

Technical Panel Meeting Minutes February 5, 2018

Duration: 19:00 – 20:30 CET

Participants: Michael Dutschke (MD, minutes), Gianluca Gondolini (GG), Peter Schlesinger (PS)

Topics

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1 Nicoya / FUNDECODES Annual Report

In December 2017, FUNDECODES submitted its Annual Report for 2017 in English language. Mangrove planting and propagation of re-vegetation through the opening of canals for the tidal waters to enter the area is proceeding at good pace. Specifically for the year reported, public communication and outreach were on the agenda for Fundecodes. They produced a number of very professional materials for fairs and presentations, a sticker for project sponsors and signposts for the areas. On behalf of GCS, Fundecodes gave a good number of presentations at conferences and at national meetings with different stakeholders. The Jicaral site received a high-level visit from the German minister of the environment. Three strategy papers were developed. Domestic sponsors, specifically from the finance and tourism sector were addressed. Once the Costa-Rican emissions trading system is established through the respective rules and modalities, which are still impending, there is a chance to link land-use related credits from planting activities in the Commercial Buffer Zone to CCUs from the core Conservation Area, the market could open up considerably.

The TP accepts the Annual Report and takes note of the efficient use of the limited funds transferred. It reminds Fundecodes of the impending carbon monitoring methodology to be ready for the time when CCU sales increase to a point that allows for its implementation.

2 Submission of new PIN from Chile

A draft PIN was received from the Wildlife Conservation Society WCS. The NGO owns an area named Karukinka Natural Park of 297,655 ha in Tierra de Fuego, at the extreme south of Chile. On behalf of the GCS Secretariat, MD had already reviewed the draft for completeness and recommended it for review. A few blanks need to be filled however, mostly relating to proof of ownership and maps to be attached.

Some initial remarks were made by the TP as relates to the definition of the Commercial Buffer Zone and stakeholders to be addressed. It was noted that a Management Plan and a Social Impact Assessment are lacking, so that these documents will have to be produced during the first year of the project.

In the interest of time, the TP accepted the PIN for review at this draft stage, nominating PS as the review leader. The GCS nomenclature for the Karukinka project is 05-CR. All TP members will provide input, and PS will communicate directly with Melissa Carmody for PIN clarification and improvement.

Time is of an essence, because Antarctic winter is setting in in May. At this point, rainfalls make the area unviable. Given effective cooperation with the proponent, the TP will strive for PIN acceptance in a timely manner, so that the validation mission can be undertaken in March or April.

3 Miscellaneous

- A ToR for a “virtual internship” was drafted by Eder Zanetti, who for technical reasons (new Skype account) was unable to participate in the meeting. These ToR will be put in GCS layout and subsequently be circulated.
- It is proposed to develop a strategic M&E template, in order to assist project implementers in reporting their activities. This issue will be further pursued in an upcoming TP meeting.

The next meeting will be called upon in 3 weeks time, depending on the PIN review progress.