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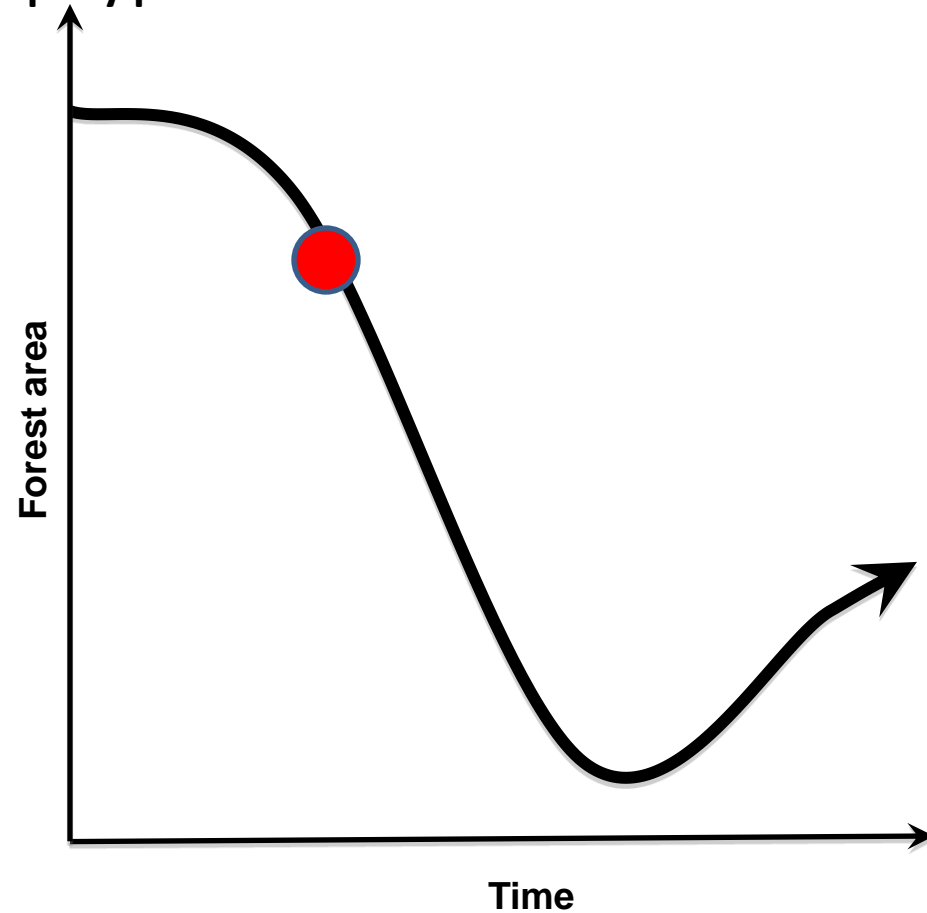
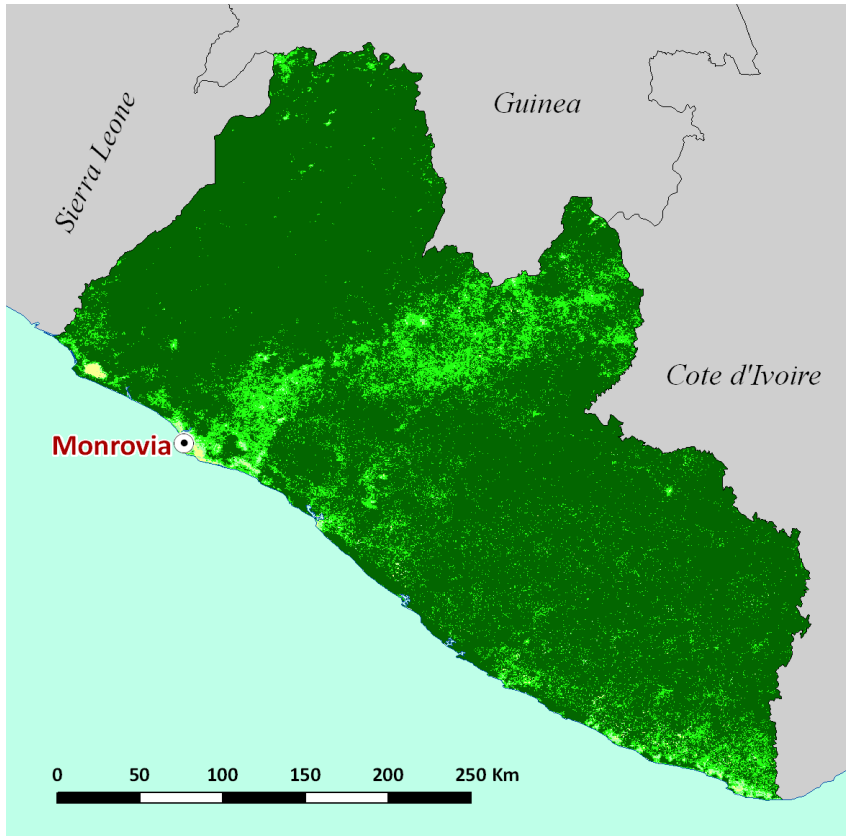
Liberia RPP: TAP Comments & Recommendations

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Liberia: Highest forest cover of any country in West Africa

- Between 4.3 and 5.3 million ha of forests, 2.4 million ha of closed (high forest), about 9 million hectares of vegetation cover, pre-dominance of secondary vegetation, history of civil strife, now in a post-conflict period. Uniquely placed to contribute to emission reductions.



Overall Summary : Strengths of the RPP

A clearly written RPP with substantive improvements in areas and issues that the TAP had raised on earlier versions.

- The process of developing the RPP has been fully owned by the Government – views from in-country and some external reviewers – however with a few dedicated external partners such as CI and FFI.**
- National coordination arrangements have been clarified, membership to various REDD committees , such as the NCCSC and RTWG, have been expanded to include more stakeholders**
- The potential for carbon stock enhancement in degraded forest lands has now been sufficiently highlighted – a significant development from earlier versions**
- The intention to restrict commercial plantations (e.g. palm oil) to degraded agricultural land is significant**
- The proposed REDD strategy options will address drivers in a clearer way – and the costs and benefits of each (in emission reduction terms) estimated.**

Areas for further improvement

- ❑ While interesting strategies have been proposed such as the transformation of the agricultural sector – there is need for mechanisms (most probably new and innovative) that will be used to influence that key sector
- ❑ The MRV Component, while markedly improved, could be stronger and more explicit on methodologies for carbon assessment within the chosen carbon pools
- ❑ The TAP recommends that there should a strong focus on a comprehensive capacity building programme with clear targets to enable Liberia to implement the overall National REDD Programme.

Overall Summary: IAP on 17 March R-PP version

	First Round	Second Round	Final Round
Standard 1a	Did not meet	Met	Meets
1b	Largely met	Met	Meets
1c	Did not meet	Met	Meets
Standard			
2a	Partly met	Largely met	Meets
2b	Partly met	Met	Meets
2c	Partly met	Met	Meets
2d	Met	Met	Meets
Standard 3	Largely met	Met	Meets
Standard 4a	Largely met	Largely met	Largely meets
4b	Partly met	Largely met	Meets
Standard 5	Largely met	Met	Meets
Standard 6	Largely met	Met	Meets