

Terms of Reference

Expert: National consultant on participatory monitoring of forests

Output: 2.2

Responsible UN Agency: FAO

National/International: National

Duration: 2 person/months "When-Actually-Employed" basis
June – December 2010

Duty station: Hanoi with travel to Lam Dong

Background:

The UN-REDD Programme assists Vietnam to strengthen the country's capacity to be ready for REDD implementation. One of the key components of the Programme is to raise local capacity for implementation of REDD, including capacity to monitor carbon emissions from forests. Specifically, Output 2.2 aims to develop a sound system for participatory carbon-stock monitoring and to provide training to key local institutions.

A number of initiatives have developed systems of participatory monitoring in various contexts including some cases in Viet Nam. The programme seeks to build on existing systems, by reviewing their effectiveness in the local contexts of two districts in Lam Dong province in Vietnam.

Objectives:

The overall objective of the assignment is to develop a sound system for participatory carbon-stock monitoring and to provide training to key local institutions to enable further capacity building at the forest management level.

Supervision:

Under the general supervision of the Budget Holder of FAO (FAO Representative of Viet Nam) and the NPD; and under the direct supervision of the Lead Technical Officer of the FAO Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division (FOMD), the National REDD Team Leader and the UN-REDD Technical Specialist; and in close collaboration with the international expert on participatory monitoring of forests, other national and international parties working on carbon-stock monitoring in forests in Viet Nam.

The consultant(s) will take on the following specific responsibilities:

- In close coordination with the International Consultant and National Expert on participatory monitoring of forests, review current national forest monitoring systems and assess their practicality in application to the local contexts in Lam Dong province.

- Assist the international and national experts on participatory monitoring of forests in developing sound participatory carbon-stock monitoring system/s for the various types of forest management in Lam Dong province, based on (1) existing approaches to participatory carbon stock assessments (including Ch. 3.4 of GOFC-GOLD Sourcebook 2009), (2) existing forest monitoring systems.
- Conduct pilot runs of the proposed system/s to test practicability and effectiveness.

Assist the international expert on participatory monitoring of forests in developing training materials (final product should be in Vietnamese) for implementing the system/s in the field.

- Assist the international expert on participatory monitoring of forests in the analysis of the results obtained from the participatory monitoring system.

Qualifications, Experience and Competencies

- Post graduate degree in Environmental Science, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Economics, or similar.
- At least 5 years of working experience on forest inventory, monitoring and/or related relevant fields in Vietnam
- Knowledge of and practical experience on participatory forest management.
- Proficiency in spoken English. Good writing skills in English are an asset.