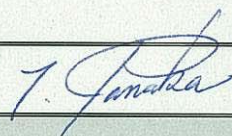




**CDM: Form for submission of queries from DOEs to the
Methodologies Panel regarding the application of approved
methodologies (version 01)**

*(To be used by DOEs for presenting questions / proposals / amendments
related to the applicability of approved methodology)*

Name of the entity (DOE) submitting this form	JACO
Reference number and title of the approved methodologies	AR AM0001: Reforestation of Degraded Land (Version 01) and other approved AR methodologies
Title/Subject (give a short title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):	Consideration of changes in an A/R project as part of the implementation of monitoring plan
Attach CDM-PDD example of project activity where applicability raises problem:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, is attached.
Date and signature for the DOE	25 February, 2011/ Tatsuo TANAKA 

Submitted queries

Please use the space below to substantiate the queries relating to the application of approved methodologies. If the questions are related to a project activity under development or implementation, please describe the context in which they arose. If you are proposing amendments to existing methodologies, please specify the text you want to change or introduce. If necessary, attach files or refer to sources of relevant information.

If you have a question relating to the application of an approved methodology, please specify and provide reference to the exact project activity to which it applies.

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We request the clarifications on the application of approved A/R methodology(ies) to the following contexts of project implementation..

Issue 1: Reduction of a project area and changes to project boundary

As part of project monitoring, it is observed that an A/R project is implemented on an area smaller than that was proposed in the registered project design document due to unforeseen reasons (land use change, unforeseen tenure and legal issues, abnormal weather condition, etc.) outside the control of the project proponents. As a result of reduction in project area, some discrete areas are not planted. As per the guidance on application of the definition of the project boundary to A/R CDM project activities (EB 44, Annex 16), the project boundary shall be fixed in such a way that it geographically delineates exclusively the afforestation or reforestation project activity under the control of the project participants. As a part of the first verification report the DOE shall confirm that the boundary of A/R CDM project activity geographically delineates exclusively the afforestation or reforestation project activity under the control of the project participants (para 8).

Request for clarification: It is interpreted that as per the A/R CDM methodologies and monitoring plan, the area of an A/R project is monitored and the actual area of project and the project strata are reported in the monitoring report and presented for verification in compliance of the methodology. Any changes to the area of the project area do not require revision of the monitoring plan and its approval by the EB. Clarification is requested that changes in the project area does not warrant revision of monitoring plan.

Issue 2: Ex post stratification

In the methodology, section III.2 (a) step 7 states that “post stratification shall be considered after the first monitoring event, because there are possible changes of project boundaries, tree species arrangement and planting year in comparison to the CDM-AR-PDD”.

Request for clarification: As the methodology provides for ex post stratification as part of implementation of the monitoring plan, the details of ex post stratification are reported in the monitoring report without the need for a revision of the monitoring plan for the purpose of reporting the changes of ex post stratification is not required. Clarification is requested in this regard.

Issue 3: Updates to the sample size

In the methodology, section III.2 (b) states: “It is possible to reasonably modify the sample size after the first monitoring event based on the actual variation of the carbon stock changes determined from taking the n samples”.

Request for clarification: It is assumed that the updates to the sample size are part of the steps in the implementation of the monitoring plan and therefore does not require a revision to the monitoring plan. Clarification is requested that this interpretation is valid.

Issue 4: Additionality

The changes to the registered project in terms of change in species composition and relative proportions of species planted due to factors such as low survival rates of some species and/or replanting of species with better survival rates are part of operational aspects of the project and are addressed through ex post stratification as appropriate.

Request for clarification: Changes in species composition and other similar changes that occur as part of the normal operational aspects of project implementation should not require reassessment of the additionality of a project. Clarification is requested that this interpretation is valid.

If you propose an amendment to an approved methodology, please provide reasons.

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In case you propose the amendment to the approved methodologies, please provide your draft below, if not included in an annex:

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