

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

COUNTRY: MOZAMBIQUE

September, 2013

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 now been met and it should start disbursing soon.

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 and now is going through some corrections so that it can be posted it on 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 is to be composed of the sectors of Agriculture, Fisheries, Tourism, Finance, State Administration, Mineral Resources, Planning and Development, under the coordination of the Environment sector. It is fully operational and the results will be known soon;
- 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 should be hired soon.
- 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.

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>

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 coordination have been prepared, and the hiring process should be launched soon.

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

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<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.

6. SESA

- Terms of Reference for the SESA have been prepared as part of the R-PP and should be launched at R-PP implementation.
- 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 SESA Steering Committee will be created and a Firm to conduct the SESA Processes will be hired;

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 in being finalized.

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 (since 2011 DNTF officers have been attending the MRV training).
- 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