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PROPERTY RIGHTS AND RESOURCE GOVERNANCE PROJECT

Efforts to combat climate change through reducing emissions and increasing sequestration by forests (REDD+) will require that governments address land tenure and property rights concerns as a principal component of REDD+ readiness. Donors and civil society must provide oversight to ensure that REDD+ does not lead to a form of centralized forest governance that excludes stakeholders' traditional rights. The following resources represent the current information on the concepts and best practices related to addressing land tenure and property rights in the context of forest based carbon mitigation efforts and REDD+, including the concept of "carbon rights."

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Over the course of 2011 and 2012, USAID's Property Rights and Resource Governance Project (PRRG) examined the intersection between land tenure, forest governance, and climate change, particularly emerging evidence from REDD+. USAID explored the anticipated distribution of benefits from REDD+, a new class of rights related to ownership of forest carbon, and recent trajectories towards greater devolution of rights to local communities in many countries. Through this work it developed overview papers on devolution of rights to forests, carbon rights, and benefit distribution in REDD+. The overview papers were accompanied by case studies on experiences to date, as well as a tool for framing carbon rights and an assessment tool for tenure and benefit distribution institutions. The following titles are available at: <http://usaidlandtenure.net/issues/global-climate-change>

- Land Tenure and REDD+: Risks to Property Rights and Opportunities for Economic Growth
- International REDD+ Institutions and the Role of Land Tenure and Property Rights
- REDD+ and Carbon Rights: Lessons from the Field & Case Studies
- Forest Carbon Rights: A Tool for Framing Legal Rights to Carbon Benefits Generated Through REDD+ Programming
- Devolution of Forest Rights and Sustainable Forest Management: Policy Review and 16 Case Studies
- Analysis of Institutional Mechanisms for Sharing REDD+ Benefits: Lessons from the Field & Case Studies
- Institutional Assessment Tool for Benefit Sharing Under REDD+

USAID has produced a broad range of additional resources on property rights and resource governance with clear relevance to REDD+ that can be found at: <http://usaidlandtenure.net/>.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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