

FCPF Technical Advisory Panel

Suriname R-PP- Version 4 (23 February 2013) TAP Comments & Recommendations

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For the Suriname TAP team

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Suriname Statistics

(taken from the R-PP)

- **Population: 560,000, mostly in coastal areas**
- **Maroons: 54,000**
- **Indigenous people: 11,000**
- **Forests cover 94.7% of nation**
- **Southern Forests mostly intact**
- **Annual Deforestation Rate: 0.02% per year**
- **Growing impact of mining, logging, and infrastructure development**

Strengths of R-PP (1)

- **Drivers of deforestation have been clearly identified and articulated**
- **Capacity needs have been identified for all components**
- **Proposed expansion of National Institute for Environment and Development (NIMOS) and Climate Compatible Development Unit will strengthen REDD+ Policy framework**
- **Strong emphasis on training (e.g., REDD+ Assistants Collective)**
- **New national tracking system or registry is an important database-driven center**

Strengths of R-PP (2)

- **R-PP outlines a continuing process for consultations and negotiations for respecting the rights of indigenous and tribal peoples to Free and Prior Informed Consent**
- **R-PP lists actions taken to uphold the principles and safeguards of the Saramaka Judgement:**
 - **Consultation and consensus building**
 - **the right to compensation and benefit sharing**
 - **Consensus decisions about activities in affected areas**

Areas for Improvement (1)

- **Ensure that there is a continuing and positive dialogue and response to stakeholder's views through the Major Groups Collective (1b)**
- **Further develop the link between current forest management practices and systemic drivers of deforestation (2a)**
- **Consider developing a process for establishment of national environmental legislation to provide a context for the SESA (2d)**

Areas for Improvement (2)

- **Ensure that MRV coverage expands as appropriate beyond coastal regions to cover new mining and timbering impacts (4a)**
- **Ensure that there is a strategy and corresponding budget for strengthening rights holders and stakeholders to empower them to effectively participate in future strategy, policy, and implementation processes (5)**

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