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The Broader Role of Native Forests in Climate Change

There is a lot of discussion on the role of forests and native forests in the carbon cycle.

However the role of native forests in planning for climate change is not just about carbon accounting.

Please give consideration to the value of native forests in biodiversity protection and water supply. Generally high intensity and commodity timber production in native forests reduces the biodiversity protection benefits of native forests. It has also been shown to reduce the supply of clean water. In planning for adaptability for climate change, protection of the biodiversity functions of forests and the water supply functions will become much more critical and it will be valuable to include these functions in your considerations.

Please take this into account when reviewing the role of native forests in climate change.

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