

Country Response to TAP, CFP, FMT on Comments ERPD

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Review process

- **Technical Advisory Panel (TAP):**
 - ✓ Initial review,
 - ✓ 1st Assessment,
 - ✓ 2nd assessment (final),
 - ✓ Feedback
- **Facility Management Team (FMT)**
 - ✓ Completeness Check
- **Carbon Fund Participants (CFPs)**
 - ✓ Comments on Advanced Draft ERP



Main topics ERPD Comments

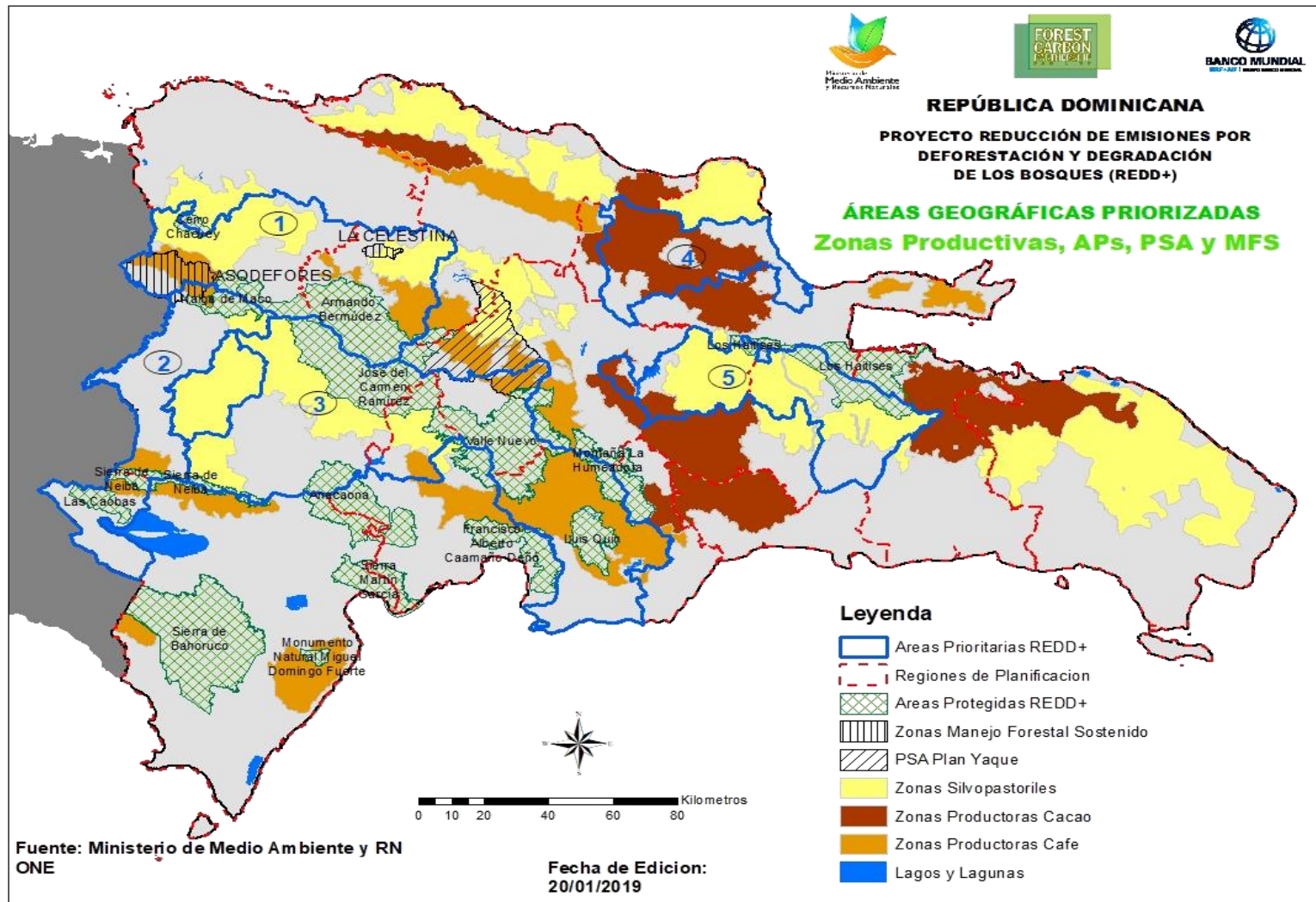
- I. Sustainable Program Design and Implementation
- II. Carbon Accounting: Reference Level, Accounting for ERs
- III. Benefit Sharing
- IV. ER Program Transactions: Land Tenure, Carbon Rights, Authority to Transfer Titles
- V. Safeguards: Actions taken to meet WB and Cancun Safeguards

