

# Field Trip co-chairs reflections

## Vietnam Field Dialogue

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# Communicating REDD+

- Strong awareness of PFES has set stage for introduction of REDD+.
- Extensive training on REDD+ enabled differing levels of understanding,
  - 2 villages in Gung Re still see this as a “forest contract” rather than a basis for performance based payments.
  - Phuc Tho protect the forest under REDD+ criteria.
- REDD+ seen as a global initiative and very much an additional monetary value,
  - but how does this reconcile with broader benefits from sustainable management of the forests by communities.



# Temporal and equitable approaches

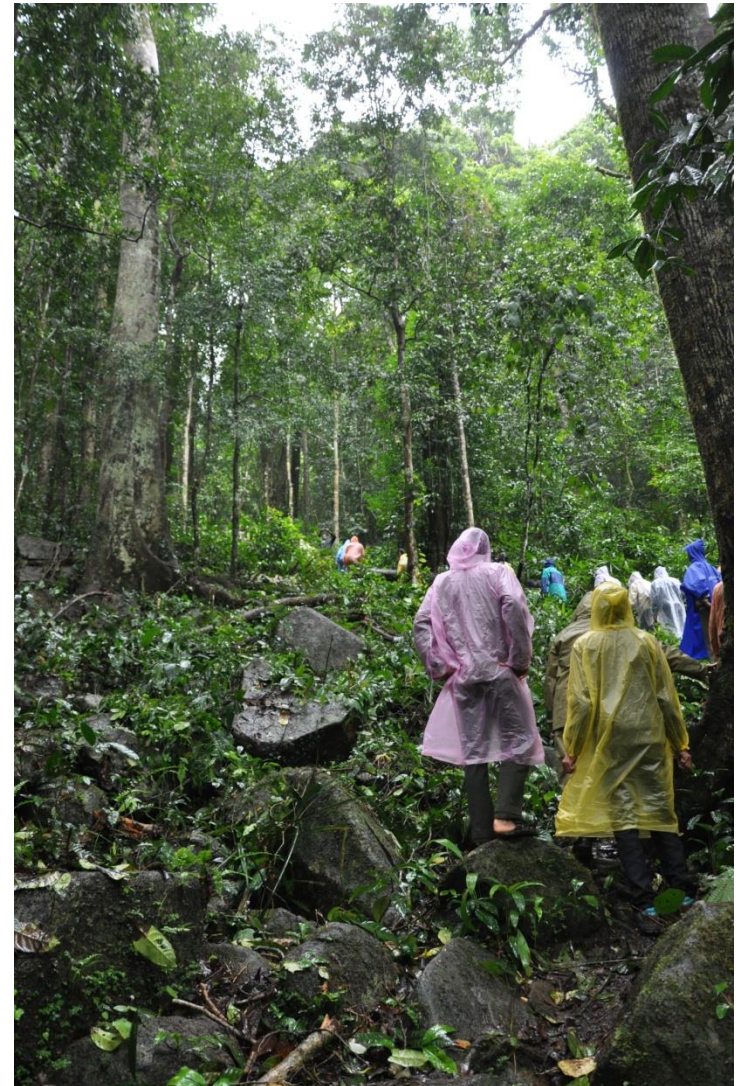


- As REDD+ is seen as a monetary benefit are we seeing other non-monetary benefits being diluted?
- High levels of expectations of the monetary benefits from REDD+ reinforces the above, as it is not seen within the broader context of land use change.
- Different expectations and understanding at different levels.
- Criteria for making payment seem clear (with some variations) for PFES but will these be consistent under REDD+ schemes?



# Identifying and working with beneficiaries when rights are unclear

- Capacity building has been in place for awareness and measurement but is there a need to develop more capacity around land use issues to address drivers of deforestation?
- Criteria and voting systems for involvement in PFES and REDD+ may not include marginalised groups, so how do we put safeguards in place to protect against this?
- How can leakage be prevented by including those not involved in PFES who may be illegally harvesting forest resources.
- Households defined as benefit sharing entity gives clearly defined framework.



# On what basis can benefits be shared



- PFES is straight top-down payment structure based on historical average performance: the challenge will be to transition into a performance based payment system for REDD+.
- Limited monitoring systems to measure performance under PFES.
- Community seeking benefits beyond PFES/REDD+: community forestry approach that maximize the bundle of the benefits from the forest.



# How to design national programs to accommodate local contexts

- Experiences from PFES can help shape the development of REDD+.
- Decision-making models: given the current top-down approach, how will consultation play out in Vietnam for REDD+ to create community ownership for forest management?
- Community forestry model in Bao Thuan was an interesting example of community beginning to take ownership



**Thank you**