Policy Practice gap in Implementation Mechanism of REDD+ from Triple Benefit Perspectives

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Context





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Why triple benefits?

- Many REDD+ research focused on MRV; least on REDD+ outcome assessment.
- Triple benefits could represent REDD+ outcomes as REDD+ is more than just carbon emission reduction; its more related to rural development and poverty reduction



Key Findings: What does the policy say?

Myanmar

- Myanmar Country Constitution (2008) all land in Myanmar is state-owned
- Forest Law (1992)
- Land Use Policy (2016)
- Myanmar Investment Law (2016): Along with economic reform in the country, Myanmar enacted Foreign Investment Law (2016). Under this law, an investor who obtains permit or endorsement will obtain long-term lease of the land management by the government.
- Community Forestry Instructions (2016) allows 30 years renewable land lease to local community.
- 30 year National Forestry Master Plan (2001-2030)
- National Code of Practices for Forest Harvesting (1999)
- National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan-NBSAP (2015-2020)
- 10 years Forest District Plans (2017-2027)
- National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS)

Indonesia

- Permit moratorium policy in 2011
- Forest management unit (Kesatuan Pengelolaan Hutan/KPH) effectively manage the state-owned forest to lowest level
- Forestry law no 41/1999: exclude adat forest (claimed customary owned forest) from state owned forest (cleared interpretation by the supreme court decision no 35/PUU-X/2012)

Thailand

- The constitution of Thailand: The Thai Constitution distinguishes local community's right to natural resource management
- Forest Act, B.E. 2484 (1941)
- National Park Act, B.E. 2504 (1961): covers the determination of National Park Land, the National Park Committee, and protection and maintenance of National Parks.
- Forest Plantation Act, B.E. 2535 (1992) covers the determination of reforestation and land registration of private reforestation rights, ownership and exemption from royalty on forest products from reforested areas.
- Plant Act, B.E. 2518 (1965) Amended B.E. 2535 (1992) provides protection of local species
- *Plant Protection Act, B.E. 2542 (1999)* regulates the protection and use of plant biodiversity.
- Enhancement and Conservation of National Environmental Quality Act B.E. (2535) 1992

Vietnam

- Law of Forest Protection and Development 2004 (LFPD), rights of the government on protection and development; allocation forest to local communities, registering the forest use rights; property rights
- Decision 178/2001/QD-TTg on the sharing of benefit between local household/communities participating in forest protection and management National Decree No.99 and Decision 380 on Payment for Environmental Services.
- The Law on Biodiversity (No. 20/2008/QH12)
- The Law on Environmental Protection (No. 55/2014/QHI3)
- Law on Land (LL) and Law on Forest Protection and Development (LFPD) control the correlation between forests tenures and forest resource regulations respectively

Problems with the policies

- 1. Overlapping laws
- 2. Mutually exclusive laws
- 3. Equity in forest access and rights inadequate
- 4. Recognizing property rights and how carbon rights are to be incorporated
- 5. Inadequate national level forest and climate change budgets, and benefit sharing mechanisms
- 6. Inconsistency between formal and informal forest use rights
- 7. Consultation; free, prior informed consent absent





Governance comparisons among Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam



Land tenure, ownership and use

What is the field reality (FGD and Participatory Diagnosis)

Triple benefits

The indicators used to analyze the triple benefits

- (1) change in carbon storage,
- (2) change in biodiversity and ecosystem services
- (3) change in abundance of livelihood resource for local people.
- A measure of +1 is assigned for positive impact and -1 to adverse impact, while 0 is assigned if there are no impact of carbon emission project.
- Since, we do not have any base value before the project was undertaken, we have taken it as zero. Any present outcome observed as the impact of regeneration or restoration project is expressed as change from zero.

