



To
Forest Carbon Partnership
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Object: Côte d'Ivoire request for FCPF

SUMMARY INFORMATION for REDD+ in Côte d'Ivoire

The forest of Côte d'Ivoire, considering the permanent forest domain of the State (classified forests and national parks and reserves) is currently estimated at 9.7 million hectares (ha), that to say about 30% of the territory, versus about 70% in the year 1900. Residual forest areas are in advanced stages of deterioration.

This forest is subjected to many pressures including population growth, agriculture and traditional industries (first world producer of cocoa). There is also increasing pressure from agribusiness with the emergence of new industries such as rubber, palm oil.

The political crisis experienced by the country has also increased the forest destruction and this fact has led to a sharp deterioration of the forest resource.

The new Government has a strong desire to lead a strong development policy where the forest plays an important part. Hence the recent origination of the Ministry of Environment, urban health and sustainable development with the will of a holistic approach (forest in the territory - managing forest-agriculture interfaces).

The country is also involved in the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) process and there is a very good coordination in the conduct of REDD+ and FLEGT order to move towards a genuine policy of sustainable forest management.

With the support of the Facility of European Union (EU) the country is working to create a synergy of FLEGT / REDD+.

Côte d'Ivoire believes that the fight against deforestation and forest degradation is a priority and that it is to be effective must be consistent with development policies (low carbon). The country wants to rely on the management framework of REDD+ to harmonize the various sectoral policies.

It is in this context and with this concern that Côte d'Ivoire has joined the REDD+ in 2010 in order to contributing to the global fight against climate change and mainly for the re-establishment of its forest cover which is highly degraded.

The Ivorian government, through the Ministry of Environment, urban health and Sustainable Development (MINESUDD), the Ministry of Waters and Forests and the Ministry of Agriculture, continues to take action for a quick start of the REDD+ activities.

The launching workshop of REDD+ activities in September 2011 and the workshop on the regulatory and institutional framework for REDD+ demonstrate the commitment of the state in this process.

National REDD+ Coordination (CNREDD+), created by presidential decree in November 2012 to lead and coordinate national REDD+ process, adopted the approach including all stakeholders in this process and, in particular, civil society organizations and representatives of rural and indigenous communities concerned by this process.

Côte d'Ivoire was a member of UN-REDD and began REDD+ process since 2010. It is therefore a new dynamic who deserves a substantial support.

And, at the beginning of its national REDD+ process, the country has adopted a multi-stakeholder and very participative approach, that should be supported.

The table below summarizes the activities carried out for REDD+ in Côte d'Ivoire.

Technical and Financial Partners	REDD + activities	Period of implementation
UNDP Abidjan	Launch Workshop of REDD+ activities at the national level	2011
UNDP Abidjan	Workshop of institutional framework establishment	2012
TCP (<i>FAO Abidjan</i>)	Establishment of a system for measuring, monitoring, reporting and verification	2012 - 2014
TS FAO (UN-REDD)	MRV and Monitoring Capacity building on MRV	2013 - 2014
TS UNDP (UN-REDD)	Participation of Civil Society in REDD+ Negotiation for funding the national strategy by the UN-REDD	2012 -2013
ACP Secretariat (European Union)	Development of REDD+ Roadmap And strengthening capacity Start RP	2012
European Facility	Diagnostic study of the causes of deforestation and degradation Support civil society in REDD+ / FLEGT	2013
Government RCI	Finalization RPP	Starting in April 2013

Côte d'Ivoire has already moved forward in the drafting of the preparation plan REDD+ (RPP) and the preparation of the REDD+ strategy.

In recent years, the Côte d'Ivoire has shown a growing interest to join at the international REDD+ mechanism. The State has taken a Presidential Decree to create a National Commission REDD+ with all stakeholders. An inter-ministerial Technical Committee REDD+ (CT REDD+) was set up.

This Committee includes the Ministries in charge of agriculture, forests, energy and planification, as well as the Society of Forest Development (SODEFOR).

The MINESUDD requested technical assistance from the *Climate Support Facility* (CSF) Program Intra African Caribbean Pacific (ACP) of *Global climate change alliance* (GCCA), in 2012, for the early stages of development of a RPP.

The main terms of reference were as follows:

- Assess existing capacity for a REDD+, as well as insufficiency in technical knowledge and needs in strengthening
- Evaluate available data on carbon stocks and stock changes (relevant to REDD+) and identify insufficiency in technical knowledge and needs
- Describe and analyze the various causes of deforestation and forest degradation and to develop a list of activities admissible for REDD+, to act on the causes identified
- Develop a roadmap for REDD+, covering the following aspects: (I) the development of a national REDD+ strategy, (ii) the formulation of REDD+ activities and projects priority, (iii) the inclusion of railing, (iv) the establishment of a baseline GHG emissions taking into account national circumstances, (v) the formulation of a program of capacity reinforcement on REDD+, (vi) the conception of a framework for measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) for REDD +.

It was requested that the national roadmap REDD + includes terms of reference with the assessment of cost and scheduled aspects that remain to be addressed for the RPP, as well as recommendations on tools and methods to use.

In order to enroll in the internationally recognized good practices for the development of roadmaps REDD+ strategy, consultants have been requested to structure these elements based on the R-PP joint programs with FCPF and UN-REDD, in its version of 06 April 2012.

All components of an R-PP were not covered by these terms of reference. Results of this study were delivered in November 2012 to have some elements of analysis to facilitate the development of the very next R-PP, desire of the Government of RCI.

Côte d'Ivoire also wished to make exchange of good practices with his neighbor, Ghana is advanced in the process with the FCPF.

The development of the RPP of Côte d'Ivoire will be funded by the State of Côte d'Ivoire and will start in April 2013.

Côte d'Ivoire reaffirms its wish to join the FCPF in the aim to support the Government's efforts for REDD + and significantly reduce its very high deforestation rate.

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