

1. General Description:

ID:CN-25037

Project resulting from this CN: N/A

Note: CNs are developed into project proposals following consultation with donor(s).

1.1 Project Title:

Enhancing Sustainable Community-Based Forestry Enterprises for Climate Resilience in the Northern Mountainous Region of Vietnam

1.2 Submitting Country/ies:

Viet Nam

1.3 Specific Location & Country/ies/regions/areas benefitting from the project:

Xuan Van and Trung Son communes of Tuyen Quang province and An Lac and Van Son Communes of Bac Ninh provinces

1.4 Endorsement from ITTO Focal Point:

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1.5 Intended Project Duration (in months):

36

1.6 Indicative Budget (in US\$):

ITTO	588,000
Counterpart	35,000
Total	623,000

1.7 Programme Line Focus

Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient Livelihoods

1.8 Project Type

Capacity Building/Training, Community/field-based project implementation,
Pilot/demonstration project

1.9 Proposal Summary:

The project “Enhancing Sustainable Community-Based Forestry Enterprises for Climate Resilience in the Northern Mountainous Region of Vietnam” aims to build inclusive, market-oriented, and climate-resilient community forestry enterprises (CBFEs) in Bac Ninh and Tuyen Quang provinces. It addresses challenges of weak forest governance, poor processing efficiency, limited access to finance, and vulnerability to climate impacts. Key interventions include: (i) assessing and formalizing two CBFE models linking enterprises with households and/or cooperatives; (ii) delivering intensive training on governance, financial management, and enterprise development for at least 500 local members; (iii) improving timber recovery and product quality through optimized sawing, drying, and finishing methods; (iv) introducing digital traceability via the iTwoWood platform and establishing Chain of Custody systems to meet PEFC-CoC-EUDR standards; (v) piloting 30 hectares of NbS demonstration plantations combining Acacia and native species; and (vi) promoting blended finance by proposing co-investment policies, piloting microcredit schemes, and supporting equitable enterprise contracts. Expected outcomes include improved community forest governance, 15% income increase for participants, 60% traceable timber transactions, and at least two CBFE groups certified. The project aligns with ITTO-AFoCO priorities by integrating SFM, NbS, digital innovation, and public-private partnerships to build sustainable and inclusive forest-based economies.

2. Proponent Information:

2.1 Executing Agency Information:

Name of Agency/Organization/Institution:

RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF FOREST INDUSTRY (RIFI), under Vietnamese
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2.2 Type of Organization:

Governmental Agency, University/Research Institute

2.4 Relevant experience of EA:

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3. Relevance:

3.1 Conformity with ITTO objectives (ITTA, 2006) and priorities (current SAP):

Please see section 3.1.

3.2 Relevance to the ITTO Programme Lines:

Please see section 3.2.

3.3 Relevance to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Global Forest Goals (GFGs) and other forest related global agenda:

Please see section 3.2.

3.4 Relevance to submitting country's policies:

Please see section 3.2.

4. Project synopsis:

4.1 Objectives (reflecting reference to elements within all ITTO Guidelines as applicable):

Please see section 4.1.

4.2 Key problem(s) to be addressed:

Please see section 4.2.

4.3 Main stakeholders and beneficiaries:

Please see section 4.3.

4.4 Key activities:

Please see section 4.4.

4.5 Expected outcomes and impacts, including innovation/transformation:

Please see section 4.5.

4.8 Risk mitigation measures:

Please see section 4.6.

5. Indicative Budget (in US\$):

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Description	ITTO	Counterpart	Total
Personnel	167,000	14,000	181,000
Sub-contracts	0	0	0
Travel and DSA	80,000	5,000	85,000
Capital Items	20,000	0	20,000
Consumables	48,000	2,000	50,000
Publication / Dissemination	30,000	5,000	35,000
Miscellaneous	150,000	9,000	159,000
Total	495,000	35,000	530,000

ITTO Project Monitoring & Review	15,000	-	15,000
Annual/Final Audit	15,000	-	15,000
ITTO Programme Support	63,000	-	63,000
ITTO Ex-post Evaluation	0	-	0
GRAND TOTAL	588,000	35,000	623,000