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FIP results reporting with new format

Lao PDR's experience

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Data collection and results compilation

➤ **Previous experience**

- only a small number of knowledgeable stakeholders could meaningfully contribute to the Annual Report
- reporting was not balanced, because only 1 (SUFORD) out of 3 projects was operational for the two initial reporting periods (2014 and 2015)

➤ **Approach revised in 2017 (for 2016 report)**

- report writing involved only a small group of key stakeholders, but
- the broader Lao FIP stakeholder group was engaged through awareness raising



Report writing

➤ Steps in the Revised Process

1. The 3 Lao FIP projects streamlined the Annual Report structure to improve consolidation of results from the different projects
2. Each project filled in a reporting template with information from key stakeholders of their specific project
3. The combined report was reviewed by a wider stakeholder group
4. The report was finalized and submitted to CIF



Stakeholder workshop




Lao FIP Stakeholder Consultation Meeting was organized in Pakse between 25-26 May 2017.

- On the first day, the stakeholders discussed:
 - FIP in general
 - Status of the three Lao FIP projects
 - Lao priorities for future activities of FIP
 - FIP M&R framework
- On second day, a field visit to a SUFORD-SU plantation site was arranged



Stakeholder workshop attendants

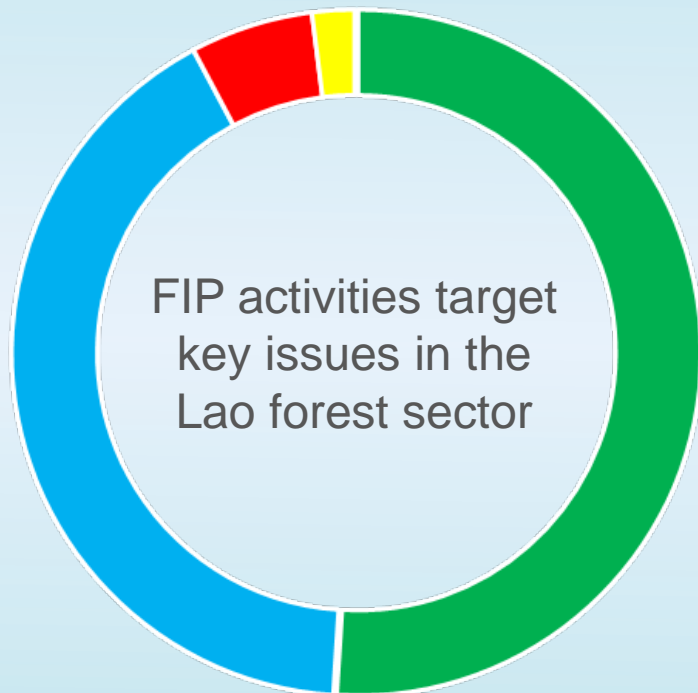


-  Government - Central level
-  Government - Province/District level
-  Other

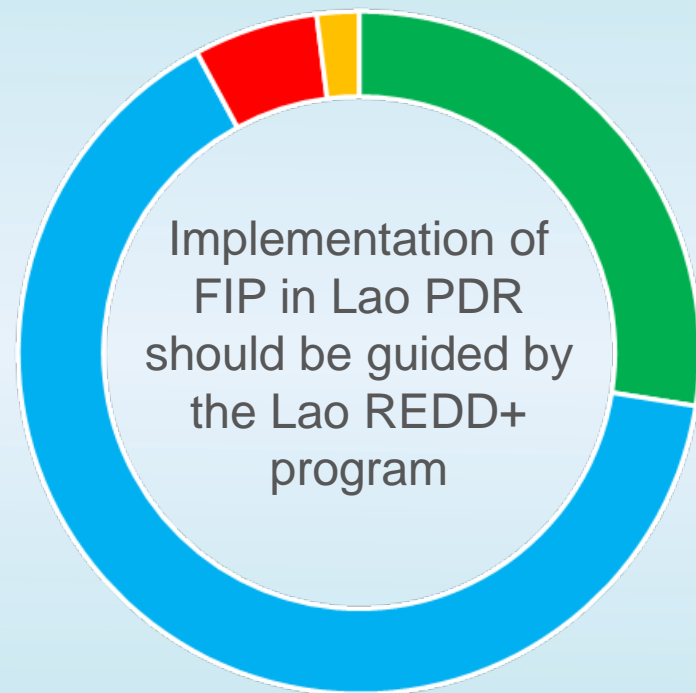
- 54 men & 13 women participated
- Participants included representatives of central and provincial government, donors, Lao FIP projects, and private sector
- Selected CSOs, universities, and Research Institutions were invited but were unable to attend



A short survey conducted at the end provided guidance for decision makers (see examples below)



