



MADAGASCAR'S INTENDED NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION

NATIONAL CONTEXT AND PRIORITIES

Madagascar is among the top-ten countries of the world having important and extensive coastal zones. Due to its geographical position, the island frequently experiences extreme weather events that significantly affect its national economy, as well as the population's livelihood. Climate change impacts, particularly severe during the last two decades, are: (1) extended drought periods; (2) increased variability of the rainfall regime; (3) intensification of cyclones; (4) floods associated with cyclone disturbances.

Madagascar is equally committed to contribute to mitigate climate change, as well as to reduce climate change vulnerability and promote adaptation measures, although the importance of the two complementary strategies is different. Moreover, the choice of the identified adaptation sectors (agriculture, coastal zone management, human health), as well as ecosystem based adaptation approach (forests, mangroves, biodiversity, water resources) can have significant benefits on the mitigation. In fact, these actions may contribute to the strengthening of carbon stocks. Forests and mangroves sustainable management, in addition to greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction associated with deforestation limitation, can specifically illustrate this link.

Madagascar is a least developed country with non-significant greenhouse gases emissions. Primary sectors, particularly agriculture and fisheries, are prominent in the national economy. Furthermore, the country has an exceptional biodiversity that need to be preserved. In this context, approximately 7 million hectares, representing 11.9% of national territory is declared protected areas, as of May 2015. Electrification level is extremely low, with about 20% of households benefiting from electric lighting. This explains its dependence on fuelwood, which will persist in the medium term.

The INDC of the Republic of Madagascar was developed taking into account the national development objectives and priorities stated in main national strategic documents including the *Politique Générale de l'Etat*, the *Plan National de Développement 2025-2019*, and the *Politique Nationale de lutte contre le Changement Climatique*.

SECTION 1: MITIGATION

1. National Contribution

The national contribution of the Republic of Madagascar is the result of mitigation measures targeted to relevant sectors, compared to the national reference scenario BAU (business as usual; see Figure 1). In 2030, Madagascar aims to reduce approximately 30 MtCO₂ of its emissions of GHG, representing 14% of national emissions, compared to the BAU scenario, with projections based of GHG inventory from year 2000 to 2010. This reduction is additive to the

absorptions increase of the LULUCF sector, which estimated at 61 MtCO₂ in 2030. Total increase in GHG absorption is expected at 32%, compared to the BAU scenario.



However, these objectives remain conditioned by financial support, which will be received from global partners (conditional contributions). Madagascar relies on the international community support to reach this objective through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and other existing or future financial mechanisms. The estimate costs of the mitigation actions will be above 6 billion US dollars (see Table 2).

If nothing is done, Madagascar's total emissions will increase from ca. 87 MtCO₂ in the year 2000 to reach 214 MtCO₂ in 2030. Total absorptions will decrease from 290 MtCO₂ in 2000 to 92 MtCO₂ in 2030, which will change the country's status of carbon sink of 203 MtCO₂ in year 2000 to an emitting source of 22 MtCO₂ in 2030. Emissions and absorptions profiles are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Profile of emissions and absorptions during the period 2000 to 2030 (in MtCO₂eq).

Year	2000	2010	2020	2030
Emissions	87,152	156,973	192,281	214,206
Absorptions	-290,017	-220,094	-215,890	-192,111
Net Emissions/Absorptions	-202,865	-63,121	-23,609	22,095

For the LULUCF sector, Madagascar is currently developing a diversified reforestation program. This document proposes increasing the total areas under forest cover, with an indigenous species reforestation program of 270,000 ha. Such efforts will perfectly fit with the projected economic growth, by including renewable energy initiatives, as well as the updated rural electrification technologies.

