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GETTING CARBON VALUE OUT OF THE FORESTRY AND WOOD SECTOR IN ANNEX I COUNTRIES: THE FRENCH EXAMPLE

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The current document presents the computations and results of the carbon sequestration of every project complementing what was presented in Annex 1. of the Report.

The computations presented are intended to illustrate the study rather than to give precise project accounting. The results rely on many approximations and assumptions, and should therefore be taken with caution.

CALCULATIONS PERFORMED FOR EACH PROJECT

This Annex describes the procedure followed to calculate the carbon sequestration of each project. The assumptions, extrapolations and approximations employed determine that these results must be considered with prudence. Therefore, they should be considered mainly as rough estimates rather than as precise results.

The conversion coefficients used in our calculations are:

1 m³ of harvested wood = 1 metric ton of CO_2

1 Dry metric Ton (DMT) = 0.5 metric tons of carbon

1 metric ton of carbon = 3.667 metric tons of CO₂

Unless indicated otherwise, all the calculations and hypotheses have been performed and defined by CDC Climat Research.

Example 1) Hardwood sawlog afforestation project

A. General project information

<u>Species</u>: Hybrid walnut (*sp. junglans nigla*)¹ <u>Location</u>: Region of Provence-Alpes-Cote-d'Azur (PACA) <u>Project Size</u>: 10 ha <u>Initial stocking density</u>: 200 trees/ha – *low density* <u>Forest management</u>: Thinned in years 25, 40 and 55. Clear cut in year 80.

B. Methodology used for the calculation of the carbon sequestration of the afforestation project

Forest stocks

The carbon sequestration data of the project during the certification period are taken from the accounting prepared by Reverchon (2006) for this project. These data are based on growth models (Becquey 1997) and on methodologies validated by the UNFCCC for afforestation projects. The parameters used by Reverchon include, among other things, the infradensity of the wood ($D=0.55^2$) and the rate of carbon in the dry ligneous matter (Tc = 0.5^3).

The carbon sequestration of the project in its forestry compartment is illustrated in Figure 1.

Intended use of the harvest: On the basis of the data provided by Reverchon on the levels of harvesting during each forestry management operation, we have defined several hypotheses concerning the use of the harvested material. The conversion from m^3 /ha to DMT/ha is done by using the density⁴ of the species at 15% moisture content = 0.670 DMT/m³. These estimates allow us to see the other effects of extending carbon sequestration in wood products and the reduction of emissions from other sources than use wood in energy generation or construction.

³ GIEC

¹ Other eligible species: wild cherry, walnut, alder, sycamore, service tree, field maple, mulberry, linden, pear. These species have been selected on account of their adaptability to the terrain and the climate in the region.

² Dupouey et al. (1999)

⁴ <u>http://www.worldagroforestry.org/sea/Products/AFDbases/WD/asps/DisplayDetail.asp?SpecID=1877</u>





Source: CDC Climat Research from Reverchon (2006)

Table 1– Projet 1: The harvest and its uses

Forestry	Age	Harvest	Conversion	Us	ses (%	Aspects	
operation	(years)	(m3/ha)	(15% hum)	EW	SW	PW	valued
Thinning 1	25	27.7	18.5	100%	0%	0%	ES
Thinning 2	40	57.4	38.5	90%	10%	0%	HWP, ES, MS
Thinning 3	55	71.5	47.9	80%	20%	0%	HWP, ES, MS
Clear cutting	80	272.9	182.8	50%	50%	0%	HWP, ES, MS

EW: Energy Wood, SW: Sawlogs, PW: Pulpwood

ES: Energy Substitution, HWP: Inventory of Wood Products, MS: Material Substitution

Harvested wood products (HWP)

We use the CCX methodology for the calculation of the extended storage of carbon in wood products. This methodology grants one carbon credit for each metric ton of CO₂ contained in the wood products (in use or buried in a landfill) and not re-emitted into the atmosphere 100 years after the harvest. It is based on data released by the US Department of Energy, each type of wood has its carbon conversion factor, depending on the product category it is destined to (sawlogs, pulpwood). The CCX coefficients are available for the US at the regional level, as an approximation, we calculate the average value of the extended storage of carbon in the wood products, depending on the two usage categories: sawlog and pulpwood.

	Sawlog	Pulpwood
Hardwood	0.276	0.241
Softwood	0.350	0.203

Source: CCX Offset Project Protocol - Forestry Carbon Sequestration⁵

⁵ http://www.chicagoclimatex.com/docs/offsets/CCX Forestry Sequestration Protocol Final.pdf (page 54)

The assumptions of intended use of the harvest were presented in Table 1 and they lead to the results in Table 2 for the stocks in the wood products.

Forestry operation	Age (years)	Harvest (DMT/ha)	Harvest intended for wood products	st Stocks in harvested wood I for products (tC) (after 100 years)		Stocks in harvested wood products (tCO ₂ e)	
		(Jours) (Jours) products (DMT)		sw	PW	(after 100 years)	
Thinning 1	25	18.5	0.0	0.00	0.00	0	
Thinning 2	40	38.5	38.5	5.30	0.00	19	
Thinning 3	55	47.9	95.8	13.20	0.00	48	
Clear cutting	80	182.8	914.0	125.90	0.00	462	

Table 2 – Projet 1: Extended Sequestration in wood products

EW: Energy Wood, SW: Sawlogs, PW: Pulpwood

Energy substitution (ES)

The calculations use the average value by default of the following energy content: one metric ton of dry material (DMT) in the wood produces 2.93 kWh or 10.56 GJ (Sources: CITEPA, 2007. OMINEA). The average of the CO_2 emission factors per GJ of energy generated from coal, home heating oil and natural gas used by CITEPA (in accordance with GIEC recommendations), i.e. 0.8 tCO₂ prevented per DMT of wood used.

			11	Energy substitution			
Forestry operation	Age (years)	Harvest (DMT/ha)	Harvest intended for energy(DMT)	Energy produced (KWh)	Avoided emissions (tCO ₂)		
Thinning 1	25	18.5	185.0	542.1	148		
Thinning 2	40	38.5	346.5	1015.2	277		
Thinning 3	55	47.9	383.2	1122.8	307		
Clear cutting	80	182.8	914.0	2678.0	731		

Table 3 – Projet 1: Energy substitution

Materials substitution (MS)

This calculation is based on the hypothesis that the entire volume of wood harvested in the project is transformed into beams, and that these wooden beams replace aluminum beams. The substitution coefficient used is that of the ENSTIB for a beam with a span of 7.5 m, a permanent load of 75 kg/m and an operating load of 300 kg/m, and volume per beam of 0.35 m^3 , i.e. 321 metric tons of CO₂ emissions avoided per beam.

On the basis of the number of beams of this size produced per metric ton of dry wood material, we get the material substitution effect:

Tableau 4 – Projet 1: Material substitution

			Material s	ubstitution
Forestry operation	Age	SW (m3)	Beams	Avoided Emissions (tCO ₂) hyp. aluminum
Thinning 1	25	0.00	0.00	0
Thinning 2	40	38.46	109.90	35
Thinning 3	55	95.78	273.67	88
Clear cutting	80	914.08	2611.66	838

C. Carbon sequestration balance - 10 ha hardwood sawlog afforestation project

	ForestStocks	estStocks Stocks in Harvested Total Stocks Wood products		Substitution	Total
Baseline (after 25 years)	0.05 ktCO ₂	0	0.05 ktCO ₂	0	0.05 ktCO ₂
Baseline (after 80 years)	0.3 ktCO ₂	0	0.3 ktCO ₂	0	0.3 ktCO ₂
Project (after 25 years)	1.18 ktCO ₂	0	1.18 ktCO2	0.14 ktCO2 (ES)	1.33 ktCO ₂
Project (after 79 years)	3.77 ktCO ₂ e	0.07 ktCO ₂	3.84 ktCO ₂	0.73 ktCO ₂ (ES) + 0.12 ktCO ₂ (MS)	4.70 ktCO ₂
Project (after 80 years – harvest)	0 ktCO ₂	0.53 ktCO ₂	0.53 ktCO ₂	1.47 ktCO ₂ (ES) + 0.96 ktCO ₂ (MS)	2.95 ktCO ₂

Example 2) Afforestation industrial project for energy production

A. General project information

Species: Willow (sp.Salix)

Location: Aquitaine region

Project Size: 1 000 ha

<u>Forest management regime</u>: Project designed for 30 years with clear cutting every 3 years and natural reforestation until the project reaches maturity. 300 hectares are planted in years 1, 2 and 3 and the remaining 100 hectares in year 4 and then following the same pattern until the project ends.

B. Methodology used for the calculation of the project's carbon sequestration

Forest stocks

The accounting of the carbon sequestration was based on methodologies approved by UNFCCC for afforestation projects.

The parameters used in our calculations include the density of the wood (D = 0.45 DMT/m^3), the biomass expansion factor (BEF = 1.4) and the rate of carbon in the dry ligneous matter (Tc = $0.5 \text{ tC/DMT})^6$. The annual increase in the biomass is estimated at inc = $16 \text{ m}^3/\text{ha/year}$.

Ultimately, the resulting carbon sequestration of the project in its forest compartment is illustrated in Figure 2.

⁶ IPCC National Inventory Good Practice Guidelines, 2006

Figure 2– Carbon sequestration by the energy afforestation project



Source: CDC Climat Research

Intended use of the harvest: We determine the annual levels of harvest from the forest management regime. The conversions from tCO_2 to DMT were done using the following factors: density = 1.30 tons of green wood (TGW)/m³ and moisture content = 0.45 DMT/TGW. The entire harvest is destined for the production of wood energy.

