



REDD+ FREE PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT GUIDELINES

Manus REDD+ FPIC Guidelines Field Testing Report

Abstract

The national reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries, including forest conservation, sustainable management of forest and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (REDD+) free prior informed consent (FPIC) Guidelines provided safeguards for the forest owners participating in the REDD+ implementation. Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in the Conference of Parties (COP) session sixteenth in Cancun, Mexico, in 2010 decided in Decision 1/CP.16 that Parties “have been encouraged while implementing REDD+ activities must develop policies and measures that safeguard the implementation processes but also the rights of forest dependent people under the Social and Environment Safeguards (SES)”. The Government of Papua New Guinea (GoPNG) through the Office of Climate Change and Development (OCCD) has been developing different REDD+ policies and guidelines to ensure that its REDD+ process meets international standards and align existing policies, laws and regulations, one such is the national REDD+ FPIC Guidelines. The National REDD+ FPIC Guidelines have over the last four years gone through tedious process, from drafting to consultation and validation but its key stakeholders have requested that further field testing should be done before it is finalized. From 25-29th May 2015 OCCD have been working with one of its key stakeholders, the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), in Manus to field test the FPIC process through Ward Plan activity. The one-week assessment have produced encouraging results where WCS have used FPIC through what they have defined in a PNG context as “*luksave wokabout*” in order to get consent from Tulu 1 village to do various REDD+ demonstration activities and the Ward Plan which is a pre-requisite to implement REDD+ as they found out later. The community at Tulu 1 village have confirmed of being informed of REDD+ activities and have given their consent. The three independent reports from OCCD and WCS have confirmed that FPIC process was followed through by WCS but still there are challenges where competing land-use activities, ownerships and lack of capacity building.

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Acronyms

CP	Conference of Parties under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
FPIC	Free Prior Informed Consent of the REDD+
GoPNG	Government of Papua New Guinea
LLG	Local Level Government under the Organic Law on Provincial and Local Level Government
MP	Member of Parliament
OCCD	Office of Climate Change and Development
PNG	Papua New Guinea
PNKA	Pomotu N'drehet Kurti Andra Local Level Government
REDD+	Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries, including forest conservation, sustainable management of forest and enhancement of forest carbon stocks.
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
WCS	Wildlife Conservation Society

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Background

The Government of Papua New Guinea (GoPNG) has taken ownership to prepare itself in implementing REDD+ in order to mitigate its greenhouse gases and meeting its ambitious GHG target of fifty percent (50%) reduction by 2020. Through the support of the UN-REDD Programme and the REDD+ technical Working Group members, lots of efforts have been done developing relevant REDD+ policies. One of the policy papers is the national REDD+ Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) Guidelines.

1.1.1 Geographical Location

Manus Province is part of PNG situated north of New Guinea mainland and one of the five New Guinea Island (NGI) provinces. It's geographically 1° South and 146° East, more specially for Tulu 1 (1°57'48.10" S and 146°48'50.59" E).



Figure 1: Map of Manus Province and location of Tulu 1 where the Field Testing was done by WCS and OCCD

Manus has an estimated population of 60,000. Though part of the population live in the hinterland of mainland Manus, a majority of its population live around the coastline, many of the atolls and islands. Manus is one of the twenty two (22) provinces in Papua New Guinea (PNG) with one province and one district which is politically represented by a Provincial Member of Parliament (MP) and an Open MP. Manus has a total of twelve (12) local level governments (LLG) and one hundred and thirty-one wards (131) gives its governing structures. It is also known for its intellectual human resources it has produced over the last forty years.

Tulu 1 is represented by Ward 2 of the Pomotu N'drehet Kurti Andra (PNKA) LLG, which has an estimated population of 450. It is situated in central Manus mainland along the north coast which is part of twenty (20) villages and eighty nine (89) wards in Block seven (7) where Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) works in the last three years.

