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# Development of integrated monitoring systems for REDD+ in the SADC region

Initiative

Country [Malawi](#) [10], [Zambia](#) [11]

Other Readiness Initiative:

Yes

REDD+ project:

No

Scope

Deforestation

Degradation

Level Subnational

Status Planned

Duration (Years) 3

Start date October 2011

End date February 2015

Sources of finance:

Bilateral

## Summary

The "Development of Integrated Monitoring Systems for REDD+ in the SADC region" is a regional project which is jointly implemented by the Food Agriculture and Natural Resource (FANR) Directorate of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the German Organisation for International Cooperation (GIZ). This project was initiated for the purpose of developing a regional system for monitoring and tackling the drivers of deforestation and degradation in the SADC region. It is estimated that half of biomass carbon losses as a result of deforestation originates from this region. The SADC includes 15 countries including Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, and the Seychelles.

This project is part of a wider SADC support programme on reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation in the region and aims to help REDD+ SADC countries prepare for REDD+ by supporting the development of regional standards for monitoring and by developing integrated MRV

systems in selected pilot sites. In order to achieve these goals the project has the following objectives: 1) develop and put into practice integrated IPCC guidelines compliant monitoring systems in 4 selected sites for the development of forest areas, carbon stocks and emission reductions from deforestation and forest degradation; 2) capacity development for MRV: Assess the capacity needs to develop and sustainably implement the MRV systems in all SADC Member States and develop a capacity development strategy on the basis of the results; 3) develop a regional knowledge management system for MRV; 4) support the development of SADC regional standards for REDD+ Monitoring.

So far 4 pilot countries have been selected and these are: Botswana, Mozambique, Zambia and Malawi. In Zambia the project will be implemented in the Eastern Province and span across the border into the Nyika Plateau region in Malawi. In Zambia the local implementation partner is the Forestry Department and in Malawi it is the Department of Forestry. In October 2012 a team of SADC-GIZ consultants carried out an assessment of Malawi's MRV capacity.

## Financing

### Financing agreement RD3619 [12]

Funding Institution Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (Germany)

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