

Developing High Valuable Species in Viet Nam and Thailand as a Mechanism for Sustainable Forest Management and Livelihood Improvement for Local Communities

Project Duration 3 years (2015-2018)

Project Budget USD 600,000

► Overview

The regional project (AFoCo/009/2015), “Developing High Valuable Species in Viet Nam and Thailand as a Mechanism for Sustainable Forest Management and Livelihood Improvement for Local Communities”, was initiated in April 2014 during the 4th Session of the Governing Council of the Agreement on ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation.

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for implementation of the project was completed on 28 December 2015 by the ROK, Viet Nam and Thailand.

Viet Nam is the lead country for this project and the Vietnamese Academy of Forest Sciences and Royal Forest Department of Thailand are assigned as the implementing agencies. The 3-year project is scheduled to be completed in December 2018.

► Goal and Objectives

The overall goal of the project is to improve sustainable forest management and livelihood of local people in Viet Nam and Thailand through the development of high valuable species.

Specific objectives

- To assess and select the most suitable species in the study sites
- To develop appropriate techniques, marketing and policy recommendation for the development, processing and trade of the study species
- To improve knowledge, techniques and skills of local people and relevant stakeholders through trainings, exchange visits and disseminations
- To develop demonstration models for the development of the study species



Valuable non-timber forest species



► Expected Outcomes

Under this project, each implementing country will identify 4 high valuable species in 2 different provinces, which means a total of 8 high valuable species will be identified. Demonstration models of planting and tending of these species will be established at the respective sites, which will be used for training and research purposes. Relevant training modules will be developed and training courses for local communities

and relevant stakeholders will be organized at these sites. Technical guidelines on seedling production, site preparation, planting, tending, harvesting, processing, preservation and usage will be developed and documented for the species selected. Recommendations for policy guidance and marketing improvement will be made as part of this project.



Providing technical recommendation to village people



The ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation (AFoCo) is a regional cooperation mechanism in the forest sector between ASEAN Member States and the Republic of Korea. It was formalized by the "Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea on Forest Cooperation", which was entered into force in August 2012. The AFoCo aims to tackle the issue of deforestation and forest conservation in the context of sustainable development, and broaden the scope to other Asian countries.



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