

Improving policies for forest plantations to balance smallholder, industry and environmental needs in Lao PDR and Vietnam



Key details

Location

Lao PDR, Vietnam

Duration

Start Jan 2016

End Mar 2019

Budget

AUD 999,871

Commissioned organisation

The University of Melbourne

Partners

Australian National University; Centre for Agricultural Policy; Hue University of Agriculture and Forestry; Institute of Policy and Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development; National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute; National University of Laos; Stora Enso Lao Co; University of Melbourne; University of Southern Queensland; Vietnam Academy of Forest Sciences; Vietnam Administration of Forestry

Project Leader

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Program

Agribusiness

Project code

ADP/2014/047

Overview

This project aimed to improve policies for forest plantation industry development in Lao PDR and Vietnam through building better linkages between commercial investment and smallholder production.

Both countries have policies to increase the area of plantations for rural livelihood, industry development and environmental benefits, but need improved policies to connect industry and smallholders, and to help forest plantations contribute to rural livelihoods, alleviate poverty, and achieve environmental objectives.

The project developed policy and institutional options for plantation development, and created a policy learning network that could build capacity in plantation sector policy analysis, development and implementation.



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