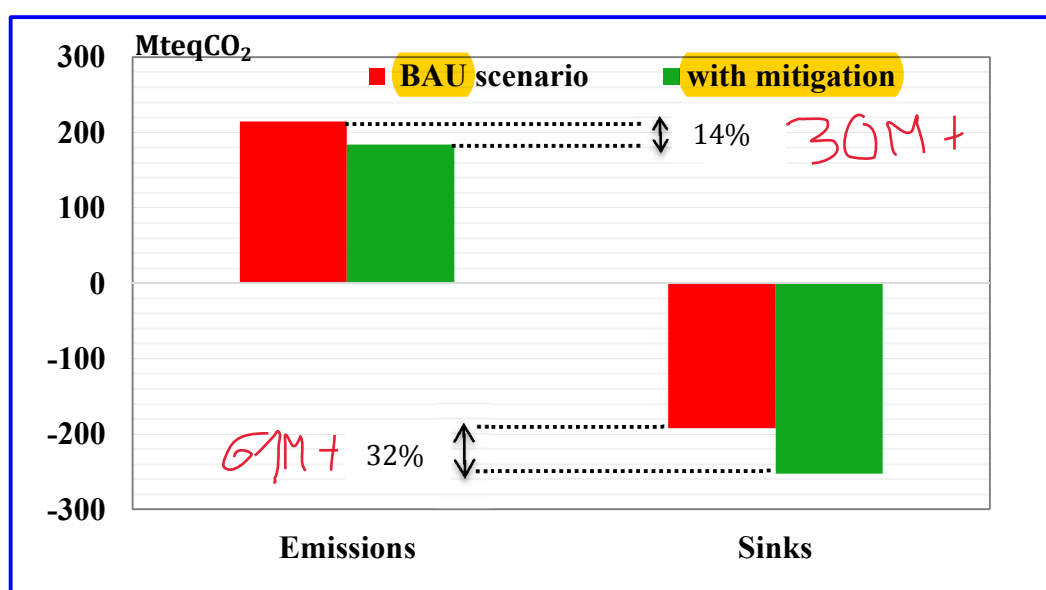


Figure 1: Potential of GHG reduction and absorption as of year 2030, in comparison with business as usual scenario.

2. Major mitigation actions

The Republic of Madagascar has identified the following actions to contribute to the reduction of GHG emissions:

Energy

- Facilitate access to energy by strengthening existing systems and by promoting renewable and alternative energies;
- Rehabilitate energy producing network and plant stations;
- Reinforce renewable energy (hydraulic and solar) from the current level of 35% to 79%);
- Improve energy efficiency;
- Rural electrification;
- Disseminate improved stoves (by 2030: 50% of households adopting improved stoves).

Agriculture

- Large scale dissemination of intensive/improved rice farming techniques (SRI/SRA);
- Large scale implementation of conservation agriculture and climate-smart agriculture;
- Dissemination of arboriculture (from 2018: 5,000 ha per year).

LULUCF

- Large scale reforestation for sustainable timber production and indigenous species for conservation;
- Reduction of forest timber extraction;
- Promotion of REDD-plus;
- Large scale adoption of agroforestry;
- Forest and grassland forests enhanced monitoring.

Waste

- Biogas production from waste water;
- Sustainable management (compost) of organic household waste (50% of waste treated in urban agglomerations).

3. Information for clarity and transparency

Category source and scope

Category sources include all sectors of the national economy. The geographical scope is 100% of the territory.

Figures 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, shown in the Annex, correspond to the national and sectorial emissions and absorptions.

Reference Scenario on the period of 2000 and 2030

The reference scenario approach was adopted, given that Madagascar currently has no obligation to reduce its emissions regarding a reference year, under the UNFCCC. This approach is considered the best-fitting methodology as far as concern national objectives, and it is more transparent. While being realistic, it is part of the strategic policy of the country's development. It also joins the global needs of overall emission reduction, as well as national contributions, in

order to achieving the ultimate objective of the UNFCCC, which is the stabilization of GHG concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system.

Period

- Application period: 2021-2030.
- Reference scenario projection: 2030.

Greenhouse Gases

- Carbon Dioxide (CO₂);
- Methane (CH₄);
- Nitrous Oxide (N₂O).

Sectors and GHG emissions reported within this document cover 99.9% of national emissions. Fluorinated gases were not taken into account, considering that their use and associated emissions are extremely low.

Sectors

- Energy;
- Agriculture;
- LULUCF;
- Waste.

By 2030, the Republic of Madagascar has set up an emission reduction contribution of at least 14% of its GHG, compared to the BAU scenario, and an increase of GHG absorption of at least 32% compared to the BAU scenario. These objectives continue to be conditioned by international supports (financial, technology, capacity building), which will be received from the international community (conditional contributions).

Figures 2, 3, and 4 of the Annex display national emissions and absorptions.

Inventory Methods and Applied Parameters

Methodological approach for GHG inventories, projections, and absorptions is based on the IPCC Revised Guidelines (1996), which was supported by the 2000 and 2003 IPCC's *Good Practice Guidance* series.

Data from *Institut National des Statistiques*, verified with data from sectorial departments in charge of the category sources, were used for the BAU emission scenario, and the projected mitigation scenario were extracted from the national database. For projection, these data were completed by demographic, economic, and social analyses.

The avoided or absorbed GHG emissions, according to the prioritised mitigation actions, were then aggregated to provide the national mitigation potential. For the LULUCF sector, land use change monitoring through remote sensing techniques was supported by traditional mapping to evaluate changes regarding emissions and absorptions.

For the considered GHG, value of Global Warming Potentials over a hundred years, drawn from the IPCC second assessment report, are as follow:

- CO₂: 1;
- CH₄: 21;
- N₂O: 310.

