



CARBON CREDITS OF PNG: REDD+

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# PNG AT A GLANCE



**Landmass =  
~ 46.1 m/ha**

**8.3 million  
population (2021)**

**>800/1000  
languages/cultures**

**Forestry, Agriculture,  
fisheries  
& mining/petroleum**



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**3<sup>rd</sup> largest rainforest**

**77.89% Total Forest Cover (35.9 m/ha)**

**75% of the 8 million population**



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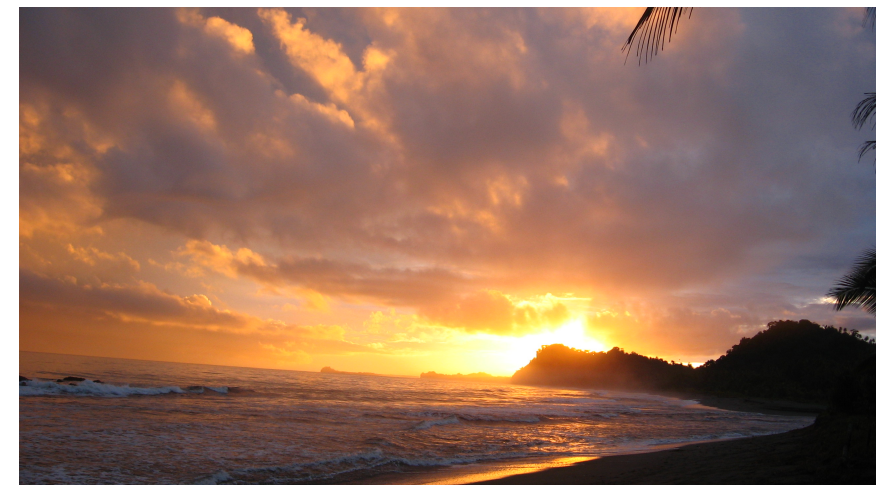
**5% Worlds Biodiversity**



**Renewable resources**



**900 spp of birds  
20,000 spp of plants  
161 spp of reptiles  
200-250 spp of mammals**



# REDD+ READINESS

**Commitment and priorities - vision of sustainability, equity and development.**

- 1. Vision 2050 (StaRs, MTDPIII, etc)**
- 2. Climate Change Management Act 2015**
- 3. Paris Agreement Implementation Act 2016**
- 4. UNFCCC Four REDD+ Elements**

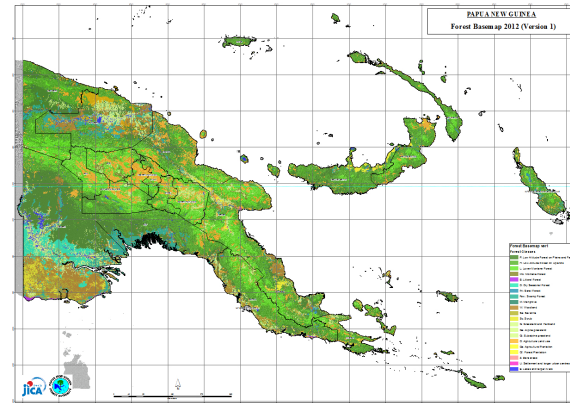
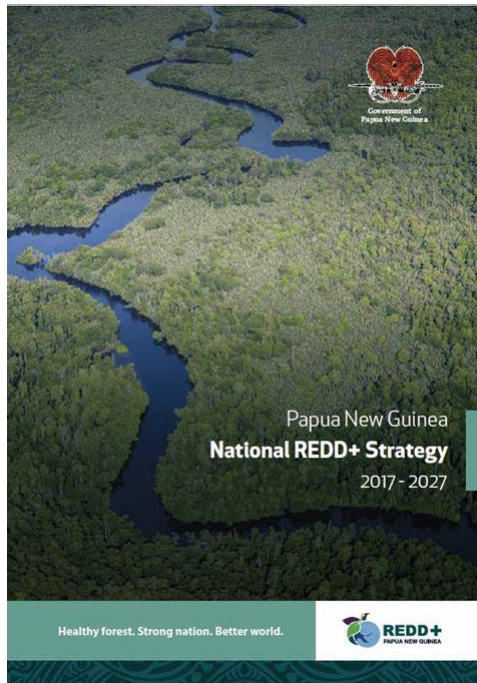


