



# **FUNDING PROPOSAL TO THE GREEN CLIMATE FUND**

**-IRES-CUBA-**

**INCREASED CLIMATE RESILIENCE OF RURAL HOUSEHOLDS  
AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE REHABILITATION OF  
PRODUCTIVE AGROFORESTRY LANDSCAPES IN SELECTED  
LOCALITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA**

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## **Carbon Estimations**

### **1. Background**

1. The objective of the project is to restore critical ecosystem services in productive landscapes and increase climate-resilient, sustainable development in the provinces of Villa Clara, Matanzas and las Tunas encompassing seven highly vulnerable municipalities. This will be accomplished through the promotion of innovative solutions accompany by financial incentives to support protection of soils from salinization and salt-water intrusion in aquifers water tables, regulation of hydrological cycle to prevent run off, soil erosion, improve water absorption and infiltration capacities and enhance ground water recharge. These actions are aimed to increase livelihood resilience and reduce risks to climate change while providing food security to vulnerable rural households. The project will benefit directly and indirectly more than 127,000 people.

2. As outlined in the proposal document, project has 3 components and a dedicated project management unit. Component 1, entitled Green investment and technology, aims to support the application of ecosystem-based adaptation concepts, methodologies and low impact modern technology to restore vital ecosystem services for water regulation and livelihood protection on approximately 35735 ha of productive landscapes. The type of interventions this component will support include: restoration/improvements of ecosystems services, removal of sickle bush encroached rangeland through agroforestry and close to nature planted forest interventions and improved silvopastoral systems in degraded grasslands. Component 2, Building capacity to adapt to climate change, aims to establish a structure to facilitate knowledge transfer and capacity building to promote ecosystem-based adaptation interventions. These include providing technical extension services, preparing extension services technicians in conjunctions with research institutions and training beneficiaries in the implementation of adaptation technologies, as well as strengthening their markets and rural entrepreneurship capacity. Component 3, New Incentives for climate change adaptation support, integrates consideration of climate change adaptations in regional planning as well as in financial incentive mechanisms. Specifically, the component supports interinstitutional dialogue and revision and needs in the legal and regulatory framework to mainstream CC adaptation..

3. Although the project objective is to support national climate change adaptation in agricultural and forestry systems, the typology of ecosystem-based interventions proposed under component 1 have important mitigation co-benefits. In this context, the quantification of GHG emission is an important step to highlight this benefit. It also offers an opportunity to identify how the project actions provide win-win situations in delivering both adaptation and mitigation objectives which are equally important considering the climate change context. Furthermore, considering the Paris commitments, the potential co-benefit from the GHG avoidance impact generated from this project can help Cuba contribute to its NDC, something that should not be overlooked.

## 2. Methodology

5. GHG accounting has become a common practice for many international financial institutions as part of their project preparation. The Ex-Ante Carbon-balance Tool (Ex-ACT<sup>1</sup>), developed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in collaboration with the World Bank is widely used to assess the impact of agricultural and forestry projects on GHG emission and carbon sequestration. Its use includes ex-ante assessments of GEF projects, forestry and agricultural investment projects at the World Bank, African Development Bank among others. Like an economic-financial analysis, Ex-ACT allows the assessment of a project's net carbon-balance, defined as the net balance of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent GHG that were emitted or sequestered because of project implementation actions compared to a without project scenario. This incremental benefit is what truly reflects whether a particular action taken mitigates or generates emission and thus makes the "GHG" bankable per se.

6. Ex-Act is a calculator tool and like all other globally available carbon accounting tools, follows the guidelines, methodologies and calculations formulas issued by the World Reference body on Climate Change, the IPCC<sup>2</sup>. The tool is widely used by World Bank investment projects and has already been used in the preparation of GHG analysis for various green climate fund projects. This analysis is based on the use of the Ex-Act tool. The methodology and calculations used in Ex-Act are well documented and follow the Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories generated by the IPCC (2006). The tool provides a set of default coefficients based on global observations. However, users have the opportunity to update coefficients if regional/national (tier 2) are available. The methodology is complemented with additional calculations and emissions coefficients associated with agricultural/forestry production systems, farm operations and inputs which are based on literature reviews acceptable to the scientific community<sup>3</sup>. Default emission coefficient for mitigation options in the agricultural sector are mostly from Smith et al. (2007)<sup>4</sup>. Other coefficients such as embodied GHG emissions for farm operations, inputs, and transportation and irrigation systems implementation are from Lal (2004)<sup>5</sup>. The specific methodologies/calculations used in each of the modules are summarized in page Table 1, page 23 of this publication<sup>6</sup>. The specific technical guidelines describing the methodology and calculations employed by the tool are described in the following publication <http://www.fao.org/tc/exact/user-guidelines/en/>

7. The Ex-Act tool was designed specifically to support ex ante assessments of agricultural and forestry projects. It is a land-based accounting system which estimates carbon stocks changes as well as emission generated from AFOLU activities. It consists of six topic modules that allow to analyze a range of agricultural and forestry activities including crop production, land rehabilitation, forest management, livestock and grassland production systems among others. The ex-ante evaluation assesses how the impacts of a planned intervention compares to the business as usual scenario. The calculator requires data for 3 specific points in time: initial situation, with project scenario, without project or BAU. In preparing this data a lot of work is required up front to determine the adequate modeling of activities/interventions in the tool. This takes into consideration technical specificities, conversations with

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/ex\\_act/pdf/Technical\\_guidelines/EX-ACT\\_technicaldescription\\_EN\\_v7.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/ex_act/pdf/Technical_guidelines/EX-ACT_technicaldescription_EN_v7.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> IPCC, 2006. Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, Hayama: IGES.

<sup>3</sup> Carbon Accounting Tools for Sustainable Land Management. Collaboration of FAO/World Bank/GEF  
<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/318251544164909341/Carbon-Accounting-Tools-for-Sustainable-Land-Management>

<sup>4</sup> Smith, P. et al., 2007. Agriculture. In: B. Metz, et al. eds. Climate Change 2007: Mitigation. Contribution of Working Group III to the Fourth Assessment Report of the. Cambridge and New York: IPCC, pp. 497-540.

<sup>5</sup> Lal, R., 2004. Carbon Emission from Farm Operations. Environment International, 30(7), pp. 981-990.

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/ex\\_act/pdf/Technical\\_guidelines/EX-ACTUserManuaFinal\\_WB\\_FAO\\_IRD.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/ex_act/pdf/Technical_guidelines/EX-ACTUserManuaFinal_WB_FAO_IRD.pdf)

national staff to determine current and future projections, literature reviews to assess availability of tier 2 or 3 coefficients to improve the accuracy of the assessment. Once all this information is gathered then based on technical expertise a plan on how to best model the intervention in the tool along with the assumptions made is generated. This is a crucial step as this is what really determines the measurement of the impact. All these aspects are discussed below to ensure a clear and transparent understanding of the assessment done for this project.

### 3. Project Boundaries and Data sources.

8. **Geographical coverage.** Cuba is located in the Central American & Caribbean subregion in the American Continent. The country has a tropical moist climate with a High Activity Clay (HAC) dominant soil type. The IRES project will support the scale up of *six climate resilient land scape production modules* that addressed climate change adaptation and have proven to be technical, financial and social feasible in Cuba. These modules aim to introduce agroforestry systems, sustainable forest plantations, natural reforestation and sustainable silvopastoral systems in 3 provinces in Cuba: Las Villas province in the localities of Corralillo, Quemado de Güines and Santo Domingo; Matanzas province (Central Region) in the locality of Los Arabos; and Las Tunas province (Eastern Region) in the localities of Amancio Rodríguez, Colombia and Jobabo as presented in Figure 2 in the main text of the proposal and summarized below in Table 1. Furthermore, details on the proposed modules are summarized in Table 2.

Table 1: Proposed areas of intervention per locality, province and module in Ha

Module	Las tunas			Matanzas	Villa Clara			Total per module
	Amancio	Colombia	Jobabo	Los Arabos	Corralillo	Quemadod de Guines	Santo Domingo	
CEDPAL	467	61	1053	94	79	0	0	1754
MARREG	0	200	651	724	650	510	360	3095
MARFOM	900	0	0	510	4757	0	2000	8167
FRUAGR	456	59	522	227	515	0	750	2529
SILLEC		1982	5198	490	2465	214	150	10499
SILSOM	2127	0	0	537	4603	210	2214	9691
Total per locality	3950	2302	7424	2582	13069	934	5474	
Total per Province	13676			2582	19477			
TOTAL AREA	35734							

9. Other relevant aspects are:

- **Greenhouse gases considered.** The estimation of emissions for this project considers the sequestration, reduction and or avoidance that result from the implementation of the above six proactive modules. It considers sources and sinks from carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) gases which are presented as CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent. The global warming potential for Methane is 25 and for Nitrous Oxide is 298 CO<sub>2</sub>eq.
- **Pools considered:** Assessments of carbon pool changes are based on above- ground biomass, below-ground biomass, soil, deadwood and litter. For livestock enteric and manure management sources and sinks are incorporated.
- **Timeframe:** The EX-ACT differentiates between two time periods. First is the implementation phase, the period during which project activities are carried out and second is the capitalization phase, period where project benefits are still occurring because of the activities performed by the project. Given the typology of activities proposed under this project, the analysis considers a 20-year period, which is in line with IPCC recommendations for considering the timeframe between transition states of natural systems and the period necessary to reach a new equilibrium for carbon stocks. Therefore, the physical implementation of the project consists of 7 years, the

sequestration will continue to capitalize for 13 more years to reach the 20-year period. In the specific case of soil organic carbon, a constant rate over a period of 20 years from the year of planting to reach the new equilibrium is assumed. The analysis further assumes the dynamics of change (from without (BAU) to “with project”) to be linear over the duration of the project.

