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Some Preliminary Findings on

**Institution and Context Analysis for
Participatory Governance Assessment for
REDD+ Implementation in Lam Dong**

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Presentation Outline

- 1. An overview on forestry sector and forest management in Lam Dong;**
- 2. Institutional set-up/structure for forest governance in Lam Dong;**
- 3. Stakeholder mapping and analysis for PGA for REDD+ in Lam Dong;**
- 4. Some recommendations for PGA for REDD+ in Lam Dong;**

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An overview on forestry sector and forest management in Lam Dong

1. Forestry land and forest resources

- 598.997ha forestry land, covering 2/3 provincial area
- 591.349ha forested as 60,5% forest coverage (2010)
- Timber volume: 73 millions m³; >650 millions bamboo trees; as >93% in natural forests
- High profiles of biodiversity and environmental services

Forest types	Sub-total area	Rate (%)	Forested area
Total area (ha)	598.997		591.349
1. Special use forest	83.674	14,0	79.516
2. Protection forest	173.148	28,9	152.954
3. Production forest	342.175	57,1	314.747

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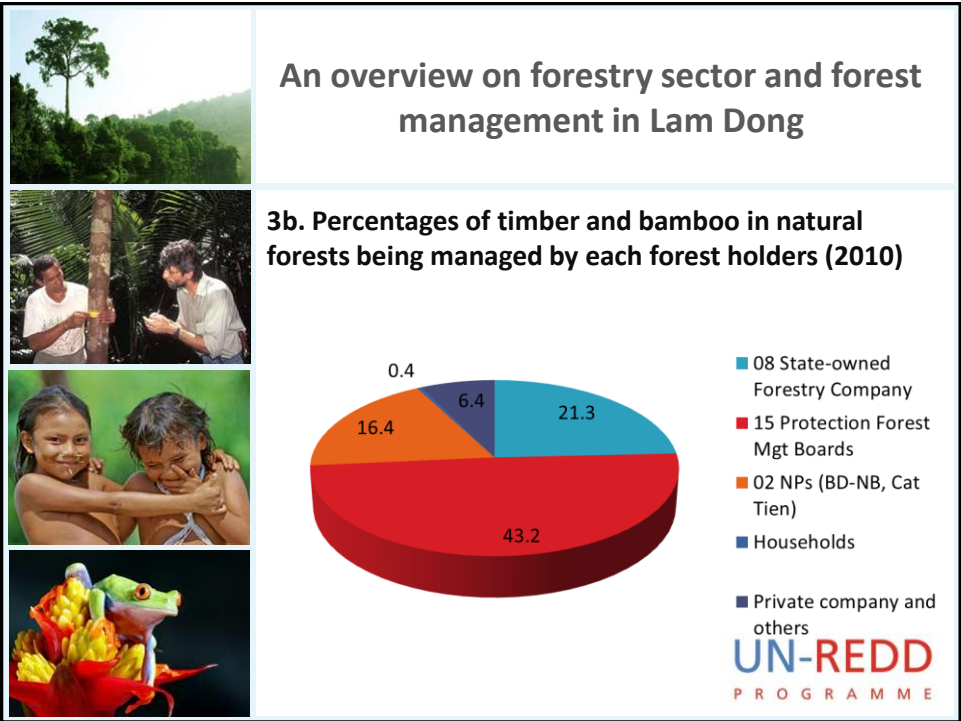
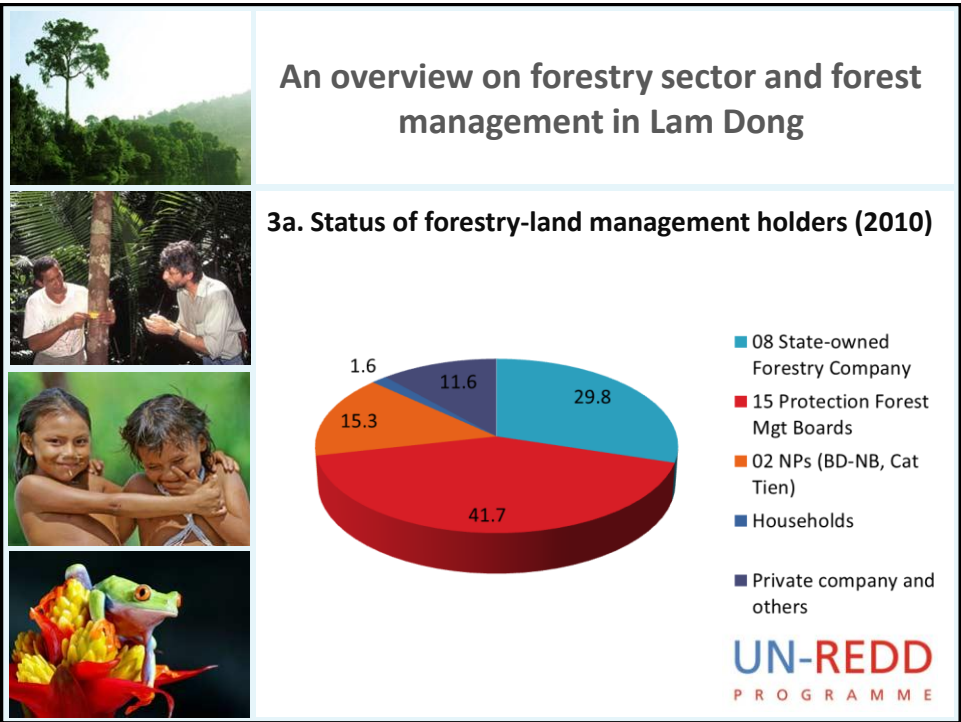


