

# Annual Report 2017

## Rehabilitation and Development of Mangrove Forest Ecosystem in Thai Binh Province, Viet Nam

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**AFoCo Landmark Program**  
**Restoration Component**

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Project Sites: Thuy Xuan and Thuy Hai communes of Thai Thuy District; and Dong Hoang and Dong Long communes of Tien Hai District, in Thai Binh province

Project duration: Ten years (2016-2025)

Executing Agency: Viet Nam Administration of Forestry (VNFOREST)

Funding Agency: Korea Forest Service, Republic of Korea

Cooperating Agency: Interim Secretariat for Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO)

Prepared by: VNFOREST

## **LIST OF ACRONYMS**

AFoCo	ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation
AFoCO	Asian Forest Cooperation Organization
PMB	Project Management Board
RIFEE	Research Institute for Forest Ecology and Environment
VNFOREST	Viet Nam Administration of Forestry

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## I. Introduction

The overall objective of the project is to sustainably rehabilitate and develop mangrove ecosystem, protect biodiversity, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, minimize impacts of climate change, protect the coastal dyke system, enhance knowledge related to mangrove forest and improve livelihoods of local people in the long-run. The specific objective and outputs of the project are described with the annual target in 2017 (Table 1).

**Table 1. 2017 annual target by project output and objective in two project sites**

	Description
Objective 1	New planting 80ha and supplementary planting 80ha of mangrove forest, and protecting 960ha of mangrove forest, including new planted area, supplementary planted area and existing area of mangrove forest
Output 1.1	Survey, develop a detailed design with maps on the new afforestation, supplementary planting and the protection of mangrove forest: 960 ha
2017 Target	Survey and prepare designs of new planting and supplementary planting of mangrove forest
Output 1.2	Planting of a new mangrove forest: 80 ha
2017 Target	New planting of 30ha of mangrove forest
Output 1.3	Supplementary planting of mangrove forests in the areas designed for the sites for planting are single-layer and low density forest areas, and/or the areas remaining high number of gaps: 80 ha
2017 Target	Supplementary planting of 30ha of mangrove forest
Output 1.4	Protect new afforestation and supplementary planting areas and existing mangrove areas: 800 ha (including the new afforestation and supplementation planting areas)
2017 Target	Protect 800ha of existing mangrove forest
Objective 2	Raising capacity and enhancing knowledge through training and communications
Output 2.1	Develop a training plan based on training needs assesment
Output 2.2	Create elaborate publications for local communities, training documents on relevant technical topics such as seed selection, seedling production, planting and tendering techniques, protection of mangrove forests
Output 2.3	Develop and operate the community regulations on management and protection of mangrove forest in the communes of the projects
Output 2.4	Organize 10 1-day training courses for provincial technical staff and local communities, and one (1) thematic workshop on payments forestecosystem services and sustainable mangrove management
2017 Target	Organize 1 training courses on project management and 2 training courses on community-based mangrove forest management and protection
Output 2.5	Conduct two (2) study tours to Thailand and Indonesia to elarn from experiences on sustainable mangrove management and conservation and management of ecotourism for improving local livelihoods
2017 Target	Organize 1 study tour to Thailand to exchange experience on mangrove forest protection and development
Output 2.6	Develop and implement communication activities in the project areas
2017 Target	Produce and publish news on project and communication products
Output 2.7	Provide equipment for mangrove forest protection and development

## II. RESULTS OF IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES IN 2017

### 1. Completion status and milestones of the Year

This report covers a period of four quarters (from January to December 2017). The table 2 shows main activities conducted for this period and the respective completion status.

**Table 2. Completion status in 2017**

No	Activites	Status of accomplishment
<b>I</b>	<b>MAIN ACTIVITIES</b>	
1	Preparation of designs of new plantation and supplementary plantation of mangrove forest	
1.1	Design of new plantation of mangrove forest	Implemented
1.2	Design of supplementary plantation of mangrove forest	Implemented
2	New planting (20ha) and supplementary planting (18ha) of mangrove forest in Thai Thuy district	Implemented
3	New planting (10ha) and supplementary planting (12ha) of mangrove forest in Tien Hai district	Implemented
2016-1	(2016 Remaining) verification for 2016 plantation	Implemented
4	Tending and protection of mangrove forest planted in 2016 (40ha)	Implemented
5	Protection of existing mangrove forest (800ha)	Implemented
2016-2	(2016 Remaining) Equipment supply	Implemented
<b>II</b>	<b>SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
1	Study tour	Implemented
2	Training courses (03 courses)	Implemented
2016-3	(2016 Remaining) Training courses (01 courses)	<i>To be implemented in 2018</i>
3	Communication	Implemented
4	National Technical Consultancy Agency (NTCA)	Implemented
2016-4	(2016 Remaining) Final payment to NTCA	Implemented
<b>III</b>	<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT</b>	
1	Central Project Management Board	Implemented
2	Provincial Project Management Board	Implemented
3	Contracted supporting staff	Implemented
<b>IV</b>	<b>OTHER COST/CONTINGENCY</b>	
1.	Central Project Management Board	Implemented
2.	Provincial Project Management Board	Implemented

### 2. Project management in 2017

#### 2.1. Project management

In 2017, the project has been implemented and managed in accordance with the Master Financial Plan and Master Bidding Plan which were approved by Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development in 2016, internal regulation on planning and

payment procedures as well as donor's regulations. This activity has achieved the following results:

- **Preparation of the 2017 annual work and budget plan:** The 2017 annual work and budget plan was agreed by donor and approved by VNFOREST under the Decision No. 59/QĐ-TCLN-KHTC on 6 March 2017.

