

REDD+ Readiness Progress Fact Sheet
COUNTRY: MOZAMBIQUE
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1.R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- The R-PP was endorsed by the FCPF Participants Committee in March, 2012. The country submitted a revised version addressing the FCPF PC comments in January 2013, which was posted on the FCPF website.
- The WB conducted its due diligence in view of signing a Grant Agreement for R-PP implementation.
- The Preparation Grant Agreement (US\$3.6 million) was signed on 12th July 2013. All effectiveness conditions have been met and disbursement of funds had started in February 2014.

2.National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- A Decree creating the Technical Unit for REDD+ as well as the REDD+ Technical Group; while also clarifying the roles and responsibilities between the Ministry of Environment (MICOA) and the Ministry of Agriculture (MINAG) for REDD+ in Mozambique was approved by the Council of Ministries on August 27th, 2013 went through some corrections before it was posted to the Official Government Gazette.
- At the Approval of the Decree, the Council of Ministries requested the establishment of an inter-ministerial group to serve as a single platform for the government to harmonize the procedures of channeling rates of exploitation of Natural resources for local communities. This group was composed of the sectors of Agriculture, Fisheries, Tourism, Finance, State Administration, Mineral Resources, Planning and Development, under the coordination of the Environment sector. As a result of this working group was recommended to carry on a full study on this matter.
- A Senior Technical Assistant to the REDD+ process has been hired. The Administrative and Finance assistant was also hired. A consultant to elaborate the Implementation Procedure Manual was hired.
- The Technical Committee for REDD+, which involves Government Institutions, Civil Society Organizations, Private sector and Academy, was established; and is fully working to address the REDD+ Unit actions.
- A Decree which rules procedures to approve projects of REDD+ was enacted & published in official Government Gazette in December 2013 (Decree N° 102/2013);

3.Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- The country held consultations on the legal instrument to regulate REDD+ projects in Mozambique in April, 2012. Participants included civil society, private sector, academia and government agencies. Information on the workshop can be found on <https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/government-mozambique-promotes-dialogue-discuss-countrys-legal-framework-redd-0>
- Public consultations on the regulations on pilot REDD+ projects was conducted on June, 3rd – 7th, 2013. The draft decree is available on: <https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/government-mozambique-promotes-dialogue-discuss-countrys-legal-framework-redd-0>

- A retreat held in Ka Tembe between April 2 and 4 prepared commands for the operation of the Rules of Procedures for approving REDD+ projects, with the participation of technicians from MICOA and MINAG.

- Public consultation of TORs for procurement of consultancy for SESA held in Maputo on March 31 whose aim was to gather and collect subsidies to improve the TORs. There was participation of various actors from civil society, private sector, academia, state institutions among others.

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- An in-depth analysis of causes of deforestation and degradation, as well as strategic options, will be launched once R-PP starts to be implemented.
- Terms of Reference to hire the Technical Assistant for Legal issues and to hire the pilot project coordinator have been prepared, and the hiring process is ongoing.
- Terms of Reference to hire consultant for a study on definition of forest, deforestation, forest degradation for the country by FCPF fund was prepared and under recruitment process.

5. Implementation Framework

- Mozambique held a high-level technical workshop on legal and institutional framework to explore options to regulate REDD+ projects in the country. Information on the workshop can be found on <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/node/526>.
- The work continues. Various versions of the documents have been discussed within Government. Public consultations were carried out in June 2013. The Council of Minister approved a Decree establishing the rules and procedures for REDD+ projects to be grant authority to operate in Mozambique. This is one of the first legislations of this type in Africa, and in the world.
- Mozambique was represented at the Participants Committee Sixteenth Meeting (PC16) held in Geneva, Switzerland from 12 to 16 December 2013.
- Mozambique participants attended a SADC meeting on the design of an MRV system from 12-14 February 2014.

6. SESA

- A WB mission in support of the SESA process in Mozambique took place in January 2013.
- Terms of Reference for the SESA had been re-prepared and will be fully discussed in the Technical REDD+ Committee meeting in October. A Firm to conduct the SESA Processes will be hired;
- Terms of Reference for SESA have been prepared as part of the R-PP and consultation seminar on SESA ToR was held on 31st March 2014;
- 5 Staff members from MICOA and MINAG attended a workshop on social and environmental safeguards organized at the WB office in Maputo from 12 to 14 May, 2014.

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- A meeting with a Japanese consulting company and representative officers of Mozambique to clarify required specs of satellite images to be procured by Japan Grant Aid was held in Bonn, Germany in May 2012. The procurement process for acquisition is being finalized.

