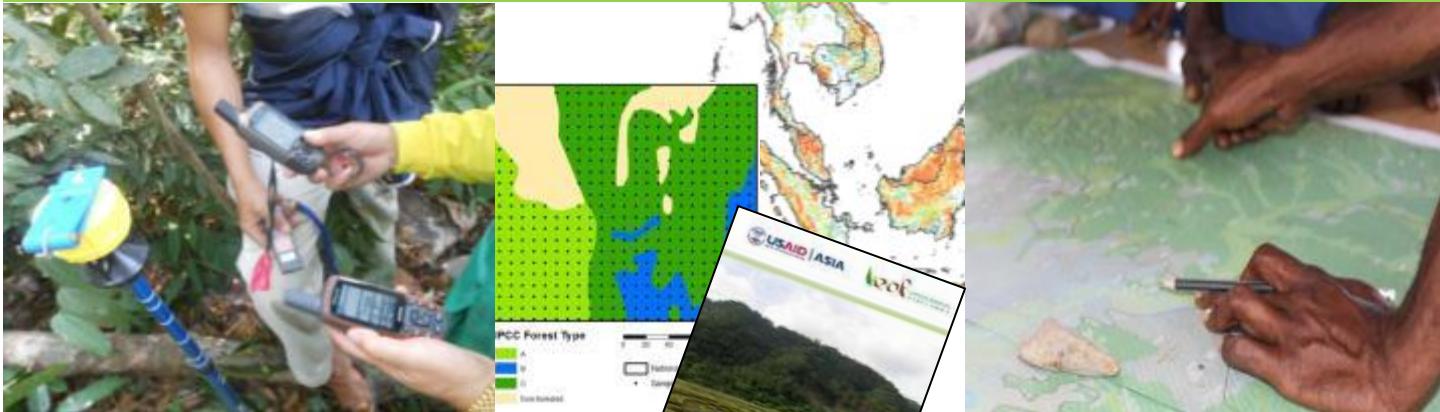




## LEAF Guidance and Tools for Forest Carbon Monitoring and Measuring

National Forest Monitoring Systems for REDD+

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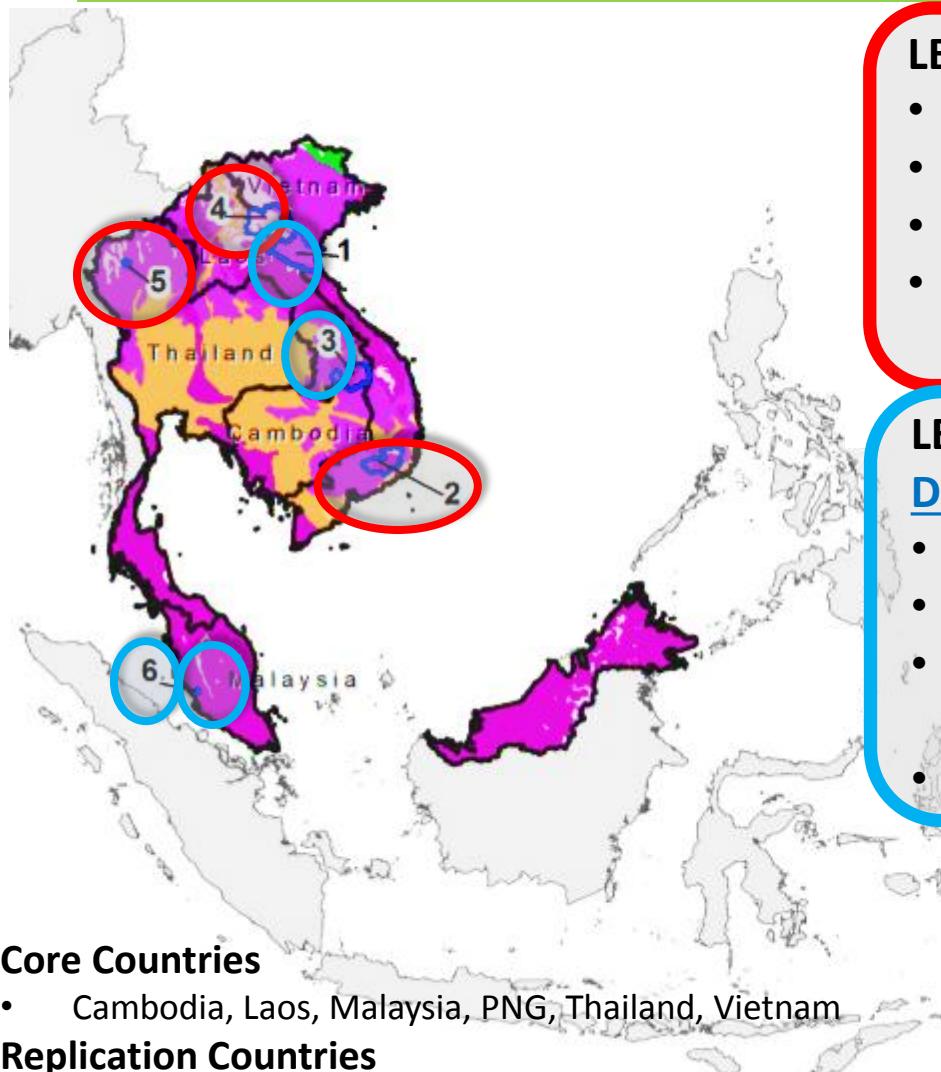
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# Lower Emissions in Asia's Forests (LEAF)

- LEAF is a 5 year (2011-2016) cooperative agreement, funded by the USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA).
- **GOAL:** To strengthen capacities of developing countries in the Asia region to produce meaningful and sustainable reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the forestry-land use sector.
- Implementation:



# Carbon Accounting In LEAF's Field Sites



## LEAF 'Focus' LEDS Forestry Landscapes

- **PNG:** Madang Province
- **Vietnam:** Lam Dong Province
- **Lao PDR:** Houaphan Province
- **Thailand:** Man and Biosphere Reserve, Chiang Mai

## LEAF Special Interest Landscapes: Forest Degradation

- **Malaysia,** Selangor: Peat/Forest degradation
- **Malaysia,** Pahang: Forest degradation
- **Vietnam,** Con Cuong: Forest degradation + Company-Community
- **Lao PDR,** Attapeu: Degradation-Community



