

## Standard Indicator 1 - Mitigation

### Estimating emission reductions from IKI project activities

Online Seminar 2 - AFOLU

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# 1 Introduction

# Introduction to the IKI Standard Indicators (SI)

- First introduced in 2015 and revised in 2022
- SI enable the IKI to aggregate headline results across individual projects
- Data is used to communicate IKI's achievements to the public, German parliament and other stakeholders and as part of national and international reporting

## Selected IKI impacts, 2015–2021

### CO2 equivalents directly mitigated

**8000000 t**

CO2 equivalents directly mitigated

24 projects reported on this in the data for the Standard Indicator Action Mitigation.



### area of ecosystems improved or protected

**19000000 ha**

area of ecosystems improved or protected

49 projects reported on this in the data on the Standard Indicators Action Ecosystems and "S2 – Ecosystems".



### coast improved or protected

**267 km**

coast improved or protected

5 projects reported on this in the data on the Standard Indicators Action Ecosystems and "S2 – Ecosystems".



### people directly supported by the project to adapt to climate change or to conserve ecosystems

**1000000**

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70 projects reported on this in the data on the Standard Indicator Action People.



### people directly supported



# Overview of IKI Standard Indicators

## SET A - Old SI

Action Mitigation
Action Ecosystems
Action People

## SET B – SI as of 2022

▶ <b>SI 1 - Mitigation</b>	<b>GHG emissions reduced or carbon stocks enhanced directly or indirectly by IKI project measures.</b>
SI 2 - Ecosystems	Area of ecosystems with improved conservation and sustainable use due to IKI project measures.
SI 3 - Adaptation	Number of people directly and indirectly supported by IKI projects to better adapt to climate change.
SI 4 - Capacity People	Number of people directly supported by IKI projects through networking and training to address climate change and/or to conserve biodiversity.
SI 5 – Leveraged Finance	Volume of private and/or public finance leveraged for climate change and biodiversity purposes in EUR.

# Provisions for IKI projects in a nutshell

- Report **on new Standard Indicators (Set B)**, if the project has submitted the first interim report in April 2022 or thereafter.
  - Older projects may be required to switch due to large amendment requests or can switch voluntarily
- Report **on all relevant Standard Indicators** (i.e. SI for which the project is producing results)
- Report in line with the respective Indicator Guidance Sheets in the **IKI Project Planning and Monitoring Guidelines**
- Report on new Standard Indicators (SET B) through the **IKI Standard Indicator Report** (Annex 7, Excel Tool)



## Key guidance documents (click [here](#))

- IKI Standard Indicator Report (Excel Tool)
- IKI Project Planning and Monitoring Guidelines (incl. Standard Indicator Guidance Sheets)

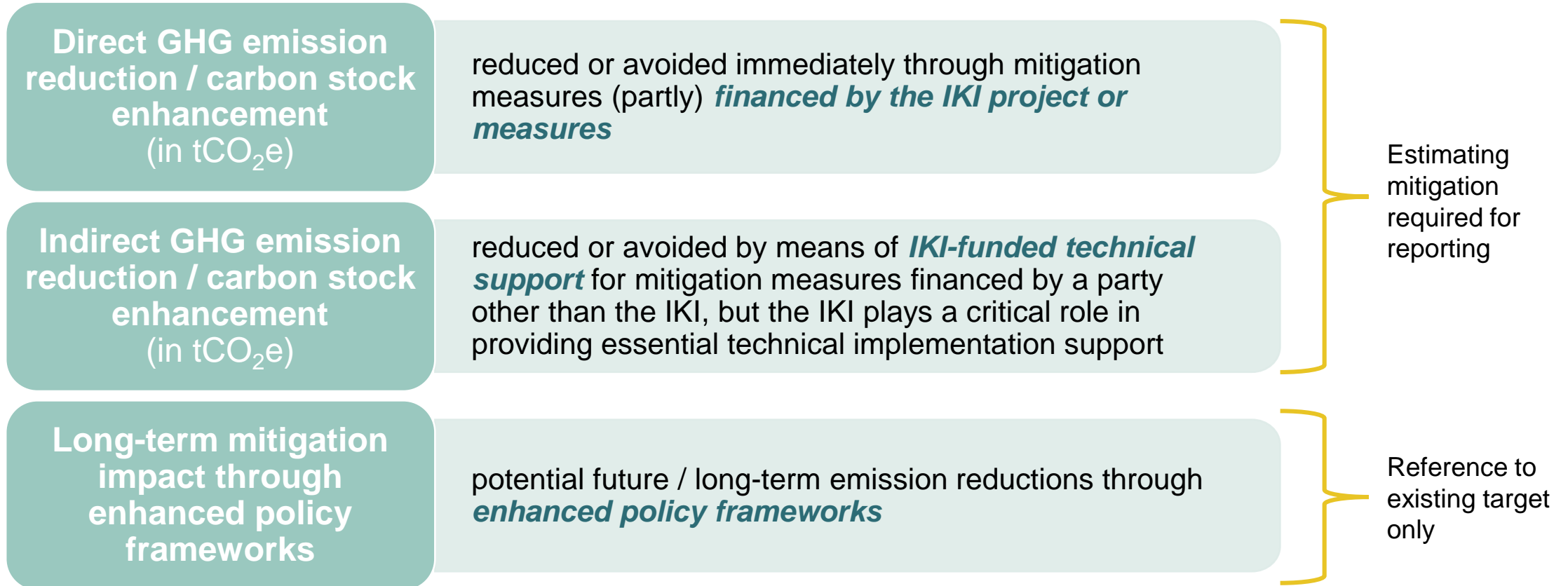
Please note that slight updates were made to both documents in July 2023 to improve clarity and usability.



## **2 Common understanding of direct and indirect mitigation**

# IKI differentiates between direct and indirect GHG mitigation

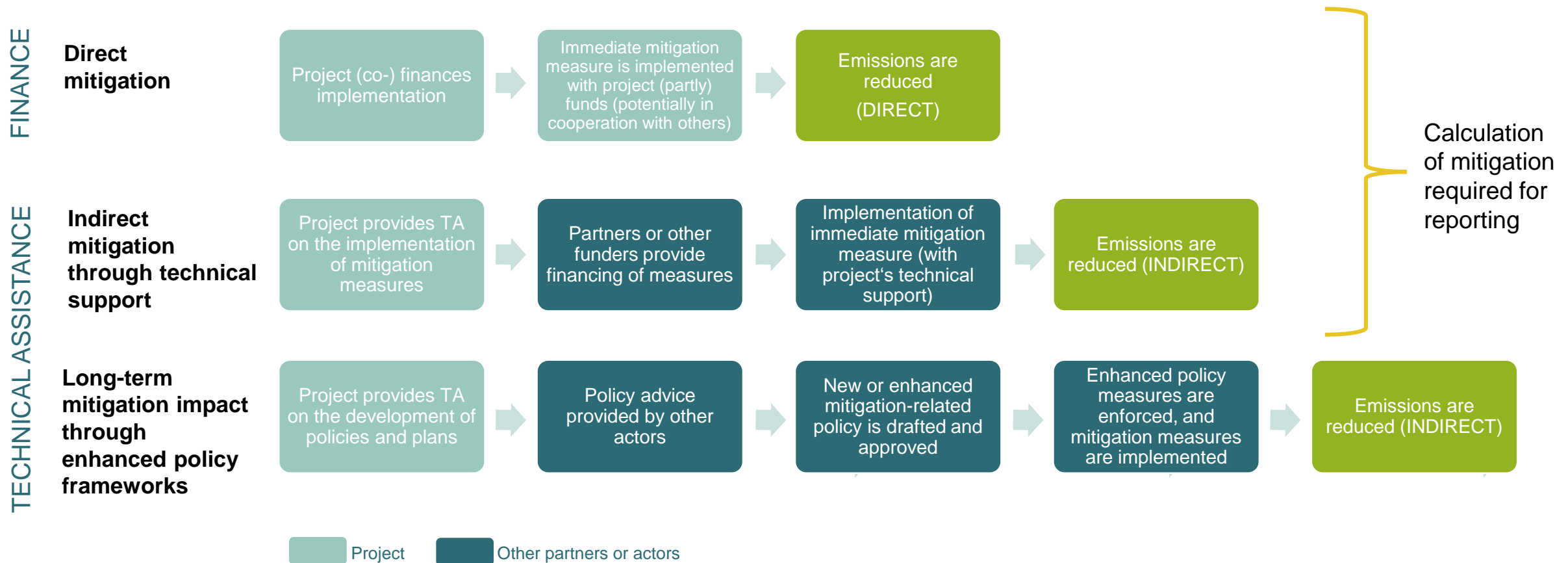
Estimating mitigation required for reporting of direct financed and technical support leading to immediate mitigation





