



Communal Land Titling for securing sustainable bamboo value chains

Bamboo Project in Huaphan Province

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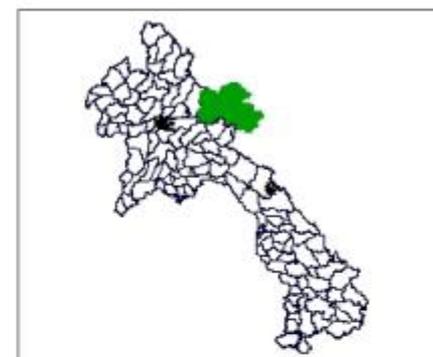
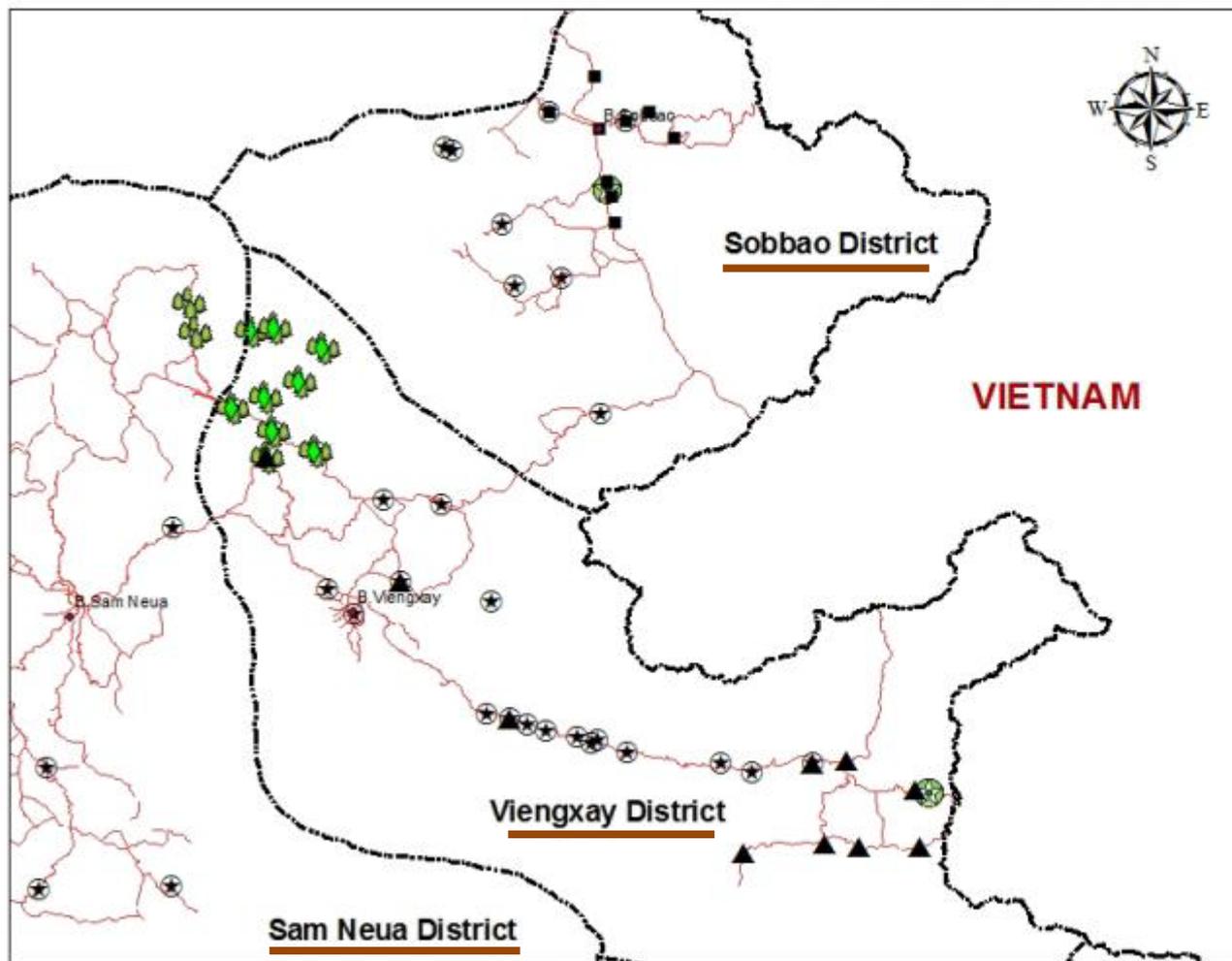
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- ii. Expected benefit from communal land titling
- iii. Challenges in proceeding with CLT
- iv. Plans in terms of CLT in 2014



