



Approval of the study on Assessment of deforestation and forest degradation and related direct drivers

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Considering

- decision [EB.2019.24](#) encouraging FAO to develop a full proposal while ensuring national ownership, harmonization with existing and ongoing studies and projects, and clarification about the Steering Committee;
- the submission by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of a project proposal titled *“Assessment of deforestation and forest degradation and related direct drivers using SEPAL “*;
- the independent review process,

The Executive Board

1. Approves the project document for an amount of US\$ 1,200,000, pending that
 - o The following changes, detailed in the independent review, are addressed in the project document:
 - a. favoring the IPCC-oriented approach
 - b. producing and publishing an open access benchmark map of tree cover for 2015 and for 2020 and the related methodologies, and undergoing a peer-review by independent scientists
 - c. developing a clear open data licensing on how the data at regional scale will be shared freely and openly
 - d. developing the theory of change and clearly referring to the CAFI results framework and Theory of Change
 - e. proposing an exit strategy
 - f. considering mobilizing co-financing from other relevant FAO projects
 - g. The composition of the Steering Committee is clearly described and includes i) a better representation from partner countries
ii) the CBFP