# Different pathways and causal chains of IKI projects

Direct financing, technical support and enhanced policy framework



# Project activities lead to different impact and potential mitigation

Examples for the three categories of impact

## Direct mitigation

- On-the-ground piloting or demonstration components of IKI projects
- Use of financial mechanisms
- Development and financing of an app
- Project activities resulting in lower-carbon intensity of services or products

**Immediate GHG emission reductions**

## Indirect mitigation through technical support

- Technical capacity development for the scaling of pilots
- Implementation of community forest management plans that translate into protected forest areas
- Improved land or marine management status
- Short-term removal of regulatory barriers

**Short-term / upscale GHG emission reductions**

## Enhanced policy frameworks

- Technical support on the development/ revision of NDCs or LT-LEDS
- Development of sectoral policies / strategies
- Development of subnational net-zero emissions action plans
- Roadmaps for policies

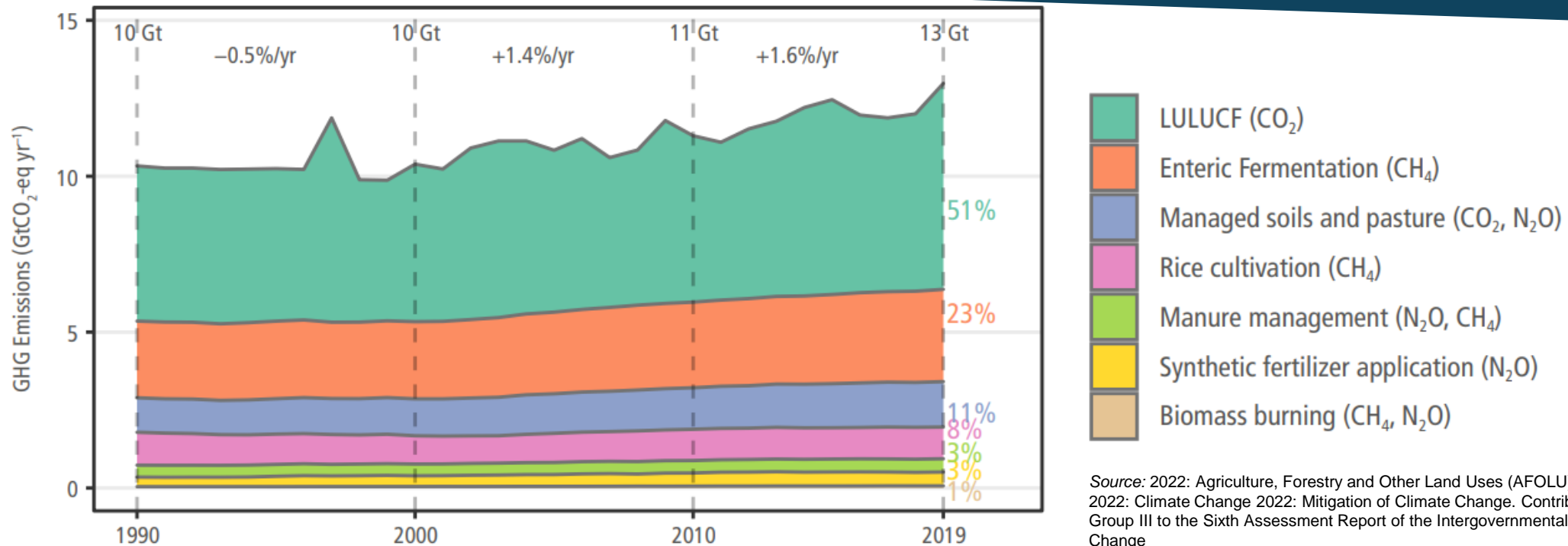
**Long-term mitigation impact / potential for future GHG emission reductions**



## **3 Typical emission sources and emission reduction activities**

# Global AFOLU-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions trends since 1990

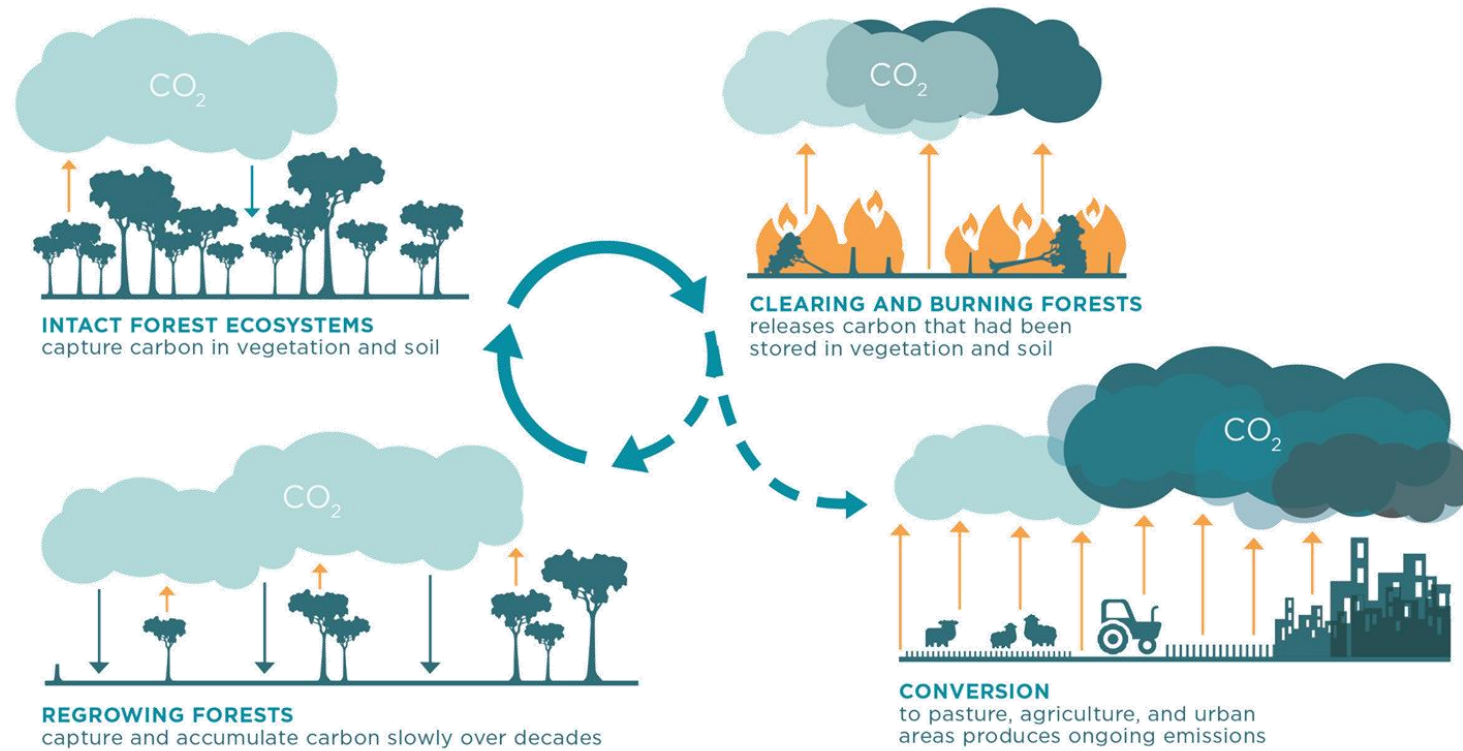
Key messages from [IPCC-Report](#): ~21% of global total anthropogenic GHG emissions



Source: 2022: Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Uses (AFOLU). In IPCC, 2022: Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change. Contribution of Working Group III to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

- Mainly driven by land use change which accounts for about half of total net AFOLU emissions.
- GHG emissions from the AFOLU sector are rising due to growing demands, but there are large mitigation potentials
- Despite the challenges, the AFOLU sector offers unique opportunities for climate change mitigation.