i. Background of the project



Huaphan Province, 3 districts



Legend

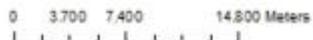
- districts
- Roads
- ▲ Stick factory area main supplying
- LMC Factory
- Paper PULP factory villages area
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- ◆ Hok_Vill
- ◆ Khome_Vill
- ⊙ Handicraft and furniture villages
- District capital

PROJECTION.....U.T.M.ZONE 48

Printed by the National Geographic Department (NGD) 2011.

Delineation of International Administrative boundaries on the map is approximate

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Bamboo Sector Development Project, Huaphan Province





The Bamboo Provincial Strategy 2011-15

- The “**Bamboo Provincial Strategy 2011-2015**” has been approved by Governor of Huaphan Province.
- **Objectives 2011-2015:**
 - Sustainable bamboo resource management (natural communal forests & individual plantations)
 - Bamboo Business Development
 - Enabling environment (Policy & Organization)

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5 ປີ ຄັ້ງທຳ ມື້ (2011 - 2015)
The First 5 Years Bamboo Development Strategy
(2011-2015)

ແຂວງຫົວພັນ
Houaphanh Province

Approved in 2010
Period: 2011-2015
Bamboo Task Force

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The Bamboo Project 2011-14



The **Bamboo Project** is supporting stakeholders for implementing the Bamboo Provincial Strategy