Planning

The INDC was developed using multiple stakeholders, iterative consultation process. This process has involved several bilateral meetings and a series of two national consultations. It was built and is highlighting synergies with existing national framework documents (*Politique Générale de l'Etat; Plan National de Développement 2015-2019; Politique Nationale de Lutte contre le Changement Climatique*). INDC concepts continue and/or support other related UNFCCC processes, including the Third National Communication (TNC), Biennial Update Reports, National Action Program of Adaptation to Climate Change (NAPA), National Appropriated Mitigation Actions (NAMA), and the National Technological Assessment (TNA). The INDC process was coordinated by the *Bureau National de Coordination des Changements Climatiques* (BNCCC).

Overall implementation, as well as monitoring and evaluation of the INDC will be articulated around existing or future strategic documents (among which the National Adaptation Plan). They will particularly emphasise participatory and inclusive process of all stakeholders, with a strong leadership from the Ministry of Environment, Ecology, the Sea and Forests, which is lead coordinating entity of all actions to combat climate change. The integrated approach will be used to highlight the complementarities of actions and means, in order to achieve better results.

Fair and ambitious

This INDC will constitute the national reference for the Republic of Madagascar's involvement to fight climate change. It contains actions reflecting contributions to the GHG emissions reduction and absorption. The document decrypt the country's overall climate policy, and demonstrates clearly the national ambitions to contribute for a successful, legally binding, fair, and equitable agreement that should be adopted during the 21st UNFCCC Conference of Parties to be held in Paris by the end of 2015.

Madagascar is a least developed country with 440 USD per capita GPD, well below the average of the Sub-Saharan poor countries. More than 91% of households are categorised as poor, living with less than 2 dollars per day, with a poverty index of 36.1. National GHG emissions represent 0.2% of global emissions, therefore being a net carbon sinks of 13 MtCO₂ per capita in 2000, which is 3 MtCO₂ per capita as in 2010.

Despite this very low responsibility in terms of GHG emissions, Madagascar has an ambition (1) to reduce its emissions to 30 MtCO₂ in 2030, compared to the reference scenario BAU; and (2) to increase the absorptions in the LULUCF sector at approx. 61 MtCO₂. The combined contributions give an avoided total GHG emission of 91 MtCO₂. In this context, the Republic of Madagascar's contribution is considered as fair and ambitious.

Carbon credits

No reduction based on of carbon credits purchased outside of Madagascar.

SECTION 2: ADAPTATION

The general approach adopted to identify adaptation measures was concentrated on the sectors or areas regarded as most vulnerable to climate change. Although sectorial, these actions and their impacts are of national scope. They deal particularly on the impacts of climatic hazards that mostly affect the country, i.e. cyclones, floods, drought, sea-level rise, whose intensities are exacerbated by climate warming observed both at national and global levels. Adaptation measures were frameworked by the *Politique Nationale de Lutte contre le Changement Climatique* that has been developed in 2010. This national policy has as first strategic target to “Strengthen adaptation to climate change, considering Madagascar’s realistic needs”.

1. Overview of climate scenarios

Climate modelling conducted in 2008 indicates that the trend of temperature rise, which has been observed since the year 1950s from the South, gradually shifting to the Northern part of the island since the year 1970s, tends to endure. Temperature projections by 2055, including therefore the period covered by this INDC, maintain this upward trend, even if it is done in a non-uniform manner. In fact, temperature rise is expected to be higher in the South, and relatively lower in coastal zones.

As far as concern rainfall patterns for the same period, most parts of the country will experience an increasing rainfall whereas in the East; and in the South-east, decreasing trends would be observed, according to the season. Concerning cyclones, their frequency would remain unchanging during the next decades; but the number of intense cyclones would increase. On the other hand, the trajectory of the majority of cyclones passing through the island would move northward.

The current and projected climate trends are as follow:

- Increasing average temperature of 0.5 °C in 20 years, and up to roughly 0.1 °C per year for the coming years;
- Intensification of cyclones and evolution of their trajectories;
- Increased floods;
- In places, reduced rainfall in 2025 and 2050, but much more intensity in wet season.

It is worth noting that uncertainties remain regarding climate change setting and parameters in Madagascar. These uncertainties concern mainly changing rainfall patterns. Further research and monitoring are needed to project more reliable climate change scenarios.

2. Examples of impacts already observed regarding current climate trends

- Average sea level rise of 7 to 8 mm per year, leading to coastal erosion and the progression of receding shorelines;
- Increasing mortality rate caused by fish consumption that have accumulated dinoflagellate algae, which flourishing is increasing with sea-surface temperature rise;
- Medium to high index of direct fatalities associated with cyclone events (index value: 6);
- Social infrastructures (schools, health centres, nurseries) destruction due to cyclone events;
- Mangroves forest destruction due to floods, destruction of coral reefs, habitats, and associated species (fishes, arthropods, sea grass, etc.);
- Destruction of agriculture crops and fields due to heavy rains, floods, and stormy winds;
- Destruction of administrative buildings, roads, tracks, etc. due to heavy rains, floods, and stormy winds;
- Decreasing yields and soil fertility loss;
- Water stress (irregular rainfall patterns, drought and deficit in some areas);
- 30-60% of the population of Southern Madagascar suffering from food insecurity due to drought periods;

- Outbreaks (particularly towards the Highlands) of vector-borne diseases, particularly malaria.

