

Current Status of REDD+ in Vietnam

**International Technical Seminar Toward Developing
a framework of global REDD+
-Scaling up of demonstration activities and integrating
players' roles-**

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1. Introduction

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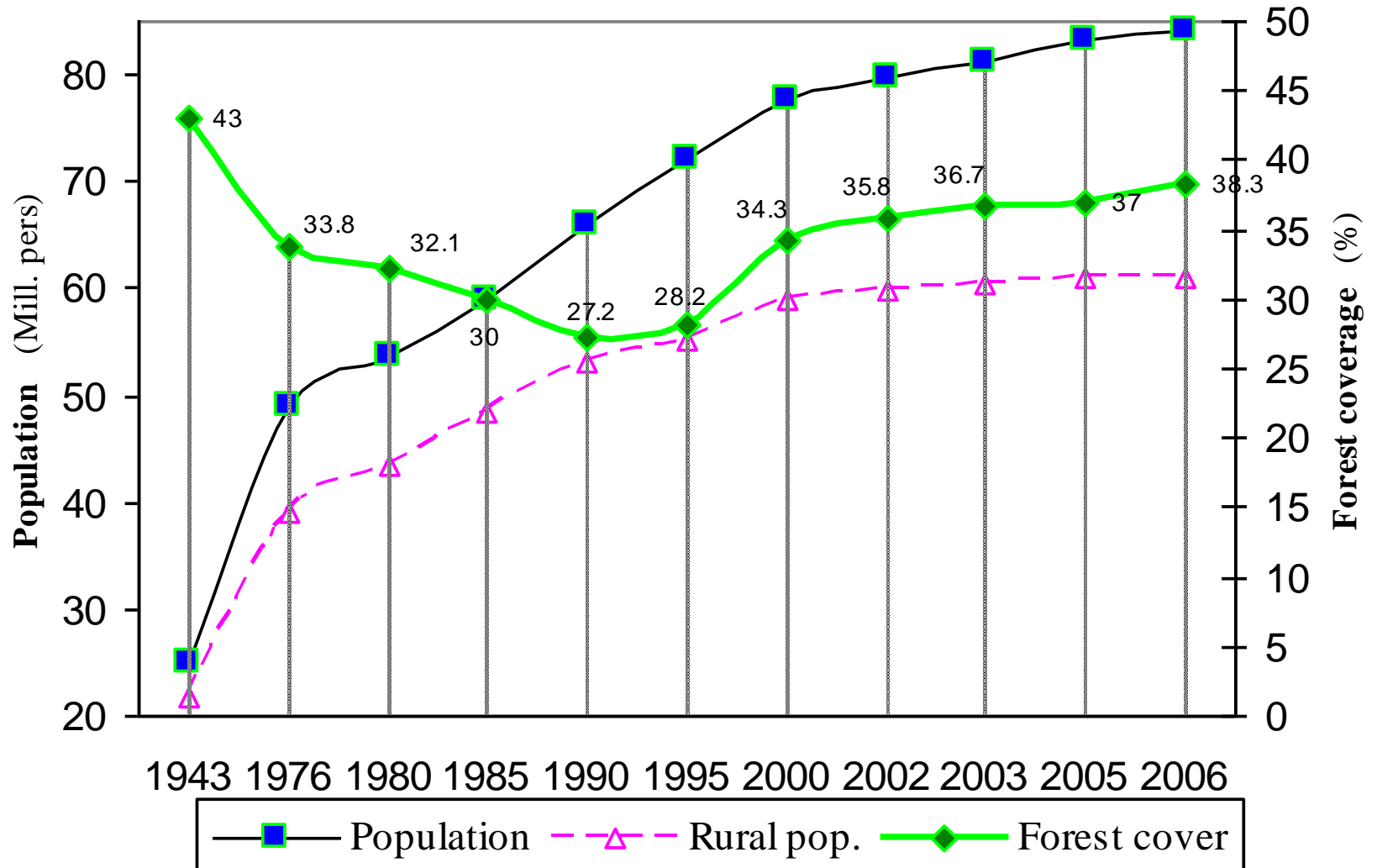
Climate Change and GOV

