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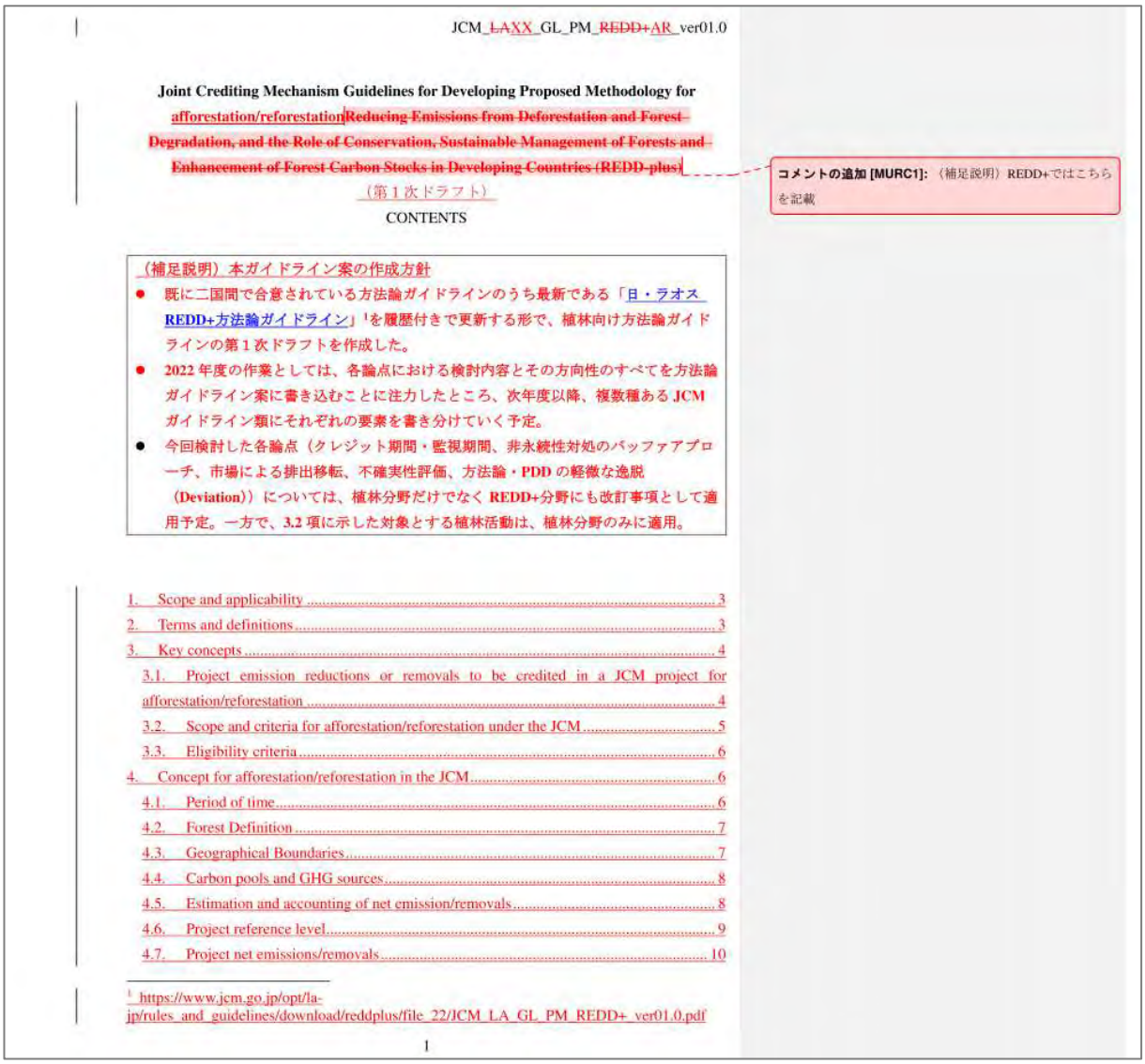
I. 植林分野の JCM 方法論開発ガイドライン（案）



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Joint Crediting Mechanism Guidelines for Developing Proposed Methodology for ~~afforestation/reforestation Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation, and the Role of Conservation, Sustainable Management of Forests and Enhancement of Forest Carbon Stocks in Developing Countries (REDD-plus)~~

（第１次ドラフト）

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（補足説明）本ガイドライン案の作成方針

- 既に二国間で合意されている方法論ガイドラインのうち最新である「日・ラオス REDD+方法論ガイドライン」[1]を履歴付きで更新する形で、植林向け方法論ガイドラインの第１次ドラフトを作成した。
- 2022 年度の作業としては、各論点における検討内容とその方向性のすべてを方法論ガイドライン案に書き込むことに注力したところ、次年度以降、複数種ある JCM ガイドライン類にそれぞれの要素を書き分けていく予定。
- 今回検討した各論点（クレジット期間・監視期間、非永続性対処のバッファアプローチ、市場による排出移転、不確実性評価、方法論・PDD の軽微な逸脱（Deviation））については、植林分野だけでなく REDD+分野にも改訂事項として適用予定。一方で、3.2 項に示した対象とする植林活動は、植林分野のみに適用。