Sustainable Program Design and Implementation



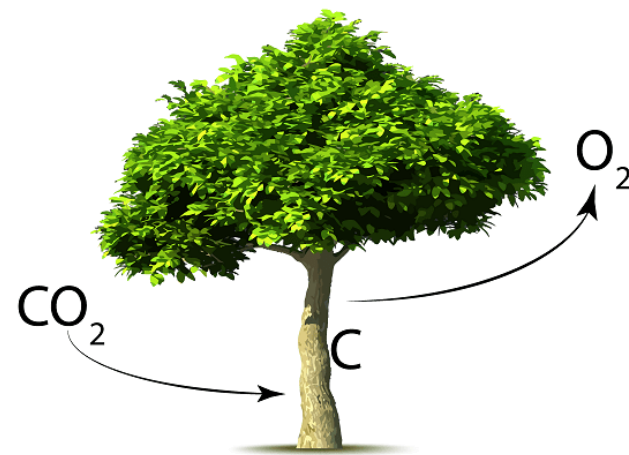
- Drivers Geo-location.
- Priority areas and REDD+ executing entities.
- Clarify the link between drivers and strategic options/actions.
- Connection between the 5 geographic areas and the 15 protected areas.
- Agroforestry systems (**Coffee**, **Cocoa**, **Silvopasture**) and a relationship with the 5 geographic areas.
- Plan to address the financial gap for the strategy.
- Financial viability of the Program.
- Reforming the forest management plan to address forest degradation.

Sustainable Program Design and Implementation



Carbon Accounting: Reference Level, Accounting for ERs

- Consistency of the forest definition and the inclusion of agroforestry systems (**coffee/cocoa**).
- **Tree shaded crops** and **agroforestry systems** should be excluded from the forest definition. Forest plantations should also be accounted for separately.
- Improve and refine the baseline. **Agroforestry systems** are included as forests, contributing to a lack of deforestation data.
- Improve activity data.



Benefit Sharing

- Final version of the **Benefit Sharing Plan** pending.
- Consultations and final decisions on arrangements in the **BSP**.
- Measures used in **existing programs** to target and approve participation of **communities**, **people** and **organizations** in situations of **conflict**, **untitled**, **customary land** and **forest rights**.
- Summary of numbers and type of beneficiaries of current programs.



Benefit Sharing

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- Lack of sufficient information on the **consultations**.
 - Provide more information about **FONDO MARENA** and how the proceeds from **ERPA payments** will be earmarked in the fund.
 - Description of the monetary benefits in current **REDD+** programs.
 - What local government entities are responsible for distributing these **benefits** under these existing programs?

Benefit Sharing

- Sample **contracts** used in current **PES**, agroforestry, silvopastoral and other programs.
- Clarify the distribution of the **revenues** generated from the ER at different levels.
- The **budget** for implementation of the ER program does not include the budget to cover the cost of managing the benefit sharing arrangement.
- What **level of decision-making** would communities or producer associations have in terms of the benefits they receive?



ER Program Transactions: Land-Tenure, carbon rights, Authority to transfer titles

- Clarify the evidence of authority of the **Ministry of Finance** to sign the **ERPA**
- Explain the “**readiness**” to transfer title to **ER’s** (need for additional legal act or not).
- Specify the means to demonstrate the ability to transfer title to **ER’s** to the **FCPF** Carbon Fund.
- Explain how the program will address the **legal requirements** underlying the concept of title to emission reductions.



Safeguards: Actions undertaken to meet WB and Cancun Safeguards

- Complete: the Environmental and Social Management Plans, Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), an advanced draft of the Feedback Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM) and the Safeguards Information System (SIS).
- Design the tools, roles, responsibilities and supervision in order to strengthen the capacities of the **executing agencies**.
- Clarify the **SIS** design, including indicators for monitoring, sources of information, institutional responsibilities and costs.
- Assess the effectiveness, successes and challenges to existing **FGRM** mechanisms and develop a budget for the operation.



Safeguards: Actions undertaken to meet WB and Cancun Safeguards

- Explain how the country plans to avoid conversion from natural forests (broadleaf forest, dry forest, pine) to anthropogenic land uses.
- Explain how land conflicts will be addressed through the **FGRM**, including as it relates to its institutional arrangements.
- Clarify the implications of differentiated approaches to **formal** and **non-formal** tenure, and how benefits shall include progress on tenure security.
- Clarify whether expropriations are relevant for the **ER Program design**.



Summary of Topics Reviewed by FMT, TAP and CFP to be Reinforced

Reference Level

- **First adjustment of the FREL**
 - i. Re-estimation of activity data
 - ii. Determination of a preliminary growth rate for dry broadleaf forests.

- **Second adjustment of the NREF**
 - i. Separation of mature and broad-leaved pine forests and stands present at the beginning of the 2005 reference period .
 - ii. Validation of allometric equations.
 - iii. Determination of annual change rates in carbon stocks in land converted to forest land.
 - iv. Improvement of the adjustments of the biomass model as a function of the canopy density.
 - v. Improvement of Soil organic carbon estimation.
 - vi. Improvement of data collection for the estimation of emissions by fires.

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Benefit Sharing Plan:

- i. Consult with third level beneficiaries
- ii. FMT Recommendations and latest approved guidelines reviewed
- iii. Normative aspects.
- iv. Inter-institutional arrangements with Executing Entities
- v. Advanced Draft approved by CFP by latest November 2019

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Entity Responsible of Transfer Titling and ERPA

- i. Mutual Declaration Ministries of Environment and Natural Resources- Finance - Economy, Planning and Development

Financing Plan

- i. Consultancy on a Financing Plan
- ii. Final study in November 2019



THANK YOU!