Table 2: Selected Intervention Modules

Module	Short description
<b>1. CEDPLA</b> Agroforestry system with cedar / plantain	Planting deciduous, more drought resistant tree species with deep roots and abundant litter production (552 trees/ha) including <i>Cedrela odorata</i> , <i>Cordia gerascanthus</i> , <i>Caesalpinea violacea</i> ; combined in rows with plantain, <i>Musa</i> sp. (625 plants/ha).
<b>2. FRUAGR</b> Agroforestry system with fruit trees, agricultural crops and living fences	Diverse citrus (56 trees/ha) and mango (64 trees/ha) in combination with crop rotation including manioc, sweet potato, maize, beans and various green fence species.
<b>3. MARREG</b> Management of the natural regeneration of native arboreal species	Harvesting thick marabú for charcoal production. Identification and selection of saplings and natural regeneration of native tree species. Further management of the succession towards a natural forest.
<b>4. MARFOM</b> Establishment of planted forests close to nature	Establishment of a Close to Nature Plantation comprising a mixtures of native and exotic species including <i>Pinus</i> , <i>Cordia</i> , <i>Lysiloma</i> , <i>Colubrina</i> , <i>Caesalpinea</i> and <i>Lysilimasp</i> on sites where Marabu has been eliminated.
<b>5. SILLEC</b> Silvopastoral system with arbustive leguminous	Establishment of <i>Guazuma ulmifolia</i> and <i>Arachis</i> applying conservation tillage practices for the progressive introduction of more drought resistant, improved pastures varieties ( <i>Brachiaria B.</i> and <i>Arachis P.</i> ). Contour green fencing with <i>Lysiloma Bahamensis</i> trees and internal electric fence to regulate livestock grazing and allow for pasture recovery and soil conservation.
<b>6. SILSOM</b> Silvopasture with shadow trees and protein banks	Introduction of more drought resistant applying conservation tillage to improve pastures varieties ( <i>Brachiaria brizantha</i> ) in combination with 30 shade trees / ha ( <i>Samanea saman</i> ) and contour fencing ( <i>Guazuma</i> , <i>Bursera</i> , <i>Spondias</i> ) and grazing rotation. Establishment of protein ( <i>Morus</i> sp, <i>Moringa</i> sp.) and energy ( <i>Sacharum</i> ) “banks” on 15% of the area as feed reserves to be cut and harvested in the dry periods.

**10. Data.** Data used for each module was generated as part of the detailed project technical analysis , as outlined in Appendix 2.6, prepared by national technical forestry and agricultural experts. This information was used to inform the GHG analysis providing some basic data needed to characterize and model the analysis in Ex-Act. Appendix 2.6 and Financial economic Analysis of the project provides all the data on inputs needed as described below:

	With project		Without project	
Module	Fertilizer (ton)	Compost (ton)	Fertilizer (ton)	Compost (ton)
CEDPLA	3781	6556	907	1573
FRUAGR	273	1517	66	364
MARREG	0	0	0	0
MARFOM	0	0	0	0
SILLEC	0	0	0	0
SILSOM	339	0	81	0
Total	4393	8073	1054	1938
	With project		Without project	
Module	Diesel (L/ha)	Gasoline (L/ha)	Diesel (L/ha)	Gasoline (L/ha)
CEDPLA	500	50	120	12
FRUAGR	338	50	81	12
MARREG	250	40	60	10
MARFOM	220	50	53	12
SILLEC	133	50	32	12
SILSOM	367	50	88	12
Total	1808	290	434	70
	With project	Without project		
Module	Electricity (kWh/ha)	Electricity (kWh/ha)		
CEDPLA	0	0		
FRUAGR	65	16		
MARREG	0	0		
MARFOM	0	0		
SILLEC	85	20		
SILSOM	65	16		
Total	215	52		

#### 4. Modeling in Ex-Act tool

11. The first step in the analysis was to identify which Ex-Act module was best fit to evaluate each of the activities proposed under each of the productive modules as well as the emission factors that were going to be used either tier 1 (default) or tier 2. Table 2 summarizes the modelling for each of the module for their accounting in Ex-Act. In the BAU or without project scenario a 24% area of intervention was estimated to be possible based on Cuba's indicative level of past support for implementation of similar projects. This is the baseline and corresponds to a description of expected conditions in the project boundaries in the absence of project activities, which is often referred to the 'without project' scenario.

Furthermore, specific technical conditions *with and without project* are also considered for the project situations. These are discussed in detail in the succeeding sections.

Table 3: Characterization of the analysis in the Ex-Act tool

Module	Area (Ha)	Current land use	Assumptions Without project (BAU)	Assumptions With project	EXACT Module	Reference sources
<b>CEDPLA</b>	1753.58	Marabu- Assume tropical shrubland with tier 2 factors	<p>Only 24% of area will be intervened the rest will remain under Marabu.</p> <p>Treatment to remove marabu is via bulldozing operations</p> <p>Causing substantial soil disruption)</p>	<p>Agroforestry system planted in entire area.</p> <p>No soil disruptions is used, only brush cutter. Treatment of herbicide to control marabou and incorporation of mulch are applied.</p> <p>Improved agronomic practices will be implemented</p>	<p>LUC Deforestation: 2.1</p> <p>Perennial systems: 3.2</p> <p>Initial use: set aside tropical shrubland</p> <p>Final use agroforestry system with forest and perennial trees.</p>	<p>IPCC 2006 Volume 4 Chapter 2 Generic Methodology Applicable to Multiple land use categories</p> <p>The difference between initial and final biomass carbon pools is used to calculate carbon stock change from land-use conversion</p> <p>Land Use Category, Chapter 4 Forest land</p>
<b>FRUAGR</b>	2529.36				<p>LUC Deforestation: 2.1</p> <p>Perennial systems: 3.2</p> <p>Initial use: set aside tropical shrubland.</p> <p>Final use Agroforestry system mixed with perennial and annual cropping</p>	
<b>MARREG</b>	3094.7	Marabu- Assume tropical shrubland with tier 2 factors	<p>Only 50% of area will be intervened, the rest will remain under Marabu.</p> <p>Marabu removal treatment using bulldozing operations.</p>	<p>Natural Forest regeneration in entire area. No soil disruptions is used, only brush cutter. Treatment of herbicide to control marabou and incorporation of mulch are applied.</p>	LUC 2.2 afforestation/reforestation	<p>Inputs and Investments Volume 4 (AFOLU) of the IPCC 2006 in Chapter 11 “N2O emissions from managed soils, and CO2 emissions from lime and urea application”</p>
<b>MARFON</b>	8166.52				<p>LUC Deforestation: 2.1</p> <p>Perennial systems: 3.2</p> <p>Initial use: set aside tropical shrubland</p> <p>Final use agroforestry system with forest</p>	
<b>SILLEC</b>	10499	Degraded grassland	<p>Only 50% of area will be intervened, the rest will remain under degraded.</p> <p>Operations will use conventional tillage.</p>	<p>Improved through silvopasotril system in entire area. Improved agronomic practices will be implemented</p>	<p>Grassland: 4.1.2 grassland remaining grassland.</p> <p>Livestock:4.2</p> <p>Initial use: grassland moderately degraded</p> <p>Final use: grassland improved.</p>	<p>Chapter 6 “Grassland” of Volume 4 (AFOLU) of the IPCC 2006, and in Chapter 2 of IPCC 2006 “Generic Methodology Applicable to Multiple Land-Use Categories”</p> <p>Livestock Volume 4 (AFOLU) of the IPCC 2006, Chapter 10 “Emissions from Livestock and Manure Management”, and from Chapter 8 of the</p>
<b>SILSOM</b>	9691.2	Degraded grassland				

						Fourth Assessment Report from working group III of IPCC (Smith et al., 2007) for specific technical mitigation options not covered in IPCC 2006. Emissions CH4 enteric fermentation & manure management (10.4), N2O manure management (10.5) and CH4 mitigation potential livestock.
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A comparison of proposed areas of intervention under both the baseline vs project scenarios is summarized below.

