

Checklist

Blue Carbon Readiness Framework

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CHECKLIST 6

Accounting for BCEs in your NDCs as a REDD+ Country

References: The Blue Carbon Initiative’s BC & NDC Guidelines on Enhanced Action

REDD+ countries are well placed to expand their NDCs to include BCEs. The following steps can be taken when considering how to account for BCEs in existing and upcoming NDCs

<div>✓</div>	<div>1. Determine if mangrove forests are accounted for in existing NDCs and as part of your country’s REDD+ program using the following questions as a guide:</div>	<div><div>a. Review your National Forest Definition – are mangroves referenced or included?</div><div>b. Is the project area included in the RAMSAR list of wetlands of international importance?</div><div>c. Does the Forest Reference Layer incorporate all relevant mangrove carbon pools, including soil carbon? Are there separate measures specifically for soil carbon stocks that can be included within the NDC?<div><div>i</div><div>Note: Often REDD+ reference levels will exclude soil carbon pools</div></div></div><div>d. Are there MRV/FREL or alternative GHG accounting methodologies used within the REDD+ program for my country that can be applied?</div></div>
<div>✓</div>	<div>2. Identify the following:</div>	<div><div>a. which governmental department(s) oversee forests and coastal ecosystems and GHG reporting to ensure streamlined action for including this data within new/existing NDCs</div><div>b. relevant legal/policy governance involving BCE(s)</div><div>c. clear division of roles and responsibilities among BCE entities and stakeholders</div><div>d. BCE agencies are adequately resource</div></div>
<div>✓</div>	<div>3. Determine how to effectively keep data on GHG emissions/ removals relevant – source new data as it becomes available, identify ways to improve existing data sources so they account for all carbon pools, especially soil organic carbon.</div>	