	Table 5– Pro	ject 2: The	harvest and	l its uses
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Vears	Forestry by clear		Conversion	Uses (%)			Aspects to
Tours	operation	cutting (ktCO2)	(total)	EW	SW	PW	be valued
3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31	Clear cutting	16.6	194.6	100%	0%	0%	SE
6, 9, 12, 15,18, 21, 24, 27, 30	Clear cutting	22.2	116.7	100%	0%	0%	SE

EW: Energy Wood, SW: Sawlogs, PW: Pulpwood ES: Energy Substitution

Stocks in harvested in wood products (HWP)

Cannot be valued.

Energy substitution (ES)

Calculation performed using the same methodology used in the previous project:

Table 6 – Project 2: Energy substitution

			Total	Energy substitution		
Year	Forestry Harves operation (kDMT		used for energy (kDMT)	Energy produced (MWh)	Avoided Emissions (ktCO2)	
3,4,5,7,8,10,11,13,14,16, 17, 19,20,22,23,25,26,28,19,31	Clear cutting	194.6	194.6	570	156	
6,9,12,15,18,21,24, 27, 30	Clear cutting	116.8	116.8	342	93	

Material substitution (MS)

Cannot be valued.

Carbon emissions (CE)

Carbon emissions have been estimated in the basis of the calculations performed by Liberloo et al. for a TTCR project after 3 years and correspond to 15% of the emissions avoided thanks to the use of wood for energy production.

C. Carbon sequestration balance for the afforestation industrial project for energy production

	Forest stocks (ktCO ₂ e)	Stocks in Harvested Wood products (ktCO2e)	Total stocks (ktCO ₂ e)	Total stocks (ktCO ₂ e) Substitution (ktCO ₂ e)		Total (ktCO₂e)
Baseline (after 25 years)	4.9	0	4.9	0	0	4.9
Baseline (after 30 years)	6.6	0	6.6	0	0	6.6
Project (after 4 years)	18.5	0	18.5	15.6 (ES)	- 2.3	31.7
Project (after 25 years)	18.5	0	18.5	197.2 (ES)	- 29.6	186.1
Project (after 30 years)	16.6	0	16.6	241.3 (ES)	- 36.2	221.8

Example 3) Conversion of chestnut coppice to an uneven-aged high forest stand

A. General project information

Species: Chestnut (sp. Castanea sativa Mill.)

Location: Rhône-Alpes region

Project Size: 800 ha

<u>Forest management regime</u>: Conversion from short-rotation coppice system (20 years) with a density of approximately 1000 trees/ha to an uneven aged high forest stand. During a transition phase, two thinnings are carried out at a three-year interval (to obtain a density of 100 to 300 trees/ha). The stand is then maintained as an uneven-aged forest by thinning every 7 years.

B. Methodology used for the calculation of the carbon sequestration achieved by the project

Forest stocks

The accounting of the carbon sequestration achieved by the project and its baseline was conducted on the basis of an extrapolation of the Bédéneau growth model (1993) for a chestnut coppice forest by applying the average values of carbon sequestration for a hardwood species in a coppice forest and in a high forest stand reported by the CARBOFOR project (2004)

Ultimately, the carbon sequestration of the project in its forest compartment is presented in Figure 3.





Source: CDC Climat Research

Intended use of the harvest:: The annually harvest volume for the two scenarios were determined from the described mode of forest management, after conversion of tCO_2 into DMT (density of the species in question at 15% moisture content = 0.5 DMT/m³)⁷. For the baseline, the applied usage assumptions were taken from Guyon (1998) for the harvesting of a chestnut coppice forest: 40% to chips, 50% for floor panels and 10% for industrial cabinetmaking, i.e. 100% pulpwood. For the project scenario, we assume that the distribution is identical to the final cutting of the afforestation project for sawlogs (50% sawlogs and 50% pulpwood).



<u>Baseline</u>

Forestry Age		Harvest	Conversion	ι	Jses (%	Aspects	
operation	(yrs.)	(m³/ha)	(15% moist.)	EW	SW	PW	valued
Clear cut 1	20	169.5	84.7	0%	0%	100%	SPB
Clear cut 2	40	169.5	84.7	0%	0%	100%	SPB
Clear cut 3	60	169.5	84.7	0%	0%	100%	SPB

EW: Energy Wood, SW: Sawlogs, PW: Pulpwood

ES: Energy Substitution, HWP: Inventory of Wood Products, MS: Material Substitution

Project scenario

Forestry operation	Age		Conversion DMT/ha	Uses (%)			Aspects
		(m²/na)	(15% moist.)	EW	SW	PW	valued
Clear cut 1	20	169.5	84.7	0%	0%	100%	SPB,SM
Thinning conversion	27	8.6	4.3	0%	50%	50%	SPB,SM
Thinning conversion	30	9.3	4.7	0%	50%	50%	SPB,SM
Thinning uneven-aged forest -1	40	79.5	39.8	0%	50%	50%	SPB,SM
Thinning uneven-aged forest - 2	47	79.5	39.8	0%	50%	50%	SPB,SM
Thinning uneven-aged forest - 3	54	79.5	39.8	0%	50%	50%	SPB,SM
Thinning uneven-aged forest - 4	61	79.5	39.8	0%	50%	50%	SPB, SM

EW: Energy Wood, SW: Sawlogs, PW: Pulpwood

ES: Energy Substitution, HWP: Inventory of Wood Products, MS: Material Substitution

⁷<u>http://www.worldagroforestry.org/Sea/Products/AFDbases/wd/asps/DisplayDetail.asp?SpecID=679</u>

Stocks in harvested wood products (HWP)

We use the CCX methodology to calculate the extended carbon storage in wood products, as described above for the first project.

