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ABOUT ARCHITECTURE FOR REDD+ TRANSACTIONS (ART) PROGRAM

The Architecture for REDD+ Transactions (ART) has been developed to achieve the environmental integrity needed for REDD+ emission reductions and removals (ERRs) at national and jurisdictional scale. ART provides a credible standard and rigorous process to transparently register, verify, and issue REDD+ emission reduction and removal credits that ensure environmental and social integrity. ART aims to unlock new long-term financial flows to protect and restore forests.

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Per Section 7.1.1 of The REDD+ Environmental Excellence Standard (TREES), version 3.0, Participants must use this tool to assess their jurisdiction-specific level of reversal risk. The risk rating shall be calculated for each reporting year using this tool, and the result is used to define the Participant’s contribution to the buffer pool.

Each Participant shall begin with a 5% assumed level of risk. Participants shall then assess their jurisdiction-specific level of risk in each category. The total risk rating is the sum of the assumed level of risk plus the Participant Risk values across all categories.

RISK CATEGORY		LEVEL OF RISK	RISK RATING
Governance Risk			
	REDD+ Program Governance: Is the REDD+ program or its activities/underlying framework mandated by law, policy or other legally binding instrument?	High: No	2%
		Low: Yes	0%
	Country Governance: What is the average Worldwide Governance Indicator (WGI) score across all six indicators for the past five years?	High: < 45	3%
		Medium: 45 - <55	1%
		Low: >= 55	0%
Program Continuity Risk			
	Experience/Capacity: Has the REDD+ program or the framework being used for the program operated and/or received multiple results-based payments for decoupling deforestation and degradation from economic development or participated in a climate finance program prior to ART?	High: No	3%
		Medium: Yes, continuous participation and/or multiple payments for <10 years	1%
		Low: Yes, continuous participation and/or multiple payments for >= 10 years	0%
	Inclusivity: Is there a formal multi-stakeholder committee (including IPLCs, other	High: No	2%

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Government agencies, private sector, and others) or other group that demonstrably provides ongoing inputs and support for the REDD+ program?	Low: Yes	0%
Vulnerability to Disturbances		
Disturbance Impact: Has forest in the accounting area been impacted by natural disturbances in the last 5 years (including but not limited to fires (natural or manmade), extreme weather, flood, or pests)? If yes, determine the % of forest in the accounting area impacted cumulatively over the last five years.	High: >1% Medium: 0.5 – 1% Low: <0.5%	8% 5% 0%
Mitigation Plans: Does the program have a robust system for preventing or minimizing the impact of disturbances, such as a fire detection and response program or flood prevention measures?	High: No Low: Yes	2% 0%