

Updates as of November 2010
on Sub-technical Working Group on MRV (STWG-MRV)
under the National REDD Network

Co-conveners:

- Department of Science Technology and International Cooperation
- FAO/UN-REDD

Operational procedures:

- The STWG-MRV is a loose network of organizations/individuals working on aspects of MRV and REL/RL of REDD+ readiness in Vietnam. The STWG-MRV functions as a venue for general or focused discussions on related matters, and operates without a documented TOR. The STWG-MRV meets periodically or as opportunities arise.

STWG-MRV hosted meetings so far:

- 21 April: Brain-storming on MRV framework for REDD-Vietnam
- 13 August: REL/RL and PCM
- 25-26 August: Joint field meeting on Participatory Carbon Monitoring (and implications of REDD in CFM areas) in Dak Nong
- 12 October: R-PP components 3 and 4 review
- 23 November: REL/RL and MRV general discussions with FAO lead technical officer

Discussion themes so far:

- Different institutional options for forest inventory and monitoring in Vietnam
- REL/RL methodology discussions (for details, see R-PP Component 3)
- Participatory C-stock monitoring (PCM) - its roles, functions and approaches for measurement
- Historical forest inventory data/map availability and quality
- Forestry data platform (FORMIS)
- Updates on the proposal for the 5th Cycle of the National Forest Inventory and Monitoring Programme (NFIMP)
- (other information sharing from related activities)

Thematic areas for discussion in the near future:

- Components and framework for comprehensive national MRV system
- Institutional arrangement for MRV
- National circumstances for REL/RLs
- Outcomes from COP16
- Safeguards and MRV

Operational constraints/issues etc.:

- Funding for participants who do not have institutional backing to participate in STWG-MRV meetings/activities
- Not all MRV related activities taking place in Vietnam are shared with the STWG-MRV – should further promote the role of the STWG-MRV as venue for consultation.

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