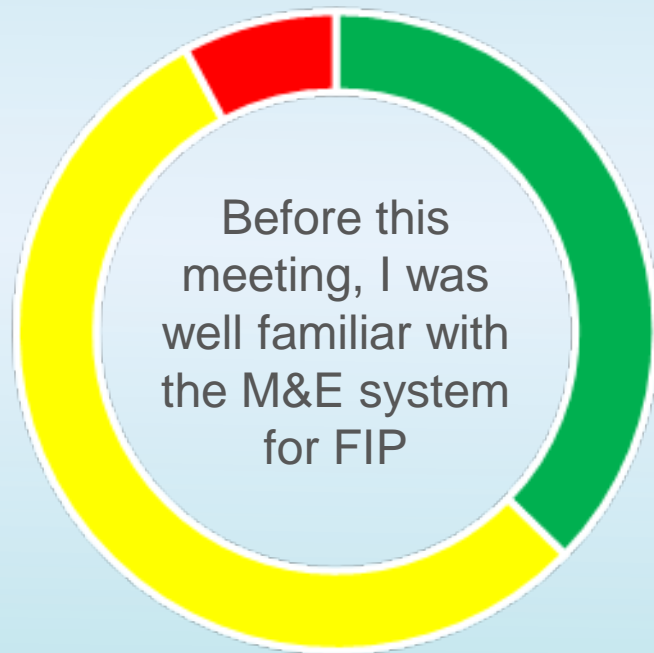
- I fully agree
- I think some changes in activities are necessary
- I think a lot of changes are necessary
- Difficult to say






- I fully agree
- I agree if reporting to REDD+ task force is enough
- No because it would create too much extra work and make decision-making difficult
- Difficult to say



Survey results also showed that the presentations and discussions had enhanced the stakeholders' understanding of the M&E system



-  Mostly agree
-  Disagree a bit
-  Mostly disagree



Lao PDR experience with the new FIP M&R system



Experience with the “old” and “new” FIP reporting system

- Using old scorecards in a consistent manner was difficult
 - different projects had different objectives so it was hard to formulate common evaluation criteria
 - most evaluators only knew small parts of individual projects; evaluators changed over time so it was difficult to be consistent
 - data from individual projects was often not comparable
- The new narrative responses can be combined in a qualitative manner, and give an adequate indication on program progress
- The new reporting approach simplifies the reporting required by the government



Examples of Improvements

- Only the key stakeholders drafted the initial report
- The responses show achievements of the 3 different projects

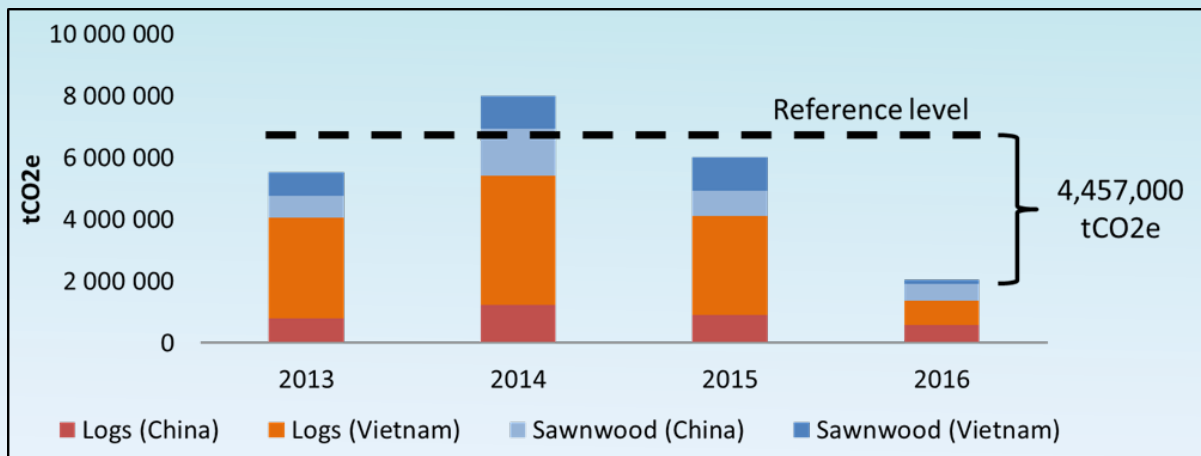
2.b) To what extent has FIP contributed to create economic incentives and policies to sustainable utilization of timbers and non-timber forest products, including value addition?

SUFORD-SU		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forest certification maintained• NTFP value-chain analysis and recommendations completed; implementation initiated
SFP	X	
PFSES		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In process of discussion with local communities on defining incentives from forest conservation



Examples of improvements (cont'd)

The highlights section shows notable achievements, such as 2016 drop in logs and timber going to China and Viet Nam, due to Lao Prime Ministerial Order No. 15, or SPIRIT, the new reporting system for forest and wildlife crimes.



SPIRIT System - Tool for Mobile Forest and Wildlife Crime Reporting





Challenges

Lao PDR has found two major challenges with the new reporting system:

1. Involving a broader and larger group of stakeholders in reporting activities
2. Integrating the FIP reporting system with the overall M&E system in the forest sector



THANK YOU!