- **Project office management:** Project offices in Ha Noi and Thai Binh have been fully equipped. All project equipment and vehicles were purchased and handed over to the provincial PMB for use and management. All items were assigned with asset codes, appropriately managed and effectively used in accordance with regulation on management and use of project assets.



*Project car*



*Project asset code*

**Table 3: List of project equipment and vehicles**

No.	List of equipment and vehicle	Brand name	Quantity	Central PMB	Provincial PMB
1	Laptop	HP Probook Intel Core i7	8	4	4
2	Desktop	GC13I54460	4	-	4
3	Printer	HP M201DW	2	-	2
4	Photocopier	Ricoh MP2001L	1	-	1
5	Digital camera	Canon EOS750D	2	1	1
6	Handhold GPS	Garmin Map 78	6	2	4
7	Binocular	Vivitar 12x25	6	2	4
8	Car	Huyndai Santa Fe 2.4L (7 chỗ, 2 cầu)	1	-	1
9	Motorbike	Honda Airblade 110cc	4	-	4
10	Speedboat	Yamaha	1	-	1
11	Office furniture		2 packages	1 package	1 package

Currently, total project staff are 19, including 4 from central PMB and 15 from provincial PMB. Four project staff at the central PMB include National Project Director, Project Coordinator, Chief Accountant who are seconded staff from VNFOREST, and contracted supporting staff. Project staff at the provincial PMB include 5 seconded staff and 10 additional staff from Thai Binh DARD and Thai Binh Forest Protection Department. Additional staff are supplemented under the Decision No. 880/QĐ-SNNPTNT dated 3 November 2016 by the provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and will conduct assignments as required by the provincial PMB's Director.

**Table 4: List of project personnel**

No.	Name	Position	Remark
<b>Central PMB</b>			
1	Nguyễn Tường Vân	National Project Director	Seconded staff
2	Lưu Tiến Đạt	Project Coordinator	Seconded staff
3	Nguyễn Duy Thành	Chief Accountant	Seconded staff
4	Phạm Minh Thu	Supporting staff	Contracted staff
<b>Provincial PMB</b>			
1	Nguyễn Thị Nga	Director	Seconded staff
2	Phạm Quang Tân	Deputy Director	Seconded staff
3	Đình Hải Lục	Supporting staff	Seconded staff
4	Nguyễn Hữu Thái	Accountant	Seconded staff
5	Dương Văn Huy	Technical staff	Seconded staff
6	Phạm Văn Huy	Thai Binh Forest Protection Department	Additional staff
7	Phạm Văn Lộc	Tien Hai Forest Protection Station	Additional staff
8	Vũ Ngọc Duy	Thai Binh Forest Protection Department	Additional staff
9	Ngô Xuân Nam	Thai Binh Forest Protection Department	Additional staff
10	Vũ Thanh Hà	Thai Thuy Forest Protection Station	Additional staff
11	Đặng Thị Hoa	Thai Binh Forest Protection Department	Additional staff
12	Nguyễn Tiến Trinh	Thai Binh DARD	Additional staff
13	Đặng Xuân Thạnh	Thai Binh DARD	Additional staff
14	Đào Xuân Hiệu	Thai Binh DARD	Additional staff
15	Nguyễn Tiến Dũng	Driver, Thai Binh DARD	Additional staff

- **Project accounting and financial management:** The project accounting and financial management is well managed through MISA accounting software system. The software has been equipped to the central and provincial PMBs since 2016 helping

systematize accounting documents which will facilitate the annual audit and check by MARD, VNFOREST and donor.

In June 2017, the central and provincial PMBs coordinated with Department of Finance, under MARD, and Department of Planning and Finance, under VNFOREST, to audit the project activities implemented in 2016. Basically, the activities were implemented in accordance with the annual work plan and budget approved by donor and VNFOREST and existing legal regulations.

All invoices and vouchers in 2016 were scanned and submitted to donor in April 2017. During the internal project monitoring conducted from 20 to 22 September 2017 by the Project Manager for Restoration Projects under the Landmark Program, all invoices and vouchers in Quarter 2 of 2017 were also checked.

- **Reporting:** Progress and financial reports were submitted to MARD, VNFOREST and donor on quarterly basis.

