PC17/FCPF Technical Advisory Panel

Belize R-PP:

Comments by the TAP

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Country Context: Belize

- Land area: 22,200 Km2
- Population: 338,000
- Economy: agriculture, industry and services
- Forest cover: 14,000 Km2 (63 %)
- Deforestation rate (1980-2013): 0.6% per year

Strengths of the RPP Document

- The R-PP clearly presents the need to improve forest governance.

- The proposal provides key information on trends in forest cover, land use change and drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.

- The description of the consultation framework including Indigenous Peoples is well articulated.

- The proposed information system on multiple benefits, other impacts, governance, and safeguards is well presented.

Key Issues and Recommendations:

- The document should provide a work plan for Reference Levels that includes the main drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.

- The R-PP should also describe the relationships between component 4a (MRV) and other components (mostly 2a, 2b).

- The TAP recommends to continue and enhance dialogue, consultation and participation with Indigenous Peoples in relation to the REDD+ process in Belize, particularly in discussing the present version of the R-PP.

Overall Summary

Components	TAP PC 16 Formal R-PP Assessment December 2013	TAP PC 17 R-PP Assessment July 2014
1a. National Readiness Management Arrangements	Largely Met	Met
1b. Information Sharing and Stakeholder Dialogue	Largely Met	Met
1c. Consultation and Participation Process	Largely Met	Met
2a. Land Use, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	Met	Met
2b. REDD+ Strategy Options	Met	Met
2c. Implementation Framework	Largely Met	Met
2d. Social & Environmental Impacts during Preparation and Implementation	Met	Met
3. Reference Level	Largely Met	Largely Met
4a. Monitoring – Emissions and Removals	Largely Met	Largely Met
4b. Other Multiple Benefits, Impacts and Governance	Partially Met	Met
5. Schedule and Budget	Met	Met
6. Program Monitoring & Evaluation Framework	Met	Met