

GHANA COCOA FOREST REDD+ PROGRAMME (GCFRP)

SCREENING CHECKLIST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS ISSUES

1. Project Information: Name and Contact Details:			
Project Name GHANA COCOA FOREST REDD+PROGRAMME (GCFRP) ENRICHMENT PLANTING	Location: (region/district/village) CENTRAL/ ASSIN FOSU/ANDOE		
	If other, explain:		
FSD /WD District Focal Point	GEREALD KUSI		
Name of reviewer:	DOROTHY DAMPSON	Date of screening:	JANUARY, 2021

Subproject Details: Attach location map (longitude – latitude coordinates (GPS reading) if available):	
Type of activity: <i>What will be done, who will do it, what are the objectives and outcomes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENRICHMENT PLANTING (FOREST RESTORATION) YOUTH IN AFFORESTATION (YAP) BENEFICIARIES IMPROVE FOREST COVER/RESTORE FOREST
Estimated Cost:	
Proposed Date of Commencement of Work:	APRIL, 2020
Expected Completion of Work	APRIL, 2023
Technical Drawing/Specifications Reviewed:	Yes

2. Physical Data:	Comments
Subproject Site area in ha	18(HA)
Extension of or changes to existing land use	NO
Any existing property?	NO
Any plans for construction, movement of earth, changes in land cover	NO

3. Preliminary Environmental Information:	Yes/No	Refer to Process Framework	Specify/ Provide Comments
Is there adjacent/nearby critical natural habitat?	NO		NO ADJACENT/NEARBY CRITICAL NATURAL HABITAT
Is there activities On Forest Reserve?	YES		FOREST PLANTATION (MTS, DIRECT PLANTING)
Is there activity adjacent to Forest Reserve?	NO		NO ACTIVITY
What is the land currently being used for? (e.g. agriculture, gardening, etc.)			PLANTATION (ENRICHMENT PLANTING)

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Will the proposed activities have any impact on any ecosystem services, biodiversity issues or natural habitats?	YES		RESTORATION OF DEGRADED FOREST AREA
Will there be restrictions or loss of access to using natural resources in any traditional areas including medicinal plants or those of economic value for livelihoods?	NO		FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSE OR USAGE
Will there be water resource impacts?	YES		PROTECTION OF WATER BODIES
Will there be soil impacts?	NO		NO BURNING OR USE OF SIMPLE FARM TOOLS
Will the subproject require use of pesticides?	NO		PESTICIDES NOT APPLIED
Are there any new or changing forest management planning or activities?	YES		REVIEWED MANAGEMENT PLAN
Any cultural heritage/sacred sites in project area?	YES		TABOO DAYS ADHERED TO HOWEVER THERE IS NO CULTURAL SITE

4. Preliminary Social and Land Information:	Yes/No	Refer to Process Framework	Specify/ Provide Comments
Has there been litigation or complaints of any environmental nature directed against the proponent or subproject?	NO		
Will the subproject require the acquisition of land?	NO		
What is the status of the land holding (customary, lease, community lands, etc.)?			GOVERNMENT LAWS
Is there evidence of land tenure status of farmers and/or occupants (affidavit, other documentation)?	NO		
Are there outstanding land disputes?	NO		
Has there been proper consultation with stakeholders?	YES		
Is there a grievance process identified for PAPs and is this easily accessible to these groups/individuals?	YES		GCFRP FGRM
Will there be any changes to livelihoods?	YES		PROCUREMENT OF SEEDLINGS, HIRED LABOUR
What are the main issues associated with farmer benefits and community benefits?			NO CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED AT THE TIME OF SCREENING
Will any restoration or compensation be required with "admitted" farmers?	NO		EVENTUALLY COMMUNITY BENEFITS WHEN EMISSION REDUCTION IS ACHIEVED

5. Impact identification and classification:

When considering the location of a subproject, rate the sensitivity of the proposed site in the following table according to the given criteria. Higher ratings do not necessarily mean that a site is unsuitable. They indicate

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a real risk of causing undesirable adverse environmental and social effects, and that more substantial environmental and/or social planning may be required to adequately avoid, mitigate or manage potential effects. The following table should be used as a reference.