## Core Countries

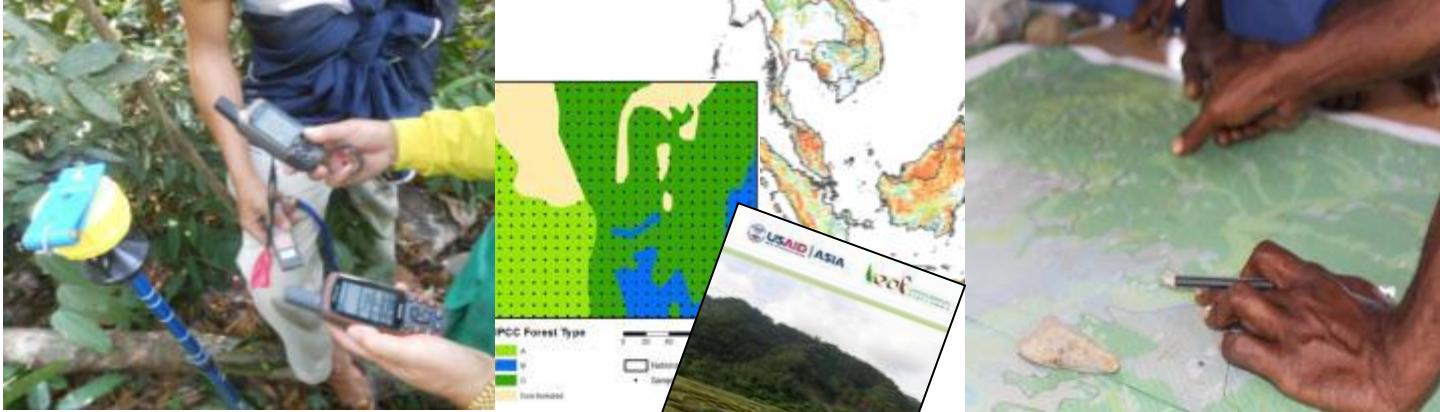
- Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, PNG, Thailand, Vietnam

## Replication Countries

- India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Indonesia, Philippines, Burma



# Accounting for Carbon in Forestry and Land Use Sector: *LEAF's Framework*



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# 1. Design Framework

## Drivers: Understanding a Changing Landscape

Guidance Series:

- **'Identifying and Addressing Drivers of Deforestation and Degradation'**
- DRAFT - To be presented at COP19 in collaboration with ARKN-FCC
- [http://www.leafasia.org/resources\\_tools](http://www.leafasia.org/resources_tools)

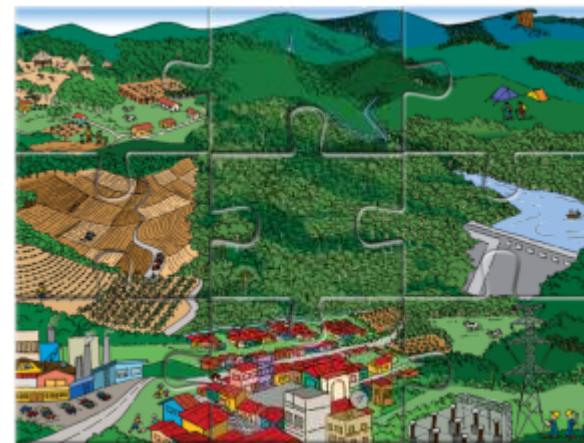
What is the impact of international and regional drivers of landscape change on local land-use decisions?