# AFOLU sector accounts for GHG sources, as well as sinks



# GHG emission mitigation activities in the AFOLU sector

## Examples of Emission Reduction

- **Reduce emissions from Agriculture**
  - Cropland nutrient management N<sub>2</sub>O
  - Reduced N<sub>2</sub>O from manure on pasture
  - Manure management N<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub>
  - Improved rice cultivation CH<sub>4</sub>
  - Reduced enteric fermentation CH<sub>4</sub>
  - Reduced synthetic fertilizer production
- **Reduce emissions from Forests and other Ecosystems**
  - Reduce deforestation
  - Reduce forest degradation
  - Reduce conversion, draining, burning of peatlands
  - Reduce conversion of coastal wetlands (mangroves, seagrass and marshes)
  - Reduce conversion of savannas and natural grasslands

## Examples of Carbon Stock Enhancement

- **Creation or improvement of carbon pools & reservoirs and their ability & capacity to sequester & store carbon**
  - Afforestation/Reforestation (AR)
  - Forest management
  - Agroforestry
  - Peatland restoration
  - Coastal wetland restoration
  - Soil carbon sequestration in croplands
  - Soil carbon sequestration in grazing lands
  - Biochar application

Emission target of the project activity serves as orientation for categorization





# 4 Typical baseline and project scenario (incl. leakage)

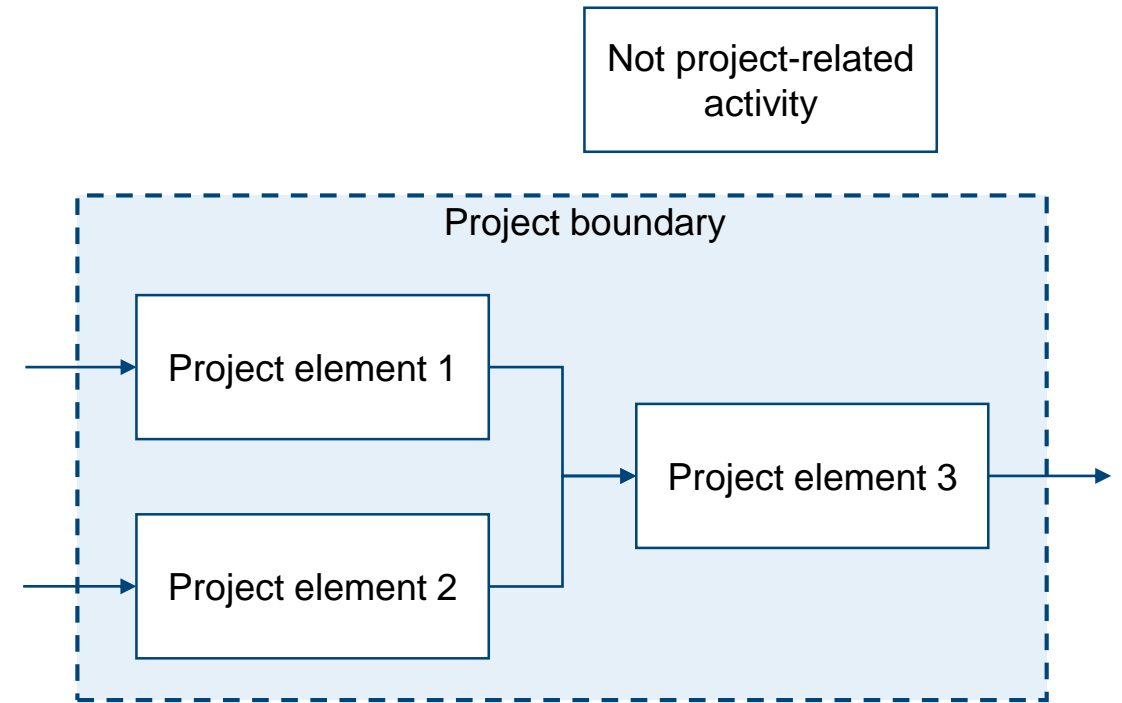
# Project boundary

## The project boundary

- Refers to the **defined scope** or geographical area within which emissions and emission reductions are accounted for
- Sets the limits for the emissions included in the assessment

## For typical AFOLU-related projects

- The project boundary refers to the **limits or borders of the designated project area**. This area could encompass various types of land, such as a farm, a protected site, or a specific region within a larger area, such as a municipality or a park



Source: own illustration

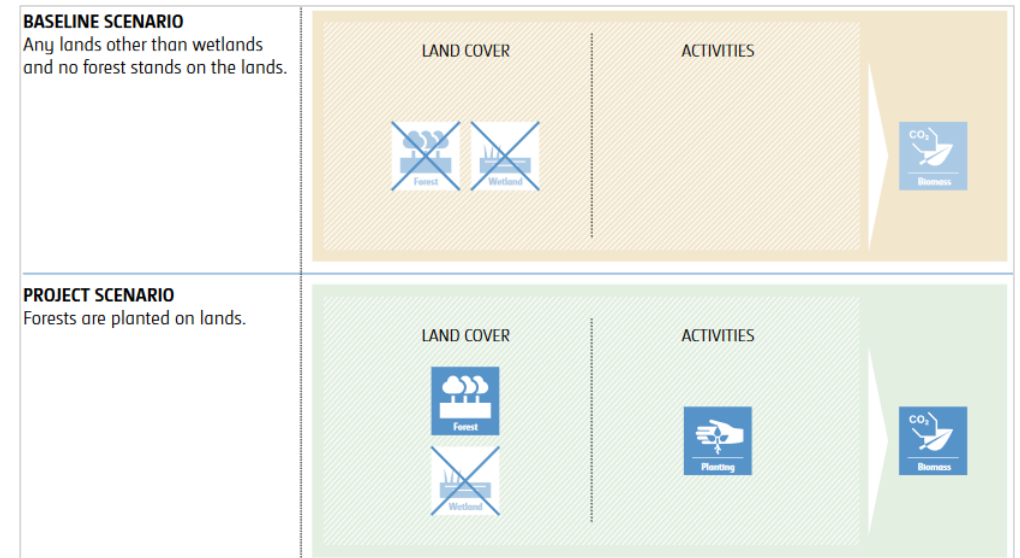
# Typical baseline and project scenario

## Baseline scenario

- reflects the emissions that would occur *without the project*
- represents the reference situation, e.g.,
  - the continuation of current activities (e.g. Business-as-Usual)
  - emissions from an activity that represents an economically attractive course of action
  - a benchmark approach (considering emissions from similar project activities undertaken in the previous five years in similar circumstances)

## Project scenario

- represents the emissions associated *with the (proposed) project's implementation*
- reflects the expected outcomes of the project



Source: UNFCCC (2022): [CDM Methodology Booklet](#), p. 280.

