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Introduction

The Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) and Global Environment Centre Foundation (GEC) launched "Feasibility Study (FS) Programme on New Mechanisms" in 2010, in order to solicit GHG mitigation projects/activities supposed to be implemented under the New Mechanisms in the post-2012 framework. This Programme is the succeeding programme of CDM/JI Feasibility Study Programme that started in 1999.

In FY2011, the MOEJ and GEC undertook the New Mechanism FS Programme to investigate the feasibility of Bilateral Offset Credit Mechanism (BOCM) project/activities and how to measure, report and verify (MRV) the GHG emission reduction effects of the BOCM projects/activities. Through the studies in FY2011 it became clear that specific MRV methodologies for GHG emission reduction effects of the projects/activities are necessary, and that such methodologies and BOCM scheme should be streamlined in the comparison of the CDM's for the scheme's practicality.

In this context, in FY2012, the studies under the MOEJ/GEC Programme focuses on the development of the MRV methodologies applicable to BOCM projects/activities. Namely, a new category of "MRV Demonstration Studies (DS) using Model Projects" is introduced to create workable MRV methodologies. The MOEJ/GEC Programme in FY2012 includes: 1) MRV DS, 2) BOCM FS, and 3) CDM FS. Following brief introduction of the BOCM, and each category of studies is explained below.

Bilateral Offset Credit Mechanism (BOCM)

The BOCM is a new mechanism to promote the transfer of advanced low-carbon technologies, products and services from Japan to developing countries in order to achieve net reductions of global GHG emissions. The major purposes of the BOCM are:

- To contribute to the ultimate objective of the UNFCCC through promotion of mitigation activities globally.
- To facilitate the bilateral cooperation in the field of climate change in such a way that best suits each country's national circumstances.
- To contribute to the sustainable development of developing countries.
- To appropriately evaluate the contribution to GHG emission reductions or removals.
- To facilitate diffusion of low carbon technologies, products and services and enhance capabilities to utilise them.



The BOCM should be an approach to complement the existing mechanisms, such as the CDM, and lead to the global net reduction of GHG emissions, through the promotion of the application of advanced low carbon technologies, products, and services.



MRV DS using Model Projects

Recognizing the challenges that the CDM projects tend to stop due to the lack of capacity and financial resources for monitoring activities, the MOEJ/GEC newly started the programme of MRV Demonstration Studies (DS) using existing GHG mitigation projects/activities under operation (model projects). The main purpose of the MRV DS is to develop a MRV methodology, which is easy-to-use and simple, and to investigate the feasibility of MRV process (including monitoring) in host countries. (See next section for more details about the MRV methodology.)

For the BOCM scheme design and establishment, ensuring the realistic and reasonable implementation and operation of projects/activities is important. Hence, the MRV DS is considered as the most important initiative at the schematic design phase.

BOCM FS

In order to increase the variety of MRV methodologies for the early operationalisation of the BOCM scheme, the MOEJ/GEC continues to solicit the BOCM FS. The BOCM FS is aimed at investigating the feasibility of the proposed projects/activities, as well as developing draft MRV methodologies applicable to the proposed projects/activities under the BOCM.

Based on the concrete project idea, the FS investigate the local situation, including the availability of various data, which should be the foundation for the development of the MRV methodology.

CDM FS

The MOEJ and GEC solicit FS on CDM projects which can contribute to the improvement of the uneven regional distribution. Under this category, only the proposed projects in countries with less than 10 registered CDM projects are eligible to submit proposals. This initiative helps contribute to the UNFCCC and its parties' efforts for the equitable regional distribution of CDM projects.

Since the CDM continues to take an important role for the future, the accumulation of experiences and know-how in the underrepresented host countries is vital. From this point of view, our initiative of CDM FS is helpful for the further development of the CDM scheme.

For more information (including DS/FS reports and draft MRV methodologies to be made publicly available in March 2013), please visit GEC website: http://gec.jp/









General Concept of MRV methodology for BOCM project/activity

The BOCM is considered to adopt the simplified monitoring process by using the MRV methodology with as many default values as possible. Many parameters are necessary to be identified in a quantitative manner to quantify GHG emissions on the reference scenario as well as on the project/activity scenario, but it is burdensome for project participants in host countries. Too much burden the project participants bear often halt the implementation of GHG mitigation projects, which gives a negative impact to global climate change mitigation. On the other hand, GHG reduction effect occurred in developing countries must be strictly evaluated, in particular, in the case that such GHG reduction effect is used to offset GHG emissions in developed countries.

