NS-85 - Adaptive Sustainable Forest Management in Borjomi-Bakuriani Forest District

Georgia

NAMA Seeking Support for Implementation

A Overview		
A.1 Party	Georgia	
A.2 Title of Mitigation Action	Adaptive Sustainable Forest Management in Borjomi-Bakuriani Forest District	
A.3 Description of mitigation action	The proposed initiative uses the existing capacities of the Georgian Forest sector and will upgrade these with means of capacity building, best practice examples, on-site training and participatory pilot activities to generate a relevant climate change adaptation and mitigation impact in the Borjomi-Bakuriani pilot region as basis for upscaling and policy development at national level. It generates new applied knowledge by site specific developments of silvicultural and forest management practices that shall increase both climate change resilience and carbon storage potential of the forest ecosystem. The project will systematically analyse the baseline CO2 and non-CO2 emissions and removals by sink associated to forest land use and land use change, forest vegetation types, carbon pools and activities in the Borjomi-Bakuriani pilot region. Climate change mitigation activities will be derived from proposed good practice guidelines on sustainable management of forests. The restoration of 45.000 hectares of forest will substantially enhance carbon sequestration and storage. As a show case for good practice in sustainable forest management, the pilot activities in Borjomi-Bakuriani will contribute to the implementation of the recently approved national forest vision.	
A.4 Sector	Energy supply Residential and Commercial buildings Agriculture Waste management Transport and its Infrastructure Industry X Forestry	
A.5 Technology	Bioenergy Energy Efficiency Hydropower Wind energy Carbon Capture and Storage Land fill gas collection Cleaner Fuels Geothermal energy Solar energy Ocean energy Low till / No till	
A.6 Type of action	National/ Sectoral goal Project: Investment in machinery	

	X National/Sectoral policy or program Project: Investment in infrastructure X Project: Other	
	X Other Pilot project	
A.7 Greenhouse gases covered by the action	X CO2 X CH4	
71.7 Greenhouse gases covered by the action	N2O HFCs	
	PFCs SF6	
	Other	
B National Implementing Entity		
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B.1.13 Comments		
	the implementation of the mitigation action	
C.1 Number of years for	•	
C.2 Expected start year of	of implementation 2014	
	D Currency	
D.1 Used Currency	AED	
	Conversion to USD: 1	
	E Cost	
E 1 1 Estimated full cost of implementation	2000000	
E.1.1 Estimated full cost of implementation E.1.2 Comments on full cost of implementation	The Government of Georgia will contribute 0.5 mio Euro	
E.2.1 Estimated incremental cost of implementation	<u> </u>	
E.2.2 Comments on estimated incremental cost of		
implementation		
	the implementation the mitigation action	
F.1.1 Amount of Financial support	1500000	
F.1.2 Type of required Financial support	X Grant	
The critiquity individual support	Guarantee	
	Loan (sovereign) Loan (Private) Equity	
	Concessional loan Carbon finance	
	Other	
F.1.3 Comments on Financial support	The Government of Georgia will contribute 0.5 mio Euro.	
	Given the estimated total costs of 2 mio Euro, financial support	
	of 1.5 mio Euro is still lacking to assure the implementation of the initiative.	
	The initiative	

F.2.1 Amount of Technological support	
F.2.2 Comments on Technological support	
F.3.1 Amount of capacity building support	
F.3.2 Type of required capacity building support	X Individual level
	X Institutional level
	X Systemic level
	Other
F.3.3 Comments on Capacity Building support	
F.4 Financial support for implementation requir	ed
F.5 Technological support for implementation	
required	
F.6 Capacity Building support for implementation required	on
G Estin	nated emission reductions
G.1 Amount	Not estimated yet
G.2 Unit	MtCO2e
G.3 Additional imformation (e.g. if available,	In order to estimate the emission reduction / carbon sequestration
information on the methodological approach	potential of this initiative, recent forest inventory data (2013)
followed)	from the pilot project area and the relevent biomass conversion
	and extension factor for growing stock (according to IPCC) will
	be used as a basis to calculate the current standing stock of
	above-ground biomass. Stock-Difference Method (IPCC 2006 on AFOLU) will be applied for estimating the difference in total
	biomass carbon stock at Borjomi-Bakuriani caused by the
	project. The improvement of forest management practices is
	expected to contribute to a long-term increment in biomass.
	Estimation of emission reductions is based on changes in above-
	ground biomass. Below-ground carbon and biomass loss due to
	wood removals have not been considered due to a lack of reliable
	data. A more detailed emission reductions estimation will be
	conducted at a later stage of project implementation.
	H Other indicators
H.1	Other indicators of implementation
I Oth	er relevant information
I.1 Other relevant information including co-	The complete title of the project is: Adaptive Sustainable Forest
benefits for local sustainable development	Management in Borjomi -A model for improved sustainable
	management of forests, adaptation to climate change, promotion
	of co-benefits (such as biodiversity protection, poverty alleviation
	and improving the livelihood and resilience of local communities) with full stakeholder participation in Central Georgia. The overall
	objective of the project is "to improve the livelihood of people by
	supporting the sustainable development of forest ecosystems in
	Georgia". The project will fully take into consideration the high
	conservation value (HCV) forest management approach.
J Relevant National Policies strategie	s, plans and programmes and/or other mitigation action
J.1 Relevant National Policies	In December 2013, the Georgian parliament has approved a new
	vision and guiding policy for the forest sector. Climate change
	herein has been identified as a key-challenge to the sustainable
	development of Georgia's forests. With regards to climate change,
	the document recommends to elaborate and implement activities

aimed at mitigating and adapting to climate impacts on forests,

	including by:
	- Commissioning a national report on the impacts of expected
	climate change on forests and forest goods and services and on
	potential mitigation and adaptation strategies, using the best
	available information from national and international sources.
	- Conducting national dialogues on the impacts of expected
	climate change on forests and possible mitigation and adaptation
	strategies.
	- Categorizing forest stands according to forest composition and
	vulnerability to climate change; elaborating and adopting
	sustainable management guidelines, including guidance on
	mitigation and adaptation measures, for each forest type Preparing and implementing mitigation and adaption plans for
	forest stands that are vulnerable to climate change.
	The project is expected to contribute to the implementation of the
	above-mentioned activities.
J.2 Link to other NA	MAs .
	K Attachments
K Attachmen	Title Description
K.1 Attachmen	description
K.2 File	Browse
	L Support received
L.1 Outside the Reg	try
L.2 Within the Regi	Support provided SupportType Amount Comment Date
_	Support for
	Activities related to 5/21/
	2014

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