It is implemented by Gret, SNV, PAFO, DPI, and three Districts



Provincial BB Strategy 2011-2015

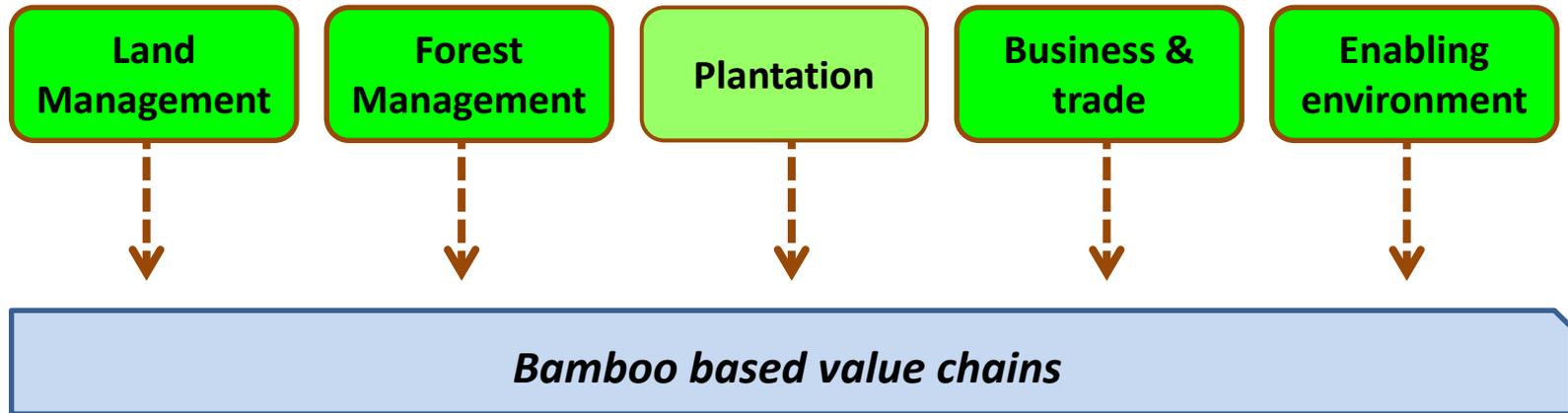


Bamboo Project 2011-2014





A value chain approach

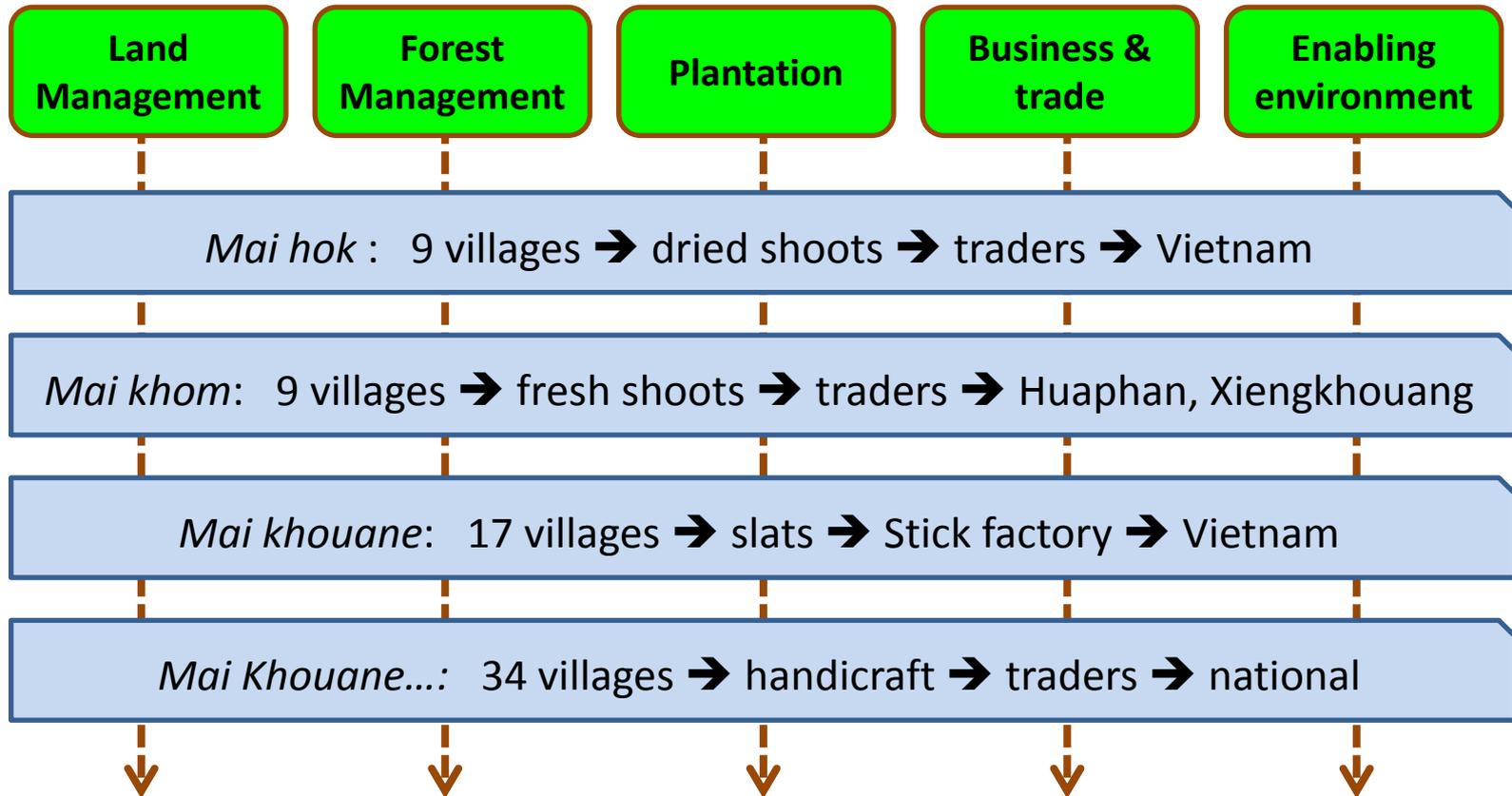


Trade oriented use of communal forests

Linking sustainable natural resource management and business/market