Table 8 – Project 3: Extended Sequestration in wood products

<u>Baseline</u>

Forestry	Age	Harvest		Stocks in harvested wood products (tC) (after 100 years)		Stocks in harvested wood products (tCO ₂ e)
operation	_	(Divi 1/11a)	SPB (DMT)	sw	PW	(after 100 years)
Clear cut 1	20	84.7	67784.5	0.0	8180.7	30023
Clear cut 2	40	84.7	67784.5	0.0	8180.7	30023
Clear cut 3	60	84.7	67784.5	0.0	8180.7	30023

SW: Sawlogs, PW: Pulpwood

Project scenario

Forestry operation (diameter)	Age	Harvest (DMT/ha)	Harvest intended for SPB (DMT)	Stocks in har produc (after 10	r vested wood cts (tC) 00 years)	Stocks in harvested wood products (tCO ₂ e)
			, , ,	sw	PW	(after 100 years)
Clear cut 1	20	84.7	67784.5	0.0	8180.7	30023
Thinning for conversion	27	4.3	3443.2	237.2	207.8	1633
Thinning for conversion	30	4.7	3736.8	257.4	225.5	1772
Thinning uneven-aged forest -1	40	39.8	31815.9	2191.3	1919.9	15088
Thinning uneven-aged forest - 2	47	39.8	31815.9	2191.3	1919.9	15088
Thinning uneven-aged forest - 3	54	39.8	31815.9	2191.3	1919.9	15088
Thinning uneven-aged forest - 4	61	39.8	31815.9	2191.3	1919.9	15088

SW: Sawlogs, PW: Pulpwood

Energy substitution (ES)

Cannot be valued.

Materials substitution (MS)

Under the assumption that the entire sawlog harvest is allocated to beam fabrication, the material substitution effect (aluminum) is calculated as for the sawlog afforestation project. The substitution effect of pulpwood is considered negligeable, therefore zero for the baseline scenario.

Table 9 – Project 3: Material substitution

Project scenario

			Material subs	Material substitution		
Forestry operation (diameter)	Age	SW (m3)	Beams	Avoided emissions (tCO ₂) hyp. Aluminum		
CR 1	20	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Thinning f/conversion	27	3443.2	9837.8	3217		
Thinning f/conversion	30	3736.8	10676.5	3491		
Thinning -1	40	31815.9	90902.7	29725		
Thinning -2	47	31815.9	90902.7	29725		
Thinning -3	54	31815.9	90902.7	29725		
Thinning -4	61	31815.9	90902.7	29725		

SW: Sawlogs

C. Carbon Balance sheet - Project of converting a coppice into a high forest stand

	Forest Stocks	Stocks in Harvested Wood products	Total Stocks	Substitution	Total
Baseline (after 25 years)	81.5 ktCO ₂	30.1 ktCO ₂	111.6 ktCO ₂	0 ktCO ₂ (MS)	111.6 ktCO ₂
Baseline (after 30 years)	122.04 ktCO ₂	60.04 ktCO ₂	182.08 ktCO ₂	0 ktCO ₂ (MS)	182.1 ktCO ₂
Project (after 25 years)	146.0 ktCO ₂	33.4 ktCO ₂	213 ktCO ₂	66.1 ktCO ₂ (MS)	279.1 ktCO ₂
Project (after 30 years)	128.4 ktCO ₂	78.7 ktCO ₂	207.1 ktCO ₂	95.9 ktCO ₂ (MS)	303 ktCO ₂

Example 4) Densification project for energy production

A. General project information

Species: Maritime pine (sp. Pinus pinaster)

Location: Aquitaine Region

Project Size: 1 000 ha

<u>Forest management regime</u>: Overstocking of a plantation of maritime pine according to the plan presented below.



• Management regime - Baseline

Density of 1250 trees/ha (spacing 4.5 m) 25% of the trees are cut at 15 years, then cut every 5 years, until 50 years, when the remaining 200 trees/ha are cut. **Cycle:** Thinning 1 (Year 15) = 25% trees Thinning 2-5 (Years 20, 25, 30, 35) = 25% Thinning 6-7 (Years 40, 45) = 15% Clear cutting (Year 50) = 15%

• *Management regime - Project scenario* Addition of one new line of pines between two rows, making it possible to increase from 1250 trees/ha to 2500 This row is cut at the end of 8 years for wood energy. The management regime of the remaining rows is unchanged.

