

REDD+

Safeguards & Enforcement

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Opportunity Risks



Risks

- Poor governance
- Social impacts
- Environmental impacts
- Leakage
- Non-permanence

Poor Governance



REDD+ Crime

- Fraud, corruption and theft of REDD+ funds
- Involvement of organised crime

REDD+ Crime

- Fraud
- Falsification and forgery of documents
- Corruption
- Bribing officials
- Money laundering
- Tax evasion

PNG scandals

Carbon Chaos in PNG

Carbon Cowboys steal local forests

*PNG's climate change head
“suspended”*

Liberia & Carbon Harvesting Corporation

*Police probe as carbon deal hit by
bribe accusation*

Financial times, 4 June 2010

Why Safeguards?

- ↓ Risk
- Ensure REDD+ does no harm
- Produce results

7 Safeguards

- Policy coherence
- Governance structures
- Respect for rights
- Full & effective participation
- Conservation of natural forests & biodiversity
- Permanence
- Leakage

**Why are safeguards a
gap?**

Paper Tiger



Why a paper tiger?

- Words on paper are not being translated into action
- Monitoring & reporting on safeguards remain in square brackets
- No provision for verification

Enforcement Ignored

- No engagement of enforcement community
- No action to prevent REDD+ crime

Safeguards – what's needed?

- Monitoring, reporting & verification of safeguards in Cancun Decision
- Develop guidance based on experience & lessons learned

Safeguards in Partnership Priorities

- Identify lessons, gaps & needs
- Act on basis of findings
- Fund appropriate capacity building

Enforcement

- Inform & engage enforcement community NOW
- Learn lessons from experience with environmental crime
- Coordinate with FLEG community
 - they know what's gone wrong!!

