

MRVS STEERING COMMITTEE (MRVS SC)

Summary of Meeting 17

May 14, 2014

The seventeenth meeting of the MRVS Steering Committee was held on May 14, 2014 in the Lower Conference Room of the Guyana Forestry Commission. Key areas of discussion during this meeting included progress and next steps for Annai CMRV project; updates on plans for implementation of Year 4 of the MRVS; stakeholder engagement on REDD+ & MRVS; MRVS Roadmap Phase 2; and update on Phase 2 of the Forest Carbon Monitoring System.

1. As part of the ongoing Guyana REDD+ Investment Fund (GRIF) Project on Institutional Strengthening project, the Community Monitoring Reporting & Verification (CMRV) project in Region 9 with the North Rupununi District Development Board (NRDDB) seeks to develop synergies with the national MRVS and in doing so, further expand capacities in the area of community-based monitoring. Further the CMRV project also seeks to engage community members in the North Rupununi, and in particular Annai (pilot site for linking the CMRV with the national MRVS), in the determination and measurement of forest change drivers. Additionally, the cooperation also emphasizes the integration of community MRV demonstration efforts within the national framework of monitoring, reporting and verification for REDD+ and the recording of main lessons learnt from the project.
2. Satellite imagery to inform forest area assessment and change monitoring activities for MRVS Year 4 (year 2013) has been acquired and is currently being processed and analysed. These activities are tentatively expected to be completed by August- September 2014. Five (5) user licenses for the 2013 satellite imagery have been reserved for the natural resource management agencies.
3. A series of stakeholder engagement sessions have been planned for Regions 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9. The areas to be addressed at these sessions include the LCDS, REDD+ implementation in Guyana, the components and findings of the MRVS, and Guyana's participation in the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility.
4. The MRVS Roadmap Phase 2 is currently being drafted and will include actions, responsible agencies and expected key results for three different phases in time - 2014, 2015 and 2016 and beyond. On completion of the first draft of the MRVS Roadmap for Phase 2, this document will be shared with the MRVS SC, as well as other key stakeholder groups for their inputs and guidance.
5. Eleven (11) plots in the more accessible zone were sampled while thirteen (13) plots were sampled for the Medium Potential for Change area in the continued development of Guyana's Forest Carbon Monitoring System (FCMS). This batch of field data, completed Phase 2 of the FCMS.