**Drivers of Change**

Increased production

Increased consumption

Growing population



**Time/Space**

More resource claims

More Competition

Climate change

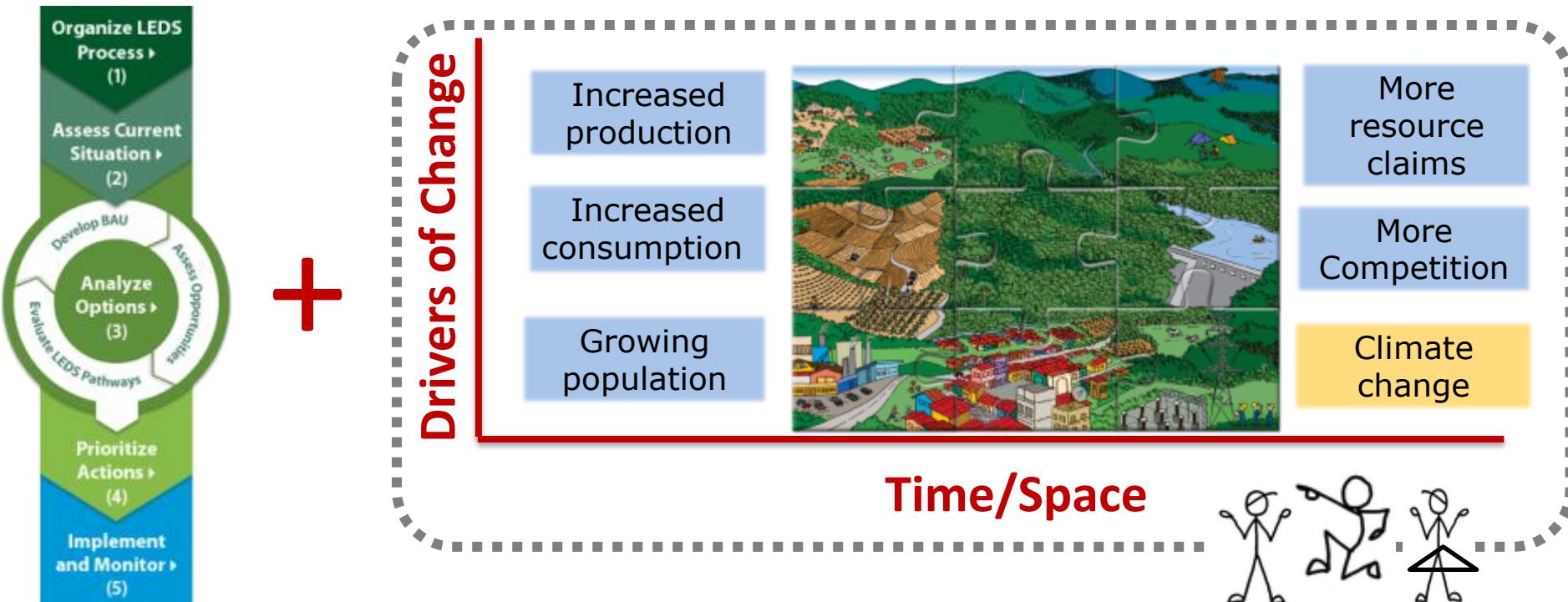


# 1. Design Framework

## Using LEDS Framework to Measure & Monitor Carbon

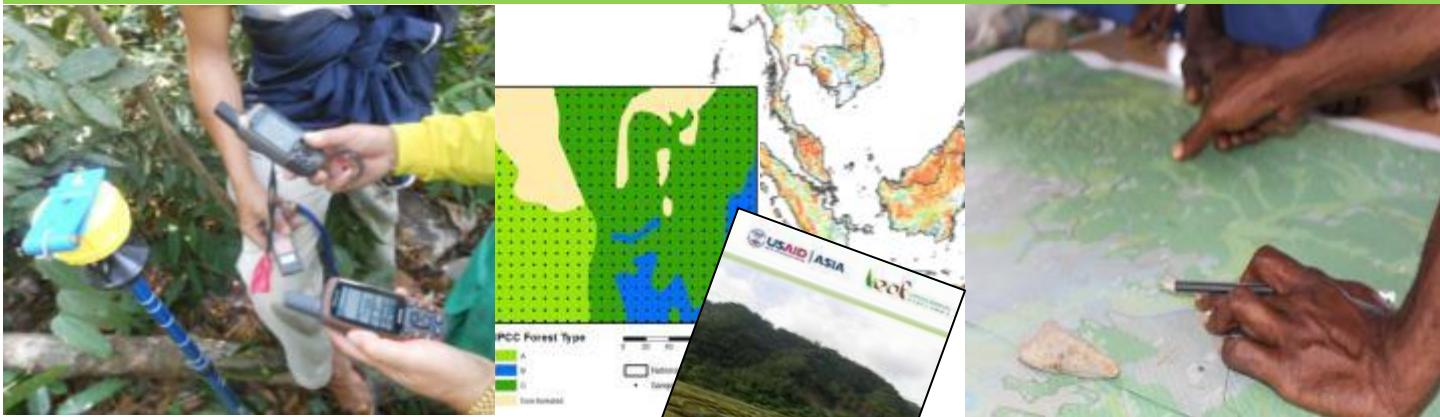
Guidance Series:

- **'Guidelines for Effective Land Use Planning and Climate Change Mitigation'**
- DRAFT – To be published by end of year
- [http://www.leafasia.org/resources\\_tools](http://www.leafasia.org/resources_tools)





## Accounting for Carbon in Forestry and Land Use Sector: *LEAF's Guidance and Tools on:* *Reference Level Development*

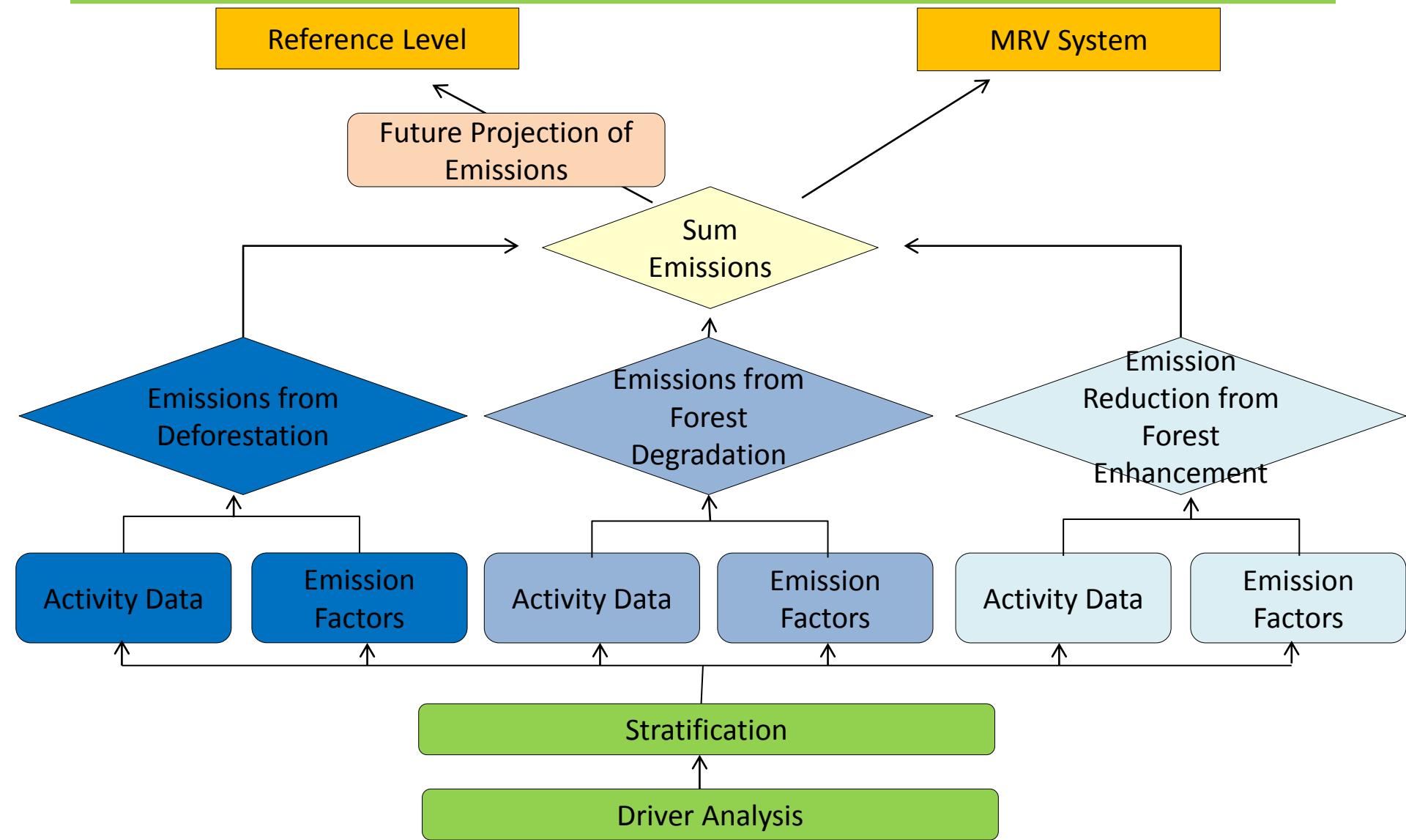


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## 2. LEAF's Reference Level Framework

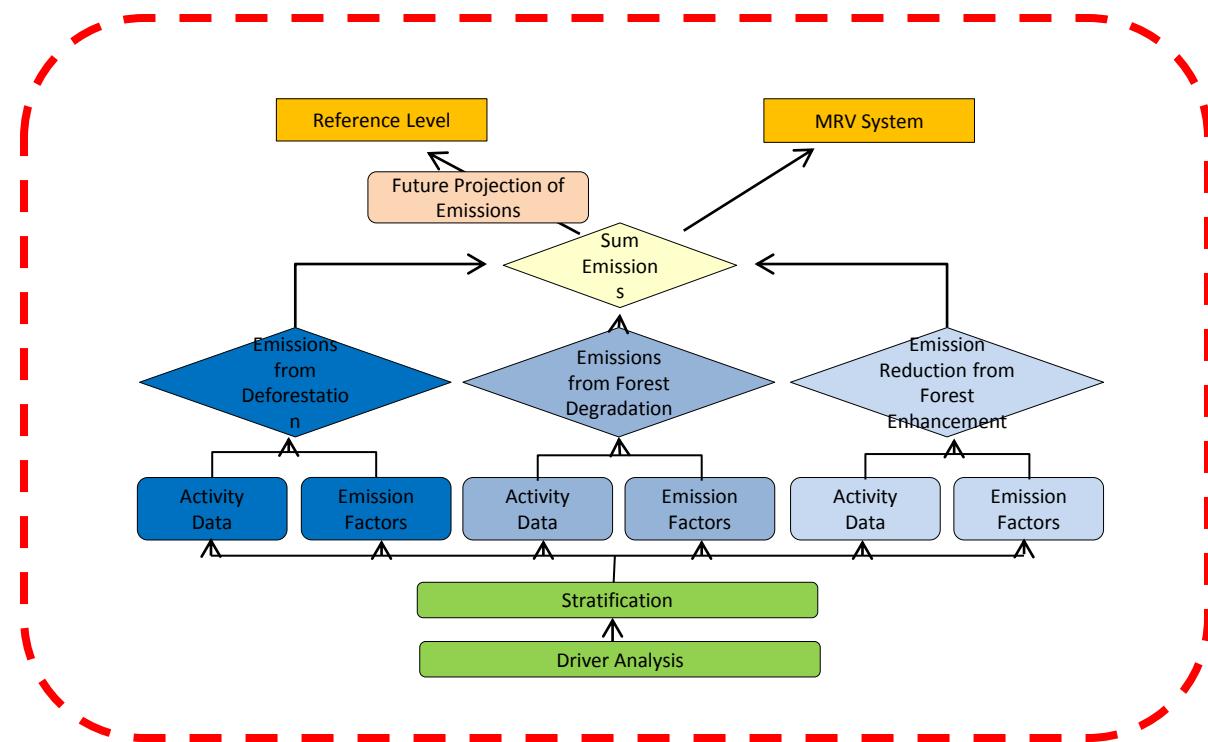
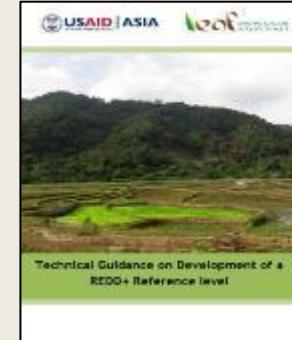


## 2. LEAF's Reference Level Framework

### Development of a REDD+ Reference Level

Guidance Series:

- **'Technical Guidance on Development of a REDD+ Reference Level'**
- PUBLISHED - <http://leafasia.org/tools/technical-guidance-development-redd-reference-level>



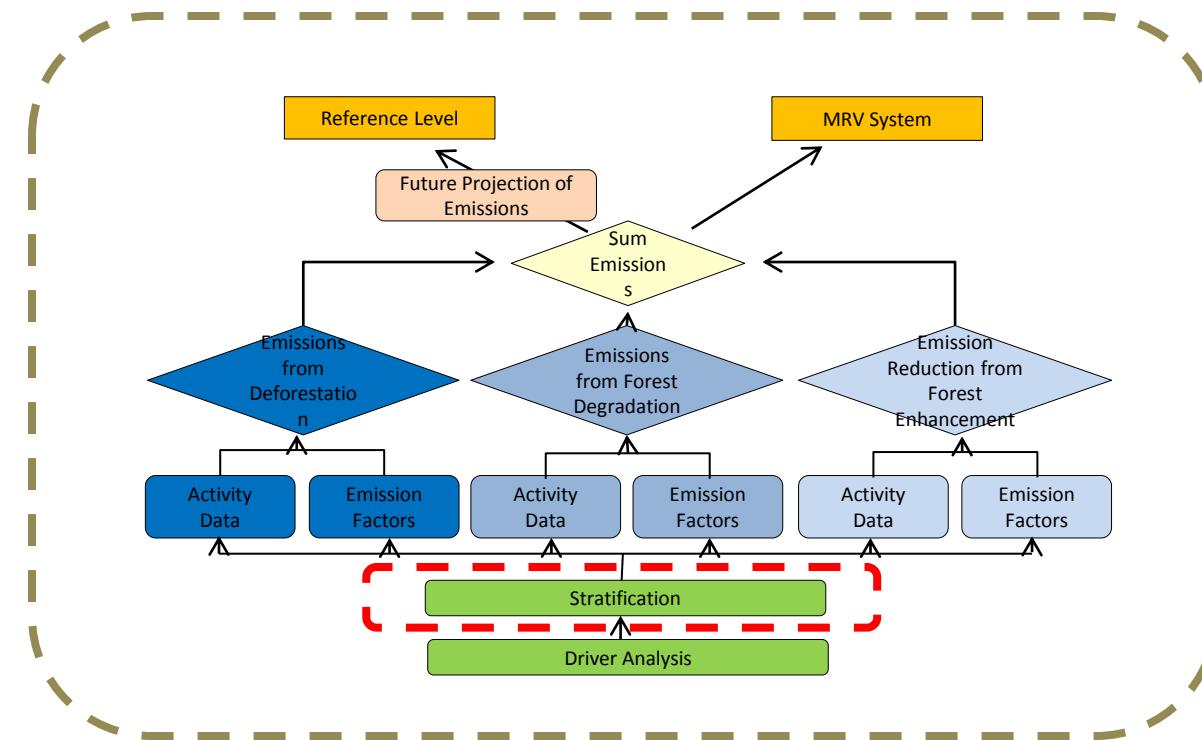
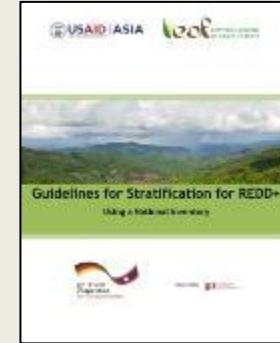
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### Stratification of the Forest Estate

