

**Introduction of
REDD+ and Afforestation/Reforestation
Rules and Guidelines
in the Philippines**

Forestry Agency, Japan

JCM R&G for REDD-plus and A/R were adopted (Nov 2025)

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News : 2nd Joint Committee online

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The 2nd Joint Committee of the Joint Crediting Mechanism between the Philippines and Japan was held online.

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Decision on no objection to the planned project

- PH_PIN001 "ARR project in Negros Occidental through the planting of native species"

Registration of the proposed JCM project

- PH005 "9.6MW Solar Power Project in Collaboration with Power-supply Company"

Forest sector under the JCM

REDD+ : Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries

■ Main deforestation and degradation drivers

- Agricultural land development
- Short-period shifting cultivation (slash-and-burn)
- Large forest fires
- Illegal and excessive logging, etc.



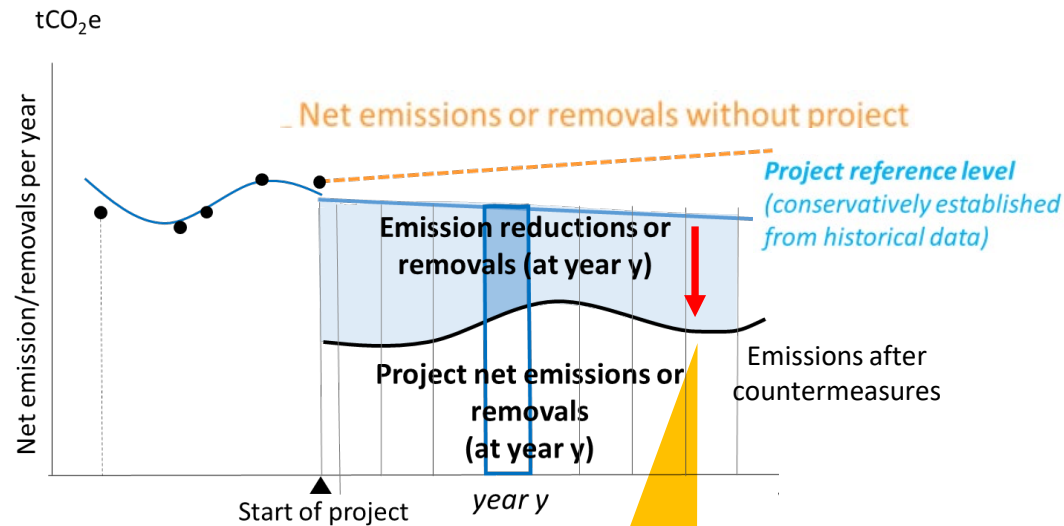
■ Concrete measures

Appropriate forest management:

- Clarified land use classification
- Patrol against illegal logging
- Restriction of forest harvesting permit
- Forest creation and regeneration, etc.

Provision of alternative means of livelihood:

- Commercialization of non-timber forest products
- Agroforestry, etc.



Afforestation/Reforestation



Removals

specific guidelines for JCM forest sector

General (for other sectors)

Forest sector

Rules of Procedures for the Joint Committee

Rules of Implementation for the JCM

※ will be added some terms for forest sector

Project Cycle Procedure

Project Cycle Procedure **for forest sector**

Guidelines for Developing Proposed Methodology

Guidelines for Developing Proposed Methodology **for forest sector**

Guidelines for Developing Project Design Document and Monitoring Report

Guidelines for Developing Project Design Document and Monitoring Report **for forest sector**

Guidelines for Developing Sustainable Development Implementation Plan and Report

Guidelines for Promoting and Supporting Safeguards **for forest sector**

Guidelines for Designation as a Third-Party Entity

Guidelines for Validation and Verification

Guidelines for Validation and Verification **for forest sector**

Glossary of Term

specific guidelines for JCM forest sector

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REDD-plus and A/R Rules and Guidelines

