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ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

In 2025, CLP continued to advance integrity, equity, and effectiveness across global carbon markets and REDD+ initiatives.

UK TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

Costa Rica: In the final stages toward ART-TREES accreditation, CLP supported the last-mile push, strengthening the TREES Registration Document (TRD) and TREES Monitoring Report (TMR), addressing VVB comments, and strengthening the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM), providing a clearer, audit-ready package and an accelerated path to verification.

Ecuador: As part of efforts to develop a nationwide jurisdictional program in Ecuador, CLP is supporting the design and structuring of a fair, transparent benefit-sharing plan (BSP) in close collaboration with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IP and LCs) and other stakeholders. Initiated in 2022 with a draft consulted with CONFENIAE, the plan is now being refined and operationalized under the UK Technical Assistance Programme.

Mato Grosso: Building on REM program gains since 2017, CLP supported the State since 2025 to advance its jurisdictional REDD+ program. We supported the strengthening of the Safeguard Information System, especially its indicators, and of an inclusive stakeholder engagement strategy to ensure meaningful participation of IP and LCs, and other key stakeholders.

Mexico: Facilitated a federal approval enabling Mexican states to proceed with jurisdictional REDD+ programs. SEMARNAT (federal environment ministry) agreed to endorse sub-national TREES submissions on the condition that any credits sold will not claim corresponding adjustments, preventing double-counting of emissions reductions. This policy change unlocks jurisdictional REDD+ implementation while rigorously safeguarding transparency in carbon accounting and alignment with national climate targets.

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Nepal: CLP supported the Government put in place core safeguards systems for high-integrity carbon market participation - a national REDD+ Grievance Redress Mechanism, a SIS Framework, and a Stakeholder Engagement & Communication Strategy. Co-developed with the government and partners through inclusive provincial and national consultations and validated at the national level, this work strengthened institutional capacity and verification readiness. As a result, Nepal is better positioned to demonstrate safeguards performance and access results-based finance under ART-TREES.

Pará: CLP, together with Winrock, delivered a Safeguards & MRV VVB training for SEMAS and REDD+ implementing agencies, building practical capacity to navigate the ART-TREES validation and verification process and prepare effectively for audits. CLP also supported the State's 2023 Summary of Information (SOI), strengthening Pará's international safeguards reporting.

Viet Nam: CLP supported the development of a Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (SEAH) policy, accompanied by practical implementation guidelines that embed robust prevention measures, accessible reporting pathways, and a survivor-centred approach to response.

GUYANA

CLP supported Guyana's 2024 safeguards and TREES reporting, including the SOI and TMR, and helped build an audit-ready evidence database. This streamlined verification and strengthened transparency, helping the country position for results-based finance.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

CLP is supporting the Climate Change and Development Authority to put in place the enabling conditions for a high-integrity jurisdictional REDD+ programme aligned with ART-TREES. Our work focuses on fast-tracking PNG's TREES Registration and Monitoring Documents, operationalising core safeguards systems (SIS, GRM, BSP and stakeholder engagement), and strengthening government capacity for validation, verification and future credit issuance. This support is helping PNG move from planning toward full readiness for jurisdictional carbon market participation.

GLOBAL GREEN GROWTH INSTITUTE

For Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) CLP supported the development of guidance on integrating Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) into Article 6 carbon market activities. Through targeted analysis of safeguards, sustainable development goals frameworks, and buyer and seller expectations, CLP supported the clarification of how GESI considerations can be embedded in mitigation activities under both Article 6.2 and 6.4. The resulting recommendations strengthen GGGI's capacity to mainstream GESI across its Carbon Transaction Facility and support high-integrity, socially inclusive carbon market engagement.

RECOFTC

For RECOFTC, CLP supported the development of a practical, rights-focused toolkit to help IP and LCs understand and navigate forest carbon markets. The toolkit provides clear, accessible guidance on key issues such as how carbon markets operate, safeguarding land and resource rights, understanding benefit-sharing arrangements, ensuring meaningful participation and FPIC, addressing grievances, and integrating gender equality and social inclusion. Drawing on case studies, practical tools, and grounded best practices, the toolkit equips IP and LCs and their advocates across the Asia-Pacific region to engage more confidently with carbon project developers, safeguard their rights, and make informed decisions about carbon market participation.

CLP–KAWARI FUND SUBMISSION TO ART-TREES 3.0

In 2025, CLP and the Kawari Fund jointly developed a comprehensive, insertion-ready package of recommendations to strengthen the social integrity provisions of ART-TREES 3.0.
The submission proposes targeted amendments across safeguards, rights to emission reductions and removals, benefit sharing, stakeholder engagement, SIS, and grievance redress, addressing gaps in clarity, consistency, and auditability in the current TREES text. For each theme, the package includes clear rationale, revised TREES text, and complementary updates to the ART Validation & Verification Standard and TREES templates to support more consistent, transparent, and verifiable implementation. Together, these recommendations are designed to strengthen the usability and integrity of ART-TREES and to support jurisdictions in meeting high-integrity, socially robust requirements for jurisdictional REDD+ crediting.

Thank you to our partners and clients for your trust and collaboration.

Together, we are advancing high-integrity climate action.

We look forward to continuing this work with you in the year ahead.