| Guidelines                                  | Document overview  |  |
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| <b>Benefit Sharing Distribution (BSD)</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies the Types of <b>Benefits, Beneficiaries</b> and <b>Flow of Benefits</b> from the different <b>identified climate finance sources</b>.</li> <li>Benefit Sharing thresholds and arrangements for respective jurisdictions</li> </ul> |  |
| <b>Free, Prior, Informed Consent (FPIC)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present the <b>institutional arrangements for effective FPIC application for respective jurisdictions</b></li> <li>Provide the procedures for FPIC <b>effective application</b> under the compliance and voluntary approaches</li> </ul>      |  |
| <b>Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a structured approach toward identifying both <b>internal and institutional mechanisms</b> for conflict resolution</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>REDD+ Development Guidelines (RDG)</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides the mandatory requirements for REDD+ activities at both National and Sub-national levels</li> <li>Provides for accommodation of VCM initiatives under the National Compliance Approach.</li> </ul>                                   |  |

# REDD+ - TRANSITION - IMPLEMENTATION



## 1. National REDD+ Strategy (NRS)



## 2. NFMS, 3. FREL/FRL, 4. SIS

## Safeguards to launch

1. Free, Prior and Informed Consent Guidelines
2. Benefit System Distribution Guidelines
3. Grievance Redress Mechanism
4. National REDD+ Implementation Guidelines

## National Registry (ERs)


## Emissions Trading Regulation

## Trust Fund before NEC



# REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION



  
Papua New Guinea

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change

## Press Statement

### Moratorium on PNG REDD+ Voluntary Carbon Market Projects

As the Minister for Environment and Conservation and Climate Change, I wish to point out and make clear to the public Papua New Guinea's policy agenda on Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+) and its future going forward.

The Government of Papua New Guinea is committed in pursuing and ensuring that REDD+ is implemented under the UNFCCC compliance system and that this initiative will be led by Climate Change Development Authority (CCDA) and Conservation Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) through a whole of government and stakeholder approach.

PNG's effort is clearly articulated in the country's National REDD+ Strategy (NRS) where we intend to achieve environment sustainability by strengthening long term economic growth as well as promoting community livelihoods with effective conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services, while ensuring PNG's Forest resources are sustainably utilized in an equitable manner for the current and future generation.

We have been able to achieve this through our international negotiation efforts at the UNFCCC level where we successfully established the Warsaw Framework. This framework enables PNG to be eligible for REDD+ Results-Based-Payments (RBPs) under the compliance system.

It is important for all to note that Papua New Guinea's REDD+ results for the years 2014 and 2015 were reported in the REDD+ Biannual Update Report (BUR) to the UNFCCC. Papua New Guinea stands to receive more than 20 million US dollars for the years 2014 and 2015 as a result of our ongoing efforts in reducing deforestation. I also want to add here that this is a significant achievement for the Coalition for Rainforest Nations (CIRN) which Papua New Guinea currently serves as the Chair following on from the pioneering work of our late Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare.

For CIRN countries to market a high-class carbon commodity, it is critically important that we generate quality carbon credits by ensuring a zero double-counting situation. I wish to inform the public that work is well underway to establish a financing framework that will be able to receive and hold REDD+ finance, RBPs and monies generated domestically through allocated tax.

The Trust Fund mechanism will be established under the recently amended Climate Change (Management)(Amendment) Act which gives Minister the authority to sell and transfer carbon sequestered by the forest in the form of emissions reductions.


Recently we have experienced an increase in interest for project level REDD+ activities targeting the use of Voluntary Carbon Standards (VCS). The CCDA is responsible for accurately reporting on its REDD+ Results. The VCS projects must be brought under the compliance system so that the REDD+ Safeguard requirements under the UNFCCC is implemented through a national approach for benefit of the country and its local communities. This will ensure environmental integrity and avoid double counting of carbon credits traded which is an ongoing issue in other countries as well.