Potential Impacts, if no action is implemented

- Highly significant decrease in agricultural yields, poor fisheries and aquaculture productions, therefore aggravation of household poverty;
- Inadequate infrastructures that are repeatedly destroyed by extreme weather events;
- Highly increasing prevalence rate of acute respiratory infections, and widespread distributions of vector-borne diseases;
- Distribution shift in geographical range of some species, increasing risks of species extirpation;
- Food insecurity and social conflicts associated with water-related conflicts.

3. Priority Actions before 2020

- Finalisation and implementation of the National Adaptation Plan;
- Strengthen climate change adaptation mainstreaming in all strategic/framework documents;
- Multi-hazard early warning systems primarily that mainly consider cyclones, floods, drought and the public health surveillance;
- Effective application of existing or newly established sectorial policies: flood and cyclone-resistant hydro-agricultural infrastructures standards, cyclone resistant buildings standards, flood-resistant terrestrial transport infrastructure standards, local for climate hazard community guideline for Water-Sanitation-Hygiene ;
- Intensive awareness raising campaigns concerning the adverse effects of climate change and environmental degradation;
- Development of Resilient Agriculture Integrated Model pilot projects/programmes (combination of watershed management, selected/adapted varieties, locally-produced compost, rehabilitation of hydro-agricultural infrastructures, input access facilitation system, conservation agriculture, and agroforestry) or "climate-smart agriculture";
- Promotion of intensive/improved rice farming system and rain-fed rice farming technique;
- Formulation and implementation of the national policy of the maritime territory of Malagasy, considering climate change;
- Formulation and implementation of the National Strategy for Integrated Water Resources Management;
- Evaluation of links for the climate change and migration of vector-borne diseases, malaria, and others emerging diseases as well as the evolution of acute respiratory infections, in order to identify remedial and/or corrective measures;
- Restoration of natural forests and reinforcement of habitat connectivity;
- Identification and sustainable management of climate refuge areas inside and outside protected areas;
- Contribution to the finalisation of the "National framework for meteorological services" for which Madagascar has committed to the World Meteorological Organisation.

Expected Impacts of actions before 2020

- Cyclone-induced human loss of life Index reduced to 4;
- Strengthened food security and increasing number of people unaffected by hunger;
- Slowing of the receding shorelines process;
- Restoration of 35,000 hectares of primary forest areas and mangroves.

4. Actions to be undertaken between 2020 and 2030

- Real-time monitoring of climate information;

- Effective implementation of multi-hazard early warning systems, including cyclones, floods, food security, drought, hunger, health and phytosanitary monitoring;
- Widespread application of Resilient Agriculture Integrated Models in major agricultural centre, cash crop zones, extensive livestock farming areas, priority areas for fisheries, mangroves, as well as drought hotspots;
- Sustainable and integrated water resources management, particularly in sub-arid areas and those vulnerable to drought periods;
- Reinforcement of natural protection and reduction of the vulnerability of coastal, inshore and marine areas affected by coastal erosion and receding shorelines progress (Menabe, Boeny, South-west and East)
- Strengthen and upgrade casualty multi-hazard early warning systems including the aspects of phytosanitary, agricultural, drought and food security monitoring;
- Sustainable and integrated water resources management, especially in sub-arid areas and those vulnerable to drought periods;
- Implementation of ecosystem-based adaptation to cope with sand-hill progression (multiple causes but phenomena aggravated by climate change) by leveraging research findings and best practices;
- Restoration of natural habitats (forests and mangroves: 45,000 ha; lakes, streams, etc.).

Expected impacts, until year 2025

- Stabilisation of the case of human casualties due to cyclones;
- Reduction of the occurrence of hunger and food insecurity events associated with drought periods, particularly in the South;
- National Food Security assured through a large scale implementation of Resilient Agriculture Integrated Models (climate-smart agriculture) in major agricultural centres;
- 45,000 ha of forest area restored.

Expected impacts, until year 2030

- Cyclone-induced human loss of life Index reduced to 3;
- Significant decrease in the proportion of people, particularly in Southern Madagascar, suffering from starvation;
- Paddy production maintained at 4 tons per hectare in agricultural centres that apply the Resilient Agriculture Integrated Models (climate-smart agriculture);
- Environmental amenities and ecosystem services associated with the restoration of 55,000 ha of forests and mangroves;
- Downturn up to trend 0 of the receding shorelines progression in the most affected coastal zones.

The estimated amount of the adaptation cost is 28.713 billion US dollars (see Table 2).

