



FIP, Lao Forest Investment Plan

FIP Country Update, Lao PDR

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FOREST INVESTMENT PROGRAM



SUFORD-SU

- DOF, MAF
- World Bank
- MFA of Finland



Smallholder Plantation

- DOF, MAF
- International Finance Corporation
- Private sector partner (s)

National FIP Focal Point

Protecting Forests for Ecosystem Services (BCC)

- DFRM, MONRE
- Asian Development Bank
- GIZ, KfW, JICA, others





Role of Lao FIP in national REDD+ program



- Lao FIP is managed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) and their REDD+ Offices



- Supports Lao PDR Forest Strategy 2020 and its target of increasing forest cover to 70%
- Working in range of forest types: will support ongoing review (2014-16) of 3 national forest categories, which may involve some reclassification of boundaries
- Lao FIP has \$30 million from FIP, plus other funds



Lao FIP Objectives

Participatory Sustainable Forest Management (PSFM) – in all types of forests in Lao PDR, to:

- Address deforestation and forest degradation; and
- Support grassroots managers to: 1) help protect forests; 2) rehabilitate degraded lands; 3) derive benefits

Lao FIP Project	Focus	Start of field activities
Sustainable Forestry for Rural Development - Scaling Up (SUFORD-SU)	Production forests, forest landscapes, village forests	Late 2013 (began working in some areas in 1995)
Smallholder Plantation	Private sector work with smallholders	MOU signed in 2015
Protecting Forests for Ecosystem Services (Additional financing for Biodiversity Conservation Corridors)	Protection and conservation forests Village forests	Final approval expected Dec. 2015; start in field in early 2016



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Status of implementation and successes of FIP (SUFORD-SU)

- Three previous projects had piloted and developed this system.
- The initial project, FOMACOP, had worked in two provinces with 100,000 ha. in two production forest areas (PFAs), 60 villages, and an estimated 30,000 beneficiaries.
- The second project, SUFORD, had worked in eight PFAs in four provinces, with 412 villages and an estimated 200,000 beneficiaries.
- The third project, SUFORD-AF, worked in nine (now 10) provinces with 16 PFAs covering 1.28 mil. ha, and a total of 741 villages, approximately 380,000 beneficiaries.



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Status of implementation and successes ...

- Making considerable progress in scaling up the participatory sustainable forest management approach for production forests and related activities with more than 1000 villages overlapping, or adjacent to, these production forests.
- The current project, commonly known as SUFORD-Scaling Up (SUFORD-SU), is now working in 13 provinces with 41 PFAs, an estimated 1,083 villages and 560,000 beneficiaries.



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Status of implementation and successes ...

- By the end of 2014, almost half a million hectares of forest had been inventoried for the 25 new PFAs for which forest management plans are being prepared.
- It is anticipated that the forest management plans for the 25 new PFAs will be completed and approved by the end of 2015, thereby raising the total area of PFAs under PSFM from 1.3 to 2.0 million hectares.
- DOFI has now institutionalized its Strategic Threats and Enforcement Patrol Program (STEPP) for law enforcement in all 18 provinces of Lao PDR, consistent monitoring and reporting systems are now in place and being implemented.

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