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[1] https://www.jcm.go.jp/opt/la-jp/rules_and_guidelines/download/reddplus/file_22/JCM_LA_GL_PM_REDD+_ver01.0.pdf

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1. Scope and applicability

1. Joint Crediting Mechanism Guidelines for Developing Proposed Methodology for afforestation/reforestation~~Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation, and the Role of Conservation, Sustainable Management of Forests and Enhancement of Forest Carbon Stocks in Developing Countries (REDD-plus)~~ (hereinafter referred to as "these Guidelines") are intended to assist methodology proponents in preparing proposed methodologies for afforestation/reforestation~~REDD-plus~~ under the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM).
2. These Guidelines are to be referred to by the Joint Committee in developing and assessing proposed methodologies. These Guidelines are also to be referred to throughout the entire project cycle of a JCM project for afforestation/reforestation~~REDD-plus~~ (hereinafter referred to as "an A/R project").
3. These Guidelines describe standards which are requirements to be met, except guidance indicated with terms "should" and "may" as defined in paragraph 6 below.
4. Submission and subsequent assessment of a proposed methodology are conducted in line with the procedure delineated in Joint Crediting Mechanism Project Cycle Procedure for REDD-plus and afforestation/reforestation.
5. These Guidelines aim to assist the development of methodologies to quantify emissions reductions or removals from afforestation/reforestation. Detailed scope of afforestation/reforestation under the JCM is described in the section 3.2 of these guidelines.~~the five REDD-plus activities listed in the Cancun Agreements (UNFCCC, Decision 1/CP.16 paragraph 70), i.e. (a) reducing emissions from deforestation; (b) reducing emissions from forest degradation; (c) conservation of forest carbon stocks; (d) sustainable management of forests; and (e) enhancement of forest carbon stocks.~~

~~6. These guidelines are applied to in developing proposed methodology for projects which are to be implemented under the national REDD-plus strategy and with respect to the national or any relevant sub-national reference level and forest monitoring system established by the Lao People's Democratic Republic.~~

2. Terms and definitions

~~7.~~6. The following terms apply in this Guidelines:

(a) "Should" is used to indicate that among several possibilities, one course of action is recommended as particularly suitable;

(b) "May" is used to indicate what is permitted.

~~8.~~7. Terms in these guidelines are defined in JCM Glossary of Terms available on the JCM website.

コメントの追加 [MURC2]: （補足説明）REDD+版ではこちらを表記

コメントの追加 [MURC3]: （補足説明）REDD+用の既定のため削除（REDD+版では残す）

3. Key concepts

3.1. Project emission reductions or removals to be credited in a JCM project for ~~afforestation/reforestation~~~~REDD-plus~~

~~9.~~8. In a ~~A/R JCM~~ project ~~for afforestation/reforestation~~~~REDD-plus~~, the project emission reductions or removals to be credited are defined as the sum of the annual emission reductions or removals resulting from project activities ~~adjusted using a discount factor for the risk of reversals~~ during a crediting period. A certain portion of the JCM credits issued from the A/R project is deposited as buffer credits in the buffer account in order to ensure the permanence of the JCM credit issued from the project.

~~10.~~9. The annual emission reductions or removals are a conservative estimate of the difference between the project reference level and project net emissions/removals in each year.

~~11.~~10. The project reference level is an estimate of the anticipated annual net emissions/removals in the project area during the monitoring period without the project being implemented. Guidelines for methodologies on setting out the procedures for establishing project reference levels are provided in paragraphs 43 to 46 in these Guidelines.

~~12.~~11. The project net emissions/removals is the sum of actual net emissions/removals in the project area, emissions/removals from the project activities and emissions displaced to outside of the project area by the project activities during the monitoring period. Guidelines for methodologies on setting out the procedures to estimate the project net emissions/removals are provided in paragraphs 47 to 50 in these Guidelines.

~~13. Guidelines for methodologies to determine the discount factor for addressing risk of reversals in full are provided in paragraphs 38 to 41 in these Guidelines.~~

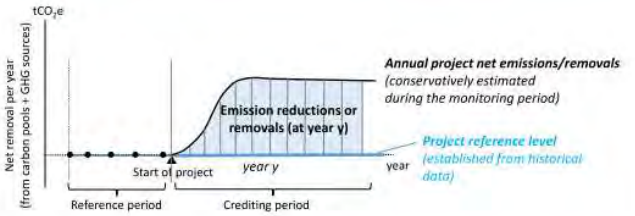

Figure: Relationship between the project reference level, annual project net emissions/removals, annual emission reductions or removals~~, and the annual emission reductions or removals to be credited~~.

