The Front of War for Sustainable Forest Management; Dien Bien Province

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Project for Sustainable Forest Management in the Northwest Watershed Area
Outline of Presentation

Forest Sector in Vietnam & NW
SUSFORM-NOW & GEC
Dien Bien Province
Profile & Forest
Introduction of SUSFORM-NOW:
Hypothesis
Goals & Purpose
Outputs & Activities
**Efforts of the Government**
- **5MHRP** (or Program 661): 1998
- **VFDS 2001-2010**: 2001
- **NFDS 2006-2020**: 2007
- **Revising 5MHRP**: 2007

**Recovered Forest Coverage**
- **28% (1995) → 37.8% (2005)**
Continuing Forest Degradation in NW

Source: FAO Forestry Country Profiles
SUSFORM-NOW & GEC

- **Green**
  - Sustainable Forest Management

- **Economic**
  - Livelihood Development

- **Corridor**
  - Historical Hub of Trading
Profile of Dien Bien Province

- Dien Bien Phu – Strategic Bastion since XIX
- Basin of 3 Watersheds:
  - Da River – Red River
  - Nam Ron River – Mekong River
  - Ma River
- 2nd Poorest Province
Forest in Dien Bien Province

in 2006 (x1,000 ha)

- Special Use Forest (46.5)
- Protection Forest (721.3)
- Production Forest (2.0)

Source: Dien Bien Province

in 2020 (x1,000 ha)

- Special Use Forest (46.5)
- Protection Forest (424.2)
- Production Forest (289.7)

Source: Dien Bien Province
The approach in certain areas is effective in facilitating sustainable forest management of implementing activities based on landscape plans with a combination of OFTs and the allocation of forest plantations and lands being able to produce and harvest NTFPs together with securing alternative cash income through improving market access of agricultural and forestry products.
Goals & Purpose

Ultimate Goal

- Increase of forest cover is promoted in the Northwest Watershed Area.

Overall Goal

- Participatory forest management and livelihood development are extended to the sites with similar conditions to the Project pilot sites in Dien Bien Province.

Project Purpose

- Participatory forest management and livelihood development are mutually sustained in the pilot sites, using approaches also applicable to other areas.
Output 1 & Activities

Output 1

Workable approaches on landscape plans and land-based livelihood development plans are verified.

Activities

Phase 1 (1st and 2nd years)
- Form options (hypothesis)
- Execute them
- Evaluate them

Phase 2 (3rd to 5th years)
- Upgrade options and test them in a larger scale
Option 1
Income Generation with SM of Degraded Forest

Degraded Production Forest

Sustainably Managed Watershed Forest
Option 2
Income Generation by SM of Natural Forest

Production Forest with Valuable Bamboo Stands

Participatory Forest Conservation Activities
Option 3
IG through Contractual Production under SFM

Industrial Plantation

NTFP Production
Output 2

Technical and institutional capacities of the implementing agencies (executing agencies, supporting agencies) are strengthened.

Activities

- Developing Implementation Structure
- Developing Capacities of Agencies
- Evaluation of Phase 1 & 2
Output 3

A Provincial plan for dissemination of the achievements of pilot activities is adopted for Dien Bien Province.

Activities

- Reviewing Guiding Documents and Fund
- Integrating into Technical Guideline
- Preparing Provincial Dissemination Plan
- Recommending to Central Governments
Wishing Mutual Development of SUSFORM-NOW & GEC

Forest is gold;
if we manage to protect and grow forests,
it is of tremendous value

- President Ho Chi Minh

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