



## Evidence-Based Forestry Initiative Steering Committee

### Meeting 1

14 June 2013

San José, Costa Rica

1500-1600 CST

### Minutes

**Present:** Peter Holmgren (CIFOR)(Chair), Bryan Finegan (CATIE), Phil Dobie (ICRAF)(online), Peter Kanowski (CIFOR)(online), Michael Kleine (IUFRO), Gill Petrokofsky (University of Oxford)

**Apologies:** Alain Billand (CIRAD)

#### 1. Welcome, introductions, review of agenda

Peter Holmgren welcomed participants. There were no amendments to the proposed agenda.

#### 2. Overview of Evidence-Based Forestry initiative

Peter Holmgren briefly overviewed the initiative to date, and noted the EBF website ([cifor.org/ebf](http://cifor.org/ebf)) was now live. Participants confirmed that the information provided in the supporting papers was sufficient to not require in-depth discussion at this meeting.

#### 3. Establishment, membership, role and Terms of Reference of Steering Committee

Peter Holmgren introduced each of these items, and suggested that the ToR be further developed before being endorsed. Discussion confirmed the willingness of participants to establish the Committee, and covered the general nature and evolution of established Collaborations on evidence. Gill Petrokofsky explained the 'light' and largely decentralized nature of Collaboration governance, and the importance of scientific networks in enabling collaborative work; Michael Kleine noted the concordance with IUFRO's structure and function. There was agreement that more specific ToR would be required, and that summary information on typical costs associated with each review would be provided to the next meeting.

Decision 1. Participants agreed:

- 1.1 to formally establish the EBF Steering Committee, with membership comprising those individuals participating in the meeting, as individuals, representing their organisations. An invitation to become a member would be extended to Alain Billand of CIRAD. (Action: Peter Holmgren)
- 1.2 that the draft ToR (Annex 3 to Peter Holmgren's letter of 28 March 2013) would be revised, for the approval of the Committee. (Action: Gill Petrokofsky)
- 1.3 that an overview of documents required for the governance of the EBF initiative and its possible evolution into a Collaboration would be prepared. The overview would include information about the roles of Editorial Committees and review teams, the typical costs and process of reviews, future financial arrangements of the initiative, and the role of the Steering Committee with regard to financial matters of the initiative. (Action: Gill Petrokofsky)



#### **4. Status of ongoing reviews and association with Initiative**

Peter Kanowski provided a brief overview of the process for nomination and selection of the seven reviews currently underway (Attachment 3 to Agenda).

Decision 2. The Committee agreed to associate seven reviews currently underway (Attachment 1) with the EBF initiative. (Action: Peter Kanowski)

#### **5. Future review topic priorities**

Because of time constraints, the Committee agreed to carry this topic over to its next meeting.

#### **6. Any other business**

The Chair noted the imminent EBF side-event; there were no items of other business.

#### **7. Next meeting**

Phil Dobie (ICRAF) kindly offered to host the next Committee meeting during ICRAF Science week.

Decision 3. The Committee agreed to meet during ICRAF Science Week (9-13 September 2013, Nairobi), at a specific date and time to be determined. (Action: Phil Dobie, Peter Kanowski)

End of Minutes

#### **Distribution:**

CATIE: JJ Campos/ B Finegan

CIFOR: P Holmgren/ P Kanowski

CIRAD: A Billand

ICRAF: T Simons/ P Dobie

IUFRO: A Buck/ M Kleine

Oxford Univ: G Petrokofsky

## Attachment 1: Reviews currently underway which will be associated with the EBF initiative

Review Title	Review Team (not yet a complete listing in all cases)
<b>Alternative Livelihoods and Biodiversity Conservation for Evidence-Based Policy</b>	Terry Sunderland <sup>1</sup> , Dilys Roe <sup>2</sup> , Kent Redford <sup>3</sup> , and Jonathan Baillie <sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Bogor, Indonesia <sup>2</sup> International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), London, England <sup>3</sup> Archipelago Consulting, New York, USA <sup>4</sup> Zoological Society of London (ZSL), London, England
<b>Does production of oil palm, soybean, and jatropha lead to the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem functions in tropics due to deforestation and fragmentation?</b>	Sini Savilaakso <sup>1</sup> , Yves Laumonier <sup>1,2</sup> , Manuel Guariguata <sup>1</sup> , and Robert Nasi <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Bogor, Indonesia <sup>2</sup> CIRAD, Montpellier, France.
<b>Environmental Impacts of Different Property Regimes</b>	Esther Mwangi <sup>1</sup> , Maria Ojanen <sup>1</sup> , Zhou Wen <sup>1</sup> , Daniel Miller <sup>2</sup> , Baruani Mshale <sup>2</sup> , and Gillian Petrokofsky <sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup> Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Bogor, Indonesia <sup>2</sup> University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA <sup>3</sup> University of Oxford, Oxford, England
<b>Forests sustaining agriculture: the contribution of forest-based ecosystem services to agricultural production</b>	Samson Foli <sup>1</sup> , Terry Sunderland <sup>1</sup> , James Reed <sup>1</sup> , Jessica Clendenning <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Bogor, Indonesia; - and other review authors subject to finalization.
<b>Gender, Forests, and Food Security</b>	Linley Chiwona-Karltun <sup>1</sup> , Ngolia Kimanzu <sup>1</sup> , Esther Mwangi <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala, Sweden <sup>2</sup> Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Bogor, Indonesia
<b>What are appropriate criteria and indicators for defining and measuring research quality in the realm of applied natural resource management?</b>	Brian Belcher <sup>1,2</sup> , Katie Rasmussen <sup>2</sup> , Matthew Kemshaw <sup>2</sup> , Deborah Zornes <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Bogor, Indonesia <sup>2</sup> Royal Roads University, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
<b>What is the potential role of land use change dynamics in Miombo woodlands in relation to REDD+?</b>	Robert Nasi <sup>1</sup> , Terry Sunderland <sup>1</sup> , and Stephen Syampungani <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Bogor, Indonesia <sup>2</sup> Copperbelt University, Zambia