

## Safeguards and local communities: Lessons from REDD+

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LESSON 1: Necessity is the mother of invention

LESSON 2: Ignore local voices at your peril

LESSON 3: Adaptation - the next safeguard?

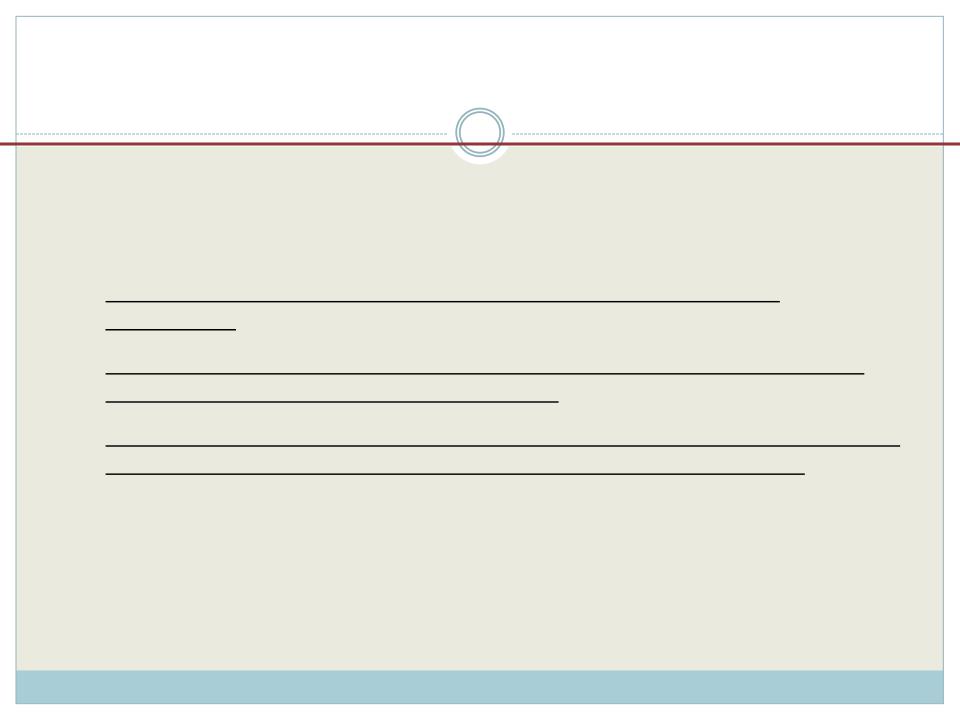


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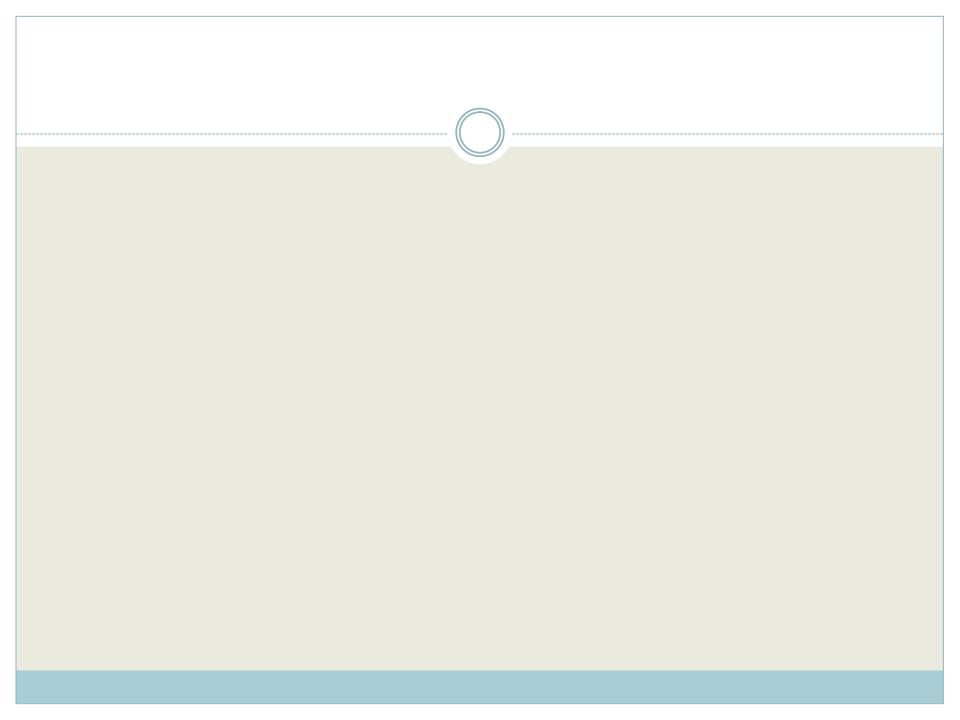






