

**MoU Italy with Panama, Ghana and Papua New Guinea**  
**PANAMA**  
**Activity 2 – National Forest Reference Level**  
**Task 1 – Data Collection**

The aim of Activity 2 is the development of the National Forest Reference Level (NFRL) and its submission to the UNFCCC. The submission of the NFRL is one of the key requirements under the UNFCCC for countries to be able to receive results-based payments as agreed in several COP decisions. The NFRL will be developed consistent with all relevant UNFCCC decisions and IPCC Good Practice Guidance and guidelines and in the context of national development objectives. The submission of the NFRL to the REDD+ Info Hub on the UNFCCC REDD+ Web Platform will comply with existing international guidance on REDD+.

**Term: 15 days**

The first task under Activity 2 is Data Collection. This will involve a review of the existing data on emissions and removals related to forest carbon at the national level. All specific available data will be considered and reviewed with the view to identify their quality and consistency with IPCC principles. The unit/s responsible for collecting relevant data and national estimates will be contacted and data collection process analysed.

The Data Collection is based on the following sub actions:

- 1) Review and analyses of existing land use data sources related to REDD+
- 2) Critical analysis of existing institutions involved in forest resource data collection and analysis
- 3) Identification of key priorities for improving data collection and analysis

**Methodology**

- Review existing data (5 days): collection and review of existing documentation, legislation and initiatives on climate change and REDD+ at the national level.
- Interviews (3 days): Interviews will be conducted with key institutions involved in land use data collection
- Preparation and submission of report (7 days): based on the review of existing data and the outcomes of the interviews with key institutions a report will be developed including the evaluation of existing data and options for improvement