SECTION 3: MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION

Madagascar is committed to evolve in the pathways leading to the sustainable economic and social development, whilst being environmentally aware and resilient to various hazards. In that sense, the Government is being implementing ambitious and liable development programs in order to boost the national economy through the *Politique Générale de l'Etat*, the *Plan National de Développement 2015-2019* and its implementation plan. Climate actions are among the top priorities in these programs in the coming years.

The country's willingness to struggle with climate change has led to the existence of many policy framework documents and legal instruments conducive to the implementation of actions to cope with climate change. It is noteworthy that Madagascar will undertake efforts for both the

effective implementation of existing regulatory instruments, as well as to elaborate new policies in order to support the implementation of actions linked to the national contributions.

According to the Decree No. 2015-092 of March 5th 2015, the Ministry of the Environment, of Ecology, the Sea and Forest (MEEMF) is responsible for the implementation and coordination of actions, as well as the mainstreaming of climate change issues in various social and economic sectors. In fact, the National Bureau of Climate Change Coordination (BNCCC) of MEEMF ensures the role of coordinating, facilitating, supervising and monitoring of the effective implementation of all the measures/actions provided within this INDC. The BNCCC works closely with sectorial ministries, the National Climate Change Committee, sectorial and regional environmental offices, and others non-governmental actors operating in the fight against climate change.

1. Gaps and obstacles

Madagascar spends a substantial part of its annual budget in social services and infrastructures in response to the adverse effects of climate change. During the last five years, losses and damages associated with floods and cyclone events are estimated at about 470-940 million of US dollars per year. It is however worth noting that studies related to adaptation costs do not yet exist yet for Madagascar.

Given the precarious economic situation of Madagascar, the implementation of the INDC is conditioned by the availability of external financial support, especially through the financial mechanisms under the UNFCCC but also through other multilateral and bilateral sources. The effective implementation of Madagascar's contributions requires the reinforcement of the national capacities (technical, institutional, mobilisation and absorption of funding) and transfer of technology and research from developed countries, as well as the contributions of countries and other stakeholders that are actively involved in the fight against climate change.

2. Cost estimates

Costs associated with the implementation of the actions of this INDC are estimated at USD 42.099 billion (see Table 2). Madagascar, on the basis of these external contributions and national contributions, has setting up a national mechanism sustainability of actions against the climate change operational before the end of 2020. In order to demonstrate its commitment against climate change, the Republic of Madagascar with internal resources will contribute to the implementation of the actions of SCND up 4% of the cost amounts.

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Table 2: Costs Estimates of climate actions in the framework of the INDC of Madagascar (period 2015-2030).

<i>Component</i>	<i>Cost (milliards USD)</i>
<i>Adaptation</i>	28.713
<i>Mitigation</i>	6.370
<i>Capacities building</i>	1.754
<i>Technology development and transfer, and research</i>	5.262
TOTAL	42.099

ANNEXE

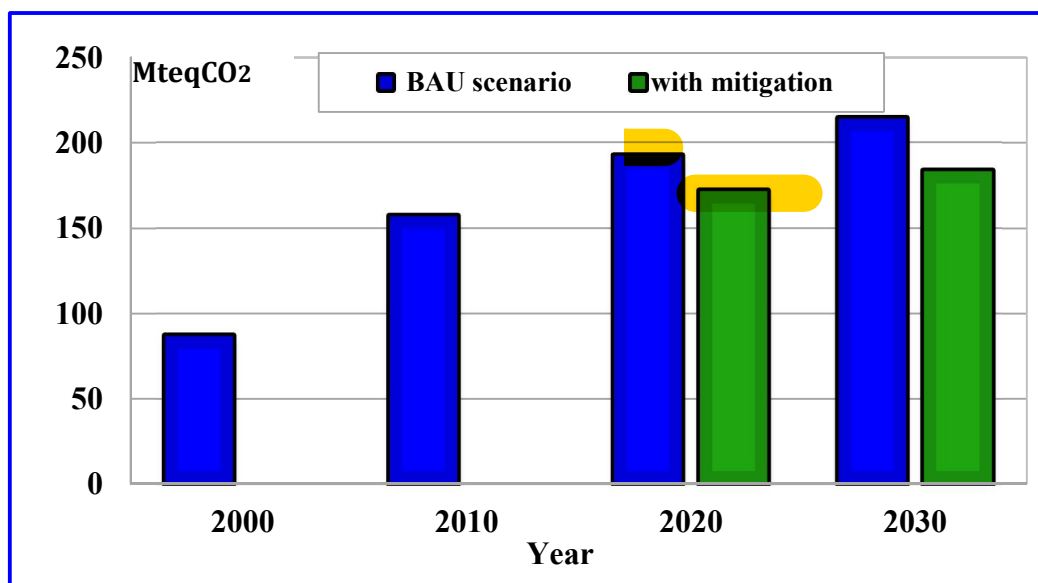


Figure 2: National Emissions, all sectors.

