

Forests: Relevant developments under Article 6.4

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In this presentation

- The Removal and Reversal standards
- What is expected to be developed over time?
- The provision in the standards, and tools related to REDD+ linkage
- Forests and Article 6



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Top-down work: Multiple relevant standards approved:

- Removal standard
 - Standard “Addressing non-permanence and reversals”
- Methodologies standard
 - Baseline standard
 - Leakage standard
 - Additionality standard
 - + Tools (investment analysis; common practice)

Bottom-up work: Relevant submissions:

- One methodology submission for afforestation/reforestation received



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Forests-related activities:

- Eligible activities
- Classify as emission removals or emission reductions
 - For removals: 3x15 years crediting period
- Risk of reversal → “Reversal standard” applies (Risk Tool WIP)

Key provisions (from reversal standard):

- Identification of GHG reservoirs
- Contribution to buffer pool based on a 100-year reversal risk
 - To be determined in mechanism methodology
- For “avoidable reversal” events: need to replenish the buffer pool
- Only net removals can be credited
- Not all “events” constitute a reversal
- Monitoring report / Annual reversal report / Reversal notification
 - Consequences for late/missing reports



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Key provisions (from reversal standard - continued):

- Post crediting monitoring:
 - Period with obligation of monitoring and liability for reversals
 - Obligation can be handed over to third Party
 - Duration to be defined in methodology
- Post crediting monitoring termination
 - Demonstration of negligible risk
 - Cancellation of A6.4ERs still at risk
 - Potential use guarantee/guarantor (to be further elaborated in CN on para 62 of Removal Standard)

Relation to REDD+ (Article 5, para. 2):

- Activities also eligible under Article 6.4
- Requirement for REDD+ specified in the Leakage Standard
 - Inclusion in national REDD+ strategy, monitoring & reporting system and forest reference emission level
 - Or letter from Host Party as interim solution



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Future work

- Further work on sufficient coverage & conditions to demonstrate insurance coverage / termination options (CN: para 62)
- Elaboration of Reversal Risk Assessment Tool
- Developing a template for post-crediting monitoring period - SBM018 mandate in para 31
- Assessment of methodology proposal(s) received





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Article 6.2 initial reports




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Centralized Accounting and Reporting Platform (CARP).

Interim platform overview
This interim platform supports and facilitates the submission of reports and the publication of non-confidential information according to decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chapter IV (Reporting).

Submitting reports
National focal points of participating Parties are required to submit reports through the [UNFCCC submission portal](#).

- Reports must be submitted in PDF format. A Word version is highly recommended to ease processing.




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Article 6.2 Initial Reports related to the forest sector

Party	Report	Status of review
Guyana	Initial report 22 February 2024	Review finalized and inconsistencies identified *Review reports published
Suriname	Initial report 29 May 2024 Revised initial report 30 January 2025	Review pending *Review ongoing
Honduras	Initial report 26 September 2025	Review pending



**Thank you very much for your attention
Questions are welcome!**

