

CBD COP12 Side Event

Biodiversity Criteria for REDD+

What science sees and how it works

15th Oct. 2014

13:15 - 14:45

Hall G Room 3



For the implementation of REDD+, biodiversity is considered as one of the significant elements of safeguards. Biodiversity is also highly related with both ecosystem and social services from tropical forests. Practical, effective, and efficient criteria and indicators to secure biodiversity are requested by developing countries. Indicators are most effective at the project scale, but also useful if these can be scaled-up to national level, especially to help report on Aichi Targets. Nevertheless, it is important that biodiversity C&I do not become so cumbersome that projects are difficult to implement. In this event, scientists and practitioners will discuss current views on REDD+ safeguards, opportunities and risks in developing criteria and indicators, focusing on biodiversity from the practical and scientific viewpoints. We will conclude with a discussion panel and questions from the audience of how biodiversity should be considered in the context of REDD+.



UNREDD perspectives on safeguards

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Environmental and social safeguards from field implementations

Yoji Natori (Conservation International Japan)



Biodiversity criteria to be considered for REDD+ safeguards

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Challenges on indicators and monitoring of forest biodiversity for REDD+ safeguards

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