

Forests for Climate

**A Greenpeace proposal for an effective and fair
REDD mechanism**

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Context

- Global emissions peak required by 2015
- Upper end of 25-40% reduction by A1 required by 2020
- On top of this, 15-30% relative reduction by NA1 required
- EU set an objective of 50% reduction of gross tropical deforestation by 2020
- Funding requirements estimated in the range of 30 billion euro / y
- Ecosystems destruction may cost 1,500-3,000 billion euro / y

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Some issues relating to REDD

- Impact on indigenous peoples and local communities
- Impact on biodiversity and forest ecosystems
- Carbon leakage (deforestation merely displaced)
- Effectiveness in reducing emissions (baselines, additionality, permanence, measures accuracy)
- Amount and predictability of funding
- Governance and capacities/costs for MRV
- Actual impact on climate (offsets vs supplemental)
- Impact on carbon markets

Joint Objectives



- Contribute to climate change mitigation
- Preserve biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Uphold rights and interests of indigenous peoples and local communities

Scope



- Inclusive of all tropical countries committing to preserve their forests
- National level and performance based (reduced deforestation)
- Provides also funding for capacity building and prevention of leakage in low deforestation countries

Means



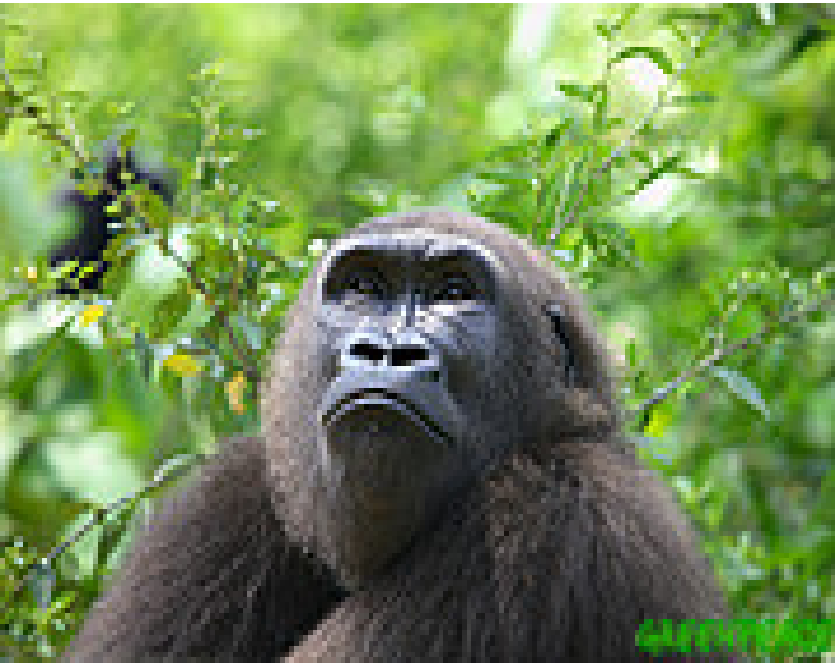
- An international fund under the COP (Forest window of a Global Climate Fund?)
- Funded by a mandatory contribution from A1 countries
% of AAU's set aside / auctioned
- Emission reductions achieved **on top of industrialised countries commitments** (no offsetting of industrial emissions).
- Fund's governance enabling fair representation of tropical countries and IP's reps + link to CBD

Addressing leakage



- Inclusive coverage, including low deforestation / low capacity countries
- National accounting of emissions
No “project-based / subnational transition”
- Incentives for preservation of large intact forests landscapes
Similar to the “forest cover factor”

Preserve biodiversity and ecosystem services



- **Gross accounting** of emissions
Towards zero gross deforestation objectives
- Priority actions : preserving largely intact and other natural forests
Reduce deforestation of ancient forests and prevent leakage – no dilution in REDD+ activities with low co-benefits
- No perverse incentives into funding the expansion of drivers of deforestation
Logging industry and conversion to plantations

Uphold the rights of IP / forest communities



- Acknowledge and support the role of “guardians of the forest” played by forest peoples
- Clarify and reinforce land rights and land use rights of IP’s and local communities
- Empower IP’s / forest communities as actors of the REDD process all along

Thank you for your attention

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