1.2 Objective

The National FPIC Guidelines Field Testing was requested for by the multi-stakeholders during the National FPIC Validation Workshop in Port Moresby in November 2014. The objective of the assessment are to;

1. Field test the National FPIC Guideline with an agreed REDD+ activity in collaboration with REDD+ Technical Working Group (TWG) member Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS),
2. Produce independent observation field reports on the FPIC Guidelines that have been tested (Section C, Phase 2, Step 4), and
3. Recommend necessary reviews to the national FPIC Guidelines or given endorsement of the current draft.

2.0 Approach

A REDD+ Training of Trainers workshop was held earlier in early this year, 2015, was commissioned by OCCD before several key REDD+ TWG members were approached for the field testing. The first field testing site was the WCS REDD+ Community Demonstration site in Tulu 1 village in Manus Province. Table 1 give details of the site, agreed activity and the FPIC Guidelines steps to be taken, tested and assessed in the field.

2.1 Selection of main Activity, Site for field testing and FPIC Guidelines to be Field Test

Table 1: Details of the field testing site, activity and steps taken and accessed

Field Site			Activity	Section & Steps	
Province	LLG	Ward		Section	Steps
Manus	Pomotu N'Drehet Kurti Andra	2 – Tulu 1	Ward Plan	C – Implementation of FPIC at the Project Level	Phase 2 – Project Design, validation and certification Step: 4 – Record and documentation

2.2 Meetings

2.2.1 WCS and OCCD

After the traveling parties had arrived in Lorengau, Manus Province, a meeting was called for to ensure that both parties, WCS and OCCD, were on the same page and to finalized for the field testing.



Figure 2: OCCD and WCS having their meeting field trip and its logistics

2.2.2 WCS, OCCD, Provincial LLG and District LLG

Another meeting was also organized on the same day with the provincial and district authorities to update them on the field testing of FPIC on the Tulu 1 Ward Plan. The key question for the team was *“did WCS seek permission from the provincial and district administrations and relevant bodies to do ward planning in Tulu 1, as this is not the core function of WCS or a non-government organization?”*



Figure 3: The OCCD and WCS team meeting with the Manus Provincial District Administration LLG officials



Figure 4: Mr Pokana doing awareness on the local Manus Radio Station, "Maus bilong Chauka", on the issue of climate change, REDD+, FPIC and the Ward Plan in Tulu 1

2.2.3 WC, OCCD and Tulu 1

Upon arrival at the Tulu 1 village, a brief meeting was held between the visitors and their host. The meeting was to bring the Tulu 1 villagers up to speed and clarities on their different roles and responsibilities (Tulu 1, WCS and OCCD). Again the question poised on WCS, *if they did seek permission from the PNKA LLG President, Tulu 1 Ward Councillor, Tulu 1 Council of Chiefs and the clan members to develop their Ward Plan.*



Figure 5: OCCD and WCS having the initial meeting with the Tulu 1 elders on the work ahead

2.3 Assessment of the Main Activity

A day was spent engaging with the Tulu 1 and Tulu 2 villagers on their respective Ward Plans. There are sixteen (16) functions and five (5) sectors which were applicable and will appear in each individual Ward Plan for each of the wards in Manus Province. It has taken WCS since October 2014 to May 2015 (eight (8) months), to conduct awareness, training and drafting of the Ward Plan.

2.3.1 WCS and Tulu 1 Demonstration

During the one-day assessment, the villagers were divided into three groups according to the number of OCCD staff present. There were thirteen (13) clans in Tulu 1 and they were divided into 4-4-5 clans for the assessment exercise.

WCS and Tulu 1 people demonstrated the FPIC process as part and partial of the implementation process. The OCCD team were observing the application of FPIC Guidelines on the steps agreed, the WCS went through the process of developing the Ward Plan with the Tulu 1 people. Tulu 1 community consensually confirmed that they were informed well before the REDD+ implementation took place in their ward and they are fully aware of its benefits and challenges. Figure 6 outlines the process for Ward Planning which WCS applied the FPIC Guidelines to get Tulu 1 consent to draft it.



