



Dominican Republic
REDD PLUS EXPERIENCES AND
CHALLENGE: FROM READINESS TO
RESULTS BASED PAYMENT

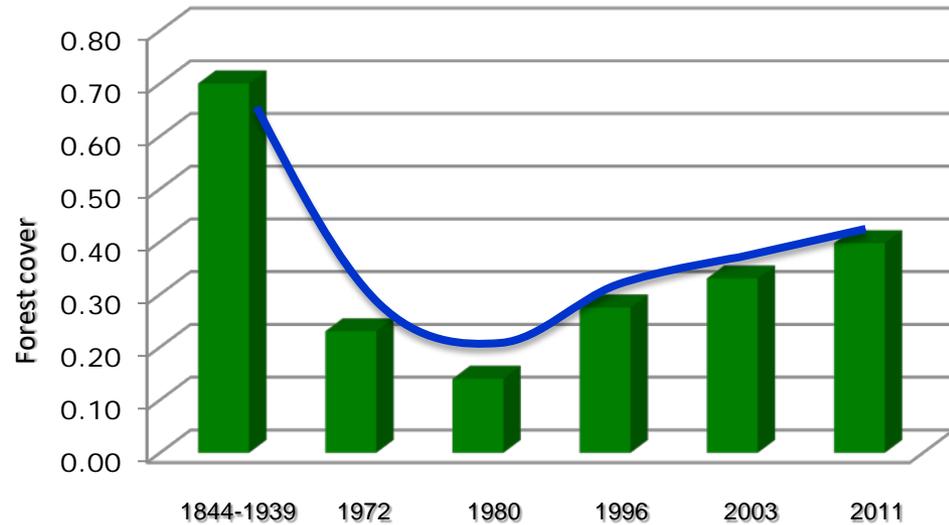
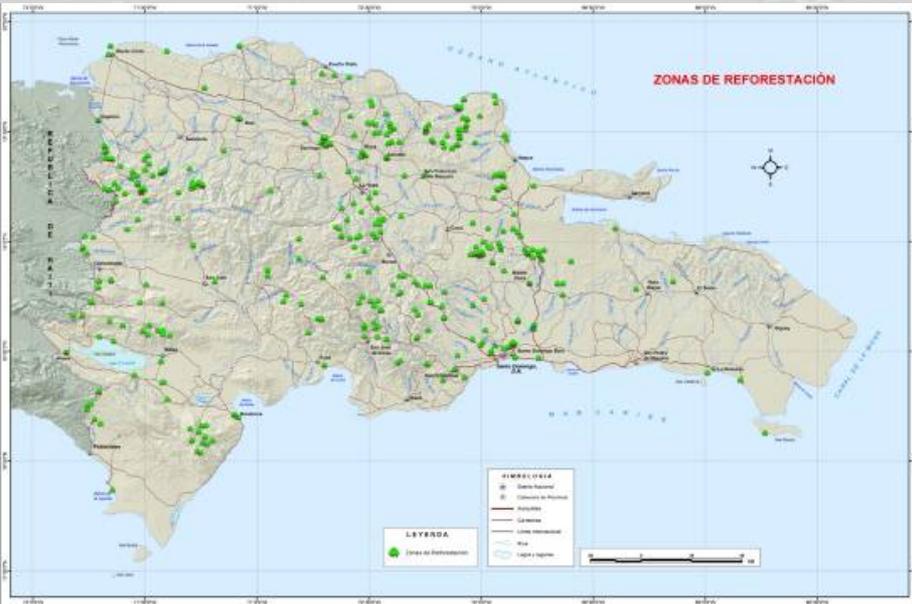
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COUNTRY CONTEXT

