversity safeguards

Different understanding of the safeguards. This issue will have great impact in social, economic development of the country that's why awareness and capacity building is important.



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National experience with assessing/ monitoring impacts of REDD-plus

Planning tools to assess/monitor the impacts of REDD-plus on biodiversity and indigenous and local livelihoods

In the second draft of the RPP it is indicated that during the implementation of the RPP methodology of monitoring and assessment will be developed.

The national gap analyses considered in REDD planning

Suriname is still in the initial phase and the forest Cover Map may be a basis.

We have not yet completed National Ecological GAP analysis.

A rapid preliminary gap analyses has carried out during the preparation of the RPP and National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan



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REDD-plus: Seeking synergies between the CBD and the UNFCCC

Synergies between the two conventions through both Conventions' forest-related programmes of work

- Suriname has already conducted a National Capacity Self Assessment (NCSA) on the RIO conventions. Capacity needs and gaps regarding the implementation of the RIO conventions has been identified.
- In preparing Suriname's Second National Communication, National Climate Change Action Plan & Climate Strategy, the issue of REDD+ will be addressed.

Synergies through the design and the implementation of the REDD-plus mechanism

Include and involve all relevant ministries and stakeholders in the design of the REDD + strategy



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REDD-plus: Seeking synergies between the CBD and the UNFCCC (continued)

The mechanism to achieve the objectives of both conventions

The policy note of the Ministry of ATM in Multi Annual Development Plan.

the challenges and opportunities of finding synergies between the forest-related objectives of both conventions

Political support and capacity & financial gap

Thank you!
Dank u!
¡Gracias!

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