コメントの追加 [MURC4]: （補足説明）植林の場合はクレジットになるのは「吸収」だが、REDD+との並びで文言を残している。

コメントの追加 [MURC5]: （補足説明）JCM-REDD+では、国レベルの参照レベルと区別するため JCM プロジェクト用の参照レベルを「project reference level」と規定。現時点では植林プロジェクトでも、いわゆるベースラインを「project reference level」と呼ぶ方針でガイドライン案を作成。

3.2. Scope and criteria for afforestation/reforestation under the JCM

12. Eligible afforestation/reforestation activities under the JCM are those that convert from non-forest to forest through the planting, sowing and human-assisted natural regeneration of woody vegetation.
13. Regarding implementation of an A/R project, project participants ensure by providing no-objection letter from [PARTNER COUNTRY's] government:
    (a) that activity is to convert land use or land cover from non-forest to forest
    (b) that afforestation/reforestation is not to be implemented without the project.
14. Project participants demonstrate that the project area has not been cleared of native ecosystems within the 10 year period before the project start date. In the case when the project area has been cleared during the last 10 years prior to the project start date, the eligibility of the A/R project is determined by the Joint Committee. Project participants provide evidence that such land clearance has not taken place with an intention to implement project activities.
15. Eligible A/R project is to increase carbon stock and/or reduce emissions in the project area by the project activities during the crediting period and to ensure the permanence of the JCM credit issued from the project. The definition of the types of period including crediting period, observation period and project period is provided in the section 4.1 of these guidelines and in the JCM Glossary of Terms.
16. Project participants maintain forest in the project area after the crediting period. Project participants observe the status of forest to the JCM secretariat during the observation period.
17. 【本パラはPCPに記載予定】[Where an event occurs that is likely to qualify as a loss event (see the definition), the project participants notify the JCM secretariat. A loss event report is prepared and submitted to the Joint Committee.] Loss events are any events that results in a loss of more than five percent of previously verified emission reductions and removals due to losses in carbon stocks in pools included in the project boundary that is not planned for in the project description (e.g., harvesting as set out in management plans and described in the project description is not a loss event).]
18. Eligible A/R project is to implement the project activities referred to in paragraph 12 above, and to aim for mitigation of climate change as one of the main objectives. Where the A/R project is not economically feasible only by issuance of the JCM credits, such in case investment barriers prevent the implementation of the project, project participants may implement commercial activities (such as timber production) in the project area. Project participants demonstrate economical additionality that economical feasibility of the project is insufficient only by credit issuance nor only commercial activities other than credit issuance.
19. Planting [activity is][tree species are] in line with requirements in PARTNER COUNTRY's

コメントの追加 [MURC6]: （補足説明）本セクションはJCM 植林が対象とする活動に関する規定。

コメントの追加 [MURC7]: （日本語）非森林から森林へ転換する取組を JCM における植林とする。

コメントの追加 [MURC8]: （日本語）対象地での JCM 植林プロジェクト実施について、パートナー国政府から No Objection を取り付ける。取り付けにおいては、プロジェクト対象地が、パートナー国において植林が実行される予定地でなかったことを確認する。

コメントの追加 [MURC9]: （日本語）クレジット期間を通じて対象地における炭素ストック量がプロジェクト開始前よりも増加する活動を対象とする。クレジット期間及び監視期間の定義は、Glossary で規定する。

コメントの追加 [MURC10]: （日本語）プロジェクト対象地はクレジット期間終了後も森林を維持することとする。森林の維持は、監視期間に確認・報告を行う。

コメントの追加 [MURC11]: （日本語）気候変動緩和に貢献することを主目的とした植林活動を対象とする。クレジット創出のみでは事業性が不十分な場合には、収益を補うために他の事業活動（木材生産等）を実施することを認める。プロジェクト実施者は、クレジット創出のみ、あるいはクレジット創出以外の事業活動のみでは事業性が不十分であることをもって、経済的な追加性を証明する。

national biodiversity strategy, the Nationally Determined Contributions [and published document provided by national or regional government including national/regional strategy and/or plan] [and published document provided by international institution]. In case there is no source of information described above, [project participants confirm no objection of planting [activity][tree species] through consultation with government of PARTNER COUNTRY][project participant decides planting tree species ensuring a risk of invasive alien species addressed]][]

20. For an A/R project with harvesting, the total amount of JCM credits issued does not exceed the cumulative net emission reductions or removals during the entire crediting period. To ensure that, upper limit of the amount of credit issuance is applied based on future harvesting plans. One of approaches to set the upper limit is the long-term average GHG benefit. Details of the approach applying the long-term average GHG benefit are provided in Annex I of these guidelines. Project participants may set their own upper limit of the amount of credit issuance, which is more conservative than the long-term average GHG benefit. In this case, the method to set the conservative upper limit is described in the proposed methodology. In case that the total amount of JCM credits issued is above the cumulative net emission reductions or removals in the project area, it is regarded as a reversal, and project participants compensate the difference between total amount of JCM credits issued and the cumulative net emission reductions or removals by cancellation of their buffer credits][

~~3.2.~~3.3. Eligibility criteria

~~14.~~21. Eligibility criteria in proposed methodologies contain the following:

(a) Requirements for the project in order to be registered as a JCM project.

(b) Requirements for the project to be able to apply the approved methodology.

