



Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Independent TAP Expert Review of Madagascar's Readiness-Package

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Purpose and modalities of TAP review

“Assess whether a due process and approach was followed while performing the self-assessment of REDD+ Readiness”:

- Part A: Review of the self-assessment process of Madagascar’s R-Package
- Part B: Review of the results of the multi-stakeholder R-Package self-assessment
- Part C: Assess what still needs to be done to complete the Readiness Process

→ **TAP Conclusion and Recommendations**

Part A: Self-Assessment Process

- Self-Assessment process was conducted according to FCPF Readiness Assessment Framework, with timely availability of information enabling optimum stakeholder input;
- National and regional workshops were conducted between May 9 and June 23, 2017, and led to change in Self-Assessment scope and methodology to align with stakeholder preferences (→ following good practice); so far, the regional workshops were limited to the ER-Program area;
- Stakeholder consultations *assessed* the 34 criteria of the FCPF's REDD+ Readiness Assessment Framework and thus evaluated progress at national level.

Part B: REDD+ Readiness: Results (1)

Madagascar's -Results of the Self-assessment process:

According to the analysis of the 200+ representatives of groups of stakeholders (VOI/grass-root communities, civil society, private sector and public sector) participating in the review process:

- Good progress overall in REDD+ readiness, but effort is still needed to consolidate gains.
 - 32 out of the 34 criteria rated **Yellow** meaning good progress but additional efforts are needed
 - 02 out of the 34 criteria have been rated **orange** meaning that considerable efforts are needed to conclude readiness:
 - Criterion 10: disclosure and feedback to stakeholders, and
 - Criterion 22: Registry and monitoring activities

→ “Le statut “orange” du critère 10 démontre que jusqu’ici, la consultation consiste en une dissémination d’information de type émetteur-récepteur et doit évoluer en une véritable dialogue entre le BNCR et les acteurs sur le REDD+”.

Part B: REDD+ Readiness: Results (2)

Readiness, Organization and Consultation (criteria 1-10)

- Clear **institutional mandate of BNC-REDD+ within the MEEF** for REDD+ in combination with an established inter-ministerial coordination mechanism and a space for civil society participation supports the evolving Readiness process;
→ further need to strengthen at the strategic level (REDD+)
- Consultations conducted in a close time window and only in form of workshops in regional centres in the ER-P region. An overall **dynamic culture of debate**, consultation and participation process still need to be further developed, at national level and regional level in other eco-regions than the ER-P area.

Part B: REDD+ Readiness: Results (3)

REDD+ Strategy Preparation (Criteria 11-25)

- Well-structured process for analyzing and prioritizing drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, including assessment of uncertainty and priorities for additional analysis. Work is still ongoing
- REDD+ strategy options well-explained but prioritization and more clarity on sub-measures are needed to fully understand the strategy;
- Shortcomings in the country's legal and regulatory framework are described in R-Package, and the need for further work has been clearly specified;
- Benefit sharing mechanism and National REDD+ registry are still under design and remaining work has been clearly identified;
- The Environmental and Social Management Framework is still in preparation; more precision on the work should be given in the AP.

Part B: REDD+ Readiness: Results (4)

Forest Reference Emissions Levels/Reference levels (criteria 26-28)

- Madagascar is actively preparing its FREL/FRL from sub-national to national (due for 2018) through stepwise approximation
- Capitalize on the many experiences in Madagascar, and realistically adapt the methodology for RL calculation to DD context in other parts of Madagascar
- While it seems that there is good knowledge on the methodological approaches in carbon accounting in the country by specialists, the majority of stakeholders cannot assess such issues; need to communicate on these issues in the further consultation process

Part B: REDD+ Readiness: Results (5)

Monitoring system for forests and safeguards (Criteria 29-34)

- Well advanced on technical side
- Lack of knowledge and understanding on MRV by stakeholders beyond the “technical circle”
- Clear recommendation in the consultation meetings to involve stakeholders more strongly in the monitoring system;
- Because of the large diversity of non-carbon benefits of REDD+, Madagascar needs to prioritize key co-benefits (biodiversity, local livelihoods, water) in its monitoring and safeguard system

Part C: What still needs to be done

- **Benefit sharing mechanism.** While strong stakeholder participation has enabled the definition of the main underlying the work for the BSM, there is a need to be expanded consultation beyond the ER-P area.
- **Broader consultation** process to include other eco-regions, and not only stakeholders in the ER-P area: more focus on the role of VOI (grassroot communities) to represent local communities
 - Inform on technical issues (carbon accounting)
 - Involvement in monitoring
 - Transparency and accountability: REDD+ registry
- Continuously improve interinstitutional collaboration in the REDD+ implementation and MRV systems.

TAP Conclusions and recommendations

- The Self-Assessment process was truthfully conducted according to FCPF Readiness Assessment Framework
- Additional efforts need to be done to reach stakeholders, in particular in other eco-regions than the planned ER-Program area
- The work plan with the remaining tasks to “complete” the REDD+ Readiness process need to be visibly presented and made public: define clearly the targets, means and timelines in the Action Plan to “reach” readiness
(PS: the Action Plan could not be found on the FCPF website so far)
- Clearly articulate the National REDD+ strategy (in the framework of the proposed ERPA of the CF, project proposals submitted to the Green Climate Fund and the NDC in general) for coordinated actions in REDD+ implementation in the various eco-regions.

TAP presentation on Madagascar's R-package

THANK YOU!



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