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Emission Reductions Program to the FCPF Carbon Fund: Costa Rica



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Message from the Minister of Environment



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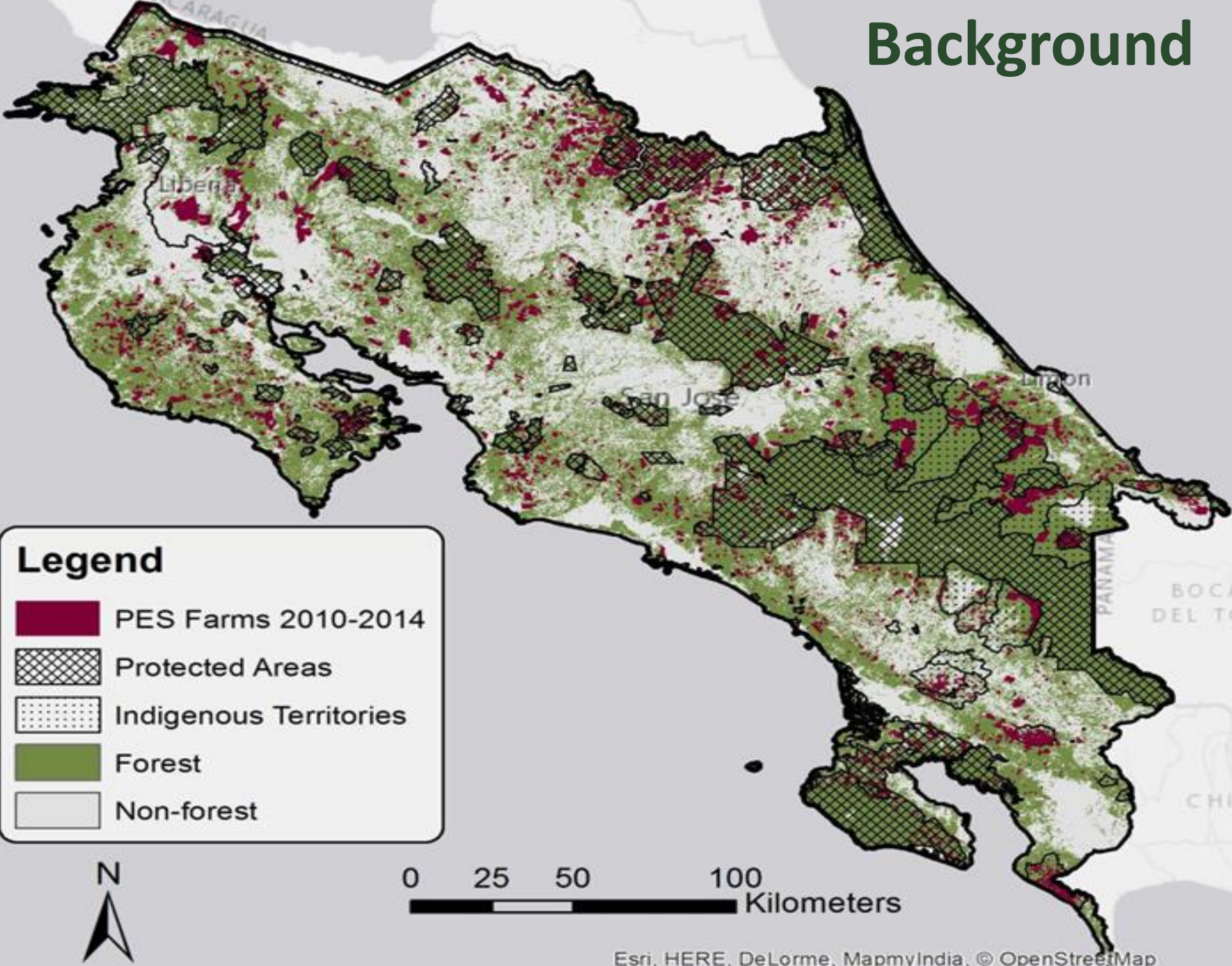
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Background



Legend

-  PES Farms 2010-2014
-  Protected Areas
-  Indigenous Territories
-  Forest
-  Non-forest



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REDD+ Implementation framework

REDD+ is positioned at the highest political level in the National Development Plan and builds on the legal and institutional framework that has allowed the country to generate 133 million T CO₂ eq in emission reductions during 1997-2009

National REDD+ Strategy

It includes a set of Policies, Actions and Activities covering the main political, social and economic dimensions (negative and positive) deriving from a broad and inclusive consultation process.

Consistent with the national planning framework to ensure public investments and long-term sustainability and the increasing participation of the forestry sector to national development and poverty eradication goals.

Costa Rica currently invests approx. \$100 millions in PAs and PES as part of its regular public policies.