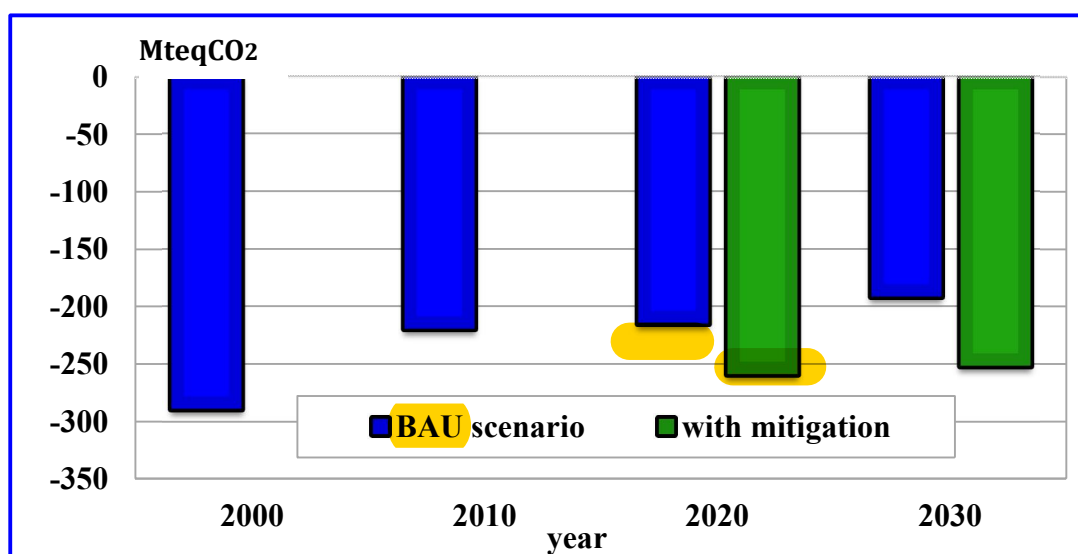


Figure 3: National Absorptions in the Land Use, Land Use Change & Forestry (LULUCF) sector.

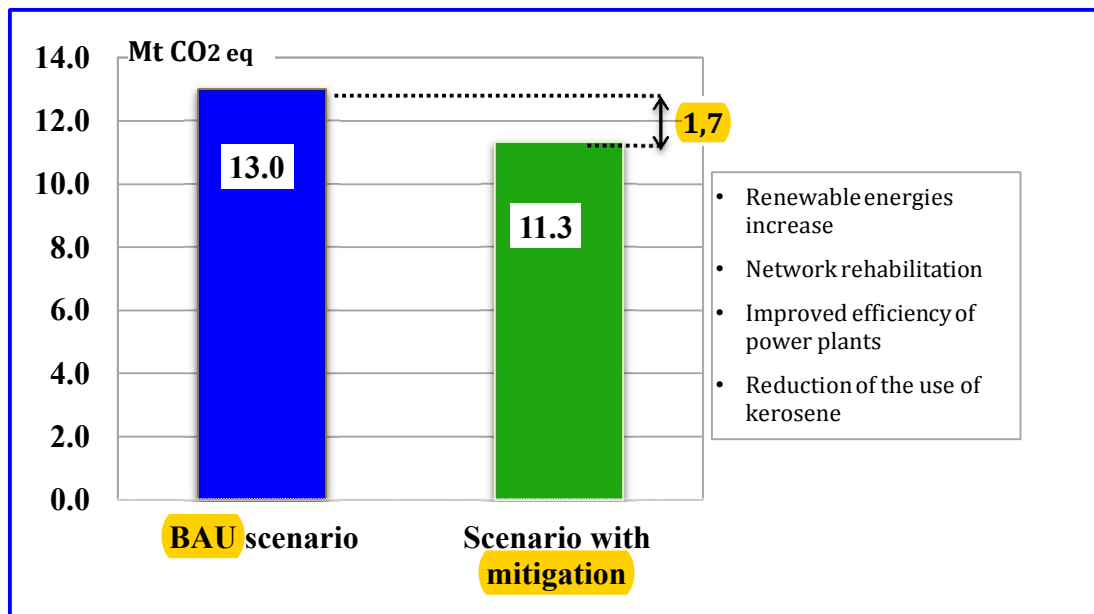


Figure 4: Comparison of the BAU emission scenario and the mitigation scenario in 2030 for the Energy sector.
Shown as legend: sub sectors that are most concerned by the mitigation actions.