- Vietnam is identified as one of the countries most severely affected by negative impacts of climate change in the world;
- GOV has strongly engaged in the international efforts to respond to climate change and committed to REDD+;
- Vietnam is selected a pilot country of both of the Quick Start Initiatives i.e. UN-REDD Programme and FCPF;
- National Target Program to Respond to Climate Change formulated in Dec. 2008; National Strategy on Climate Change, which includes REDD+, approved in Dec 2011;
- National REDD+ Network, Working Group and Sub-TWGs established in 2009
- National Steering Committee for REDD+ and VN REDD+ Office established in Jan. 2011
- National REDD+ Program drafted for consultation in Nov 2011

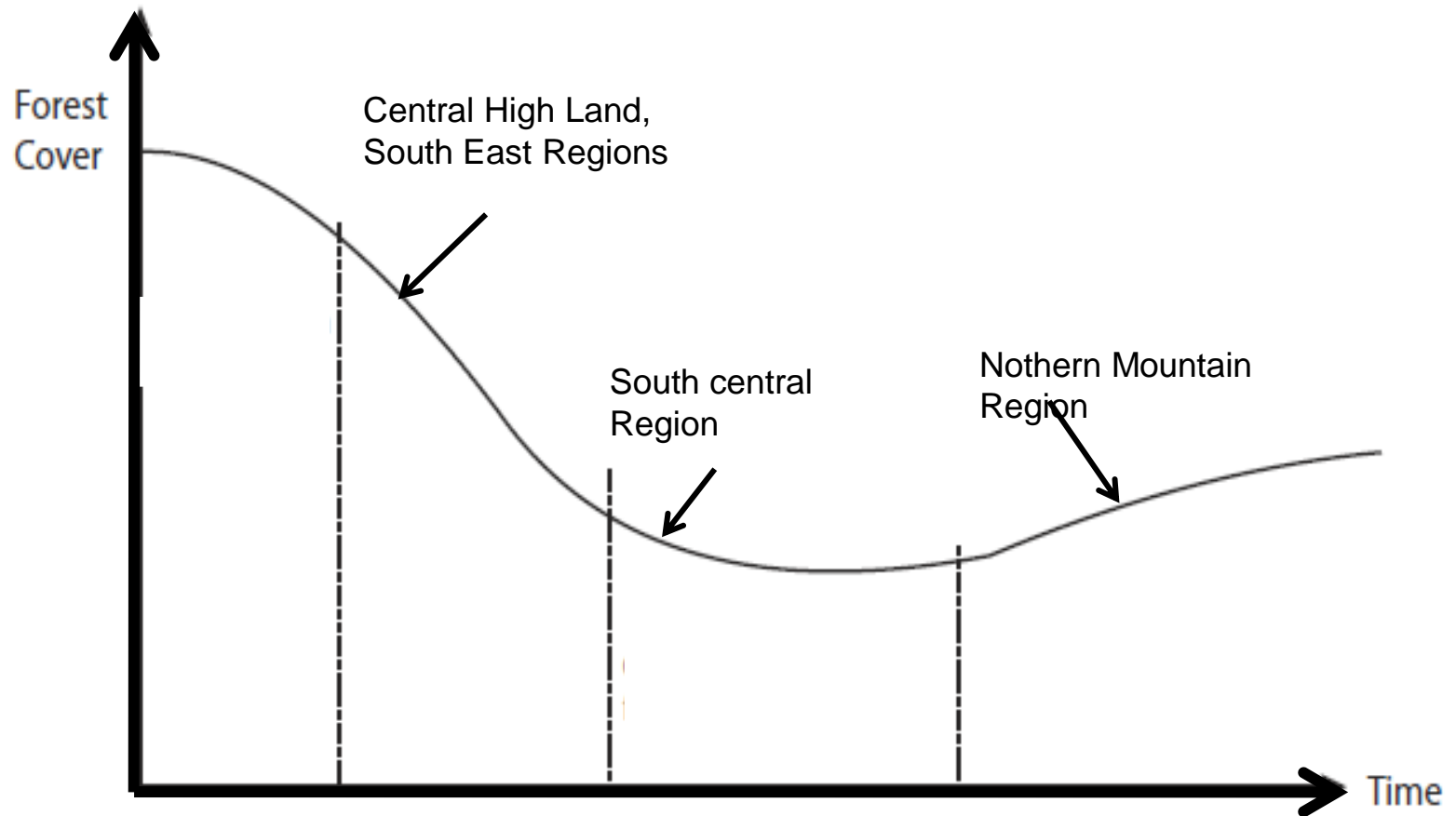
Background to REDD+

- Area of forestland (13.4 million ha) with high diversity from conifer to evergreen and mangrove forests, also a hotspot of biodiversity
- Rural population dependent on forest and forest land
- U-shape of forest cover but continuous deforestation and degradation in parts of country
- Existing policies and institutions as platform for REDD+ mechanism and implementation; Owner/Forest Land Allocation, Forest Protection Contracts, PFES etc.
- Linkage with FLEGT and regional cooperation for legality assurance and leakage risk mitigation;
- Good coordination with development partners in the forestry sector esp. WB, ADB, UN agencies, Japan, Germany, Australia, Finland, etc. under FSSP

