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What is REDD+?

INTRODUCTION:

Forests play an important role in regulating the global climate, absorbing nearly one-third of the carbon dioxide emitted from human activities annually. However, deforestation and forest degradation contribute approximately 11% of global greenhouse gas emissions, contributing a significant challenge to climate change more severe. To address this challenge, the concept of REDD- Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation- was introduced under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). REDD aims to encourage developing countries to reduce deforestation, conserve forests and sustainably manage forest resources, thereby contributing to global climate change less severe. REDD later expanded into REDD+ to include conservation, sustainable forest management, and the enhancement of forest carbon stocks. This mechanism has become a critical tool in the global effort to deal with climate change, protect diversity and support sustainable development, particularly in forest-rich developing countries.

Defination:

Axild Angelsen, (2018)

"An international initiative

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designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by financially rewarding countries for reducing deforestation and degradation while promoting forest conservation, sustainable management, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks"

Pistorius, Till (2012)

"A framework that expands on traditional forest management strategies by integrating conservation and carbon finance mechanisms to tackle deforestation and foster sustainable development"

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE AND EVOLUTION:

The concept of REDD+ originated during the 13th Conference of the Parties (COP13) in Bali in 2007, where reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation was officially introduced as REDD. Over the time, framework expanded to include the role of conservation, sustainable forest management and enhancement of forest carbon stocks, thereby evolving into REDD+

This evolution reflects the understanding that forest contribute to

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1. Climate regulation beyond just storing carbon
By expanding its scope, REDD+ recognizes the
importance of incentivizing actions that
not only prevent deforestation but also
restore degraded lands and manage
forests sustainably.

AIMS AND MOTIVE OF REDD+:

The aims and motive of REDD+ revolve around mitigating climate change by reducing emissions caused by deforestation and forest degradation. It seeks to promote the conservation of forests, sustainable management, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks. REDD+ also aims to support biodiversity preservation and improve the livelihoods of indigenous peoples and forest dependent communities by providing financial incentives for sustainable practices. Through these efforts, REDD+ integrates environmental sustainability with social and economic development.

COMMITMENTS AND THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES:

Under the Paris Agreement, countries committed to including REDD+ strategies in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). These commitments are rooted in various theoretical perspectives.

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1- Environmental Economics:

REDD+ aligns with the concept of placing economic value on ecosystem services, creating a market-based incentives to protect forests.

Global Justice theory

It emphasizes equity by recognizing the rights of indigenous peoples and ensuring their participation in decision making processes.

Ecological Modernization Theory:

The technological advancements and innovative policies, such as carbon trading, can address environmental challenges without hindering economic growth.

Good

Conclusion:

Add follow up

Has it been able to manage all of

this?

Have there been any

interventions?

REDD+ represents a groundbreaking initiative in global fight against climate change. By addressing deforestation and forest degradation, it serves as a comprehensive framework that integrates environmental, social and economic objectives. However, its success depends on overcoming existing challenges through inclusive governance, sustainable financing and robust implementation.