- **Project monitoring and evaluation:** The central and provincial PMB frequently supervised, monitored and guided communes to strictly conduct forest plantation, tending and protection, as well as collaborated with RIFEE and communal People's Committees to address issues arose from the project implementation, such as timely handling violations in the mangrove forests, overcoming consequences of typhoons and storms. Especially, from 20 to 22 September 2017, the Project Manager for Restoration Projects under the Landmark Program conducted the project monitoring in accordance with the monitoring and evaluation guidelines aiming at reviewing the progress of the project implementation as well as identifying any corrective actions needed for effective and efficient implementation of the project.



*Monitoring by central and provincial PMBs, RIFEE and commune*



*Meeting at the provincial PMB's office*

- **Organization of 3<sup>rd</sup> Project Steering Committee Meeting:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Project Steering Committee Meeting was held on 24 November 2017 in Thai Binh province. After the meeting, a field visit to Dong Long Commune was also organized.



*3<sup>rd</sup> Project Steering Committee Meeting*



*Meeting with protection group of Dong Long Commune*

## **2.2. National Technical Consulting Agency**

The consulting contract 2016 between the central PMB and the National Technical Consulting Agency (RIFEE) was liquidated since 31 December 2016. All products as agreed in the contract were submitted to the central PMB by RIFEE in both hard and electronical copies. These products were translated into English and shared with the donor.

The Terms of Reference for RIFEE in 2017 was agreed by the central PMB and RIFEE on 10 March 2017 and the consulting contract 2017 was signed on 15 March 2017.

Based on the Terms of Reference and consulting contract, in 2017, RIFEE conducted the following activities:

- **Reviewed and appraised designs of new planting and supplementary planting of mangrove forest:** RIFEE completed the appraisal of new planting and supplementary planting designs and plantation estimation for the 2017 plantation activities on 1 June 2017 and submitted to the central PMB and VNFOREST for approval. VNFOREST issued the Decision No. 255/QĐ-TCLN-KH&HTQT dated 19 July 2017 on approving designs and budget estimatin of new planting and supplementary planting of mangrove forests in 2017.

- **Participated in training courses:** Based on training materials approved by VNFOREST in 2016, RIFEE assisted the central PMB to organize training courses on community-based mangrove forest management and protection for 2 communes Dong Long and Dong Hoang of Tien Hai district. Training courses were organized in October and November 2016.

- **Monitored and evaluated the progress and quality of silvicultural activities:** From September to November 2017, RIFEE monitored plantation activities in 4 communes and reported the progress and quality of plantation activities to the central PMB.



*Checking quality of seedlings before planting*



*Monitoring plantation activities*

- **Reviewed and re-checked silvicultural activities:** For silvicultural activities of 2016, RIFEE already reviewed and re-checked in the fields on the basis 10% of area of silvicultural activities for 2016. For silvicultural activities of 2017, RIFE has collected relevant documents and materials and completed the review and re-check of these activities.

Moreover, RIFE revised the “Monitoring and Evaluation Plan for Silvicultural Activities” based on comments from VNFOREST. This document was approved by VNFOREST under the Decision No. 155/QĐ-TCLN-KH&HTQT dated 22 May 2017. This document was also translated into English and shared with the donor.

In general, RIFEE has closely coordinated with the central and provincial PMB to implement the 2017 consulting activities in accordance with the Terms of Reference and signed consulting contract.

### **3. Results of implemented activities in 2017**

The detailed annual work and budget plan 2017 was endorsed by the donor and approved by VNFOREST under the Decision No. 59/QĐ-TCLN-KHTC dated 6 March 2017. Accordingly, the following activities was completed:

#### **3.1. Objective 1: New planting, supplementary planting and protection of mangrove forest**

Specific outcomes of the Objective 1 are as follows:

- New planting of 30ha of mangrove forest, including 20ha in Thai Thuy district and 10ha in Tien Hai district;
- Supplementary planting of 30ha of mangrove forest, including 18ha in Thai Thuy district and 12ha in Tien Hai district;
- Tending and protection of 40ha of mangrove forest planted in 2016;
- Protection of 800ha of existing mangrove in 4 communes.

In accordance with the annual plan, results of the Objective 1 are as below:

