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Subcommittee	Workgroup Members	Objective of Subcommittee	Current Assignments/Status
Baseline and Leakage	<p>Cheri Sugal/ Stephen de Gryze</p> <p>Kjell Kuhne</p> <p>Yves Paiz</p> <p>Alfredo Cisneros</p> <p>Mario Garcia</p>	<p>Objective of subcommittee is to provide recommendations to the broader workgroup for addressing baseline and leakage for voluntary, pre-nested, and nested projects.</p>	<p>Presentation at Workgroup Meeting on September 29. http://www.climateactionreserve.org/how/protocols/in-progress/mexico-forest/ (modelo de deforestacion and leakage considerations)</p> <p>Next steps</p> <p>A deforestation risk model developed by INE being considered by the workgroup as a tool that could standardize the baseline calculations for Avoided Conversion projects. Alfredo is investigating methods to calibrate the deforestation risk model to local areas. A study area has been established within the Monarch Reserve in Michoacan to consider how local data can be used to calibrate the model to project level data. The group will be working with Dra Isabel Ramirez from UNAM (who may have local data) and Alfredo Cisneros from INE to assist in the next steps.</p> <p>A summary of deforestation drivers will be prepared and leakage estimates assigned to each driver (Kjell, Cheri, Stephen). Further work will consider how the deforestation drivers might be linked directly to the deforestation risk model so that standardized estimates of leakage could be established for projects.</p>
Environmental and Social Cobenefits	<p>Gmelina Ramirez</p> <p>Pablo Quiroga</p> <p>Ivan Hernandez</p> <p>Elsa Esquivel</p>	<p>Objective of subcommittee is to identify threshold criteria for project eligibility and participation at the project level and at the jurisdiction level.</p> <p>The criteria will focus on identifying criteria for achieving and maintaining environmental and social integrity.</p>	<p>The subcommittee is in the process of reviewing social and environmental criteria from other protocols. Included in the review are criteria from The Gold Standard, CCBA, Plan Vivo, CAR, and Forest Stewardship Council. The group has assembled a tentative list of criteria and is developing indicators that can be used to assist in clear verification standards. Next steps for the subcommittee will be the evaluation of the criteria list for adequacy and evaluate the indicators used to demonstrate compliance and verification.</p> <p>The group will explore how requirements can be developed for public meetings to ensure project stakeholders are aware of project activities (requisite procesal)</p> <p>The group will also explore environmental and social safeguards at the jurisdictional level for potential crediting at the jurisdiction level.</p>
Permanence	<p>Yougha von Laer</p> <p>Bryan Foster</p> <p>Alejandra Cors</p> <p>Christoph Nietzel</p> <p>Carmen Jimenez</p> <p>Juan Carlos Fernandez</p>	<p>Objective of subcommittee is to identify methods to ensure project credits meet definitions of permanence for both standalone (voluntary and pre-nested) and nested projects.</p>	<p>Presentation at Workgroup Meeting on September 29. http://www.climateactionreserve.org/how/protocols/in-progress/mexico-forest/ (Avances Permanencia)</p> <p>The subcommittee has identified the major classes of land ownership in Mexico and is in the process of identifying risks of non-permanent projects associated with land ownership. Recommendations from the workgroup meeting that the subcommittee adjust risk factors based on the following:</p> <p>Variables por considerar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presencia /relación entre ONG / Fideicomiso, con la comunidad / ejido; ▪ nivel de organización y gobernanza dentro de la comunidad / ejido; ▪ Presencia de empresa comunitaria / ejidal; ▪ Uso de la tierra reconocido en reglamento interior; ▪ Presencia de Ordenamiento Ecológico Comunitario; ▪ Valor no tangible de la tierra ▪ Uso de la tierra en la practica; ▪ Manejo integrado del fuego

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Aggregation	David Ross	Objective is to identify means to reduce project development costs for small landowners and identify ways to make projects more accessible.	<p>Presentation at Workgroup Meeting on September 29. http://www.climateactionreserve.org/how/protocols/in-progress/mexico-forest/ (Subcomite de Agregacion)</p> <p>The US version of the aggregation guidance has been revised with notable changes including an expanded definition of Forest Owner to include ejidos and communities, shifting of liability from Forest Owner to Aggregator, and recommendation that contracts between aggregators and Forest Owners contain certain required language as a safeguard to Forest Owners.</p> <p>The draft revision needs to be cleaned up and distributed to workgroup members for broader comment.</p> <p>Issues raised at the September 29 meeting that inform current tasks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need for guidance if an aggregator disappears ▪ How a fideicomiso can benefit aggregation ▪ Insurance for aggregators ▪ Defining size limits for participants in an aggregate. ▪ Further define land tenure meeting status as a private land owner (communities, ejidos, etc.) ▪ Development of required language for contracts between Forest Owners and Aggregator
	Pablo Quiroga		
	Cecilia Simon		
	Sandie Fournie		
Monitoring and Verification	None Identified	Objective is to ensure rigorous monitoring and verification	No tasks identified at this time. Work detail is forthcoming.
Quantification	None Identified	Objective is to ensure quantification guidance is rigorous and uses best available data.	No tasks identified at this time. Work detail is forthcoming.
Reconciliation of Nested Projects to Jurisdictional Accounting	Naomi Swickard	Objective is to identify accounting methods to ensure project accounting is reconciled/harmonize s with jurisdictional accounting.	<p>Presentation at Workgroup Meeting on September 29. http://www.climateactionreserve.org/how/protocols/in-progress/mexico-forest/ (Jurisdictions, Projects, and Nesting)</p> <p>Many of the elements of sectoral crediting, jurisdiction and project harmonization are based on policies developed both by Mexico and California.</p> <p>Tasks for the subcommittee include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of a common vision to share with public and government agencies related to project types, development of reference levels, crediting baselines, and other policies
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	Cheri Sugal		<p>associated with jurisdictional performance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Providing options related to crediting for projects and jurisdictions and identifying pros and cons associated with each approach.▪ Developing the mechanics for accounting for project credits from improved forest management, reforestation, and avoided deforestation projects and reconciling with jurisdiction accounting.
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