# Calculation of emission reductions

General approach for mitigation activities considering baseline and project emissions

The achieved emissions reductions are typically calculated as the ***difference between baseline emissions and emissions after project implementation***, considering any potential leakage.

$$ER_y = BE_y - PE_y - LE_y$$

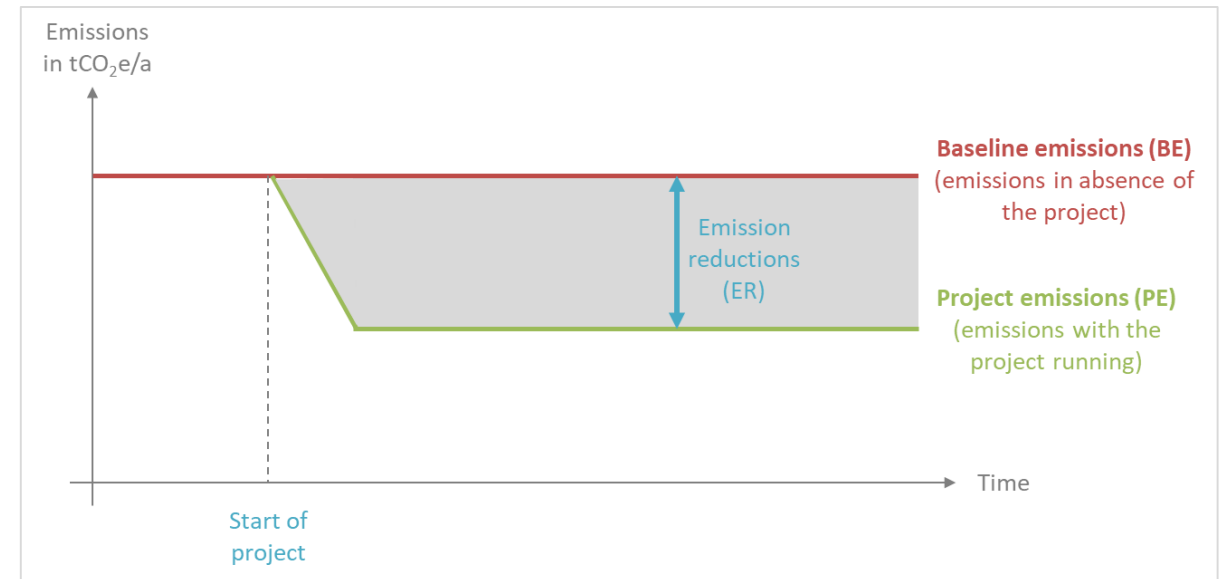
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$PE_y$  = Project emissions in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2</sub>)

$LE_y$  = Leakage emissions in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2</sub>)



Source: Mitigation Action Facility (2023): [Mitigation Action Facility – Mitigation Guideline for the Project Concept Phase](#), p. 10

# Calculation of carbon stock enhancement

General approach for mitigation activities considering baseline and project emissions

The carbon stock enhancements are typically calculated as the *difference between carbon stock after project implementation and the carbon stock without intervention*, considering any potential leakage.

$$CSE_y = PCS_y - BCS_y - LE_y$$

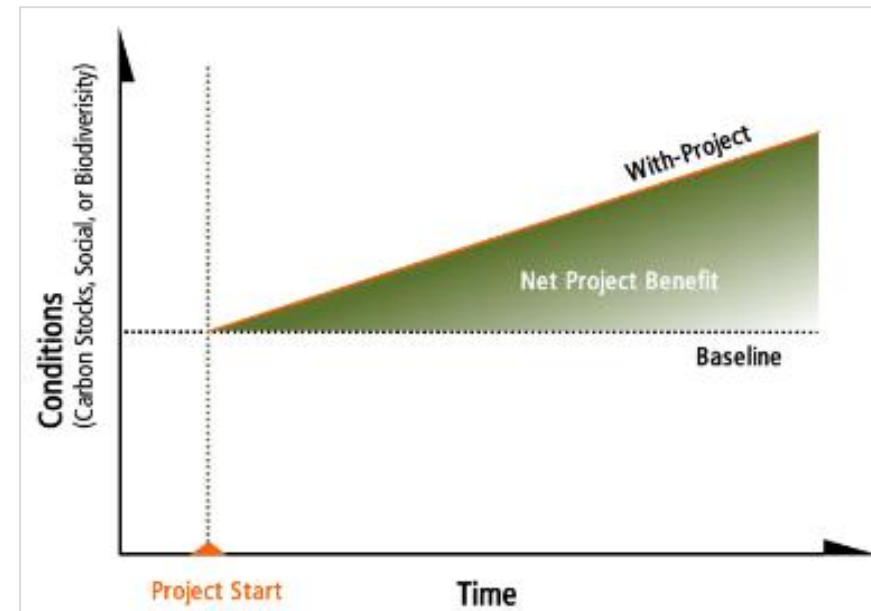
Where:

$CSE_y$  = Carbon stock enhancement in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2</sub>)

$PCS_y$  = Project carbon stock in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2</sub>)

$BCS_y$  = Baseline carbon stock in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2</sub>)

$LE_y$  = Leakage emissions in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2</sub>)



Source: Johannes Ebeling, Jacob Olander - Forest Trends: [Building Forest Carbon Projects Step-by-Step Overview and Guide](#) p. 35

# Consideration of leakage emissions

GHG emissions which occurs outside the project boundary attributable to the project activity

## Carbon leakage

- The increase of *GHG emissions which occurs outside the project boundary* which is attributable to the project activity (cf. Glossary: CDM terms)
- Under GHG Protocol, leakage emissions are also referred to as “secondary effects”
- Attention: leakage is used in different meanings: e.g., “physical leakage” from bio-digester (i.e., a project emission source)

## Examples of carbon leakage

- Biomass projects
  - Shift of pre-project activities (e.g., deforestation outside the land area where the biomass is grown)
  - Emissions from biomass generation / cultivation and transportation (outside project boundary)
  - Competing uses for the biomass



# Accounting Principles

- Relevance
- Completeness
- Consistency
- Transparency
- Accuracy
- **Conservativeness**
- Permanence

*Use conservative assumptions, values, and procedures* when uncertainty is high. Conservative values and assumptions are those that are more likely to overestimate GHG emissions and underestimate removals, rather than underestimate emissions and overestimate removals.



# 5 Calculation of emission reductions (incl. example)

# Example – Agriculture – Rice irrigation management

## Project: Adjustment of water management practices in rice cultivation

- **Target group:** farmers cultivating rice in flooded conditions
- **Objective:** reduce methane emissions from anaerobic decomposition of organic materials in flooded rice fields
- **Project intervention:** Support farmers to switch from continuously to intermittent flooded conditions.



Source: [CCAFS](#)

## Gold Standard methodology:

[Methodology for methane emission reduction by adjusted water management practice in rice cultivation](#)



# Example – Baseline and project scenario

## Project boundaries:

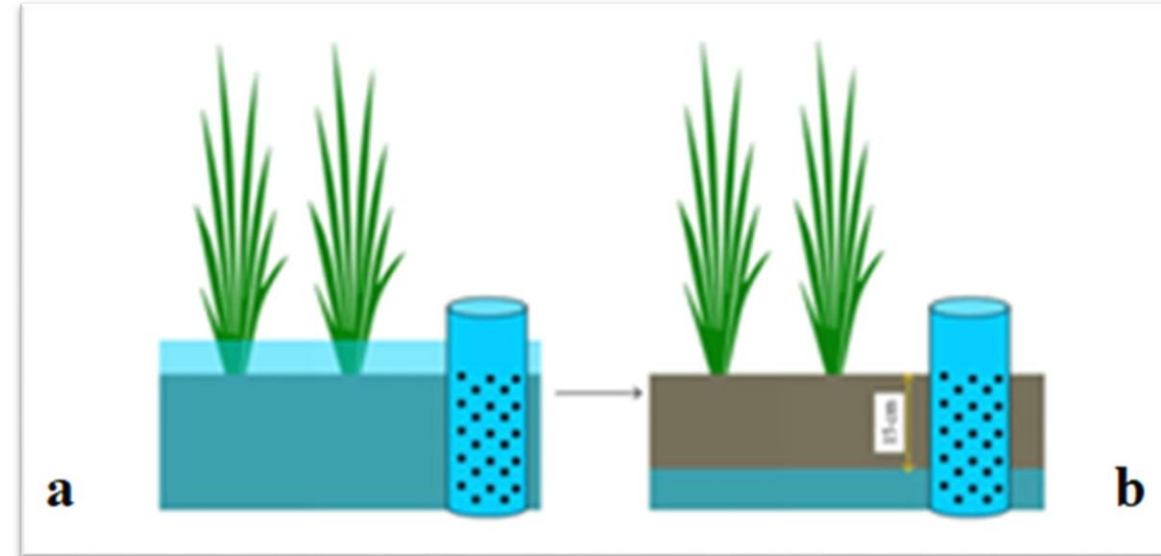
- Area: 100 ha.
- Single cropping period
- GHG emissions considered: CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>

## Baseline scenario

- 100 ha of fields flooded during the cultivation period (140 days / year).

