



COMPENSATED REDUCTION

Avoided Deforestation as a
Convention/Protocol activity

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- Tropical deforestation accounts for 20% of global greenhouse gas emissions
- Highest emission category for several countries (non-Annex)
- Inclusion of forest conservation in Kyoto would make these activities eligible for carbon trading

COP6, 2000/01 debate

- For inclusion in KP:
 - USA
 - Many Latin American countries
 - Environmental groups such as The Nature Conservancy
 - Indigenous groups
- Against inclusion in KP:
 - European Union
 - Brazil
 - Environmental groups such as WWF
 - Indigenous groups

PROS AND CONS

- 20% of global ghg emissions
- Conserve biodiversity
- Incorporate Sustainable Forest Management into sustainable development goals of CDM
- Divert pressure from fossil fuel emissions reduction efforts
- Climate change will cause Amazon dieback
- Difficulty in establishing baselines, monitoring

And the spin begins...

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- “Today’s agreement represents the worst possible outcome for...international biodiversity conservation”
- “Avoided deforestation...a particularly destructive loophole...has been excluded...”

THE “PNG PROPOSAL”

- “Reducing Emissions from Deforestation in Developing Countries: Approaches to Stimulate Action”
 - Request immediate SBSTA deliberation, leading to recommendations to be taken up at COP12 in 2006
 - Suggest optional protocol to UNFCCC and/or expansion of Marrakesh Accords to include crediting for projects that reduce emissions from tropical deforestation

Successful negotiations for G77/China

- Party submissions regarding recommendations on this issue accepted until March 31, 2006
- SBSTA will consider these submissions beginning in May 2006 and produce recommendations to COP in Dec 2007(one year later than PNG proposal)
- Secretariat will organize workshop before Nov 2006

Reducing emissions from deforestation in Amazonas, Brazil: a State Government's proposal for action

- Amazonas calls for:
 - Work within Convention
 - Compensation (payments) to support gov't mandating conservation and to offset opportunity cost of land use to rural producers
 - ***“it is only fair that the costs of reducing deforestation are also paid by others that are receiving these environmental services.”***