

## Sub-technical working group on MRV summary of discussions for 31 August 2012 meeting

Date and time: 31 August 2012, 9.00-12.00

Venue: MARD Building B9 Room 101

Participants: (see list at end of document)

### Agenda items

1. UN-REDD: Updates on the Allometric Equation study under UN-REDD (including feedback from the training in June)
2. FIPI: Updates on the government NFI piloting in Bac Kan provinces
3. FAO NFA: Information sharing on recent developments from the NFA project
4. JICA: Information sharing from the JICA study

### 1. UN-REDD: Updates on the Allometric Equation study under UN-REDD (including feedback from the training in June)

#### **Presentations by Dang Thinh Trieu (FSIV) and Nguyen Viet Xuan (RCFEE)**

Presentation material Trieu – [Click here](#)

Presentation material Xuan – [Click here](#)

AE database for existing AE data – pending

Discussions –

- VRO will take on the role as data manager for AE data, which will in the future be integrated further into the government's forestry information system. As part of this responsibility, VRO has conducted a quality check of the field measurements carried out for AE development as introduced in the presentation. The results of the quality check have revealed the importance in steps of site selection (particularly with regards to the distance between plots), accuracy of tree species identification, and sample analysis. The field work and analysis done so far have followed the requirements outlined in the Guidelines developed, but still demonstrated the need for further care and consideration to make the data relevant. In the future, updating of the Guidelines will need to be done to ensure that improved data collection and analysis can be made.

### 2. FIPI: Updates on the Government's National Forest Inventory and Statistics (NFIS) Programme piloting in Bac Kan province

#### **Presentation by Vu Quang Hien (FIPI)**

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Questions & discussions:

- The National Forest Inventory and Statistics program (NFIS) will be carried out during 2011-2015, based on the guideline which will be developed through the current piloting process. While the inventory work will be carried out largely by FIPI and its sub offices, the statistics component will be carried out through the provincial and local authorities.
- The reality of how each of the provinces will complete the statistics work (land demarcation) particularly in provinces where land allocation is largely at the

household level, within the limited time and resources is questionable. Based on the Bac Kan experience, forest owner may be up to the commune level.

- There seems to be confusion and differences in the understanding of future implementation of NFIS; the presenter is of the understanding that this program will not be repeated directly following the 2011-2015 cycle, whereas, VNFOREST/VRO mentioned legal basis for continued implementation every 5 years.

### **3. FAO NFA: Information sharing on recent developments from the NFA project Presentation by Tani Høyhtyä (FAO)**

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Questions & discussions:

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### **4. JICA: Proposal on incorporation of provincial forest inventory data into the national database Presentation by Kei Suzuki (JAFTA/JICA)**

Presentation material – [Click here](#)

Questions & discussions:

- Based on the two preceding presentations, Vietnam will be generating forest inventory data on different scales for the next two inventory cycles (up till 2020). There should be more clarity on how the NFA work will take up the results from the preceding cycle, and the coherence between these two cycles. This also affects how provincially generated data (including that to be piloted in Dien Bien project) can be used for feeding into the national level (currently proposed as QA/QC data on annual basis).

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