4 main value chains





4 main value chains



Hok shoots





4 main value chains

Khom shoots





4 main value chains



Khouane slats





4 main value chains

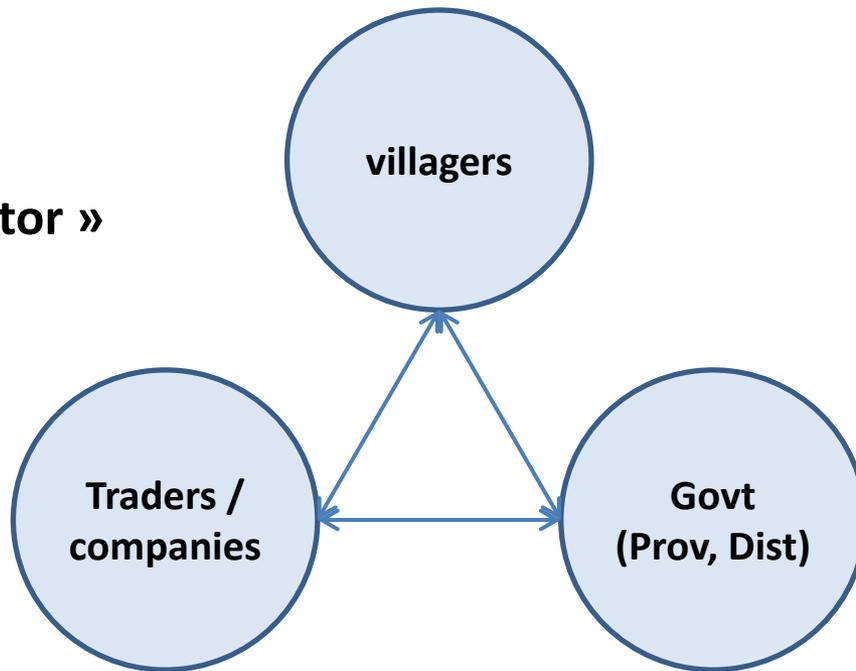


Handicraft



A multistakeholders learning process

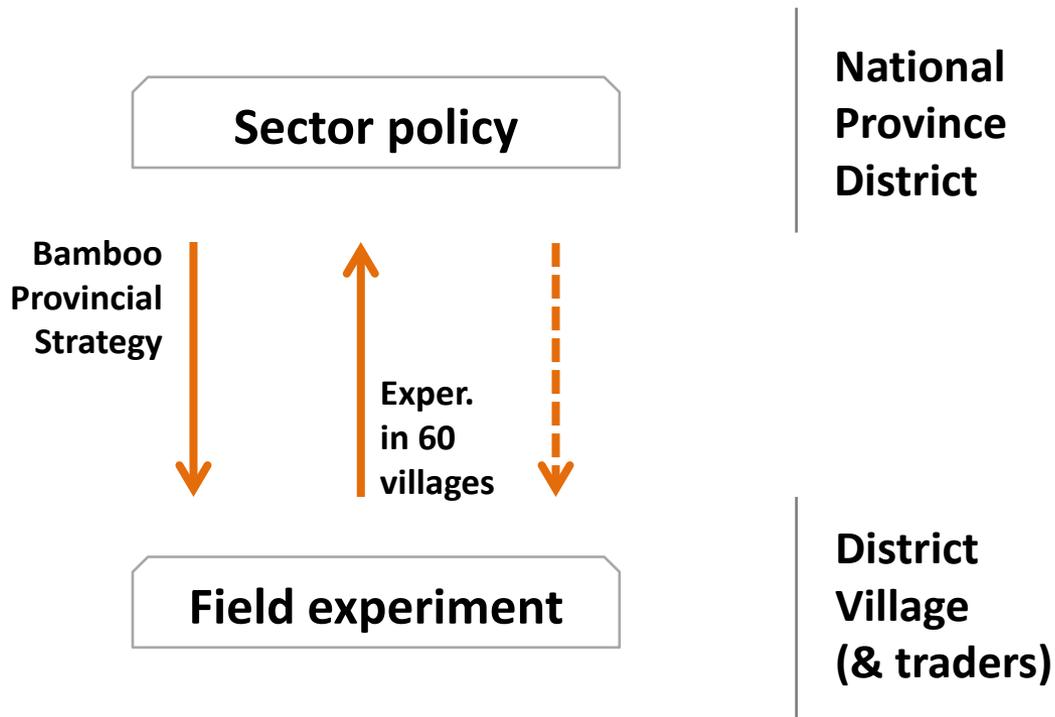
Project positioning: « facilitator »