Guidance Series:

- **'Stratification for REDD+: Using a National Forest Inventory'**

FINAL DRAFT - <http://www.leafasia.org/library/guidelines-stratification-redd-using-national-inventory>

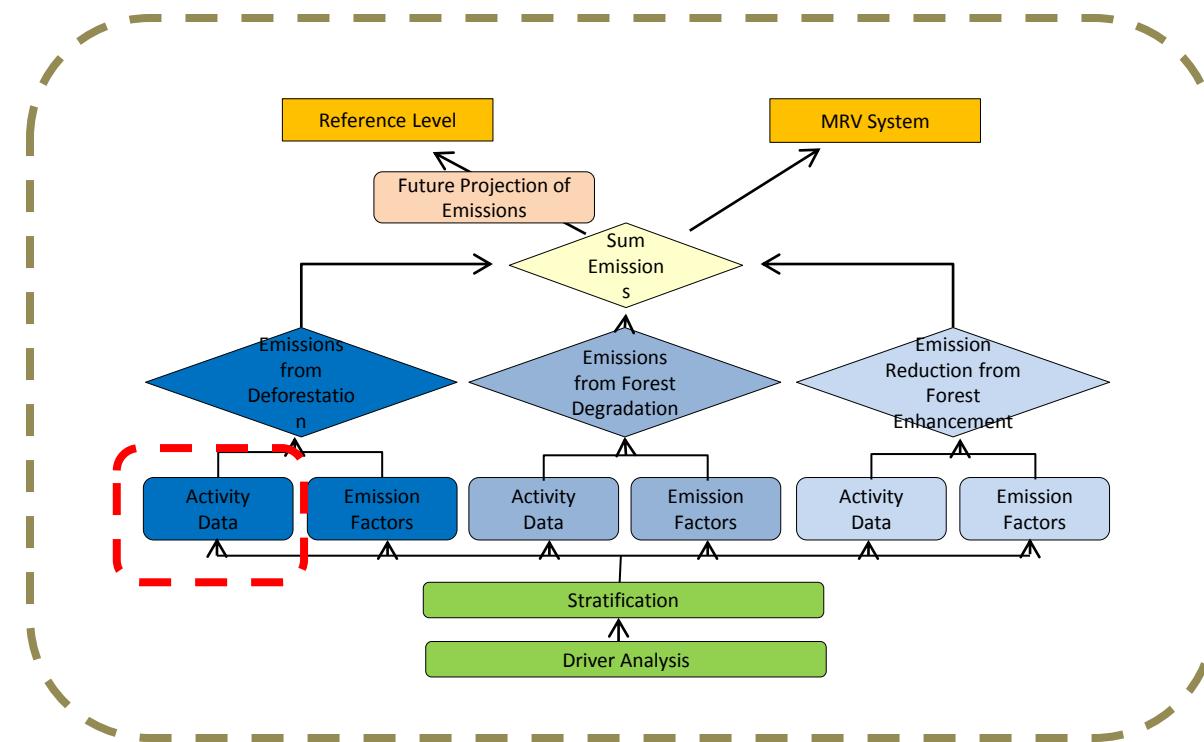
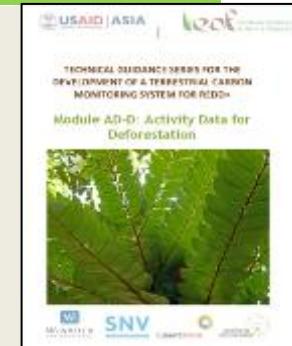


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### Changes in Land Use (Activity Data)

Guidance Series:

- **'Activity Data for Deforestation'**
- FINAL DRAFT - [http://www.leafasia.org/resources\\_tools](http://www.leafasia.org/resources_tools)

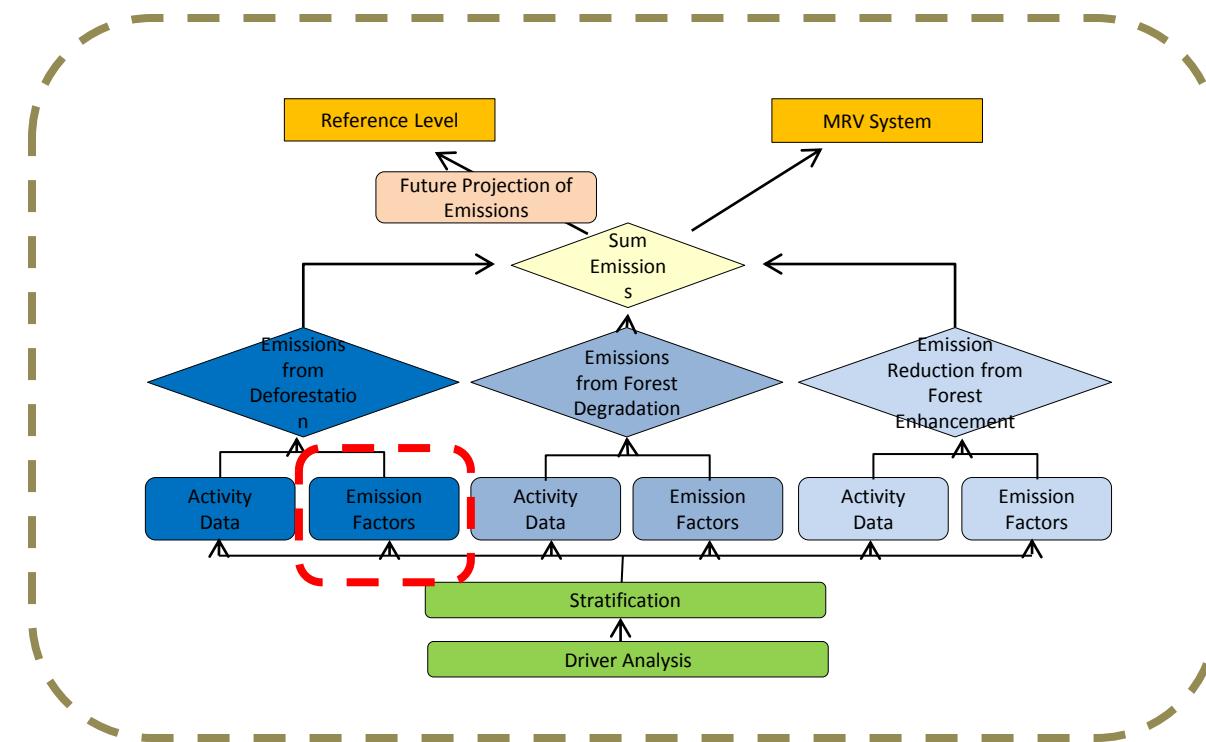


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### Carbon Stocks and Emission Factors

Guidance Series:

- **'Emission Factors for Deforestation'**
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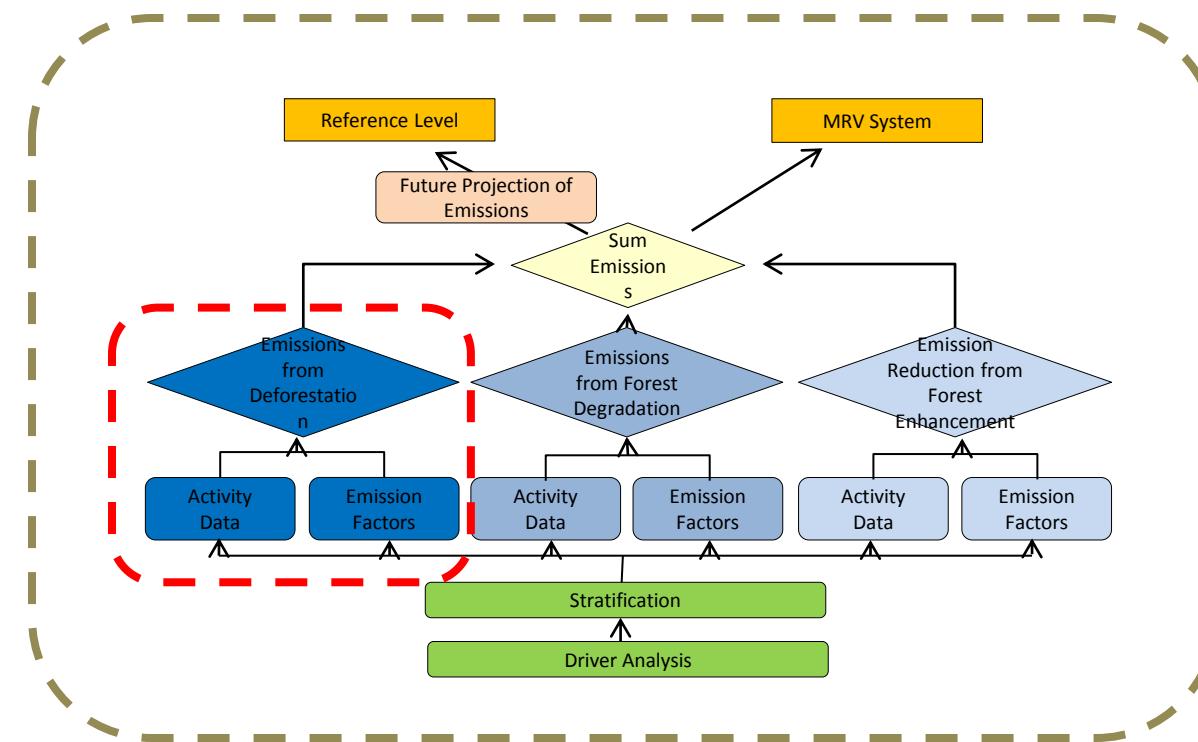
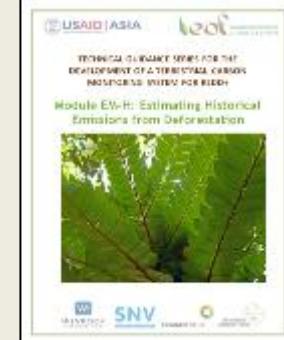


## 2. LEAF's Reference Level Framework

### Historical Emissions

Guidance Series:

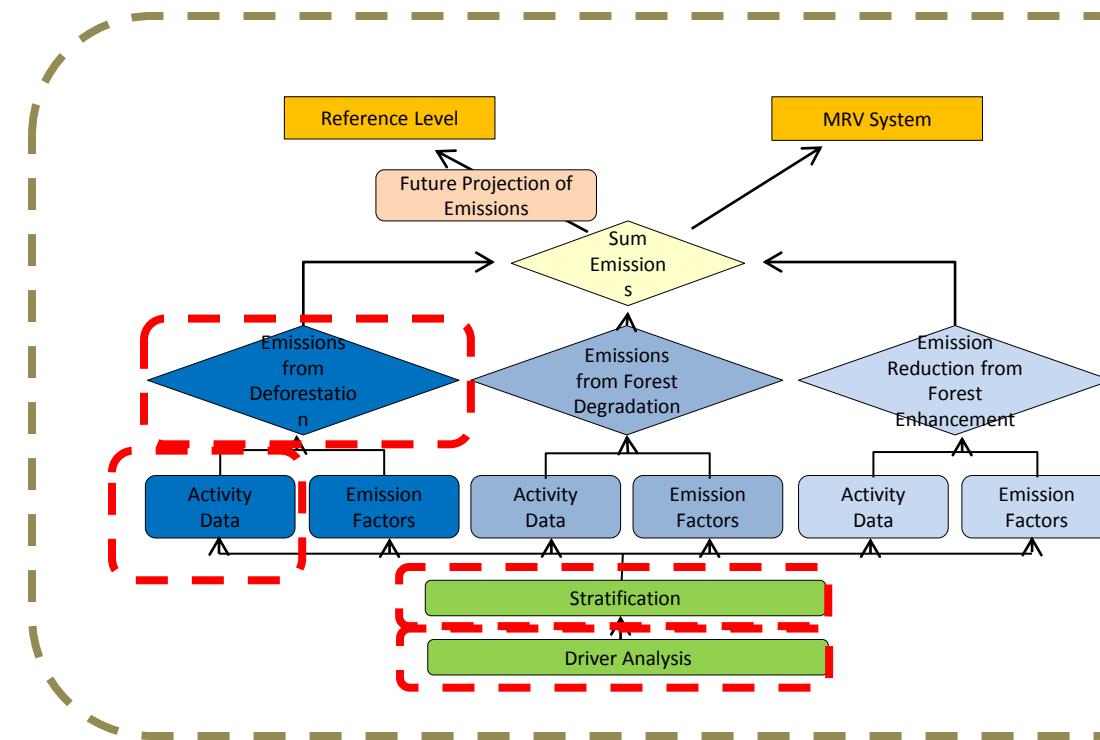
- **'Estimating Historical Emissions from Deforestation (Combining Activity Data and Emission Factors')**
- FINAL DRAFT - <http://www.leafasia.org/resources/tools>