Forest coverage VS Population (1943-2006)



Status of Forest cover change of some regions in Vietnam



Forest Area and Management Entities

1. Forest area by category at end 2010

Special Use Forest (SUF):	2.0 million ha
Protection Forest (PTF):	4.8 million ha
Production Forest (PDF):	6.4 million ha
Total:	13.4 million ha (39.5%)
(Natural forest: 10.3 million ha, Plantation forest: 3.1 million ha)	

2. Forest area by management entity

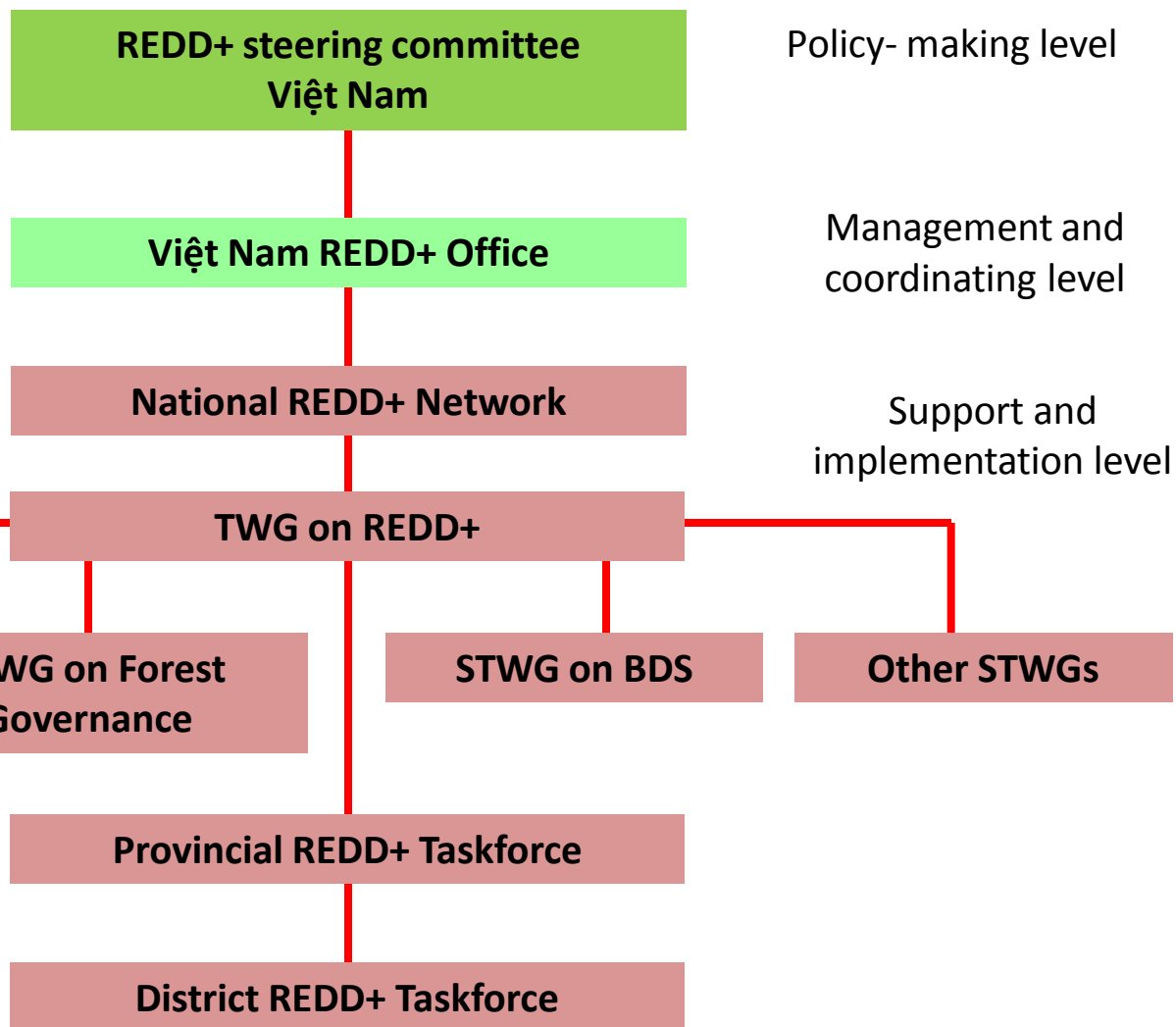
Management Boards (SUF/PTF):	4.8 M ha
State Forest Enterprises (PDF):	2.0 M ha
Commune Peoples' Committees:	2.1 M ha
Households and Individuals (PDF):	3.4 M ha
Others:	0.8 M ha

