



## CDM: Recommendation Form for Small Scale Methodologies (version 01)

*(To be used for presenting questions/proposals/amendments to the simplified methodologies for small-scale CDM project activity categories)*

Date of SSC WG meeting:	24–27 February 2009, SSC WG 19
Title/Subject (give a small title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):	Clarification on vintage of data and survey period for assessment of biomass availability in AMS-I.D
Indicative methodology to which your submission relates (refer the items of Appendix B of the Simplified Modalities and Procedures), if applicable.	AMS-I.C version 13 and AMS-I.D version 13
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### **Summary of the query:**

Please use the space below to summarize the query related to SSC methodologies/categories SSC Modalities and Procedures provide recommendation/analysis of the SSC WG.

Original text from PP:

As per EB 28, “**General guidance on leakage in biomass project activities**”

*The project participant shall evaluate annually if there is a surplus of the biomass in the region of the project activity, which is not utilised. If it is demonstrated (e.g. using published literature, official reports, surveys etc.) that the quantity of available biomass in the region (e.g. 50 km radius), is at least 25% larger than the quantity of biomass that is utilised including the project activity, then this source of leakage can be neglected otherwise this leakage shall be estimated and deducted from the emission reductions.*

PP seeks clarification from the Working Group on -

- The vintage of data to be used, in case the assessment is based on available/ published data from official reports, surveys etc.
- The time of conducting the study in case no public data is available and PP conducts survey for surplus availability on its own or gets it conducted from an independent party.

### **Recommendation by the SSC WG:**

Please use the space below to provide amendments/change (in your expert view, if necessary).

Please refer to paragraph 33 of the meeting report of the SSC WG 19  
([http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc\\_wg](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg)).

**Answer to authors of query by the SSC WG:**

Please use the space below to provide answer to the authors of the above query

The small-scale working group of the CDM Executive Board would like to thank the author for the submission.

The SSC WG agreed to clarify that published data (e.g. official reports, survey results, etc.) not older than 3 years at the time of start of commercial operation of the project may be used.

In terms of when to conduct the survey during the year – that would seem to vary on (a) whether the project operates year round, (b) whether the amount of biomass utilized in the region varies depending on the season, and (c) which crops are utilized in the project and whether there are multiple harvesting seasons per year (or different seasons for each crop utilized, if more than one). Therefore, the SSC WG agreed that the existing guidance should indicate that the 25% criterion relates to period of time during the year that the project is in operation. The SSC WG is continuing to consider the issue, including an option to recommend a revision of the guidance to enable a one time *ex ante* estimation of the biomass availability for SSC project activities. The appropriate changes in the general guidance will be recommended at the twentieth meeting of the working group.



Signature of SSC WG Chair .....

(Hugh Sealy)

Date: 27/02/2009



Signature of SSC WG Vice-Chair .....

(Peer Stiansen)

Date: 27/02/2009

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