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Summary of Revisions Forest Project Protocol Version 3.2 to 3.3 November 15, 2012

The following noteworthy changes were made from the Forest Project Protocol Version 3.2 to Version 3.3:

- **Added Forest Project Aggregation Rules**
The Aggregation Rules, released on August 31, 2010, for use with forest projects under Forest Project Protocol Versions 3.0, 3.1, and 3.2, have been adopted into the general protocol for Version 3.3. The Forest Project Aggregation Rules allow smaller forest projects to be registered as part of a group, or “aggregate,” to reduce transaction costs for individual landowners.
- **Revised definition of “Forest Owner” and added new term “Project Operator”**
The definition of “Forest Owner” was revised to address the issues of control of forest resources. The term “Project Operator” was introduced to distinguish the individual/entity responsible for undertaking the forest project and all associated responsibilities where there may be multiple “Forest Owners.”
- **Updated scope of assessment and added new option for Sustainable Harvesting**
Clarified the temporal and geographic scope of assessment for meeting the Sustainable Harvesting requirement. Also added a new option for meeting the Sustainable Harvesting requirement.
- **Updated methodology for calculating baselines in Improved Forest Management projects**
The methodology for estimating baseline onsite carbon stocks in Improved Forest Management Project has been updated. For Projects with legal constraints requiring carbon stocks to increase over time, the baseline may include an upward sloping straight line to the apex of the legal constraints, with averaged annual values thereafter.
- **Updated quantification requirements for standing and lying dead wood**
Modified the requirements for monitoring quantities of standing and lying dead wood.
- **Added soil as a carbon pool in Avoided Conversion Projects**
The Protocol now includes soils as a creditable carbon pool for avoided conversion projects.
- **Introduced requirement for use of Project Design Document template**
Developed a Project Design Document template which Project Operators are required to use for this version of the Protocol.

- **Separated appendices into standalone Quantification Guidance document**
Previous versions of the protocol included appendices providing guidance for quantification of forest carbon stocks and harvested wood products. These appendices have been separated into a standalone Quantification Guidance document.