The most important thing is to promote GHG reduction projects for the global climate change mitigation. In this context, the burdens for project implementation and monitoring activity should be eased, and at the same time, the calculation method should be conservative to ensure environmental integrity. In the BOCM MRV methodologies, such concept is to be materialised with preset default values applying to some parameters.

Another important aspect is to ensure the additional GHG reduction by the implementation of the GHG reduction projects. Under the CDM, the concept of "additionality" is crystalised, which sometimes leads to the difficult situations; some project owners cannot demonstrate financial "additionality" based on the indications provided by designated operational entities and/or CDM Executive Board, then some projects are rejected for registration as eligible CDM projects. Building upon the lessons learnt from the "additionality" demonstrate the "additionality" of the proposed project on project participants. An alternative method which the BOCM would take is that the eligibility criteria in a MRV methodology applicable to a proposed project should be set to secure the additional GHG emission reductions due to the implementation of the proposed project. The possible options could be a positive list and/or the use of a benchmark (or benchmarks), which can demonstrate the proposed project (or the technology adopted by the proposed project) cannot be implemented/introduced in the absence of the BOCM scheme. Therefore, the eligibility criteria would involve a kind of technology "additionality" clause, which indicates highly advanced level.

The tentative sections described in a BOCM MRV methodology is follows:

- 1. Title of Methodology
- 2. Summary of the Methodology for the Project
- 3. Eligibility Criteria
- 4. Selecting a Calculation Method
- 5. Necessary Data for Calculation
- 6. Terms and Definitions
- 7. Project Boundaries
- 8. Reference Scenario
- 9. Reference Emissions and Calculation
- 10. Project Emissions and Calculation
- 11. Leakage emissions and Calculation
- 12. Calculating Emission Reductions
- Annex: Information on the calculation tool

One innovative point in the BOCM MRV methodology is the annex: Information on the calculation tool. This is an automated calculation spreadsheet prepared by the scheme owner. Preset default values are installed in the tool, and are used in the calculation process of GHG emission reductions. The users only fill in the monitored values, then can quantify how much GHG emissions are reduced (See next page for this automated calculation process).



<Image of BOCM MRV Methodology:

by using a sample methodology "Replacing Fossil Fuel with Biofuel in 'country A'">



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Calculation Formula in the Sample Meth					
Default Values = should be pre	Default Values = should be pre-set in the MRV methodology				
ltem	Value	Unit	Parameter		
NCV of BDF	34.0	GJ/kl	NCV _{BD,y}		
CO2 EF of Petro-Diesel	0.0687	tCO2/GJ	EF _{f,i,y}		
Cultivation of plant feedstock	0.222	tCO2/kl	APE _{cul,y}		
Transport of plant feedstock	0.111	tCO2/kl	APE _{trm,y}		
Production of BDF	1.234	tCO2/kl	APE _{pro,y}		
Transport of BDF	0.111	tCO2/kl	APE _{tbdf,y}		
Reference Emissions = Productions of BDF (kl/y) x NCV _{BD,y} (GJ/kl) x EF _{f,i,y} (tCO2/GJ) = [xxx,xxx kl] x 34.0 x 0.0687					
Project/Activity Emissions = APEs ($_{cul,y + trm,y + pro,y + tbdf,y}$) (tCO2/kl) x Productions of BDF (kl/y) = (0.222 + 0.111 + 1.234 + 0.111) x [xxx,xxx kl]					
Emission Reductions = Reference Emissions – Project/Activity Emissions					

Overview of Demonstration/



Indigenous Trees derived from Conserved Forest

REDD+ in Tropical

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f Modal Shift from Road-based Transport to MRT

Colombia:

Geothermal Power Generation in a Country with Suppressed Demand

'y and Utilisation fromby using Bio-digestersss Power Generation with

Lowland Forest

NOTE: EE= Energy Efficiency MRT= Mass Rapid Transit



MRV Demonstration Studies (DS) using Model Projects in 2012

List of MRV DS using Model Projects 2012

#	Host Country	Mitigation Project/Activity	Category	DS Entity
1	Cambodia	Methane Recovery and Utilisation from Livestock Manure by using Bio-digesters	Waste Management	Japan NUS
2	India	Bagasse-based Power Generation including Waste Heat Utilisation	Biomass Utilisation	Nippon Koei
3	Lao P.D.R.	Transportation Improvement through introduction of Efficient Buses and Provision of Good Services	Transportation	Katahira & Engineers International
4	Mexico	Small-scale Wind Power Generation with Remote Monitoring System	Renewable Energy	Komaihaltec
5	Moldova	Biomass Boiler Heating using Agricultural Waste as Fuel	Biomass Utilisation	Mitsui Consultants & Japan Environmental Consultants JV
6	Mongolia	Replacement of Coal-Fired Boiler by Geo-Thermal Heat Pump for Heating	Renewable Energy	Shimizu Corporation
7	Mongolia	Upgrading and Installation of High-Efficient Heat Only Boilers (HOBs)	Energy Efficiency Improvement	Suuri-Keikaku
8	Sri Lanka	Biomass-based Thermal Energy Generation to Displace Fossil Fuels	Biomass Utilisation	EX Research Institute
9	Thailand	Bagasse-based Cogeneration at Sugar Mill	Biomass Utilisation	Mizuho Information & Research Institute
10	Thailand	Transport Modal Shift through Construction of Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) System	Transportation	JWA & Almec Consortium for MRV Demonstration Study
11	Thailand	Energy Savings through Building Energy Management System (BEMS)	Energy Efficiency Improvement	Pricewaterhouse Coopers
12	Thailand	Waste Heat Recovery System with Cogeneration	Waste Heat Utilisation	Smart Energy
13	Viet Nam	Integrated Energy Efficiency Improvement at Beer Factory	Energy Efficiency Improvement	Recycle One

Outline of the study content and the model project of each MRV DS is shown from next page.













MRV Demonstration Study using Model Project Host Country: Mongolia Replacement of Coal-Fired Boiler by Geo-Thermal Heat Pump for Heating **DS Entity: Shimizu Corporation Outline of GHG Mitigation Activity** Geothermal heat pump technology is installed to replace coal-fired boilers for building/district heating systems. For future BOCM projects, a specific target sector will be public buildings such as local governmental offices, schools, kindergarten, and hospitals, where some model projects could be identified. In this study, a model project – a kindergarten already equipped with geothermal heat pump system for heating - demonstrates that the proposed MRV methodology is applicable and feasible and that the entire MRV process is completed in the host country. Less CO CO2 electricity ÂÊ Geothermal Coal heat pump ₩. fired Existina boile power plant **Draft Simple MRV Methodology** Site of Modeled MRV Project The central concept for the proposed MRV methodology Ulaanbaatar A kindergarten in is "degree-day" theory. The "degree-day" is defined as Zuunmod the annual integral value of multiplications of the difference between outdoor and indoor temperature and Zuunmod is located the duration (hours). Thanks to "degree-day" theory, the at 60km away southward from only monitoring item should be outdoor temperature in Ulaanbaatar a climate zone, based on the Meteorological Agency's Zuunmod data. Coal-fired boiler efficiency is defaulted. Standard emission is calculated ex-ante taking into account Expected GHG Reductions standard meteorological data, building's heat-insulation 80tCO₂/year (for a model project (1 unit)) characteristics, soil characteristics, and heat pump Potential: 113,000tCO₂/year (estimated performance. Real emission is calculated by correcting from 1.3 million m² of total floor area of all standard emission and based on monitored degree-day. public buildings in entire Mongolia)







To be monitored (red), Default value/ project specific value not to be monitored (blue) **Expected GHG Reductions** Option1 Site of MRV Model Project 429,730 (tCO₂/yr) Option2 288,534

Bangkok

(tCO₂/yr

Option3

134,482 tCO₂/y

traffic flow due to the traffic congestion

improvement effect on neighboring area.

The Bangkok MRT network is currently under operation with 4 lines (85km in

total). Based on the MRT expansion plan

formulated by the Ministry of Transport,

the construction for 495km of planned railroads is carried out (completion by

2029).



MRV Demonstration Study using Model Project

are installed in all buildings in Thailand)

Expected GHG Reductions

buildings

Waste Heat Recovery System with Cogeneration

11,538tCO2/yr will be reduced in the 12 model

Potential: 966,000tCO₂/yr in entire Thailand (BEMS

Outline of GHG Mitigation Activity

The waste heat recovery system with cogeneration will generate electricity through gas turbines fueled by natural gas, which replace grid-oriented electricity, and, at the same time, will recover the unused (wasted) steam from the gas-turbines to utilise it in absorption chillers which supply thermal energy (including cold energy), which reduce the electricity consumptions of electric/centrifugal chillers. GHG reduction effects are due to the replacement of grid electricity with natural gas-oriented one, as well as the efficient energy generations through the waste heat utilisation.

Figure: System of utilities supply

Draft Simple MRV Methodology

Difference of GHG emissions from the waste heat recovery system and ones from the general system with only grid-electricity is the reduction of GHG emission. In the simple MRV methodology to quantify the emission reductions, the default values of the grid emission factor, COP (coefficient of performance) of equipment, and facility's rated energy consumption are set, to reduce monitoring items.