Letter of intent to negotiate the ERPA (FC)
Result/based payments under the UNFCCC
Commitments under the NDC
Bilateral Agreements
Other...

Ambition Scenarios of the ER-P

- Implementation period is 2012-2025.
- Country-wide and inclusive of all REDD+ Activities

In a restrictive scenario ()* Costa Rica will be in a position to generate and transfer:

32% of ERs= {
7.5 Million t CO₂ eq if the start-date is set in 2012
4 Million t CO₂ eq if the start-date is set in 2017

- *In a more flexible scenario (**)* Costa Rica will be in a position to generate and transfer:

100% of ERs= {
24.5 Million t CO₂ eq if the start-date is set in 2012
15.7 Million t CO₂ eq if the start-date is set in 2017

(*) Considering only ER where the Government has indisputable legal rights (Pas and PES titles transferred by private landowners)

(**) Considering new legal framework to be defined shortly, allowing the Government to claim all ERs achieved and opening a window for claiming rights by third Parties



TAP Assessment

- We appreciate the valuable contributions of the TAP, CF Participants, Observers and FMT. This has been a learning process for all and we have addressed it with good will, flexibility and responsibility.
- 85% of relevant indicators met
- Methodological framework requires more flexibility to recognize national capacities and circumstances, as well as the potential for diverse interpretations
- We have identified critical issues (e.g. forest degradation, registry, NFMS, BSM) and financing to better meet the pending indicators.



Addressing pending indicators

- **Ind. 3.3 Degradation**

- We are **rapidly improving data** required to assess the significance of degradation
- We are using a **step-wise approach to improve** our capacities to better assess emissions from degradation.
- We have an **ongoing technical review process of the FREL under the UNFCCC**, which will provide additional **methodological clarity** as well as a way to move forward ensuring consistency and environmental integrity
- A similar approach will be followed regarding consideration of **Sustainable Forest Management**, which in any case is not significant (less than 500 Has/yr)

- **Ind. 15.1 MRV**

- We are implementing **institutional arrangements** to support our currently available **complete MRV Protocol** to be implemented from 2016 onwards (to be published soon in Remote Sensing Journal).
- The **FREL tool** developed for Costa Rica is **publicly available** online and can be consulted by any interested Party (transparency).

- **Ind. 21.1 Reversals**

Reversals CAN be measured using the current MRV protocol.



Ind 34.2: Stakeholders participation in the prioritization of non-carbon benefits

- **Participation of Stakeholders** in the definition of priorities for non-carbon benefits will be resumed during the process of **design of the Benefit Sharing Mechanism**, that will include both carbon and non-carbon benefits. This process will be finalized and regulated before the signature of the ERPA by the end of 2016
- Besides **co-benefits** (e.g. water, biodiversity and soil conservation, landscape beauty and environment-friendly production practices) already included in the policy framework we have **identified other social and economic non carbon-benefits** such as: strengthened governance structures and platforms, land-tenure in indigenous territories, land-use and Natural Heritage planning and improved livelihoods for indigenous peoples and rural communities; that will be included in the process.
- **An Executive Decree defining the prioritization criteria** for investments in PES and REDD+ related activities was published on June 15, 2016, and **included a public consultation process** where all relevant stakeholders had the opportunity to contribute



Ind 23(i-ii), 37.2, 37.3, 37.4,38.1: Registry, Program and Project Management

- Costa Rica is currently **adjusting its legal and institutional framework for the National ER Registry** in order to ensure consistency with the derivations from its NDC as part of the Paris Accord. Will have a guiding framework developed by December, 2016 and start implementation in early 2017
- The REDD+ registry will be inserted as part of the National Registry so that the country can ensure consistency with all relevant transparency and environmental integrity requirements deriving from existing –including the CF MF- or new agreements so as **to avoid any potential double counting of ERs** coming from NAMAs, REDD+, PES, UCCs and any other initiative in the LULUCF sector.



Final Remarks

- REDD+ is a high level policy priority that was constructed via an inclusive participatory process of all stakeholders due its critical role in fulfilling the national commitments included in the NDC
- We are **eager to continue implementing and scaling-up our ER program with CF payments**, as expected from the negotiation of the ERPA commercial conditions.
- FC investments of **\$63 million during 10 years** will complement **Costa Rica's investments of over \$1 billion** during the same period to maintain and enhance our natural heritage.
- We continue actively working in developing a **detailed implementation plan** to clarify institutional responsibilities and benefit sharing and to improve financing strategies.
- We are rapidly advancing the design of the required **technical capacities** to ensure transparency and quality of results, but more importantly, we need **to meet the high expectations from our stakeholders and international partners**.



¡Muchas gracias! ¿ Preguntas o Comentarios?

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