 <p align="center">CDM: Recommendation Form for Small Scale A/R Methodologies and Procedures (version 01) <i>(To be used for presenting analysis or recommendation to questions/proposals/amendments to the simplified methodologies for small-scale A/R CDM project activity categories)</i></p>	
Date of A/R WG meeting:	A/R Working Group 19 14 - 16 April 2008
Title/Subject (use the original title of the submission):	Soil intervention and intercropping
Indicative approved small-scale A/R methodology to which the recommendation relates to.	AR-AMS0001 (considered also relevant to any other A/R-CDM methodology)
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Summary of the query:	
(Please use the space below to summarize the query related to SSC A/R methodologies/categories SSC A/R Modalities and Procedures.)	
<p>The request for clarifying the applicability of AR-AMS0001/version 04.1 in relation to the extent of soil preparation for planting, and particularly in relation to soil preparation for intercropping activities.</p> <p>Paragraph I.1.(d) of the AR-AMS0001/version 04.1 reads: "project activities are implemented on lands where <10% of the total surface project area is disturbed as result of soil preparation for planting".</p> <p>With respect to the above applicability condition, the authors seek clarification to the following questions:</p> <p>(i) If the applicability condition on soil disturbance as a result of preparation for planting (as mentioned in paragraph I.1.(d) of the AR-AMS0001/version 04.1, namely: "project activities are implemented on lands where <10% of the total surface project area is disturbed as result of soil preparation for planting") refers only to soil preparation needed for planting; and</p> <p>(ii) If the methodology AR-AMS0001/version 04.1 is applicable for projects involving small-farm agricultural intercropping with annual crops in areas covering more than 10% of the total surface project area and occurring after planting.</p>	
Recommendation by the A/R WG :	
(Please use the space below to provide analysis/recommendation to the request for clarification/amendments/revisions related to the SSC A/R methodology.)	
Please refer to the 19th report of the A/R Working group for the response to the clarification.	

Answer to authors of query by the A/R WG :

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The A/R WG clarified that the condition “project activities are implemented on lands where less than 10% of the total surface project area is disturbed as result of soil preparation for planting” is intended to limit soil disturbance associated with planting which could possibly lead to loss of soil carbon, since for simplicity changes in soil carbon stocks are not accounted for in the small-scale methodology. It is expected that soil preparation for planting in the context of an A/R project activity is typically a once-per-rotation soil disturbance.

Any soil disturbance that was not present in the baseline scenario, and is introduced after starting date of the A/R CDM project activity, is allowed only if the disturbance covers less than 10% of the total project area.

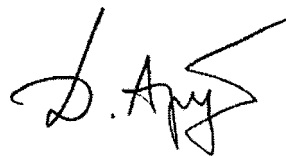
The A/R WG further clarified that after initiation of the A/R CDM project activity, any soil disturbance present in the baseline scenario - e.g., due to cropping activities - may continue within the same area as in the baseline scenario, and at the same or a lesser level of disturbance.



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