I am now imposing a **Moratorium** on any new and intending REDD+ Carbon Market Projects looking to pursue using VCS to trade carbon credits. I will be taking a policy submission to the National Executive Council (NEC) to immediately effect this Moratorium so as to ensure that PNG's National Approach under the UNFCCC compliance system is strictly adhered to.

We will now take advantage of the COP 26 outcomes and pursue Article 6 of the Paris Agreement by negotiating with Private Sector based companies to buy into PNG's soon to be established emission trading scheme. We will also be pursuing bilateral agreements in the region such as the Indo-Pacific Carbon Offset Scheme (IPCOS) which was signed with Australia during the COP 26 meeting in Glasgow.

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Authorized for immediate publication,

  
Hon Wera Mori, MP  
Minister for Environment, Conservation and Climate Change

  
Independent State of Papua New Guinea

24<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

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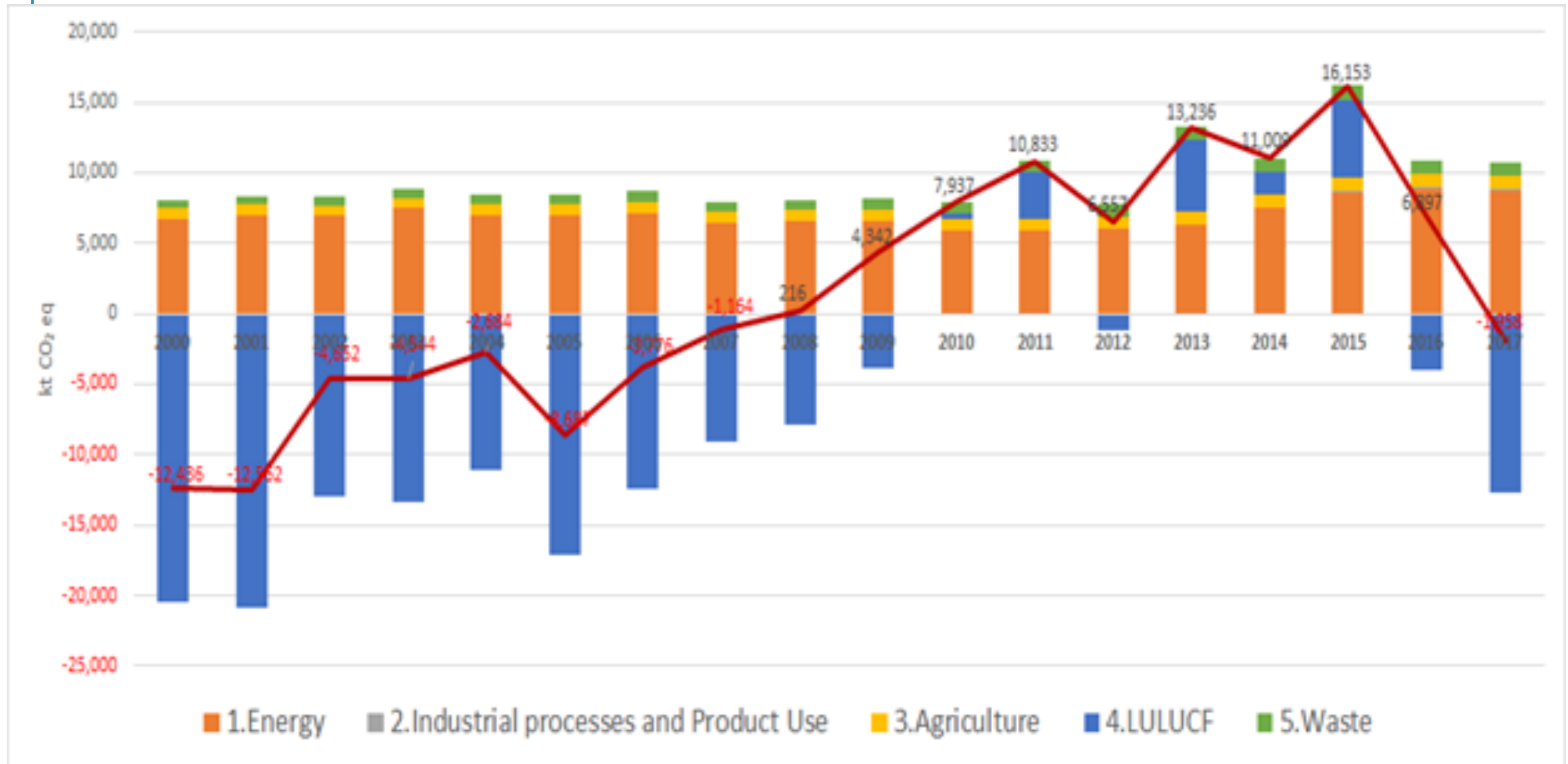
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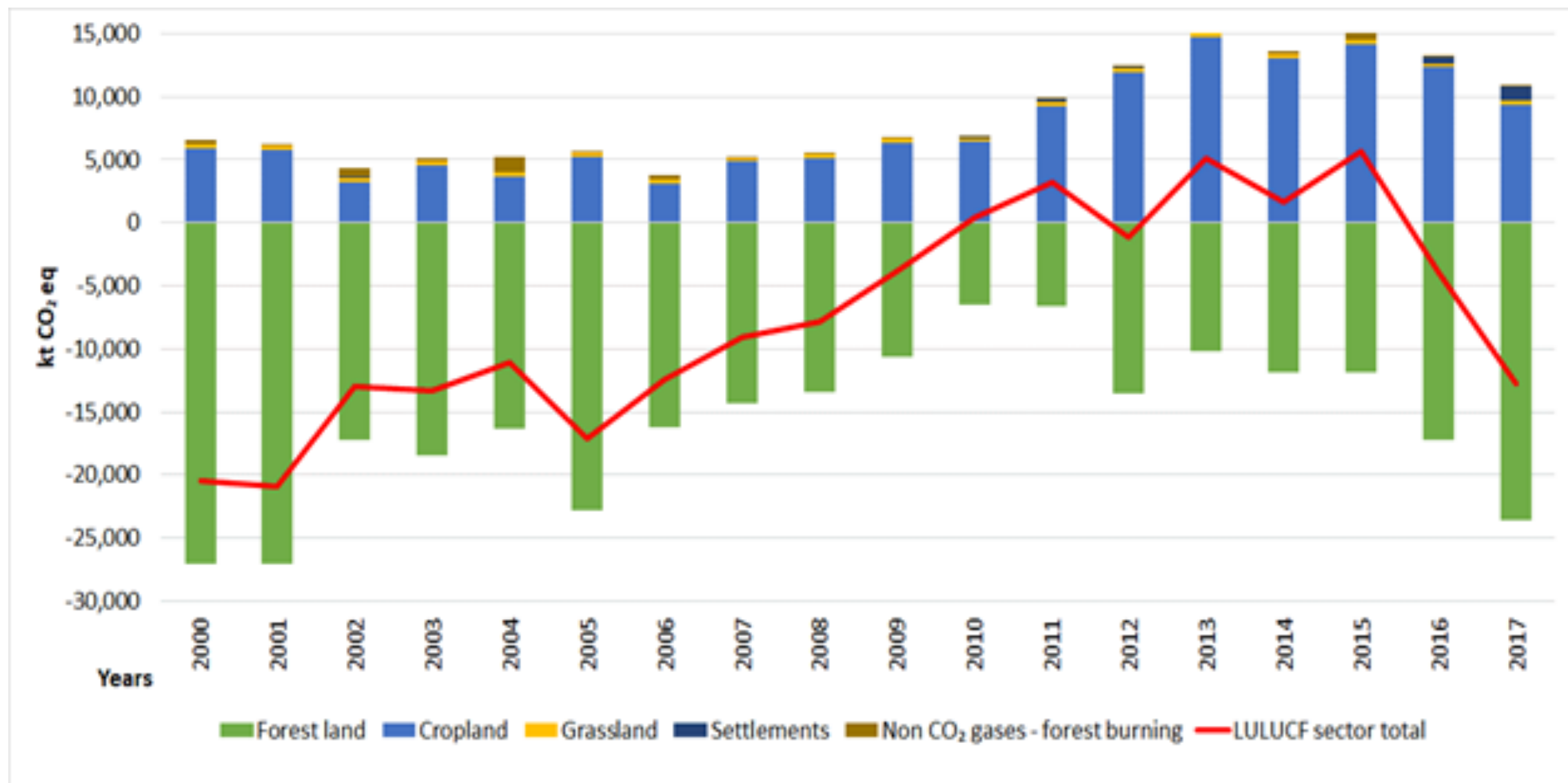