Summary of Land Use Changes		Intervention areas	
Module	Area	Baseline scenario	With project
CEDPLA	1754	421	1754
	Share production of Plantain	200	833
	Share production of Cederela Odorata	200	833
	Shared Production of Hedgegrow	21	88
FRUAGR	2529	607	2529
	Share production of fruit trees	288	1201
	Share production annual crop	288	1201
	Share production hedgegrow	30	126
MARREG- all Natural regeneration	3095	743	3095
MARFOM	8167	1960	8167
	Share production forest plantations	1862	7758
	Share production hedgegrow	98	408
SILLEC	10499	2520	10499
	Share production silvopastoril	252	1050
	Share production better grassland management	2142	8924
	Share production hedgegrow	126	525
	Lievstock feeding improvements	0%	100%
SILSOM	9691	2326	9691
	Share production better grassland management	1279	5330
	Share of silvopastoril area perennial	581	2423
	Share of hedegrow perennial	116	485
	Livestock feeding improvements	0	100%
	Share improving grassland protein bank feeding annual	349	1454

Table 4: The main emission factors per pool utilized for the assessment are as follows:

Item	Emission Factor in Tons of C per ha unless otherwise noted.	Sources
Marabu	AGB <sup>7</sup> : 19.6 BGB <sup>8</sup> : 4.4 Soil: 28	Own calculation as explained in the descriptions below from data from Hernandez-Jimenez et al <sup>9</sup> and Appendix 2.6.
Perennial systems including Plantain and Hedgerow	AGB: 2.6 Soil: 0.7 No burning	Default tier 1 coefficients IPCC 2006.
Cedar	AGB: 3.3 BGB: 0.7 Soil:0.7	AGB is default Tier 1 coefficient used in Plantation for tropical moist deciduous forest IPCC 2006. BGB and Soil are default coefficients for perennial crops IPCC 2006
Annual crop systems	Soil: 2.79 Tons of CO2 per ha per year for improved agronomic practices: 0.88 Nutrient mgmt.: 0.55 Tillage/residue mgmt: 0.70.	Default tier 1 coefficients IPCC 2006
Afforestation/reforestation	Growth rate up to 20 years: AGB: 3.29 BGB: 0.66 Growth rate after 20 years: AGB: 0.94 BGB: 0.19 Litter: 3.65 Deadwood: 0 Soil:45.6	Default tier 1 coefficients for AGB, BGB and Litter IPCC 2006  For soil, based on national publication assumed it was “ young forest” as per Hernandez-Jimenez et al.
Grasslands state	Soil values for Moderately Degraded 39.0 and 52.3 for improved with inputs.	For soil, based on national publication for good condition grassland then corrected by subtracting 25.44% to represent moderately degraded. The % correction was estimated from comparison of default tier 1 values moderate vs improved values from IPCC 2006. <sup>10</sup>
Livestock	Enteric fermentation in kg CH4 per head per year dairy cattle:63 Calves for re-stocking have lower rate at 1.412	Dairy cattle default coefficient, IPCC 2006. Calf coefficient, Gonzales and Ruiz. <sup>11</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Above-ground Biomass (AGB)

<sup>8</sup> Below-ground biomass (BGB)

<sup>9</sup> Carbon losses and soil property changes in ferralic Nitisols from Cuba under different covers. Alberto Hernández-Jiménez<sup>1</sup>, Dania Vargas-Blandino<sup>1</sup>, José Irán Bojórquez-Serrano<sup>2</sup>, Juan Diego García-Paredes, Alberto Madueño-Molina<sup>2</sup>, Marisol Morales-Díaz<sup>3</sup>. Sci. Agric. v.74, n.4, p.311-316, July/August 2017

<sup>11</sup> González-Avalos E. and L. G. Ruiz-Suárez, 1997. Modeling methane emissions from cattle in Mexico. Sci Total Environ. 1997 Nov 5;206(2-3):177-86. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0048-9697\(97\)80008-3](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0048-9697(97)80008-3)

## 5. Assumptions & Details of Modeling of Climate Resilient Landscape Production Modules

### 5.1 Module 1: CEDPLA- Agroforestry system with cedar / plantain

**Objective:** The module will establish an agroforestry system with combine wood and plantain plantation.

**Activities:** The specific activities that will be carried out are firstly the removal of marabu (*Dichrostachys cinerea*) shrubbery using tillage. The above ground biomass from the shrubbery will be mulch and left in the ground for cover. This will be followed by the establishment of plantation of *Cedrela odorata* or cedar. The plantation rate of the cedar will be 552 trees/ha. These will intertwine rows of plantain, *Musa* sp at a rate of 625 plants/ha. A hedgerow will be installed with local species including *Gliricidia sepium*/bursera simaruba/*Spondias purpurea* at rate of 98 pants/ha.

**Inputs:** Inputs include the use fertilizer 3781 NPK formula 9:13:17; 6556 ton per ha of compost and 500 liters of diesel for machinery and 50 liters of gasoline for chainsaw data comes from Appendix 2.6.

**Assumptions:** The implementation of the module considers that 24% of the area will dedicated to cedar plantation and 50% to plantain production. The *without project* scenario considers that only 24% of the proposed area could be cover without the additional resources from the GCF. The medium annual increment (MAI) for marabu based on national experts is estimated at 1.3 m3 per ha year and for cedar 11 m3 per ha per year (appendix 2.6). In consultation with national experts, it is concluded that no fire will be used for the conversion of marabu to plantain plantation and to forest species.

**Modeling details:** The activities under this module represent a Land Use (LU) change from shrubbery to establishment of woody plantation/perennial crop planation agroforestry system. For the carbon factors specific tier 2 factors were determined based on information provided by forestry Cuban specialists on marabu and soils from literature review as *explained below*.

*Calculations to prepare data for Ex-Act entries:*

*Calculation on Marabu carbon factors:*

- Above ground biomass: Using the marabu IMA of 1.3 m3 with no harvesting was applied to a simple allometric growth equation (initial volume + annual increment-harvesting) over a 20-year period to estimate the total volume. The density of wood 0.5 ton of dry matter per m3 was used to convert this volume to tons (IPCC Table 4.13). Then variables on expansion coefficient of 1 was used to calculate the total above ground biomass (IPCC Table 4.5). We used the conversion coefficient of 0.47 ton of C per tonne of dry matter to calculate the total ton of C in the above (Table 4.3 IPCC Volume 4 p.g 4.48). Finally, we divided by 20 years to obtain the rate of C ton of per ha per year for marabu. The above ground biomass was calculated to be 0.66 ton of C per ha per year. Considering this rate of carbon stock in 30 years of invasion of the species, the *carbon sink is estimated to be 19.6 t of C per ha*.
- Below ground biomass: The below ground biomass was calculated multiplying by the shoot to root ratio of 0.33 low end for shrublands (Table 4.5 IPCC Volume 4, pg. 4.50). This resulted in 0.218 ton of C per ha per year for below ground biomass and a carbon sink of 4.35 ton of C over 20-year period.

- Soil: observations in literature indicate an average accumulation of 14 g C per m<sup>2</sup> per year<sup>12</sup> for these types of shrubs. This was converted to tonne per ha using conversion factor of 1 tonne per ha = 100 g per meter square. Furthermore, considering a 20-year period for soil to reach equilibrium a value of 28 ton of C was calculated. These factors were used in the Ex-Act tool as tier 2.

*Calculation on Cedar carbon factors:* default tier 1 emission factors coefficient were used as provided by Ex-Act in section Plantation for a tropical moist deciduous forest

*Plantains:* default tier 1 emission factors coefficient were used as provided by Ex-Act.

*Hedgerow:* for the initial state we used tier 2 coefficient for marabu as calculated above for above ground biomass was 0.66 ton of C per ha per year and for soil 28.0 ton C per ha same as above. For the final use the above ground biomass coefficient tier 1 default of 2.6 ton of C per ha per year was used and for soil tier 2 value of 52.3 was used based on Cuban study on soil measurements in grasslands<sup>13</sup>.

*Input calculations* were carried out to estimate the total active NPK ingredients in agrochemicals as follows:

- For with project the following equations were used to calculate the inputs entries for EX-ACT.

Equation 1 Active ingredient = amount of fertilizer\* % of Nitrogen content / years of implementation

$3781 * .09 \text{ \% of active N in fertilizer divided by 7 years of implementation} = 48.6 \text{ tons}$

$P2O5 = 3781 * .13 / 7 = 70.2 \text{ tons}$

$KOH = 3781 * .17 / 7 = 91.82 \text{ tons}$

Organic matter in compost was assumed to be 2% N content based on literature<sup>14</sup>.

Equation 2: N from organic compost= amount \* % nitrogen / years of implementation

$\text{Nitrogen in compost} = 6556 * 0.02 / 7 = 18.7 \text{ tons}$

For diesel and gasoline,

Equation 3: Fuel in m<sup>3</sup>= Liters per ha \* # ha module/ 1000 liters to m<sup>3</sup> conversion / years of implementation 7 years.

$\text{Diesel m}^3 = 250 \text{ liters per ha} * 1754 \text{ ha intervention} / 1000 / 7 = 62.63 \text{ m}^3 \text{ per year}$

$\text{Gasoline m}^3 = 25 \text{ liters per ha} * 1754 \text{ ha intervention} / 1000 / 7 = 6.263 \text{ m}^3 \text{ per year}$

*Note that for CEDPLA the values for gasoline were divided equally between plantain portion and forest portion since these were run in two separate excel files.*

- In the case of without project, it is estimated that only 0.24 of the value of inputs and fuel will be used.

