

### **FCPF Technical Advisory Panel**

# Liberia RPP: TAP Comments & Recommendations

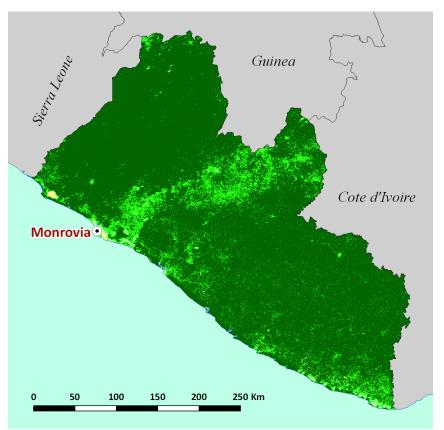
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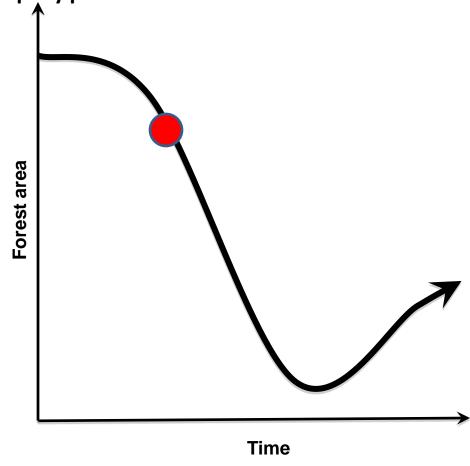
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## Liberia: Highest forest cover of any country in West Africa

Between 4.3 and 5.3 million ha of forests, 2.4 million ha of closed (high forest), about 9 million hectares of vegetation cover, pre-dominance of secondary vegetation, history of civil strife, now in a post-conflict period. Uniquely placed to contribute to emission

reductions.





## Overall Summary: Strengths of the RPP

A clearly written RPP with substantive improvements in areas and issues that the TAP had raised on earlier versions.	ıes
The process of developing the RPP has been fully owned by the Government views from in-country and some external reviewers – however with a few dedicated external partners such as CI and FFI.	
National coordination arrangements have been clarified, membership to REDD committees, such as the NCCSC and RTWG, have been expanded to include more stakeholders	
The potential for carbon stock enhancement in degraded forest lands has been sufficiently highlighted – a significant development from earlier vers	
The intention to restrict commercial plantations (e.g. palm oil) to degrade agricultural land is significant	e <b>d</b>
The proposed REDD strategy options will address drivers in a clearer way the costs and benefits of each (in emission reduction terms) estimated.	<b>– and</b>

## Areas for further improvement

- While interesting strategies have been proposed such as the transformation of the agricultural sector – there is need for mechanisms (most probably new and innovative) that will be used to influence that key sector
- ☐ The MRV Component, while markedly improved, could be stronger and more explicit on methodologies for carbon assessment within the chosen carbon pools
- ☐ The TAP recommends that there should a strong focus on a comprehensive capacity building programme with clear targets to enable Liberia to implement the overall National REDD Programme.

#### erall Summary: IA

		version	
	First Round	Second Round	Final Round
Standard 1a	Did not meet	Met	Meets
1b	Largely met	Met	Meets

Largely met

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Did not meet

Partly met

Partly met

Partly met

Largely met

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Partly met

Largely met

Largely met

Met

**Standard** 

**2**a 2b

4b

**2c** 

**2d** 

**Standard 3** Standard 4a

**Standard 5** 

**Standard 6**