

**Presentation on National Forest Monitoring  
and  
Monitoring Reporting and Verification Progress  
with  
Emphasis on National Forest Inventory**

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# The History of NFM/MRV

## Year 2015 (Sept.-December

- The launch of REDD+ in 2nd. September.
- REDD+ supported starting the NFM
- Starting NFI as part of the MRV by a Sudanese expert.
- Conducted technical meetings
- The product was a field sampling manual.
- A plan for the NFI presented in Sudanese context.

# **History**

## **Year 2016**

- Field sampling manual was presented and discussed in a workshop in January 2016.**
- NFM/MRV went to FAO.**
- First backstopping FAO mission to FNC in May 2016.**  
**(Philip, Abdelhamid, Mino).**
- May-15 August MRV-TA Agreement prepared and signed.**
- September the first FAO implementation mission (Marco and Hamid)**

## **Year 2017**

- Intensive FAO missions to implement the TA work plan/action plan.**
- Forest definition in March (John)**
- Institutional arrangement report March-August).**
- Marco (2 follow up missions).**
- Establishment of field crews.**
- Crews training at Eddamazin (Selmi ).**

## **Year 2017**

- Marco (NFI) and Laura (RS) visit to FNC.**
- Marco follow up of data collected.**
- LoA between FAO and FNC.(March-July),  
Extended to Oct.**
- All crews to inventory North Kordofan in May  
using borrowed (collected) vehicles. 35 Sus.**
- June in Ramadan **cease** of inventory.**
- On set of the rains July inventory selective  
states (eastern Ged and northern RN/N ).  
Continue for one month in October (Kassala,  
Red Sea &Khart.).**

## **Year 2017 contd.**

- Northern is complete 22 Sus.**
- Central achievement 30 Sus in WN and SIN.in Nov-12 Dec.**
- Kordofan (WK) 30 Sus. Mid Nov-Mid Dec.**
- Cease work from mid Dec-end of Jan. 2018 in Kord, Cent. & eastern regions due to inability to flow funds from Nov-end of Jan. 2018.**
- First LoA ended in 31 October 2018.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> LoA was signed and flowed in late Jan.**

## **Year 2018**

- Delays due to timely provision of budget.**
- FNC financed half a month and one more for 3 regions and one month for Darfur.**
- The 1<sup>st</sup> installment (1mil.) is almost transferred.**
- It is crucial to request the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment now.**

**Results: The total gain of Sus. Till by the end of 2017 are 155 excluding Darfur region which has not been financed due to the halt of 20% of the LoA. Excluding the ongoing**

**Ongoing inventory.**

**-Darfur crews are supposed to start today  
20/2/2018 in east Darfur.**



## **Constraints/Challenges**

➤ **Vehicles:** The program has no vehicles of its Own and when brought they need maintenance.

➤ **Budget delays:** The flow of budget at all levels is not smooth. The budget should flow in the way of projects. It is not enough to cover additional Sus. The share of Sudan in the budget was not referenced.

➤ **Internal institutionalization:** has not fully taken into consideration regarding incentives.

- **The program** is unfortunate to enjoy normal programs environment in the sense that it is considered FNC activity.
- **Programs usually upgrade** institutions.
- **Slowness and/or** indifferent attitudes in preparation of the working environment (Lab. Office space ... ).
- **The program was** not given ample time in readiness of REDD+ while expecting from it quick results.
- **Lack of frequent meetings** between REDD+, MRV-WG, FNC officials, FAO task force ... etc.

➤ FNC is **technically capable** of undertaking NFM/MRV, but **financially incapable**.

# Risks & threats

Of them are:

- The ministry of Agriculture may **withdraw the 8 vehicles.**
- In my accounts the **budget** allotted for the completion of 550 is **not enough.**
- The **time** left for the program is short bearing in mind the upcoming rainy season.
- The program may not realize exaggerated aspirations, but may do some.
- **The NFI** is utterly not an easy job.

## **Gains and Comforts**

- Capacity promoted**
- Patience and get rid of panic**
- The will to make success**
- The country is able to do inventories.**
- Great activities gained (F. definition, IA, RS enhancement, ... etc.**
- New methodologies**

## **Recommendations**

- 1- Flow of budget in time for the remaining Period.**
- 2-Provision of funds for vehicle maintenance.**
- 3-Stability of staff**
- 4-Promotion of work enabling environment.**
- 5-Elimination of disappointments.**

***THANK YOU SO MUCH***