4. Concept for afforestation/reforestation~~REDD-plus~~ in the JCM

4.1. Period of time

22. Project period consists of the total crediting period and the observation period.

23. Crediting period is the period in which verified emission reductions or removals attributable to a JCM project can result in the issuance of JCM credits from that JCM project. The crediting period for REDD-plus and A/R is a renewable period of a maximum of fifteen (15) years which may be renewed twice at the maximum. [Where possible, the total crediting period for REDD-plus and afforestation/reforestation including renewal of the period should be more than 20 years.]

24. Observation period is the period in which project participants observe emission reductions or removals achieved by the project and potential loss events after the crediting period, as one of means to ensure the permanence of issued JCM credits. The observation period begins

コメントの追加 [MURC12]: （日本語）植林[活動] [樹種]は、対象国の生物多様性国家戦略、NDC [及び当該国・地域が指定する戦略や計画等の公表文書][国際機関による公表文書]を参照の上、これに沿ったものとする。そうした情報がない場合には、 [先方政府と協議のうえ承諾を得る] [在来種を推奨する]。

コメントの追加 [MURC13]: （日本語）伐採を伴う植林については、クレジット発行量がプロジェクト期間全体の累積正味吸収量を上回らないようにするため、将来の伐採計画を踏まえ、累計のクレジット発行量に上限を設ける。この際、長期平均 GHG 便益の考え方を適用してもよいこととする。長期平均 GHG 便益を用いたアプローチのガイダンスを本ガイドラインの Annex I に示す。また、長期平均 GHG 便益よりも保守的なクレジット発行量上限を定める。その場合は、保守的なクレジット発行上限の設定方法は提案方法論で規定する。クレジット発行量が累計正味吸収量を上回った場合、差分についてバッファクレジットを用いて補填（取消）する。

コメントの追加 [MURC14]: （補足説明）クレジット期間（Crediting period）、監視期間（Observation period）,プロジェクト期間（ Project period を規定）

at the end of the crediting period.

25. Project participants apply the project period in the way that observation period is at least 10 years, or that project period is at least 30 years, whichever is longer.

26. During the observation period, project participants implement "observation monitoring", described in para 27. In case a loss event occurs, project participants report the event and risk of non-permanence. Buffer credits are cancelled to compensate the loss in accordance with relevant procedures to be determined by Japanese government or the Joint Committee.

27. Observation monitoring is implemented to observe the status of the project area during the observation period by using satellite images, remote sensing and/or others specified in a proposed methodology.

~~3.3.~~4.2. Forest Definition

28. The definition of forest used for afforestation/reforestation~~REDD plus~~ methodologies should follow the national definition of forest designated by [PARTNER COUNTRY]~~the Lao People's Democratic Republic~~, as specified in Annex II of these Guidelines. If there is a difference between the national definition of forest and the definition used in a proposed methodology, the reason for selecting the forest definition is explained.

~~15.~~29. Non-forest is the land which does not meet the definition of forest.

~~3.4.~~4.3. Geographical Boundaries

~~16.~~30. The project area ~~and the reference area~~ for the project ~~is~~are identified. A reference area, displacement belt and/or activity area are also identified, when necessary. The project area and the activity area are delineated taking into account forest management units and other administrative boundaries as well as local land management customs.

~~17.~~31. The project area is the area targeted for reducing emissions and/or enhancing removals.

~~18.~~32. The reference area is the area used to establish the project reference level. The reference area is similar to the project area with respect to ~~agents and drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation,~~ landscape configuration and ecological condition, and socio-economic and cultural conditions.

~~19.~~33. The displacement belt is the area outside the project area where emissions displaced through activity shifting by implementation of the project~~by project activities~~ will be monitored. Guidelines for accounting for displaced emissions are provided in paragraph ~~48~~48~~35~~ below.

~~20.~~34. The activity area is the area where project activities are implemented to reduce emissions and/or increase removals in the project area and to reduce the risk of the displacement of emissions to other areas.

~~21.~~35. At the time of validation, at least 80 percent of the project area is under the control of

コメントの追加 [MURC15]: （補足説明）植林ではほとんどのケースで不要と考えられるが、任意設定という形で規定を残すこととした。

コメントの追加 [MURC16]: （補足説明）市場による排出移転（リーケージ）の追加に伴う変更。Displacement belt は活動移転による排出移転の方をモニタリングする場所であることを明確化（植林、REDD+共通）

コメントの追加 [MURC17]: （補足説明）Reference area 同様、これも植林ではあまり見られないように思うが（Activity area は、REDD+でいう、プロジェクト対象地の森林を守るためにその脇に設ける生産性の高い農地のようなイメージ）、もともと任意設定であるし、設定の可能性がゼロではないと考えて残すこととした。

the project, and acquisition of the rights of use of the project area to the extent necessary for the project is demonstrated by the project participants with documentary evidence. By the time of the first verification event, the entire project area is under the control of the project, and acquisition of the entire rights of use of the project area to the extent necessary for the project is demonstrated as such by the project participants with documentary evidence.

~~3.5.~~4.4. Carbon pools and GHG sources

~~22.~~36. The carbon stocks to be considered includes each of the following five carbon pools: above ground biomass, below-ground biomass, dead wood, litter and soil organic carbon.

