

Draft guidance on the application of  
the definition of project boundary to  
A/R project activities

Annotated agenda item 30

# Legal basis - 5/CMP.1

## Para 1(b)

- The “project boundary” **geographically delineates** the afforestation or reforestation project activity **under the control** of the project participants. The project activity may contain more than one discrete area of land;

# The Problem

- **A/R project activities are spatially extensive and may cover multiple areas of land used by many individual farmers;**
- **Where multiple individuals are expected in an A/R project activity, it is difficult to justify at validation, that each area of land will be subject to A/R activity (and therefore fix the boundary at validation);**
- **It is likely that the A/R activity under control of PPs will be agreed in later stages of the project development based on positive example from those individuals who have already joined the project;**
- **Approved A/R methodologies require that each discrete area of land is expected to be subject to A/R project activity under the control of the project participants at the time of validation. Therefore the need to allow flexibility in project boundary.**

# Flexibility in demonstration of control

■ Areas under control

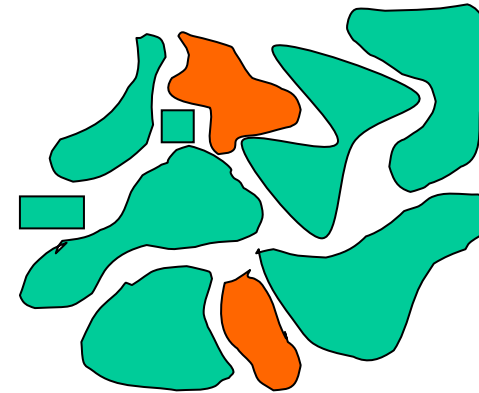
■ Areas not under control

Validation time



Project boundary at validation date may include areas under control and not under control. All other criteria for validation shall be met.

After validation time



Control may be demonstrated up to fifth year after registration or first verification (whichever comes first). Areas for which control is not gained are not excluded from project boundary

**If control for more than 20% of the total project area cannot be demonstrated at validation, then PPs shall include in the PDD:**

- Demonstration that the additionality of the project activity will not be affected by the lack of control on all or part of the project area;
- Provisions that increased emissions attributable to the project activity in the areas that have not come under control of PPs shall be considered as leakage.

# **A/R definition of project boundary**

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# **If the draft guidance is approved**

- If the draft guidance is approved the EB may wish to request the A/R WG to prepare procedures for operationalization of the guidance e.g. check by DOE at first verification or in fifth year after registration to confirm the evidence of control of areas of land that were not under PPs' control at validation.**