

**CAMPA funded ICFRE Scheme:
Execution of Readiness Activities for Implementation of REDD+ in India**

Progress Report

Physical Progress

1. Development of Safeguard Information System for REDD+

- A.** Constituted an Expert Committee for development of the Safeguards Information System for REDD+.
- B.** Consulted relevant reports and publications of national and international organizations and UNFCCC- COP decisions related to REDD+ safeguards. Consulted of existing policies, law and regulations related to forests and natural resources of the Government of India for preparation of the draft safeguards information system.
- C.** Several rounds of the meeting of the Expert Committee were organized for finalization of the draft Safeguards Information System for implementation of REDD+ in India.
- D.** Organized nine regional stakeholder's consultation workshops in different parts of the country to get the inputs of the stakeholders on the draft Safeguards Information System for REDD+ as per following details:

S. No.	ICFRE's institutes involved	States covered in the regional stakeholder consultation workshops	Date of the stakeholder consultation
1.	IWST, Bengaluru	Karnataka and Goa	16/09/2020
2.	TFRI, Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Odisha	30/09/2020
3.	HFRI, Shimla	Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh	09/10/2020
4.	FRI, Dehradun	Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi	14/10/2020
5.	RFRI, Jorhat	North-eastern states	22/10/2020
6.	AFRI Jodhpur	Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Rajasthan, Gujarat	03/11/2020
7.	IFP, Ranchi	Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal	05/11/2020
8.	IFGTB, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Lakshadweep, Kerala	16/12/2020
9.	IFB, Hyderabad	Telangana, Andhra Pradesh	04/01/2021

- E.** A consultation workshop was also organized in the month of December 2020 at ICFRE, Dehradun to get the inputs of the Frontline Staff of State Forest Departments and members of the Van Panchayats on draft safeguards information system.

- F. Relevant inputs of the aforesaid stakeholder consultation workshops on the draft Safeguards Information System have been incorporated in the draft which was finalized by the Expert Committee.
- G. Submitted the Final Draft safeguards information system for REDD+ to the Forest Policy Division of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India for webhosting.
- H. Forest Policy Division, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change webhosted the draft safeguards information system for REDD+ for public comments on the website of the Ministry on dated 13/09/2021. Webhosting process has been completed on 15 October 2021. Final Draft Safeguards Information System is attached as an Annexure – 1

Financial Progress

S. No.	Total Approved Budget (Rs. in Lakh)	Financial Expenditure (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	120.40	24 .00

Area of Concern: This scheme was submitted to the National CAMPA for the duration of 18 months. However, the Executive Body of the National Authority recommended the scheme with a reduced duration of 9 months (from 18 months to 9 months) which was further approved by the Governing body of the National CAMPA.

The draft document on Safeguards Information System for REDD+ was prepared and was to be finalized after due stakeholder consultation processes. There was delay in organization of stakeholder consultation workshops due to COVID-19 pandemic. After that it was decided to conduct the regional stakeholder consultation workshops in a virtual mode. Nine regional stakeholder consultation workshops on draft safeguards information system were organized by January 2021.

After finalization of the Safeguards Information System, a web-based SIS module has to be developed for collection of information on REDD+ Safeguards from the States for preparation of Summary of Information on Safeguards for periodical submission of the report to the UNFCCC.

A knowledge sharing platform on REDD+ has to be developed alongwith SIS module. Organisation of the trainings for building the capacity of the SFDs has also been delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic as it was not feasible to organize the capacity building programmes in the pandemic situations as per the Government Guidelines.

Keeping above points in to consideration, National CAMPA was requested to extend the project period up to 31 December 2021. However, necessary communication in this regard is still not received from the National CAMPA.

Further, no cost extension of the scheme is required up to June 2022 for completion of the remaining activities of the scheme.