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Overview of TREES Monitoring Requirements

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Architecture for REDD+ Transactions (ART)

- A high-quality global voluntary carbon program designed to provide **confidence** needed in the **integrity** of forest emissions reductions and removals to **unlock new, large-scale investments** to **protect and restore forests** and **incentivize governments** to achieve those results
- TREES includes precise technical, safeguard, verification and registration requirements for jurisdictional crediting of emission reductions from reduced deforestation and degradation and from removals
 - TREES 2.0 published August 19, 2021
 - Webinar registration at www.artredd.org



General TREES Requirements

- Participants are national or subnational governments
- Reference period is 5 years immediately preceding crediting period
- Crediting period is 5 years
- Deductions to address risk of reversals, leakage, and uncertainty
- Environmental, Social and Governance Safeguards
 - Based on Cancun Safeguards
 - “Unpacked” into 16 themes with indicators
- Third-party validation and verification by accredited firms
- Provisions to address double counting, double claiming and double issuance



TREES Crediting Approaches

- TREES provides three options for crediting
 - In all instances, credits are issued when emission reductions below the crediting level or removals above the crediting level are achieved
- TREES Crediting Level Approach
- High forest, low deforestation (HFLD) Crediting Approach
- Removals Crediting Approach



TREES Monitoring

- Identifies what is needed for robust monitoring performance but does not prescribe specific approaches to recognize variety of approaches in use
 - Example: Remote sensing
 - Allows pixel counts from wall-to-wall mapping, stratified area estimate approaches, and systematic or random sample approaches
 - Minimum requirements for each addressed to ensure integrity
- Degradation emissions must be included
 - Proxy estimates are allowed using justifiable sources as monitoring improves for degradation



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