

## Draft REDD+ Law Project: construction process and highlights

### ***What is the Mato Grosso REDD Working Group?***

The Mato Grosso State REDD Working Group (MT REDD WG) is an open, technical working group, established in March 2010 within the Mato Grosso State Forum on Climate Change, with the role of leading the Forum's work on REDD+. The MT REDD WG currently has a total of 70 members of 28 different institutions, including the State Environmental Agency (SEMA-MT) and other agencies of the state government, as well as civil society representatives of a vast array of stakeholder groups such as the forestry and the agriculture and cattle ranching sectors, the smallholder communities, the indigenous people, the socio-environmental NGOs, and a few professional associations, among others. The Instituto Centro de Vida (ICV) was elected to coordinate the Working Group.

### ***What has MT REDD WG achieved?***

The MT REDD WG initially dedicated 12 months to produce a first draft of the law project that establishes the State REDD+ System. This process required 24 meetings of the working group and a technical seminar. The next 6 months were dedicated to a public consultation process, conducted both online (on the SEMA-MT's website) and through a series of 10 workshops with representatives of the different stakeholder groups as well as with national and international REDD+ specialists, which resulted in a total of 174 contributions to the original text. The MT REDD WG is currently finishing the analysis of these contributions and producing a new and final draft of the law project that will then go through the regular State legislative process.

### ***What are the main features of the proposed State REDD+ System?***

- Aims to contribute to the achievement of the State's ambitious targets in terms of reduction of deforestation and forest degradation in the Amazon, Cerrado and Pantanal biomes
- Is designed to create adequate conditions for the development and implementation of REDD+ readiness actions, programs and projects
- Proposes a practical nested approach to REDD+, establishing emissions reference levels and a registry of emission reductions at the State level effectively linked to the project level through sector, thematic or regional programs
- Complies with the existing applicable regulations at the national and international levels
- Is compatible with the different possible sources of financing for REDD+
- Creates the necessary instruments to implement REDD+ at the state level, including: a cadaster of REDD+ projects, a MRV system, a registry of emissions reductions, a reserve, a state fund and a public-private financial mechanism
- Establishes a participatory and transparent governance system
- Establishes socio-environmental safeguards based on the "Socio-environmental Principles and Criteria for REDD+ in Brazil" chart
- Determines eligibility criteria and requirements for REDD+ projects in private properties, reserves, indigenous lands and smallholder settlements, to be further detailed in each sector's REDD+ Programs

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