

## EL SALVADOR

### Specific Questions on Progress on 2015.

- **la sección 1.5.B. en la página 24 del Reporte Anual 2015 (anexo), la cual se refiere al “Número de reformas de política iniciadas, finalizadas o en curso que cumplan con los estándares de REDD+ en el país, lo que podría incluir cuestiones de tenencia de la tierra”;**
  1. There are three reforms that have taken place in El Salvador which will benefit the development of REDD+ implementation.
  2. Environmental National Law was modified to include Climate Change
  3. Environmental National Strategy
  4. Climate Change Strategy
  5. National Plan for Restoration of Natural Ecosystems
  6. National Forestry Policy, and review of the National Forestry Law by the legislative branch. This one includes as matter of novelty the inclusion of agroforestry ecosystems, biodiversity conservation and the production of commodities including timber.
  7. The REDD+ Strategy is in a pre-design phase and being consulted by wider audiences. This activity will in turn inform the National Forestry Law review taking place at the moment.
  
- **el Reporte Anual 2015 en su anexo: "Situación de las asociaciones público-privadas y del sector privado en el desarrollo del programa ERPD." Esto es aplicable para los países con Programas de Reducción de Emisiones (Fondo de Carbono o BioCF).**

With regards to private sector involvement, the Government of the USA is involved in the Alliance for Prosperity of the North Triangle, with the objective to pull together public private partnerships as a way to control migration.

With GIZ the Government of El Salvador is working with resources from FIADES (Initiative for the Americas – debt swap) to establish a program focused on leveraging financing for ecosystem restoration on Ramsar sites and natural ecosystems. It includes financing for small producers.

Through Fomilenio in the coastal zone there will be work with the private sector.

Specifically on REDD+ the government is working with sugar cane producers given that their practices are known to drive deforestation. The sugar cane producers have now created an association and a best practices manual. This association has more than 7000 producers.

- **el número de plataformas REDD+ que se encuentran en implementacion y mencionar la frecuencia de sus reuniones con participación de partes interesadas múltiples;**

At the presidential level the Minister of Environment precedes a Vulnerability Cabinet that groups Ministers of other sectors (Agriculture, Livestock, Tourism, Public Infrastructure) and Vice ministers. This Cabinet does not allow for ministers and vice-ministers to delegate the attendance. It gets together every fortnight. One of the main outcomes of this Cabinet has been the inclusion of nature based infrastructure along with “gray” infrastructure to counteract the impacts of climate change and disasters. Fomilenio which is a program that aims at improving the investment climate in El Salvador has several plans for infrastructure build up and restoration.

Another platform where REDD+ discussions are taking place is the National Council on Vulnerability. Within the thematic roundtables of this council, there is a multi-stakeholder platform that groups 76 sectors (close to 8000 organizations represented) with a roundtable that discusses topics related to climate change and another one that touches on landscape restoration. At both roundtables REDD+ has been a topic of discussion. The National Council on Vulnerability meets weekly.

- 8. el uso de o referencias a los productos de conocimiento del FCPF los cuales se encuentran disponibles den el sitio <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/knowledge-and-resources> bajo el vínculo “Resources”; mencionar, por ejemplo, qué productos se han usado. Ejemplos: “REDD+ Decision Support Toolbox”; “GOFC-GOLD Training Modules”; REDD+ Cost Assessment Tool, etc.**

No response was received on Knowledge related products use.

- 9. un párrafo sobre los logros más importantes en virtud de la Fase de Preparación de REDD+ para ser presentado en una caja de texto; p.ej. la Estrategia REDD+ ha sido finalizada, se ha establecido un mecanismo de resolución de quejas, SESA/MGAS se han completado, el Registro REDD+ se ha establecido, etc.**

The REDD+ Strategy has been is in a final form draft and different civil society sectors are reviewing it

A GIS is being established with an interface where any one can look at an specific area where reforestation and restoration practices took place, with pictures and other media types.

The person that will design the FGRM has been hired and regional staff has also been hired to work on the reception of grievances as a pilot phase implementation that will inform the final FGRM design.

There is a methodology in place for a safeguards approach in the country, but not fully finalized. A series of meetings have taken place to establish a full implementation safeguard mechanism.

- 10. Ejemplos de actividades llevadas a cabo a nivel nacional para generar e institucionalizar el nivel adecuado de conciencia sobre REDD+ (trabajos para la inclusión del concepto en**

**los planes de estudio en las escuelas y universidades, campañas de sensibilización de REDD+, exposiciones itinerantes, etc.)**

The government has been working on a Network of Student on topics related to climate change, whereby students will support with monitoring of environmental indicators at the local level. This initiative will include an academic guideline (pensum) about climate change. It also entails a hands on work on landscape reforestation to be done by students from schools. This work will be coordinated by the environmental units within the local mayor office that are part of the National Environmental System (SINAMA) and that have been previously involved in REDD+ consultations. One million students have been identified that could be part of this initiative. Schools and education institutes to be prioritized are those who have an agricultural high school focus.