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Comments from Japan on the Approval by mail for the Supplemental Document to Lao PDR's Investment Plan under the Forest Investment Program

Dear CIF Admin Unit

Please see the following comment from our development agency, JICA, on the above subject.

Thank you for your consideration.

(JICA's comment)

In the Supplemental Document, there is a mix of terms, such as "Protection Forest", "Watershed Protection Forest (WPFA)", "Conservation Forest" and "National Protected Area(NPA)" and it will cause confusion.

The terms should be standardized or there should be further explanation about the terms.

In the Lao Investment Plan, the term "outside designated forest" is used.

But in the Supplemental Document, the term "non-designated forest" is used for the same meaning, ex, in para. 4.

The same term should be used in the both documents otherwise it will cause confusion.

In this context, DOF usually uses the term "outside three forest category areas".

As for para. 9, 1% contribution by development projects is stipulated not by Article 30.3 but by Article 31.3 of PM Decree on Protection Forest.

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