

MRVS STEERING COMMITTEE (MRVS SC)

Summary of Meeting 12

September 20, 2012

The twelfth meeting of the MRVS Steering Committee was held on September 20, 2012 in the Lower Conference Room of the Guyana Forestry Commission. Updates on MRVS Activities in terms of the Year 2 forest area change assessment (FAA), progress made to date on the implementation of the Forest Carbon Monitoring System (FCMS) as well as progress made in the development of Reference Levels for Guyana. Updates were also provided on the execution of the Community MRV (CMRV) project to date. The key points arising from the meeting were as follows:

1. The GFC is at a critical juncture of implementing the MRV System in fulfilling agreed compliance requirements which are part of the MoU between the Governments of Guyana and Norway.
2. To date, the key focal areas in the development of the MRVS have been:
 - a. Forest Area Change Assessment
 - b. Forest Carbon Stock Assessment
 - c. Development of Reference Level
 - d. Community MRV
3. Work on Year 2 forest area change assessment has been completed and has undergone both an accuracy assessment by the Durham University and independent third party verification by Det Norske Veritas (DNV), a company contracted by the Government of Norway.
4. Work on Phase 1 of the Forest Carbon Stock Assessment was near completion.
5. In the development of a Reference Level for Guyana, work has been done on combining the information collected as part of the forest area change assessments with the data from the forest carbon stock assessment. However, this is still in preliminary stages.
6. In the continued execution of the CMRV, it was noted that a key focal area was that of taking the national MRV System to a greater level of detail on the ground to ensure that the execution of methodologies were appropriately applied for the community level, specifically regarding issues of mapping of drivers.