#### **- *Activity 1: Surveying and preparing designs of new planting and supplementary planting of mangrove forest***

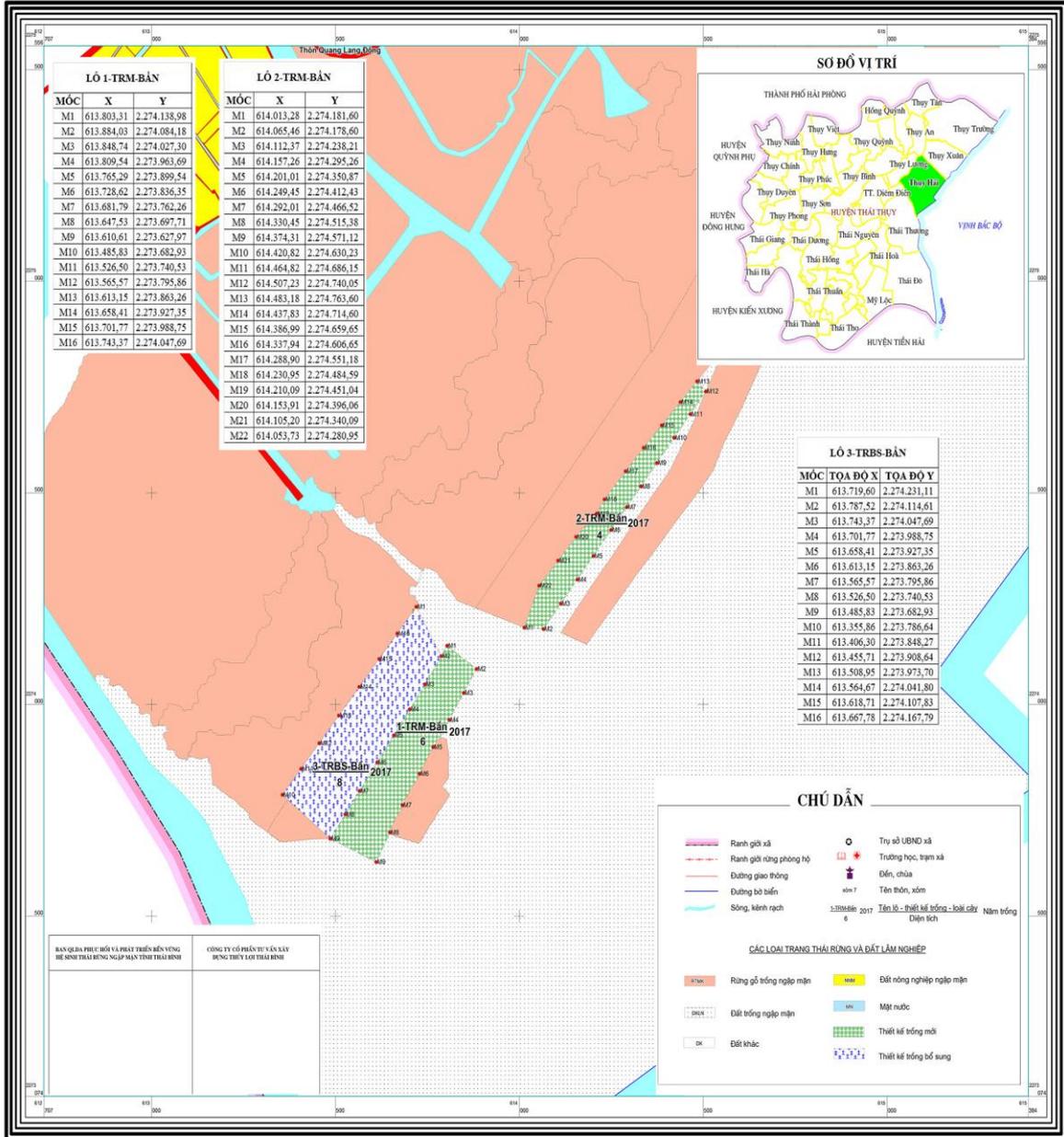
Designs of new planting (30ha) and supplementary planting (30ha) were prepared by national independent consultant, appraised by RIFEE and approved by VNFOREST under the Decision No. 255/QĐ-TCLN-KH&HTQT dated 19 July 2017.

# BẢN ĐỒ THIẾT KẾ TRỒNG RỪNG NĂM 2017

## XÃ THỤY HẢI - HUYỆN THÁI THỤY - TỈNH THÁI BÌNH

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 Bản đồ hệ tọa độ VN2000, kinh tuyến trục 105 độ 30 phút, múi 3 độ