B. Methodology used for the calculation of the carbon sequestration of the project

Forest stocks

The accounting for the carbon sequestration in the forest compartment is based on the annual increase of the biomass of the maritime pine, taken from the EFISCEN database.

Age (years)	0-5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40- 44	45-49	50
Increase m3/ha/year	0.87	2.61	11.09	17.77	20.32	19.88	18.56	17.28	15.51	14.52	13.05

The carbon sequestration in the forest compartment of the project is illustrated in Figure 4.



Figure 4 – Carbon sequestration by the overstocking project

Source: CDC Climat Research

Intended use of the harvest: The levels of harvesting for the two scenarios were determined according to the mode of forest management, and then converted from tCO_2 to DMT (average density of the species at 15% moisture = 0.6 DMT/m3)⁸. The destined uses of the harvest, for the baseline and the project scenario are described in the tables below. For the project scenario, the additional harvest is intended solely for energy purposes.

Table 10- Project 4: The harvest and its uses

Baseline

Forestry Age		Harvest	Conversion	l	Jses (%	Aspects		
operation	(years)	(m³/ha)	(15% moist.)	EW	SW	PW	valued	
Thinning 1	15	20.8	12.5	0%	0%	100%	SPB	
Thinning 2	20	46.1	27.6	0%	10%	90%	SPB	
Thinning 3	25	59.2	35.5	0%	20%	80%	SPB	
Thinning 4	30	63.5	38.1	0%	20%	80%	SPB	
Thinning 5	35	65.3	39.1	0%	30%	70%	SPB,SM	
Thinning 6	40	38.3	22.9	0%	30%	70%	SPB,SM	
Thinning 7	45	41.7	25.0	0%	40%	60%	SPB,SM	
Clear cut	50	287.8	172.5	0%	50%	50%	SPB,SM	

BE: Wood energy, BO: Sawlogs, BI: Pulpwood

SE: Energy substitution, SPB: Inventory in wood products, SM: Material substitution

Project scenario

Forestry	Age	Harvest	Harvest Conversion (m ³ /ba) DMT/ha		ses (%	Aspects		
operation	(years)) (m ⁻ /na) (15% hum)		EW	SW	PW	valued	
Clear cut Overstocking	8	13.9	8.3	100%	0%	0%	SE	

BE: Wood energy, BO: Sawlogs, BI: Pulpwood

SE: Energy substitution, SPB: Inventory in wood products, SM: Materials substitution

⁸http://www.worldagroforestry.org/sea/Products/AFDbases/WD/asps/DisplayDetail.asp?SpecID=2682

Stocks in harvested wood products (HWP)

The extended storage of carbon in wood products is estimated by applying the CCX methodology which was described for the first project. This is performed only for the baseline, because the project's harvest is to be used for energy generation only.

Table 11 – Project 4: Extended Sequestration in wood products

<u>Baseline</u>

Forestry operation	Age (years)	Harvest (DMT/ha)	Harvest intended for SPB (DMT)	Stocks in harvested wood products (tC) (after 100 years)		Stocks in harvested wood products (tCO ₂ e)
				SW	PW	sw
Thinning 1	15	12.5	12490	0.0	1655	6073
Thinning 2	20	27.6	27633	490	3295	13894
Thinning 3	25	35.5	35513	1261	3764	18442
Thinning 4	30	38.1	38095	1352	4038	19783
Thinning 5	35	39.1	39123	2083	3629	20963
Thinning 6	40	22.9	22940	1222	2128	12292
Thinning 7	45	25.0	25005	1775	1988	13811
Clear cut	50	172.5	172533	15312	11430	98146

BO: Sawlogs, BI: Pulpwood

Project scenario

Cannot be valued.

Energy substitution (ES)

Table 12 – Project 4: Energy substitution

				Energy substitution		
Forestry operation	Age (years)	Harvest (DMT/ha)	destined for energy (DMT)	Energy generated (KWh)	Avoided emissions (tCO2)	
Clear cut Overstocking	8	8.3	8332	24414	6666	

Materials substitution (MS)

As described for previous projects, the materials substitution effect is calculated only for sawlog wood,, which we assume as adaptable for beam manufacturing from the the fifth thinning, on the perspective of wood replacing aluminum beams.

			Materials s	substitution
Forestry operation	Age (years)	BO (m3)	Beams	Avoided emissions (tCO ₂) hyp. aluminum
Thinning 1	15	0	0	0
Thinning 2	20	4609	0	0
Thinning 3	25	11848	0	0
Thinning 4	30	12709	0	0
Thinning 5	35	19578	55936	17956
Thinning 6	40	11480	32799	10528
Thinning 7	45	16684	47669	15302
Clear cut	50	143898	411136	131975

Table 13 – Material substitution

BO: Sawlogs

Project scenario

Baseline

Cannot be valued.

