

# INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET CONCEPT STAGE

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## I. BASIC INFORMATION

### A. Basic Project Data

<b>Country:</b>	Togo	<b>Project ID:</b>	P149942
<b>Project Name:</b>	REDD+ Readiness preparation - Togo (P149942)		
<b>Task Team Leader(s):</b>	Koffi Hounkpe		
<b>Estimated Board Date:</b>			
<b>Managing Unit:</b>	GEN01		
<b>Sector(s):</b>	Forestry (60%), Public administration- Agriculture, fishing and forestry (20%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (20 %)		
<b>Theme(s):</b>	Climate change (70%), Environmental policies and institutions (20%), Other rural development (10%)		
<b>Financing (In USD Million)</b>			
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	3.80	<b>Total Bank Financing:</b>	0.00
<b>Financing Gap:</b>	0.00		
<b>Financing Source</b>		<b>Amount</b>	
Borrower		0.00	
Carbon Fund		0.00	
Readiness Fund of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility		3.80	
Total		3.80	
<b>Environmental Category:</b>	B - Partial Assessment		
<b>Is this a Repeater project?</b>	No		

### B. Project Objectives

The project objective is to reinforce the Republic of Togo's capacity to design a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation

### C. Project Description

REDD+ Readiness Preparation activities in Togo including: REDD+ related organizational structures and consultation processes; national REDD+ strategy development; deforestation and forest degradation baseline scenario development; measurement, reporting and verification systems development, including co-benefits and; capacity building.

### D. Project location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis (if known)

The project management unit (the REDD+ National Coordination) will be at the Ministry of Environment and Forest Resources (MERF) in Lomé but the project is of a national scope and will take place throughout the country.

This project does not entail activities on the ground. Rather, it is focused on providing technical assistance to the government for the development of technical and institutional capacities to participate in a future international REDD+ mechanism.

### E. Borrowers Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

The Recipient's capacity is at moderate. An existing project on integrated disaster and land management is being well managed as concerns safeguards and is managed by an entity under the same minister, allowing for sharing of experience and lessons learned. World Bank agricultural project is also ongoing in the country and have involved developing safeguards expertise in areas related to this project. It is likely however that the REDD+ National coordination (NC) will need training and support to become sufficiently proficient in managing key safeguard issues.

The Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) for the national REDD+ Readiness process will be led by the REDD+ NC and carried out through inclusive consultations, and in close coordination with other analytical studies / processes. The exercise will be directly supervised by a National SESA Overseeing Committee, made up of representatives from government, civil society, and the private sector. This Committee will be in charge of overseeing the preparation of the SESA and of ensuring it feeds into the preparation of the National REDD+ Strategy.

The SESA exercise itself will assess the national capacity needs required for the country to be capable of monitoring and implementing the safeguards related to a national REDD+ mechanism and will make recommendations for institutional strengthening.

### F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

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## II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	Yes	The Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) to be carried out under the project will serve to identify, avoid, mitigate and compensate the potential negative environmental and social impacts

		associated with future activities to be supported by the final REDD+ strategy by providing guidance and key elements for the preparation of an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF). The SESA will also influence the final national REDD+ strategy, by ensuring that social and environmental risks are factors in the preparation of the strategy.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	Yes	The application of this policy seeks to ensure that all options proposed in the National REDD+ Strategy take into account the conservation of biodiversity, as well as the numerous environmental services and products that natural habitats provide to human society. Overall, REDD+ activities are expected to have significant positive impacts on natural habitats, as the country puts in place an effective strategy to reduce loss of natural forests. The SESA will address issues related to natural habitats and potential impacts of the National REDD+ Strategy, which will later be included in the ESMF.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	Yes	Overall, REDD+ activities are expected to have significant positive impacts on forest, in that the main goal of the program is to reduce deforestation and forest degradation, while contributing to the well-being of forest-dependent communities. Potential impact of the National REDD+ Strategy on natural forests will be assessed through the SESA and included in the ESMF. The SESA and associated ESMF will reflect the requirements of the Bank's Operational Policy regarding forest management, in particular as these relate to the establishment of plantations.
Pest Management OP 4.09	Yes	Agricultural intensification and reforestation activities, among others are REDD+ activities that could require pest management in the course of project implementation. The SESA will address critical issues related to pest management if necessary, and these will also be included in the key elements of the ESMF, as well as in a specific plan related to pests and pesticides management.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	Yes	REDD+ activities are likely to be implemented in areas containing sites deemed physical cultural resources by rural communities living there (e.g. holy/secret sites such as sacred groves, sacred forests, etc.). Though it is not anticipated that the project will have negative impacts on any such sites, the SESA will address issues related to physical

		cultural resources and potential impacts of the National REDD+ Strategy, which will later be included in the ESMF and a specific dedicated framework.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	
Involuntary Resettlement OP/ BP 4.12	Yes	REDD+ activities will trigger Involuntary Resettlement in situations involving involuntary restrictions of access to legally designated parks, protected areas, or forest management / reforestation areas. The policy aims to avoid involuntary resettlement to the extent feasible, or to minimize and mitigate its adverse social and economic impacts in cases where resettlement or other involuntary restrictions cannot be avoided. Through the SESA process, any issues related to land acquisition or involuntary resettlement will be identified, and a Resettlement Policy Framework will be prepared. In terms of restriction to natural resources, a Process Framework will be prepared as well.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/ BP 7.60	No	

### III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

**A. Tentative target date for preparing the PAD Stage ISDS:** 05-Dec-2014

**B. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed.**  
**The specific studies and their timing<sup>1</sup> should be specified in the PAD-stage ISDS:**

N/A

### IV. APPROVALS

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<sup>1</sup> Reminder: The Bank's Disclosure Policy requires that safeguard-related documents be disclosed before appraisal (i) at the InfoShop and (ii) in country, at publicly accessible locations and in a form and language that are accessible to potentially affected persons.