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|  <p>CDM: Response form for request for clarification on Approved Methodologies (version 01.1)</p> | |
| Date of A/R Working Group meeting: | A/R Working Group 23 25 - 27 February 2009 |
| Title and number of request for clarification | AR_AM_CLA_0006: GHG emissions from removal of herbaceous vegetation |
| <p>Summary of the query:</p> <p>Please use the space below to summarize the request for clarification on the related approved methodologies.</p> <p>EB 42 indicated that emissions from the removal of herbaceous can be neglected in accounting GHG emissions in A/R CDM activities.</p> <p>It is considered unclear if the decision also applies to carbon stocks in herbaceous vegetation (i.e. vegetation out competed in the course of project implementation) that is assessed as part of the baseline and which is commonly discounted in the calculation of (ex-ante and ex-post) net anthropogenic GHG removals by sinks.</p> <p>Clarification on the necessity to consider herbaceous vegetation as part of baseline stocks is requested.</p> <p>Applicability: ALL CDM AR METHODOLOGIES</p> | |
| <p>Recommendation by the A/R Working Group:</p> <p>Please use the space below to provide amendments /changes (in your expert view, if necessary).</p> <p>The response of the A/R WG is available in the report of the working group from its twenty-third meeting.</p> | |
| <p>Answer to authors of the request for clarification by the A/R Working Group :</p> <p>Please use the space below to provide an answer to the authors of the above query</p> <p>The A/R WG clarified that input from changes in carbon stocks in herbaceous vegetation to the baseline net GHG removals by sinks is insignificant and shall be accounted for as zero.</p> <p>The A/R WG further clarified that that input from changes in carbon stocks and emissions of the greenhouse gases measured in CO₂ equivalents from any removal, including but not limited to burning, harvesting or decay, of herbaceous vegetation to the actual net greenhouse gas removals by sinks is insignificant and shall be accounted for as zero.</p> <p>In their decision, the A/R WG recognized that there are areas where the carbon stocks in herbaceous vegetation are large, but it was considered that on average, the stocks would be insignificant in areas that are likely to be subject to an A/R CDM project activity.</p> | |
| Signature of A/R Working Group Chair Date: 27/02/2009 |  (José Domingos Miguez) |



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