### **Entries in Ex-Act**

<sup>12</sup> Woody encroachment reduces nutrient limitation and promotes soil carbon sequestration.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4020701/table/tbl1/>

<sup>13</sup> Carbon losses and soil property changes in ferralic Nitisols from Cuba under different covers. Alberto Hernández-Jiménez<sup>1</sup>, Dania Vargas-Blandino<sup>1</sup>, José Irán Bojórquez-Serrano<sup>2</sup>, Juan Diego García-Paredes, Alberto Madueño-Molina<sup>2</sup>, Marisol Morales-Díaz<sup>3</sup>. Sci. Agric. v.74, n.4, p.311-316, July/August 2017

<sup>14</sup> <https://umaine.edu/soiltestinglab/wp-content/uploads/sites/227/2016/07/Compost-Report-Interpretation-Guide.pdf>

Modeling of the land use changed of the 1753.58 hectares was managed as follows:

- (I) 833 ha of Marabu to Perennial/Tree Crop (Plantain plantation). Without project only 200 ha will be converted to plantain plantation, with project all the 833 ha will be converted after Marabu is removed.
- (II) 833 ha of Marabu to Cedrela odorata (common cedar). Without project only 200 ha will be converted to forest species, with project all the 833 ha will be converted after Marabu is removed.
- (III) 88 ha of Hedgerow were included in other land use changes with project and only 21 ha without project
- (IV) Baseline scenario: Without the project, 421 ha will implement the activities in the module while the remaining 1333 hectares will continue to be with Marabu shrubland.

### Step by Step Ex-ACT entries:

#### CEDPLA 1: Marabu to plantain plantation-

##### 1.1 Land use change module

2.1. Deforestation										
AEZ map	Zone 1 = Tropical rain forest		Zone 2 = Tropical moist deciduous forest		Zone 3 = Tropical dry forest		Zone 4 = Tropical shrubland			
Type of vegetation that will be deforested	HWP# (tDM/ha)	Fire Use? (y/n)	Final use after deforestation	Forested area (ha)		Deforested area (ha)		Total Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -eq)		Balance
Forest Zone 4	0	NO	Perennial/Tree Crop	832.9505	633	D	0	D	200	833
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	D	0	0
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	D	0	0
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	D	0	0
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	D	0	0
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	D	0	0
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	D	0	0
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	D	0	0
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	D	0	0
*Note concerning dynamics of change: "D" corresponds to default/linear, "I" to immediate and "E" to exponential (Please refer to the guidelines)										
Total Deforestation								15,653	65,206	49,553

##### 1.2. Coefficients in the LUC- tier 2 for Marabu based in LUC on calculation explained above.

2.1. Deforestation

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AEZ map

Zone 1 = Tropical rain forest

Zone 2 = Tropical moist deciduous forest

Zone 3 = Tropical dry forest

Zone 4 = Tropical shrubland

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You have indicated that you are using the following types of vegetation: Forest Zone 4

Use this part only if you want to refine the analysis with Tier 2 coefficients.  
(default values are provided for your information only, while EX-ACT will use Tier 2 values automatically wherever specified)

Type of vegetation that will be deforested

All values are in t of carbon per ha (tC/ha)

	<u>Above-ground</u>		<u>Below-ground</u>		<u>Litter</u>		<u>Dead wood</u>		<u>Soil carbon</u>	
	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2
Forest Zone 1	141.0		52.2		3.7		0.0		65.0	
Forest Zone 2	103.4		24.8		3.7		0.0		65.0	
Forest Zone 3	98.7		27.6		3.7		0.0		65.0	
Forest Zone 4	37.6	19.6	15.0	4.4	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.0	28.0
Plantation Zone 1	70.5		26.1		3.7		0.0		65.0	
Plantation Zone 2	56.4		11.3		3.7		0.0		65.0	
Plantation Zone 3	28.2		7.9		3.7		0.0		65.0	
Plantation Zone 4	14.1		7.9		3.7		0.0		65.0	
Mangrove	86.6		42.4		0.7		10.7		68.0	

##### 1.3 Crop Production module

3.2.1. Perennial systems from other LU or converted to other LU (please fill step 2.LUC previously)										
Description	Residue/biomass burning		Yield (t/ha/yr)		Area (ha)			Total Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -eq)		Balance
Perennial after Deforestation	NO				0	200	833	-32,809	-136,673	-103,865
Converted to AR	NO				0	0	0	0	0	0
Perennial after non-forest LU	NO				0	0	0	0	0	0
Converted to OLUC	NO				0	0	0	0	0	0

##### 1.4 Coefficients by default (tier 1) were used for Plantain plantation as follows:

Systems	Above-ground		Below-ground		Rates of soil C sequestration		Burning (quantity of residues and periodicity)			
	Growth rate (t C/ha/yr)		Growth rate (t C/ha/yr)		t CO <sub>2</sub> /ha/yr		Main season crop		Periodicity (yr)	
Perennial systems from (or to) other LU	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2
Perennial after Deforestation	2.6		0		0.7		10		1	



CEDPLA Component	tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> eq per year	tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> eq in 7 years (project implementation)	tCO <sub>2</sub> eq in 20 years ecosystem equilibrium reached.
Banana plantation	-2251	-15760	-45029
Forest Trees plantation	-5165	-36156	-103302
Hedgerow	-287	-2012	-5749
<b>Total</b>	<b>-7704</b>	<b>-53928</b>	<b>-154081</b>

*Altogether the CEDPLA module could sequester carbon at an annual rate of -7704 tCO<sub>2</sub>-eq or -53928 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq for the entire duration of the project implementation.*

## **5.2 Module 2: FRUAGR- Agroforestry system with fruit trees, agricultural crops and living fences**

**Objective:** This module will establish agroforestry systems using perennial fruit trees in combination with annual crop rotational crops.

**Activities:** The specific activities that will be carried out are: firstly, the removal of Marabu (*Dichrostachys cinerea*) shrubbery using tillage and mulching and leaving the above ground biomass from the shrubbery as cover. This will be followed by the establishment of plantation of fruit trees at rate of 56 trees/ha citrus and mango 64 trees/ha. The trees will be intercalated with crop rotation of manioc, sweet potato, maize and beans. A hedgerow will be installed surrounding the plots using local species including *Bursera simaruba*/*Spondias purpurea* covering approximately area of 126.5 ha.

**Inputs:** Inputs include the use fertilizer 273 tons of NPK formula 9:13:17; 1517 ton per ha of compost and 338 liters of diesel per ha for machinery and 126 liters of gasoline per ha for chainsaw. Electricity consumption is estimated at 65 kWh per ha.

**Assumptions:** The cultivation arrangement for this system considers that in general 50% of the area will should be dedicated to production of fruit trees and 50% to the production of annual crops. Trees will be intercalated with annual crops. Careful alternation on annual crop rotations will be taken to maximize the benefits of using leguminous to fix nitrogen in soil. Cultivation will be carried out manually respecting appropriate agrotechnical norms for the species. The annual crop production assumes that improved agronomic practices, nutrient management, no till and residue retention, water management and manure application will be applied. No fire will be used in the Land Use conversion.

**Modelling details:** The activities under this module represent a Land Use change (LU) from shrubs to agroforestry plantation system of perennial fruit trees, annual crop production and trees for hedgerow is contemplated.

*Marabu* initial status: tier 2 coefficients are used, the same ones as previously calculated in the CEDPAL module. Specifically, the above ground biomass sink is 19.6 tons of C per ha, the below ground biomass estimated at 4.35 ton of C per ha and the soil 28 ton of C per ha.

*Citrus and an annual crop:* tier 1 or default coefficients are used to calculate the GHG impact.

*Hedgerow:* for the initial state we used tier 2 coefficient for Marabu as calculated above in CEDPLA, for above ground biomass was 19.6 ton of C per ha per year, for below-ground 4.4 ton of C per ha per year and for soil 28.0 ton C per ha.

Input calculations were carried out to estimate the total active NPK ingredients in agrochemicals as following equations 1, 2, and 3 above.

•For with project the following values were estimated as: 4 tons N; 5.8 tons P2O5 and 7.6 tons KCl.

N from organic compost is estimated to be 4.98 tons

Diesel is 122 and gasoline is 18 cubic meters respectively.

Electricity is 164MWh.

•In the case of without project, it is estimated that only 24% of the value of inputs, fuel and electricity will be used.

### Entries in Ex-Act

Modeling of the land use changed of 2529.36 hectares will be managed as follows:

- (I) 1201 ha of Marabu LUC to Perennial/Tree Crop. Without project only 288 ha will be converted to Perennial/ Tree Crop, with project all the 1201 ha will be converted after Marabu is removed.
- (II) 1201 ha of Marabu LUC to annual crops. Without project only 288 ha will be converted to annual crops, with project all the 1201 ha will be converted after Marabu is removed. Croplands will be managed to maintenance soil cover to promote soil moisture retention. Integrated management of crops will include improve timing and placement of fertilizers and improve varieties adapted to climatic conditions.
- (III) 126 ha of Marabu to Hedgerow were included. LUC to Perennial/Tree Crop. Without project only 30 ha will be converted to Perennial/ Tree Crop.
- (IV) Baseline scenario: Without the project, 1922 ha of Marabu will remain the same as shrubland and only 607 will be intervened.

### Step by Step Ex-ACT entries:

#### 3.1 Land use change Marabu to annual and perennial crops

2529 hectares of Marabu will be converted to Annual and Perennial crops.

