

FAO comments ART-TREES public consultation new HFLD approach

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FAO thanks the opportunity provided by the ART Secretariat to comment on the new HFLD approach proposed for TREES v2. We would like to submit a few points for clarification concerning the new approach proposed:

- Noting that especially the soil pool can be very large, could TREES v2 clarify what pools are included in the total forest carbon stock calculation, required in the new HFLD approach?
- Concerning the text *“If the total annual emissions exceed the crediting level, a deduction must be applied to the total credits generated”*, it is not clear what year this deduction is applied to. Is this deduction only applied to the emission reductions achieved in the year(s) for which emissions exceed historical average emissions?
- In TREES v1 emission reductions from HFLD countries were tagged. Will ERs from HFLD participants be tagged as well in TREES v2?
- In case HFLD ERs would be tagged, would removal increases from afforestation in the submissions from HFLD participants also be tagged or would such results be treated differently?