Category	Rules and Guidelines	Forms
		Modalities of Communication Statement Form for REDD-plus and A/R (PDF) (WORD)
	Project Cycle Procedure for REDD-plus and A/R	Loss Event Report Form for REDD-plus and A/R (PDF) (WORD)
		Compensation Plan Form for REDD-plus and A/R (PDF) (WORD)
		Proposed Methodology Form for REDD-plus and A/R (PDF) (WORD)
	Guidelines for Developing Proposed Methodology for REDD-plus and A/R	Proposed Methodology Spreadsheet for REDD-plus and A/R (PDF) (EXCEL)
Project Cycle	Guidelines for Developing Project Design Document and Monitoring Report for REDD-plus and A/R	Project Design Document Form for REDD-plus and A/R (PDF) (WORD)
	Guidelines for Addressing and Respecting Safeguards for REDD-plus and A/R	REDD-plus and A/R Safeguard Activity Implementation Plan Form (PDF) (WORD)
		REDD-plus and A/R Safeguard Activity Progress Report Form (PDF) (WORD)
	Guidelines for Validation and Verification for REDD-plus and A/R	Validation Report Form for REDD-plus and A/R (PDF) (WORD)
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Reforestation

Scope and requirements

★The definition of forest used for REDD-plus and A/R methodologies should follow the national definition of forest designated by Philippines

Attachment II. National definition of forest under the JCM of Philippines

RA 21 Land Cover Classes (2003 Land Cover Map)	Aggregated to 14 Classes (2010 Land Cover Map)	Aggregated to 12 Classes (2015 Land Cover Map)	6 IPCC Land Use	2 classes (FRL Construction Land cover Map)
Closed forest, broadleaved	Closed forest	Closed Forest	Forest	Forest
Closed forest, mixed				
Closed forest, coniferous				
Other wooded land, fallow	Fallow	Open Forest		
Open forest, broadleaved	Open Forest			
Open forest, mixed				
Open forest, coniferous				
Forest plantation, broadleaved	Closed or Open Forest	Closed or Open Forest		
Forest plantation, coniferous				
Mangrove forest	Mangrove Forest	Mangrove Forest		
Other wooded land, shrubs	Shrubs	Brush/Shrubs	Grassland	Non-forest
Other wooded land, wooded grassland	Wooded grassland			
Other land, natural, grassland	Grassland	Grassland		
Other land, cultivated, pastures				
Other land, cultivated, annual crop	Annual Crop	Annual Crop	Cropland	
Other land, cultivated, perennial crop	Perennial Crop	Perennial Crop		
Other land, natural, barren land	Open/ Barren	Open/ Barren	Other land	
Other land, built-up area	Built-up	Built-up	Settlements	
Other land, natural marshland	Marshland/ Swamp	Marshland/Swamp	Wetland	
Other land, fishpond	Fishpond	Fishpond		
Inland water	Inland water	Inland water		

