

# Scoping for a forest biosecurity network in South East Asia



## Key details

### Location

Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Vietnam

### Duration

**Start** Feb 2020

**End** Feb 2021

### Budget

AUD 211,217

### Commissioned organisation

University of the Sunshine Coast

### Partners

University of the Sunshine Coast; University of Tasmania, Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture; Forest Research Institute Malaysia

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### Program

Forestry

### Project code

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management strategies, collaborate and share biosecurity knowledge, technologies, and strategies. This project also aimed to lay a foundation for a functional South-East Asia regional biosecurity network.

This was the first step toward the development of a biosecurity network and underpinning research focused on forest biosecurity, ensuring collaborative surveillance, monitoring and information-sharing to enhance biosecurity preparedness across the region.

Countries in the South-East Asian region have experienced significant improvements in their levels of development, along with strong growth in their agriculture and fisheries sectors and the outlook for agriculture is broadly positive.

## Expected project outcomes

- Determining the current biosecurity capacity, knowledge and priorities for stakeholders in the South-East Asia region.
- Reviewing the regulations laws, trade conventions and treaties for biosecurity in the South-East Asia region.
- Understanding past and current investment in biosecurity within forestry, horticulture, livestock and agriculture in the SE Asia region (to be used as a baseline for monitoring and evaluation in phase two).

## Overview

This project aimed to assist in protecting the agriculture and fisheries industries, and related prior ACIAR investments, by developing a strong regional network to foresee forest pest threats, develop

- Initiating and growing a network delivering coordinated responses and enhanced capability in the region, including bridging the link between forest and agricultural biosecurity institutions.



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