



ENHANCING SUSTAINABLE FOREST HARVESTING IN ASIA PROJECT

“The code of practice for forest harvesting in Asia-Pacific... a practical tool for sustainable forest management.”

The objective is to strengthen national capacities and building consensus for developing and implementing National Code of Practice for Forest Harvesting in order to achieve sustainable forest management.

What is the project about?

The three-year regional project, covering Vietnam, Myanmar and Lao PDR, is designed to enhance technical skills and promote application of forest harvesting practices that are consistent with the principles of sustainable forest management (SFM). The Government of Lao PDR Sustainable Forest Management initiatives will be further enhanced by the inclusion of best practices guidelines for harvesting as provided in the existing National Code of Forestry Harvesting Practices (**Code**) developed in 1997, such as mapping/surveys, management planning, pre-harvest inventory, annual allowable cut determination, tree marking, directional felling, post-logging silvicultural treatments and others. Additionally, the project seeks to increase awareness of the economic and environmental benefits of SFM in general and reduced impact logging (RIL) in particular, among all concerned sectors.

The main activities to be implemented are:

1. Development and Updating/Revision of the National Code of Forestry Harvesting Practices ;
2. Promote the adoption of the Code by the conduct of workshops/training/seminars; the preparation of handbooks (guidelines) and training materials; and by publishing newsletters, brochures and extension documents;
3. Establish demonstration forest areas for Code testing and trainings

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Site

Naphakeo Production Forest,
Mahaxay District, Khammouane
Province

Achievements as of today

1. National and provincial Workshops on Code development and implementation process have been completed
2. Demonstration forest area for Code testing and trainings in Naphakeo Production Forest have been established
3. Site delineation and pre-harvest inventory in Naphakeo Production Forest carried out

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