

Overall Report

Groups 1, 2, 3, & 4

What land uses are appropriate for REDD in Ghana?

Intact forest

- Protect existing protected areas (including wildlife Parks, Community protected areas, GSBAs, sacred groves, community dedicated lands, private reserved lands) where threatened
- Management for environmental services
- Law enforcement for effective management of existing forest management areas

Forest land Mosaics (Degraded Forest Reserve)

- Re-forestation (Timber?) with thinning along the establishment phase- including Taungya
- Natural regeneration
- Enrichment planting
- Traditional rotational farming systems

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Forest land Mosaics (Remnant forests outside reserved areas)

- Sacred grooves-(Conservation)
- off reserve primary/secondary forests
- Mangroves
- swamps
- Other Wetlands
- Hills (Watersheds)

*Ecological
Services*

On-farm Areas (Off- reserve)

- Cocoa-Tree combination (need to clarify the intensity of trees required)
- Cocoyam/plantain-tree combination
- Coffee-tree combination
- Other Agro-forestry types

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Existing Afforestation / Reforestation projects

(where it results in avoided deforestation and degradation
(Boundary with LULUCF/CDM?))

- Woodlots
- Buffer zones
- Green belts

Savannah Woodlands

- Agro-sylvopastoral
- Other management options to be explored

Denuded sites

- Rehabilitated open cast mine sites
- Settlements (urban trees)

What land uses are appropriate for REDD in Ghana?

	FR	OFR
Current stock	high/medium	low
Area	20%	80%
Reduce loss (REDD)	+++	+
Increase gain (A/R)	+	+++

	REDD	A/R
Froest Res:	+ (Strong potential)	
CFMP=taungy		+
Production	+ (In reality)	
Protect	+ (In reality)	
Conversion		+
Tree crops:	+	+
Rubber	+	+
Oil palm	+	+
Cocoa	+	+
Fruit trees	+	+
Food crops:	+(with right time frame)	
Fallow:	+ (issues of food crops and other users)	
2nd Froest:	+ (Issues of food crops and other users)	
Sav. Forest		+
Degraded lands		+
Wetland	+	+
Forest Patches	+	
Wood logs		+
Watershed zones	+	+
Mining		+ (Reforestaion)
Human settlement		+ (Reforestation)

What Key priorities & how can they be achieved?

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

- Prepare stakeholders through appropriate awareness and education programme (use of leaflets, press articles, durbars, standard curriculum to be used by all trainers.
- Information at multiple levels
- Identify stakeholders and land use options for different areas
- Economic analysis of sites
- Extent and nature of forest resource dependency

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INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

- Use REDD booklet to develop thematic information relevant to the various stakeholders
- Have a resource centre to serve as a resource base for the knowledge that is being generated
- Participatory assessment/mapping and economic analysis of land use options
- Forest resource dependency levels
- Appropriate education, communication and information in building national capacity

What Key priorities & how can they be achieved?

Capacity building

- Skills (Negotiation and advocacy)for Communities and CBOs to negotiate, know their rights, developed community structures.
- Development of what constitute credible high quality carbon
- Build on available knowledge
- Strengthen the climate change Unit of FC / MEST
- Understanding the standards being developed for REDD+

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Ownership of process by all stakeholders/Participation Plus

- There must be common understanding of REDD+ and what it entails (e.g., what is included in REDD+, what are the benefits, what are the responsibilities, what are the basic REDD+ processes for communities to join)
- Engaging local level participation in shaping REDD concept and content (changing the language and the approach)
- Community's participation should be given higher priority
- District/forest forum need to be key platforms in decision making
- Incentive system/package to influence positive change in behaviour

Ownership of process by all stakeholders/Participation Plus

- Resources for representative to consult and give feed-back
- Skills –negotiation, advocacy
- Multi-stakeholder mechanism strengthened and built (Strong non-state representation)
- Community + Local government participation + private sector (the nice ones)
- Broaden the multi stakeholders platform

What Key priorities & how can they be achieved?

Institutional framework

- Mechanism to co-ordinate, facilitate, and ensure understanding of REDD+ among forestry sector institutions
- Civil societies, local communities and government to partner
- Mapping of NGO activities to enhance collaboration and to reduce duplication and improve alignment.

Benefit Sharing system

- Formula for sharing benefits
- Distribution mechanism
- Clarity on tree and land use rights in the tenure system
- Land reforms: Stakeholders to input into the policy review with respect to REDD+.
- Building system for monitoring, auditing distribution of benefits
- Revolve fund system
- Micro-finance system (rural banking)

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Policy and Legislative Framework/ Reform

- Strategy to work with and possible path for reform of existing policy and legislation
- Secured tree tenure (off-reserve and carbon rights)
- Regularization of Chainsaw lumber production
- Legal Recognition of benefit sharing formula and distribution system
- Include REDD + in national climate change policy
- Ongoing policy and legislative reforms to include REDD (VPA, certification, EITI)
- Legal definition of carbon rights

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Sustainable Funding

- Seek international community assistance to establish national funding infrastructures for REDD
- Sufficient funds from donors and internal sources for readiness activities: Strengthen communication between government and donors.
- Financing for projects development and first phase of implementation
- Realistic assessment of opportunity cost
- Regulate speculative COW BOYs
- Investors (Fund –Market) to get what they pay for
- Fair return for assets (Social, Cultural, environment, economic)
- Provide adequate funding to all the structures needed

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Integration into wider development programme

- Wider development strategy
- Vision 2020?
- Upcoming CC and Carbon dev. Planning
- District assembly and local area planning