C. Carbon sequestration balance sheet - Overstocking project

	Forest stocks	Wood products	Total inventory	Substitution	Total
Baseline (after 7 years)	13.9 ktCO ₂	0 ktCO ₂	13.9 ktCO ₂	0 ktCO ₂	13.9 ktCO ₂
Baseline (after 8 years)	13.9 ktCO ₂	0 ktCO ₂	13.9 ktCO ₂	0 ktCO ₂	13.9 ktCO ₂
Baseline (after 25 years)	177.7 ktCO ₂	38.4 ktCO ₂	216.1 ktCO ₂	0 ktCO ₂	216.1 ktCO ₂
Project (after 7 years)	27.8 ktCO ₂	0 ktCO ₂	27.8 ktCO ₂	0 ktCO ₂	27.8 ktCO ₂
Project (after 8 years)	13.9 ktCO ₂	0 ktCO ₂	13.9 ktCO ₂	6.7 ktCO ₂ (ES)	20.6 ktCO ₂
Project (after 25 years)	177.7 ktCO ₂	38.4 ktCO ₂	216.1 ktCO ₂	6.7 ktCO ₂ (ES)	222.7 ktCO ₂

Example 5) Species change project

A. General project information

<u>Species</u>: Maritime pine <u>Location</u>: Aquitaine Region <u>Project Size</u>: 100 ha <u>Forest management regime</u>: Replacement with a more productive hybrid species.

B. Methodology used for the calculation of the carbon sequestration of the project

Forest stocks

Carbon sequestration accounting for the project and the baseline was based on an extrapolation of the Zaehle (2006) data for biomass growth of softwood with the following wood production assumptions:

- Baseline: 250 m³ wood/ha at the end of 40 years (clear cutting)
- Project scenario: 350 m³ wood/ha at the end of 40 years (clear cutting) with a more productive species of pine





Source: CDC Climat Research

Table 14- Project 5: The harvest and its uses

USES	Entire harvest	Aspects to value
Sawlogs	40%	SPB,SM
Pulpwood	50%	SPB
Wood energy	10%	SE

SE: Energy substitution, SPB: Inventory in wood products, SM: Materials substitution

Stocks in harvested wood products (HWP)

Once again, the extended storage of carbon in the wood products is calculated by applying the CCX methodology.

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Table 15 – Project 5: Extended Sequestration in wood products
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Baseline

	Species	Harvest at 40	est at 40 Harvest for Stock		cks in harvested wood products (tC) (after 100 years)	
		years (mo)	SPB (m3)	sw	PW	(after 100 years)
ľ	Maritime					
	pine	25 000	22 500	954.4	689.7	6 033

BO: Sawlogs, BI: Pulpwood

Project scenario

Species	Harvest at 40 vears (m3)	Harvest intended for	Stocks in harvest (t (after 10	cks in harvested wood products (tC) (after 100 years)	
		SPB (m3)	sw	PW	(after 100 years)
Pin					
maritime	35 000	31 500	1 336.1	965.6	8 447.3

BO: Sawlogs, BI: Pulpwood

Energy substitution (ES)

The conversion factors used for the maritime pine are a density of 0.9 TGW/m³ and a moisture content = 0.61 DMT/TGW.

Table 16 – Project 5: Energy substitution

<u>Baseline</u>

	Total hamvaat	Energy substitution	
Harvest in year 40 (m³)	intended for energy (DMT)	Energy produced (kWh)	Avoided emissions (ktCO ₂)
25 000	1 372.5	4021 4	1 1

Project scenario

	Total harvest	Energy su	ubstitution
Harvest in year 40 (m³)	intended for energy (DMT)	Energy produced (kWh)	Avoided emissions (ktCO ₂)
35 000	1921.5	5630	1.5

Materials substitution (MS)

As for the above projects, the materials substitution effect is calculated for sawlog wood only, once again under the assumption that sawlog harvestd wood is used to replace aluminum beams.

Table 17 – Project 5: Material substitution

<u>Baseline</u>

		Materials substitution		
Harvest in year 40 BO (m3)	arvest in year 40 BO (m3) Total harvest destined for beams m3 (70% BO)		Avoided emissions (ktCO2) hyp. aluminum	
10 000	7 000	20 000	6.4	

Project scenario

		Materials s	ubstitution
Additional harvest BO (m3)	Total harvest destined for beams m3 (70% BO)	Beams	Materials substitution Beams Avoided emissions (ktCO2) hyp. aluminum 28 000 9
14 000	9 800	28 000	9

C. Carbon sequestration balance sheet - Harvest increase project

	Forest stocks (KtCO ₂)	Wood products (KtCO ₂)	Total inventory (KtCO ₂)	Substitution (KtCO ₂)	Total (KtCO ₂)
Baseline (after 25 years)	14.7	0	14.7	0	14.7
Baseline (after 39 years)	24.4	0	24.4	0	24.4
Baseline (after 40 years)	0	6	6	1.1 (SE) + 6.4 (SM)	13.5
Project (after 25 years)	20.7	0	20.7	0	20.7
Project (after 39 years)	34.1	0	34.1	0	34.1
Project (after 40 years)	0	8.4	8.4	1.5 (SE) + 9 (SM)	18.9

Example 6) Reallocation of timber usages project

D. General project information

Location: Aquitaine Region

Annual harvest: 8.828 Mm³/year (Source: Agreste - Annual Forest Exploitation Survey 2007)

Intended use of the harvest: Constant harvested volumes but an increase in the share allocated to construction uses (from 7.5% to 20%) is proposed, with a decrease in the "paper, kraft paper and packaging" item.