Figure 6: Approach WCS and Tulu 1 took to development the Ward Plan for Tulu 1 over the eight months period

2.3.2 OCCD Observation and Assessment

The OCCD team that participated in the field assessment were the following; Ms Sonia Baine, Mr Terence Barambi and Mr Joe Pokana. They were divided into three groups to assess the application of national REDD+ FPIC guidelines into the drafting of the Tulu 1 Ward Planning. Independent assessment reports were completed and the summary reports are attached in the appendix of this report.

3.0 Challenges and Recommendations

3.1 Challenges

3.1.1 WCS

WCS highlighted the following challenges while implementing REDD+ demonstrations and supporting the Ward Plan in Tulu 1. Following are the challenges;

1. Commitment from the Tulu 1 leaders
2. Lack of capacity by Tulu 1
3. WCS also lack of capacity on Ward Plan development
4. Lack of funding support as Ward Plan was not budgeted for

3.1.2 OCCD

1. The assessment of FPIC cannot be done during the actual activity taking place as the implementation itself takes time. It can only be confirmed by parties involved.
2. FPIC if not understood properly will be seen as competing with traditional leadership where the Council of Chief decides for the Ward
3. Roles and responsibility must be clear from the beginning
4. Who take ownership of the FPIC process when the support is not there? Is it the ward councillor or the Council of Chiefs?
5. Language use must be simple but universally acceptable so that the technical terms does not lose its meaning.
6. Attendance and quality of attendance

3.2 Recommendation

The following are the summary of the recommendations;

3.2.1 WCS

1. It is recommended that it will take six months to actually do a Ward Plan with committed time and support, given awareness and capacity building already gain.
2. Would like to continue supporting the government in the REDD+ initiatives

3.2.2 OCCD

1. The current draft of the FPIC can easily be followed and implemented
2. There is strong indication that the initial awareness and training of Tulu 1 really need the actual implementation
3. Good to see that the national REDD+ FPIC Guidelines can really help with other development implementation
4. Clearly seen community involvement and their level of understanding the REDD+ and the FPIC.
5. Other members of the neighbouring wards also attended this meeting and the many previous meetings conducted by WCS and Tulu 1 community leaders.
6. Further collaboration between WCS and OCCD

3.2.3 Manus LLG Provincial and District Administration

1. Ward Plan is mandatory and all wards and LLGs should aim to have one
2. Ward Plan draft should be supported by provincial and district budget and technical staff
3. Is a marketing tool for development
4. Must use simple language that is easily understood and implemented

4.0 Next Steps

Main activities that need to be done in order to complete the exercise are outline here;

1. The team has two weeks to complete the feedback reports and submit.
2. A further two weeks to do review of the specific section of the national REDD+ FPIC Guidelines
3. With the reviews from the other two field testing exercise, the final draft should be finalized for the Climate Change Minister to take to cabinet for endorsement as the national REDD+ FPIC Guideline for use.

Appendix

Appendix 1 Assessment Team

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Appendix 2 FPIC Field Testing Program

#	Date	Activity
1	21 June 2015	Grace Dom, WCS, departed for Manus
2	22 June 2015	Ms Dom conducted a capacity building for WCS colleagues in Lorengau, Manus Province
3	23 June 2015	Ms Sylvia Nobel (WCS), Mr Joe Pokana (OCCD), Mr Terence Barambi (OCCD), and Ms Sonia Baine (OCCD) departed Port Moresby for Lorengau, Manus
4	24 June 2015	Two meetings were conducted for WCS/OCCD and WCS/OCCD with Manus Local Level Government Provincial and District officers. Awareness on Climate Change, REDD+ and FPIC on local <i>Maus Bilong Chauka</i> National Broadcasting Commission Radio by WCS & OCCD.
5	25 June 2015	The Assessment team departed for Tulu 1 along the Manus North coast
6	26 June 2015	The team conducted the assessment of the FPIC through the Ward Plan activity.
7	27 June 2015	The team (WCS/OCCD) did the debrief
8	29 June 2015	Writing of the FPIC testing report
9	30 June 2015	Rest
10	31 June 2015	The team depart Manus for Port Moresby

