



# Efforts to convey opinions of local communities in Papua New Guinea

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## Capacity Development on Forest Resource Monitoring for Addressing Climate Change in Papua New Guinea

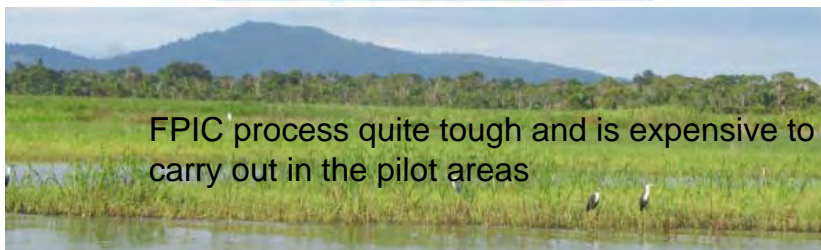
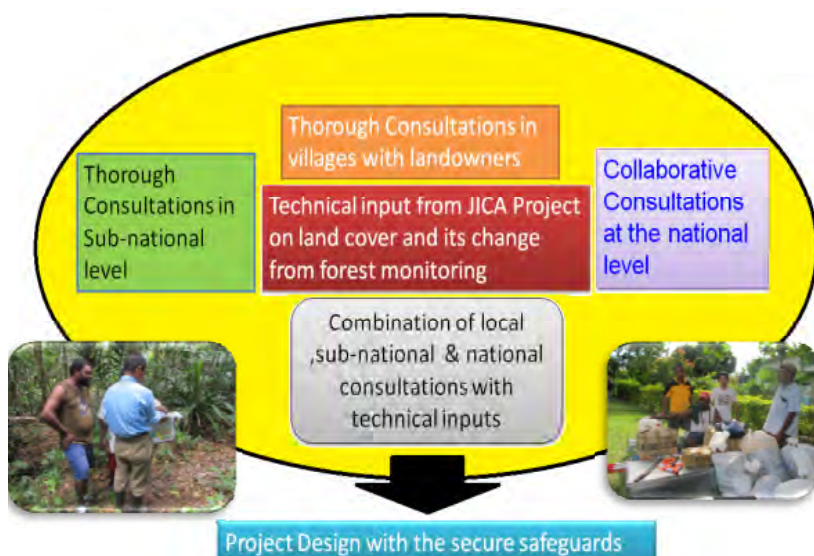
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### Key for secure safeguards- REDD+ Pilot Areas



FPIC process quite tough and is expensive to carry out in the pilot areas

## PNGFA /JICA major Challenges with local communities

1. Customary Ownership by Clans (Land Tenure System) quite unique compared to other countries – not documented and no surveyed boundaries
2. Resource owners want incentives to protect their forest areas
3. Transportation and accessibility problems
4. FPIC process at local communities tough and expensive exercise
5. Most resource owners are literate but lack writing & reading skills
6. No proper collaboration between stakeholders/institutions
7. Lack of awareness and capacity building at the local level
8. Shifting Cultivation – no law on forest clearance
9. No proper report on fire (both forest & anthropogenic)
10. No proper report on non wood forest products (NWFP) removals
11. Insufficient resources – finance and man power
12. Data sharing problems due to limitation in licensing
13. Communication

## Way forward of conveying opinions for local communities in PNG

1. Local communities' opinions have to be heard at all levels (*sub-national, national & international*) for sound decision and policy making
2. Collaborative work

PNGFA & JICA will continue to work with local communities for a transparent REDD+ mechanism in Papua New Guinea