**TỶ LỆ 1 : 5000**

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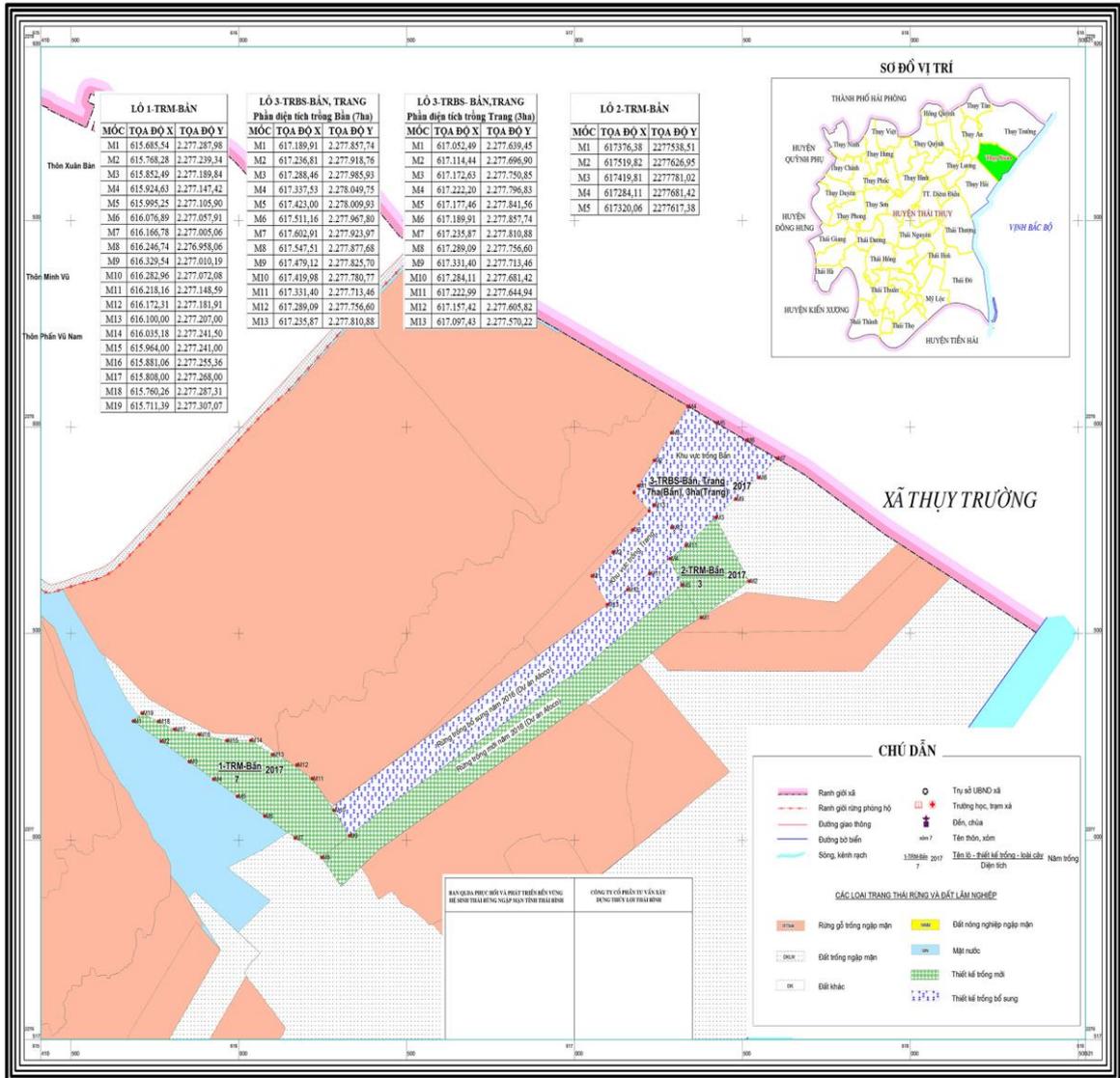
*Plantation map for Thuy Hai Commune*

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Plantation map for Thuy Xuan Commune

