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TITLE: "Protocol for Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) linked to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation to the benefit of biodiversity and society (REDD+)" – *Protocol PES – REDD".*

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OBJECTIVES

- Develop a protocol for the implementation of PES at the national level and provide a link to REDD+ financing mechanism.
- Simplify the process to obtain ecosystem services certificates to obtain payments.

MAIN RESULTS

- The PES-REDD+ Protocol simplifies the process and provides the requirements to obtain ecosystem services certificates (Figure 1).
- The PES Protocol integrates REDD+ requirements, such as the free, prior and informed consent, before an area is certified.
- The Protocol includes environmental and social safeguards in the process of certifying areas that provide ecosystem services.
- The Paraguayan Secretariat of Environment (SEAM) used the new PES-REDD+ Protocol as input for an internal administrative re-organization of its Ecosystem Services Direction.
- The Protocol is reflected in a series of SEAM´s Official Resolutions that complement the Law 3001/2006 on Payment for Ecosystem Services. The PES-REDD+ Protocol has been incorporated into SEAM´S Official Resolution 199 of 2013.

IMPACT

This protocol identifies the legal requirements for PES and contributes to building capacities of the Paraguayan government. This is a stepping-stone towards the successful implementation of PES schemes in Paraguay.

MORE INFORMATION:

Full report available at: http://parlu.org/fileadmin/user_upload/5_1_PES_REDD__Protocol.pdf

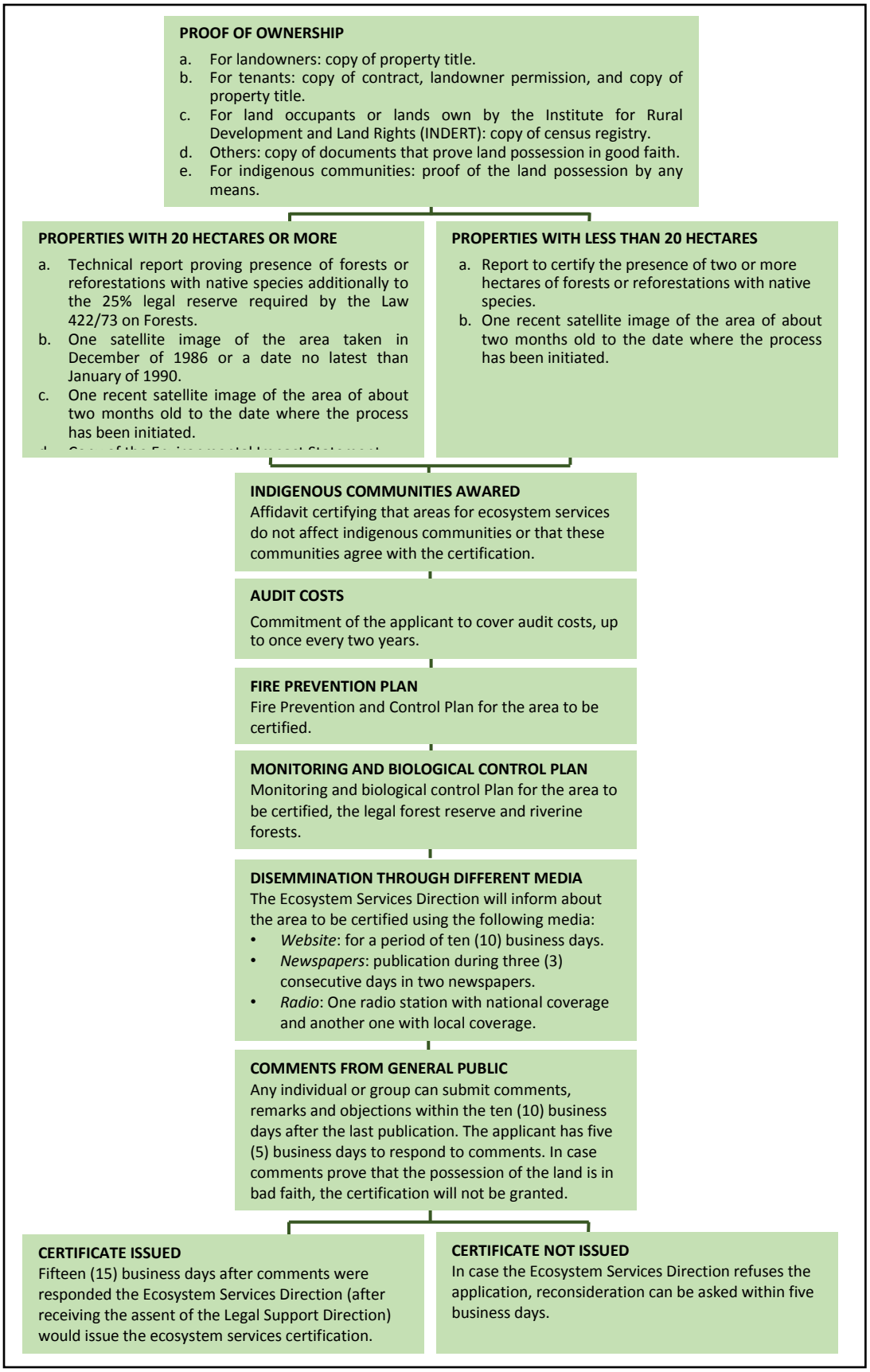

Figure 1. Requirements to certify areas that provide ecosystem services (PES-REDD Protocol)