Appendix 3 Tulu 1 Clan details

#	Name	Status	Village	Population
1			Tulu 1	
2			Tulu 1	
3			Tulu 1	
4			Tulu 1	
5			Tulu 1	
6			Tulu 1	
7			Tulu 1	
8			Tulu 1	
9	Petapwak	Major Clan	Tulu 1	
10	Laok	Sub Clan	Tulu 1	
11	Pweke	Sub Clan	Tulu 1	
12	Chapwe Ha	Sub Clan	Tulu 1	
13	Kalai Sohe	Sub Clan	Tulu 1	

Appendix 4 Field Reports

4.1 Field Report from Mr Terence Barambi, REDD+ Senior Officer

FPIC field test recording

Date: 27th May, 2015

Location: Manus Province, PMKA LLG, Tulu Ward 2

Recorder: Terence Barambi

Team members: (WCS) Daniel Charles, Matawai Pondrlei, (OCCD) Terence Barambi

Current scenario: Currently no documented Ward Plans. To successfully align community REDD+ initiatives (*bottom up*), ward plans are required as a mandatory document which presents community/ ward priorities.

Section/ Steps e.g. Project Establishment	Action/ Activities taken	Challenges	Results	Recommendations	Comments
	Prior to current FPIC field testing exercise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 to 5 meetings already carried out. Planning office included in previous consultations. 	Identified by WCS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commitment from Local Level Governments (LLG) Non-availability of human resource Community capacity to develop ward plan WCS Capacity to develop plan 	Awareness and capacity building on Ward Planning initiative carried out within relevant Provincial Government authorities. Within the period November 2014 to May 2015, Ward Development Plans for Tulu 1 and Undra have been compiled and are now in Draft .	Order of procedure <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Consult community 2) Data Collection 3) Drafting 4) Consult Community 5) Consult Planning and LLG 6) Validate with Community+ Council of Chiefs 7) Present to LLG President 	WCS Provincial Government should be responsible for Ward Plans . Ward planning said to be included in "LLG budget" however, funds not available during development of Ward plans.

Confirming FPIC at Provincial/ District Level					
	Meeting with relevant Provincial Government Authorities.				<p>Present were the respective representatives; Education Division, Aus Aid, Disaster and Environment & Climate Change, Community Development office and the LLG President.</p> <hr/> <p>Quite difficult to determine, facilitation is quite difficult.</p>
	Questions posed to meeting participants;				
	1) Who seeks consent in Ward Planning?				This is really dependant on the Provincial Administrations

					perception of the required consent.
	2) Who gives consent in Ward planning?			Ownership of the document/ project will be a factor in determining the required consent.	Questions 2 and 3 can be covered when carrying out the FPIC scoping review: Step 1.
	3) Did WCS seek consent/ permission from the Provincial Administration and relevant Provincial authorising bodies to do Ward Planning in Tulu?		Consent given by the LLG president for WCS to facilitate Ward Planning.		
Section/ Steps e.g. Project Establishment	Action/ Activities taken	Challenges	Results	Recommendations	Comments
Section C	26/05/15				

Phase 2: Step 4 TULU Ward 2	Briefing Clan Chiefs				
	27/05/15				
	13 Clans divided into 3 groups for testing				
	1) Formal introduction of the definition & relevance of FPIC			Its' always sensible to make reference to initial consultations and awareness should there be any prior to the FPIC at hand so not to confuse the communities as practiced by WCS.	FPIC practiced and referred to initially as "Luksave wokabaut."
	2) FPIC and its relevance to REDD+		Community seen to be very well versed on the presentation.	Perhaps to be given strong consideration within the National REDD+ National Communication Strategy. NGO's such as WCS having already developed suitable vernacular for communication.	No real challenges observed during this presentation.
	3) REDD+ and its relevance to Climate Change				
	4) Climate Change (<i>International, national, provincial</i>) and its relevance to WCS and the work of conservation				
	5) FPIC Guidelines and its relevance to other sectors i.e. <i>natural resources</i>		Community agreed.		Community expressed that FPIC should be adopted by all Government agencies.
	6) Ward Planning and how it is important to aligning Ward to provincial and to National priorities.				