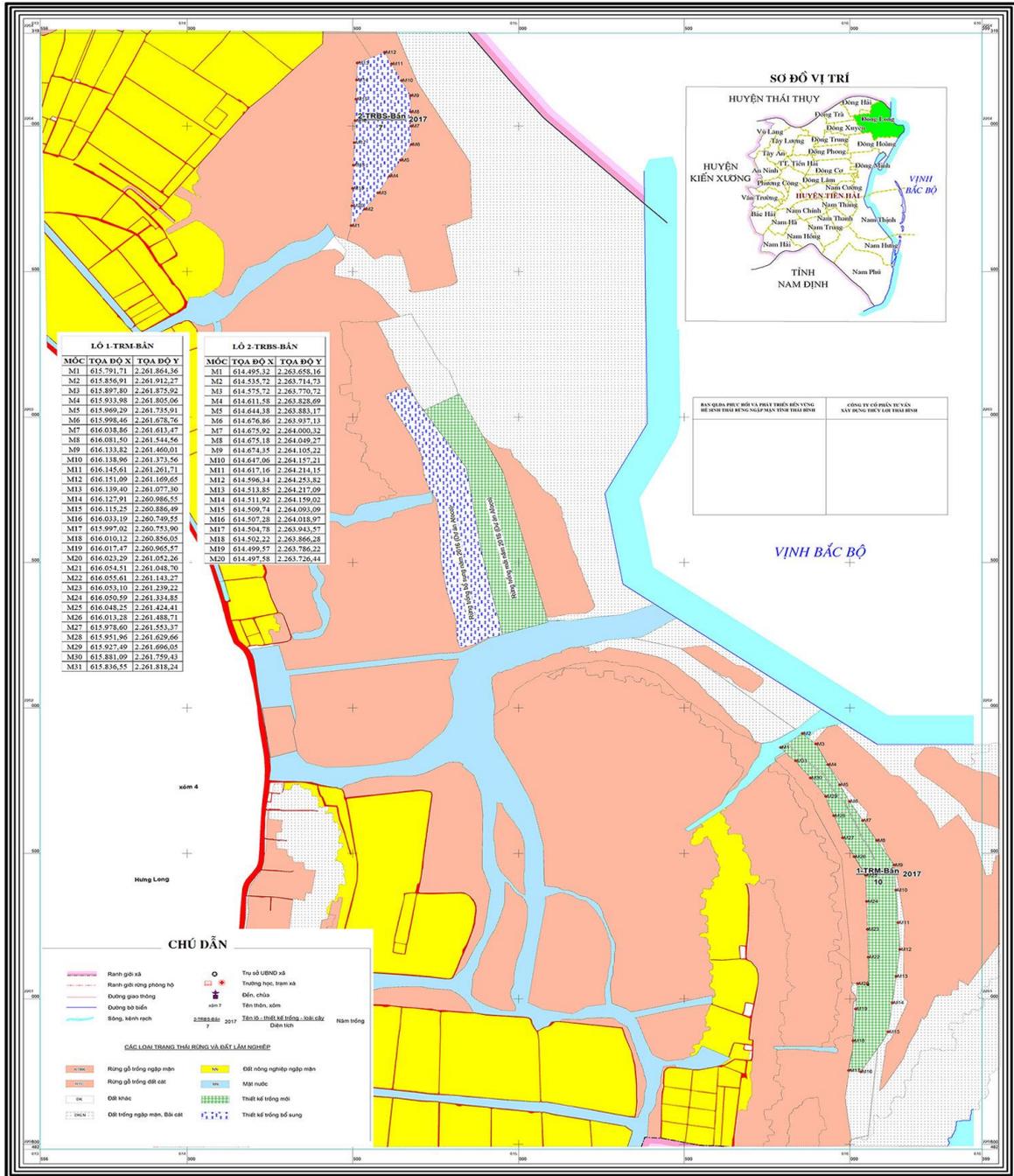


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Plantation map for Dong Long Commune

### **- Activity 2: New planting of 30ha of mangrove forest**

Based on the approved designs, the provincial PMB completed necessary preparatory works for the 2017 plantation activities. In accordance with the annual plan, new planting of 30ha of mangrove forest was conducted in 3 communes: Thuy Xuân (10ha), Thuy Hải (10ha) and Đông Long (10ha). New planting species was *Sonneratia caseolaris* with the density of 1,667 seedlings/ha.

In 2017, Thai Binh was affected by two typhoons which affected the progress of the plantation activities making the plantation duration longer than expected. The plantation was implemented in September and October 2017. Previously, the preparation of seedlings, materials, labour forces and handover of planting site were completed in late August 2017. As reported by the provincial PMB and monitored by RIFEE, the plantation area was in line with the approved designs. Seedlings were sufficient with technical requirement of the project, unqualified seedlings were replaced by qualified ones as required by RIFEE. Currently, new planted forests are well growing in spite of the fact that the plantation time was affected by typhoons, new planted area and seedlings were not seriously impacted.

The check-and-acceptance of new planting activities and second payment for new planting activities were conducted in late December 2017.



*Transportation of seedlings to planting site*



*Planting in action by local farmers*

### **- Activity 3: Supplementary planting of 30ha of mangrove forest**

Similar to new planting activity, supplementary planting of mangrove forest was conducted in October and November 2017 in 4 communes: Thuy Xuân (10ha), Thuy Hải (8ha), Đông Long (7ha) and Đông Hoàng (5ha). Supplementary planting species were *Sonneratia caseolaris* and *Kandelia obovata* with the density of 600 seedlings/ha. Currently, supplementary planted mangrove forests are well growing.

The check-and-acceptance of new planting activities and second payment for supplementary planting activities were conducted in late December 2017.



*Planting site*



*With plantation group*

**- Activity 4: Tending and protection of 40ha of mangrove forest planted in 2016**

40ha of mangrove forest planted under the 2016 annual plan, including 20ha of new plantation and 20ha of supplementary plantation, has been well grown, tended and protected. Poor-grown or dead seedlings were already replaced. Moreover, the provincial PMB has frequently checked, supervised and directed the tending and protection of mangrove forest planted in 2016.



*Well-grown mangrove forest planted in 2016*

As reported by RIFEE, young forests planted in 2016 in Thuy Xuan and Dong Long communes reached the average height of 170cm, the root diameter of 4.08cm and the survival rate of nearly 90%. The average growth indicator of seedlings is detailed in Table 3 below:

**Table 5: Average growth rate indicators of mangrove forests planted in 2016**

No.	Planting lot	Area (ha)	Location	Sepeices	Original density	Current density	Growth indicator		
							Hvn (m)	Dgoc (cm)	Survival rate (%)
1	TX01-TBS-2016	10	Thụy Xuân	<i>Sonneratia caseolaris</i>	600	522	1.80	3.60	87.0
2	TX02-TM-2016	10	Thụy Xuân	<i>Sonneratia caseolaris</i>	1,667	1,467	1.70	4.70	88.0
3	DL01-TBS-2016	10	Đông Long	<i>Sonneratia caseolaris</i>	600	522	1.60	4.20	87.0
4	DL02-TM 2016	10	Đông Long	<i>Sonneratia caseolaris</i>	1,667	1,484	1.70	3.80	89.0
<b>Average</b>							<b>1.70</b>	<b>4.08</b>	<b>87.8</b>

