



Dominican Republic Livestock Protocol Workgroup Meeting Notes and Takeaways

Work Group Meeting #1 Notes – 2/21/2023 | 3:00 - 5:00 pm (DR time)

Reserve Attendees: Amy Kessler, Rachel Mooney, Claudia Jurado

[Link to review recording](#)

Workgroup Members in attendance:

Organization (alphabetically)	Name	Present (P) or Absent (A)
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ATOA Consulting Pty Ltd	Sami Osman	A
Independiente	Tomás Grammig	P
Independiente	Nelly Cuello	P
MéxicoCO2	David Colin	P
Ministerio del Medio Ambiente, República Dominicana	Kenia Feliz	P
Ministerio del Medio Ambiente, República Dominicana	Cesar Abrill	P
Nestlé Dominicana	Juan Crousset	A
Nestlé Dominicana	Leamsy Rodríguez (Suplente)	P
P3Movilidad	Josefina Fernandez McEnvoy	P
Ruby Canyon Ambiental	Miguel Angel Freyermuth Corona	P
Terralimpia biogás Soluciones	Carolina Porrello	P

Agenda:

- Introduction
- Process overview
- Protocol Considerations
 - Project Definition: Eligible Livestock Categories
 - Social and Environmental Safeguards
 - Anaerobic Baseline – Greenfields
 - Site-specific B₀ value
 - Open discussion
- Next steps

Main Points of Discussion and Decisions Made:

1. Chicken Waste Eligibility?

- There are currently a variety of management practices for handling poultry waste, including as a food supplement, mixed with straw, and even some egg farms in the DR that have installed biodigesters to treat chicken waste.

- There was a discussion of whether uncontrolled anaerobic digestion is common practice.
 - The Reserve requested studies or data to demonstrate compliance with the baseline scenario. The workgroup identified potential resources to find necessary information.
- 2. Should beef cattle be eligible?**
- Likewise, the Reserve requested studies or data to demonstrate compliance with the baseline scenario. There was no further discussion or input.
- 3. If yes to expanding livestock categories,**
- The Reserve further reviewed necessary data and considerations to include poultry and beef cattle if they were found to meet the baseline requirements.
 - There was discussion regarding the renewable energy law passed in 2016; workgroup members informed the Reserve that while it provides a potential incentive by removing the tax for importing biodigester equipment, it does not mandate the installation of biodigesters nor cover the costs of installation.
 - There was no further input on other data required to include poultry or beef cattle; the Reserve requested workgroup members provide relevant studies prior to the next meeting.
- 4. Social safeguards**
- There was a suggestion to review the safeguards to be cohesive with REDD+ safeguards.
 - There was a suggestion to include a safeguard to respect communal land tenure rights.
 - There was a suggestion to include a public consultation and dispute resolution process for each project so that neighboring communities or peoples could voice any concerns related to the project.
 - The Reserve requested that the workgroup provide information on specific government agencies that provide certificates or attestations stating there are no land tenure conflicts.
 - The importance of local engagement and outreach was further highlighted.
- 5. Environmental safeguards**
- There was a suggestion to include an environmental safeguard to ensure animal welfare and protection of biodiversity.
 - A recommendation was made to define monitoring, reporting, and verification (MRV) more clearly.
- 6. Anaerobic Baseline – Greenfields**
- The Reserve requested studies that could demonstrate uncontrolled anaerobic digestion as common practice throughout the DR or specific geographic regions. No further specific input was provided.
- 7. Site Specific Determination of B₀ Value (Maximum Methane Potential)**
- The Reserve requested information on milk production trends per month in order to apply the site specific B₀ value methodology. The workgroup identified a number of potential resources they will contact to see if the required information is available.
 - The Reserve further requested information on potential laboratories or accreditation bodies available in the DR for the labs that could support the required analysis (BMP assays). The workgroup again identified potential contacts or sources of information.



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Pending Questions for the Workgroup:

- Studies or datasets demonstrating uncontrolled aerobic digestion as common practice for poultry or beef cattle.
- Studies or datasets on monthly milk production trends.
- Information on accreditation bodies or laboratories available in the DR to perform BMP assays.