



What is REDD+?

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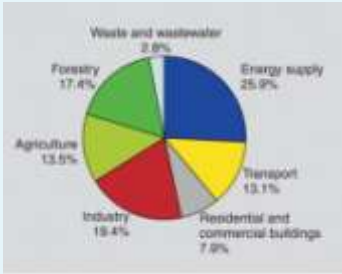


What is REDD+? definition


- REDD+ stands for:
 - Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation
- REDD+ is a new international mechanism to reward developing countries for:
 - reducing their rate of deforestation and forest degradation (REDD), and
 - increasing carbon stocks ('+').
- REDD+ is only for developing countries
- REDD+ is voluntary



Global greenhouse gas emissions

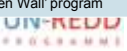


Objective of REDD+: to reduce CO₂ emissions from the forest sector



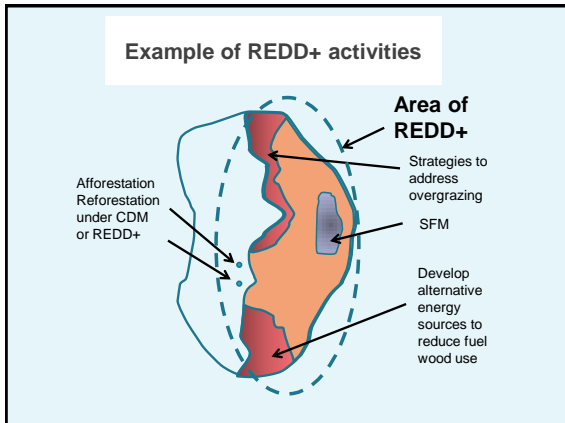
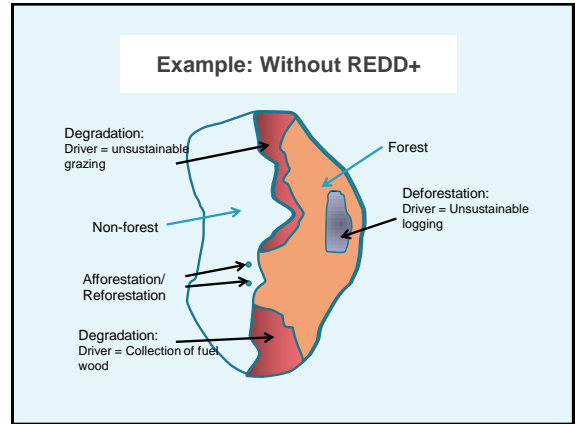
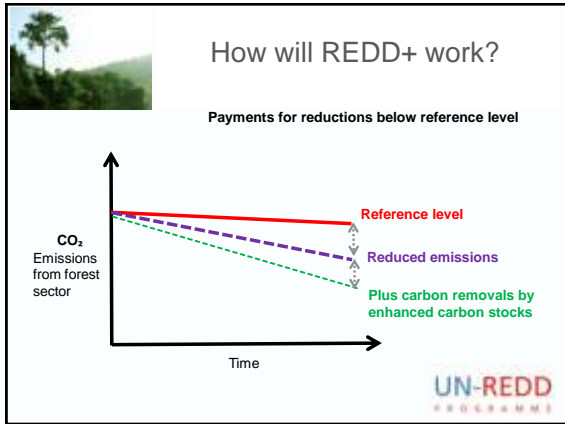
Global rationale for REDD+

- UNFCCC objective:
 - To limit increase in global temperature average to below 2°C to avoid dangerous climate change (Cancun)
- REDD+ is cost effective globally
 - Compared to other mitigation options (eg wind, solar, biofuels), reducing emissions from the forest sector is cost effective (Stern 2006).
- Protecting forests has huge co-benefits
 - Biodiversity conservation
 - Poverty reduction and improved rural livelihoods
 - Adaptation to climate change (e.g. reduce desertification, protect watersheds, etc)



Five REDD+ activities

REDD+	REDD+ activities	Example
Reducing carbon emissions ('REDD')	1. Reducing deforestation	Reducing conversion of forest into pastureland
	2. Reducing forest degradation	Reducing insect attack, forest fires, collection of fuel wood, grazing on edge of forest
Increasing carbon stocks (the '+')	3. Conserving forest carbon stocks	Improved management of protected areas
	4. Sustainable management of forests	Securing forest certification
	5. Enhancement of forest carbon stocks	Forest regeneration e.g. 'Green Wall' program



REDD+ readiness requires:

- 1. Policies and measures**
 - Example: Policy to reduce demand for fuel wood by supporting new energy sources
- 2. Forest inventory and monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV)**
 - A clear understanding of existing forest cover
 - Establish an emissions baseline
 - Building a system to monitor changes in carbon (MRV)
- 3. Benefit distribution system**
 - How will REDD+ revenues be shared?

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