2.1. Deforestation											
AEZ map											
Zone 1 = Tropical rain forest			Zone 2 = Tropical moist deciduous forest			Zone 3 = Tropical dry forest			Zone 4 = Tropical shrubland		
Type of vegetation that will be deforested	HWP# (tDM/ha)	Fire Use? (y/n)	Final use after deforestation	Forested area (ha)				Deforested area (ha)		Total Emissions (tCO2-eq)	
				Start	Without	*	With	Without	With	Without	With
Forest Zone 4	0	NO	Annual Crop	1201.45	913	D	0	288	1201	32,747	136,670
Forest Zone 4	0	NO	Perennial/Tree Crop	1201.45	913	D	0	288	1201	22,581	94,053
Forest Zone 4	0	NO	Perennial/Tree Crop	126.468	96	D	0	30	126	2,385	9,900
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	0	0	0	0
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	0	0	0	0
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	0	0	0	0
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	0	0	0	0
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	0	0	0	0
* Note concerning dynamics of change : "D" corresponds to default/linear, "I" to immediate and "E" to exponential (Please refer to the guidelines)											
Total Deforestation										57,712	240,624
										136,670	182,911

#### 3.2 Coefficients in the LUC- tier 2 for Marabu based in LUC on calculation explained above same as diagram 1.2.

#### 3.1 Crop production module

Management of annual crops: selection of improve agronomic, nutrient management, manure application

3.1. Annual systems (to be used also for pluri-annual systems such as cotton or sugarcane)														
3.1.1. Annual systems from other LU or converted to other LU (please fill step 2.LUC previously)														
Description	Main season crop	Management options					Residue management	Yield (t/ha/yr)	Area (ha)			Total Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -eq)		Balance
		Improved agronomic practices	Nutrient management	No till & residue retention	Water management	Mature application			Start	Without	With	Without	With	
Annual after Deforestation	Default	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		0	288.446	1201.446	-12.944	-53.916	-40.972	
Converted to AR	Default	?	?	?	?	?	Please select	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Annual after non-forest LU	Default	?	?	?	?	?	Please select	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Converted to OLUC	Default	?	?	?	?	?	Please select	0	0	0	0	0	0	

### 3.2 Coefficient for annual crops- tier 1 used.

3.1. Annual systems (to be used also for pluri-annual systems such as cotton or sugarcane)										
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Use this part only if you want to refine the analysis with Tier 2 coefficients. (default values are provided for your information only, while EX-ACT will use Tier 2 values automatically wherever specified)										
Systems	Rates of soil C sequestration (t CO <sub>2</sub> /ha/yr)		Minor season crop/ intercrop		Residue management	Residues/Biomass available for (t Dry Matter per ha)				Balance
	Default	Tier 2	Crop type	Yield (t/ha/yr)		Main season crop	Tier 2	Minor season crop/ intercrop	Default	Tier 2
Annual systems from (or to) other LU	2.79		None		Please select	4.4		None		
Annual after Deforestation	0		None		Please select	4.4		None		
Converted to AR	0		Maize		Retained	4.4		3.6		
Annual after non-forest LU	0		None		Please select	4.4		None		
Converted to OLUC	0		None		Please select	4.4		None		
Annual systems remaining annual systems										
description 1	0		None		Please select	3.6		None		
description 2	0		None		Please select	4.4		None		
description 3	0		None		Please select	4.4		None		
description 4	0		None		Please select	4.4		None		
description 5	0		None		Please select	4.4		None		
description 6	0		None		Please select	4.4		None		
description 7	0		None		Please select	4.4		None		
description 8	0		None		Please select	4.4		None		
description 9	0		None		Please select	4.4		None		
description 10	0		None		Please select	4.4		None		

### 3.3 Perennial crop

3.2.1. Perennial systems from other LU or converted to other LU (please fill step 2.LUC previously)										
Description	Residue/ biomass burning		Yield (t/ha/yr)		Area (ha)			Total Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -eq)		Balance
	Start	Without	With	Without	With	Without	With	Without	With	
Perennial after Deforestation	NO	0	319	1.328	0	-52.328	-217.889	-165.560		
Converted to AR	NO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perennial after non-forest LU	NO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Converted to OLUC	NO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 3.4 Coefficient for perennial crops- tier 1 used.

3.2. Perennial systems (agroforestry, orchards, tree crops...)										
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Use this part only if you want to refine the analysis with Tier 2 coefficients. (default values are provided for your information only, while EX-ACT will use Tier 2 values automatically wherever specified)										
Systems	Above-ground Growth rate (t C/ha/yr)		Below-ground Growth rate (t C/ha/yr)		Rates of soil C sequestration (t CO <sub>2</sub> /ha/yr)		Burning (quantity of residues and periodicity)			
	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Main season crop	Periodicity (yr)	Default	Tier 2
Perennial systems from (or to) other LU	2.6		0		0.7		10	1		
Perennial after Deforestation	0		0		0.7		10	1		
Converted to AR	0		0		0.7		10	1		
Perennial after non-forest LU	2.6		0		0.7		10	1		
Converted to OLUC	0		0		0.7		10	1		

### 3.5 RESULTS

CO <sub>2</sub>					N <sub>2</sub> O	CH <sub>4</sub>
FRUGAR per (ha/year)	CO <sub>2</sub> Biomass	CO <sub>2</sub> Soil	Inputs/investments			
All GHG in Ton CO <sub>2</sub> eq						
FRUGAR total balance (Ton CO <sub>2</sub> eq/year)	-573.998	-673.587	373.639	86.310	0.000	

FRUAGR Component	tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> eq per year	tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> eq in 7 years (project implementation)	tCO <sub>2</sub> eq in 20 years ecosystem equilibrium reached.
Total	-784	-5491	-15687

The FRUGAR module could sequester approximately - 784 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>eq per year or -5491 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq for the entire duration of the project implementation.

### 5.3 Module 3: MARREG- Management of the natural regeneration of native arboreal species

**Objective:** The module aims to support a natural regeneration of native tree species in areas with marabu.

**Activities:** The specific activities that will be carried out involved firstly manually and small machinery to harvest the marabu (*Dichrostachys cinerea*) shrubbery for use for charcoal and fuelwood production. Then an inventory and selection of tree species to be regenerated will be identified according to the needs of the areas. Collection of promising saplings of desire species and their growth in nurseries will then take place. Saplings will then be cultivated in open spaces, aiming to a density of 2500 tress per ha to ensure that the trees crowns will impede light to eliminate the marabu.

**Inputs:** No use of fertilizer or compost is expected. 250 L/ha of diesel for machinery and 40 L/ha of gasoline for chainsaw are expected. Equation 3 was used to calculate inputs into EX-Act.

**Assumptions:** The medium annual increment (MAI) for marabu based on national experts is estimated at 1.3 m3 per ha year. The MAI for the native regeneration is estimated to be around 8 m3 per ha per year. In the case of without project, it is estimated that only half the value of fuel will be used.

**Modeling details:** The activities under this module represent a conversion of land through afforestation. Based on the description of the activities as no major soil disturbances are envision, this LUC is determined to take place from set aside/unused lands to afforestation uses. The tier 1 or default coefficients for above ground biomass of 3.29 ton C per ha per year, below ground of 0.66 ton of C per ha per year and litter of .3.65 ton C per ha per year seem to be adequate as there was no available national data. In case of the soil carbon, the values from the soil study referenced in CEDPAL module was used, for young forest this value is 45.6 ton of C per ha.

#### Entries in Ex-Act

Modeling of the land use change for the 3095 hectares was managed as follows:

- (I) 3095 ha of assisted natural regeneration. Without project only 743 ha will be assisted, with project all the 3095 ha will be converted.
- (II) Baseline scenario: Without the project, 2352 hectare will remain set aside land.

#### Step by Step Ex-ACT entries:

##### 4.1 MARREG Land use change:

2.2. Afforestation and Reforestation										
AEZ map										
		Zone 1 = Tropical rain forest		Zone 2 = Tropical moist deciduous forest		Zone 3 = Tropical dry forest		Zone 4 = Tropical shrubland		
Type of vegetation that will be planted	Fire Use? (y/n)	Previous land use	Area that will be afforested/reforested				Total Emissions (tCO2-eq)		Balance	
			Without	*	With	*	Without	With		
Forest Zone 2	NO	Set Aside	742.8	D	3095	D	-192,199	-800,830	-608,631	
Select the vegetation	NO	Select previous use	0	D	0	D	0	0	0	
Select the vegetation	NO	Select previous use	0	D	0	D	0	0	0	
Select the vegetation	NO	Select previous use	0	D	0	D	0	0	0	
Select the vegetation	NO	Select previous use	0	D	0	D	0	0	0	
Select the vegetation	NO	Select previous use	0	D	0	D	0	0	0	
Select the vegetation	NO	Select previous use	0	D	0	D	0	0	0	
Select the vegetation	NO	Select previous use	0	D	0	D	0	0	0	
Select the vegetation	NO	Select previous use	0	D	0	D	0	0	0	
* Note concerning dynamics of change : "D" corresponds to default/linear, "I" to immediate and "E" to exponential (Please refer to the guidelines)										
Tier 2				Total Aff./Reforestation				-192,199	-800,830	-608,631

4.2 Coefficient selection- default for all except soil where tier 2 was selected.

**2.2. Afforestation and Reforestation**

Available AEZ: Zone 1 = Tropical rain forest, Zone 2 = Tropical moist deciduous forest, Zone 3 = Tropical dry forest, Zone 4 = Tropical shrubland