Contrast situations in different regions



2. Progress and Next Steps

- Institutional set-up for REDD+ establishment
- Brief introduction of 5th REDD+ Network Meeting in Dec 15, 2011
- REL/RL
- MRV
- BDS
- REDD+ Legal Framework



Agenda of 5th REDD+ NW Meeting in Dec 2011

- Key results of COP 17
- Update on key REDD+ activities in Vietnam, and follow-up on recommendations presented by STWGs at last Network meeting
- Report from Sub-Technical Working Groups & action plan for 2012
(MRV, BDS, Local Implementation, Governance, Private Sector Engagement)
- Formulation of the REDD Network action plan for 2012
- Group discussion by STWG
- Proposal on strengthening Vietnam REDD+ Office
- Conclusions & closing

REL/RL

- Improvement of forest maps and NFI data for 5 time points
- Creation of forest change matrix
- Development of interim REL/RL at national and sub-national level
- Sharing REL/RL experiences at SBSTA Expert Meeting in Nov 2012

Next steps

- Level and Activities; National, Sub-national, RED, REDD, REDD+
- Sub-national; Region, Province, Eco-region
- Consideration of national circumstances
- Projection; simple regression, average, model with variables

MRV

- Manual for Participatory Carbon Monitoring
- MRV Framework Document (Ver. 1 draft 3)
- Forest eco-stratification

Next Steps

- Design of new NFI for implementation in 2013-15
- Institutional set-up for MRV involving MARD, MONRE, research institutes, etc.
- Linkage with national GHG-I

Benefit Distribution System

- BDS Study and follow-up study
- Discussion on REDD Fund; objectives, management, linkage with MRV, etc.
- Discussion on payment; types (participation, performance, results), modalities (cash, in-kind), level, R-coefficient

Next Steps

- Finalize BDS at national level (REDD+ Fund, fund allocation)
- Design R-coefficient
- Pilot in Provinces

REDD+ Legal Framework

Identification of necessary revision and formulation of new legislation

Revision

- Coordination in land use planning
- Coordination in forest management and forest land management

New legislation

- Financial management; REDD+ Fund and BDS
- Carbon trade in voluntary, compliance and other markets
- Carbon (credit) rights
- MRV

3. Existing platform for REDD+

1. Policy

- Forest land allocation; Owner for every parcel of forest land (11.2 million ha for 1.2 million owners)
- Forest protection contracts; 2 million ha under contract between HH with PTF/SUF Management Boards (fixed amount paid to HH)
- PFES; Nation-wide implementation in 2012
 - Pilot in two Provinces from 2009
 - Cash payment to forest owners and contract holders according to forest conditions (K coefficient)
 - Hydro power, water supplier, industrial water users, tourism business, CO2 sequestration, aquaculture

3. Existing platform for REDD+

2. Institutions

- Management entities; HH, individuals, communities, Management Boards, SFE, etc.
- Forest Protection and Development Fund (Central and Province); PFES implementation, REDD+ Fund (?)
- Local administration (Province, District, Communes); Responsible for land allocation, oversee forest owners, PFES implementation with guidelines from central level

3. Data

- Forest owner, location, area, conditions

4. NRP

- Draft in circulation for consultation with inside and outside of GOV
- Comprehensive covering REL/RL, MRV, Financial management, Legal framework, PaMs, Safeguards, Implementation mechanism
- Phased approach

2011-15; System development at central level
 Demonstration activities in selected
 Provinces including pilot BDS

2016-20; National system completed
 Expansion of REDD+ activities to all
 forested Provinces

2020- ; Full REDD+ implementation under UNFCCC

Thank You!

