

Questionnaire for soliciting public inputs on the draft revised tool “Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks of trees and shrubs in A/R CDM project activities”

QUESTIONNAIRE

Part I: Overall assessment of the draft document

Please indicate if you have had any experience with the use of this methodological tool in any A/R CDM project activity (Yes/No).

Please provide general suggestions for improvement and editorial comments on the draft document. For example, is the document:

- (a) Well written;
- (b) Simple and accessible;
- (c) User-friendly;
- (d) Well-organized, with flow of logic that is clear;
- (e) Exemplified;
- (f) Complete?

Part II: Input on specific and technical issues

Two methods for estimation of change in tree biomass using sample plots are provided in the draft (see pages 2–9 and 10–15). Please provide your answers, including relevant explanation/analysis/simulation to substantiate your answers, to the following specific questions related to these methods:

- (a) The stock change method and the increment method are two options for project participants to account and monitor carbon removals in living biomass. Are these two methods sufficient? If not, can you recommend an alternative method?
- (b) In the stock change method, tagging, marking or mapping of individual trees is not required. If you are using the stock change method:
 - (i) Would you tag or mark the trees anyway?
 - (ii) If yes, then why? Or If no, then why not?
- (c) In the increment method, is tagging, marking or mapping of individual trees and tracking these trees across successive measurements necessary?
 - (i) If so, why; and if not, why not?
 - (ii) Would the requirement to tag, mark or map individual trees be a barrier to your using the increment method?

- (d) What are the cost implications, if any, of attaching unique identifiers to individual trees and tracking these trees across successive measurements, while keeping both the plot location and the tree markers hidden from the persons managing the plantation?
 - (i) Will the monitoring and verification cost increase or decrease because of this requirement?
 - (ii) How significant will be the increase or decrease in the monitoring and verification cost?

- (e) What are the other advantages or disadvantages of attaching unique identifiers to individual trees and tracking these trees across successive measurements, for example, relevant to accuracy, transparency, etc?

Part III: Other comments/inputs

Please provide comments/inputs on any other general or specific issue that you identify with the draft, using the commenting table on the next page.

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