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You have indicated that you are using the following types of vegetation: Forest Zone 2

Use this part only if you want to refine the analysis with Tier 2 coefficients. (default values are provided for your information only, while EX-ACT will use Tier 2 values automatically wherever specified)

All values are in t of carbon per ha (tC/ha)

Type of vegetation that will be planted	Growth rates for systems up to 20-yr old		Growth rates for systems after 20-yr old		Litter	Dead wood	Soil carbon	Tier 2
	Above-ground	Below-ground	Above-ground	Below-ground				
Forest - Zone 1	5.17	1.91	1.46	0.54	3.65	0	65	
Forest - Zone 2	3.29	0.66	0.94	0.19	3.65	0	65	45.6
Forest - Zone 3	1.88	1.05	0.47	0.26	3.65	0	65	

### 4.3 RESULTS

	CO <sub>2</sub>			N <sub>2</sub> O	CH <sub>4</sub>
MARREG per (ha/year)	CO <sub>2</sub> Biomass	CO <sub>2</sub> Soil	Inputs/investments		
All GHG in Ton CO <sub>2</sub> eq					
MARREG total balance (Ton CO <sub>2</sub> eq/year)	-27509.449	-2922.083	213.573	0.000	0.000

MARREG Component	tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> eq per year	tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> eq in 7 years (project implementation)	tCO <sub>2</sub> eq in 20 years ecosystem equilibrium reached.
Total	-30218	-211526	-604359

The regeneration management in 3094.7 ha could sequester -30,218 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq per year or -211526 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq for the entire duration of the project implementation.

### 5.4 Module 4: MARFOM- Establishment of planted forests close to nature

**Objective:** The module aims to establishment of Close-to-Nature Planted Forests (CTNPF) in areas currently invaded with Marabu.

**Activities:** The activities that will be carried out are: the removal of Marabu (*Dichrostachys cinerea*) shrubbery using subsoiling and brushcutter. The above ground biomass from the shrubbery will be mulch and left in the ground. This will be followed by the establishment of a CTNPF by plantation of mixtures of native and exotic species including *Pinus caribaea*, *Cordia gerascanthus*, *Caesalpinea violácea* (yarúa), *Colubrina ferruginosa* (bijáguara), *Lysiloma bahamensis* (soplillo) and *Guazuma ulmifolia* (guásima) sp at a rate of 184 plants/ha on sites where Marabu has been mechanically eliminated. A hedgerow will be installed with local species including *Anacardium occidentale* (Marañón) at a rate of 64 plants/ha, *Mangifera indica* (Mango) at a rate of 32 plants/ha and *Tamarindus indica* (Tamarindo) at a rate of 24 plants/ha.

**Inputs:** Inputs include the use of 220 L/ha of diesel and 50 L/ha of gasoline.

**Assumptions:** The implementation of the module considers that 100% of the area will be dedicated to forest plantation. The without project scenario considers that only 24% of the proposed area could be cover without the additional resources from the GCF. In consultation with the project's implementation

unit, it is concluded that no fire will be used for the conversion of Marabu to perennial plantation and to forest species.

**Modeling details:** The activities under this module represent a Land Use (LU) change from shrubbery to an intense forest regeneration.

*Calculation on Marabu carbon factors:* Tier 2 coefficients are used, the same ones as previously calculated in the CEDPAL module. Specifically, the above ground biomass sink is 19.6 tons of C per ha the below ground biomass estimated at 4.35 ton of C per ha and the soil 28 ton of C per ha.

*Calculation on forest trees carbon factors:* we used the default tier 1 emission factors coefficients as provided by Ex-Act for forest plantation.

*Calculation on Perennial tree crops (fruit trees):* we used the default tier 1 emission factors coefficients as provided by Ex-Act.

*Calculation of Hedgerow:* applies the same tier 2 coefficients for the initial sate for Marabu as calculated in the CEDPLA module.

*Input calculations:* Using equation 3 the following inputs were calculated 256.66 cubic meters of diesel and 58.322 cubic meters of gasoline.

The modeling of the land use change of the 8166.52 hectares will be managed as follows:

- (I) 8167 ha of *Marabu to Perennial/Tree Crop*. Without project only 1862 ha will be converted to forest plantation, with project all the 8167 ha will be converted after Marabu is removed.
- (II) Hedgerow in about 5% of total area 408 ha will be installed with project and only 90 ha without project.
- (III) Baseline scenario: Without the project, 6207 hectare will remain set aside and 1960 will be intervened.

## Step by Step Ex-ACT modelling:

### MARFOM 1: Marabu to forest plantation

#### 5.1 Land use change module

Zone 1 = Tropical rain forest														Zone 2 = Tropical moist deciduous forest				Zone 3 = Tropical dry forest				Zone 4 = Tropical shrubland			
Type of vegetation that will be deforested	HWP# (IDM/ha)	Fire Use? (y/n)	Final use after deforestation	Forested area (ha)				Deforested area (ha)				Total Emissions (tCO2-eq)		Balance											
				Start	Without	*	With	*	Without	With	Without	With													
Forest Zone 4	0	NO	Perennial/Tree Crop	7758.19	5896.2274	D	0	D	1862	7758	146,102	608,760	462,657												
Forest Zone 4	0	NO	Perennial/Tree Crop	408.326	310.32776	D	0	D	98	408	7,690	32,040	24,350												
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	D	0	0	0	0	0												
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	D	0	0	0	0	0												
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	D	0	0	0	0	0												
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	D	0	0	0	0	0												
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	D	0	0	0	0	0												
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D	0	D	0	0	0	0	0												
#Harvested Wood Products																									
* Note concerning dynamics of change : "D" corresponds to default/linear, "I" to immediate and "E" to exponential (Please refer to the guidelines)																									
Tier 2											Total Deforestation	153,792	640,800	487,008											

#### 5.2. Coefficients in the LUC

Type of vegetation that will be deforested	All values are in t of carbon per ha (tC/ha)									
	Above-ground		Below-ground		Litter		Dead wood		Soil carbon	
	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2
Forest Zone 1	141.0		52.2		3.7		0.0		65.0	
Forest Zone 2	103.4		24.8		3.7		0.0		65.0	
Forest Zone 3	98.7		27.6		3.7		0.0		65.0	
Forest Zone 4	37.6	19.6	15.0	4.4	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.0	28.0

#### 5.3 Crop Production module

3.2.1. Perennial systems from other LU or converted to other LU (please fill step 2.LUC previously)									
Description	Residue/biomass burning	Yield (t/ha/yr)	Area (ha)		Total Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -eq)		Balance		
Perennial after Deforestation	NO		Start	Without	With	Without	With		
Converted to A/R	NO		0	1,960	8,167	-413,585	-1,723,272		-1,309,687
Perennial after non-forest LU	NO		0	0	0	0	0		0
Converted to OLUC	NO		0	0	0	0	0		0

#### 5.4 Coefficient for perennial

<div>Back</div> <p>Use this part only if you want to refine the analysis with Tier 2 coefficients. (default values are provided for your information only, while EX-ACT will use Tier 2 values automatically wherever specified)</p>									
Systems	Above-ground Growth rate (t C/ha/yr)		Below-ground Growth rate (t C/ha/yr)		Rates of soil C sequestration (t CO <sub>2</sub> /ha/yr)		Burning (quantity of residues and periodicity)		
	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Main season crop	Periodicity (yr)	
Perennial systems from (or to) other LU									
Perennial after Deforestation	2.6	3.4	0		0.7		10	1	
Converted to A/R	0		0		0.7		10	1	
Perennial after non-forest LU	2.6		0		0.7		10	1	
Converted to OLUC	0		0		0.7		10	1	

## 5.5 RESULTS

	CO <sub>2</sub>			N <sub>2</sub> O	CH <sub>4</sub>
MARFOM per (ha/year)	CO <sub>2</sub> Biomass	CO <sub>2</sub> Soil	Inputs/investments		
All GHG in Ton CO <sub>2</sub> eq					
MARFOM total balance (Ton CO <sub>2</sub> eq/year)	-37549.659	-3584.286	527.046	0.000	0.000

MARFON Component	tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> eq per year	tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> eq in 7 years (project implementation)	tCO <sub>2</sub> eq in 20 years ecosystem equilibrium reached.
Total	-40607	-284248	-812138

The plantation following the removal of marabu in 8167 ha is estimated to be able to sequester -40607 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq per year or -284248 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq for the entire duration of the project implementation.

### 5.5 Module 5: SILLEC- Silvopastoral system with arbustive leguminous

**Objective:** The establishment of sustainable silvopastoral systems in grassland areas affected by Marabu. The intervention focuses on improve the conditions of the grasslands and improve the cattle's feed availability.

**Activities:** The specific activities that will be carried out are the establishment of *Leucaena sp* and *Thitonia sp.* in double strips every 3 m. applying conservation tillage practices for the progressive introduction of more drought resistant and improved pastures varieties (*Panicum m.*, *Penisetum purp.* and *Brachiaria x.*). A hedgerow will be installed with *Glyricidia sepium* trees and internal electric fence to regulate livestock grazing and to allow pasture recovery and soil conservation.

