

## Eligibility criteria for forest governments

Forest governments submitting a proposal to LEAF will be assessed against the following minimum eligibility criteria:

- Target of at least 500,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e emission reductions over 5 years
- The ART TREES scale eligibility criteria: subnational governments must have a minimum of 2.5 million ha of forest applies. No scale threshold applies for national governments.
- Implement activities eligible to generate TREES credits: i) removals, ii) deforestation and degradation, iii) high forest low deforestation (HFLD).
- At minimum have in place the following:
  - An overall NDC target that includes forests.
  - A National Forest Monitoring system that is closely aligned with TREES carbon accounting requirements.
  - An existing REDD+ strategy or Action Plan in place at the national level that can be used to develop a TREES Implementation Plan.
  - A Safeguards Information System (SIS) or an analogous system for providing information on addressing and respecting safeguards.
  - A Summary of Information (Sol) (national governments) or report on safeguards at the appropriate scale that is consistent with national reporting to the UNFCCC (Subnational governments).

Where the elements listed above are not currently in place, governments should identify any existing gaps and provide a plan for addressing those gaps including a timeline and a description of the financial and technical support that has been secured or is in the process of being secured to address the gaps. Forest governments that demonstrate significant gaps in readiness and that do not provide an indication of plans for addressing such gaps will not be considered eligible at this time. Forest governments wishing to demonstrate higher levels of readiness are also encouraged to prepare a high-level gap assessment of conformance against TREES requirements to complement their proposal submission.