Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD) Existing Initiatives Around the World

Emissions from deforestation account for about 15 percent of total man-made global greenhouse gas emissions and are the bulk of emissions in many developing countries. For example, more than three-fourths of Indonesia's emissions and two-thirds of Brazil's emissions result directly from deforestation. Because of deforestation, Indonesia and Brazil are the world's third and fourth largest greenhouse gas emitters.

Developing countries can immediately and substantially reduce their emissions by reducing deforestation. Strong provisions for forest protection in U.S. legislation will provide the economic incentives for such action. These provisions will also lower the cost for large emitters in the United States to comply with a domestic cap.

REDD initiatives are happening around the world. Support for REDD is gaining traction in national and sub-national climate change policy in developed and developing countries. This map highlights several examples of where and how this is happening.*

Project for Emissions Reduction from Avoided Deforestation and Degradation in the Forests of the Maya Biosphere Reserve Petén, Guatemala

CO₂ reduction: 1 million tCO₂e/yr

Area: 1.5 million acres Status: Design phase

Acre State REDD Program

CO₂ reduction: 4.2 million tCO₂e/yr

Acre State, Brazil

Area: 14.3 million acres

Status: Design phase

Government of Acre State

National Council of Protected Areas; Asociación de Comunidades Forestales de Petén

Juma Reserve REDD Project

Novo Aripuaña, Amazonas State, Brazil

CO₂ reduction: 4.3 million tCO₂e/yr Area: 1.5 million acres Status: Selling

Government of Amazonas State; Amazonas Sustainable Foundation

Kasigau Corridor REDD Project

Kasigau, Kenya

CO₂ reduction: 175,000 tCO₂e/yr Area: 74,600 acres

Status: Validated

Wildlife Works Inc.; Conservation International

Province of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam, Indonesia

Status: Design phase

Ulu Masen

CO₂ reduction: 3.4 million tCO₂e/yr Area: 1.9 million acres

Government of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam (Aceh) Province

Vietnam UN-REDD Programme

Lam Dong Province, Vietnam

CO₂ reduction: TBD Area: TBD

Status: Design phase

UN-REDD; Vietnamese Department of Forestry and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Berau Forest Carbon Program East Kalimantan, Indonesia

Last Railinantan, Indonesia

CO₂ reduction: est. 10 million tCO₂e over 5 years

Area: 2 million acres Status: Design phase

The Nature Conservancy; Indonesia Ministry of Forestry and district and provincial governments; other NGOs

Noel Kempff Climate Action Project

San Inacia, Santa Cruz, Bolivia

CO₂ reduction: 1,034,107 tCO₂e

verified thus far

Area: 1.6 million acres
Status: Implemented/verified

The Nature Conservancy; Fundación Amigos de la Naturaleza (FAN)

Makira Forest Protected Area

Makira Forest Plateau, Madagascar

CO₂ reduction: 317,000 tCO₂e/yr Area: 865,000 acres Status: Selling

Madagascar Ministry of Forestry; Wildlife Conservation Society



Finding the ways that work

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