~~23.~~37. GHG sources to be considered are sources such as biomass burning, enteric fermentations of livestock, rice cultivation, and nitrogen fertilization for CH_4 and N_2O and fuel consumed by project activities for CO_2.

コメントの追加 [MURC18]: （補足説明）対象とするプール・ガスの相手国 NDC との整合やその調整要否については、JCM 全体での検討に委ねることとし、現時点ではこのパラは REDD+ガイドラインから不変とした。

~~3.6.~~4.5. Estimation and accounting of net emission/removals[2]

~~24.~~38. The approach and procedures used for the national or any relevant sub-national reference level or forest monitoring system developed by [PARTNER COUNTRY]~~the Lao People's Democratic Republic~~ are respected when developing the project reference level and estimating net emissions/removals of the project. The guidelines in paragraphs ~~40~~ to ~~41~~ are followed when alternative or additional approaches and procedures are used. The methodology proponents communicate with the technical contact person for REDD-plus and afforestation/reforestation under the JCM to explain the proposed approach and procedures to develop the project reference level and estimate project net emissions/removals, consider any comments and other feedback they receive, and keep records of the communications. The technical contact person for REDD-plus under the JCM is provided on the JCM website.

~~25.~~39. The most recent IPCC guidelines, such as ~~*IPCC*~~ *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National GHG Inventories*, *2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* or the *IPCC 2003 Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry*, are used when estimating net emissions/removals.

~~26.~~40. The monitoring of net emissions/removals from the carbon pools in a crediting period should be conducted using a combination of remote sensing and ground-based survey. The best available technology, including novel satellite observation technologies, may be

[2] The following guides may be referred to for the estimation of net emissions/removals:
"REDD-plus Cookbook: How to measure and monitor forest carbon," Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute, 2012: www.ffpri.affrc.go.jp/redd-rdc/ja/reference/cookbook.html
"A sourcebook of methods and procedures for monitoring and reporting anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions and removals associated with deforestation, gains and losses of carbon stocks in forests remaining forests, and forestation", GOFC-GOLD, 2015: http://www.gofcgold.wur.nl/redd/sourcebook/GOFC-GOLD_Sourcebook.pdf

employed to build effective monitoring systems for net emissions/removals.

(a) Remote sensing: Forest/non-forest, land cover types and forest type should be classified through remote sensing analysis using satellite imageries whose spatial resolution is 30 meters or higher. For the classification of land cover and forest types, classification to reflect the amount of carbon stock per hectare is encouraged and the classification should reflect each country's forest designations. The accuracy of imagery analyses of forest/non-forest classification for each forest type is 80 percent or higher.

(b) Ground-based survey ~~of emission factors~~: Emission factors, or carbon stocks per hectare, of each carbon pool in each class, should be obtained through on-the-ground measurements. If ground measurements are not used, a reasonable explanation is provided, and the IPCC's Emission Factor Database (EFDB), national forest inventories or other internationally recognized data may be used as alternative data sources for the emission factors, with an explanation of the rational for and validity of the data provided.

~~27.~~41. To establish the project reference level, carbon pools and GHG sources can be excluded if their exclusion leads to conservative estimates of emission reductions or removals.

~~28.~~42. To estimate project net emissions/removals, net emissions/removals from all carbon pools and GHG sources should be estimated. However, if the net emission/removals from any carbon pool or any single GHG source due to project activities is estimated to amount to less than five percent of the cumulative~~total~~ net emissions/removals according to measured values or data from the IPCC's guidelines, Emission Factor Database (EFDB), national forest inventories or other internationally recognized sources, a simple but conservative procedure may be used to estimate the amount, and ex post monitoring is not necessary.

~~3.7.~~4.6. Project reference level

~~29.~~43. The project reference level is a projection of the sum of the annual net emissions/removals in the project area in the absence of the project. Project reference levels should be established based on the net emissions/removals from the project area or the reference area during the reference period unless otherwise specified in the proposed methodologies to be conservative.

~~30. The project reference level applies the approach and procedures used for the national or any relevant sub-national reference level established by [PARTNER COUNTRY]the Lao People's Democratic Republic. The guidelines in paragraphs 31 to 32 are followed when alternative or additional approaches and procedures are used.~~

~~31.~~44. The reference period dates back at least 10 years from the start of the project. The methodology proponents may designate a maximum date back period of the historical data to be used for developing the reference levels that is appropriate for the methodology. The data of net emissions/removals to establish the project reference level should be obtained for

コメントの追加 [MURC19]: （補足説明）REDD+用の既定のため削除。

at least four point of times. This means that carbon stock data from at least five points in time are required when using the stock-change method to estimate net emissions/removals.

~~32.~~45. Three approaches for establishing the project reference level are recognized:

(a) Average of annual net emissions/removals during the reference period;

(b) Single regression models of the historical trends of annual net emissions/removals;

(c) Other sophisticated models, including multiple regression analysis of annual net emissions/removals, taking into account possible changes in drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation, such as changes in demography, agricultural, forestry and other land use activities, and national and/or sub-national circumstances such as land development policies and programs.

