

Future challenges in REDD+ for Fiji

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Fiji's Achievements

Governance:

- Effective multi-sectoral national REDD+
 Steering Committee
- National REDD+ Policy (2011) and incorporation in various sector plans & policies
- Carbon rights and legal framework analysis
- National guidelines for FPIC and Land Use Planning being developed with all stakeholders



Fiji's Achievements

- > Monitoring:
 - 2 national forest inventories completed
 - national system of permanent sample plots (PSP) and wall-to-wall measurement established
 - Forest carbon stock calculation and forest cover change assessment (2012)
 - Biodiversity monitoring framework in progress
 - MRV system to be developed by 2017



Fiji's Achievements

- **Pilot implementation:**
 - National REDD+ pilot project (Emalu) established
 - Lessons for FPIC approach, biodiversity monitoring, legal framework, incentives, and other technical and social issues developed
 - Further initiatives on elements around sustainable land & resource management contribute to national REDD+ framework



Major challenges ahead

- Substantial improvements of remote sensing support for degradation assessment
- Rolling out REDD+ activities nationwide within given time frame
- Secure funding in the long term
- ➤ Continuously improve efficiency and linkage between national support framework and ground implementation
- > Addressing competing land use incentives



Research and cooperation needs

- Degradation assessment and forest monitoring via remote sensing
- Assessments and guidance on systems of national REDD+ implementation
- ➤ Strong support framework for efficient use of international funds. Complexity should be avoided!
- Exchange on methodologies and experiences regarding national support framework for subnational scale activities
- Exchange of ideas on joint incentives with competing sectors