**- Activity 5: Protection of 800 ha of existing mangrove forests**

Based on the principle contracts on mangrove forest protection between the provincial PMB and 4 communes, communes have continued to well carry out forest protection task. Communal forest protection groups have strictly patrolled the forests and promptly prevented violations to forests. Up to present, 800ha of existing mangrove forests have been well protection without violation cases detected. The provincial PMB has regularly checked and technically instructed communes to complete forest protection task. Furthermore, the propaganda and raising awareness on the important roles of mangrove forests have been paid due attention and promoted through village and commune meetings and through communal voice station.

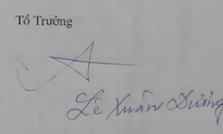
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NĂM 2016 (THEO LỊCH CON NƯỚC)

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		05	19	03	17	29	11	25	13	27	09	23	07	21
01	Lê Xuân Dương	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
02	Bùi Ngọc Cảnh	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
03	Nguyễn Trọng Thòa	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
04	Đỗ Hữu Chất	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
05	Nguyễn Thanh Hoàn	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Trong quá trình tuần tra cảnh gác, Yêu cầu các Đ/C phải chịu trách nhiệm về mọi hành vi của cá nhân mình, cấp nhập mọi tình hình vào sổ theo dõi. Nếu có việc gì xảy ra phải có trách nhiệm báo cáo kịp thời và xin ý kiến chỉ đạo.

Thụy Xuân, ngày 10 tháng 01 năm 2016

Xác nhận của UBND xã:  **CHỦ TỊCH**  
*Bùi Ngọc Cảnh*

Tổ Trưởng:  **Le Xuân Dương**

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Ngày này ngày 23 tháng 01 năm 2016 tại MỸ HẠNG THUY XUÂN

Đã lập biên bản về hành vi phạm pháp của ông/bà: *Ông Nguyễn Văn Khoa, SN 1959, ở thôn Mỹ Văn, xã Thụy Xuân, huyện Thụy Xuân, tỉnh Thái Bình.*

Hành vi vi phạm hành chính của ông/bà: *Vi phạm quy định về an ninh trật tự, cụ thể là: Ông Nguyễn Văn Khoa, SN 1959, thôn Mỹ Văn, xã Thụy Xuân, huyện Thụy Xuân, tỉnh Thái Bình, có ý định xả súng bắn người khác.*

Chức hành vi trên là vi phạm quy định tại Điều 1 của Luật An ninh trật tự và khoản 1 Điều 1 của Nghị định 116/2013/NĐ-CP.

Yêu cầu ông/bà phải chấp hành nghiêm chỉnh các quy định của pháp luật, chấp hành các quy định của pháp luật, chấp hành các quy định của pháp luật, chấp hành các quy định của pháp luật.

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NGƯỜI LẬP BIÊN BẢN: *Ông Nguyễn Văn Khoa, SN 1959, thôn Mỹ Văn, xã Thụy Xuân, huyện Thụy Xuân, tỉnh Thái Bình.*

*Schedule on forest protection and progress report submitted by forest protection group*

The first payment for forest protection activity was transferred to 4 communes in May 2017, of which 90% was directly transferred to communal protection groups and 10% was kept by communal People's Committees as management fee to cover regular meetings related to forest protection. The check-and-acceptance of forest protection activity was conducted between the provincial PMB and 4 communes with the supervision of the central PMB and RIFE from 18 to 22 December 2017. Accordingly, the second payment was conducted in late December 2017.

### **3.2. Objective 2: Raising capacity and enhancing knowledge through training and communications**

The following activities under Objective 2 were conducted in 2017:

#### **- Activity 1: Organization of study tour to exchange experience on mangrove forest protection and development**

Within the framework of the project, there are two study tours to be organized to exchange experience on mangrove forest protection and development as well as ecotourism development in the mangrove forests. The first study tour was organized from 23 to 28 July 2017 in Thailand. Attending the study tour, there were 12 participants from VNFOREST, local authorities at district and communal levels, central and provincial PMB with the lead of Director of Department of Forest Development under VNFOREST. With the support of Royal Forest Department of Thailand, the participants visited and observed the rehabilitation, conservation and development of mangrove forest ecosystem as well as the development of ecotourism inside mangrove forests of some provinces in Thailand that have mangrove forests, including Samut Sakorn, Samut Somkram, Phetchaburi, Rayong and Pattaya.



