

MRVS Steering Committee
Summary of Meeting 6
November 18, 2010

The sixth meeting of the MRVS Steering Committee was held on November 18, 2010 in the Lower Conference Room of the Guyana Forestry Commission. The key points of discussion arising from the meeting were as follows:

1. The report, Guyana MRVS Interim Measures Report 2010, has been prepared by Poyry and has been released for public review. This is one of the deliverables of Bid 1 of Guyana's MRVS.
2. Some of the key findings of the report discussed were as follows:
 - a. The change analysis focused on detection of forest change over three periods 1990 to 2000, 2001 to 2005 and 2006 to 2009 September;
 - b. It was determined that the rate of deforestation for the period 2009-2010 is equivalent 0.06%.
 - c. Annual reporting on the REDD+ interim indicators as set out in the MoU between Guyana and Norway was also completed for the period Oct 30, 2009- Sept 1, 2010 and reported on indicators such as: gross deforestation, intact forest landscape & interim degradation indicators post benchmark period.
3. Three licenses for IDRISI software were obtained for the GFC and subsequently installed;
4. Work on the development of the Forest Carbon Assessment and Monitoring System has commenced with the training of GFC staff in assessing forest biomass, the impact of logging activities on forest carbon stocks, and conducting data collection and QA/QC procedures. GIS staff of the GFC also received training in a number of areas including in the use of the IDRISI software.
5. A number of upcoming capacity building activities and opportunities are available for the University of Guyana through not only Bids 1 & 2 of the MRVS, but also through various collaborations including with GFC and the United States Forest Service (USFS). The University of Guyana has also received support through the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI).