

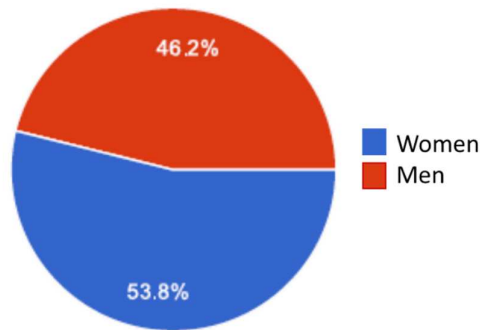
**Results of the Needs Assessments for 2016
UN-REDD Knowledge Management/Asia-Pacific
Assessment of KM activities, and proposals/requests for future action
November-December, 2015**

Introduction

A survey was conducted online during November and December, 2015, in order to assess the results of the UN-REDD Asia/Pacific Knowledge Management (KM) Action Plan and to solicit proposals for 2016. A total of 76 primary stakeholders, 3 or 4 from each of the 19 Partner Countries, were invited to complete the survey, and 26 responses (about 33%) were received.

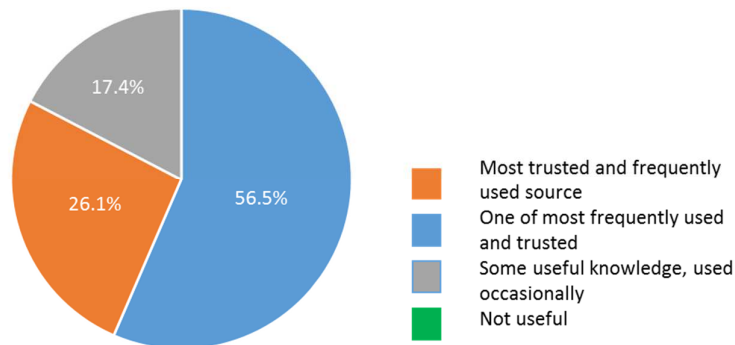
Results

Responses were obtained from 14 of the 19 Partner Countries. No responses were obtained from Bangladesh, Fiji, Pakistan, Samoa, and Sri Lanka. Of the respondents there were slightly more women than men.



UN-REDD KM activities are highly valued

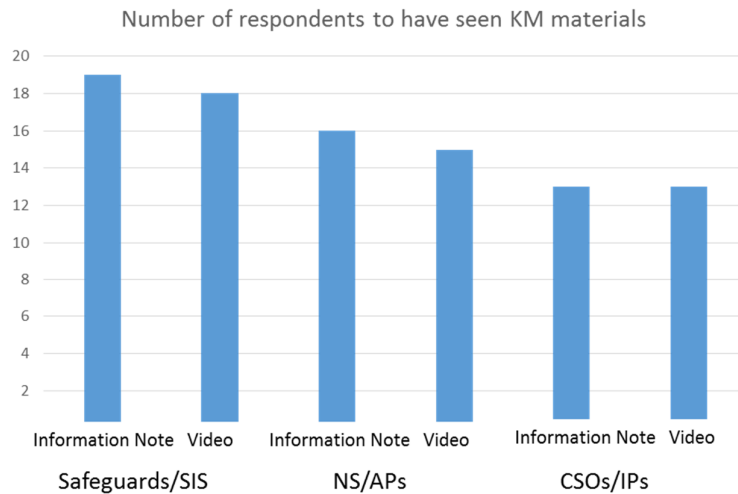
More than 80% of respondents commented that they viewed UN-REDD as their main source of knowledge on REDD+ or one of their major sources.



Regional KM events

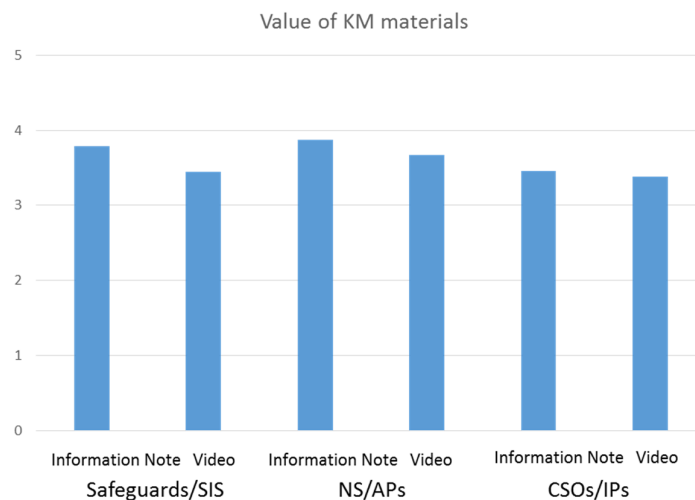
A total of six regional KM events were held during 2015. Fourteen of the 26 respondents (53.8%) had attended at least one of the events.

For the three regional KM events organized under the auspices of the KM Action Plan, Information Notes and Videos were produced for each one. A very high number of respondents had seen the Information Note and Video on Safeguards/SIS (19 and 18, 73% and 69%, respectively). Fewer had seen the NS/AP materials and fewer still the CSO/IP materials, although those figures still reached 50% of respondents. Two reasons why more had seen the Safeguards/SIS materials might be that they have been in circulation longer, and also there was a concerted effort to publicize them, e.g., through Twitter.



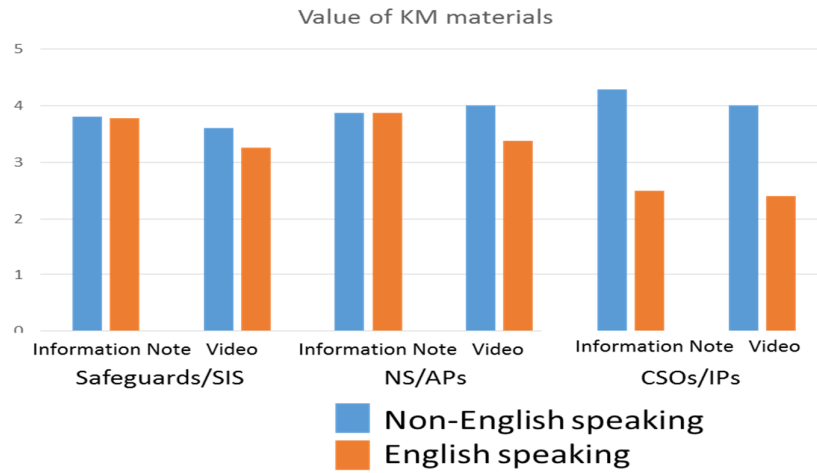
Respondents were asked to rate the value of KM materials produced from regional KM events on a scale of 0 (no value) to 5 (highest value).

Overall, respondents rated Information Notes to be of more value than videos (but see below). The NS/AP KM materials were rated as having the highest value.

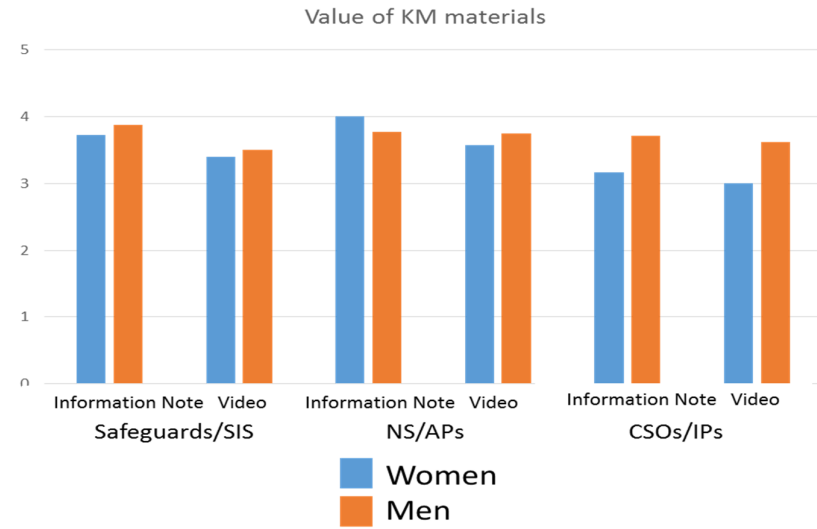


However, when respondents were classified as to whether they come from countries with high English speaking capacity versus low capacity, some interesting trends were revealed. Respondents from countries with low English-speaking capacity valued the videos as having a higher value, perhaps reflecting constraints in reading 8-page documents in English. For some reason, English-speaking

respondents did not value the CSO/IP materials as highly as the other topics, whereas non-English speakers rated those materials highest.