Expected GHG Reductions

Approx. 41,000tCO₂/yr



Shopping Mall

project

model project

Hospital

Bangkok

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Main: MRV verification

Sub: Non MRV verification

Source: Website of Suvarnabhumi Airport







BOCM Feasibility Studies (FS) in 2012

List of BOCM FS 2012

#	Host Country	Mitigation Project/Activity	Category	FS Entity
1	Cambodia	Small-scale Biomass Power Generation with Stirling Engine	Biomass Utilisation	Pro-Material
2	Cambodia	REDD+ in Tropical Lowland Forest	Land Use Management	Conservation International Japan
3	Colombia	Geothermal Power Generation in a Country with Suppressed Demand	Renewable Energy	Mitsubishi Research Institute
4	Indonesia	Solar-Diesel Hybrid Power Generation to Stabilise Photovoltaic Power Generation	Renewable Energy	Hitachi Zosen
5	Indonesia	Prevention of Peat Degradation through Groundwater Management, and Rice Husk-based Power Generation	Land Use Management	Shimizu Corporation
6	Indonesia	REDD+ for Conservation of Peat Swamp Forest, and Biomass-based Power Generation using Timber Mill Waste to Process Indigenous Trees derived from Conserved Forest	Land Use Management	Mitsubishi UFJ Research & Consulting
7	Lao P.D.R.	Introduction of Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) of Municipal Solid Waste, and Landfill Gas (LFG) Capture, Flaring and Utilisation	Waste Management	EX Research Institute
8	Thailand	Introduction of Electronic Gate to International Trade Port to Improve Port-related Traffic Jam	Transportation	Chuo Fukken Consultants
9	Viet Nam	Biogas-based Cogeneration with Digestion of Methane from Food/Beverage Factory Wastewater	Waste Management	Tepia Corporation Japan
10	Viet Nam	Improvement of Vehicle Fuel Efficiency through Introduction of Eco-Drive Management System	Transportation	Almec Corporation
11	Viet Nam	REDD+ through Forest Management Scheme, and Biomass-based Power Generation using Timber Industry Waste	Land Use Management	Sumitomo Forestry
12	Viet Nam, and Indonesia	Promotion of Modal Shift from Road-based Transport to Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) System	Transportation	Mitsubishi Research Institute

Outline of the study content and the proposed project of each BOCM FS is shown from next page.



FS Entity: Conservation International Japan





Draft Simple MRV Methodology

Under the MRV methodology, based on plot survey results, Landsat satellite images are used for monitoring activity.

Taking into account the consideration for the establishment of nationallevel MRV system in Cambodia, the MRV methodology for REDD+ project should be consistent with MRV system at national/sub-national levels. In addition, the MRV methodology will be drafted and developed with the reference of VCS where project-level and/or sub-national-level methodologies and rules are being developed.

The draft MRV methodology will be finalised based on feedbacks from Cambodian and Japanese governments against the provided GHG calculation options.

Sites of GHG Mitigation Activity

Expected GHG Reductions

216,667 - 1,404,000tCO₂/yr * Assuming 15-year project period. The difference of expected GHG reductions is depend on the decision of reference level to apply for the project.









BOCM Feasibility Study (FS)

Host Country: Indonesia

REDD+ for Conservation of Peat Swamp Forest, and Biomass-based Power Generation using Timber Mill Waste to Process Indigenous Trees derived from Conserved Forest FS Entity: Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting

Outline of GHG Mitigation Activity

Sites of GHG Mitigation Activity













BOCM Feasibility Study (FS)

Host Country: Viet Nam

Improvement of Vehicle Fuel Efficiency through Introduction of Eco-Drive Management System FS Entity: Almec

Outline of GHG Mitigation Activity

Eco-drive Management System (EMS), which is developed in Japan as application software for smartphone, will be introduced to taxies running in Hanoi. At the same time, the eco-drive training is provided to the taxi drivers: Japanese skilled instructors give lectures with the reference to the analysis results based on EMS driving data, for the Hanoi taxi drivers to learn the eco-driving technique. As a result, fuel consumption will reduce due to the improvement of fuel efficiency through drivers' eco-drive practices.