A multistakeholders learning process

Ex: From sector policy... to field experiment... to policy

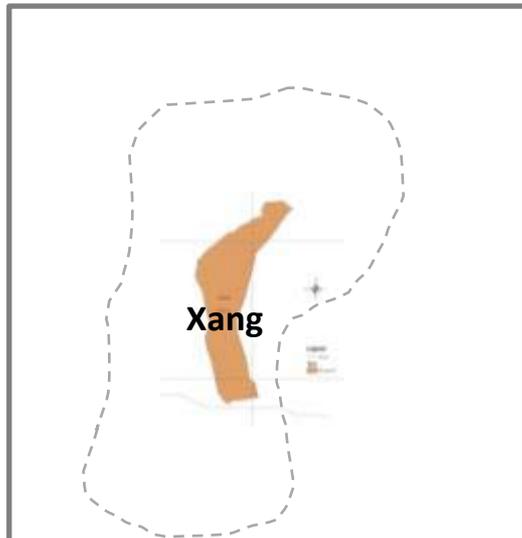




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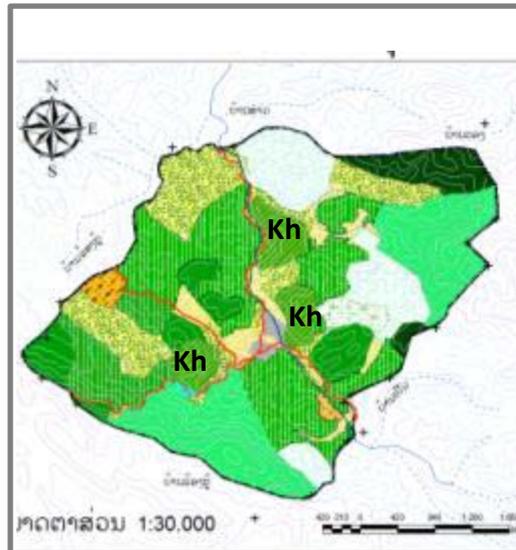
Ex: Forest allocation and Forest Management Plan (FMP)

FMP



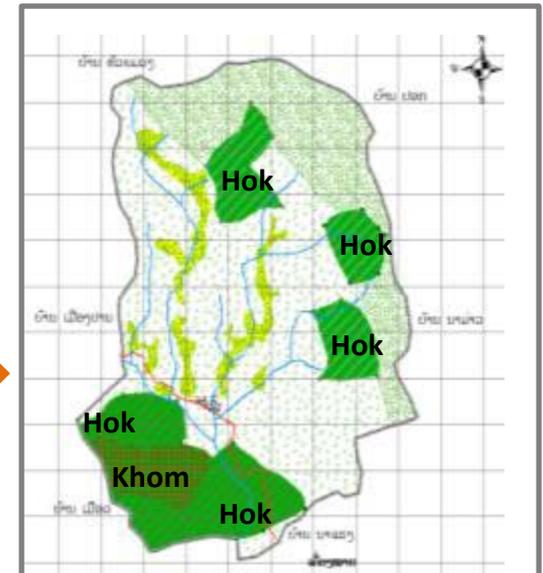
Forest plot demarcation
Inventory, rules
Forest Management Plan