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Issues	Site Sensitivity			Rating (L,M,H)
	Low	Medium	High	
Natural habitats	No natural habitats present of any kind	No critical natural habitats; other natural habitats occur	Critical natural habitats present; within declared protected areas	<u>If High Refer to Annex 3.1 and Contact Regional EPA</u>
Water quality and water resource availability and use	Water flows exceed any existing demand; low intensity of water use; potential water use conflicts expected to be low; no potential water quality issues	Medium Intensity of water use; multiple water users; water quality issues are important	Intensive water use; multiple water users; potential for conflicts is high; water quality issues are important	<u>If High Refer to Annex 3.1 and Contact Regional EPA</u>
Natural hazards vulnerability, floods, soil stability/ erosion	Flat terrain; no potential stability/ erosion problems; no known flood risks	Medium slopes; some erosion potential; medium risks from floods	Mountainous terrain; steep slopes; unstable soils; high erosion potential; flood risks	<u>If High Refer to Annex 3.1 and Contact Regional EPA</u>
Land and Farming Tenure	No conflicts, disagreements around use of land, tenant farmer rights and location of admitted farms and farmers transparent	Process of land regularization and rights to natural resources being worked out with clear communication and grievance process in place	Land conflicts historically unresolved, admitted farmers being evicted, tenant farmers losing rights and no transparency or grievance redress available	<u>If Medium or High Refer to Process Framework</u>

Summary of Site Sensitivity (Rate as Low/Medium/High for the site and provide comments)					
Site	Natural habitats	Water quality and water resource availability and use	Natural hazards vulnerability, floods, soil stability/ erosion	Land and Farming Tenure	Comments
APEMENIM FOREST RESERVE/ COMPARTMENT 12 & 14	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	<p>THE ESTABLISHMENT WOULD MAKE USE OF CUTTING OF STRIP LINES THROUGH THE COMPARTMENT AND CAREFUL SELECTION OF SPECIES TO REFLECT EXISTING REMNANT TREES WITHIN THE COMPARTMENT. THIS WILL NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE NATURAL HABITATS, • LANDSCAPE. • SOIL STABILITY AND EROSION • CATCHMENT AREA

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6. E & S assessment comments based on site visit (use additional sheet and attach if necessary):

Summary Observations

THE TOTAL SITE AREA IDENTIFIED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ENRICHMENT PLANTING, THERE IS HIGH REGENERATIVE CAPACITY

1. SAPLINGS OF INDIGENOUS SPECIES WITH CAPACITY OF REGENERATION

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Potential Environmental and Social Issues That Require Referral to EPA or Using EA1 Form

	Benchmark and Issues	Impact description	Yes	No	Remark
1.	Statutory provisions	Is the proposed plantation area less than 40ha?	Yes		If yes, proceed with EA1 Form
2.	Statutory provisions (see <i>Natural Habitat Issues in Checklist</i>)	Are there any ecologically sensitive/ critical areas within the proposed project area		No	
3.	Protected areas and wildlife	Will project activities potentially impact natural habitats or critical wildlife species		YES	
4.	Biodiversity loss	Will land use change or vegetation clearance lead to loss of exceptional flora/ fauna		No	
	Water pollution	1. Is there a local stream close to the project site? 2. Does it flow all year round? 3. How long does it take to walk to this stream 4. Do you think any project activity will affect this stream		YES	
6.	Soil erosion	Are there steep slopes in the project area? Can you easily walk on the slopes without falling		No	

7. Impact Identification and Mitigation (use additional sheet and attach if necessary)	
Impact/Risk	ESMF Mitigation Options & Others
ILLEGAL LOGGING	➤ UNDERTAKE FREQUENT SITE MONITORING
CHANGE IN BIODIVERSITY	➤ DESIGN PLANTING TO INCLUDE SPECIES, INDIGENOUS TREE SPECIES IN THE RESERVE.
SOIL IMPACT	➤ CONTROL OF WEEDS MANUALLY BY USING FARM TOOLS LIKE HOES AND CUTLASS
UNAVAILABILITY AND POOR USE OF PPEs	➤ PROVIDE PPE TO FARMERS AND STAFF, TRAIN THEM ON THE IMPORTANCE AND USE OF PPEs.
INJURY OF WORK GANG PERSONS	➤ THERE WILL BE REGULAR EDUCATION ON WORK PLACE SAFETY. ➤ FIRST-AID KITS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE WORK SITE ➤ ENSURE ALL WOK GANG MEMBERS ENGAGED ARE ON THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME FACILITY ➤ THE WORK GANGS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH PPEs AND ENSURE STRICT COMPLIANCE OF USAGE

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Determination of environmental category based on findings of the screening: A ___ B ___ C ___

- A Requires an EIA/ESMP
- B Requires preparation of additional E&S information to support ESMF
- C Does not require further environmental or social due diligence – Refer to ESMF

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