

**DRAFT GUIDANCE ON APPLICATION OF THE DEFINITION OF THE PROJECT
BOUNDARY TO A/R CDM PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

1. At validation project proponents shall demonstrate that, for all areas of land planned for A/R CDM project activity, the control over afforestation or reforestation as required by modalities and procedures¹ for the A/R CDM activity is already established or is expected to be established.
 2. At validation project proponents shall also demonstrate that all areas of land planned for A/R CDM project activity comply with all A/R CDM requirements for validation and registration, except for the control.
 3. The area of land for which control over the A/R CDM project activity is already established at validation shall be at a minimum 2/3 of the total area of land planned for A/R CDM project activities.
 4. For all areas of land for which control over the A/R CDM project activity has not yet been established at validation, evidence of control shall at the latest be available by the time of the first verification.
 5. For the purpose of validation, all areas of land planned for A/R CDM project activities shall be assessed, however:
 - (a) Additionality shall be determined separately for:
 - The area of land for which control over the A/R CDM project activities is already established by the project proponents;
 - The entire area of land; and
 - (b) Baseline net greenhouse gas removals by sinks shall be separately estimated for:
 - The area of land for which control over the A/R CDM project activities is already established by the project proponents;
 - The entire area of land.
- Each of the estimates of baseline net greenhouse gas removals by sinks shall be expressed on a per hectare basis. The larger of these estimates shall be used to determine the baseline net greenhouse gas removals by sinks for the A/R CDM project activity used for calculation of tCERs or ICERs for the purpose of issuance.
6. At the first verification the DOE, according to Para 34 (d) of modalities and procedures,¹ shall confirm those areas of land for which the control over A/R CDM project activity has been established by the project proponents since validation.
 7. At the first verification the project boundary shall be fixed in such a way that it geographically delineates exclusively the afforestation or reforestation project activity under the control of the project participants.

¹ Annex to Decision 5/CMP.1 “Modalities and procedures for afforestation and reforestation project activities under the clean development mechanism in the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol”.

8. As a part of the first verification report the DOE shall confirm that the boundary of A/R CDM project activity geographically delineates exclusively the afforestation or reforestation project activity under the control of the project participants.