

ART Board Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2025

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ART Board members held their third meeting to discuss revisions to the TREES 3.0 standard. The topics discussed included proposed changes to the standard's requirements for eligibility, eligibility to use the Removals Crediting Approach, and removals from commercial activities.

1. Eligibility

INFORMATION

The Secretariat recapped the discussion during the previous Board meetings and provided a deep dive on the remaining options being considered for the timeline for transitioning from subnational to national accounting and the transition pathways for FCPF jurisdictions and IP territories.

DISCUSSION

The Board discussed different options. Considerations included:

- Reasons for delays in implementation of national JREDD+ programs
- Importance of incentivizing national level accounting in line with ART's mandate
- Appropriate pathway for the transition of FCPF participants and IP territories to TREES in order to ensure work to date is not lost

The Board voted on the different options.

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

Action Item: The ART Board voted on an agreed upon set of proposed changes. The ART Secretariat will update the draft TREES 3.0 framework to reflect the votes conducted during the meeting.

2. Eligibility to Use the Removals Crediting Approach

INFORMATION

The Secretariat recapped the discussion during the previous Board meetings and provided additional background information to better inform the discussion.

DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the options considering the need to incentivize restoration activities at scale and maintain the standard's rigor.

The Board voted on the different options.

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

Action Item: The ART Secretariat will update the draft TREES 3.0 framework to reflect the ART Board's decision on proposing revised eligibility criteria.

3. Removals from Commercial Activities

INFORMATION

The Secretariat provided background on the current TREES requirements, input the Secretariat had received on the topic from stakeholders, and supporting data and analysis.

DISCUSSION

The Board discussed what changes were appropriate to ensure environmental integrity while recognizing the climate contribution of commercial plantations.

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

Action Item: The ART Secretariat will update the draft TREES 3.0 framework to reflect the ART Board's decision on proposed changes.

4. Safeguards and other TREES 3.0 topics

INFORMATION

The Secretariat provided a brief background on additional topics where changes are proposed within TREES 3.0, including related to safeguards and the complaints and appeals process.

DISCUSSION

The Board acknowledged the need to review the inputs from stakeholders, proposals from the IPLC Advisory Group, and recommendations from the Secretariat.

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS



Action Item: The ART Secretariat will provide the Board with background on the additional areas where updates are being prepared. For safeguards, a summary of suggestions from the dialogues, original copies of the written comments received, a summary of recommendations from the IPLC Advisory Group and proposed changes from the Secretariat will be circulated.

5. Wrap up and Adjourn

INFORMATION

The Board thanked the Secretariat for its continued work. The meeting was adjourned.