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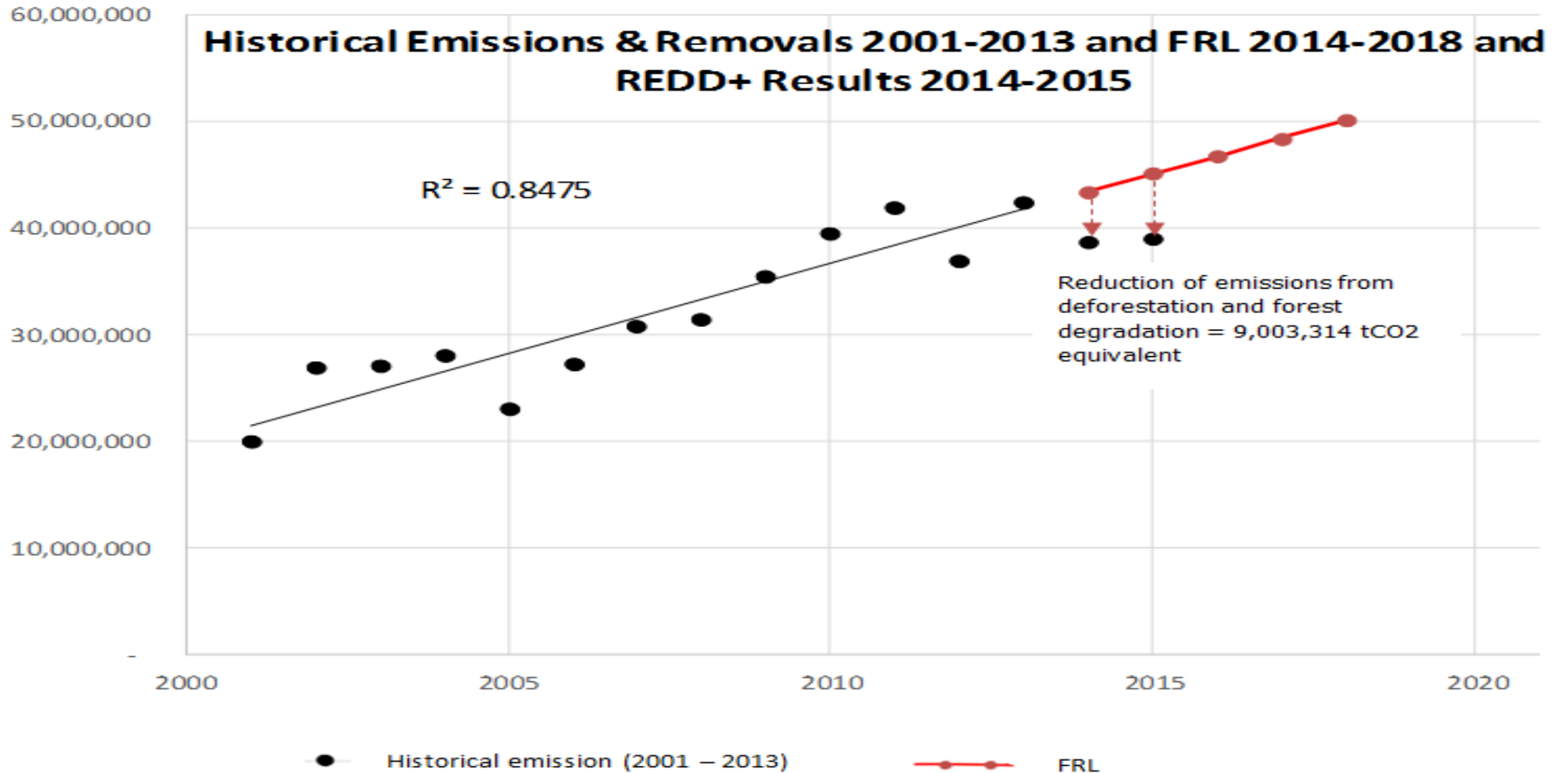


