

Katoomba Incubator REDD Opportunities Scoping Exercise (ROSE) for Ghana

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REDD Opportunities Scoping Exercise, 2-3rd July 2009 - Accra, Ghana

- Overview of the Katoomba Group, including current initiatives
- REDD Opportunity Scoping Exercise (ROSE)
 - Context & Rationale
 - Objectives & Key Outputs
 - Relevance to Ghana

Mission:

To promote & improve PES capacity by

- Serving as a forum for the exchange of ideas and strategic information about ecosystem service transactions and markets
- Creating practical tools and training materials that address key challenges and help to bring ecosystem service projects closer to market
- Identifying gaps in theory and practice and addressing key obstacles to PES development

Current Initiatives



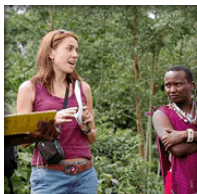
Ecosystem Services Incubator



Legal, Policy, and Institutional Frameworks related to PES



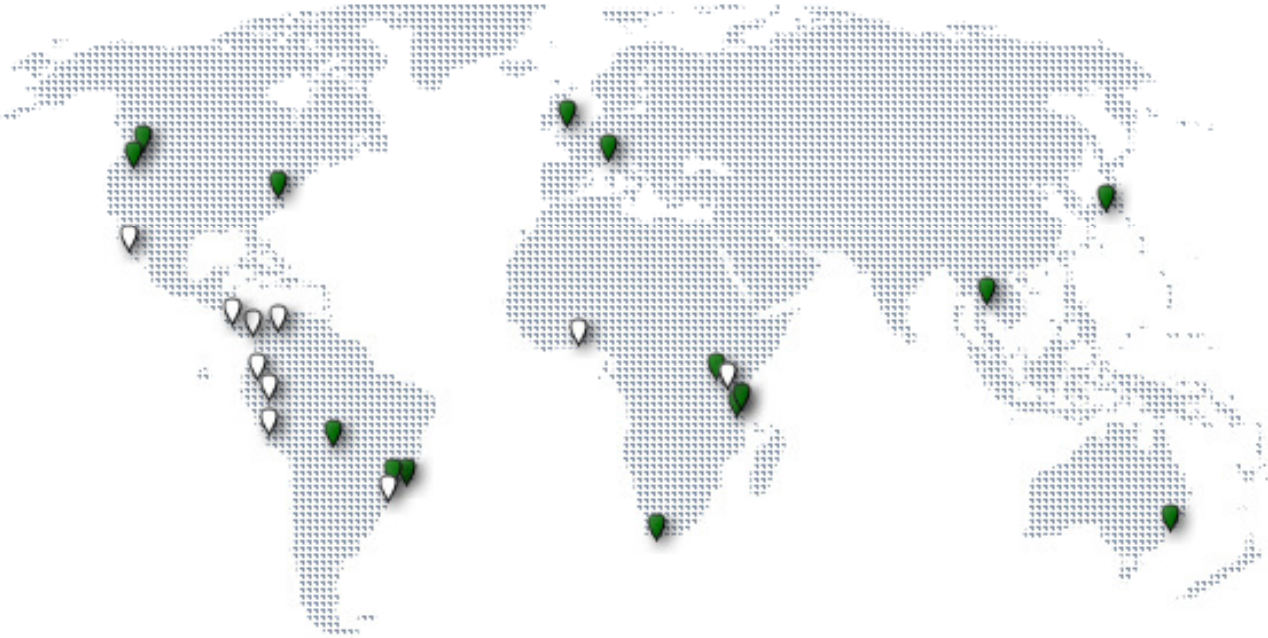
PES Curriculum & Training Materials (include REDD)



Katoomba network

Katoomba Events

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Katoomba Ecosystem Services Incubator

- Provides strategic early-stage technical and business support to enable PES & REDD projects to reach market
- Focuses on projects that
 - Have strong community and biodiversity benefits
 - Address key issues or constraints with potential to impact a broad segment of market opportunities
 - Involve multiple ecosystem services, emphasis on carbon
- Addresses both market and non-market mechanisms
- Geographic scope: Latin America, Eastern and Southern Africa, and most recently West Africa

REDD Opportunity Scoping Exercise

Context & Rationale

The Opportunity of REDD:

- performance-based economic incentive for forest conservation
- protection of biodiversity and forest ecosystem services, w/ additional potential to contribute to poverty reduction (e.g. via PFM)

Gaps in knowledge

- What project types would: be most appropriate? have the highest potential for success?
- What policy, legal and institutional frameworks must be in place in order for REDD projects to succeed?

ROSE Objectives

1. Identify potential forest carbon/REDD project types (not sites) that indicate a high likelihood of success
2. For each type of project, identify the key legal, institutional and policy constraints (or opportunities) to project development
3. Identify any critical legal, institutional, and policy gaps that, *if effectively addressed*, could result in a major boost for REDD

Katoomba/NCRC activities in Ghana

- Partnership with NCRC since early 2008
- Policy level work:
 - November 2008: REDD Roundtable
 - July 2009: ROSE to feed into policy level, including Ghana's REDD Readiness Plan
 - October 6-7, 2009: West Africa Katoomba Meeting
 - Proposed 2009 – 2010 activities (see below)
- Establishment of Katoomba Incubator in Ghana & Liberia – currently at project identification and fundraising phase – 4 projects in Ghana

Katoomba/NCRC Activities (cont.)

- The Ghana Cocoa Carbon Initiative (GCCCI): pre-feasibility analysis in July-August
- Pre-feasibility analysis of REDD sustainable charcoal project: Nkoranza District, Abrong-Ahafo (July)
- Community protected area, probably Nyamkamba Escarpment – REDD pre-feasibility planned in August
- Incubator Project Clinic 1-3 September: West African carbon project developers to meet with experts to think through carbon project development

4 main components proposed:

1. Capacity building in carbon measurement, monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) - working closely with RMSC, FORIG, Univ. of Legon
2. Support to FC - multiple stakeholder consultation
3. Development of 4 Incubator projects
4. Options assessment of national REDD 'architecture' before and after the UNFCCC meeting in Copenhagen (legal & institutional analysis from ROSE will feed into this process)

Anticipated outcomes/outputs from Ghana ROSE

- Identify high potential REDD opportunities and key constraints, especially legal and institutional analysis 'gaps and opportunities' analysis
- Propose a balanced and strategic national portfolio of REDD projects for Incubator or other initiatives to support – should help national REDD Strategy
- Inform a facilitating policy, legal and institutional framework for REDD (including in the R-Plan)
- ROSE report will be presented to Government of Ghana, e.g., National REDD Steering Committee
- Briefing paper will be prepared in time for Katoomba Meeting in October

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Thanks!

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