**Inputs:** Inputs include the use of 85 kWh/ha Electricity, 133 L/ha of diesel and 50 L/ha of gasoline.

**Assumptions:** The implementation of the module considers that all activities will improve the conditions of grasslands in 100% of the area. The without project scenario considers that conditions in 100% of the area of grasslands will remain moderately degraded. The number of cattle will remain the same: 2 heads/ha, it considers 20% of calves. Improving the cattle's feed availability, improves digestibility which impacts enteric emissions.

**Modeling details:** The activities under this module represent a grassland system remaining grassland system with the aim of improving the state of the degradation and include sustainable livestock production management.

*Calculation on state of grasslands systems carbon factors:* we use tier 2 emission factor from a previous soil study in Cuba that evaluates the soil carbon stocks in grasslands under good conditions and then from a base of 52.3 ton C/ha per ha minus 25.44% ton of C per ha impact of soil degradation we use for moderately degraded 38.99 ton C/ha

*Calculation on Livestock:* the factor emission of calves is 1.4 kg CH<sub>4</sub> per head per year, this was obtained from a study in México.<sup>15</sup>

*Calculation of Hedgerow:* applies tier 1 coefficient LUC from grassland to perennial.

*Input calculations:* Based on equation 3 the following inputs for exact were Ex-Act tool were 199.47 cubic meters of diesel and 74.99 cubic meters of gasoline.

The modeling of the state of the grasslands in 10,498.6 hectares was managed as follows:

- (I) 8924 ha with better grassland management practices with project situation and only 2142 without project
- (II) 524.93 ha of perennial tree stripes will be installed in with project situation and 126 without project situation.
- (III) 1050 ha of silvopastoril system (Alley Cropping) will be installed in with project situation and only 252 without project situation.
- (IV) The number of cattle will remain the same: 2 heads/ha, that represent 26,247 cows and 5249 calves, assumes 20% for stocking. Feeding practices will be improved 100% with project. Feeding practices will improved by 100% in with project and 24% in without project.
- (V) Baseline scenario: Without the project, 6782 ha will remain moderately degraded. No Improve feed production and livestock will remain the same as for the initial situation. No hedgerow will be installed in this area.

## Step by Step Ex-ACT modelling:

*SILLEC 1: Silvopastoril system with arbustive leguminous (please referred to the Excel spreadsheet as the constrast of the color in the tool makes it hard to ready the copy)*

### 6.1 LUC other

2.3. Other Land Use Changes											
Fill with your description	Initial land use	Final land use	Message	Fire Use? (y/n)	Area transformed (ha)				Total Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -eq)		Balance
					Without	With	Without	With			
Cercas Vivas	Grassland	Perennial/tree Crop		NO	126	0	525	0	503	2,095	1,592
Sistemas silvopastoriles	Grassland	Perennial/tree Crop		NO	252	0	1,050	0	-12,287	-51,195	-38,908
	Select Initial Land Use	Select Final Land Use	Fill Initial LU	NO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 6.2 Coefficient for LUC

<sup>8</sup>González-Avalos E. and L. G. Ruiz-Suárez, 1997. Modeling methane emissions from cattle in Mexico. Sci Total Environ. 1997 Nov 5;206(2-3):177-86. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0048-9697\(97\)80008-3](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0048-9697(97)80008-3)

All values are in t of carbon per ha (tC/ha/yr)

(default values are provided for your information only, while EX-ACT will use Tier 2 values automatically wherever specified)

### 6.3 Grassland and livestock module

Total Grassland Systems	-86 167	-372 467	-286 300
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#### 6.4 Coefficients for grasslands state

### 6.5 The Livestock module

### 6.6 Coefficients for livestock

### 6.7 The perennial module- grass production

### 6.8 coefficient perennial production

For perennial system coming from grasslands, croplands, forestry and plantations, the response ratio Flu (dimension less is used). Refer to Cardinael et al 2018 for further details.  
For hedegrow, above-ground and below-ground biomass growth rate are given in tC/km/yr

Systems	Above-ground Growth rate (t C/ha/yr)		Below-ground Growth rate (t C/ha/yr)		Rates of soil C sequestration (t CO <sub>2</sub> /ha/yr)		Burning (quantity of residues and periodicity)	
	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2
Perennial systems from (or to) other LU								
Perennial after Deforestation					0.70		10.00	1
Converted to A/R	0.00		0.00		0.70		10.00	1
Perennial after non-forest LU					0.70		10.00	1
Converted to OLUC	0.00		0.00		0.70		10.00	1
Perennial syst. remaining perennial syst.								

## 6.9 Results

	CO <sub>2</sub>				
SILLEC per (ha/year) All GHG in Ton CO <sub>2</sub> eq	CO <sub>2</sub> Biomass	CO <sub>2</sub> Soil	Inputs/investments	N <sub>2</sub> O	CH <sub>4</sub>
SILLEC total balance (Ton CO <sub>2</sub> eq/year)	-5969.634	-16707.518	507.598	0.000	-777.587

SILLEC Component	tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> eq per year	tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> eq in 7 years (project implementation)	tCO <sub>2</sub> eq in 20 years ecosystem equilibrium reached.
Total	-22947	-160630	-458943

The silvopasture systems 10,499 ha could sequester -22,947 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq per year or -160630 for the entire duration of the project implementation.

## 5.6 Module 6: SILSOM- Silvopasture with shadow trees and protein Banks

**Objective:** The establishment of sustainable silvopastoral systems in grassland areas affected by Marabu. The intervention focuses on improve the conditions of the grasslands, establishing a protein food bank to improve cattle's feed quality and availability and to reduce temperature stress due to the shade provided by the trees in the silvopastoral systems. The grasses can also be harvested for energy if deemed appropriate.

**Activities:** The activities that will be carried out are the Introduction of more drought resistant varieties (*Panicum m. Brachiaria brizantha*) in combination with 30 shade trees / ha (*Samanea saman*) applying conservation tillage to improve pastures. A contour fencing (*Glyricidia*, *Bursera*, *Spondias*), grazing rotation and establishment of a protein (Thitonia, Morera, Moringa sp.) and energy (Pennisetum x., Sacharum) "banks" on 15% of the area as feed reserves to be cut and harvested in the dry periods.

**Inputs:** Inputs include the use of fertilizers NPK 389.85 ton, electricity 65 kWh, diesel 367 L/ha and 50 L/ha gasoline.

**Assumptions:** The implementation of the module considers that all activities will improve the conditions of grasslands in 100% of the area. The without project scenario considers that conditions in 100% of the area of grasslands will remain moderately degraded. The number of cattle will remain the same: 2 heads/ha, it considers 20% of calves. Improving the cattle's feed availability, improves digestibility and that impact directly in enteric emissions. We assume that the priority use of grasses will be for feed rather than energy consumption.

**Modeling details:** The activities under this module represent a grassland system remaining grassland system improving the state of the degradation and include livestock management.

**Calculation on state of grasslands systems carbon factors:** we use tier 2 emission factor from a previous soil study in Cuba that evaluates the soil carbon stocks in grasslands under good conditions and then from a base of 52.3 ton C/ha per ha minus 25.44% ton of C per ha impact of soil degradation we use for moderately degraded 38.99 ton C/ha, as previously referenced.

**Calculation on Livestock:** the factor emission of calves is 1.4 kg CH<sub>4</sub> per head per year, this was obtained from a study in México as previously referenced.

**Calculation of Hedgerow:** applies tier 1 coefficient LUC from grassland to perennial.

**Inputs calculation:** Using equation 1,2 and 3 the following are calculated 89.98 MWh for electricity 508.10 cubic meters of diesel and 69.22 cubic meters of gasoline and N 4 tons per year, P2O5 6 tons per year and K2O 8 tons per year.

The modeling of the state of the grasslands in 9,691.2 hectares will be managed as follows:

- (VI) Planting forest trees (Silvopastures) on 25% of 9,691.2 ha= 2422.8ha, hedgerow on 5% of 9691.2 ha=485 ha. The project focuses on improving the conditions for the cattle's and soil, reduced temperature stress due to the shade provided by the trees in the silvopastoral systems with 30 shades trees/ha. The number of cattle will remain the same: 2 heads/ha
- (VII) Protein/energy banks on 15% of 9,691.2 ha= 1454 ha, this bank will improve the conditions of the soil (level of degradation) and the cattle's feed availability.
- (VIII) Baseline scenario: Without the project, 4,051 ha will remain moderately degraded. No grassland management and feeding practices will be improved and the number of livestock will remain the same as for the initial situation. There will be no protein/energy banks.

