



## Review and Evaluation of the Status of Forest Allocation Policies to Produce Recommendations to Policymakers

### COUNTRY

Vietnam

### PROPONENT

Forest Protection Department, Vietnam Administration of Forestry  
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

### BACKGROUND

The total forest area of Vietnam, as of 2016, is 14,377,682 ha. Forest allocated to the community is 1,127,096 ha or 7.8% of total forest area, while 2,930,059 ha or 20.4% is allocated to individuals and households. Forest allocation policies contribute significantly to forest restoration and socialization in the forestry sector. Many forest areas are well protected when allocated to community since communities develop their own forest protection convention. Moreover, support policies and programs provide economic incentives for communities to protect the forest. Forest owners and planters gain support from governments, donors, and Payment for Forest Environmental Services program.

The Revised Law on Forest Protection and Development has recognized the community as one of forest owners. It is vital to clarify and develop specific and clear regulations (guidelines on forest allocation) after the revised law is approved.

### OBJECTIVES

In order to support decision makers in developing policies and guidelines on forest allocation, the project aims to review current forest allocation policies and evaluate the implementation of legal documents related to forest allocation. Specifically, it aims to:

1. Review and evaluate the status of implementation of forest allocation policies particularly its strengths and weaknesses;
2. Investigate the constraints of current forest allocation policies, specifically on conflict of different regulations and guidelines on forest allocation issued by forestry agencies and natural resources and environment agencies; and
3. Produce recommendations to policy makers to develop legal regulations and guidelines for forest allocation after the Revised Law on Forest Protection and Development is approved.

### PROPONENT



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## EXPECTED OUTPUTS

1. Report on review and evaluation of status of forest allocation in Vietnam;
2. Report on consultation with forest owners, authorities, stakeholders, and decision makers; and
3. Policy recommendations to develop legal regulations and guidelines for forest allocation.

## METHODOLOGY

The study will employ different research methods such as:

1. Review and evaluation of relevant legal documents and policies;
2. Field surveys;
3. Consultation workshops; and
4. Focus group discussions.

## PROJECT AREA

All forested provinces in Vietnam for the review of status of forest allocation.  
Selected provinces for field surveys.

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## DURATION

One year (March 2018 – February 2019)

## APPROVED BUDGET

25,000 US Dollars