

**Annex 16****PROCEDURES TO DEFINE THE ELIGIBILITY OF LANDS FOR  
AFFORESTATION AND REFORESTATION PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

1. Project participants shall provide evidence that the land within the planned project boundary is eligible as an A/R CDM project activity following the steps outlined below.

(a) Demonstrate that the land at the moment the project starts is not a forest by providing information that:

- i. The land is below the forest national thresholds (crown cover, tree height and minimum land area) for forest definition under decisions 11/CP.7 and 19/CP.9 as communicated by the respective DNA; and
- ii. The land is not temporarily unstocked as a result of human intervention such as harvesting or natural causes or is not covered by young natural stands or plantations which have yet to reach a crown density or tree height in accordance with national thresholds and which have the potential to revert to forest without human intervention.

(b) Demonstrate that the activity is a reforestation or afforestation project activity:

- i. For reforestation project activities, demonstrate that on 31 December 1989, the land was below the forest national thresholds (crown cover, tree height and minimum land area) for forest definition under decision 11/CP.7 as communicated by the respective DNA.
- ii. For afforestation project activities, demonstrate that the land is below the forest national thresholds (crown cover, tree height and minimum land area) for forest definition under decision 11/CP.7 as communicated by the respective DNA, for a period of at least 50 years.

2. In order to demonstrate steps 1 (a) and 1 (b), project participants shall provide one of the following verifiable information:

- (a) Aerial photographs or satellite imagery complemented by ground reference data; or
- (b) Ground based surveys (land use permits, land use plans or information from local registers such as cadastre, owners register, land use or land management register); or
- (c) If options (a) and (b) are not available/applicable, project participants shall submit a written testimony which was produced by following a participatory rural appraisal methodology<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Participatory rural appraisal (PRA) is an approach to the analysis of local problems and the formulation of tentative solutions with local stakeholders. It makes use of a wide range of visualisation methods for group-based analysis to deal with spatial and temporal aspects of social and environmental problems.