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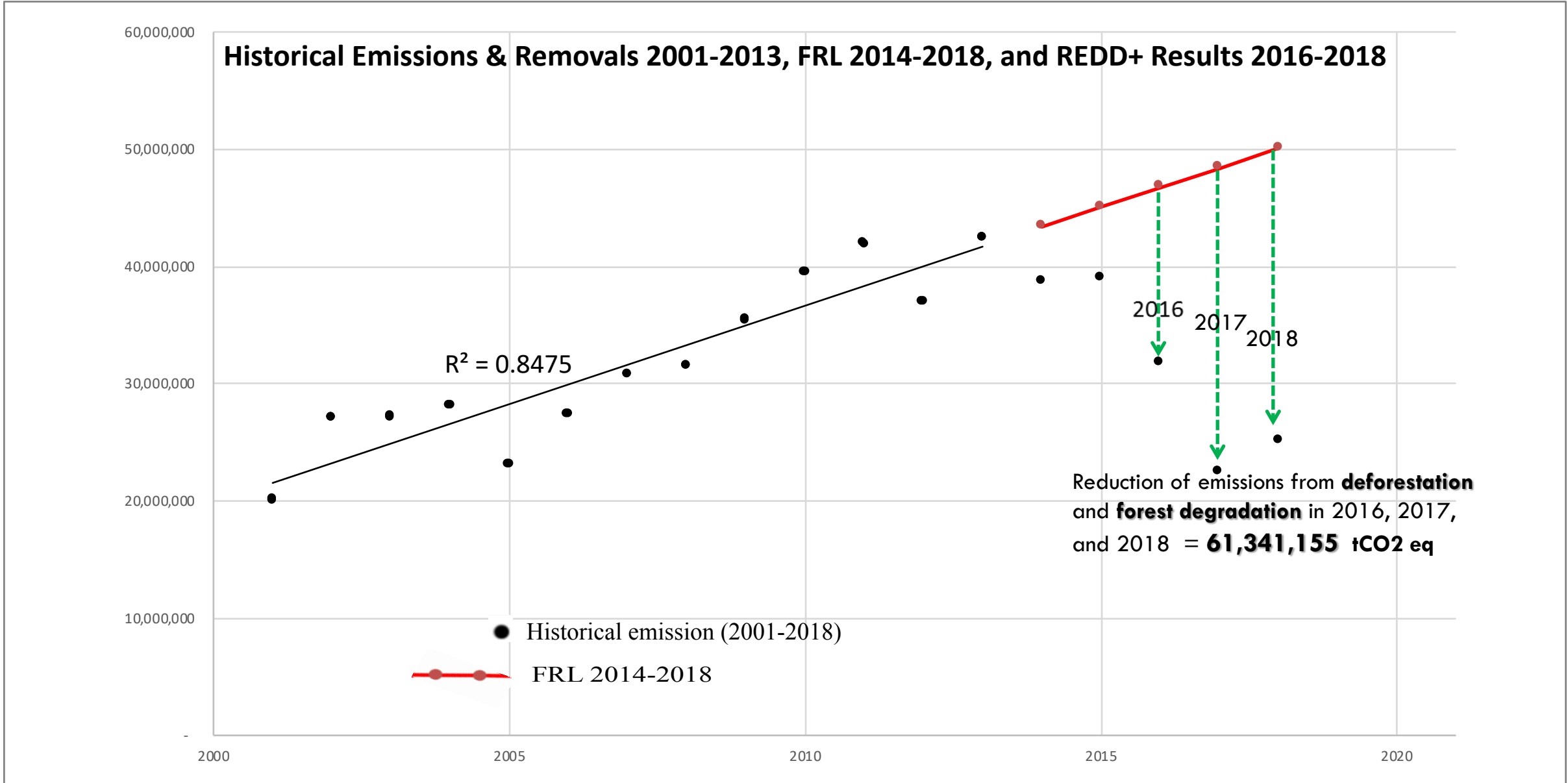




## 2014 – 2015 REDD+ Results (TA of PNG BUR 1)



# 2016 – 2018 REDD+ Results (TA of PNG BUR 2)



**...THANK YOU...**

