Call for public inputs	Draft revision of methodological tool "Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks of trees and shrubs in A/R CDM project activities"

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Issue No.	**Issue to be addressed** **(including need for change)**	**Proposed change** **(including proposed text, if applicable)**
1	The name of the methodology is not much specific	The title of the methodology should be slightly modified by inserting «...*in the living biomass*…» before «...*of trees and shrubs*…» In this way the reader will be certain that the *dead biomass* carbon pool is not taken into account in the current methodological tool.
2	The threshold of $u_{\Delta C}$ (see equation 6). Clarification	In paragraph 17 the rationale for setting at 10% the threshold of $u_{\Delta C}$ (see equation 6) which calls for a conservativeness correction of that uncertainty value should be provided.
3	The threshold for crown cover of either trees or shrubs. Clarification	In each of paragraphs 19 and 43 the rationale for choosing 20% as the threshold for crown cover should be provided.
4	No-decrease (paragraph 21). Restricted	No reason is provided for not adopting the criterion of no-decrease in shrub biomass as complementary to the criterion of no-decrease in tree biomass for assessing the performance of the project.
5	Default value for R (equations 10 & 21). Clarification	In each of equations 10 and 21 the rationale for choosing 0.25 as a default value for R (root-shoot ratio) should be given.
6	Paragraph 23. Deletion	Paragraph 23 could be removed because the linearity assumption for the change in carbon stocks between any two points in time is implicit in equation 11.
7	The characterisation of the time interval *T* (equations 11 & 25). Clarification	In each of equations 11 and 25 it is stated that *T* can be a fractional number. This implies that $0 < T \leq 1$, which means that two successive measurements are made in less than one year between them. This most probably is a very short time to detect a measurable change in carbon stocks in either trees or shrubs. If «*real number*» were substituted for «*fractional value*» in the statement on *T* the idea of expressing it with a decimal representation—e.g. 2.45 years—would be unambiguous.
8	The value of CF in equations 12, 21 & 27. Unexpected	In each of equations 12, 21 and 27 the value of *CF* (= 0.47) is set to 94% of the value 0.5, which is the standard default value used in the review of inventories of GHG emissions and removals from the *AFOLU* sector, submitted by Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and/or the UNFCCC. Some justification for the choice of that particular value for *CF* is in order.
9	The threshold of u_C (see equation 15). Clarification	In paragraph 32 explain the rationale for setting at 10% the threshold of u_C
10	The threshold of u_2 (see equation 23). Clarification	In paragraph 48 explain the rationale for setting at 10% the threshold of u_2
11	The value of *R* (shoot-root ratio) in equation 26. Clarification	No reason is given for setting *R* = 0.40
12	The default value of average shrub cover (table 2, *Comment* row; page 18). Clarification	No reason is given for setting the default value for the average shrub cover equal to 0.5.

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13	The default value of crown cover of trees (table 3, *Comment* row; page 19). Clarification	No reason is given for setting that default value equal to half *the maximum value to be achieved under slash-and-burn practices*.
14	The expression proposed for estimating the root-shoot ratio value for any tree-species with equation 4 (appendix 1). Clarification	The source of that expression should be provided.
15	The value $BEF_{2,j}$ in equation 4 (appendix 1). Clarification	The source of $BEF_{2,j}$ = 1.15 should be provided.
16	Discounted uncertainty values (table 1; appendix 2). Clarification	The rationale for applying a «*discount*» to uncertainty values and the choice of the particular discount values for some of them should be provided.