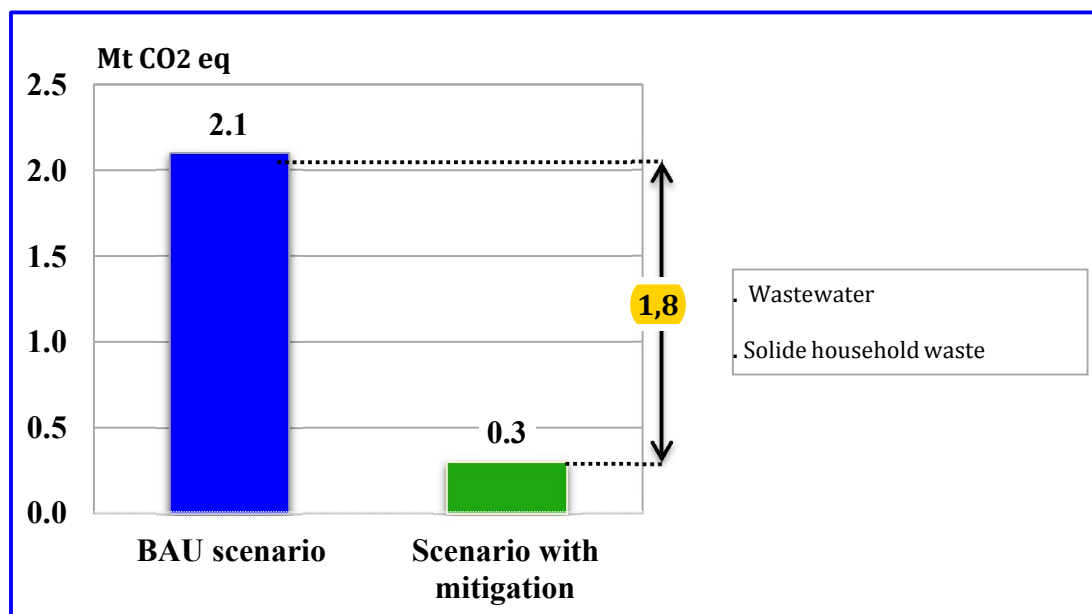


Figure 5: Comparison of the BAU emission scenario and the mitigation scenario in 2030 for the Waste sector.
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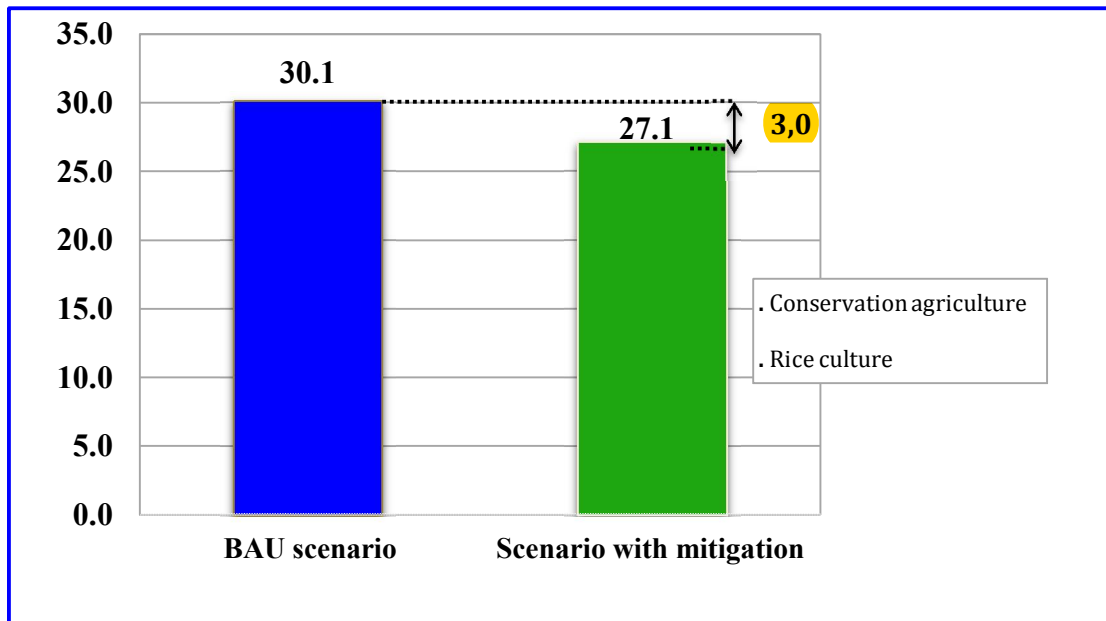


