PROGRESS ON THE PNGFA REDD INITIATIVES IN PNG

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Outline

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- Selection Criteria for REDD initiatives
- REDD Pilot Sites and Initiatives
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Background

- Since the introduction of REDD then REDD+ (COP 13, Bali), PNGFA as a sector had to develop new policy initiatives and measures to address climate change issues.

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| 2007 | • Creation of REDD & Climate Change Branch under the Forest Policy & Planning Directorate  
      • Review of 19 Provincial Forest Plans (include a statement on Climate Change & REDD) |
| 2008-2009 | • Small working (PNGFA, FRI, UPNG, UNITECH) involved in the selection of 4 REDD Demonstration Pilots (Selection Criteria)  
       • Development of Policy initiatives and revision of guidelines  
       • Creation of Climate Change Unit, FRI |
       • National Forest Board’s Decision to include April Salumei (5th REDD Pilot demonstration)  
       • PFMCs consulted (pilot sites) |
Selection Criteria for REDD Pilots

- Provinces must have their Provincial Forest Plans approved by respective Provincial Executive Council (PEC’s).
- Fairly distributed in the 4 regions of the country (Southern, Highlands, Momase and Islands).
- Located at different altitudinal zones i.e. 0 – 4,000 m.a.s.l.
- Located in different forest or vegetation types.
- Located in potential high risk areas caused by cyclones, fires, population increase, logging and agriculture expansions.
- Located in Forest Management Agreement (FMA) areas.
- Easily accessible by the general public.
- Different resource ownership types (i.e. paterilineal and matrilineal).
REDD+ Pilot Sites and Initiatives

REDD Pilot Sites

- Momase Region
  1). East Sepik - April Salumei FMA
  2). West Sepik
- Highlands Region: Eastern Highlands – Lapegu
- New Guinea Islands Region: West New Britain
- Southern Region: Milne Bay- Central Suau

REDD+ Initiatives

- Forest Conservation
- Afforestation and Reforestation
- Secondary Forest Management
- Reduced Impact Logging (RIL)
REDD+ Pilot Sites
Progress on April Salumei

Project Milstones

FMA area
• Acquired in 1996
  • No forest development due to conservations/environmental issues

2008
• Govt decided to test the concept of REDD in this area
• Carbon developer was engaged to progress this initiative

2010 - 2011
• Project Design Document (PDD) was submitted by the Rainforest Management Alliance (RMA) to the Climate Community Biodiversity Standards (CCBS) for verification.
• PDD got approved in 2011
  • ie area now certified under CCBS

2012
• Field work and biomass survey completed
• Now working towards verified carbon standards (vcs)
Project Scope & Boundary

- Aims to avoid deforestation and degradation of forest of cultural & biological importance
- Will address education and health through poverty alleviation.
- Project Boundary – 366,000 ha
- Leakage belt – 277,000 ha
- Reference region – 1.9 million ha (WNB/Sandaun – pre 2000)

It is LARGE!
Progress on Central Suau

**October 2010**
1. PNGFA consulted with the PFMC on NEC’s decision
2. PFMC’s decision on site selection and REDD+ Initiative

**October 2011**
- PNGFA staff, MBPA and RLLG to inform the people on PFMC’s decision and seek consent
- Climate Change and REDD awareness

**October-November 2012**
- PNGFA staff, OCCD, MBPA, RLLG to conduct second field trip; Secure the area under existing process (FMA)
- Inform the people of the amendment of the ILG process
- Climate Change and REDD awareness
- Biomass survey (currently in the area)
Challenges and Constraints

1. More awareness on Climate Change and REDD required
2. Similar delay in FMA can stall the REDD progress
3. Different interests can cause misunderstanding between the people
4. Funding and manpower
5. To effectively monitor the pilot areas
6. No mechanism in place for the benefit sharing distribution
Thank you for your attention