Communication with the government

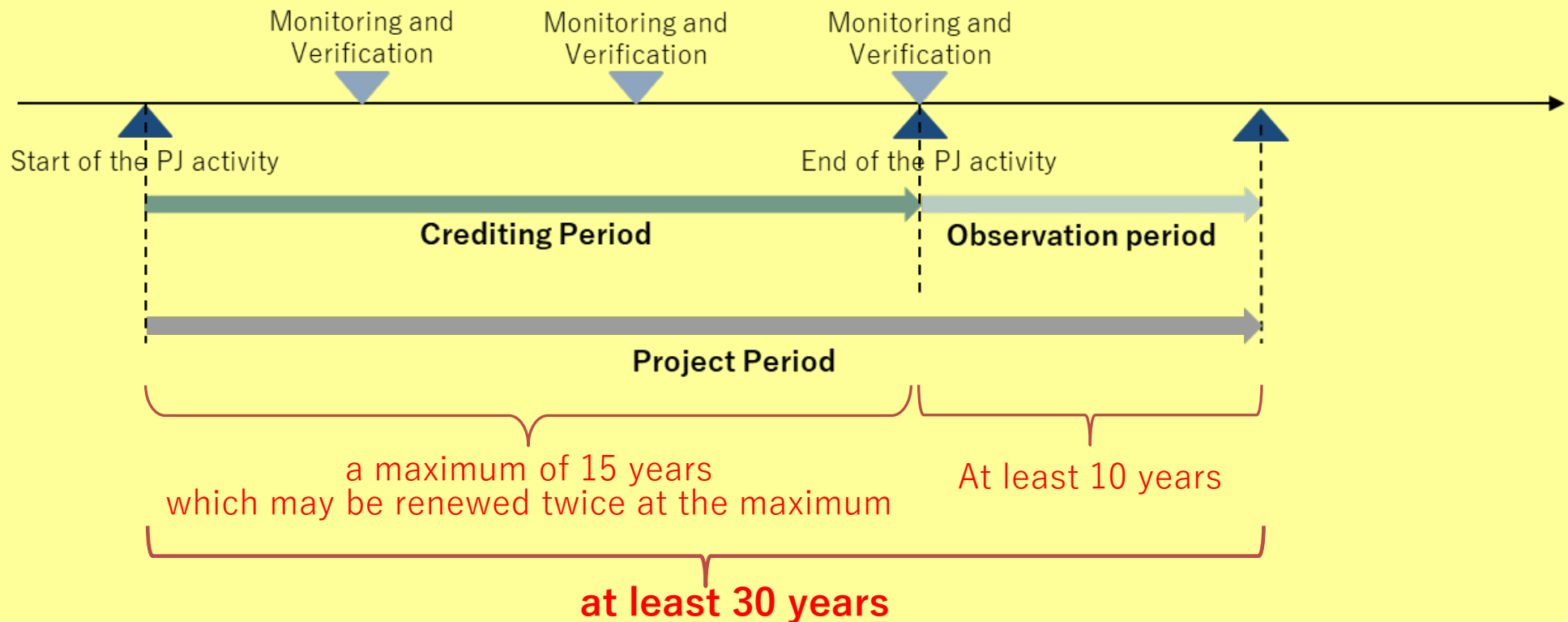
The methodology proponents communicate with the government of Japan and the government of Philippines for REDD-plus and afforestation/reforestation under the JCM to explain the proposed approach and procedures to develop the project reference level and estimate project net emissions or removals, consider any comments and other feedback they receive, and keep records of the communications.

Regarding implementation of an A/R project...

project participants should submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) that:

- (a) that activity is to convert land use or land cover from non-forest to forest
- (b) that afforestation/reforestation is not to be implemented without the project.

Project Period

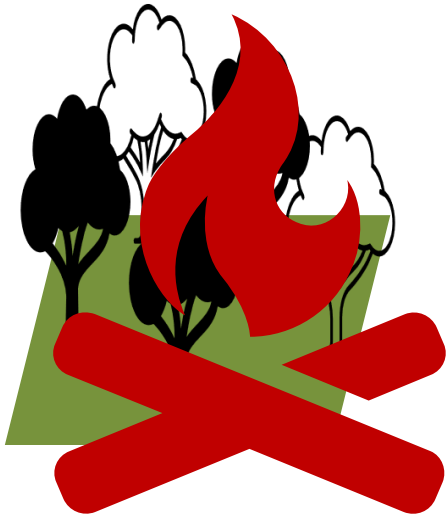


✂️ Observation period:

- The period in which project participants observe whether verified emission reductions or removals are ensured and whether loss events happen, as one of means to ensure the permanence of issued JCM credits.
- The observation period begins at the end of the crediting period.

