



Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

TAP Review on Fiji's Readiness Package

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Purpose and Modalities of TAP assessment

- **Purpose of the TAP assessment:**
 - **Review self-assessment process of Fiji's REDD+ commission**
 - **Assess progress and achievements of Readiness**
 - **Identify remaining challenges to be addressed.**
- **Outline:**
 - **Part A: Review of Fiji Self-Assessment Process**
 - **Part B: Summary of the REDD+ Process**
 - **Part C: Summary of Assessment and Recommendations**



Part A: Review of Fiji Self-Assessment Process



- **Ancestral “iTaukei” culture** persists for ~ 45% of Fijians. Decision-making via consensus, with Ministry iTaukei Affairs. 90% land by individuals or clans.
- R-Package consultations & emerging REDD+ strategy build on iTaukei customary cultural, land tenure and land use practices -- unique proposal.
- Self-assessment process December 2018 to mid-February 2019. National R-Package validation workshop January 28, 2019 in Suva, the capital.
- Fiji self-assessment: **20 criteria green**, **12 yellow** (collectively 94%), **2 orange**
- . TAP assessment: **13 green**, **15 yellow**, **6 orange**

Country and TAP Scoring

Components	Sub Components	Fiji Assessment	TAP Assessment
1. Organization and Consultation	1a. National Readiness Management Arrangement	Green	Yellow
	1b. Stakeholder Consultation and Participation	Green	Yellow
2. Prepare the REDD Strategy	2a. Assessment of Land Use, Forest Policy and Governance	Yellow	Yellow
	2b. REDD Strategy Options	Green	Green
	2c. REDD Implementation Framework	Yellow	Yellow
	2d. Social and Environmental Impacts	Green	Orange
3. Reference emission level/reference level		Green	Green
4. Forest monitoring systems and safeguard measures	4a. National forest monitoring system	Green	Green
	4b. System of information on ... safeguards	Yellow	Yellow

Part B: Summary of the REDD+ Process: 1

- **Component 1: Readiness Organization and Consultation:**
 - **1a. Readiness Management Arrangement:** **Fiji. TAP**
 - Self-assessment process **included most key stakeholders**; and was a well-managed process overall.
 - But: Ministry Forestry & REDD+ Unit **need to: a) share program studies; b) get Unit's website running; c) produce ~12 short policy papers** summarizing key study results.
 - **Improve procurement & disbursement of funding** capacity and performance.
 - **1b. Stakeholder Consultation:** **Fiji. TAP.**
(even split, 50/50)
 - **Weak information dissemination** to the communities.
 - Need to continue decentralization of knowledge about and funding for REDD+ program to the Divisions (the field).

Summary of the REDD+ Process: 2

- **Component 2: REDD+ Strategy:** **Fiji. TAP** (even split)
 - **2a. Assessment of Land Use, Policy, Governance**
 - **Cost-benefit analysis of REDD+ strategic options** via a consultancy – not yet available.
 - **Studies on tenure and Drivers . . .** But need to finalize and publish studies (eg, carbon rights) to advance regulations needed.
 - **2b. REDD Strategy** **Fiji. TAP**
 - **But: REDD+ Strategy needs to be finalized** and published.
 - **2c. Implementation Framework:** **Fiji. TAP**
 - Legislative and **regulatory reforms** need to be finished.
 - **Benefit Sharing mechanism & National Registry need to be completed.**

Summary of the REDD+ Processes: 3

- **2d. Social and Environmental Impacts** **Fiji.** **TAP**
- **SESA and ESMF both only in draft** and not publicly available. Not summarized in the report.
- **But: World Bank work wrapping up.**
- **Benefit Sharing framework is under development.** 5 options for benefit sharing under consideration.
- **BS is likely to be strength of Fiji,** as builds on BS practices in iTaukei traditional society.



Summary of the REDD+ Processes: 4

- **Component 3: Reference Level**

Fiji. TAP

- **National FRL under development** meets IPCC and FCPF Meth. Framework guidance.
- **But: Review of excluded LU activities and sources needed** re significance (over 10% of emissions): fire, fuelwood, slash and burn agriculture.

- **Component 4: Monitoring Systems for forests, and safeguards**

- **4a. National forest monitoring system.**

Fiji. TAP

- Solid work developing and testing proposed MRV system at the national and Division levels.
- Institutional capacity inadequate, but is being revitalized.

- **4b. System of information on safeguards.**

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- **Information system on multiple benefits and safeguards and Safeguard Information System barely started** and requires significant work.

C. Summary of Assessment and Recommendation: 1

Strengths:

- **90% of lands in country involved**
- **Builds on iTaukei customary cultural, land tenure and land use practices -- unique proposal. Could be major diversity contribution to the CF's portfolio.**
- **Consultation process robust, tho needs some additional stakeholders & improved communication of results of studies and processes.**
- **Strong FRL and MRV development underway.**
- **Fiji advanced to submitting ER-PD (under FCPF review).**

Summary and Recommendation: 2

Areas needing further work:

- **Self-assessment:** TAP finds 14 criteria lower scores . . .
- **Enhanced internal coordination** among team critical at this stage, to achieve Readiness and produce a competitive ER-PD.
- **Building capacity:** a few strong experts in each key agency, but need depth there and in Divisions and CSOs.
- **Safeguards:** SESA and ESMF need to be completed.
- **Transparency:** Web site up, policy summaries of key documents and processes shared.

TAP appreciates Fiji team's hard work and welcoming spirit!