



Component Consultations

“Reconsidering the MGD Component”

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Current work

- The MGD Component coordinated and delivered three editions of the Methods and Guidance Document (MGD) and developed the REDDcompass framework
 - These resources have informed, and been informed by, the latest IPCC guidance and comply with current UNFCCC decisions
- This year, Australia is supporting the development of a new MGD Module to expand the current advice on operational methods and procedures for reporting uncertainty estimates for spatial data.



Current work

- This module will then be embedded into the GFOI suite of information products by
 - Linking the new material to relevant actions on *REDDcompass*
 - Developing a new open-source tool for the *Registry of Tools*
 - Documenting a standard operating procedure for publication on *OpenMRV*
 - Communicating to partners, including the IPCC and UNFCCC
- The MGD Advisory Group is continuing to set the priorities and endorse new content



What else should the component be doing?

- Advocacy for the use of the MGD and related resources
- Addressing priority knowledge gaps in the MGD 3.0
- Support the operations of the MGD Advisory Group, including its ongoing role in reviewing new submissions to the Registry of Tools and OpenMRV



Operations

- Traditionally, the development of holistic MGD updates has been led by the Component Manager, Chair of the Advisory Group and an assembled group of Lead authors who are supported by all GFOI partners
- The operations of the MGD Component are now centrally focused on the Advisory Group and its role in reviewing proposals for either new modules or submissions to GFOI's suite of resources
 - If these submissions are approved, the development of new materials is then self-resourced by the proponents with coordination support offered by the GFOI Office



Resourcing

- From 2011-2020 the MGD Component management was provided by Australia as a direct contribution to GFOI
- However, the production of 3 editions of the document required teams of authors and reviewers who were funded by many GFOI partners
- The development of REDDcompass into a user friendly platform also drew heavily on the expertise of the GFOI community
- Australia is also leading the development of the next module but new material to fill priority gaps in current guidance can be funded by any partner as direct contribution.



Resourcing

- Additional human resources that support the MGD component are centrally managed by the GFOI Office - through contributions from both Australia and Norway
 - The MGD Advisory Group chair
 - The REDDcompass administrator
- The IT administration of REDDcompass also supports the management and availability of other GFOI online resources - the MGD, Registry of Tools and OpenMRV.



Key partners for success

The MGD is at the heart of the GFOI and relies on the entire community to compile, endorse, update and use these resources.

- ***Responsible:*** Australia, GFOI Office, Authors and other contributors
- ***Accountable:*** Australia, Norway, FAO
- ***Consulted:*** GFOI leads, plus Capacity Building, R&D and Data Component managers.
- ***Informed:*** All members of the GFOI community



Metrics for success

- Statistics from REDDcompass are a reliable and easily generated assessment of use.
- Additional metrics could be sourced through analysis of updated to the GFOI Inventory of Activities
- The MGD (like most other GFOI activities) is produced by the collaborative efforts of GFOI partners. For this reason, many key performance indicators are largely reported against individual programs.
- We are actively looking for ways to ensure that activities identified as being in-kind contributions to the GFOI can be quantified as to the benefits to the entire community.



Please get in touch if you have more questions or if you would like to be involved in future updates to the GFOI MGD.

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