

Annex 6**RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROCEDURES TO DEFINE THE ELIGIBILITY OF LANDS FOR AFFORESTATION AND REFORESTATION PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

1. Project participants shall provide evidence that the land within the planned project boundary is eligible as the A/R CDM project activity.
2. Demonstrate that the land at the moment the project starts is not a forest by providing information that:
 - (a) The land is below the forest national thresholds (crown cover, tree height and minimum land area) for forest definition under Decisions 11/CP.7 and 19/CP.9 as communicated by the respective DNA; and
 - (b) The land is not temporarily unstocked as a result of human intervention such as harvesting or natural causes or is not covered by young natural stands or plantations which have yet to reach a crown density or tree height in accordance with national thresholds and which have the potential to revert to forest without human intervention.
3. Demonstrate that the activity is a reforestation or afforestation project activity:
 - (a) For reforestation project activities demonstrate that:
 - (i) On 31 December 1989, the land is below the forest national thresholds (crown cover, tree height and minimum land area) for forest definition under Decision 11/CP.7 as communicated by the respective DNA; and
 - (ii) The land is not temporarily unstocked as a result of human intervention such as harvesting or natural causes or is not covered by young natural stands or plantations which have yet to reach a crown density or tree height in accordance with national thresholds and which have the potential to revert to forest without human intervention.
 - (b) For afforestation project activities demonstrate that:
 - (i) The land is below the forest national thresholds (crown cover, tree height and minimum land area) for forest definition under Decision 11/CP.7 as communicated by the respective DNA, for a period of at least 50 years.
4. In order to demonstrate steps 1 and 2 project participants shall provide verifiable information such as:
 - (a) Aerial photographs or satellite imagery complemented by ground reference data; or
 - (b) Ground based surveys (land use permits, land use plans or information from local registers such as cadastre, owners register, land use or land management register); or

(c) If options (a) and (b) are not available/applicable, project participants shall submit a written testimony which was produced by following a participatory rural appraisal methodology¹.

¹ Participatory rural appraisal (PRA) is an approach to the analysis of local problems and the formulation of tentative solutions with local stakeholders. It makes use of a wide range of visualisation methods for group-based analysis to deal with spatial and temporal aspects of social and environmental problems.