Address for the Risk of Reversals (Buffer Approach)

A **reversal** = a situation that occurs if project emission reductions or removals to be credited in any monitoring period is negative

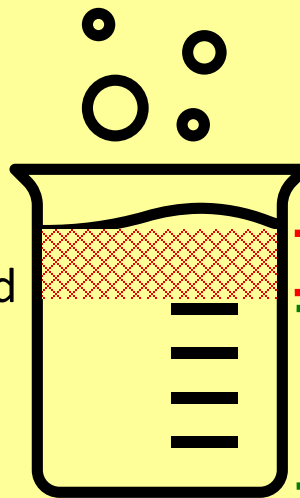


In order to ensure that reversals are addressed in full when reversals occur . . .

a portion of issued JCM credits is deposited as buffer credits in the buffer account of the JCM registry.

Emission Reductions or Removals to be credited

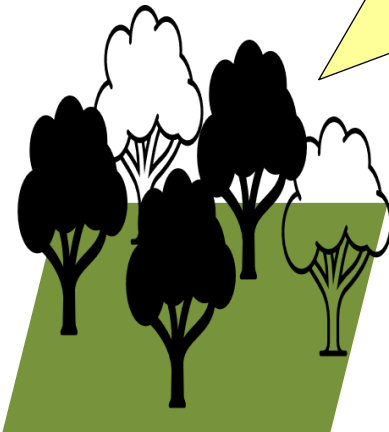
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Buffer credits

※The buffer rate is more than or equal to 15 %. Project participants set the rate based on the project's reversal risk.

Credits issued in accounts of project participants



Address and Respect Safeguards

Safeguards

- Safeguards : necessary to consider environmental and socio-economic impact (e.g. biodiversity conservation, providing alternative livelihood to local communities)
- Take into account the Cancun Agreements (Decision 1/CP.16, Appendix I, paragraph 1 and 2)
- Safeguard activities will widely vary from project to project
- Safeguard activities should be approached in a stepwise manner

Process : “Plan, Implement, Monitor and Report” with respect to each criterion

✂project participants prepare a **safeguard activity implementation plan (SGIP)** and a **safeguard activity progress report (SGPR)**

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A. Project description
A.1. Title of the NCM project
A.2. Description of project contribution to sustainable development
<i>→ Provide a concise description of how the project contribute to the sustainable development of the PARENT COUNTRY</i>
B. Plans for implementing and monitoring the safeguard activities
Criteria: (a) Complement or be consistent with the objectives of relevant laws, policies, agreements and other instruments at national, regional and local levels and relevant international conventions and agreements concluded by Philippines
Current situation (Paragraph 3 (a), Attachment I)
Relevant laws, policies, agreements and other instruments and relevant international conventions and agreements concluded by Philippines, and their objectives
Risks, gaps and/or inconsistencies in relation to whether the project activities comply with the criteria (Paragraph 3 (b), Attachment I)
Gaps and/or inconsistencies with the objectives and contribution to achieving the objectives
Plans for safeguards activities (Paragraph 3 (c), Attachment I)
Plans for monitoring of the situation and the safeguard activity implementation (Paragraph 3 (c), Attachment I)
<i>→ For guidance on completing the SGIP for all criteria (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k), refer to Table 1. “Approaches for planning safeguard activities per each criterion” in Attachment II. Supplementary Guidance for planning, implementing, monitoring and reporting safeguard activities</i>

Criterion (d) Recognize and respect the knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities ¹
Current situation (Paragraph 3 (a), Attachment I) ¹
<i>Knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities relevant to the project²</i>
Risks, gaps and/or inconsistencies in relation to whether the project activities comply with the criterion (Paragraph 3 (b), Attachment I) ¹
<i>Potential project impacts on rights of indigenous peoples and local communities²</i>
Plans for safeguards activities (Paragraph 3 (c), Attachment I) ¹
Plans for monitoring of the situation and the safeguard activity implementation (Paragraph 3

