



FCPF Technical Advisory Panel

Costa Rica Draft R-PP: Initial comments by the TAP

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Overall Summary of the Review: 1

Strengths of the RPP Document:

- The R-PP is building on a relatively long history and experiences of what works and what does not to reduce deforestation and enhance tree planting.
- Excellent data base on historical changes in forest cover and a good understanding of the causes of deforestation.
- Demonstrates a good understanding of the key elements needed to develop their reference level.
- An exhaustive, inclusive and transparent stakeholder consultation process.
- REDD+ strategy kept within a larger developmental framework.
- Clear plan on how rights and benefits will be shared and distributed.

Overall Summary of the Review: 2

Areas that Need Further Work:

- The R-PP calls for the establishment of a R-PP Secretariat to be an executive, liaison, and coordinating body, which is pragmatic and commendable, although it should not be engaged in operational matters, probably a Steering Committee or a similar such body, made up of a small number of key entities could be the operational body.
- With regard to the REDD implementation framework a work plan will have to be developed in order to fully implement the Strategy.
- With regard to Component 3, Development of a reference Scenario, this component could be improved if degradation is included in other programs. If historical data on this topic are lacking it will be a positive contribution to indicate when these models will be changed to account for degradation.
- Component 6 needs to be developed. Needs to identify preliminary performance indicators and suggest how the R-PP progress would be monitored and verified.



Overall Summary of the Review: 3

Major Recommendations by the TAP:

- Two major stakeholder groups in the form of: Academia and Parliamentary Opposition Parties ought to be included in the consultation and organization processes.
- Component 4 will be largely improved if all the discussion on the four options presently given was re-organize as steps in a work plan.
- Some concern is expressed with regard to the focus on monitoring stocks and not on emission and reductions which is what need to be monitored
- It is suggested that a draft work plan be presented—parts are in the budget sheet and a parts in Annexes but it needs to be in main body of Component 4. It is likely the knowledge is there but not presented in any logical format or shows awareness of knowing of some of key steps.
- Identify scope for independent verification of the REDD+ Strategy.
- Prospects of involving local forest communities/IP in monitoring process



Overall Summary

Component	1 a)	Standard partially met
	1 b)	Standard partially met
Component	2 a)	Standard met
	2 b)	Standard met
	2 c)	Standard partially met
	2 d)	Standard met
Component	3	Standard met
Component	4	Standard partially met
Component	5	Standard met
Component	6	Standard not met