#### *Study tour to Thailand to share experience on mangrove forest protection and development*

The study tour is a good opportunity for State management authorities at central and local authorities to develop policies on sustainable agro-forestry and fishery production in the mangrove forests in order to create livelihoods for local communities and ensure the harmony of interests among organizations and individuals involving mangrove forest management, protection and development. Besides, it is important to strengthen propaganda activities and raise awareness of local communities on the roles of mangrove forests in responding climate change, protecting production and livelihoods aiming at mobilize local people to voluntarily participate in forest restoration.

Moreover, the project can initiate a pilot ecotourism model in the mangrove forest after the project completion in order to inherit and promote the project achievements.

Earlier, in April 2017, Director of the provincial PMB and representative of RIFEE attended the International conference on sustainable development of mangrove forest ecosystem organized by the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) from 18 to 21 April 2017 in Bali, Indonesia. Within the framework of the conference, participants had chance to visit mangrove forest in Bali.

In addition to 2 aforementioned trips, the project also strengthened exchange of lesson-learnt on mangrove forest conservation and development with other provinces having mangrove forests, for exemple Xuan Thuy National Park. Being 50km far from Thai Binh city and having similar mangrove forest ecosystem to that in the project sites, Xuan Thuy National Park is a good example for the project to learn experience not only on forest rehabilitation and protection but also on development of ecotourism and community tourism in the mangrove forest, contributing to sustainable development and livelihood improvement.



*Mangrove forest in Xuan Thuy National Park*

### **- Activity 2: Organization of training courses**

In late October and mid-November 2017, the project organized 3 training courses on (1) project management for central PMB, provincial PMB, communal leaders and communal staff involving in the project and (2) community-based mangrove forest management and protection for communal forest protection groups and local

communities of Dong Long and Dong Hoang communes of Tien Hai district. Training materials were composed by RIFEE based on the project technical guidelines approved by VNFOREST in 2016.

There were 60 participants to these training courses in total, including communal leaders, communal forest protection groups, communal forest plantation groups and local communities. The percentage of femal participants was 10%, including communal voice station staff, communal forestry-fishery officers, communal women union and women directly involved in forest plantation. This figure showed that women have gradually gained role and voice in forest management and protection.



*Training courses on community-based forest management and protection for Dong Long and Dong Hoang Communes*

**- Activity 3: Communication**

Similarly to 2016, communication activity has continued to be paid due attention by the project and well organized in 2017, as follows:

- The project collaborated with Thai Binh Television to produce and broadcast 2 news on (1) the 2017 plantation activities and (2) the role mangrove forests in protecting coastal areas and responding climate change. The 2 news were broadcasted on Thai Binh Television in September 2017.



*Report by Thai Binh Television*



*Interview with Thai Binh Television*

- Communication products, such as cotton hats, T-shirts, eco bags, New Year calendars, were produced and distributed to stakeholders at central and provincial levels, especially 4 communes, in order to introduce the project to wide range of stakeholders.

- Besides, the project also collaborated with and provided materials to the Interim AFoCO Secretariat to publish some publications such as leaflets, the 2016 annual report of the Landmark Program.

## **IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

### **1. General conclusion**

Overall, compared to 2016, project activities implemented in 2017 have been better implemented in line with the annual work plan approved by VNFOREST, achieving quality and targets as planned in 2017.

- In terms of progress and quality of activities: The annual detailed work and budget plan for 2017, approved early in the year (in March 2017) has enabled activities to be carried out in accordance with the annual plan, especially plantation activities.

- In terms of people's awareness: People's awareness on the roles of mangrove forests has been enhanced through training courses or through propaganda via local voice station, which is an effective tool to raise awareness on mangrove forest management and protection.

- In terms of project staff's capacity: Project staff's capacity has been increased through training courses and study tours inside and outside the country to learn experience on forest rehabilitation and development.

### **2. Advantages**

The commitment and support of local authorities and local people and communities of 4 communes in the project areas involving in forest plantation and protection have helped the project achieve remarkable results. Moreover, the support and close guidance of VNFOREST and Thai Binh's Department of Agriculture and Rural Development as well as close coordination between central PMB, provincial PMB and RIFEE have ensured that activities are effectively implemented and problems arising from the project implementation are timely addressed.

### **3. Disadvantages**

However, some activities have not yet been completed in due progress because of the following difficulties:

- The longer time for approval of the annual work and budget plan and appraisal of plantation designs has partially affected the project progress.

- Unfavorable weather condition in 2017, especially the impacts of 2 typhoons No.7 and No.10, has made the plantation activities longer than expected. Although young seedlings have not severely damaged, some seedlings were died due to waves and winds.

#### **4. Lessons learnt**

During the plantation of project activities as planned for 2017, the following lessons-learnt have been figured out:

- The support and close monitoring of the donor and VNFORESOT as well as the strong support of provincial and communal authorities have facilitated the implementation and completion of the project activities.

- The close coordination among central PMB, provincial PMB, RIFEE and the donor is necessary to address problems arising from the project implementation, especially weather which is an unpredictable factor affecting forest plantation, tendind and protection.