~~33.~~46. ~~If a national or relevant sub-national reference level is established or changed after the project start date, the project reference level is reestablished in a consistent manner with the national or relevant sub-national reference level. However, the newly established project reference level cannot be applied retroactively to evaluate net emission reductions or removals. If there is no national or relevant sub-national reference level, t~~The project reference level is reassessed by project participants within five years to ensure that it adequately reflects the actual circumstances of the project area, such as ~~drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation,~~ activities that lead to land-use changes, and changes of forest management methods. If the result of reassessment shows that the project reference level no longer adequately reflects actual circumstances, the project reference level is reestablished.

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~~3.8.~~4.7. Project net emissions/removals

~~34.~~47. Project net emissions/removals include (a) the net emissions/removals in the project area, (b) emissions due to the project activities inside and outside the project area including safeguards activities, and (c) displaced emissions in each year during the crediting~~monitoring~~ period.

48. Displaced emissions are emissions displaced from inside to outside the project area as a result of the project activities. ~~T~~The two types of displaced emissions are:

(a) Displaced emissions through activity shifting occurs when the activities with GHG emissions which had been implemented in the project area before the project start date move to an area outside of the project area and continue its emissions elsewhere.

(b) Displaced emissions through change in market occurs when projects reduce the production of a commodity causing a change in the supply and market demand equilibrium that results in a shift of production elsewhere to make up for the lost supply.

~~35.~~49. Displaced emissions through activity shifting is monitored in displacement belt and accounted. Displaced emissions through change in market is encouraged to be accounted.

コメントの追加 [MURC21]: （補足説明）市場による排出移転（リーケージ）の追加に伴う変更（植林、REDD+共通）。
REDD+版では(a)は Displaced emissions through activity shifting occurs when the activities with GHG emissions which has been implemented in the project area when the actual agent of deforestation and/or forest degradation moves to an area outside of the project area and continues its deforestation or degradation activities elsewhere. となる方針。

Any decrease in carbon stocks and increase of emissions outside the project area that are reasonably attributable to the project activities are quantified and accounted as displaced emissions. Any increase in carbon stocks and decrease of emissions compared to the situation without the project outside the project area due to the project activities are excluded from the accounting. The ways and means to identify and quantify displaced emissions are explained in the proposed methodologies.

~~36. The approach and procedures used in any national or sub-national forest monitoring system relevant to the project area established by the Lao People's Democratic Republic are considered when establishing the monitoring system for project net emissions/removals.~~

~~37.~~50. Monitoring is implemented at least just prior to verifications

~~3.9.~~4.8. Project emission reductions or removals to be credited

~~38.~~51. The methodology proponents demonstrate that the method to estimate annual emission reductions or removals is conservative.

52. As provided in the figure 1 in the section 3, annual project emission reductions or removals to be credited are calculated for each year from the project reference level and the project net emissions/removals. Their sum is the project emission reductions or removals to be credited during a monitoring period.

~~39.~~ In order to ensure that reversals are addressed in full when reversals of emission reductions or removals occur, a portion of issued JCM credits is deposited as buffer credits in the buffer account of the JCM registry. Details of this buffer approach are provided in Annex III of these guidelines~~, discount factor, considering internal risks (such as risks arising from inadequate project management, loss of financial viability, increased opportunity costs, and reduction of project longevity), external risks (such as risks caused by issues associated with land ownership and resource use rights, community engagement, and political matters) and natural risks (such as risks associated with unprecedented forest fires, pests and disease outbreaks, extreme weather patterns, and geological events). The default value of the discount factor is 30 percent. The proposed methodologies may use the default value and/or provide a procedure that the project participants can apply to develop a project specific discount factor to deal with the risk of reversals, with the justification for the procedure provided.~~

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~~40.~~53. ~~The discount factor is reassessed at the time of verification. If the result of reassessment shows that the discount factor no longer adequately reflects actual circumstances, the discount factor is reestablished. However, a newly established discount factor cannot be applied retroactively to calculate project emission reductions or removals to be credited before the reassessment.~~

54. 【本パラはPCPに記載予定】The amount of credits issued to each account (the accounts

of project participants of both sides, the buffer account[s]) is described in Credits Issuance Request Form by project participants, and is to be approved by the Joint Committee.

55. The project participants reduce, as far as is practical, uncertainties related to the quantification of emission reductions or removals. Project participants quantitatively estimate uncertainties. Procedures to estimate uncertainties are described in the proposed methodology, in line with the most recent IPCC guidelines. Deductions of emission reductions or removals by using conservative factors are applied if the estimation of uncertainties exceeds a certain percentage, in line with the method specified in the proposed methodology, depending on the result of quantitative estimation of uncertainties.

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~~4.~~5. General Guidelines

~~41.~~56. Methodology proponents prepare the proposed methodology by filling in the Proposed Methodology Form and the Proposed Methodology Spreadsheet, attached to these Guidelines.

~~42.~~57. These Guidelines, the Proposed Methodology Form and the Proposed Methodology Spreadsheet may be obtained electronically from the JCM website.

~~43.~~58. The Proposed Methodology Form and the Proposed Methodology Spreadsheet are completed in English language.