Sites: Vietnam

Country	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	
Vietnam	Village 3 Huong Loc	Tan Hoi Village, A Luoi district,	Xuan Lam village,	
	Commune, Nam Dong	TT Hue province	Dakrong district, Quang	
	district, TT Hue province		Tri province	
Type of the	It is a community forest	It is a community forest,	This is a community	
project	allocated to local people	allocated to local people after	forest allocated to local	
	for protection and	the concessions of the State	people for the water	
	reforestation. The forest is	forest enterprises. The	protection purposes.	
	the buffer zone of Bach	community forest received the	The source of water is	
	Ma National Park, which	n payment from forest for local usages: li		
	received support from	environmental services (PFES)	and production	
	local NGOs	for protection and	activities.	
		management.		
Land	Allocation to local people for the time of 50 years with land use certificate (groups of			
ownership	HHs in the community)			

Sites: Thailand

	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3
Thailand	Mueang Forest, Chiang	Ban Ton Tong Community	Ban Hua Thung, Chiang
	Mai, Mae Tha District	forest, Lampang district	Doi District
Type of the	It is an	It is a reforestation project. A	This is an economic
project	afforestation/reforestation	forest committee among 13	forest earlier rented by
	project implemented to	neighboring is undertaking	the military for cattle
	overcome challenges put	reforestation project funded by	rearing project. The
	forward by the logging	Ratchaburi electricity	community took over
	concessions.	generating holding public	the forest for livelihood
		limited.	and food availability.
			This is the regenerated
			forest after teak
			concessions in 1950s.
Land	Community managing the	Community managing the	Community managing
ownership	forest without	forest without management	the forest without
	management rights;	rights.	management rights.
	ongoing conflicts with		
	national park for 35 years		

Sites: West Sumatra

	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3
Sumatra	Nagari Indudur	Community Forestry of	Nagari Paru Forest,
	Forest, Solok District	Nagari Sirukam or	Sijunjung District
		Lembaga Pengelola	
		Hutan Nagari (LPHN)	
Type of the	Reduced impact	Reforested and reduced	REDD+ project,
project	forest after forest fire	impact forest after	received support
	and logging	massive logging in 1974	from both
			governmental and
			international
			organizations for
			forest management
Land	Communal land cum	Communal land cum state	Communal land
ownership	state forest; nagari	forest; nagari	cum state forest;
			nagari

Sites: Kalimantan

	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3
Kalimantan	Customary Protected Forest of	Community Forest (Taneq Olen)	Protected Forest of Sungai
	Wehean ethnic (Hutan Adat	of Setulang Village, Malinau	Wain (Hutan Lindung Sungai
	Wehea), Nehas Liah Bing	Regency, North Kalimantan	Wain), Balikpapan City, East
	Village, East Kutai Regency,	Province.	Kalimantan Province
	East Kalimantan Province.		
Type of the	The people of Wehea Dayak	Community Forest (Taneq Olen)	This size of this forest is 9,782
project	ethnic is now conserving the	covers area of 5,314 ha,	ha. It functions as the water
	38,000 ha ex-logging	dominated by excellent primary	reservoir for Balikpapan City.
	concession area by enriching	forest	Around 40% of water is
	the forest, protecting from		supplied from the forest. Other
	encroachment, protect from		functions of the forest area are
	forest fire, hunting and gold		for farming for limited farmers
	pan mining.		as the buffer zone for the forest.
Land	Customary Protected Forest of	Community Forest (Taneq Olen)	Protected Forest of Sungai
Ownership	Wehean ethnic (Hutan Adat	of Setulang Village, Malinau	Wain (Hutan Lindung Sungai
	Wehea),	Regency, North Kalimantan	Wain), Balikpapan City,
		Province.	

Sites: Myanmar

	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	
Myanmar	Yoe Sone, Meikhtial	Pwehla, Taungyi District	Laewon	
	District			
Type of	It is a reforestation	REDD+ demonstration	It is a reforestation	
the	project implemented	site received support	project implemented by	
project	by means of	from project	themselves with	
	agroforestry to	implemented by ICIMOD	interested 7 households	
	address greening	and FD of Myanmar.		
	environment as well as			
	enhancing local			
	livelihood.			







Change in Biodiversity and Ecosystem

Changes in Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Myanmar







Changes in Carbon Storage in Vietnam

Changes in carbon storage in Myanmar



Change in abundance of livelihood resource for local people: Thailand



Change in abundance of livelihood resource for local people: West Sumatra

0.2

0.3

0.4

Kode Nagari

0.5

0.6

availability of fuel-wood (for household and

community use)

Change in abundance of livelihood resources for local people in Myanmar



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Where is the gap? What are the influential variables in Triple benefits?