- The project of DNTF-MINAG supported by JICA on Establishment of National Forest Resource Information Platform (FRIP) for Monitoring REDD+ is under Preparations of REL/RL Seminars to be held in 2014;

8.MRV

- Representative officials from Mozambique participated in SADC meeting on MRV in Johannesburg, South Africa in May 2012 and discussed the possibilities of MRV development considering forest types representing the region.
- One of the officers of DNTF was sent to the JICA training on REDD+ MRV from May for 2 months in Japan
- On 24th September 2013, a National Stakeholder meeting on SADC REDD+ MRV took place in Maputo and became available the information that Mozambique was selected to test the Mopane ecosystem for MRV development design.

DNTF-JICA project for Establishment of National Forest Resource Information Platform (FRIP)for monitoring REDD+ (February 2013 to January 2018).

On the first year the project of DNTF completed following activities among others:

- Inception workshop was held in May 2013 and shared inception report;
- A workshop inviting related Ministries, NGO's, International organizations and Academic institutions was held in February 2014 and shared, 1st year progress report, and 2nd year activity plan;
- Development of a database system functioning as the FRIP for monitoring REDD+:
 - o Launched Workshops and Technical Meetings for designing of the FRIP;
 - o Set out FRIP in the main server at DNTF and drafted a tentative operation plan;
 - o Set up REDD+ Registry in FRIP in DNTF;
 - o Started to insert data and information to database of FRIP;
 - o Designed a manuals for preparation, use and management of FRIP;
 - o Held a Workshop on Database System of FRIP;
- Development of the Ground Base Monitoring System and MRV under FRIP
 - o Reviewed of past forest inventory surveys and databases;
 - o Drafted a technical guideline on Radar satellite imagery(PALSAR) analysis;
 - o Implemented a training for Radar data analysis covered 2 forest officers at central level;
 - o Designed forest inventory survey methods and drafted technical guidelines;
 - o Implemented a training on the forest inventory study(12 forest officers from all 10 provinces of the country);
 - o Considered Remote Sensing analysis and set out Ground Truth survey method;
 - o Conducted a comprehensive preliminary study of natural, social, and economic conditions for designing monitoring system for REDD+;
 - o Reconsidered forest type categories for classification;
 - o Developed work plan on Remote Sensing analysis for forest classification;
 - o Designed ground-based monitoring structure and drafted a guideline on ground-based forest monitoring system and data compilation, and data processing method (1st version);
- Development of a data set needed to estimate biomass and carbon volumes
 - o Prepared a seminars on Biomass and Carbon Estimation;

International Training for building capacity to work on REDD+ readiness preparation (45 officers up to 2013)

- JICA Training on Forest Resource Information System and Governance in Japan (2 officers from DNTF);
- JICA Training on REDD+ National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) in Japan (3 officers from DNTF);
- JICA Training on NAMA/MRV in Japan (1 officer from MICOA, 1 officer from DNTF);
- JICA Training on Participatory Forestry in Japan (2 officers from DNTF);
- JICA Training on Sustainable Forest Management in Japan (1 officer from DNTF);
- JICA Training on Tropical Forest Monitoring in Brazil (INPE/IBAMA) (5 officers from DNTF);
- JICA-SADC Seminar on Forest Sector cooperation in Johannesburg (1 officer from MICOA, 1 officer from University Eduardo Mondlane, 1 officer from NGO, 2 officers from DNTF);
- JICA Seminar on Forest Fire Monitoring in Brazil (IBAMA) (1 officer from DNTF);
- JICA Seminar on Forest Fire Monitoring and Remote Sensing in Thailand (4 officers from DNTF);
- JICA Seminar on Tropical Forest Monitoring in Brazil (1 officer from DNTF);
- JAXA ALOS 3rd Kyoto-Carbon Project Seminar in Japan (1 officer from DNTF);
- FFPRI seminar in Japan (2 officers from DNTF);
- JICA support on UNFCCC COP16, 17, 18, 19 negotiation (10 officers from DNTF); and
- REDD+ Partnership/FCPC/UNREDD (6 officers from DNTF);

Japan Grant Aid for Forest Preservation Program in DNTF-MINAG

- Satellite images, vehicles, survey equipment, PC (GIS software) were received by DNTF-MINAG and distributed to all 10 provinces of the country;
- Construction of a building of “REDD+ Information Platform Center” in DNTF-MINAG is under planning;
- GIS/Remote Sensing software operation training (30 officers) in DNTF-MINAG in Maputo (using ArcGIS, ERDAS and eCognition) in 2013;

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- Kyoto and Carbon phase 3 was started in 2013 and completed submitted a report on Forest Cover Change analysis using PALSAR satellite images from 2007 to 2010 in Cabo Delgado province in 2014.

Other initiatives

SADC-GIZ Regional MRV Project

- Mozambique has been selected by SADC as a pilot country for Mopane ecosystem for SADC-GIZ regional MRV system project. MICOA and MINAG have been working together in this subject. Within this project a capacity building training on Remote Sensing was carried out in DNTF-MINAG, Maputo in April 2014 inviting other SADC country member states. A training in forest inventory in pilot area (Tete province) was held in May 19, 2014;