~~44.~~59. Methodology proponents provide supporting documents to justify key logical and quantitative assumptions regarding the choice of eligibility criteria, default values and establishment of reference emissions.

~~45.~~60. The Joint Committee develops the Proposed Methodology Form and the Proposed Methodology Spreadsheet and may revise them if necessary.

~~46.~~61. The Proposed Methodology Form is not altered, that is, is completed without modifying its format, font, headings. If sections of the Proposed Methodology Form are not applicable, it is explicitly stated that the section is left blank on purpose.

~~47.~~62. The Proposed Methodology Spreadsheet enables calculation of project emission reductions or removals to be credited automatically through inputting values by project participants. The Proposed Methodology Spreadsheet consists of the following:

(a) An Input Sheet containing all the parameters to be monitored *ex post*, project-specific parameters to be fixed *ex ante* by the project participants (e.g. historical data) as well as the default factors which can be changed by the project participants. For each parameter, the methodology proponents fill in all the required fields, except for those of the inputted values;

(b) A Calculation Process Sheet containing all the default values which cannot be changed by the project participant, calculation process to derive project reference level and project net emissions/removals, and the resulting project emission reductions or

removals to be credited.

~~48.~~63. The proposed methodology:

(a) Describes the procedures in a manner that is sufficiently explicit to enable the methodology to be used, be applied to projects unambiguously, and be reproduced by a third party;

(b) Is possible for projects following the methodology to be subjected to JCM validation and/or verification;

(c) Includes all algorithms, formulae, and step-by-step procedures needed to apply the methodology and validate the project, i.e. calculating project reference level, project net emissions/removals and project emission reductions or removals to be credited;

(d) Provides instructions for making any logical or quantitative assumptions that are not provided in the methodology and is made by the methodology user;

(e) Avoids the intentional increase of credits caused by perverse incentives (e.g. when an increase in output is triggered by incentive to increase credits).

64. The presentation of values in the Proposed Methodology Form and the Proposed Methodology Spreadsheet should be in international standard format (e.g. 1,000 representing one thousand and 1.0 representing one). The units used should be accompanied by their equivalent S.I. units/norms (thousand/million) as part of the requirement to ensure transparency and clarity.

65. Projects may deviate from the procedures set out in methodologies in certain cases, where alternative methods may be more efficient for project-specific circumstances, and where the deviation will achieve the same level of accuracy or is more conservative than what is set out in the methodology.

66. Deviations from the approved methodology are permitted where they represent a deviation from the procedures relating to monitoring, measurement and/or calculation set out in the section F. to J. of the approved methodology (e.g., data, parameters and equations available at validation, data and parameters monitored, or the monitoring plan). Deviations relating to any other part of the methodology are not permitted. Methodology deviations do not negatively impact the conservativeness of the quantification of the project emission reductions or removals, except where they result in increased accuracy of such quantification.

67. Methodology deviations are permitted at validation or verification and their consequences are reported in the validation or verification report, as applicable, and all subsequent verification reports.

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~~5.~~6. Instructions for completing the Proposed Methodology Form

Instructions for completing the Proposed Methodology Form are provided below. A hypothetical

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proposed methodology is inserted to enhance the clarity of these Guidelines. This methodology is purely indicative and does not imply that the methodology is to be adopted.

Cover sheet of the Proposed Methodology Form

Form for submitting the proposed methodology for ~~afforestation/reforestation~~~~REDD-plus~~

Partner Country	Country XYZ
Name of the methodology proponents submitting this form	Company DEF
Title of the proposed methodology, and version number	Afforestation/reforestation without timber harvesting in country XYZ Version 1.0
List of documents to be attached to this form (please check):	☒The attached draft JCM-PDD: ☐Additional information
Date of completion	1/10/2024

- *Provide an unambiguous title for the proposed methodology. The title should reflect the types of ~~afforestation/reforestation~~~~REDD-plus~~ activities to which the methodology is applicable and include the approach or activity(ies) for achieving emission reductions or removals.*
- *Provide a list of any additional documents to be attached to this form.*
- *Provide the date of submission in DD/MM/YYYY.*

History of the proposed methodology

Version	Date	Contents revised
01.0	1/10/2024	First edition

- *Provide the version number and date of submission in DD/MM/YYYY.*
- *If a previously submitted methodology has been revised, provide the date of revision in DD/MM/YYYY as well as a brief summary of the revision.*

A. Title of the methodology

Afforestation/reforestation without timber harvesting in country XYZ Version 1.0

- *Provide an unambiguous title for the proposed methodology and the version number of the proposed methodology. The title should reflect the types of*

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~~afforestation/reforestation~~REDD+ activities to which the methodology is applicable and include the approach or activity(ies) for achieving emission reductions or removals.