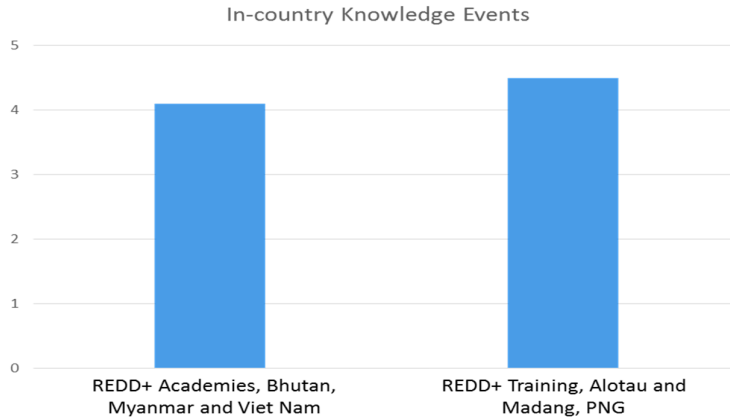


Men tended to appreciate the value of the KM materials more than women, especially for the materials dealing with CSO/IP engagement.



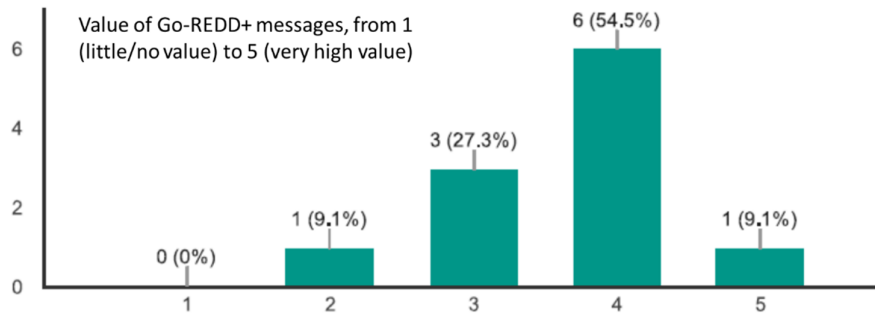
In-country Knowledge Events

During 2015, national REDD+ Academies were held in Bhutan, Myanmar and Viet Nam. REDD+ Training was also held in PNG, through two separate events, in Alotau and Madang. Of the 10 respondents from these four countries, seven had attended the in-country events. Scores for the value of these events were very high.

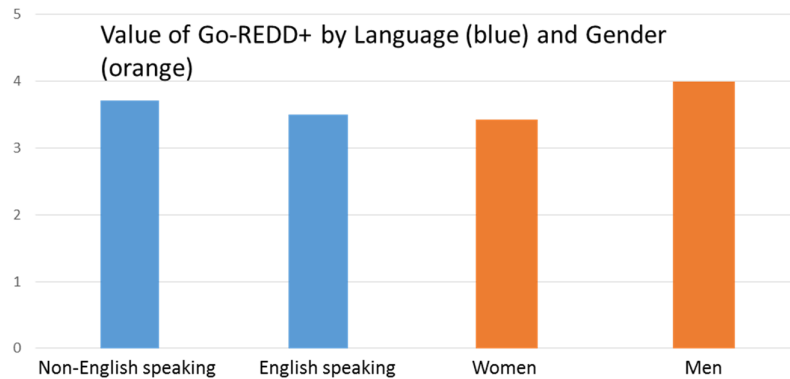


Go-REDD+ remains very popular

Monthly Go-REDD+ messages were a key part of the KM Action Plan until banned by the MG. Although only 50% of respondents were regular recipients of Go-REDD+ messages, they valued them highly, confirming previous surveys on the value of Go-REDD+.

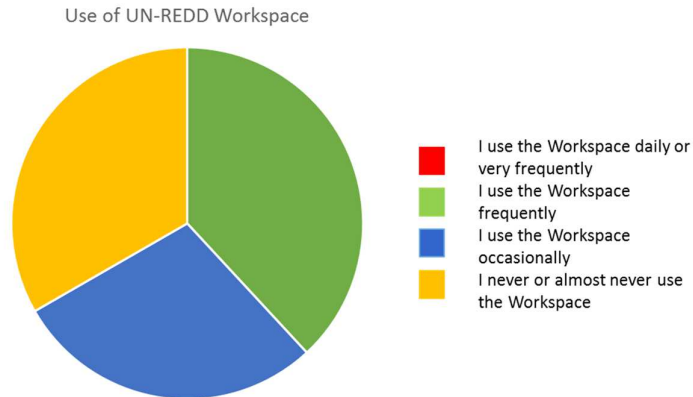


Respondents from non-English-speaking countries valued Go-REDD+ messages somewhat higher than those from English speaking countries, perhaps reflecting their limited capacity to read English, and the Go-REDD+ approach of limiting the length of messages to one page. Men valued Go-REDD+ messages more than women.