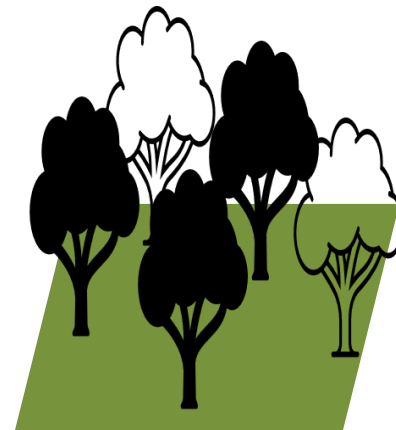
Scope and requirements for A/R projects

- ◆ Activities that convert from non-forest, including those in denuded forest and previously forested areas to forest through the planting, sowing and human-assisted natural regeneration of woody vegetation
- ◆ The project area has not been cleared of native ecosystems within the 10 year period before the project start date
- ◆ Planting activity and tree species are in line with requirements in Philippine's national biodiversity strategy
- ◆ Aim for mitigation of climate change as one of the main objectives

✂ Timber production in the project area is permitted, but there are some restrictions on credit issuance.



- ✓ increase carbon stock and/or reduce emissions in the project area by the project activities during the crediting period
- ✓ ensure the permanence of the JCM credit issued from the project



Long-term Average GHG Benefit (For A/R projects with harvesting)

- Applying **the long-term average GHG benefit** ensures that the amount of JCM credits issued from the project does not exceed the cumulative net removals in the project area during the entire crediting period.
- Upper limit of the amount of credit issuance is applied based on future harvesting plans.

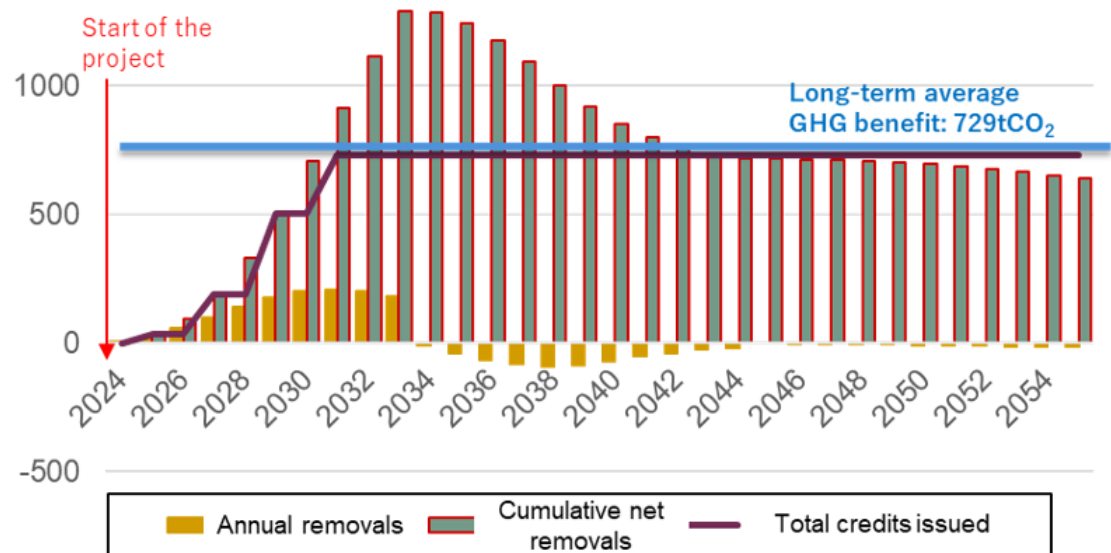
✕ In case that the amount of JCM credits issued is above the cumulative net removals in the project area, it is regarded as a reversal, and project participants compensate these difference amount.

Equation of the long-term average GHG benefit

$$LA = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^n (PEt - REt)}{n}$$

- LA The long-term average GHG benefit [tCO₂e]
- PEt The cumulative to-date GHG emission reductions and removals generated during the project, including CO₂, CH₄, N₂O emissions reasonably attributable to the project activities, and displaced emissions [tCO₂e]
- REt The cumulative to-date project reference level [tCO₂e]
- t Year
- n Total number of years in the established time period

Example of dynamics of removals in the project area with timber harvesting



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