B. Terms and definitions

Terms	Definitions

- *Please provide definitions of key terms that are used in the proposed methodology.*

C. Summary of the methodology

Items	Summary
Project activities (emission reduction or removal enhancement measures)	Plantation and assisted natural regeneration of trees, whose species are approved by the government of country XYZ to plant.
Establishment of project reference level	The project reference level is set based on the situation in the project area below: - whether there are some carbon stocks in the project area before the project start date, and whether the existing carbon stocks is to be changed between without-project scenario and project scenario, - Whether any emissions (CH_4 and N_2O emissions from biomass burning) is occurred in the project area in without-project scenario.
Calculation of project net emissions/removals	Project net emissions/removals are calculated on the basis of the monitored carbon stock change of two carbon pools, above-ground biomass and below-ground biomass of planted or naturally regenerated trees over the monitoring period, from last verification to current verification. Net CO_2 emissions and GHG emissions in the project area from implementation of project activity are monitored and accounted. Displaced emissions is assumed as zero.

Monitoring parameters and methods	Number of trees planted or naturally regenerated by human assistance – monitored by direct measurement and using project records or by remote sensing. Mean annual change in above-ground biomass – monitored by direct measurement and calculated by using allometric equations sourced from peer-reviewed thesis or other scientific evidence Burned area – monitored by remote sensing or direct measurement Use of fuel for project activities – monitored using project records
Calculation of project emission reductions or removals to be credited	Calculating the project emission reductions or removals in a conservative manner. This includes the estimation and potential deduction for uncertainties related to the quantification of emission reductions or removals.

- *Summarize the key elements of the proposed methodology, including brief descriptions of:*
  - *Project activities (i.e. removal enhancement~~emission reduction~~ measures);*
  - *Establishment of the project reference level;*
  - *Estimation of project net emissions/removals;*
  - *Key monitoring parameters and methods;*
  - *Determination of the buffer ratio~~discount factor~~ for risk of reversals.*

D. Eligibility criteria

This methodology is applicable to projects that satisfy all of the following criteria.

Criterion 1	The project is to enhance CO_2 removals through plantation and/or assisted natural regeneration of trees whose species approved by the government of country XYZ to plant. Through the project activities, the project area converted to forest from non-forest.
Criterion 2	Project participants demonstrate that the project area has not been cleared of native ecosystems within the 10 year period before the project start date.
Criterion 3	The project area does not include forest on peat soil. Peat is defined as organic soil with at least 65% organic matter and a minimum thickness of 50 cm.
Criterion 4	As for A/R projects without timber harvesting, legal or illegal logging to supply commercial timber to regional, national or international timber markets is not

	implemented in the project area in the crediting period. Harvesting to assist growth of remaining trees such as plowing and thinning can be implemented as the project activity.
Criterion 5	Where the A/R project is not economically feasible only by issuance of the JCM credits, such in case investment barriers prevent the implementation of the project, project participants may implement commercial activities (such as timber production) in the project area. Project participants demonstrate economical additionality that economical feasibility of the project is insufficient only by credit issuance nor only commercial activities other than credit issuance.
Criterion 6	Project participants provide the documented evidence that any economic activity including agriculture which had been implemented in the project area before the project start date and had had negative environmental and social impacts is not displaced to outside of the project area.
Criterion 7	Documented evidence that three carbon pools of dead wood, litter and soil organic carbon can be conservatively excluded from estimation of project emission reductions or removals to ensure that net emission reductions or removals are not overestimated.

- *Eligibility criteria are requirements for the project in order for it to be able to apply the approved methodology and registered as a JCM project for ~~afforestation/reforestation~~~~REDD-plus~~.*
- *Eligibility criteria are those that can be examined objectively.*
- *Eligibility criteria include:*
  - *Characteristics to identify the measures applied to the methodology;*
  - *Conditions that are necessary in order to enable robust calculation of emission reductions or removals by the methodology, e.g. the situation before the implementation of the activity;*
- *Eligibility criteria should be, to the extent possible, those that can be ascertained upon validation, i.e. eligibility criteria should avoid those which need to be monitored ex post. For example, actual performance of a measure should not be included as eligibility criteria, since it is not certain at validation whether the stated performance can be achieved. On the other hand, performance as defined by scientifically referenced figures can be included as eligibility criteria since it can be readily checked upon validation.*

XX ~~Demonstration of economical additionality~~

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- *Demonstrated economical additionality. Existing tool for additionality demonstration such as "Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality in A/R CDM project activities" may be applied.*

E. Geographical Boundaries

Essential

Geographical boundary	Requirements
Project area	No additional requirements.
~~Reference area~~	~~The reference area includes the project area for the determination of the initial project reference level, but excludes the project area when the reference level is reassessed.~~

Optional boundaries

Geographical boundary	Required (Y/N/TBD)	Additional requirements / Remarks
Reference area	N	No need, the reference level is set based on the historical data, current situation and assumption about the future situation in the project area (assumed as zero).
Activity area	N	No need, the project activities are implemented only in the project area.
Displacement belt	N	No need, there is no displacement of net GHG emissions/removals caused by implementation of the project activity.

TBD: to be decided by the project proponent

- *Describe any requirements additional to those described in paragraphs 30 to 35 of these guidelines for the establishment of the geographical boundaries.*
- *Identify whether an reference area, activity area and/or displacement belt are required in the methodology, or whether the project participants are left to decide (to be decided – TBD) whether the project design includes these areas.*