
Spatial decision support exercise: Where are priority areas for a REDD+ action to enhance benefits?

Total time of session: 1.5 hours

Groups: Participants to split into two groups

Rapporteur: One volunteer from each group to report back

Overview:

The exercise helps to show how REDD+ spatial planning can contribute to ensuring that benefits and risks are adequately considered when actions are designed and implemented. It will also help us to understand the potential uses of spatial information and the limitations of available data. The exercise has the following objectives:

- Facilitate a discussion on how to determine what REDD+ actions could be implemented, and in which areas.
- Build understanding of the importance of spatial information for REDD+ planning, including benefits and risks analyses;
- Understand data requirements and limitations in available data.

Session plan:

Time	Activity
5 mins	1. Introduction to session
30 mins	2. Understand REDD+ actions, and factors related to planning for actions: feasibility, benefits and risks. We will start with a discussion to identify particular REDD+ actions and then factors related to planning and identifying locations for such actions. Together we will discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What are some possible REDD+ actions (e.g. to address a driver)?- What are some factors related to its feasibility?- What are some potential benefits?- What are some potential risks?
45 mins	3. Identifying priority areas for REDD+ actions that will increase the potential benefits from REDD+ We will then split into two groups for an exercise using example maps to identify priority areas for one of the REDD+ actions discussed. The facilitator will assign an action to your group. Start by choosing a base map to use for your analysis. Which base map will be the most useful one for selecting locations for your REDD+ action? Then, start to overlay the different transparent layers provided. Each transparent

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	<p>layer will provide different information about pressures on forests, the planning context, and potential benefits and risks of REDD+. Prioritise which layers you want to use to select locations for your action; too many layers may be too much information!</p> <p>Through discussion of the different priorities for their REDD+ action and its potential benefits and risks, your group will develop a decision-support map from a combination of selected layers. Use the markers to indicate locations on the top transparent layer.</p> <p>Make sure to record what layers you used and why, as well as any datasets were missing that might have been useful. Use the hand-out to record your answers.</p>
10 mins	<p>4. Report back</p> <p>5 minutes per group to present their approach to the REDD+ action.</p>



Figure 1: Participants will overlap transparent maps of different multiple benefits, risks and other criteria.