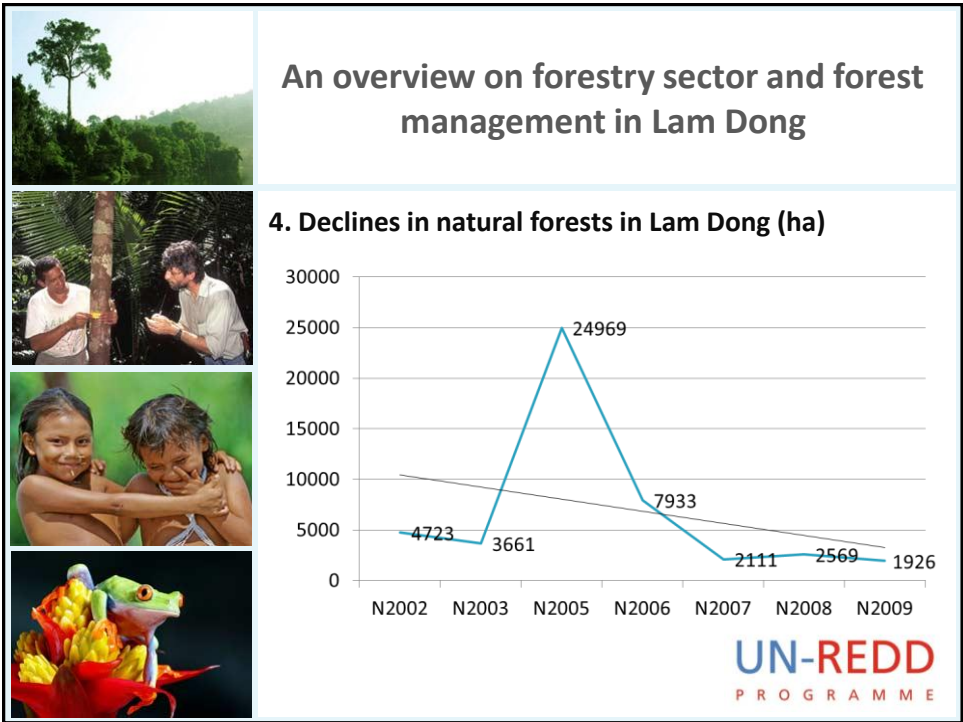
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2. Economic, social and environmental implications

- Forestry economics significantly contributed to the revenue of agriculture and rural sector that made up to 48,4% of the provincial GDP (2010)
- Forests as a fundamental source for traditional livelihoods of about 300.000 indigenous people (25% population)
- Ensuring watershed protection and environmental security for Central Highlands, the Central coastal, Southeast and HCMC, and lower Mekong basin;
- Home to 99 globally endangered species and 110 protected species regulated by Decree 32/2006/NĐ-CP;

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5. Root-causes of DD in Lam Dong? Pressure of making trade-offs between economic development and forest management, conservation and sustainable utilization at different scales/scopes.

5.1 Illegal logging and forest encroachment, associated with endless circle of shortage in cultivated land-forest clearance and land selling among indigenous villagers;

5.2 Legalized forest-land conversion to agro-business or industrial plantation (rubber, coffee, export flower and vegetable) or infrastructure (hydropower, road, mining, resettlement)

→ Local discourses on DD drivers? Poverty; high opportunity cost of forest conversion; weak law enforcement, privatising forest resources, forest (land) conflict;