	Two questions posed: 1) Usait e save go pas lo Ward planning?		Answers; Ward Councillor, the Council of Chiefs.	Holistic approach important to achieving ownership of the document	
	2) M tingting blo wanwan man tasol o olgeta?		Answer; Everyone.	It is adamant that the FPIC guidelines recognize <u>traditional norms of decision making</u> . I.e. Tulu community convey interest to Tulu Council of Chiefs. The final stamp of approval comes from the paramount chief.	Comment; Paramount Chief admitted to not participating and to noting discrepancies, however, assured that her would provide his input to the draft ward plan.

TULU Ward 2

1. Petapwak – Major Clan
2. Laok – Sub Clan
3. Pweke – Sub Clan
4. Chapwe Ha –Sub Clan
5. Kalai Sohe – Sub Clan

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**Tulu 1 Village, Manus Province, Papua New Guinea,
25th – 29th May, 2015**



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Mr. Joe Pokana – Manager REDD+, Mr Terence Barambi – Snr REDD+ Officer, Ms Sonia Baine - REDD+ Officer,
- I also acknowledge the Leadership, drive and enthusiasm and support the WCS Staffs have taken to pursue this project forward and making it a success, namely; Mr Daniel Charles, Ms. Grace Dom, Ms Sylvia Noble, Mr Matawai and Ezra Neale for your support.
- I also acknowledge the Provincial Administration staffs, LLG President, Ward Councillor, Village Councillor, Village Chiefs and etc that have worked closely with WCS.
- Many thanks to the Tulu 1 Village clans that have worked with us, for your time, support and co-operation during the FPIC Testing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction and Background

The Office of Climate Change and Development (OCCD) has worked in partnership with The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) to test the FPIC Guidelines at Tulu 1, Manus Province.

Participants for the FPIC Field Testing:

NAME	ORGANISATION	DESIGNATION
Mr Joe Pokana	OCCD	Manager REDD+
Mr Terence Barambi	OCCD	Snr REDD+ Officer
Ms Sonia Baine	OCCD	REDD+ Officer
Ms Grace Dom	WCS	Legal and Policy Advisor
Ms Sylvia Noble	WCS	Stakeholder engagement officer
Mr Daniel Charles	WCS	Community engagement officer
Mr Matawai Pondrlei	WCS	Community Facilitator
Mr Ezra Neale	WCS	Manus Project Manager

Objectives:

The specific objectives of the FPIC Field Testing were to:

1. Test the Guidelines and inform the Tulu 1 Villages the importance of FPIC, and support to identify when FPIC is required; at what level it shall be applied; who seeks consent; who gives consent; and how outcomes shall be documented; and,
2. Provide guidance in the design and implementation of consultative and participatory processes where FPIC is required for REDD+ programs and activities.

Proceedings of the Manus FPIC Field Testing

Day 1. – Departure - Arrival in Manus - Sunday – 24/05/2014



Day 2. - Monday 25 May, 2015 - WCS/OCCD meeting to brief on WCS FPIC training and finalise logistics for field testing – Venue: WCS Haus Win

Awareness on Work Plan;

- PMKA LLG
- There are 18 Wards at the moment
- Planned to do 6 of the Ward Plans
- Also at the LLG office
- There are currently no written plans at the moment
- There is only one plan which was done about two years ago

Tulu 1;

- Train officers to write up Work Plans
- There are 16 functions, and allocated officers to carry out work in Lorengau
- In November 2014, data was collected for two days and a three day awareness by the LLG on Finance, purpose and etc.
- Officers are used to write up their plans
- There are two Wards which have their Plan on Draft – (Andra and Tulu1 – FPIC Sites), and the rest are on note form.
- The REDD+ Work Plan is a 37 page document, based on prioritising

LLG Functions;

- There are 16 Functions for the LLG
- There are 5 sectors for the LLG
- Communities did not have Ward Plans, till now people are thinking seriously and the importance of the Ward Plans

Challenges;

- LLG's should be committed and take ownership and leadership
- There is no manpower at the LLG level
- Communities are not used to writing plans, and therefore need capacity building in this area
- WCS does not have the capacity building

Funding;

- 6 of the LLG's are funded by the WCS to carry out Ward Plan
- With the funding arrangement, the LLG's did not have the financial capacity at that time, so WCS had to fund the work.