BOCM Feasibility Study (FS) Host Country: Viet Nam and Indonesia Promotion of Modal Shift from Road-based Transport to Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) System FS Entity: Mitsubishi Research Institute **Outline of GHG Mitigation Activity** Sites and GHG Reductions Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) systems are planned to be introduced in Projects **Expected GHG reductions** 3 cities; Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, and Jakarta. The MRT systems Hanoi Line#1 Approx. 114,000 tCO₂/year will lead to the modal shift from the current road-oriented transport Hanoi Line#2 Approx. 105,000 tCO₂/year to rail-based mass CO public transport in HCMC Line#1 Approx. 114,000 tCO2/year the mega cities to Jakarta N-S Line Approx. 116,000 tCO2/year reduce GHG emissions. Line # **Draft Simple MRV Methodology** Station A Station B Limited Boundary Traffic Volume on MRT I FILLING When the project boundary is limited to only MRT transportation, the monitoring burden would be avoided, however the emission reduction effect would be also deducted. Under this simpler methodology, the monitoring items are limited to Hộ Chi Mi the numbers of and the travel distance of passengers, which can be recorded through IC-card based ticketing system. CO2 emission factor (unit: tCO₂/PKM) will be defaulted for each traffic mode. North-South If the project boundary is expanded to the inclusion of access/egress traffic, the GHG reductions would increase - but the monitoring practice gets burdensome. GHG emission reductions are expected to be as shown in the right figure including only traffic Jakarta volume on MRT.



CDM Feasibility Studies (FS) in 2012

List of CDM FS 2012

#	Host Country	Proposed Project Activity	Category	FS Entity
1	Bangladesh	Programme for Integrated Energy Efficiency Improvement of Dyeing Process	Energy Efficiency Improvement	PEAR Carbon Offset Initiative
2	Bhutan	Rural Electrification through Expansion of Electric Grid mainly composed of Hydropower	Renewable Energy	Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities
3	Myanmar	Landfill Gas (LFG) Recovery and Utilisation for Electric Power Generation	Waste Management	Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities
4	Nepal	Programme to Reduce Non-Renewable Biomass Consumptions through Introduction of High-Efficiency Cook Stoves	Energy Efficiency Improvement	Tepia Corporation Japan

The CDM FS in 2012 aim at the contribution to the improvement of regional distribution of CDM projects. Each proposed project activity is located in a host country with less than 10 registered CDM projects. In fact, all host countries for the CDM FS in 2012 are categorised as least developed countries (LDCs), who are in particular encouraged to develop CDM projects.

Outline of the study content and the proposed project of each BOCM FS is shown from next page.



Programme for Integrated Energy Efficiency Improvement of Dyeing Process



CDM Feasibility Study (FS)

CDM Feasibility Study (FS)

Host Country: Myanmar

Host Country: Bangladesh

FS Entity: PEAR Carbon Offset Initiative

Landfill Gas (LFG) Recovery and Utilisation for Electric Power Generation FS Entity: Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities

Outline of CDM Project

The proposed project aims to collect landfill gas (LFG) from the solid waste disposal sites located in Yangon, the capital of Myanmar. The LFG will be utilized for the electricity generation, which will be distributed to the factories located around the disposal sites. The project is expected to mitigate the problems of municipal waste, environment, and sanitation caused by rapid urbanisation in Yangon.







CDM Feasibility Study (FS)

Host Country: Bhutan

Rural Electrification through Expansion of Electric Grid mainly composed of Hydropower FS Entity: Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities

Outline of CDM Project

The proposed project aims to achieve rural electrification in Bhutan through the expansion of electric grid composed mainly of hydropower. The fossil fuel such as kerosene which would have been consumed at unelectrified rural area will be replaced by renewable electricity, to result in GHG emissions reductions.

Project site

The project site encompasses approximately 30,000 unelectrified households in rural regions throughout Bhutan.



Methodology to be applied

AMS-III.AW. "Electrification of rural communities by grid extension" will be applied.

This developed methodology was specifically for rural electrification through expansion of electricity grid in Bhutan.

CDM Feasibility Study (FS)

Expected GHG Reductions

The project will distribute approximately 24.4GWh of renewable electricity to unelectrified area in Bhutan. With this, the proposed project will reduce GHG emissions by 19,532 tCO2 annually. Deducting the leakage emissions associated with forest tree cutting for grid expanding engineering, the average GHG emission reductions by the proposed CDM project will be 6,367 tCO₂/yr throughout 21-year crediting period.

Host Country: Nepal

Programme to Reduce Non-Renewable Biomass Consumptions through Introduction of High-Efficiency Cook Stoves FS Entity: Tepia Corporation Japan

Outline of CDM Project

The replacement of TCS (traditional cook stove) which is the popular cooking appliance around Nepal, with HCS (high-efficiency cook stove), will cut down the consumptions of NRB (non-renewable biomass), to reduce GHG emissions. The introduction of HCS with CDM benefit is highly expected to contribute to improving not only the people's living standard but also the sustainable development in Nepal.