## Step by Step Ex-ACT modelling:

**SILSOM 1:** Silvopasture with shadow trees and protein Banks

**SILSOM 1:** Silvopasture

### 7.1 Land use change

2.3. Other Land Use Changes											
Fill with your description	Initial land use		Final land use	Message	Fire Use? (y/n)	Area transformed (ha)			Total Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -eq)		Balance
						Without	*	With	Without	With	
Silvopastoral	Grassland	→	Perennial/Tree Crop		NO	581		2,423	-13,049	-54,372	-41,323
Hedgerow	Grassland	→	Perennial/Tree Crop		NO	116		485	1,105	4,606	3,501
Protein bank	Degraded Land	→	Annual Crop		NO	349		1,454	-12,783	-53,262	-40,479
	Select Initial Land Use	→	Select Final Land Use	Fill Initial LU	NO	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 7.2 Coefficients Land use changes

Use this part only if you want to refine the analysis with Tier 2 coefficients.												
(default values are provided for your information only, while EX-ACT will use Tier 2 values automatically wherever specified)												
All values are in t of carbon per ha (tC/ha/yr)												
Systems	Initial land use	Biomass		Soil carbon		Final land use	Biomass (1st year)		Soil carbon		Belowground	
		Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2		Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2	Default	Tier 2
Silvopastoral	Grassland	7.6		47.0		Perennial/Tree Crop	2.91		58.8		0.79	
Hedgerow	Grassland	7.6		47.0		Perennial/Tree Crop	0.47		52.2		0.11	
Protein bank	Degraded/and	1.0		15.5		Annual Crop	5.00		22.6		0.00	

### 7.3 Grassland and livestock module

4.1.1. Grassland systems from other LU or converted to other LU (please fill step 2.LUC previously)															
Description	Initial State		Final state of the grassland		Fire use to manage?		Yield		Area (ha)			Total Emissions (tCO2-eq)		Balance	
			Without project	With project	Periodicity (Without)	Periodicity (With)	Start	Without	With	Start	Without	With			
Grassland after Deforestation	Select state		Select state		Y/yr	NO	5	NO	5	0	0	0	Without	With	
Converted to A/R	Select state		Select state		NO	5	NO	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Grassland after non-forest LU	Select state		Select state		NO	5	NO	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Converted to OLLC	Moderately Degraded		Moderately Degraded		Improved with inputs improvement	NO	5	NO	5	2,907	2,210	0	0	-21,203	-21,203

4.1.2. Grassland systems remaining grassland systems (total area must remain constant)														
Fill with your description	Initial State		Final state of the grassland		Fire use to manage?		Yield		Area (ha)			Total Emissions (tCO2-eq)		Balance
			Without project	With project	Periodicity (Without)	Periodicity (With)	Start	Without	With	Start	Without	With		
7% Intervention project	Moderately Degraded		Moderately Degraded		Improved with inputs improvement	Y/yr	NO	5	Y/yr	0	4,051	0	Without	With
24% Intervention without proj	Moderately Degraded		Moderately Degraded		Improved with inputs improvement	NO	5	NO	5	1,071	1,279	0	-1,674.12	-1,674.12
					Improved with inputs improvement	NO	5	NO	5	4,051	1,279	0	-52,867	-52,867

4.1.2. Grassland systems remaining grassland systems (total area must remain constant)															
Fill with your description	Initial State		Final state of the grassland		Fire use to manage?		Yield		Area (ha)			Total Emissions (tCO2-eq)		Balance	
			Without project	With project	Periodicity (Without)		Periodicity (With)		Start	Without	With	Without	With		
					(t/ha)	(t/ha/yr)	(t/ha)	(t/ha/yr)							
75 intervention project	Moderately Degraded		Moderately Degraded		Improved with inputs improvement		NO	5	NO	5	4,051	4,051	4,051	0	-167,412
24% intervention without project	Moderately Degraded		Improved with inputs improvement		Improved with inputs improvement		NO	5	NO	5	1,279	1,279	1,279	0	-52,847

## 7.4. Coefficients for grasslands state

4.1. Grassland systems

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Use this part only if you want to refine the analysis with Tier 2 coefficients.  
(default values are provided for your information only, while EX-ACT will use Tier 2 values automatically wherever specified)

Corresponding soil C stocks (tC/ha)		Above-ground (tC/ha)		Main season crop	
Non degraded	Default 65.0	Tier 2	6.2	Default	Tier 2
Severely Degraded	45.5				
Moderately Degraded	62.4	39.0			
Improved without inputs management	75.4				
Improved with inputs improvement	83.7	52.3			

## 7.5 The Livestock module

4.2. Livestock (and manure management)																
Livestock categories	Head number (mean per year)				Technical mitigation option (%)									Production (meat, milk, etc) in tonnes of product per year	Total Emissions (HCO <sub>2</sub> -eq)	Balance
	Start	Without project	+ With project	-	Feeding practices*			Specific Agents*			Breeding*					
					Start	Without	With	Start	Without	With	Start	Without	With			
Dairy cattle	19,382	19,382	19,382	0	0%	24%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other cattle	3,876	3,876	3,876	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
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## 7.6 coefficient for livestock

Livestock categories	Enteric fermentation (kg CH4 per head/yr)				% correspondings to pasture, range and paddock systems				Methane from manure management (kg CH4 per head/yr)			
	Default	Start	Without	With	Default	Start	Without	With	Default	Start	Without	With
Dairy cattle	63				36%				1.00			
Other cattle	56	1.4	1.4	1.4	99%				1.00			
Buffalo	63				99%				1.00			

## 7.7. The land use change grassland to perennial and annual module

3.1.1. Annual systems from other LU or converted to other LU (please fill step 2.LUC previously)											
Description	Main season crop		Management options		Definitions?		Yield?		Area (ha)		Total Emissions (tCO2-eq)
			Improved agronomic practices	Nutrient management	No till & residue retention	Water management	Manure application	Residue management	Start	Without	With
Annual after Deforestation	Default		?	?	?	?	?	Please select	0	0	0
Converted to A/R	Default		?	?	?	?	?	Please select	0	0	0
Annual after non-forest LU	Default		Yes	Yes	?	?	?	Please select	0	349	1,454
Converted to OLLC	Default		?	?	?	?	?	Please select	0	0	0

3.2.1. Perennial systems from other LU or converted to other LU (please fill step 2.LUC previously)							
Description	Residue/ biomass burning	Yield (t/ha/yr)	Area (ha)		Total Emissions (tCO2-eq)		
			Start	Without	With	Without	With
Perennial after Deforestation	NO		0	0	0	0	0
Converted to A/R	NO		0	0	0	0	0
Perennial after non-forest LU	NO		0	698	2,907	-105,678	-440,325
Converted to OLLC	NO		0	0	0	0	0

## 7.8 RESULTS

### SILSOM- Silvopasture with shadow trees and protein Banks\_Results

	CO2				
SILSOM per (ha/year) All GHG in Ton CO2 eq	CO2 Biomass	CO2 Soil	Inputs/investments	N2O	CH4
SILSOM total balance (Ton CO2 eq/year)	-15258.336	-16716.498	1010.323	12.797	-574.218

SILLOM Component	<u>tonnes of CO2eq per year</u>	<u>tonnes of CO2eq in 7 years (project implementation)</u>	<u>tCO2eq in 20 years ecosystem equilibrium reached.</u>
Total	-31526	-220682	-630519

*The 9,691.2 ha of silvopature with shade trees could sequester -31, 526 tCO2eq per year or -220682 tCO2eq for the entire duration of the project implementation.*

## 6. Results

12. **Net carbon balance.** The net carbon balance quantifies GHGs emitted or sequestered resulting from the project compared to the “without project” (BAU) scenario. In this case results indicate that the project constitutes a carbon sink of -2,675,726.65 million tCO<sub>2</sub>-eq in 20 years. Without the project Cuba will be limited to intervene only in 24% of the area proposed based on previous budget support in of similar projects, thus reducing the scalability of the interventions. This indicates that the project can also have an important contribution in mitigation which complements the adaptation and resilience objectives sought by the project.

**Table 5. Summary of Results Mitigation Impact per module**

Module	<u>tonnes of CO2eq per year</u>	<u>tonnes of CO2eq in 7 years (project implementation)</u>	<u>tCO2eq in 20 years ecosystem equilibrium reached.</u>
CEDPLA	-7704	-53928	-154081
FRUAGR	-784	-284248	-15687
MARFON	-40607	-284248	-812138
MARREG	-30218	-211526	-604359
SILLEC	-22947	-160630	-458943
SILLOM	-31526	-220682	-630519
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>(2,675,726.65)</b>

13. According to table 6, the sinks from CO<sub>2</sub> absorption from biomass, and soil have a significant contribution. Improvements in feeding practices help generate an absorption from enteric methane.

**Table 6: Summary of GHG contribution.**

Green house gases according to sources in Ton CO2 equivalent per ha per year					
Module	CO <sub>2</sub>			N <sub>2</sub> O	CH <sub>4</sub>
	CO <sub>2</sub> Biomass	CO <sub>2</sub> Soil	Inputs/investments		
CEDPLA total balance (Ton CO <sub>2</sub> eq/year)	-5105	-404	57	198	0
FRUGAR total balance (Ton CO <sub>2</sub> eq/year)	-574	-674	374	86	0
MARREG total balance (Ton CO <sub>2</sub> eq/year)	-27509	-2922	214	0	0
MARFOM total balance (Ton CO <sub>2</sub> eq/year)	-37550	-3584	527	0	0
SILLEC total balance (Ton CO <sub>2</sub> eq/year)	-5970	-16708	508	0	-778
SILSOM total balance (Ton CO <sub>2</sub> eq/year)	-15258	-16716	1010	13	-574
<b>Totales</b>	<b>-91966.5</b>	<b>-41008.2</b>	<b>2689.3</b>	<b>296.8</b>	<b>-1351.8</b>

14. Sensitivity analysis. This is an ex ante analysis and was done under very conservative assumptions to minimize the overestimation of benefits. It will be important to closely monitor the assumptions made during project implementation to truly assess the impact of the project on the ground.