## Project scenario

- 100 ha are progressively shifting from continuously to intermittent flooded conditions (multiple drainage).



Source: Bwire 2022

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$$= \text{Emission Factor}_{\text{Baseline}} * \text{Area} * \text{GWP}$$

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$$BE_s = \sum_{g=1}^G EF_{BL,s,g} \times A_{s,g} \times 10^{-3} \times GWP_{CH_4}$$

Where:

$BE_y$  = Baseline emissions in year y (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

$BE_s$  = Baseline emissions from project fields in season s (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

$EF_{BL,s,g}$  = Baseline emission factor of group g in season s (kgCH<sub>4</sub>/ha per season)

$A_{s,g}$  = Area of project fields of group g in season s (ha)

$GWP_{CH_4}$  = Global warming potential of CH<sub>4</sub> (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/t CH<sub>4</sub>)

g = Group g, covers all project fields with the same cultivation pattern

s = Single season / S = Seasons in a year considered in the project activity

# Calculation of baseline emissions of rice irrigation management

Table 7: Specific emission factors for baseline, project and emission reductions

	$EF_{BL,C}$	Baseline				Project scenarios	Project				Emission reduction factor ( $EF_{ER}$ ) (kgCH <sub>4</sub> /ha/day) or (kgCH <sub>4</sub> /ha/season)
		$SF_{BL,W}$	$SF_{BL,P}$	$SF_{BL,O}$	Emission factor ( $EF_{BL}$ )		$SF_{P,W}$	$SF_{P,P}$	$SF_{P,O}$	Emission factor ( $EF_P$ )	
For regions/countries where double cropping is practiced	$EF_{BL,C}$	1.00	1.00	2.88	$EF_{BL,C} \times 2.88$	Scenario 1: change the water regime from continuously to intermittent flooded conditions (single drainage)	0.71	1.00	2.88	$EF_{BL,C} \times 2.04$	$EF_{BL,C} \times 0.84$
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For regions/countries where single cropping is practiced	$EF_{BL,C}$	1.00	0.89	1.48	$EF_{BL,C} \times 1.32$	Scenario 1: change the water regime from continuously to intermittent flooded conditions (single drainage)	0.71	0.89	1.48	$EF_{BL,C} \times 0.94$	$EF_{BL,C} \times 0.38$
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Table 9: Global, regional and country specific default emission factors

Region	Emission factor ( $EF_{BL,C}$ ) (kg CH <sub>4</sub> /ha/d)
<b>Global</b>	<b>1.19</b>
<b>Regional values</b>	
Africa	1.19
East Asia	1.32
Southeast Asia	1.22
South Asia	0.85
Europe	1.56
North America	0.65
South America	1.27
<b>Country specific</b>	
Bangladesh	0.97
Brazil	1.62
China	1.3
India	0.85
Indonesia	1.18
Italy	1.66
Japan	1.06
Philippines	0.6
South Korea	1.83
Spain	1.13
Uruguay	0.8
USA	0.65
Vietnam	1.13

Source: GoldStandard Methodology

# Key parameters required to estimate emission reductions of example

Parameter	Unit	Value	Source
Cultivation period of rice	days/year	140	Project documentation
Baseline scaling factor for water regime during cultivation period (continuously flooded) $SF_{BL,w}$	-	1.00	IPCC 2019, Volume 4, chapter 5.5, Table 5.12
Baseline scaling factor for water regime prior to rice cultivation (single cropping / Non flooded pre-season > 180 days) $SF_{BL,p}$	-	0.89	IPCC 2019, Volume 4, chapter 5.5, Table 5.13
Baseline scaling factor related to organic amendment $SF_{BL,o}$	-	1.48	IPCC 2019, Volume 4, chapter 5.5, Table 5.14
Default Emission factor - Global $EF_{BL,c}$	kgCH <sub>4</sub> /ha/day	1.19	Gold Standard Methodology

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$$BE_s = \sum_{g=1}^G EF_{BL,s,g} \times A_{s,g} \times 10^{-3} \times GWP_{CH4}$$

$$EF_{BL} = EF_{BL,c} \times SF_{BL,w} \times SF_{BL,p} \times SF_{BL,o} = 1,57 \frac{kg_{CH4}}{ha * d}$$

Where:

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$$= 1,57 \frac{kg_{CH_4}}{ha * d} * 140d * 0,01ha * 28 GWP_{CH_4} = 614tCO_{2e}$$

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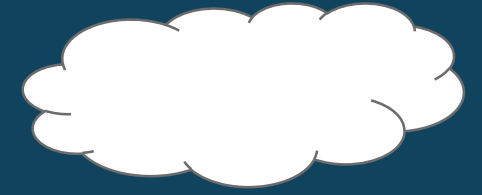
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# Example: Calculation of baseline/project CH<sub>4</sub> emissions

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*Emissions resulting from project implementation*

Where:

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$PE_s$  = Project emissions (CH<sub>4</sub>) from project fields in season s (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

$PE_N$  = Project emissions (N<sub>2</sub>O) from N-inputs in the project fields (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

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In our example, although there is no increase of nitrogen (N)-inputs between baseline and project scenario, the fact of shifting from continuously flooded conditions to intermittent flooding could result in higher N<sub>2</sub>O emissions

Emissions from land preparation should also be considered, if significant. In our example, there is no land preparation work, therefore there are no CO<sub>2</sub> project emissions.

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$$ER_y = BE_y - PE_y - LE_y$$

$$PE_y = \sum_s^n PE_s + PE_N + PE_p$$

$$= 531tCO_{2e} + 1tCO_{2e} + 0tCO_{2e} = 532tCO_{2e}$$

Where:

$PE_y$  = Project emissions (CH<sub>4</sub>) in year y (tCO<sub>2e</sub>)

$PE_s$  = Project emissions (CH<sub>4</sub>) from project fields in season s (tCO<sub>2e</sub>)

$PE_N$  = Project emissions (N<sub>2</sub>O) from N-inputs in the project fields (tCO<sub>2e</sub>)

$PE_p$  = Project emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>) from fields preparations (tCO<sub>2e</sub>)

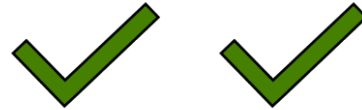
# Calculation of emission reductions

General approach for mitigation activities considering baseline and project emissions



The achieved emissions reductions are typically calculated as the difference between baseline emissions and emissions after project implementation, considering any potential leakage.

$$ER_y = BE_y - PE_y - LE_y$$



Where:

$ER_y$  = Emissions reductions in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2</sub>)

$BE_y$  = Baseline emissions in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2</sub>)

$PE_y$  = Project emissions in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2</sub>)

$LE_y$  = Leakage emissions in year  $y$  (tCO<sub>2</sub>)

# Leakage emissions of rice irrigation management

In the case of rice irrigation management, leakage emissions are deemed to be negligible.

However, the *methodology also recommends to apply an uncertainty deduction factor* of 15% on emission reductions when default values are used for calculation (which is the case here). Thus, here we calculate and reflect the uncertainty-related *decrease of emission reductions* in the leakage section (based on baseline and project emissions).

$$ER_y = BE_y - PE_y - LE_y$$

$$LE_y = (BE_y - PE_y) * 15\%$$

Where:

$ER_y$  = Emissions reductions in year y (tCO<sub>2</sub>)

$BE_y$  = Baseline emissions in year y (tCO<sub>2</sub>)

$PE_y$  = Project emissions in year y (tCO<sub>2</sub>)

$LE_y$  = Leakage emissions in year y (tCO<sub>2</sub>)

# Example in the Excel Tool

View into the IKI Standard Indicator Report (Excel tool)

**SI 1 - Mitigation: GHG emissions reduced or carbon stocks enhanced directly or indirectly by IKI project measures.**

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Does our project need to provide information in this sheet?  Please indicate whether your project aims at mitigating GHG emissions directly in sheet "SI 1 | Mitigation".

Please use the table below to quantify the project emissions of your proposed technology / intervention, as follows:

- The cells in the section "Planned target estimate" can be used in the beginning of your project to quantify your project scenario.
- The cells in the section "Reporting" can be used for annual reporting purposes. To this end, please annually update the project scenario, if needed.

