

# REDD+ reference level submissions and UNFCCC Expert Review

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# Reminder

- Forests cover 31 percent of the earth's land area.
- Around 4 billion hectares of forest
- Since 1990, it is estimated that 420 million hectares of forest have been lost through conversion to other land uses. In absolute net terms, the global forest area decreased by 178 million hectares between 1990 and 2020
- Deforestation contributes between 10-20% of annual GHG emissions

# REDD+ RL submissions to the UNFCCC

- 54 countries have submitted a proposed reference level to date.
- In 2018 around 70% of developing countries forest was covered a under REDD+ programme
- <https://redd.unfccc.int/submissions.html?country>

Argentina  
Bangladesh  
Belize  
Bhutan  
Brazil  
Burkina Faso  
Cambodia  
Chile  
Colombia  
Congo  
Costa Rica  
Côte d'Ivoire  
Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Dominican Republic

Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Equatorial Guinea  
Ethiopia  
Gabon  
Ghana  
Guinea-Bissau  
Guyana  
Honduras  
India  
Indonesia  
Kenya  
Lao People's Democratic Republic  
Liberia

Madagascar  
Malawi  
Malaysia  
Mexico  
Mongolia  
Mozambique  
Myanmar  
Nepal  
Nicaragua  
Nigeria  
Pakistan  
Panama  
Papua New Guinea  
Paraguay

Peru  
Saint Lucia  
Solomon Islands  
Sri Lanka  
Sudan  
Suriname  
Thailand  
Togo  
Uganda  
United Republic of Tanzania  
Viet Nam  
Zambia

# REDD+ submission technical review

- Objectives of the submission review are:
  - To assess the degree to which information provided by Parties is in accordance with the guidelines
  - To offer a non-intrusive, technical exchange with a view to supporting the capacity of developing country submissions and improvements.
- The expert review team publishes a report on the countries submission and main findings.
- This review report could provide the basis for REDD+ and inventory improvements over time.

# General review findings

## My general takeaways as a expert reviewer

- Submissions generally adhere to the guidelines and have a plan to improve data or methods based on review findings
- Submissions based on national circumstances, capability/capacity/funding and support. Subject to national inventory and improvement plans
- One common area is improved deforestation estimates by: more reference points/verified + ground truthing and ensuring emission factors are representative
- Expert review findings do assist in building capability and inventory improvements via the review process and technical expert review report

Thank you for your time and attention

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## STEPS OF REDD+ MRV PROCESS

SUBMISSION  
OF FREL/FRL

TECHNICAL  
ASSESSMENT  
OF FREL/FRL

SUBMISSION  
OF RESULTS AS  
A TECHNICAL  
ANNEX TO A  
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TECHNICAL  
ANALYSIS OF  
RESULTS