



PROGRESS OF FORESTRY RELATED CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIVITIES IN PNG

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Background

❖ Since the introduction of REDD then REDD+ (COP 13, Bali), PNGFA as a sector had to develop new policy initiatives and measures to address climate change issues.

2007

- Creation of REDD & Climate Change Branch under the Forest Policy & Planning Directorate
- Review of 19 Provincial Forest Plans (include a statement on Climate Change & REDD)

2008-2009

- Small working (PNGFA, FRI, UPNG, UNITECH) involved in the selection of 4 REDD+ Demonstration Pilots (Selection Criteria)
- Development of Policy initiatives and revision of guidelines
- Creation of Climate Change Unit, FRI

2010

- Endorsement and Launching of: (i). National Forestry Development Guidelines (ii) .Forestry and Climate Change Framework for Action 2009-2015
- National Forest Board's Decision to include April Salumei (5th REDD+ Pilot demonstration)
- PFMCS consulted (pilot sites)

Selection Criteria for REDD+ Pilots

- Provinces must have their Provincial Forest Plans approved by respective Provincial Executive Council (PEC's).
- Fairly distributed in the 4 regions of the country (Southern, Highlands, Momase and Islands).
- Located at different altitudinal zones i.e. 0 – 4,000 m.a.s.l.
- Located in different forest or vegetation types.
- Located in potential high risk areas caused by cyclones, fires, population increase, logging and agriculture expansions.
- Located in Forest Management Agreement (FMA) areas.
- Easily accessible by the general public.
- Different resource ownership types (i.e. paterilineal and matrilineal).

REDD+ Pilot Sites and Initiatives

REDD+ Pilot Sites

- Momase Region
 - 1). East Sepik - April Salumei FMA
 - 2). West Sepik
- Highlands Region: Eastern Highlands – Lapegu
- New Guinea Islands Region: West New Britain
- Southern Region: Milne Bay- Central Suau

REDD+ Initiatives

- Forest Conservation
- Afforestation and Reforestation
- Secondary Forest Management
- Reduced Impact Logging (RIL)

What has been done for April Salumei

October 2010

National Forest Board directs National Forest Service:

1. Form a Working Group (WG)
2. WG to conduct awareness & DOS



July-August 2011

- PNGFA staff visited the area to get the consent of the 130 ILGs on the National Forest Board's decision
- Verify the existing ILGs
- Field Verification Report

