

National REDD+ Taskforce in Mongolia

Working Group 2: Stakeholder Engagement and Safeguards

Terms of Reference

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1 Stakeholder Engagement

Objective:

- to establish a process for stakeholder engagement during the development of the Roadmap (until March 2012), and
- to set out a broad strategy for further stakeholder engagement during the preparation of a comprehensive national REDD+ strategy.

1.1 Initial stakeholder mapping

Please identify all potential stakeholders who might be affected by REDD+.

Categories could include:

- Government sector: national, aimag, soum, bag
- Public enterprises
- Private sector eg. Logging companies
- Land owners and users
 - Identify any potential impacts on women (eg their role in decision-making, potential impact on daily lives)
 - Identify and map the ethnic minorities in forested areas that might be affected by REDD+
- Forest resource users
 - herders
- Marginalized and vulnerable people: eg women and ethnic minorities
- Civil society organizations

The results could be presented in the form of a table using the example below:

Category	Stakeholder	Relevance to REDD+
Government sector	Forestry Agency	Responsible for ...
	Forest bureaus	Regulate forests at aimag level. Responsible for: [list responsibilities...]
	Forestry Divisions	Regulate forest at soum level. Responsible for
	Forest Units	Regulate forest at bag level. Responsible for
Land owners	Forest User Groups	There are 624 Forest User Groups in

Category	Stakeholder	Relevance to REDD+
and users	(community groups)	Mongolia. Can lease land from government for up to 60 years. Responsible for establishing a land use management plan.
	Entrepreneur entities	Can enter into a lease to use forest resources and products, etc
	Herder communities	Do not have title to land. [explain how they may be affected by REDD+]
Civil Society Groups	Mongolian Environmental Civil Council	[explain role of MECC]

1.2 Ethnic minorities and forests

Please identify the ethnic minorities that may be affected by REDD+, ie those that live in or near forested areas. Results could be presented in a table as follows:

Aimag	Forested area (ha)	Ethnic minority	Characteristics of ethnic minority
Khuvsgul	84,142	Tuvan	Language spoken is: XXX Describe extent to which ethnic minority uses forest areas Describe other special characteristics of people and how their interests will be considered when preparing Roadmap and Strategy (eg consultations, preparing REDD+ materials in Tuvan language, etc)
Bayan-Ulgii	13,205	Kazakh	

1.3 Gender equity: women

Please describe the role of women in relation to forests, eg. Their decision making power in family or institutional structures, such as in community groups; whether women are responsible for collecting fuel wood.

Please also identify whether REDD+ may have any specific impacts on women, eg if there is restricted access to firewood this may result in more work for women, etc.

1.4 Process for stakeholder engagement while preparing Roadmap

Using the results from the stakeholder mapping exercise above, please suggest a process for involving stakeholders in the preparation of the REDD+ Roadmap. This should focus on awareness raising and information sharing. Identify

possible activities for communicating with stakeholders (eg forums for community discussion, workshops, etc).

Identify any difficulties that will need to be considered: eg literacy rates, how to communicate with remote communities, different languages, seasonal limitations, etc.

For example, please describe:

- What sort of practical activities can be done to ensure that Stakeholders are made aware of what REDD+ is?
- How they can be kept informed of how the Roadmap is developing?
- What existing institutional structures or organizations can be used to help disseminate information (eg Environmental Civil Council, etc)
- How can stakeholders be given an opportunity to comment on the draft REDD+ Roadmap?
- What process can be established to allow stakeholders to give feedback and or to lodge complaints (eg Please identify a person and place with whom stakeholders can submit comments or lodge a complaint? Establish a clear contact point and a process for responding to comments/complaints?)

Describe how the higher levels of political authority will be informed on the progress of the Taskforce.

2 Safeguards

2.1 Social safeguards

Objective: to identify the potential social risks of REDD+ and to identify the steps that can be taken to reduce those risks

The UN REDD Programme has issued draft Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria (3 Sept 2011) to guide countries in developing REDD+ roadmaps and strategies. To assist with this process, please address the questions below:

Principles and criteria		Proposed action under REDD+ Strategy
<i>Principle 1 – Comply with standards of democratic governance</i>		
1.	How will Mongolia ensure that REDD+ activities will be managed in a transparent and accountable manner?	Examples: Consider linking REDD+ with Anti-corruption Agency Consider extending the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative to the forest sector Allow supervision by multi-stakeholder Taskforce
2.	How will Mongolia ensure that stakeholders are given the opportunity for full and effective participation in the development	[this should be answered by using the Stakeholder Engagement process described in the section above]

	of the REDD+ Roadmap, with special attention to the most vulnerable and marginalized groups	
<i>Principle 2 – Respect and protect stakeholder rights</i>		
4.	How will Mongolia promote and enhance gender equality and women’s empowerment in REDD+?	Mongolia has ratified CEDAW. Eg. Involve Human Rights Council Are there other organisations that could be involved?
5.	How will Mongolia seek and obtain the free, prior and informed consent of indigenous peoples and other forest dependent communities	[Note: this is an obligation under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples]
6.	How will Mongolia ensure that the cultural heritage and traditional knowledge of people will be respected and protected?	
<i>Principle 3 – Promote and enhance sustainable livelihoods</i>		
8.	How will Mongolia ensure that REDD+ contributes to sustainable livelihoods?	Eg refer to links with

2.2 Environmental safeguards

Objective: to identify potential environmental impacts of REDD+ and to put safeguards in place to reduce these risks

Please consider how REDD+ will link in with national development strategies, biodiversity protection and ecosystem services, using the table below:

<i>Principle 4 – Contribution to national development strategies and international conventions and agreements</i>		
9.	How will Mongolia ensure that REDD+ activities are consistent with national development strategies?	[list relevant national development goals]
<i>Principle 6 – Biodiversity and ecosystem services</i>		
10.	How will Mongolia ensure that REDD+ will be consistent with biodiversity conservation?	[List conventions, institutions or processes that REDD+ can link with to protect biodiversity]
11.	How will Mongolia ensure that REDD+ will contribute to ecosystem services?	[eg. Explain how REDD+ might contribute to protecting watersheds, combating desertification, etc.]