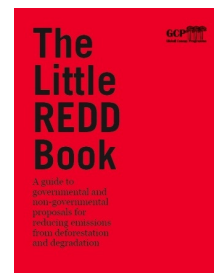


THE LITTLE REDD BOOK

How leaders gathering for UN climate change talks in Poznań, Poland propose to tackle 20% of the problem

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The Little REDD Book is a guide to the UN negotiations on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD) which will enter a pivotal phase at next week's climate summit in Poznań. REDD aims to help halt deforestation, which causes around 20% of the world's carbon emissions – more than the entire global transport sector. In addition, the mechanism could help fight poverty while conserving biodiversity and sustaining vital ecosystem services.



“We need to achieve greater consensus on REDD or there is a real danger that the world community will exclude an essential part of the solution from the emerging global deal on climate change. We can't afford to let that happen so real progress at Poznań is critical”, said Andrew Mitchell, Director of the Global Canopy Programme, an alliance of scientific organizations that has compiled the book.

REDD has evolved rapidly since it was introduced to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 2005. With just over a year to go until the landmark meeting in Copenhagen where agreement must be reached, over 30 governmental and non-governmental proposals are on the table. The Little REDD Book aims to bring clarity to this complex and rapidly-evolving area by providing insights and information on the process in non-technical language.

At the heart of the Little REDD Book is an analytical framework developed by The Prince's Rainforests Project for comparing current and future proposals “Discussion often focuses on the differences between REDD proposals, but in reality there has been a steady progression in the thinking,” said Anna Creed who led the study at The Prince's Rainforests Project. “Our analysis demonstrates areas of similarity and divergence among the proposals, which we hope will aid clarity and understanding in this area and ultimately help stakeholders to move forward towards consensus.”

The Little REDD Book brings together work by many other organisations, including The Climate Group, the Collaborative Modelling Initiative on REDD Economics, and the authors of the proposals themselves. Several of the contributors will convene at “Forest Day 2” on December 6th in Poznań to present and discuss key insights from their work, and to launch the Little REDD Book as an open platform for collaboration in the critical months ahead.

Speaking as leaders of forest-owning nations around the world prepare for Poznań, His Excellency Bharrat Jagdeo, President of Guyana said “I welcome the publication of The Little REDD Book, and hope that it will help to move the forestry debate forward - from talking about the role of forests in combating climate change to acting with the urgency and clarity that the people of our planet require.”

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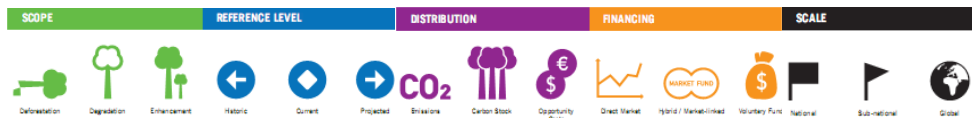
Notes to Editors

Forest Day 2, 14:30 Dec 6 '08. Room 285, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland

A series of presentations will be made about the Little REDD Book at CIFOR's Forest Day 2, on December 6. Speakers will include Andrew Mitchell and Charlie Parker of the Global Canopy Programme, Anna Creed of the Prince's Rainforests Project, Dr. Jonah Busch of Conservation International and the Collaborative Modelling Initiative on REDD Economics, Katia Karousakis of OECD, and Bjorn Roberts of The Climate Group.

An analytical framework for REDD

For easy comprehension and comparison of the proposals, the Little REDD Book introduces a visual language using icons to represent the characteristics of each proposal. They represent the main building blocks of the analysis that help determine the overall effectiveness, efficiency and equity of each proposal, and facilitate quick comparisons.



The Global Canopy Programme

www.globalcanopy.org

The Global Canopy Programme is an alliance of 37 scientific institutions in 19 countries, which lead the world in forest canopy research, education and conservation. Our 3 main Programmes - in science, policy and finance - aim to define and explore the range and economic value of forest ecosystem services and to share findings with decision-makers in government and finance.

The Prince's Rainforests Project

www.princesrainforestsproject.org

Set up in October 2007 by HRH The Prince of Wales, The Prince's Rainforests Project works with governments, business, NGOs and individuals to increase global recognition of the contribution of tropical deforestation to climate change and to find ways to make the rainforests worth more alive than dead.

The Climate Group

www.theclimategroup.org

The Climate Group is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that works internationally with government and business leaders to advance climate change solutions and accelerate a low carbon economy. The Climate Group was founded in 2004 and has offices in the UK, USA, China, India and Australia.

Collaborative Modelling Initiative on REDD Economics

The "Collaborative Modelling Initiative on REDD Economics" aims to provide relevant economic information to support UNFCCC negotiations on REDD. The Initiative has built an open source data set and model to evaluate the carbon emission and financial implications of alternative approaches to providing positive economic incentives for REDD. Participating organizations include the Terrestrial Carbon Group, Conservation International, Environmental Defense Fund, University of East Anglia, and Woods Hole Research Center, with input from the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and the Prince's Rainforests Project. Preliminary results will be presented at the Little REDD Book event on December 6.