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# FIP Monitoring and Reporting Stocktaking review.

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# FIP M&R stocktaking review

## Rationale

- The M&R system is an iterative and learning process that evolves over time.
- Three years into implementation- with the expansion of FIP investments into new countries – it is an opportune time to review progress under the FIP M&R system.
- The review was motivated by two Sub-Committee call outs:
  - ✓ **June 2011:** “The CIF AU and the MDB Committee are requested to report back to the FIP Sub-Committee and SCF Trust Fund Committee **once experience is gained** in operationalizing the framework, with view to adapting the framework to reflect experiences gained through field testing – as well as by the implementation to date and its challenges already identified.
  - ✓ **December 2016:** FIP M&R system has a **limitation** generating **interim project data on progress** and results made.



# FIP M&R stocktaking review

## Objective:

The stocktaking exercise was devised to **review the effectiveness, relevance and sustainability** of the FIP M&R system.

The findings of the review will be used to improve and simplify the FIP M&R process.

## Main review questions:

1. To what extent has the FIP M&R System Design and Guidance been Effective?
2. To what extent has the FIP M&R System Implementation been Effective / Relevant and Generated Knowledge/ Built Capacity?



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## Methodology – 3 phases





# FIP M&R stocktaking review

## Key findings - Successes of the FIP M&R system

- The FIP M&R system strengthens **country engagement through the programmatic approach** and uses country driven processes. The **annual scoring workshop** is an important multi-sectoral platform, allowing for information exchange that might not otherwise take place.
- Guidance in the **FIP M&R toolkit** is perceived as adequate and easy to understand.





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## Key findings- Successes of the FIP M&R system

- Most FIP countries have FIP M&R indicators **integrated** in their national M&E systems to some degree. This allows for easy data collection, better data quality and a sustainable use of the FIP M&R system.
- Most FIP countries **use the FIP M&R system for other purposes beyond its intended scope**: generating capacities at the national focal point office, increasing awareness on forest related issues across ministries, and drawing lessons learned for designing new projects.







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## Key findings- Successes of the FIP M&R system

- FIP reporting themes are **suitable and relevant** to the countries' context. FIP reporting themes are flexible and practical.
- The **most useful** reporting themes **1.1** GHG emission reductions or avoidance/ enhancement of carbon stock, **1.2** Livelihood co-benefits and reporting theme **2.4** Capacity development.
- Both **financial and technical assistance** support provided by the MDBs and the CIF AU were well appreciated by FIP pilot countries.





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## Key findings- Challenges of the FIP M&R system

- The system is **not well suited to capture early results** at nascent stages of implementation. The review explored how project information from MDBs could be used to provide results at the early stages of FIP project implementation.



- **Inconsistencies in methodological approaches**, lack of harmonized assessment methodology in Theme 1.1 GHG emission reductions





# FIP M&R stocktaking review

## Key findings- Challenges of the FIP M&R system

- Category 2 **scorecards** are difficult to use and the scoring system is subjective and unclear.
- FIP themes require a **medium to longer-term time frame** to capture results. Some assessments are **too frequent**, especially for those reporting themes that need longer timeframes to achieve results (i.e. GHG emission reductions, governance, biodiversity...).





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## Key findings - Challenges of the FIP M&R system

- There are inherent **capacity challenges**. Investment Plans, consisting of several projects implemented by different MDBs, are challenging to manage and monitor as a country program. There are capacity needs in assessing progress and setting baselines for GHG emissions. There are different levels of expertise in the scoring workshops, which makes consensus difficult.
- **Attribution** of results to the FIP investments difficult: The FIP is a ‘catalyst for results’, as in many cases FIP investments are implemented at the same time and in the same place as others – **focus on contribution**.





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## Recommendations

### Recommendation 1:

- The **countries should continue to lead and drive** the M&R process, supported by the MDBs, as necessary.
- The FIP M&R system should maintain the **alignment with national M&E systems** to the extent possible and should allow flexibility to FIP countries for greater simplification of FIP M&R requirements.



- Reporting burdens and gaps of interim results can be alleviated by improved use of **available project information from MDBs.**





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## Recommendations

### Recommendation 2:

- The capacities and role of FIP focal points should be strengthened, and additional capacity building for FIP M&R should be pursued.
- **Lessons learned** from the FIP M&R system should continue to be exchanged, which is especially important for **new FIP countries**.

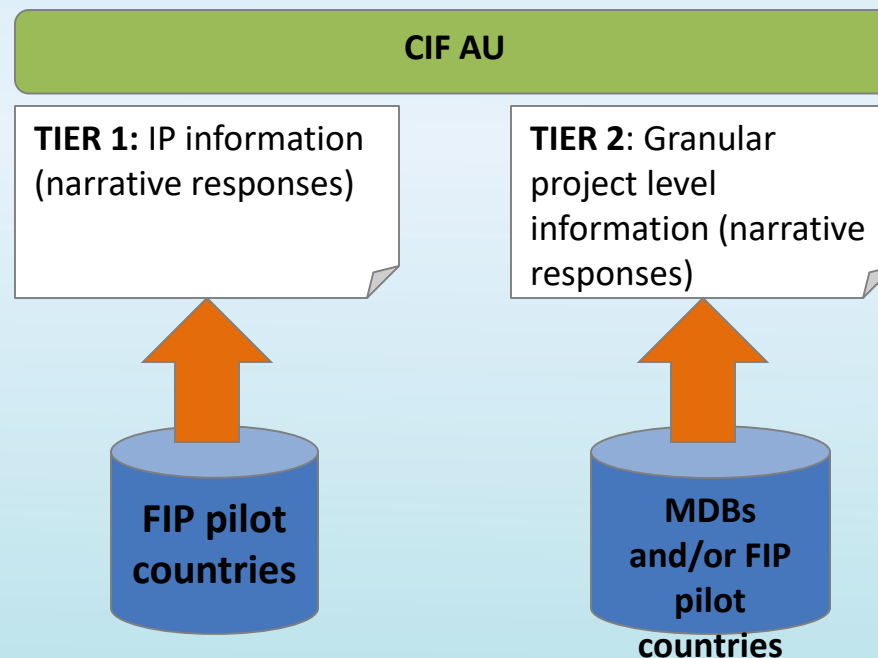




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**Recommendation 3:** The M&R system should evolve with a two-tier approach.



It is the decision of the country whether to provide the project level progress data to CIF AU directly or let the MDBs share this information with the CIF AU.



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## Recommendations

### Recommendation 4:

The toolkit will be updated to ensure its ongoing effectiveness and utility.







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