**Practical tips:**

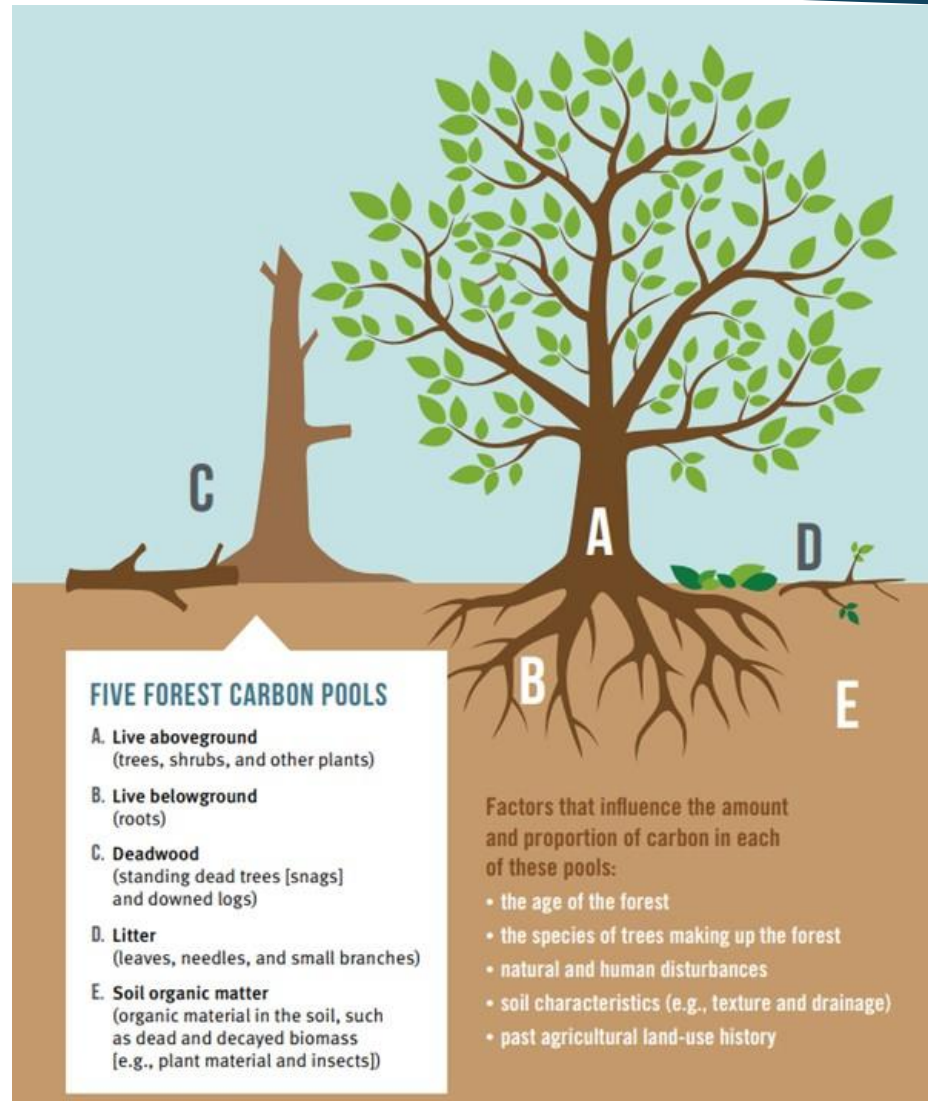
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**Planned target estimate - "Project emissions"**

Please use the table below to quantify the project emission for the planned target estimate.

Item / Description	Row reference	Calculation / Source	Unit	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
				Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6				
Area of project fields with continuously flooded irrigation conditions	A	Project documentation	ha	70,00	40,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Area of project fields with multiple drainage period	B	Project documentation	ha	30,00	60,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00
Project emissions - CH <sub>4</sub> - from anaerobic decomposition of organic matter	D	Calculated	kgCH <sub>4</sub>	18.982,04	16.019,52	12.069,50	12.069,50	12.069,50	12.069,50	12.069,50	12.069,50	12.069,50	12.069,50
Project emissions - N <sub>2</sub> O - from N-inputs in the project fields	E	Calculated	kgN <sub>2</sub> O	2,83	5,65	9,42	9,42	9,42	9,42	9,42	9,42	9,42	9,42

# Forest carbon pools





# From wood to CO<sub>2</sub>



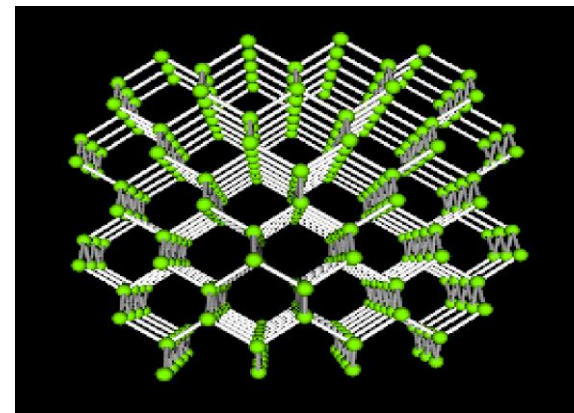
Wood volume (m<sup>3</sup>/ha)

x specific density of wood



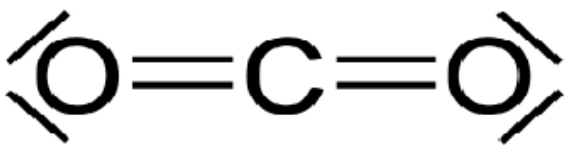
Biomass (t/ha)

x 0.47 (IPPC default)



C (t/ha)

x 3.6667 (44/12)



CO<sub>2</sub> (t/ha)

# Example: Forestry

## Project: Afforestation project

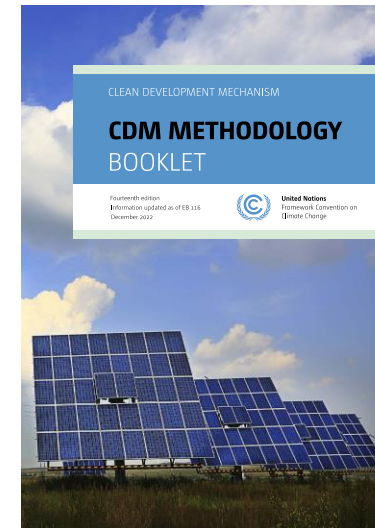
- **Target group:** Farmers and rural communities managing degraded land
- **Objective:** Improvement of carbon stock
- **Project intervention:** afforestation of 342 ha with fast growing trees

## Methodology used:

[AR-ACM0003 - Afforestation and reforestation of lands except wetlands](#)



Source: [Project: Fazenda Nascente do Luar](#)



Source: [CDM Methodology Booklet](#)

# Example - Project boundary

## The project boundary

- Refers to the defined scope or geographical area within which emissions and emission reductions are accounted for
- Sets the limits for what emissions/removals are included in the assessment

## For typical AFOLU related projects

- The project boundary refers to the limits or borders of the designated project area. This area could encompass various types of land, such as a farm, or a specific region within a larger area, such as a municipality.



Source: [Project: Fazenda Nascente do Luar](#)



# Example – Baseline and project scenario

## Baseline scenario

The land within the Project Area boundary before the start of the Project was degraded grassland, occupied by extensive cattle farming, as occurs in the same department and municipality. Such grasslands have historically been subject to burning activities that took place with the objective to reduce tree cover and expand grasslands in order to develop extensive cattle ranching activities.