E. Methodology used for the calculation of the project carbon sequestration

Forest stocks

Constant, at approximately 256 MtCO₂e⁹.

Table 18- Project 6: The harvest and its uses

Uses	SR %	SR Category	SP %	SP Category	
Mortality	1.0%	Not used	1.0%	Not used	
Losses	10.5%	(11.5%)	10.5%	(11.5%)	
Structural woodwork (*)	0.8%				
Prefabricated wood structures (*)	0.2%		20.0%		
Doors and windows (*)	0.5%	Sawlogs	20.078	Sawlogs	
Lumber (*)	6.0%	(10%)		(22.5%)	
Other lumber, including formwork	1.0%		1.0%	1	
Furniture and fittings from sawlogs	1.5%		1.5%		
Wooden pallets and packaging	9.0%		9.0%	Pulpwood	
Composite floors and fittings	7.0%		7.0%		
Other uses, including carbonization	0.5%		0.5%		
Decorative and landscaping chips	7.0%	Pulpwood	7.0%		
Chips not counted	6.0%	(71.5%)	6.0%	(59%)	
Furniture and fittings from panels	10.0%		10.0%		
Paper, kraft paper and packaging	24.0%		11.5%		
Industrial papers	8.0%		8.0%		
Chips for energy use	7.0%	Wood energy (7%)	7.0%	Wood energy (7%)	

SR: Baseline SP: Project scenario

(*) Wood for construction uses

Source: Malfait et al. (2008)

Stocks in harvested wood products (HWP)

The utilization of the CCX coefficients is based on the hypothesis that the proportion of hardwood/softwood in the region's total harvest (90% softwood) remains identical throughout the different use categories.

Table 19 – Project 6: Extended Sequestration in wood products

<u>Baseline</u>

Type of species	Annual harvest (Mm3)	Harvest (tC) intended for SPB (Mm3)	Stocks in harvested wood products (tC) (after 100 years)		Stocks in harvested wood products (tCO ₂ e)
			SW	PW	(after 100 years
Hardwoods	0.8400	0.6846	6,311	39,534	168
Softwoods	7.9880	6.5102	76,297	315,397	1,438
Total	8.8280	7.1948	82,608	354,931	1,606

O: Sawlogs, BI: Pulpwood

⁹ Standing wood inventory in Industrial Forests in the Aquitaine Region (Source: Mémento FCBA 2008)

Project scenario

Type of species	Annual harvest (Mm3)	Harvest intended for SPB (Mm3)	Stocks in harvested wood products (tC) (after 100 years)		Stocks in harvested wood products (tCO₂e)
			sw	PW	(after 100 years)
Hardwoods	0.8400	0.6846	12,740	33,900	171
Softwoods	7.9880	6.5102	154,024	270,460	1,557
Total	8.8280	7.1948	166,764	304,360	1,729

Sawlogs, BI: Pulpwood

Energy substitution (ES)

The emissions reductions related to the energy substitution cannot be valued because the share of the harvest intended for energy use remains constant. By using the density and the moisture content of the maritime pine for the entire harvest as a proxy we determine 0.3 MtCO₂e to the energy substitution effect per year for both the baseline and project scenario.

Materials substitution (MS)

Materials substitution effect is calculated only for sawlog wood harvest under the assumption that it replaces aluminum beams.

Table 20 – Project 6: Material substitution

		Materials	substitution
Scenario	BO for beams (m³)	Beams	Avoided emissions (ktCO₂) hyp. aluminum
Harvest - Baseline	441.4	1,261,143	405
Harvest - project	993.2	2,837,571	911

BO: Sawlogs

F. Carbon sequestration balance of the reallocation of timber usages project-

	Forest stocks (MtCO ₂)	Wood products (MtCO ₂)	Total Inventory (MtCO ₂)	Substitution (MtCO ₂)	Total (MtCO ₂)
Baseline (after 20 years)	256	32.09	288.1	6 (ES) + 8.1 (MS)	330.1
Project (after 20 years)	256	34.58	290.6	6 (ES) + 18.2 (MS)	302.2

Example 7) Harvest increase project

A. General project information

Species: Softwood stands

Location: Lorraine Region

Forest management regime: Increase the harvest of softwood trees in the region

B. Methodology used for the calculation of the carbon sequestration of the project

Forest stocks	
The carbon sequestration	of the project and of the baseline is based on the following hypotheses:
Baseline: T h groject scenario:	 Forest Inventory in the Lorraine Region = 166 Mm³ (Source: Mémento FCBA 2009) Harvest: 3.2 Mm³/an Harvesting objective in 2030 (after 20 years): 4.3 Mm³/year (+1.1 Mm³/year)
f i g u r e	- According to data presented by Zaehle (2006) for mature softwood (inventory of 441.5 m ³ /ha for 100-year stands) and on the assumption of an average annual increase of 13 m ³ /ha/year, we estimate the number of additional hectares that must be exploited to meet the harvesting objective, the associated reduction in the forest inventory and the harvest volumes of the clear cuts during the transition phase.