- Concerns over potential profitability leading to fears of 'carbon cowboys' or state recentralization of NRM
- Questions of justice if developed countries are looking to offset continued levels of emissions
- In the end, REDD+ is highly contentious and has galvanized various groups including indigenous, local communities, social justice and others





- Adaptation by definition, is to support what are (ideally) positive adaptive responses
- Interventions are largely local with direct local beneficiaries
- Focus not on safeguarding but enhancing adaptation benefits and ensuring they reach the most vulnerable
- Closest comparable instrument would be vulnerability assessments to ensure intervention is appropriately designed

THE LESSON: due to significant inherent risks and strong public scrutiny, it was necessary for strong safeguards to be built around REDD+



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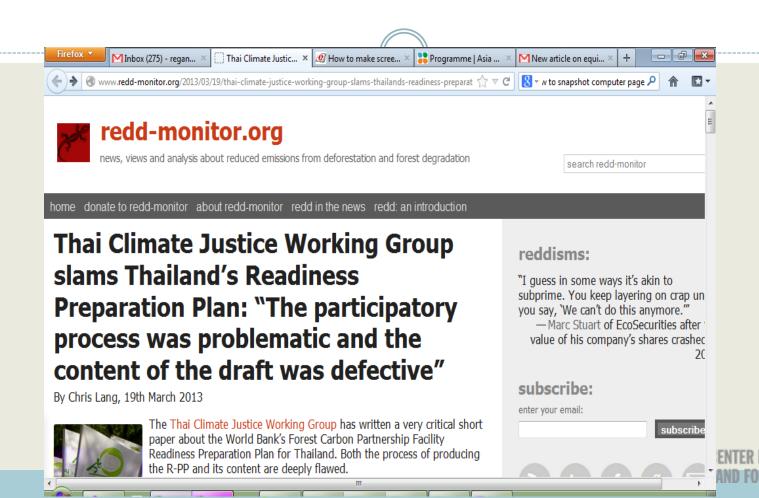
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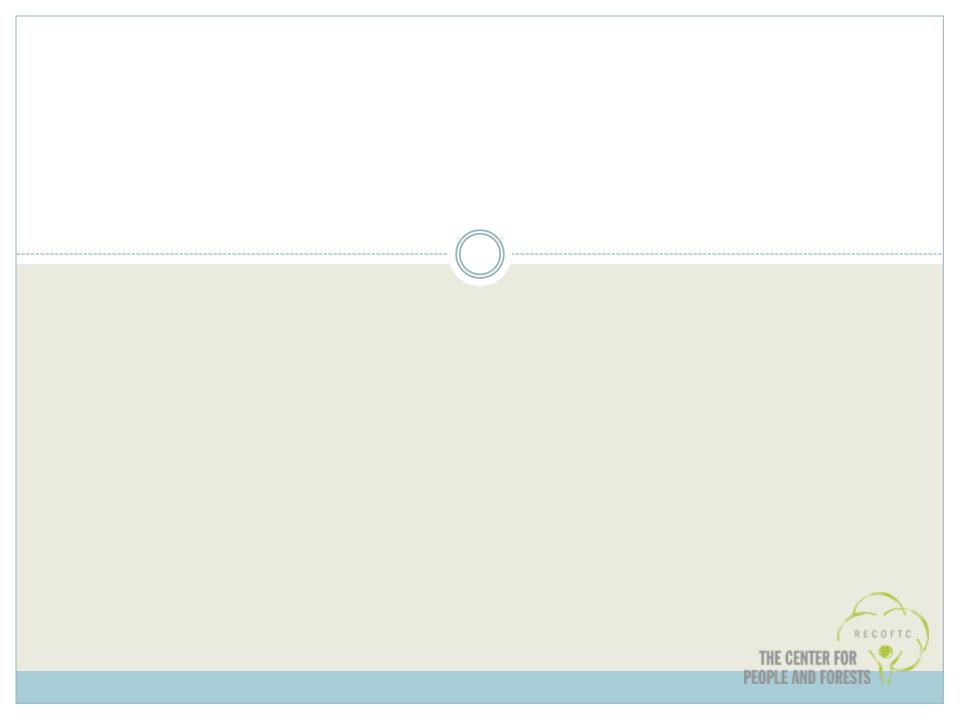
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THE LESSON: cannot presume stakeholders to be passive partners in developing/implementing activities. Their REAL and full consultation is needed and comes with the risk of activity rejection.



THE LESSON: there are no easy, one-size-fits-all solutions, and the safeguards bring with them a risk of being unwieldy, BUT consider that adaptive capacity might not only protect vulnerable communities, but may allow REDD+ to work.

