

 Early Warning System

WB-P120417

Mexico FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant



Quick Facts

Countries	Mexico
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2015-06-11
Borrower	GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environment
Potential Rights Impacts	Housing & Property, Indigenous Peoples, Labor & Livelihood, Marginalized Groups, Right to Food
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 3.80 million



Early Warning System Project Analysis

CATEGORIZATION: Category B

The World Bank designates the project as Category B, meaning it will have potential adverse environmental impacts on human populations or environmentally important areas - including wetlands, forests, grasslands, and other natural habitats - which are less adverse than those of Category A projects. These impacts are site-specific; few if any of them are irreversible; and in most cases mitigation measures can be designed more readily than for Category A projects.

The World Bank's B categorization comes from the 2011 project documents. However, in the more recent 2014 WB Project Information Documents, the Environmental Categorization is conspicuously missing. Nonetheless, these World Bank documents and the FCPF R-PP indicate that the proposed project will have a uniquely massive scope. World Bank documents state, (m)any of the activities that will be financed are national in scope and identifies five early action areas. This indicates that REDD+ activities may eventually extend to other areas as well. In addition, World Bank documents indicate that the proposed REDD strategies will affect many aspects of individual's lives and livelihoods, including central concerns such as income, housing, and food. Thus, potential breadth and depth of impacts from this project suggest that the project's environmental and social risks should be closely considered, and that the World Bank's stated categorization should be scrutinized.

SOURCES:

World Bank Environmental Categorization, accessed at

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/PROJECTS/0,,contentMDK:20061220~menuPK:51564~pagePK:41367~piPK:51533>

WB Project Information Document, Concept Stage, Report No. ISDSC6213, 2014

APPLICABLE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS:

Five World Bank safeguards (from the WB Operational Policies) have been triggered, three have not been triggered, and two safeguards are still to be determined. According to the Bank, the triggered safeguards are:

* Environmental Assessment, OP/BP 4.01

* Natural Habitats, OP/BP 4.04

* Forests, OP/BP 4.36

* Indigenous Peoples, OP/BP 4.10

* Involuntary Resettlement, OP/BP 4.12

The safeguards still to be determined are:

* Physical Cultural Resources, OP/ BP 4.11

* Pest Management OP, 4.09

Because this grant is specifically for funding REDD+ preparations, the safeguards process is not yet complete. World Bank documents indicate that a thorough assessment for each of the triggered safeguards is still to be accomplished, and will be done through the existing FCPF REDD+ readiness process. The Project Information Document states: (g)iven the highly specific nature of REDD+ Readiness, the Participant's Committee of the FCPF proposed using a Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) as a way to address social and environmental safeguards during readiness... The SESA process is characterized by a strong analysis of the drivers of deforestation and the strategic options and a participatory approach to reviewing the potential environmental and social safeguard issues that will need to be considered during the preparation of the



Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)



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Bank Documents

- [Integrated Safeguards Data Sheet \(Concept Stage\) - Mexico FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant - P120417](#) [Original Source]
- [Mexico - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Readiness Preparation Grant Project \(English\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Mexico - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Readiness Preparation Grant Project \(Spanish,English\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Mexico - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Readiness Preparation Grant Project : Mexico - Plan de P](#) [Original Source]
- [Project Information Document \(Concept Stage\) - Mexico FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant - P120417 \(En](#) [Original Source]