



Blue Carbon and the World Bank: Global Partnership for Oceans & the BioCarbon Fund

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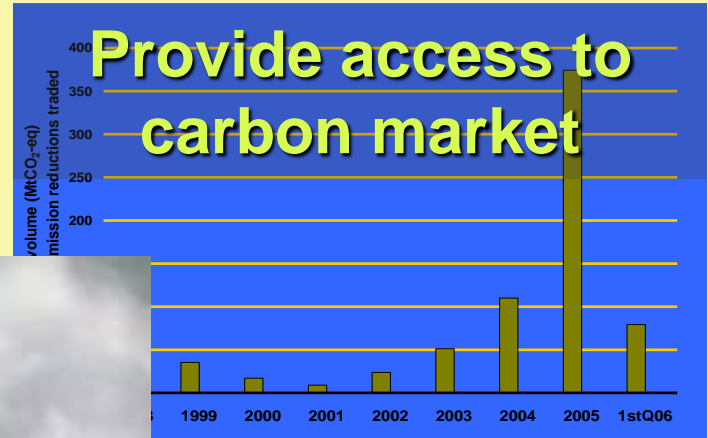
**Harnessing the Carbon Market to Sustain
Ecosystems and Alleviate Poverty**



THE BIOCARBON FUND



BioCF Goals



- BioCarbon Fund made up of public and private sector investors
- Aims to open the carbon market by incentives through purchase agreements but also through investing in methodologies and other 'infrastructure' to make this happen
- Not just a buyer – partnership with investors willing to accept some risk and that are interested in pioneering new areas
- Have signed more than 20 Emission Reduction Purchase Agreements (ERPAs) for reforestation, assisted natural regeneration, agroforestry, silvopastoral, reduced deforestation and most recently sustainable land management projects
- Developed 9 accounting methodologies, majority reforestation
- Developed tools for ex ante estimations of emission reductions and for monitoring
- Outreach through meetings, publications, etc.

- Two Tranches capitalized at **US\$ 90.3 million**
- **21 Participants** (6 governments; 15 private sector)
- **22 Projects**
 - Afforestation/Reforestation (19)
 - REDD+ (2)
 - Agriculture / Soil Carbon (2)
- **10.23 MtCO₂e contracted**
 - Total ERs generated from Projects: **40.71 MtCO₂e**
 - Projects regenerating or conserving \approx 500,000 ha

- Exploring “landscape accounting” for a variety of land-use and energy activities within a defined large-scale boundary
- Scaled-up afforestation/reforestation and regeneration of degraded lands
- Piloting areas not yet tested for agricultural land use (e.g. rice paddies, grassland and pastureland) and wetlands and coastal areas (“blue carbon”)
- Focus on improved livelihoods and biodiversity conservation

- Current approaches don't account for the full potential of a landscape; either (i) don't recognize all practices (like the CDM that only recognizes A/R), or (ii) take a 'silo approach' where each project category is spatially separated
- Silo approach also increases transaction costs for initial development and monitoring
- At CMP7 in Durban, SBSTA was requested to explore comprehensive accounting in the LULUCF sector
- BioCF wants to support this movement by piloting programs and developing methodological approaches
- Next Steps:
 - **Consultations with countries:** both potential host countries and donor countries that are interested in piloting these approaches
 - **Consultations with standards:** both existing and emerging GHG accounting and offset Standards in the voluntary and compliance markets
- Given complexity of Blue Carbon accounting, BioCF would also consider stand-alone pilots