

GLOBALLY IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE SYSTEMS (GIAHS)

SOME IDEAS FROM VIETNAM

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POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN VIETNAM

- Resolution No.26-NQ/TW and the Government's Action Program on agricultural, farmer and rural development in Viet Nam

One of The General objectives: Building up a comprehensively developed agriculture in the direction of modernism and **sustainability**, considerable commodity production with productivity, quality, efficiency and high competitiveness to ensure national food security at present and in the long run

- Restructuring the agricultural sector towards improving added value and sustainable development (decission of our Prime Minister)
- support to Conserve traditional agricultural products (support to research, keep valuable gene sources,...)
- Organizations and individuals who commercialize the traditional agricultural products will be support from trade promotion program (join exhibition, register trade mark, advertise,...)

RICE TERRACES

- **Country and location:** Viet-nam, the northern mountains, focus on Mu-cang-chai district (Yen-bai province); Sa-Pa district, Bat-sat district (Lao-cai province); Hoang-Su-Phi district (Ha-Giang province);....
- **Sites:** Rice terraces of the northern mountains of Vietnam
- **1. Food and livelihood security:** for farmer, for market (traditional paddy in some areas)
- **2. Agricultural biodiversity and ecosystem function:** rich of flora (many of them are medicinal plants) and fauna, with many kind of birds, species of mammals, species of reptiles, some indigenous species of fish. mammal species, including beneficial species are associated to the agro-ecosystem.

- **3. Knowledge systems and adapted technologies:** The terraces associated with the historic of ethnic groups - the author of the terraced rice fields in this area. ethnic groups created terraces to adapt to soil conditions , climate and irrigation in the mountains
- **4. Culture, value systems and social organisations (Agri-culture):**
 - **Minor ethnic group:** Hmông, Dao, Giay, Nung, La Chi,...

- Three areas in which was ranked scenic country from the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam. That are: Mu-Cang-Chai district (the core is 03 Communes: La-Pan-Tan, Che-Cu-Nha and Ze-Xu-Phinh); Sa Pa district (the core is 03 Communes: Ta-Van, Lao-Chai, Hau-Thao); Hoang-Su-Phi district (the core is 06 Communes: Ban-Luoc, San-Sa-Ho; Ban-Phung; Ho-Thau, Nam-Ty and Thong-Nguyen)

Improve tourism, especially at the harvest time. Since 2007, the festival Mu-Cang-Chai terraces has been held every year. In 2013, The week of culture, sports, tourism in Mu-Cang-Chai terraces was held from 26 - 30/9. In particular highlight is the examination between the harvest teams to choose which is the best. The fairs , cultural activities , sports ... was held also

- Growth traditional paddy (some areas) for market

5. Remarkable landscapes, land and water resources management features: terraces



Rice Terraces in Mu-Cang-Chai







Rice Terraces in Lao-Cai



Rice Terraces in Hoang-Su-Phi



MANGROVE IN CA-MAU PROVINCE

- **Country and location:** Viet-nam, the southern of Mekong river delta, focus on the districts Ngoc-Hien, Nam-Can, Dam-Doi, Cai-Nuoc (Ca-Mau province)
- **Sites:** Agricultural system in Mangrove in Ca-Mau
- **1. Food and livelihood security:** Mangroves have huge economic - social value as food supply (the seafood, sugar, honey ...), pharmaceutical supply, energy supply, providing forest products (wood as mangrove trees, ...)
- **2. Agricultural biodiversity and ecosystem function:** Ca Mau mangrove forest systems with rich of flora and fauna, with 13 species of mammals, 74 species of birds, 17 species of reptiles, 5 species of amphibians, 14 species of shrimp, 175 species fish

- **3. Knowledge systems and adapted technologies:** Because of the war, and destroying by the needs of people's life, that areas reduced deeply from 200,000 ha in 1940 and increased lightly to 64,000 ha at now. People now aware the role of forests, especially in climate change.
- **4. Culture, value systems and social organisations (Agri-culture):** Developing ecotourism
- **5. Remarkable landscapes, land and water resources management features:** With 254 km coastal forests, Mangrove forests Ca Mau is helping prevent the intrusion of sea erosion protection , environmental protection , ecological balance



Mangrove Ca-Mau

EXPECTED ACTIVITIES FROM MARD

- To propagate awareness about GIAHS and important impacts and benefits of the system
- Focus on research and propose some model in Vietnam
- Propose policies and motivate stakeholders to improve care and support, to mobilize resources for this idea