

PRINCIPLES FOR PRO-POOR PAYMENT SYSTEMS



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TENURE AND RIGHTS

- Who owns the land and the trees on that land?
- How does tenure vary among income classes, regions, gender, and generations?
- Do sellers have legal rights to forest services?
- Are the access rights of some being subverted by other interested parties?

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- What laws and legislations exists to promote PES?
- Do the appropriate government agencies exist to regulate and manage the ecosystem service? (i.e. Carbon Office, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Forests, etc.)
- Are subsidies and taxes being used for or against better forest management?

TYPES OF RIGHTS TO NATURAL RESOURCES

- **Access:** to enter area and enjoy non-subtractive benefits
- **Withdrawal:** to obtain resource or products (or environmental service)
- **Management:** to regulate use patterns and transformations of the resource
- **Exclusion:** to determine who will have access right and how that can be transferred
- **Alienation:** to sell or lease management and exclusion rights

LOCAL RIGHTS

- Is the service a common property resource or a public good?
- Tied to sustainability of stock of natural resource
- Options: consumer, community, state, individual landowners, other?



PARTICIPATION IN DESIGN

- Participatory project planning and implementation is less expensive



Flexibility

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Support Multi-faceted Livelihood Strategies

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TYPES OF COMPENSATION

- Cash income that can be used for consumption or investment purposes
 - Community social investment
- Investments in sustainable land management practices (community-based forest enterprises, etc.)