Source: [Project: Fazenda Nascente do Luar](#)

## Project scenario

Afforestation of 342 ha of degraded grassland with fast-growing tree species (*Eucalyptus uro-grandis*)



Source: [Project: Fazenda Nascente do Luar](#)

# Calculation of Net GHG removals

According to the A/R Large-scale Consolidated Methodology, Afforestation and Reforestation of lands except wetlands **Net Anthropogenic GHG removals** by sinks is calculated as follows:

$$C_{AR-CDM} = \Delta C_{ACTUAL} - \Delta C_{BSL} - LK$$

Where:

- $C_{AR-CDM}$  = Net Anthropogenic GHG removals by sinks, in year t, (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)
- $\Delta C_{ACTUAL}$  = Actual net GHG removals by sinks, in year t, (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)
- $\Delta C_{BSL}$  = Baseline net GHG removals by sinks, in year t, (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)
- LK = Leakage GHG emissions, in year t, (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

# Calculation of baseline emissions

According to the A/R Large-scale Consolidated Methodology, Afforestation and Reforestation of lands except wetlands the **baseline estimation** is given as follows

$$C_{AR-CDM} = \Delta C_{ACTUAL} - \Delta C_{BSL} - LK$$
$$\Delta C_{BSL,t} = \Delta C_{TREE\_BSL,t} + \Delta C_{SHRUB\_BSL,t} + \Delta C_{DW\_BSL,t} + \Delta C_{LI\_BSL,t}$$

Where:

- $\Delta C_{BSL}$  = Baseline net GHG removals by sinks, in year t, (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)
- $\Delta C_{TREE\_BSL,t}$  = Change in carbon stock in baseline tree biomass within the project boundary in year t, (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)
- $\Delta C_{SHRUB\_BSL,t}$  = Change in carbon stock in baseline shrub biomass within the project boundary, in year t, (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)
- $\Delta C_{DW\_BSL,t}$  = Change in carbon stock in baseline dead wood biomass within the project boundary, in year t, (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)
- $\Delta C_{LI\_BSL,t}$  = Change in carbon stock in baseline litter biomass within the project boundary, in year t, (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

In this case, the baseline is assumed to be zero since the project starts from degraded land with no tree or shrub cover.

Leakage is also zero since there is no displacement of activities expected

# Calculation of the actual project emissions or removals

According to the A/R Large-scale Consolidated Methodology, Afforestation and Reforestation of lands except wetlands the **net GHG removals** is defined as follows

$$C_{AR-CDM} = \Delta C_{ACTUAL} - \Delta C_{BSL} - LK$$
$$\Delta C_{ACTUAL} = \Delta C_{TREE\_PROJ,t} + \Delta C_{SHRUB\_PROJ,t} + \Delta C_{DW\_PROJ,t} + \Delta C_{LI\_PROJ,t} + \Delta C_{SOC\_PROJ,t}$$

Where:

$\Delta C_{ACTUAL}$  = Actual net GHG removals by sinks, in year t, (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

$\Delta C_{TREE\_PROJ,t}$  = Change in carbon stock in project tree biomass, in year t, (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

$\Delta C_{SHRUB\_PROJ,t}$  = Change in carbon stock in project shrub biomass, in year t, (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

$\Delta C_{DW\_PROJ,t}$  = Change in carbon stock in project dead wood biomass, in year t, (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

$\Delta C_{LI\_PROJ,t}$  = Change in carbon stock in project litter biomass, in year t, (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

$\Delta C_{SOC\_PROJ,t}$  = Change in carbon stock in soil organic carbon in project, in year t, (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

# Calculation of the $C_{Tree}$ sub-element

Each sub-element in the equation mentioned in the slide before ( $\Delta C_{TREE\_PROJ,t}$ ,  $\Delta C_{SHRUB\_PROJ,t}$ ,  $\Delta C_{DW\_PROJ,t}$ ,  $\Delta C_{LI\_PROJ,t}$ ,  $\Delta C_{SOC\_PROJ,t}$ ) in turn is calculated based on several equations.

$$C_{TREE} = \frac{44}{12} \times CF_{TREE} \times B_{TREE}$$

$$B_{TREE} = A \times b_{TREE}$$

Source	Annotations	Increment wood vol (m <sup>3</sup> /ha/year)	Wood density	Biomass Exp Fact	Incr. biomass ABOVE (ton/ha/year)	Root-shoot ratio	Incr. Biomass ABOVE+BELOW (ton/ha/year)
		$I_v$	$D$	$BEF_1$	$G_w = I_v \cdot D \cdot BEF_1$	$R$	$G_{TOTAL} = G_w \cdot (1 + R)$
IPCC - TABLE 3A.7	<i>E. urophylla</i>	40.00	0.51	1.50	30.60	0.35	41.31
IPCC - TABLE 3A.7	<i>E. grandis</i>	32.50	0.51	1.50	24.86	0.35	33.56
	PDD mean value between <i>E. urophylla</i> and <i>E. grandis</i>	36.25	0.51	1.50	27.73	0.35	37.44

Source: [AR-TOOL14](#)

Source: [Project: Fazenda Nascente do Luar](#)

Values source: [IPCC Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF](#)

$$C_{TREE\_PROJ} = \text{Biomass } (b_{TREE}) \quad * \text{ Carbon Factor } (CF_{TREE}) \quad * \text{ CO2 Factor} \quad * \text{ Area } (A)$$

$$C_{TREE\_PROJ} = 37.44 \text{ (t/ha/year)} \quad * 0.47 \quad * (44/12) \quad * 342.7773 \text{ (ha)}$$

$$C_{TREE\_PROJ} = 22,116 \text{ tCO2e/year}$$



# $\Delta C_{ACTUAL}$ Values for the project

Year	Estimated baseline emissions or removals (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	$\Delta C_{TREE,t}$	$\Delta C_{SOC,t}$	$\Delta C_{DW,t}$	$\Delta C_{LI,t}$	Net Anthropogenic GHG removals by sinks (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Estimated leakage emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Net Anthropogenic GHG removals by sinks (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)
	$\Delta C_{BSL,t}$	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	$\Delta C_{ACTUAL,t}$ = $\Delta C_{TREE,t}$ + $\Delta C_{SOC,t}$ + $\Delta C_{DW,t}$ + $\Delta C_{LI,t}$	$LK_t$	$\Delta C_{AR-CDM,t}$
1	0.00	22,114.88	735.26	221.15	221.15	23,292.43	0.00	23,292.43
2	0.00	22,114.88	735.26	221.15	221.15	23,292.43	0.00	23,292.43
3	0.00	22,114.88	735.26	221.15	221.15	23,292.43	0.00	23,292.43
4	0.00	22,114.88	735.26	221.15	221.15	23,292.43	0.00	23,292.43
5	0.00	22,114.88	735.26	221.15	221.15	23,292.43	0.00	23,292.43
6	0.00	22,114.88	735.26	221.15	221.15	23,292.43	0.00	23,292.43

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**Total: 691,420.43**

# Example in the Excel Tool

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≤ SI 1.1 ER: Direct mitigation (Emission reductions) ≥ [Go to:](#) [Basic Data](#) [Manual](#) [Overview](#)

Does our project need to provide information in this sheet? **Yes: Since the project aims at mitigating GHG directly through financial investments, please fill out this sheet.**

Please use the table below for the estimation as follows:

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- The cells in the section **"Reporting"** can be used for annual reporting purposes. To this end, please annually update the baseline scenario, if needed. If no changes are necessary, you can simply enter the values from your planned target estimate for each year.

**Practical tips:**

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**Planned target estimate - "Baseline emissions"**

Please use the table below to quantify the baseline emission for the planned target estimate.

