

# COOL EARTH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## Eligibility Checklist

### Community

- The project beneficiaries must be villages, communities or indigenous peoples living within or around tropical forest.
- There must be a clear link between the project beneficiaries and use of the forest within the project area.
- The community must have been consulted and are engaged as stakeholders in the project (FPIC).

### Organisations

- Must be an established legal entity that takes responsibility for the management and delivery of the project for its duration.
- Must have a strong in-country presence and the respect and experience required to work effectively with local communities and partners.
- Must have the ability to mobilise and train participants, implement and monitor project activities, and carry out technical functions.

### Project activities

- Must involve the protection of tropical forest.
- Must enable communities to plan and take control of their resources in a sustainable way that promotes alternatives to deforestation.
- Must encourage the development of local capacity and minimise dependency on external support (sustainability).
- Must demonstrate that Cool Earth funds will make a material impact in comparison to other funding sources.
- Must not be for religious or political purposes.