PLUP



Village limits
Planning all activities
Forest plots demarcation

**Combined Method:
Land allocation + FMP**

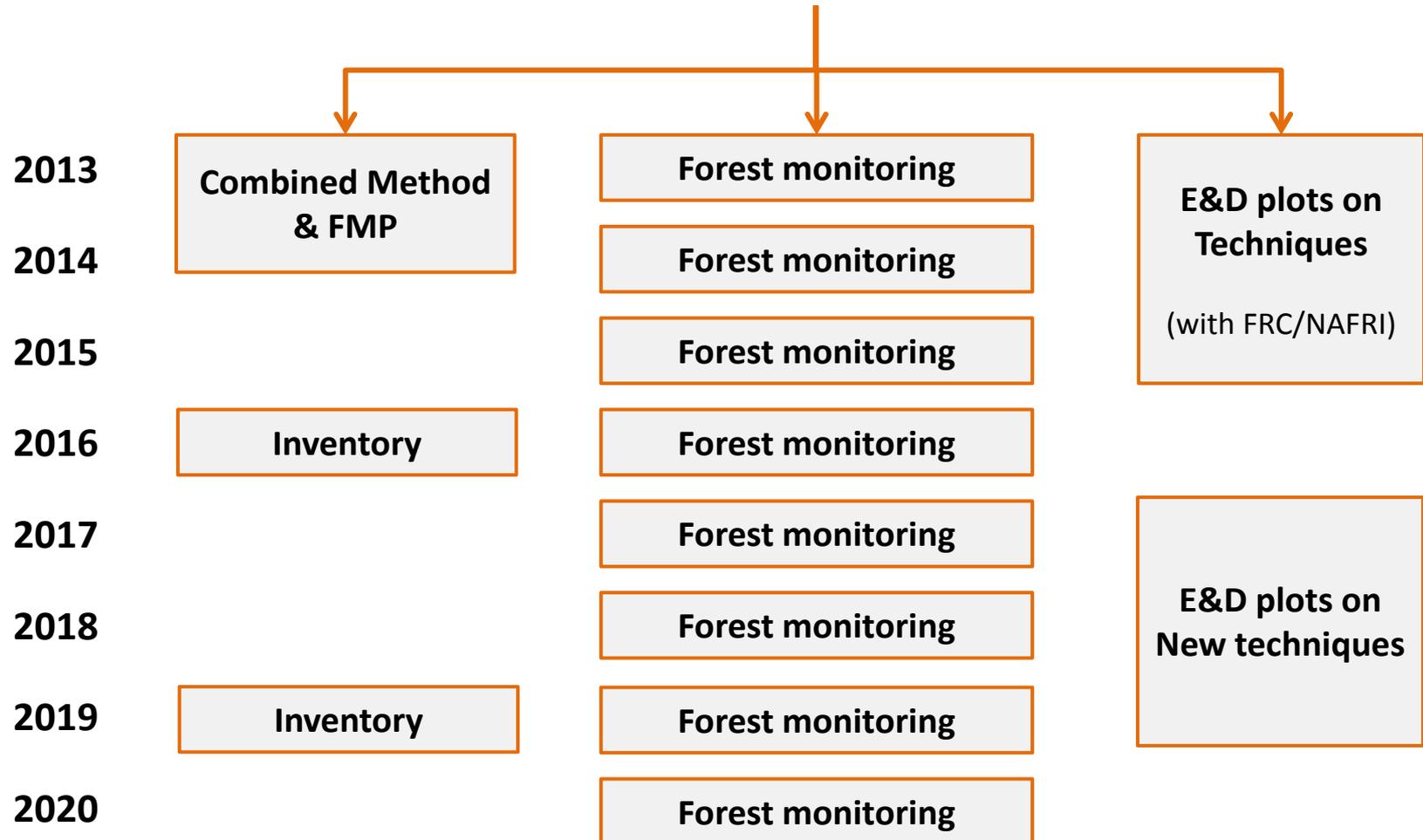


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Forest plots demarcation
Inventory, rules
Forest Management Plan



A multistakeholders learning process

Ex: Forest Management Rules & Regulations





Coverage & economic impact in 2013

3 districts

31 villages currently involved in Bamboo Forest Management

1400 households

1 to 2 Million kip / household / year

Total: around 200 000 USD for the 31 villages

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Sustainable use of communal forest plots by villagers
(use and annual Forest Monitoring by villagers)

21 villages Forest Monitoring

2

Agreement for sustainable Forest Management & Use by village
(FMP or CM - approved by DAFO or D. Governor)

**15 villages
50 forest plots
2 500 ha**

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Allocation of communal forest plots to village
(PLUP or CM - approved by DONRE, DAFO, D. Governor)

**22 villages
86 forest plots
4 000 ha**





ii. Expected benefit from communal land titling

An « additional layer »

- An « additional layer » for ensuring sustainable and efficient governance and use of the forests by the villagers



Expected benefits

- **Expected benefits are for all stakeholders: villages, traders and country (represented by Government)**

Full responsibility of villagers on forest plots governance
(Communal Land Title – approved by DONRE PONRE)

**Long term
exclusive right**

1. **Create the conditions for long term « investment » and « responsibility » of villagers for sustainable management and use**

Building governance mechanisms at village level for sustainable forest management & use is a « social investment » which, like any kind of investment, requires land tenure security.

