

November 26, 2014

**Approval by mail: Ghana: Enhancing Natural Forest and Agroforest Landscapes
Project (IBRD) FIP**

Dear Mafalda and Andrea,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above-mentioned project. We have a few comments and questions based upon our review of the PAD:

1. In comments on past projects, we have highlighted the need to look into cost-efficiency issues with FIP projects that may be included under results-based payments initiatives, such as the FCPF carbon fund. It appears that there could be an overlap in this project between FIP and potential FCPF-funded activities; we would appreciate clarification about whether this overlap does exist. If so, we would like to discuss ways that the project could implement any recommendations that the sub-committee may eventually agree to deal with this issue.
2. The project document notes some potential risks in Section 5, but does not seem to contain mitigation options. Could the Bank provide these? Also, what is the safeguard category of this project (apologies if we missed it somewhere)?
3. The project document notes in several places that the barriers to implementation of improved practices include disincentives for the care of existing trees on private and farm land. It was not clear to us from the document how the project will be removing such disincentives.
4. In several places, the document mentions provision of incentives to farmers to improve practices. Can the Bank provide more information on what such incentives would consist of?
5. The document also mentions that farmers will be provided with tree seedlings and “key inputs,” and that the project will “procure and install necessary infrastructure and input materials for nurseries..”. We would like to understand better the sustainability of these interventions. What are the existing barriers for farmers implementing better practices, obtaining tree seedlings, establishing nurseries, and how will these be sustainably reduced by the project?

Thanks for your consideration.

Best,

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