# REDD: quelle échelle de mise en œuvre pour quel monitoring ?

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### Focus:

Introduction: setting up a REDD mechanism: Reference Emission level and Monitoring and Verification

Forest definition and implications to assess and monitor deforestation and degradation under the various RED+D+ policies

How The state of Art : existing knowledge about forest cover and conversion modification rates in Cameroon (based on EO technology)

Predicting rates: Drivers, Actors



- The reference scenario will be crucial to determine the level of participation of a country or project to REDD and the identification of strategies to be implemented to reduce deforestation and forest degradation.
- Technically it would need to include: (i) the locations that are most likely to be affected by forest-cover change, (ii) the rate at which forest-cover changes are likely to proceed in a given region (Gofc-Gold Source Book 2009).
- 3) The reference scenario can be set at the project level but should be integrated in the bigger picture of the national Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system. It should be based on repeatable methodologies and use policy relevant categories (use the Gofc-Gold Source Book 2009 as reference).

### Forest definition adopted by Cameroon:

*« La forêt est une terre d'une superficie minimale de 0,1 hectare, portant des arbres et végétaux arborescents dont le houppier couvre plus de 30% de la surface (ou ayant une densité de peuplement équivalente) et qui peuvent atteindre à maturité une hauteur minimale de 5 mètres ".* 

IPCC definition includes "Young natural stands and all plantations which have yet to reach a crown density of 10 - 30 per cent or tree height of 2 - 5 m as are areas normally forming part of the forest which are temporarily unstocked as a result of human intervention such as harvesting or natural causes but which are expected to revert to forest."

AFOLU = Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use



Forest Definition and Implications for the analysis of AFOLU/Analysis of the definitions versus reality of land cover continua

The term **'Forest'**, covers many types of land cover and use, varying in presence of trees (including zero tree cover lands), C-storage and C-emission potential.



The term 'Non-Forest' can cover many types of land cover and use, potentially with a lot of trees, Cstorage and C-emission potential. "Temporarily unstocked", without time limit...



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#### Forest Definition and Implications for the analysis of AFOLU: Analysis of the definitions versus reality of land cover continua

secondary forest: dense

secondary forest: very dense

Settlment Built up area Imperata wetlands, barren, burn Young fallow, chromolaen odorata Farmlands:slash and burn Old Fallow, regenrated Fores (some cocoa) Cocoa and mature secondary forest Cocoa and young secondary forest Old growth forest dense Old growth forest very dense Mature Secondary Forest



### Rules of the game, eligibility of types of emission reduction

Young an mature secondary forest: dense Young and mature secondary forest: very dense Mature Secondary Forest: humid, swampy Old growth forest very dense Old growth forest dense Cocoa and young secondary forest Cocoa and mature secondary forest Old Fallow, regenrated Forest (some cocoa) Farmlands:slash and burn Young fallow, chromolaen odorata Imperata wetlands, barren, burn Settlment Built up area

#### The state of art: Forest cover? Deforestation rate? Degradation?



Estimates of Forest cover depend on:

- 1) Technology available/used (fn of information requirements, costs tradeoffs, capacity tradeoffs etc.)
- 2) Methodology adopted (fn of information requirements, costs trade-offs, capacity tradeoffs etc.)
- 3) Definition of land cover classes (what is forest?)



#### *<u>The state of art</u>: Forest cover? <u>Deforestation rate</u>? Degradation?*



\*Gross rate is 0.20%, with 0.6% regenerating = there is 0.26% of total forest cover interested by conversion

Estimates of Deforestation Rate for a temporal interval depend on:

- 1) Forest cover data
- 2) Definition of Deforestation
- 3) Spatial and temporal scale considered



Degradation:

Data on degradation in Cameroon: Duveiller et al. 2008 net degradation 0.01% = 1970 ha (0.07 degraded + 0.06 recovered => modification dynamic that concerns 0.13% of the humid forest cover ).

Uncertainties at various levels from the tree to the cover

Uncertainties in the definition and institutional management of degradation



#### Predicting Rates: Drivers



#### **Underlying causes**

Deforestation (and degradation)rates are related to a combination of direct drivers and underlying causes (Lambin et al. 2001), and to the type of feedbacks that relate land use decision-making to land cover change.



# **Cases of and Actors in Deforestation**

Case	Location	<b>Primary actors</b>	Secondary actors
Small-scale agricultural conversion for subsistence and market (domestic consumption e.g. Plantain, or export e.g.cocoa)	NPFD	Small-scale farmers, National Institutions and Private Companies.	Traders, Exporters, regional and international MINADER, MINEPAT, MINCOM,
Conversion for agro- industry and plantations: oil palm, banana, rubber.	NPFD	Companies (national/multi-national ) agricultural and economic sectors	MINADER, MIN-COM, MINEPAT
Mining	PFD NPFD	Mining companies, banks	Central and regional governments, Minister of Mining , MINEPAT.
Infrastructure development (roads)	PFD NPFD	MINTRANSPORT,	Central and Regional governments, MINEPAT.



## **Cases of and Actors in Forest Degradation**

<b>Case</b> Industrial logging	<b>Location</b> PFD: UFA, Council Forests, SSA	<b>Primary actors</b> logging companies/ concessionaries, councils,	Secondary actors councils, timber industry, MINFOF,MINEP.
Artisanal logging	NPFD: Private and community forest (SSA, RBA etc.)	Owners, local communities, small scale loggers,	Local timber industry, building industry,MINFOF
Illegal logging formal sector	PFD	logging companies and local communities.	Governments, timber industry
Illegal logging informal sector	NPFD	Small scale loggers, small scale farmers, local communities .	Local timber industry, building industry



## conclusions

- Assessing deforestation and degradation in the countries along the coast in the Gulf of Guinea is still challenging:
- There are technical issues in the applications of EO techniques that will be solved with the evolving technology (use of RADar etc.)
- There are issues related to definition of land cover /land use classes and the policy framework that makes modifications/transitions eligible or not and should be tackled soon.
- There are issues related to the fine grained small-scale farming that determines specific requirements for monitoring (e.g. Cocoa is not detected, Fallow rotations are captured depending on the time and spatial scale considered but fallows could be considered forest).
- Need of integrating as much as possible project level initiatives into national level implementation (in particular the understanding of the dynamics) and to precisely situate case studies and initiatives into the national context in order to avoid leakage risks and assure permanence.
- Need to develop a strong cross-sectoral collaboration and to look outside the forest to the agricultural/mining etc. sectors.



# THANK YOU!