## 2. LEAF's Reference Level Framework Training Videos

Guidance Series:

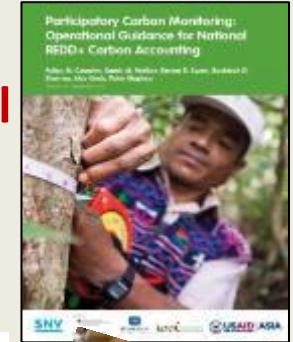
- **Reference Level Training Videos (focus on use of Remote Sensing and GIS to calculate Activity Data)**
- PUBLISHED - <http://www.leafasia.org/leaf-news-notes/reference-level-rl-training-videos-now-available-online>



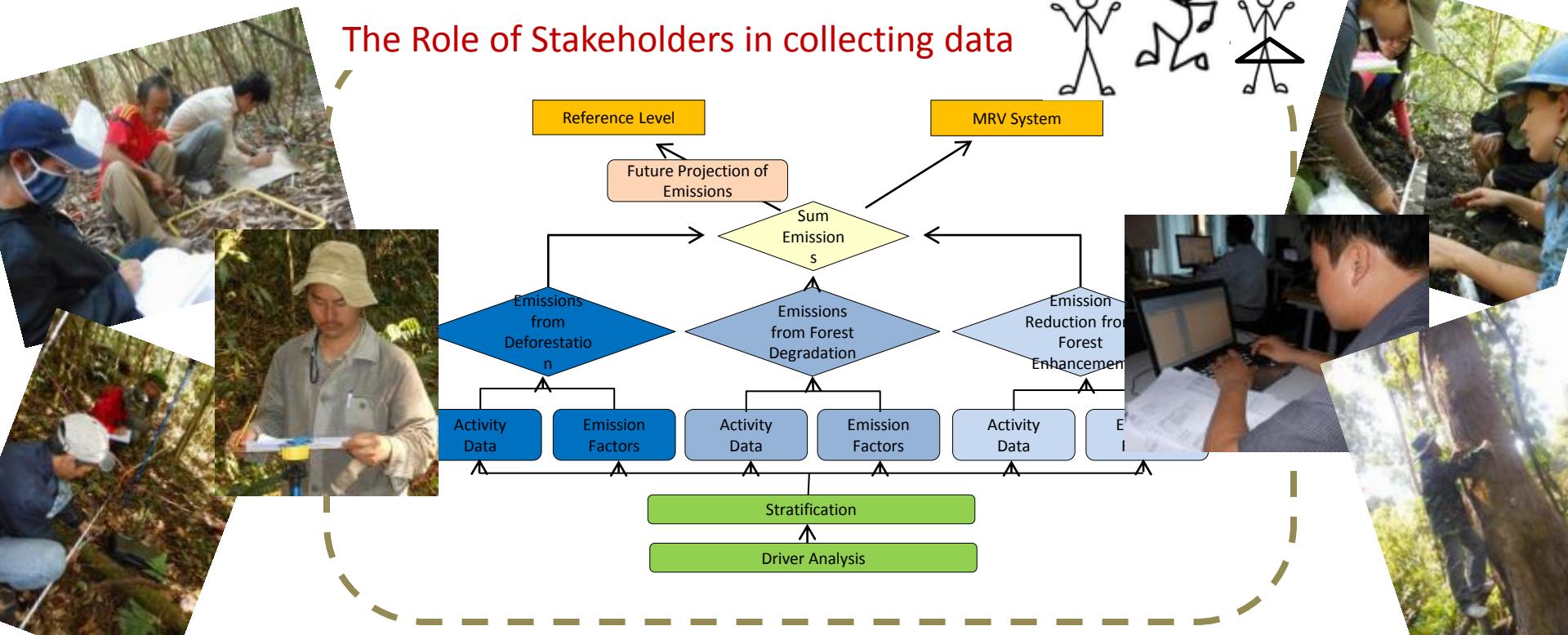
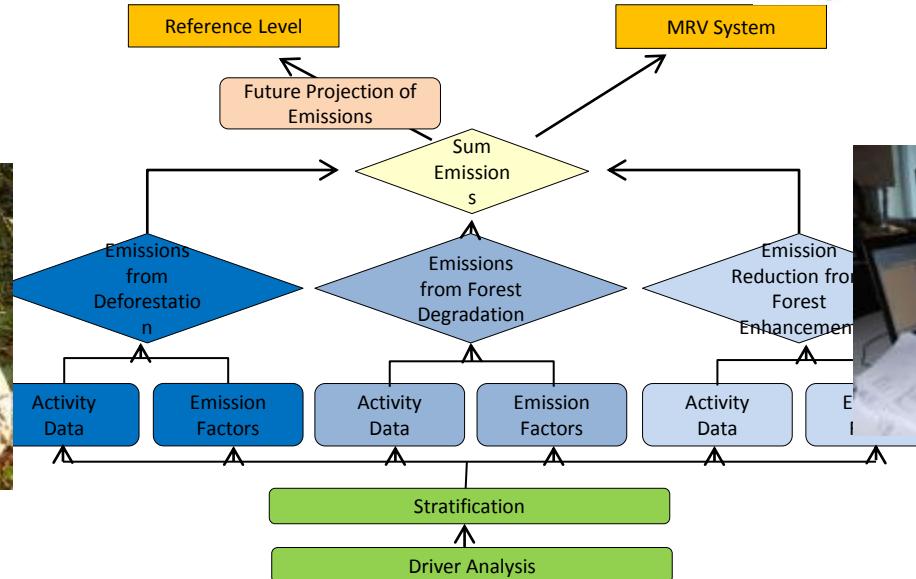
## 2. LEAF's Reference Level Framework Participatory Carbon Monitoring

Guidance Series:

- **Participatory Carbon Monitoring: Operational Guidance for National REDD+ Carbon Accounting**
- PUBLISHED - <http://leafasia.org/tools/terrestrial-carbon-measurement-sop-english>

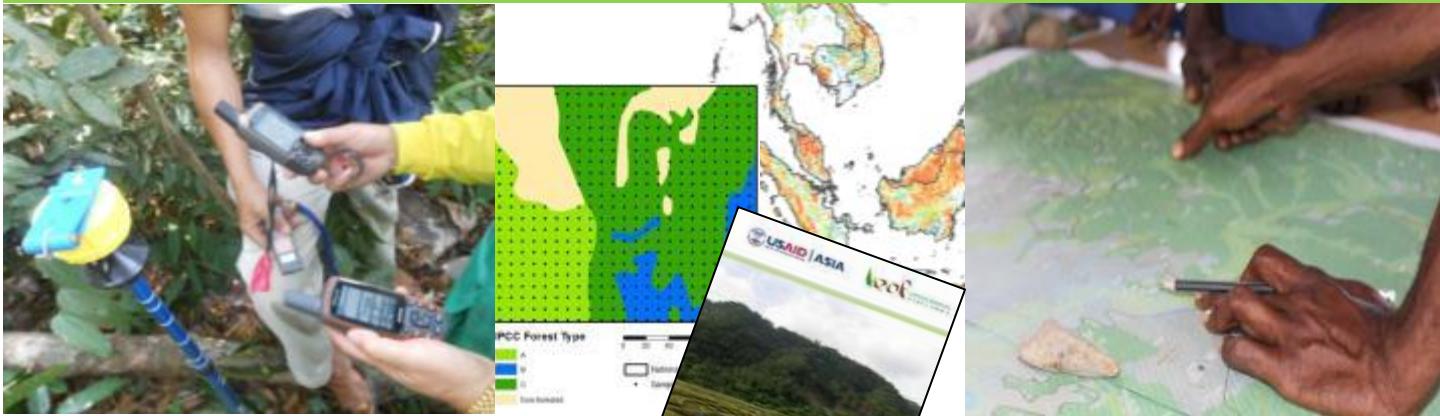


### The Role of Stakeholders in collecting data





## Accounting for Carbon in Forestry and Land Use Sector: *LEAF's Guidance and Tools on:* *Carbon Measurements*



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### 3. Carbon Measurements

#### Field Measurements

Guidance Series:

- **Terrestrial Carbon Standard Operating Procedures**
- PUBLISHED - <http://leafasia.org/tools/terrestrial-carbon-measurement-sop-english>



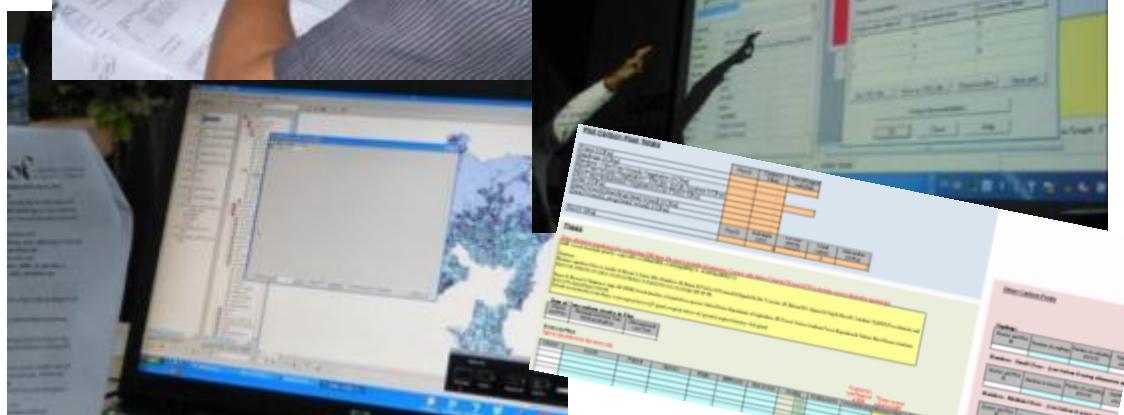
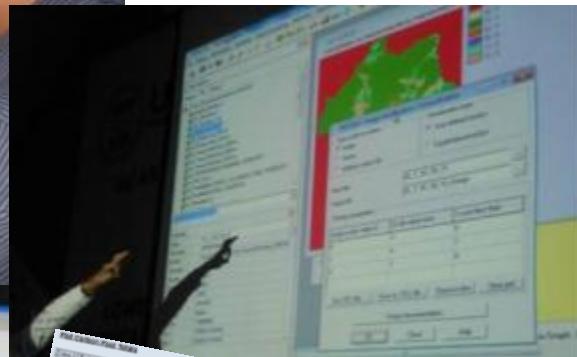
**Standard Procedures to measure Carbon stocks in each pool:**

1. Above Ground Biomass
  2. Below Ground Biomass
  3. Dead Organic Matter (Deadwood)
  4. Dead Organic Matter (Litter)
  5. Soils
- Plus destructive sampling and sampling design

### 3. Carbon Measurements Field Calculation Tools

Guidance Series:

- **Carbon Stock Calculation Tools**
- PUBLISHED - [http://www.leafasia.org/resources\\_tools](http://www.leafasia.org/resources_tools)



**Calculation Tools for:**

1. Carbon Stock Calculation
2. Carbon Emissions Factors for Selective Logging
3. Destructive Harvest Data Entry Tool
4. Sample Plot Quantity Calculation.

# LEAF's NFMS Capacity Building Activities

Continue to partner with global and regional partners:



And:

- Asia LEDS Partnership
- ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network on Forest and Climate Change (ARKN-FCC)
- Lower Mekong Initiative
- Mangroves for the Future (MFF)

# LEAF's NFMS Capacity Building Activities

## Curricula Development Support

- Basic climate change science
- Carbon monitoring and measuring
- Social and environmental soundness
- Land use planning and climate change

# Upcoming Events

- Triple Bottom Line Natural Resource Valuation (Regional - Support to LEAD)
- Gender Integrated Planning for REDD+ (Vietnam)
- Carbon Stratification and Reference Level training (Vietnam)
- REDD+ Integrated Carbon Accounting (Malaysia)
- Asia-Pacific Leadership Training on Gender (Regional)
- Community PLUP + Carbon (Madang, PNG)
- Forest Biomass and Carbon Stock Assessment Training (Lao PDR)