This social investment brings poverty reduction mechanisms, forest preservation and GDP... which benefits to the country.

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2. Secure forest benefits to villagers

Includes cash incomes (e.g.: bamboo), but also inkind products (food security, climate adaptation and risk mitigation (market, climate, and pest risks on crops...) and environmental services (water regulation...)

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3. **Possibility to build sustainable and fair arrangements between « villages » and « private sector » when relevant and possible**

Giving access to village bamboo forests to private investor is coming into the agenda, for allowing continuous supply of bamboo to factories... Such contract is likely to be between « government » and « private sector », which represents a high risk for villagers and the forest... already demonstrated.

Alternatives can be worked out, more fair, more secure.

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4. **Garantee of compensation to village in case of expropriation by government for public project**

Example: road construction, etc...



iii. Challenges communal land titling

Shared interest for experimenting CLT

- **Consultation of stakeholders on CLT and proposal to experiment CLT:**
 - August 2013: Tina Schneider (PONRE, PAFO, DONRE, DAFO, 2 villages)
 - Dec. 2013: value chain workshops (25 villages, PONRE, PAFO, DONRE, DAFO)
- ➔ **Shared interest of all stakeholders for experimenting CLT in 2014**

But:

Needs « green light » from National Level

Needs orientation on « legal procedures »

Needs to strengthen village organization & governance

Needs equipments, budget...



**iv. Plans for 2014
communal land titling**

A provincial workshop on bamboo forest CLT

- **Focus:** bamboo forests with FMP
- **Date:** February or March 2014
- **Place:** Sam Neua
- **Participants:** village representatives, technicians, heads of departments, district and province authorities

- **Need:** presentation of existing cases (Nakai?) by government officer for (i) acknowledging that CLT has been already implemented, (ii) sharing method and procedures.

- **Expected result:** (i) a political decision to experiment CLT in a few villages in 2014, (ii) a provincial PONRE headed task-force for leading an experimental CLT in a few villages, (iii) workplan

Bamboo forest CLT experiment (pilot)

- **Focus:** 2 or 3 villages with bamboo forest management plan
- **Date:** 2014
- **Place:** Viengxay District

- **Need:** (i) « green light » and orientations from national level, (ii) expertise for procedures, (iii) equipments

- **Expected result:** (i) 2 or 3 villages have CLT; (ii) District and Provincial PONRE and government have pilot experience in CLT – learning process - , (iii) all villages receive a positive signal that Province is potentially willing to secure bamboo forest based value chains; (iv) donors have positive signal too... for next phase

Build alliances and synergies with existing projects

- **Previous experience on PLUP in 2012:**
PLUP coordination provincial workshop (October 2012)
- **Opportunity already identified for CLT in 2014:**

Synergy between Bamboo project and UN-IRDP / GiZ to be explored:

- **UN-IRDP/GiZ:** (i) « green light » national level, (ii) expertise on procedures, (iii) equipments...
- **Bamboo Project:** villages with trade oriented bamboo forests with FMP, supported within Bamboo provincial Strategy...



Thank you!

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**Towards communal land
registration and titling – Focus on
empirical and policy issues
(Session 3)**

Vientiane, 14 February 2014

Session 3: we are we now ?

- **Objective:**

Get an update on projects aiming to achieve CLT in their project areas

Session 3: we are we now ?

- **Guideline for presentation:**

1. Background of the project
2. Expected benefit from communal land titling (role, impact, importance)
3. Challenges in proceeding with CLT (technical/legal/administrative aspects), and in obtaining approval from the central level
4. Plans in terms of CLT in 2014

- **Timing:**

90 mn in total

10 mn presentation + 5 mn discussion

Session 3: we are we now ?

- **Cases which will be presented:**
 - JVC. Project for Food Security and Livelihood Improvement through Sustainable Agriculture and Community based Natural Resource Management. Savannaketh Province. Mariko.
 - Mekong Watch. Experience of the Community-based Watershed Management Project in Pakbeng District, Oudomxay Province. Satomi.
 - CIDSE. Khamouane Province. Khankham
 - GAPE. ?? . Champassak Province
 - Gret/SNV. CLT for securing bamboo value chains. Huaphanh Province.. Jeff.
 - LM-RED/GiZ. Land Management & Rural Economic Development. Luang Namtha Province. Karl