

ANALYZING VOLUNTARY MODEL OF PAYMENT FOR FOREST ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE IN BA BE, BAC KAN

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Summary

This study was carried out in 2014 to identify advantages and disadvantages of the voluntary payment for environmental service (PES) model between Duong hamlet of Hoang Tri commune (environmental services providers) and Pac Ngo hamlet of Nam Mau commune (Environmental services users) in Ba Be district, Bac Kan province of Vietnam. Using participatory research methodologies, the study found the participants and the operational mechanism of the model. After one year of implementation, the model exposed some limitations as it identified inappropriate environmental service users, unsuitable level of payment and payment mechanism, and it also showed the lack of stakeholders' ability and legal responsibilities. Lessons learned from the model can be used to design future PES programs in Vietnam.

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