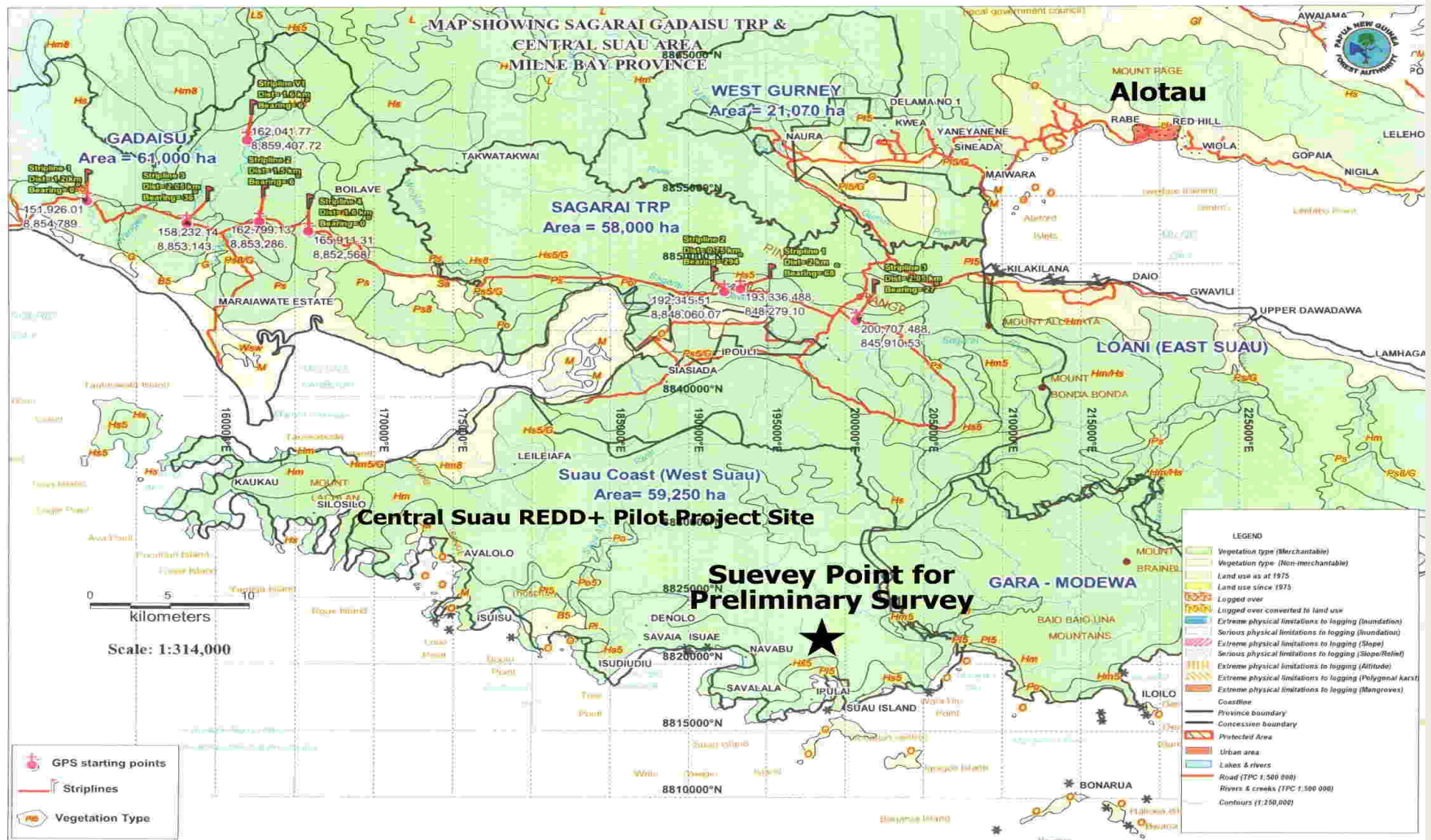


August-September 2012

- PNGFA staff and OCCD conducted DOS exercise
- Climate change and REDD awareness
- Draft DOS Report



REDD+ Pilot Site: CENTRAL SUAU



Map of Central Suau

What has been done for Central Suau

October 2010

1. PNGFA consulted with the PFMC on NEC's decision
2. PFMC's decision on site selection and REDD+ Initiative



October 2011

- PNGFA staff, MBPA and RLLG to inform the people on PFMC's decision and seek consent
- Climate Change and REDD awareness



October-November 2012

- PNGFA staff, OCCD, MBPA, RLLG to conduct second field trip ; Secure the area under existing process (FMA)
- Inform the people of the amendment of the ILG process
- Climate Change and REDD awareness



Climate Change Initiatives and Activities



March 2012

Climate Change Awareness
Workshop (Port Moresby)
Target: Provincial Forest
Officers



May 2012

Preliminary Biomass
Survey
Central Suau



September 2012

Below Ground Biomass
Training Workshop, Oomsis
(Lae)



October-November 2012

ITTO Project: Community
Based Project
Major Biomass Survey:
Central Suau

Challenges and Constraints

1. To still conduct more awareness on Climate Change and REDD
2. Similar delay in FMA can stall the REDD+ progress
3. Different interests can cause misunderstanding between the people
4. Funding and manpower
5. To effectively monitor the pilot areas
6. To have a mechanism in place for the benefit sharing distribution

Next Steps

1. Review of National Forest Plan and Provincial Forest Plans
2. Review of Climate Change and Forestry Framework to make sure its in line with the National Climate Change Policy.
3. Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment
 1. Identify plants/species adaptative (phenology)
 2. Mangroves
4. Conduct Below Ground Biomass survey
5. Training and awareness of Climate Change and REDD (development of resource materials; brochures and posters)

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A scenic landscape photograph featuring a calm body of water in the foreground, dark silhouettes of mountains in the middle ground, and a vibrant sky with soft, colorful clouds in shades of purple, pink, and orange. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Thank you for your attention

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