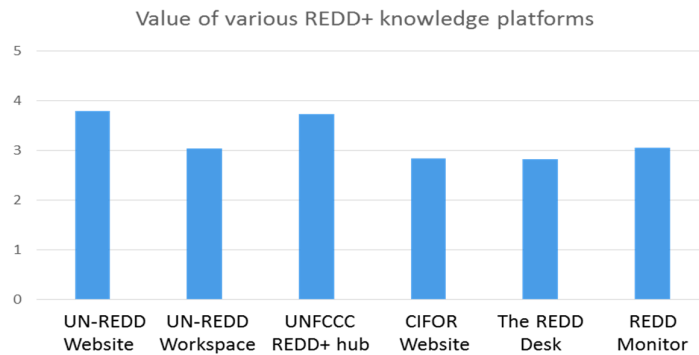


Value of UN-REDD Website and Workspace for KM

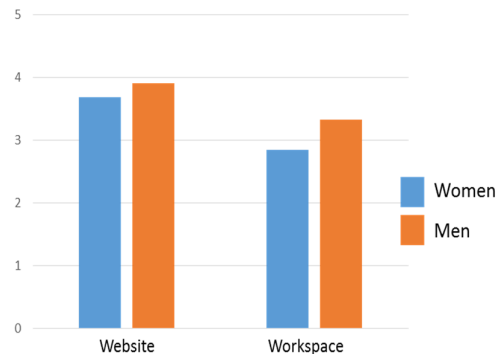
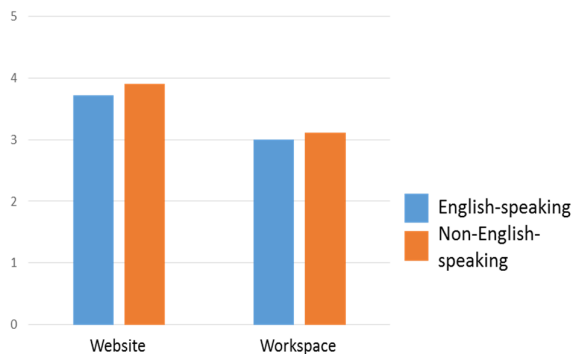
One-third of respondents never, or almost never make use of the UN-REDD Workspace, and no respondent uses it daily or very frequently.



The value of the UN-REDD Website in terms of access to knowledge on REDD+ was rated higher than the Workspace. The website also rated higher than a number of other knowledge platforms that respondents were asked to rate, other than the UNFCCC REDD+ Platform.



Non-English-speaking respondents tend to value the Website and Workspace more than English-speaking respondents, while men value the sites more than women. Women, in particular, rated the Workspace low.



Proposals for 2016

Respondents were invited to identify topics on which they would like to see UN-REDD KM support for 2016. Responses are shown in the Table below and grouped by topics in the Table below that.

Bhutan	Regional workshop on progress of development of NS/APs
Cambodia	Regional and National Strategy/Action Plan
	REDD+ under the UNFCCC
	Case experiences from country, government, CSOs/NGOs and IPs
Lao PDR	Carbon markets and benefit sharing
Malaysia	Specific guidance on the development of NS/APs
	The importance of participatory consultative process
	Linkages among NS/APs and the development of FRELs and NFMS
	REDD+ safeguard information system
	Options for sustainable financing mechanism
	Enhance technology of monitoring forest and non-forested area using remote sensing data (% canopy opening in degradation area).
Mongolia	National strategy or Action Plan
Myanmar	More Training for Trainer (ToT) events on REDD+
Philippines	Something on carbon rights/carbon ownership
	Regional event on REDD+ financing;
	Regional event on REDD+ and Paris agreements
PNG	More information on REDD+ implementation
Vanuatu	Capacity building on REDD+, NFI, REDD+ Financing and Carbon Trading
Viet Nam	Sharing lessons learnt from REDD+ countries globally, especially on topics with no specific guidance of UNFCCC
	Sharing countries' experiences and problem solving
	Regular updates of REDD+ knowledge, countries experience and practical guidance
	Development of SIS

Summary of the proposed topics by countries

Preferred Topic	Country
General REDD+/ Paris Agreement, etc.	Cambodia, Myanmar, Philippines, Vanuatu
NS/APs	Bhutan, Cambodia, Malaysia, Mongolia
FRELs	Malaysia
NFMS	Malaysia, Vanuatu
Safeguards/ SIS	Malaysia, Viet Nam
Finance	Lao, Malaysia, Philippines, Vanuatu
BDS	Lao PDR
Country exchange	Cambodia, Viet Nam
Consultation processes	Malaysia
Carbon rights	Philippines
REDD+ implementation	PNG