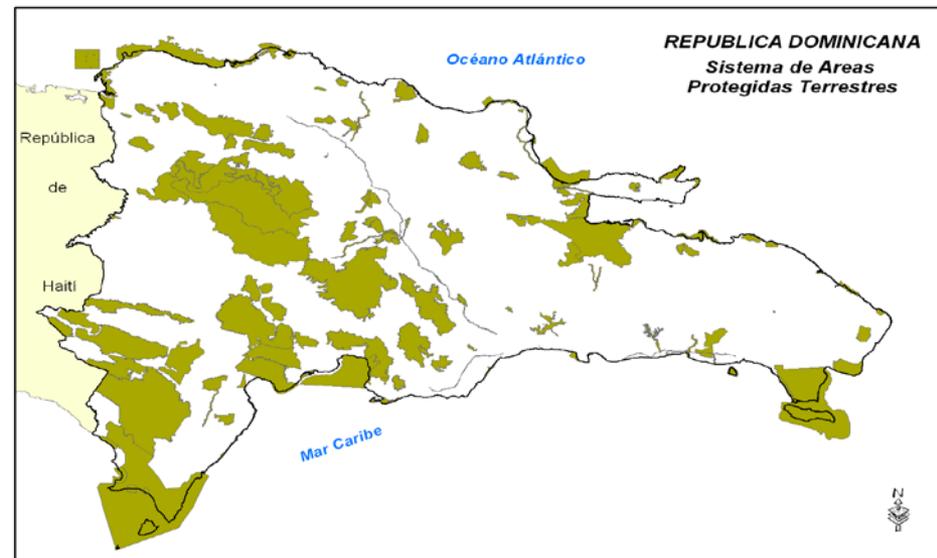
- Surface area: 48,190 sq. km
- 9.5 million inhabitants
- Forest cover : 39.7 % (19,127.8 km²)
- Causes of deforestation and forests degradation: land use change, forest fires, and illegal logging
- Extensive degradation of forests
- Annual net afforestation: average annual increase of 1% in the last 15 years
- Floristic diversity: 9,177 species of vascular and non-vascular plants, of which 2,050 are endemic species (34.1%)



REDD+ CONTEXT



- Reforestation effort: 54,300 ha on average per year
- National Protected areas: 123 sites 25% of the country

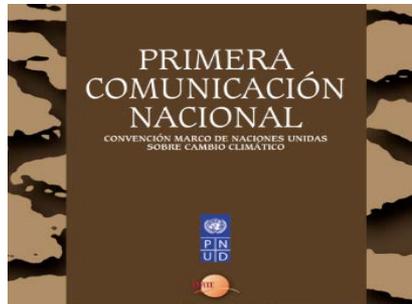


Legal and Institutional Framework:

DR's has a strong legal and institutional support to achieve emission reductions



DETALLES



- Creation of the Climate Committee (ENR Ministerial Resolution 2002)
- Creation of the National Council for the Climate Change and the CDM (Decree 601-08).
- Creation of the Climate Change and CDM Directorate of the Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources (Resolution 011-2010).
- Insertion in the Constitution of the Dominican Republic – Article 194:
“It is a priority of the Dominican State the formulation and execution, by law, of a land use plan that ensures the efficient and sustainable use of natural resources of the Nation, consistent with the need to adapt to climate change”.
- Climate Change Compatible Economic-Development Plan (2011)

Progress towards Readiness

Readiness activities between 2012-2015	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016-2017
Analysis and definition of deforestation drivers					
Identification of actors and strategy options					
National deforestation emissions baseline					
Technical and Monitoring Committee of REDD+					
Forest Monitoring Unit					
Training in RL and MRV to the technicians involve in the process					
National Forest Inventory based on REDD+ criteria					
Quick win Programme for REDD+ actions in the pilot area of the upper basin of the Yaque del Norte River					
Establishment and operation of the REDD+ mechanism as a permanent structure at the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources.					
Early dialogue process and development of SESA					
Creation of a Steering Committee on REDD+					
R-Package development					

Safeguards Progress to date

1. A framework to promote early dialogue with stakeholders was developed in 2014. Currently it is being used for REDD+ strategy participatory development.
2. Institutional arrangements for carrying out consultations and participation activities in the project area have been established
 1. Workshop to define a national approach to safeguards in the Dominican Republic was carried out on June 2014
 2. Safeguards capacity building in August 2014 included targeted training and outreach to key sectors
 3. In March 2015 a SESA National Workshop took place as part of the due diligence process of REDD+ Readiness
3. A proposal for a feedback and grievance redress mechanism has been included in the R-PP, and will be built based on existing mechanisms and institutions

Challenges for the effective implementation of REDD + in the DR

1. Development and operationalization of a reliable and robust MRV system,
2. Guarantee a regular flow of financial resources to ensure results based payments,
3. Establish an adequate price per ton of carbon, since the current price is far from covering the costs of protecting the forests and operation of the REDD+ program.
4. Make visible the level of co-benefits and their contributions to the economy, the environment and the well-being of people.

A group of people are engaged in a reforestation project on a grassy hillside. In the foreground, a man in a light-colored shirt and blue cap walks away from the camera, carrying two large black plastic bags filled with saplings. Several other individuals are scattered across the field, some kneeling and working with the ground, others standing and observing. The background shows a dense line of trees and a clear blue sky. The overall scene is one of active community participation in environmental restoration.

Local Community
Reforestation in DR

Thank you