



COUNTRY REPORT
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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- FOREST RESOURCE
- **INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT**
- FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE PNG SITUATION
- **LESSONS LEARNT**
- OPPORTUNITIES
- **CHALLENGES**

FOREST RESOURCES

- **Forest resources of PNG is socially, Environmentally and economically significant to the well being of its people.**
- **Has high biodiversity significance**
- **3rd Economic earner for the country.**
- **Forest & land are customary owned**

FOREST RESOURCES (Cont'd)

- **Resource Base**

- **46 million hectares – total land mass**
- **29 million hectares forest cover**
- **14 million hectares reserve forests**
- **15 Million hectares is productive forest**
- ✓ **12 million hectares acquired from customary owners**
- ✓ **3 million hectares potential production forest**

INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

- **UNFF**

- **Attending UNFF meetings in consistent due to funding constraints.**

- **Implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action being under taken. Donors have been quite supportive in some areas.**

- ✓ **Undertaking activities to achieving SFM with the limited resources**

- **PNG supports the non legally Binding Instruments.**

INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT (Cont'd)

• UNCBD

- **Non-attendance of CoPs & associated meetings**
 - **funding constraints**
 - **Communication (internet access)**
- **CBD Obligations not adequately addressed**
 - **Eg. Protected area system - *not adequately addressing CBD Objectives***
 - **NBSAP - *final draft in 2007 & will be reviewed in conjunction with the PoWPA Project implementation***

FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE PNG SITUATION

- **PNG through a whole of government approach establish Office of Climate Change & Environment sustainability (OCCES) – End of 2008**
- **OCCES overarching body - links to government agencies**
- **Agencies taking measures to address climate change issues. PNG Forest Authority – Climate Change Policy Framework for Action.**

Forest & Climate Change PNG Situation (Con't)

- **Objectives:**

- **Achieve 50% of green house gas by 2020**
- **Promote mitigation strategies that contribute to sustainable economic growth,**
- **Promote & implement REDD strategies**
- **Ensure landowners participate & benefit from REDD initiatives**

- **International community establishing dialogue with PNG government support under REDD**

- **PNG identified 4 provinces to pilot under REDD initiative.**

- **A number of NGOs have progressed towards establishing REDD demonstration activities.**

Forest & Climate Change PNG Situation Cont'd).

- **International level**

- **Leadership role in ensuring natural forests are recognized for adaptation, sequestration and mitigation.**

- **Active in the establishment of the coalition of Rainforest nations.**

LESSONS LEARNT

- **Policy & Legislative frame work in place.**
- **Implementation is slow due to constraint in resources (SFM). NFI yet to be done.**
- **Biodiversity conservation- legislative mechanisms in place not adequate to addressing emerging issues under CBD**
- **Policy Legislative framework for OCCES once in place will instill sense of direction .**
- **Benefit sharing –returns from carbon trading.**

OPPORTUNITIES

- **Income - Carbon Trading,**
 - **CDM, REDD, REDD plus**
- **Tourism**
- **Payment of Ecosystem Services**
- **Poverty reduction**

CHALLENGES

- Land tenure
- Complexity of issues which require analysis across multiple discipline.
- Climate change monitoring tool to be established by scientists.
- Mechanism for pricing carbon to be established as part of REDD strategy.
- Protected Areas, SFM, comes under threat from for different land uses such as, mining & agriculture
- Meeting CBD targets (protected area coverage).
- Opportunities & Risks of new mechanisms yet to be understood



THANK YOU!