

The future of forests in Vietnam Outlook for 2020

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General information



ASIA

QINGHAI

CHINA
SICHUAN

HUBEI

Mount Fuji
3776 m
(12,387 ft)

Mount Everest
8850 m
(29,035 ft)

YUNNAN

Beijing

Tropic of Cancer

Philippine Sea

PACIFIC OCEAN

Bay of Bengal

VIETNAM

MICRONESIA

Andaman Sea

MYANMAR

South China Sea

PHILIPPINES

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

ACEH

INDIAN OCEAN

RIAU

Celebes Sea
Equator

INDONESIA

PAPUA

EAST TIMOR

SUNDA ISLANDS

Banda Sea

NEW GUINEA

General information

Total land area: 329,972 km²

Population (2006): 84 mil of 54 ethnic groups

Density: around 250 people/km²

Population growth rate: 1.5%

GDP (2005): around 50 bil USD, per capita: 600 USD

Economic growth rate: 7.5%

Forest status

Time	Natural forests	Plantations	Total forest areas	Forest cover (%)
1943	14.300	-	14.300	43,0
1976	11.077	92	11.169	33,0
1980	10.486	422	10.608	32,1
1985	9.308	584	9.892	30,0
1990	8.430	745	9.175	27,0
1995	8.252	1.050	9.305	28,0
1999	9.444	1.471	10.916	33,2
2002	9.865	1.919	11.785	35,0
2003	10.005	2.090	12.095	36,1
2004	10.088	2.218	12.306	36,7
2005	10.283	2.333	12.616	37,0

In which protected areas > 2.5 mil ha (8% of total area)

Forest product export value

Year	1996	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Value (mil USD)	60,5	108,1	219,3	334	435	567	1054	1570	>2000

Annual harvesting: 2.7 mil m³

(of which 200,000-300,000 m³ from natural forests)

Challenges to forests and forestry

1. Pressure from high population density;
2. Pressure from high demand for forest products;
3. Limited comparative capability (lack of human resources, facility...);
4. Conflict between the country development and the conservation;
5. Awareness of people to forests is still low.

Key drivers of changes

1. High demand for forest products;
2. High demand for forest based recreation and environmental protection;
3. Economic growth rate is high and stable (7.5%);
4. Laws for sustainable forest management are being improved;
5. Increasing opportunity to trade, and to learn and apply new technology;
6. The concern of government, institutions and people to forests is increasing.

Several programs to develop forests

1. Five million ha program (1998-2010)
2. Forest protection and development law (2004)
3. Forestry development strategy 2006-2020
4. Forest Sector Support Program (formulated in 1999) including 25 international partners
5. National NTFPs conservation & development strategy (2006-2020)
6. Promulgated a lot of decisions and regulations regarding forest protection and development.

Outlook for 2020

- Population: 100 mil, P.G. rate: 1.3%;
- Economic growth rate: 7.2%;
- Forest cover: 15.57mil ha (47%) (half is protection forests, and the rest is production forest);
- Forest products: meet the demand of the country: 20-23 mil m³/year (2020); export value: 7-9 bil usd;
- Great contribution to environment protection, recreation and improving living conditions of people.

A scenic landscape featuring rolling green hills under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of tree branches frame the top and left sides of the image. The hills are covered in lush green vegetation, with some patches of brown soil visible. The overall atmosphere is bright and clear.

Thank you for your attention!