Implementation of Ward Plans;

- In order to implement a one Ward Plan, it would take at least six months committed time to implement a ward plan

Other stakeholders involved;

Following are some of the stakeholders, to name a few, which provided information and whom we worked with

- TNC
- LLG
- Planning Officer

Timing of the Ward Plan;

- The Ward Plan should work with the timing of the election – (4 -5 years)

Cost of Plan;

Following is the estimate for a Ward Plan;

- Draft Only – K9, 000 for 5 days
- Second visit - K5, 000 estimated
- Build on this and Ward Plan should estimate to K100, 000

Recommendations;

OCCD to make sure to take care of the extension officers in the future (comment by Daniel Charles)

Brief on FPIC one day Workshop, - which was held on Friday - 22/05/2015;

- Basic introduction to FPIC was done
- Brief background on REDD+ FPIC
- Used the presentations, during the TOT at Hide Away Hotel
- Simple handouts were given (3 page)
- The participants during the one day workshop at least understood the concept of FPIC

Update from OCCD;

Mr Pokana, gave a brief on OCCD and it latest happenings on the Climate Change Bill and the REDD+ Work in PNG.

FPIC Testing @ MPG and MPA, Courtesy Visit to PA; - Monday – 25/05/2014

- Welcome and introduction was done by all

- A brief background and introduction was done on REDD+ and FPIC by Ms Dom
- WCS got permission from the PA and relevant Provincial authorising bodies to do Ward Planning at the Provincial Level.
- WCS has informed and seek consent from the DA and relevant District authorising bodies to do Ward Planning for Tulu1 at a District Level.

Comments;

- Some places in Manus, FPIC has violated the Chief or the Kingship of a Chief, whereby; only the Chief makes a final decision and everyone follows and accepts what the Chief has decided to do. Whereas, now decision is a collective agreement, not an individual agreement

Challenges;

- Ward Plan has to be written in a nationally acceptable language, which must be understand by a simple villager
- Ward Plan must be written in such a way that can be marketed for funding
- Grouping of the people as leaders, men, women, vulnerable people, etc., will also be a challenge in writing up the Ward Plan.

Recommendations;

- Need support for Ward Planning at the District Level

DAY 3. Travel Day to Tulu 1 Village

We had left the Lorengau beach front at 11:30am and arrived at the Tulu 1 village at around 2:30pm. We were given a very warm traditional welcome, with women, men and children in their traditional attires dancing away to the beat of the drum, waiting for us to dock at the beach front. I felt so special and welcomed at that time. Village protocols took place after we reached the shore, and had light refreshments afterwards. We were accommodated for one night at two houses (mens house - hausboi & ladies house).



DAY 4. Field Testing Day – Tulu 1 Village

- The parts of the FPIC Guidelines undertaken for testing was on Section C, Phase 2, and Step 4.
- Originally the villagers were asked to break up into three groups, but due to the poor attendance of Chiefs and clan members, they decided to have only two groups

- Welcome, introduction and prayer were taken by a village spokesperson, before we started
- Ms Dom from WCS introduced the FPIC Programme
- Ms Noble explained what FPIC was in Tok pisin:

FREE - Long Gwim tingting blong a
na ino ausait lain putim
presa, forcom ol, putim ol, etc

PRIOR - Pastain long wok i ken kamap
yupla mas gat time long taktok,
skelim na tu gat inap save
long wonem kain wok i
ken kamap

Informed → Yupla mas save long
gutpla na nogot big wok so
yupla ken skelim gat na
mekim disision

CONSENT - Tok orait:
- Komuniti yet bai tok
yes ☒ Nogot long
wok.