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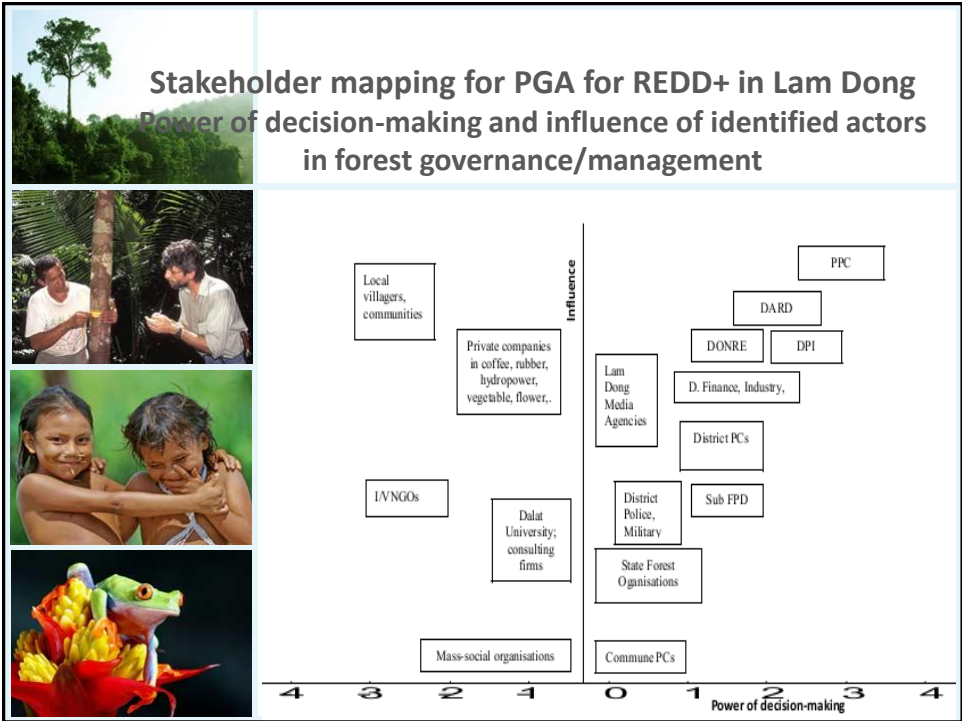
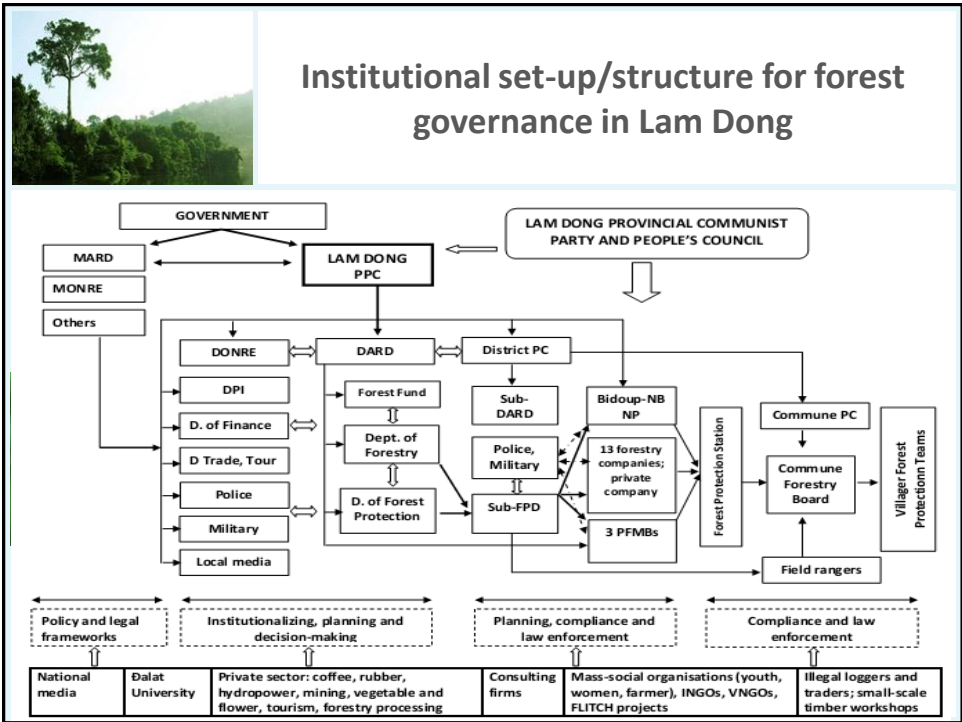
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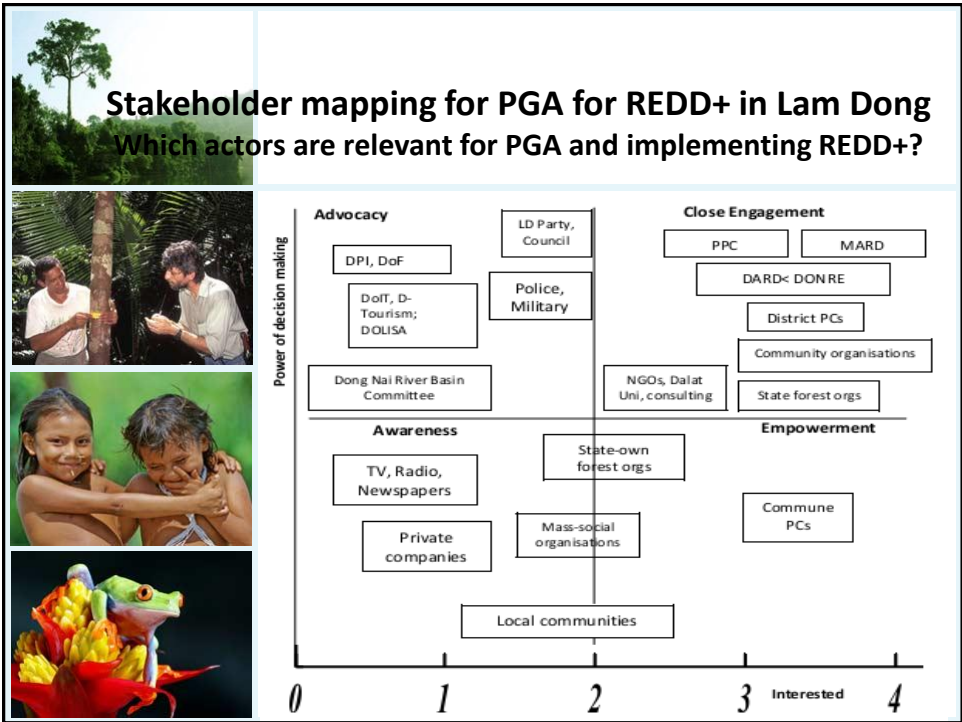
6. Policy and action responses to forest management and development in Lam Dong? Socializing forest livelihoods, as:

- 18.000 hhs contracted to protect 340.000 ha since 2000
- 1767 hhs (378 ethnic minority ones) granted land-use titles of 8.700ha at 13 communes of 3 districts);
- 09 villages granted community forest to manage >2600ha
- 436 private companies contracted over 58.400ha on forest lease
- As the leading province to realise PFES policy in Vietnam;
- Suggested to pilot low-impacted logging and forest certification
- Piloting province for UN-REDD, SNV, RECOFTC, TT

→ Dec 2012 PPC passed the provincial FPDP 2011-2020

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Some recommendations for PGA/REDD+ performance in Lam Dong


1. Information and awareness

- Key actors well-informed about benefits, risks, implementation processes and role of each stakeholder in localizing REDD+ in LD;
- Clearly defined rights towards forest-land, forests, forest carbon of forest holders (with red book) and forest managers (with contract on forest protection or lease) of either household, community or organisations, including benefit-sharing mechanisms;
- Well-informed and guided on inter-agencies cooperation (responsibilities) in forest management and protection in the province; responsibility to conflict resolution in forest (land) use between local villagers, communities and authorities and private sector.

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	<h2>Some recommendations for PGA/REDD+ performance in Lam Dong</h2>
	<h3>2. Institutionalisation and facilitation to REDD+ implementation</h3>
	<p>Provincial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A provincial REDD+ steering committee set-up and expanded for a broader representation of both state and non-state agencies, including actors of ensuring environmental and social safeguards;- Technical working-groups set-up to advise/assist the committee and other REDD+ actors particularly at district and commune;- Re-identified relevant focal points for localizing REDD+ in LD
	<p>District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Capacity building of district FPDs strengthened, enabling them to support grass-root authority and community in doing REDD+ and sustainable forest management and use; <p>Commune:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Community institutions set-up to implement REDD+ and mechanisms to interact with local authorities in forest management for REDD+ and carbon credit trading.

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	<h3>3. Suggestions for PGA for REDD+</h3>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Well-informed why REDD+ provinces have to do PGA;- Who are responsible for leading PGA/REDD+, and who should use PGA/REDD+ results/findings; and how such findings are integrated or utilized by REDD+ and forestry policies of the province and districts;- How to identify and select individuals/organisations in-and-out the province to do PGA/REDD+; how to define their independence and objectivess in providing information for PGA/REDD+ inputs;
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Pair-wise ranking method to prioritize governance issues for PGA/REDD+ in Lam Dong

	Issue 1	Issue 2	Issue 3	Issue 4	Issue 5
Issue 1					
Issue 2					
Issue 3					
Issue 4					
Issue 5					