Promotion of Sustainable Forest Management under Climate Change Regime

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Outline

Harmonization of SFM and mitigation of GW
Qualification of forests under KP
Conclusions/Issues to be tackled



Historical Anthropogenic CO₂ Production







Carbon sinks for developing countries

High growth rate and high potentiality
 Stimulate to protect forest degradation and deforestation
 Transfer biodiversity to the future generation

Negative direction of land use changes

SFI

Growth potentiality of EU and Japan







Vs. Timber Production / Biodiversity



Carbon Sink

Timber Production

Carbon balance of gross annual growth and harvesting

Harvesting volume under different scenarios

Projected carbon storage under different scenarios

Biodiversity

Carbon sequestration of plantation and natural forests





Carbon Sink

Timber Production

Projected carbon storage in forest biomass under different scenarios in Japan



Carbon Sink

Biodiversity

Capacity of Forests as Carbon Sinks



 Capacity of carbon sequestration is higher in planted forest than natural forest











Common Understanding on SFM

✤ WSSD, Plan of Implementation (2002)

Para. 45: Sustainable forest management is essential to achieving sustainable development as well as significantly reduce deforestation, halt the loss of forest biodiversity and land and resource degradation and improve food security and access to safe drinking water and affordable energy; in addition, it highlights the multiple benefits of both natural and planted forests and trees and contributes to the well-being of the planet and humanity.

Recent Discussions on SFM

UNFF5 (2005)

Reviewed progress and consideration on future actions

Para 12. The challenges of the alarming rate of deforestation and forest degradation remain serious. ... <u>Further action is needed</u> <u>to promote sustainable forest management</u>, clarifying the positive role of forests for socio-economic development of countries, especially for forest dependent people. ...

✤ UNFF6 (2006)

Agreed on four shared Global Objectives on Forests, focusing sharply on the timely and urgent priorities for the practical implementation of sustainable forest management (SFM).

UNFCCC, a member of Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), needs to work to support the work of the UNFF and to foster increased cooperation and coordination on forests.

Framework of 1st Commitment Period

UNFCCC

All Parties...shall...promote sustainable management...of sinks and reservoirs of all greenhouse gases...including biomass, forests....(Article 4)

Kyoto Protocol

Each Party included in Annex I ... shall ...implement and/or further elaborate policies and measures..., such as:...; promotion of sustainable forest management practices.... (Article 2)

Does the framework address quality of sinks?

MARRAKESH ACCORDS

- For the first commitment period,...the additions to and subtraction from the assigned amount ...shall be equal to anthropogenic GHG emissions by sources and removals by sinks ... resulting from afforestation, reforestation ... and forest management....(11/CP.7)
- Ist Commitment Period primarily concerns mass/flow of GHG (no test on Sustainability of Forest Management)

Sustainable forest management for climate change mitigation

- In international discussions about forest, an accomplishment of Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) is the key in relation with issues, such as;
 - Tackling illegal logging (G8 Gleneagles 2005, Gleneagles Plan of Action)
 - * Forest certification
 - * Criteria, indicator and certification in forest
- It is necessary to substantially reconsider forest sinks and reservoirs framework in collaboration with SFM.
 - A system that recognizes the degree of effort for SFM is necessary.



Geographical coverage of nine criteria and indicator processes





Practical Certification for SFM -A case study from Japanese experience-

- State of planted forest is always transforming;
- Which means forestry activities are fundamental to maintain "appropriate" state for SFM.
 - "appropriate" state : fulfills multiple functions of forest
- How the appropriate state should be taken into account?
 - The forest state could not always be maintained appropriately, even if a certain forest activity had been taken at a certain time in the past.

Inappropriately managed Forest without floor vegetation

(Planted forest, Sugi Cedar age 20)



(Planted forest, Sugi Cedar age 40)

Concept

 Introduction of indicator to detect appropriate forest state for multiple functions, and Activities to maintain the state



Conclusions

- Forest ecosystem has various functions and services.
 Sustainable forest management is essential to achieving sustainable development.
- Appropriate and timely forest management activities are necessary to maintain forest functions and services
- Forest carbon sinks under KP must be designed to keep up multiple benefits derived from forests simultaneously.
- Present KP does not always fully work to provide incentive towards SFM.
- Need introduction of concept to evaluate forest C stocks as sinks/reservoirs.

Issues to be tackled

Development of simple indices to evaluate forest management efforts for both forest C sinks/reservoirs and SFM
Policies and measures
Target based on criterion and indices of carbon sinks and SFM
Others



Thank you for your attention

For further information...

