



Papua New Guinea R-PP

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General Comments

- This is a good first draft and solid foundation for moving forward with formal R-PP and national action
- PNG has made obvious and commendable progress in its REDD+ Readiness process and this is evident through the range of REDD+ activities already undertaken by PNG.
- Key areas for efforts in future submissions might be focused on:
 - General: Further work to sort out relevant information (especially what was done, not yet done) and prioritization are needed.
 - REDD+ Strategy Options and relevant aspects of Components 1 and 2
 - Budget development and monitoring framework especially in relation to Components 1 and 2.
 - *Formatting: Scale of total budget and maximum volume (max. 75 pp + 75 pp annex) can be streamlined*

Key Strengths

- Governance arrangements for REDD+ are becoming clearer in PNG at Central Government level.(1a)
- A range of key stakeholders have been well identified, and some awareness raising has commenced with these groups. (1b)
- Comprehensive overview of forest law and governance and good first assessment of land use trends are identified. It presents a strong outline of the underlying governance issues affecting the preservation of forests in PNG. (2a)
- Good detailed thinking is initiated: REDD+ strategy options(2b), REDD+ Implementation framework(2c), Social and Environmental impacts(2d), RL/REL(3), MRV(4)

Areas for Further Improvement

Readiness Organization and Consultation

- Further Explanation on how to work with subnational-agencies is needed.
- The other sectors have to be addressed more specifically about where their gains in REDD+ are.
- Further consideration should be given to what capacity building might be needed in key agencies (i.e. OCCD, PNGFA), and what budget implications this might have.
- Results and evidence of effectiveness of the early or ongoing consultations (11 of 22 provinces) are weak.
- It would be good to get further details on the existing consultation process.

Areas for Further Improvement

REDD+ Strategy Preparation

- Analysis on linkage between the legal framework and the development of a REDD+ strategy is necessary
- More analysis on drivers is required in order to address many of the subsequent issues (i.e. assessment of abatement costs, strategy options and recommendation, etc).
- Coherent Strategy options for REDD+ need to be outlined considering relationship among major climate change strategies.
- Detailed analysis of key issues in REDD+ implementation and more elaboration on coordination between relevant PNG agencies are necessary

Areas for Further Improvement

Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels

- It is important that concrete details REL/RL along with MRV system be discussed further by the Technical Working Group, though such a process the role and responsibility of each organization will be well clarified and shared.
- Greater details on interactions with the UN-REDD Programme in PNG is needed
- More work could be done to identify PNG's specific data requirements, current capacity and capacity building requirements.

Areas for Further Improvement

Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards

- More detail would be useful on PNG's specific national requirements and sequenced interaction with the UN-REDD.
- The explanation of existing capacities and a lack of gap analysis is essential, while taking account of UN-REDD and other external aides.
- More specific outline would be good – on how will be drawn from existing monitoring experience, indicators and processes/institutions.
- Strategic assessment of existing safeguard system(UN-REDD, REDD+SES etc.) would make sense if conducted before or during the development of an own safeguards monitoring system



THANK YOU!