



# LULUCF in a post-2012 framework

Outcomes from Bangkok climate change talks and the year ahead



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# Introduction to LULUCF

- Activities currently included in first commitment period:
  - Article 3.3 - afforestation and reforestation and/or deforestation activities since 1 January 1990
  - Article 3.4 - voluntary additional activities: grazing land management, cropland management, forest management, reforestation (**NZ didn't elect for CP1**)
- Guided by principles, definitions, rules, modalities, guidelines in decision 16/CMP.1 *“Marrakesh Accords”*

# NZ key messages at Bangkok

- Agriculture and forestry core to NZ climate change policy – not ‘additional’ as in many other countries
- LULUCF mechanisms very important for sustainable development, mitigation and adaptation in NZ - dynamic land use important
- While many LULUCF rules are sound:
  - Article 3.4 additional activities problematic for implementing in devolved ETS regime
  - Hard for private stakeholders to understand
  - Unnecessarily restrictive in terms of land use flexibility
- Specific concerns raised:
  - Estate management for planted production forests
  - Emissions from harvesting and harvested wood products

# Issues raised in LULUCF workshop

- Rules should continue as they are
- “Holistic” approach to land use accounting
- Harvesting and Harvested Wood Products
- Major events such as fire and pest can be major risk
- Compulsory accounting of Article 3.4 activities post-2012
  - Differing interpretations amongst Parties

## Conclusions from Bangkok in-session workshop on LULUCF

- LULUCF should to continue to be available to Annex I Parties as a means to meet emissions reduction commitments
- Environmental integrity important in any changes
- Agreed more work required and will be guided by principles of 16/CMP.1

# Review of LULUCF rules

- NZ considers that rules need to be reviewed with due consideration to:
  - experience gained in implementation in CP1
  - recognition of national circumstances
  - environmental integrity
  - continuity of investor certainty
  - simplicity



# Reducing Emissions from Deforestation in Developing Countries (REDD)

- Integral part of Bali Action Plan on long term cooperative action on climate change (AWG-LCA)
- NZ position on REDD – prefer market mechanism and linked to national baselines rather than project based

# The year ahead

- LULUCF
  - Informal LULUCF Dialogue - 7-9 May, Iceland
  - AWG-KP – LULUCF sub group likely to be formed, 2-13 June, Bonn
- Reducing Emissions from Deforestation in Developing Countries
  - SBSTA Workshop – on outstanding methodological issues - 25-27 June, Tokyo, Japan
  - AWG-LCA Workshop – focus likely to be on policy approaches - end of August 2008, Ghana