

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

COUNTRY: Thailand

June, 2013

1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- \$200K FCPF REDD Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) Grant Agreement signed in October 2009; this fund is fully disbursed as of June, 2013.
- R-PP submitted for consideration by FCPF PC at PC13 (March, 2013) following thorough TAP review.
- PC 14 (March 19-21, 2013) allocated funding to Thailand to move ahead with the preparation for readiness subject to Thailand submitting a revised R-PP reflecting key issues outlined in an annex to the resolution including conducting regional and national dialogues to ensure stakeholder input is incorporated into the revised R-PP.
- Planning meeting on National Dialogue with Thai stakeholders held in Bangkok (April 29, 2013)
- Schedule for National Dialogue agreed (July- August 2013); Swiss support for National Dialogue confirmed.
- Government of Thailand submitted letter confirming dates for revised R-PP submission (December 2013) and Grant signing (April 2014).

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

Management arrangements are outlined in the Thailand RPP (see organogram Figure 1a-1 in the Thailand R-PP Version Feb 24 2013 page 18).

3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

During the formulation phase, Thailand conducted information sharing and sensitization forums on REDD+ and the R-PP and conducted a stakeholder mapping exercise (for details see Thailand R-PP Version Feb 24 2013 Annex 1b-1). The R-PP document was translated into Thai and circulated prior to meetings. The early information sharing and dialogue process was designed to ensure that appropriate representatives of each of the stakeholder groups were invited (see also Thailand R-PP Version Feb 24 2013 Table 1b-1). Some CSOs found GOT stakeholder consultations and R-PP preparation lacking and requested additional National and Sub-national Dialogue during PC14. GoT agreed to conduct additional Dialogue subject to resources being made available and Switzerland offered during PC 14 to explore availability of financing for the additional dialogue. As noted above Swiss financing and dates for dialogues at national and sub-national levels have been agreed.

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

To be undertaken once the grant agreement is signed. The preparation steps for Thailand's REDD Strategy outlined in the R-PP include: update driver analysis, economic analysis of strategy options, regional assessment of drivers contribution to overall emissions, prioritization of drivers based on their relative contribution to emissions, and implementation of a forest governance assessment. These activities are expected to be partially financed by FCPF with additional support coming from other Development Partners.

5. Implementation Framework

Will be undertaken once the grant agreement is signed. The R-PP outlines the regulatory framework, institutional and financial arrangements to be followed.

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6. SESA

SESA will be carried out during the Readiness phase and will include stakeholder analysis, description of the initial social and environmental situation of the forestry sector in Thailand, analysis of the possible impacts of different REDD+ strategy option scenarios, analysis of impacts of different REDD+ alternatives, and development of an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP).

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

Will be developed based on discussions between government and bilateral and multilateral development partners during project implementation.

8. MRV

MRV activities are expected to be partially financed by FCPF with significant additional support coming from other Development Partners. GOT is exploring sources of assistance for building MRV capacity and developing MRV systems.

9. Other