

# Redress

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## **Independent Redress Mechanism (IRM)**

**C-0006-Nicaragua / Final Extension of time for initial steps**

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## IRM Extension of Time Decision – Initial Steps

**GCF Project** FP146 - *Bio-CLIMA: Integrated climate action to reduce deforestation and strengthen resilience in BOSAWÁS and Rio San Juan Biospheres*  
**Date** 30 December 2021

1. On 21 July 2021, the IRM declared the complaint eligible and published the eligibility determination on its website.<sup>1</sup>
2. According to the IRM's Procedures and Guidelines (PGs),<sup>2</sup> the IRM has 60 calendar days from declaring a complaint eligible to conduct the initial steps phase, which includes consulting with the complainant(s) and other potential parties to:
  - a) understand the issues in the complaint;
  - b) provide further information regarding problem solving and compliance review;
  - c) ascertain whether the complainant would like to pursue problem solving and/or compliance review; and
  - d) ensure that the complainant is able to make an informed decision.
3. The IRM, acting in terms of paragraph 95 of the PGs, decided to extend the time period for completing the initial steps phase to 19 November 2021<sup>3</sup>, and subsequently, 31 December 2021<sup>4</sup>. The initial steps phase was anticipated to take longer given 1) restrictions on mission travel as a result of COVID-19; 2) the necessity of securing the services of a local mediator and; 3) delays in response from government officials and other essential stakeholders.

The IRM notes the progress made in engaging all essential parties in the initial steps phase. As engagements are still ongoing and are close to a conclusion, the IRM, acting in terms of paragraph 95 of the PGs, has decided to extend the time period for completing the initial steps phase to 17 January, 2022. This is the final time limit extension that will be granted for the initial steps phase. If no agreement with regard to pursuing problem solving is communicated by parties by close of business (KST) on January 17, 2022, the IRM will take the next steps in accordance with its Procedures and Guidelines and refer the grievance or complaint to compliance review.

4. Accordingly the IRM, acting in terms of paragraph 95 of the PGs, hereby extends the time period for completing the initial steps phase from 31 December 2021 to 17 January 2022.

[Signed by]

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<sup>1</sup> IRM. (2021, July 22). Eligibility Determination IRM Case: C-0006-Nicaragua. *Independent Redress Mechanism*. <https://irm.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/case/c0006-nicaragua-eligibility-determination.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Green Climate Fund. (2019) *Procedures and Guidelines of the Independent Redress Mechanism*. Independent Redress Mechanism of the Green Climate Fund  
<https://irm.greenclimate.fund/document/2019-procedures-and-guidelines-irm>

<sup>3</sup> IRM. (2021, September 14). First time limit extension for initial steps. *Independent Redress Mechanism*.  
<https://irm.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/case/c0006-nicaragua-irm-extension-time-decision-initial-steps.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> IRM. (2021, November 17). Second time limit extension for initial steps. *Independent Redress Mechanism*.  
<https://irm.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/case/c0006-nicaragua-irm-extension-time-decision-initial-steps-nov17-website.pdf>