Conflict Resolution Mechanisms Self-organizations Networking Investment Conflict resolution

- Set of Actors
- Set of positive actors to fill in the context of the situation
- Allowable actions for actors
- Level of control that individual or group has over an action
- Outcome associated with combination of actions
- Information availability
- Cost and benefits associated with actions

Variables Selection-outcome (O)

- (1) change in carbon storage,
- (2) change in biodiversity and ecosystem services
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- In assessing the impact of carbon emission project, a measure of +1 is assigned for positive impact and -1 to adverse impact, while 0 is assigned if there are no impact of carbon emission project.

Indicators for these outcomes selected through literature review and guidelines from Climate, Community and Biodiversity Alliance

Influential variables in Triple benefits

Variables	Thailand	Indonesia	Vietnam	Myanmar
Government organization	Present Strong (-)	Present-weak impact	Present-Strong	Present Strong (-)
Non-gov organization	Present -Few	Present-Few	Present- Multiple, strong	Present- Multiple, weak
Network Structure	Present-weak	Present-weak (not vertical)	Present- strong	Present-weak (not vertical)
Property rights systems	Weak	Medium-strong	Strong	Weak-Medium
Governance System rules	Present – few; at community level, weak	Present-few	Present-strong	Present-few, weak
Number of actors	Few (-)- strong actors	Only nagari in WS; K- few	Few	Few
Leadership	Absent	Present-very strong	Present-Weak to medium	Absent
Trust, reciprocity	Low	High	High	Medium
Dependency	High- livelihood; recreational	High-livelihood, economic	High-livelihood	Medium-livelihood

Variables	Thailand	Indonesia	Vietnam	Myanmar
Clarity of system boundaries	Unclarified users and forest boundaries	Clear	Clear	Not-clear
Size of the resource system	Small-Medium-High	Small-Medium-High	Small-Medium-High	Small-Medium-High
Productivity	Medium	High	Medium-high	Medium-high
	Act	ion Situation		
Set of Actors	National Park, community	State, Nagari, Users, Economy	Users, state, commercial	Users, state
Set of (+) actors to fill in the context of the situation	Users but state does not recognize	Nagari, State	Users	Users but not recognized
Allowable actions for actors	UTME (national park)	UME (Nagari) UTME (State)	UME (high)	U (User); UTME (state)
Level of control-actors	User (low) State (high)	High(nagari) High(state)	Users (High)	State (high); User (low)
Outcome associated by actions	No collective action	Complex collective action	Higher collective action	Lower collective action
Cost and benefit with actions	Costly for both	Costly for state	Beneficial for both	Break even

Variables	Thailand	Indonesia	Vietnam	Myanmar		
Interaction (I)						
Conflict Resolution Mechanisms	Absent for users	State, Nagari, Users, Economy; present	Users, state, present	Users, state Complicated		
Self-organizations	Users but state does not recognize	Nagari, State	Users	Users but not recognized		
Networking	Absent	Present (only horizontal)	Present-High	Absent-low		
Investment	Lower	High(nagari) High(state)	Users (High); state (High)	State (medium); User (low)		
Conflict resolution	No collective action	Complex collective action	Higher collective action	Lower collective action		
Information availability	Less	Less-medium	High	Less-medium		
Outcome (0)						
Biodiversity and ecosystem benefits	Slightly positive	Slightly positive	Positive	Slightly positive		
Reduction in Carbon	Slightly positive	Slightly positive	Positive	Slightly positive		
Livelihood benefits	Slightly positive	Slightly positve	Positive	Slightly positive		

Final Verdict

Conclusion: Feasibility of REDD+ triple benefits at legal and political context

	Emission reduction	Biodiversity conservation	Poverty Alleviation	Feasibility in terms of policy and governance	Overall Feasibility
Thailand	Slightly positive	Slightly positive	Slightly positive	Poor	Low
Indonesia	Positive	Positive	Slightly positive	Slightly positive	Medium
Vietnam	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	High
Myanmar	Slightly positive	Slightly positive	Positive	Positive	Medium

What next?

Lets open up the discussions!!