- WCS definition of FPIC as Luksave Wokabaut

- Looked at few examples on how to go about using FPIC, eg, measurement of the height of a tree, sketch for the village, looked at changes in the village, Ward Plan, Conservation Agreement, Clan Boundary Agreement, Ward Boundary Planning

- There must be an agreement between villages in order to carry out REDD+

- Ms Dom presented the different levels at which FPIC is carried out, in order for a full participation of the stakeholders, (International, National, Provincial, Local,

Village Level).

- Ms Dom also stressed on the FPIC documents and the *Luksave Wokabaut* (WCS Definition of FPIC)

FPIC → International Level
FPIC → National Level
FPIC → Provincial Local, Village Level

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- Also mentioned that activity carried out by WCS on Ward Planning must include priorities for the community with the consent from everyone.
- In order for WCS to carry out Ward Planning at Tulu it had to get permission from the Provincial Government to carry out FPIC, and in order to carry out FPIC at Tulu 1 it had to get permission from the Tulu1 village.
- Following are the two questions posed by WCS for the villages feedback;
 1. Husait I save go pas lon Ward Planning? (Who leads out in Ward Planning?)
Ans; Leaders, representatives, male, females, chiefs, widows, children, etc. (everyone), had an input.
 2. Tinting blo yupla olgeta I bin go insait lon Ward Planning? (Was consent given by everyone?)
Ans; Yes, Everyone. The process of the Ward Plan created each sectoral groups (education, health, etc.), led by someone, in which they also worked on the advantages

and the disadvantages of each sectoral groupings. All clans were involved in this and other nearby clans were also invited during this process

- Questions were also posed by the villagers on REDD+, the different types of Carbon Trading and its markets and etc. Mr Pokana and Ezra contained them by answering the questions.
- There were very good feedbacks given by the group (men/women) during the FPIC Field Testing.



- We had travelled back the same day to Lorengau after the FPIC Field Testing. It was a long, rainy and fun ride back to our destination.



DAY 5. Meeting with WCS/OCCD: De-brief and next steps - Evaluation

- After the field testing OCCD and WCS had a debrief and the next steps
- Ms Dom took ownership of the process and welcomed us (OCCD/WCS) all and acknowledged the team for its efforts and preparations that were made for the activity that was carried out successfully.

Field Testing

- Approached meeting through customary process, by working through clan groups
- Not to address landownership but through clan groups
- There were three groups comprising different clans
- Some expected the testing to be longer, but it took only less than two hours;
 - 30 minutes for the FPIC brief
 - Only two questions asked during the process
 - Due to the FPIC that took place already
 - The process was active and easier to understand the FPIC process
 - The process was good and ticking all boxes
 - Whole experience was really great
 - The structure of FPIC was not used, but incorporated the guidelines through the WCS, *Luksave Wokabaut*, and briefly describes the international convention and passes on information that is complex

- It was not clear cut in FPIC testing and be careful of the implications that might arise without raising people's expectations
- Some have commented that the FPIC approach was more of an awareness or reminder on how FPIC would be used
- Others have commented that traditional governance has to be taken into consideration
- An active activity should be used to do FPIC or else it was just a verification
- Mr Neale has emphasized for WCS to work collaboratively with OCCD
- FPIC must follow customary processes
- Information must be translated to the type of language that can be easily understood by the local people
- FPIC is not an easy process
- Very important to have a participants listing on hand
- Initial preparations have to be carried out and done well
 - Communication with the communities
 - Series of questions must be prepared
 - Timing has to be taken into consideration
 - How to gather the community, to participate in the process

DAY 6. Homeward Bound – Manus – Lae – Pom – 11:45 – 14:45



Conclusion:

The FPIC Field testing carried out at Tulu1 village, and implementing REDD+ Projects has been critical to understanding the project requirements and risks as well as a clear project plan for the project delivery.

The FPIC completed at this stage indicates that there is still some data needed to complete this project with some fieldwork required to be undertaken within the project area. The project development must also have a good relationship and a process of ongoing engagement with the landowner groups which is very vital for the success of the project and for transparency and capacity building.