



Vietnam draft R-PP

**PC review by Australia, Denmark,
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General comments

- Vietnam appears to be advancing rapidly towards REDD+ readiness.
- The ownership behind the proposal seems high, and a lot of thinking has gone into the challenges facing Vietnam and how these can be dealt with.
- The present version of the R-PP demonstrates detailed consideration of most issues listed within the standards, and provides a good overview of the current situation in Vietnam in relation to REDD+.
- The R-PP clearly identifies where further information and study will be required, and has carefully considered the likely costs of implementing the next steps set out within the R-PP.

Strengths

- Good “division of labor” between FCPF and the support from the UN REDD program.
- The R-PP builds on long experiences with PES schemes, good platform for donor coordination, potential application of FPIC, proposal of a dedicated dispute mechanism for REDD+, and the creation of a multi-stakeholder governing board controlling a national REDD+ fund.
- Knowledge gaps identified, with detailed ToRs.
- Good ownership across many ministries and departments, and a good dialogue with developing partners.
- The R-PP acknowledges the challenge of regional “leakage” through Vietnam’s imports of timber from neighbouring countries for its large domestic wood-processing industry.

Areas for improvement

- A clearer link could be provided to the emerging and more ambitious UN REDD phase 2.
- Consider further elaborating on strategies that might be used to address identified drivers of deforestation.
- For the next version – include discussion on the recent agreement reached in August 2010 to prepare a Voluntary Partnership Agreement with the EU's Forest Law Enforcement and Governance – Trade initiative (FLEGT)
 - especially on how the two processes will interact, e.g., in terms of how the readiness work is organized and consulted on, in terms of REDD+ Strategy options, the SESA etc.
- Some replication of information provided both in the main text of the R-PP and in the annexes.