Item / Description	Row reference	Calculation / Source	Unit	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Values until**					
				Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	2030	2040	2050			
Number of solar energy-based water treatment systems	A	Email correspondence with project team	Number	2	5	10	15	20	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	0,00		
Average solar system size	B	Project documents	kWp	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	0,00		
Total installed capacity - solar PV systems	C	Calculated	kWp	28	70	140	210	280	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	0,00		
Capacity factor - solar PV	D	CDM-SSC WG Thirty-third meeting Report A	%	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	0,00		
<b>Total annual electricity generation from solar PV</b>	E	Calculated	kWh/year	39.245	98.112	196.224	294.336	392.448	490.560	490.560	490.560	490.560	490.560	490.560	490.560	490.560	490.560	490.560	0,00		
Share of water treatment systems connected to the electricity grid (import)	F	Assumed, based on expert judgement	%	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	0,00		
Combined Margin Grid emission factor (GEF), intermittent energy generation	G	Harmonized IFI Default Grid Factors 2021 v3.	tCO <sub>2e</sub> /MWh	0,46	0,46	0,46	0,46	0,46	0,46	0,46	0,46	0,46	0,46	0,46	0,46	0,46	0,46	0,46	0,00		
<b>Baseline emissions - electricity consumption from national power grids</b>	H	Calculated	tCO <sub>2e</sub> /year	11	27	54	82	109	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	0,00		
Share of water treatment systems powered by diesel generators (captive generation)	I	Assumed, based on expert judgement	%	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	0,00		
Emission factors for diesel generator systems (<15 kW) - productive applications/ water pumps	J	CDM TOOL33 Methodological tool: Default va	kgCO <sub>2e</sub> /kWh	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,00		
<b>Baseline emissions - diesel gensets</b>	K	Calculated	tCO <sub>2e</sub> /year	14	35	71	106	141	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	0,00		
<b>Baseline emissions (BE) per annum</b>				25	63	125	188	250	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	0,00	
<b>Baseline emissions cumulative (BE)</b>				25	88	213	400	651	963	1.276	1.589	1.902	2.215	2.528	2.840	3.153	3.466	3.779	4.092	4.405	0,00

\*\* until the end of the respective year



## 6 Relevant default values and reference sources

# Default values for mitigation estimation of forestry projects

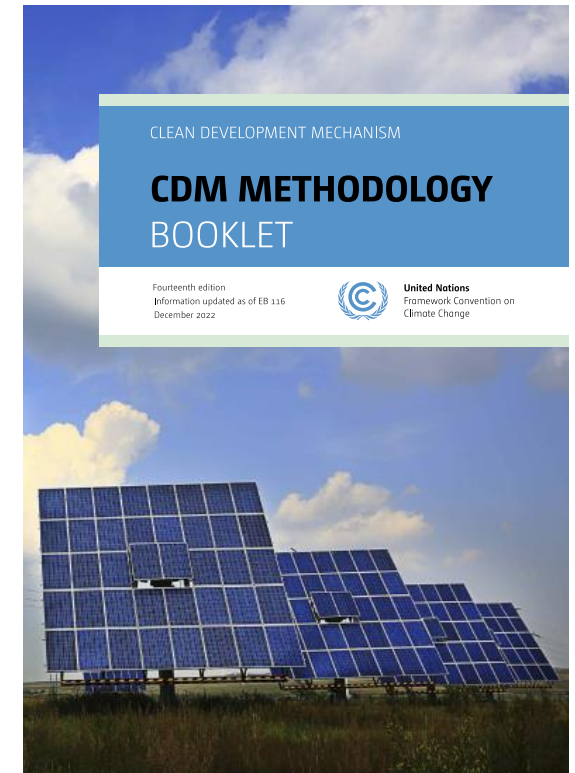
Parameter	Value and Unit	Source
<b>Forestry</b>		
<b>Annual increment in volume of wood, I</b>	36.25 (m <sup>3</sup> /ha/year)	Source: <a href="#">IPCC – TABLE 3A.7 of ANNEX 3A.1 “Biomass Default Tables for Section 3.2 Forest Land” of IPCC Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF. Mean value between IV values of E. urophylla and E. grandis</a>
<b>Wood density, D</b>	0.51 (tonnes dry matter m <sup>3</sup> )	Source: <a href="#">IPCC – TABLE 3A.9-2 of ANNEX 3A.1 “Biomass Default Tables for Section 3.2 Forest Land” of IPCC Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF</a>
<b>Biomass Expansion Factor, BEF</b>	1.50 (dimensionless)	Source: <a href="#">IPCC – TABLE 3A.1.10 of ANNEX 3A.1 “Biomass Default Tables for Section 3.2 Forest Land” of IPCC Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF</a>
<b>Root-shoot-ratio, R</b>	0.35	Source: <a href="#">IPCC – TABLE 3A.8 of ANNEX 3A.1 “Biomass Default Tables for Section 3.2 Forest Land” of IPCC Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF</a>
<b>Default Values</b>		
<b>carbon fraction of dry matter for aboveground biomass in forests</b>	0.47	<a href="#">IPCC Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF</a>
<b>carbon conversion rate from C to CO<sub>2</sub></b>	3.6666 (44/12)	<a href="#">IPCC Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF</a>
<b>other important reference values</b>		<a href="#">Biomass Default Tables</a> and <a href="#">IPCC Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF</a>
<b>Tools</b>		
<b>EX-ACT</b>		Carbon-balance Tool ( <a href="#">EX-ACT</a> )
<b>Summary of CDM AR Methodological Tools</b>		<a href="#">Building Forest Carbon Projects - Forest Trends</a> p. 28 and 29

# Right choice of an applicable methodological approach and use of default and reference values

## General recommendations

To *identify suitable methodological approaches and useful default / reference values*,

- check other projects that estimated emission reductions from same / similar activities, e.g.,
  - [CDM Project Search](#), [VERRA / VCS Project Registry](#), [GoldStandard Registry](#), NAMA Support Projects (*NAMA is now rebranded as Mitigation Action Facility*), etc.
  - consult existing methodologies, e.g.: CDM Methodologies in the [CDM Methbook](#), [VCS-Methodologies](#), [GS-Methodologies](#) etc.
- consult and use simplified tools for the estimation, if existing, e.g.,
  - Carbon-balance Tool ([EX-ACT](#)) is based on the IPCC methodology, covers the entire AFOLU sector and can be used ex-ante or ex-post
  - CBP Carbon Benefits Projects: Carbon-balance Tool ([CBP](#))
- make use of default values and reasonable assumption source from references, e.g.,
  - Allometric equations, wood densities, raw biomass and volume data, biomass expansion factors: <http://www.globalometree.org/>
  - IPCC Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF [Biomass Default Tables](#)





# 7 Conclusion

# Wrap-up

Identify relevant project/ activity types - Develop a clear understanding of the project type and mitigation action covered

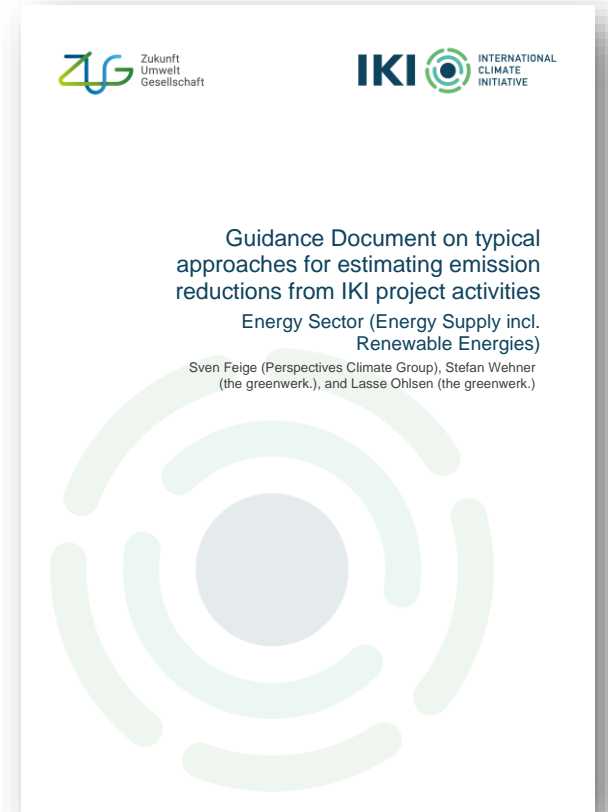
- Identify the **key characteristics of the projects and the underlying technologies**
- Conduct an **impact assessment**, e.g., using a causal chain analysis to identify the envisaged effects and possible co-benefits

Identification and quantification of emission reductions

- Identify the **emission sources** for emission reduction activities
- Select a **suitable methodology** or define an **applicable estimation approach**
- Define **clear baseline and project scenario**

Prepare a **monitoring plan** incl. monitoring and reporting processes

? Contact IKI Standard Indicator Helpdesk for questions: [iki-si-helpdesk@z-u-g.org](mailto:iki-si-helpdesk@z-u-g.org)



Related Guidance Document will be published shortly

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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