Figure 6: Comparison of the BAU emission scenario and the mitigation scenario in 2030 for the Agriculture sector.
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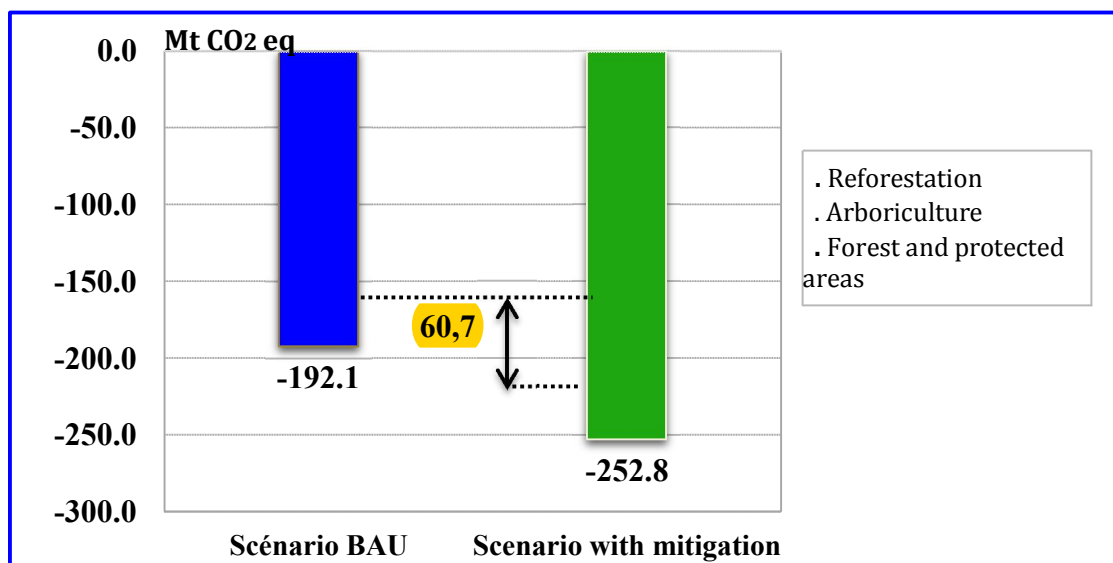


Figure 7: Comparison of the BAU emission scenario and the mitigation scenario in 2030 for the LULUCF sector.
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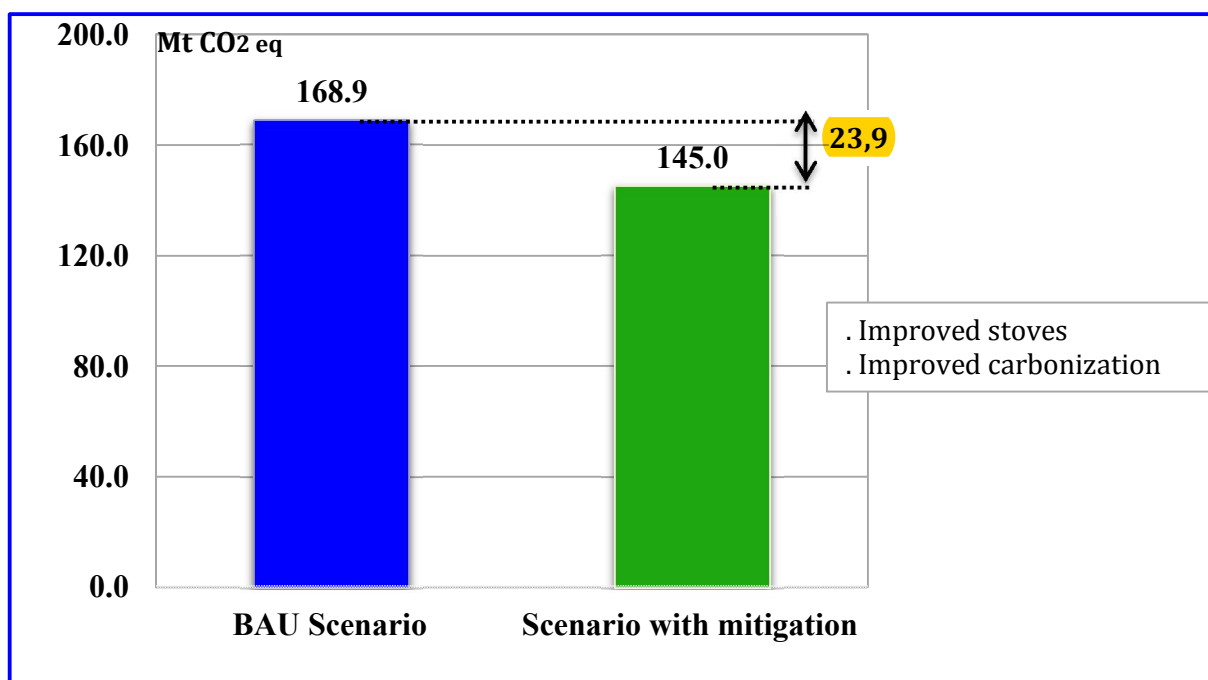


Figure 8: Comparison of the BAU emission scenario and the mitigation scenario in 2030 for the Energy sector.
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