The following diagram illustrates the project diagram and shows the number of hectares mobilized and the harvest volumes during the transition phase:



Source: CDC Climat Research

As previously indicated, the mobilization of 0.08 Mha results in a reduction of the forest stocks up to 147 Mm³. We assume that it takes 20 years to the forest to return to a new equilibrium, as illustrated in Figure 6.



Figure 6 – Carbon sequestration of the harvest increase project

Source: CDC Climat Research

Intended use of the harvest: The intended use is determined by the results of the 2006 survey of the business sectors of the forestry and timber industry in the Lorraine Region¹⁰:

Table 21- Project 7: The harvest and its uses

USES	Total harvest	Hardwood	Softwood
Sawlog	54%	40%	69%
Pulpwood	37%	52%	22%
Energy Wood	8%	8%	9%

Source: 2006 Survey - Forestry Industry Sectors

Stocks in harvested wood products (HWP)

We use the CCX methodology to calculate the extended storage of carbon in the wood products described for the first project. The calculation is made over a period of 20 years.

¹⁰ http://draaf.lorraine.agriculture.gouv.fr/fichiers/37_05_Infos_DRAF_10.pdf

Table 22 – Project 7: Extended Sequestration in wood products

<u>Baseline</u>

Type of species	Harvest intended for SPB (Mm3)	Stocks in h produ (after	Stocks in harvested wood products (ktCO₂e)	
		SW	PW	(after 100 years
Hardwoods	32.6	0.9736	1.1186	7,674
Softwoods	31.4	2.0734	0.3835	9,017
Total	64.0	3,0470	1.5021	16,691
			at 25 years	21,705

Project scenario

Type of species	Harvest intended for SPB (Mm3)	Stocks in ha produc (after 1	Stocks in harvested wood products (ktCO ₂ e)	
		SW PW		(after 100 years
Hardwoods	38.3	1.1409	1.3108	8,998
Softwoods	36.8	2.4298	0.4495	10,567
Total	75.0	3.5707	1.7603	19,565
			cum. At 25	
			years	26,008

Energy substitution (ES)

The conversion factors used are those for the maritime pine: a density of 0.9 TGW/m3 and a moisture content of 0.61 DMT/TGW.

Table 23 – Project 7: Energy substitution

<u>Baseline</u>

		Total barrant	Tetallismused	Energy substitution	
Year	Harvest (Mm ³)	intended for energy (Mm ³)	intended for energy(MDMT)	Energy produced (GWh)	Avoided Emissions (MtCO ₂)
0	3.20	0.27	0.15	0.44	0.12
20	64.00	5.44	2.99	8.75	2.39
40	64.00	5.44	2.99	8.75	2.39
				cum. at 25 years	3.1

Project scenario

			Total harvest	Energy substitution	
Year	Harvest (Mm ³)	Total harvest intended for energy (Mm ³)	intended for energy (M DMT)	Energy produced (GWh)	Avoided emissions (MtCO ₂)
0	3.20	0.27	0.15	0.44	0.12
20	75.00	6.38	3.50	10.25	2.80
40	86.00	7.31	4.01	11.76	3.21
				cum. at 25 years	3.8

Materials substitution (MS)

Under the hypothesis that 70% of the harvest of sawlogs is intended for the fabrication of beams, we have calculated the materials substitution effect (*aluminum*).

Table 24 – Project 7: Material substitution

<u>Baseline</u>

			Materials substitution		
Year	Harvest BO (Mm ³)	Total harvest intended for beams Mm ³ (70% BO)	Beams / Millions of beams	Avoided emissions (MtCO ₂) hyp. aluminum	
0	1.73	1.21	3.47	0.39	
20	34.70	24.29	69.39	7.80	
40	34.70	24.29	69.39	7.80	
			cum. At 25 years	10.1	

Project scenario

			Materials su	ubstitution	
Year	Harvest BO (Mm³)	Total harvest intended for beams Mm ³ (70% BO)	Beams / Millions of beams	Avoided emissions (MtCO ₂) hyp. aluminum	
0	1.73	1.21	3.47	0.39	
20	40.66	28.46	81.32	9.14	
40	46.62	32.64	93.24	10.48	
			cum. At 25 years	12.1	

C. Carbon sequestration balance - Harvest increase project

	Forest inventory MtCO ₂	Wood products MtCO ₂	Total Inventory MtCO ₂	Substitution MtCO ₂	Total MtCO₂
Baseline (after 25 years)	166	21.7	187.7	3.1 (ES) + 10.1 (MS)	200.9
Project (after 25 years)	147	26.0	173	3.8 (ES) + 12.1 (MS)	189.3

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