



Project Design Document Template

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Notes

- The Project Design Document (PDD) is a detailed description of the proposed project, including a management plan and methods for quantifying the proposed project and shall include all appropriate, relevant and required documentation and materials necessary for the validation of the proposed project against the Natural Forest Standard requirements. It is an amalgamation of all evidential and supporting documentation.
- The Natural Forest Standard sets out the normative requirements for projects using the NFS. Each requirement is numbered and shall be addressed within the Project Design Document.
- The accompanying Guidance document should be consulted in addition to the Standard. The Guidance is designed to assist project developers in meeting the normative requirements of the Standard when completing the Project Design document. The guidance should be interpreted in a pragmatic, professional and balanced manner to address aspects of project design and management that are important for achieving effective forest conservation and restoration in ways that benefit local and indigenous people.
- A fully completed PDD should be submitted to the Secretariat, for public comment at least 30 days prior to the completion of validation.



1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1.1 Project Title

1.2 Contact Details

1.3 Project Description

1.4 Brief Description of the Project Area

1.5 Project Participants/Collaborators

1.6 Abbreviations (if applicable)



2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Defining the Project

2.2 Project Activities

2.3 Legal Status

2.4 Additionality

2.5 Timescale



3. GOVERNANCE, SOCIAL AND BIODIVERSITY IMPACTS

3.1 Free, Prior and Informed Consent

3.2 Benefit Distribution Mechanism

3.3 Communication

3.4 Dispute Resolution

3.5 Reporting

3.6 Biodiversity Maintenance



4. MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PLANS

4.1 Project Management Plan

4.2 Project Monitoring System; including Carbon, Biodiversity and Social



5. QUANTIFICATION OF CARBON BENEFITS

5.1 Carbon Pools

5.2 Baseline Assessment

5.3 Leakage

5.4 Non-Permanence Risk

5.5 Quantification of Emission Reductions



6. BIODIVERSITY ASSESSMENT

6.1 Normative Biodiversity Metric



7. PROJECT DOCUMENTATION

All additional documentation, evidence and further information