

AGROFORESTRY DEVELOPMENT POLICY IN VIETNAM: STATUS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Summary

This study was conducted in 2017 to review policy documents related to agroforestry in Vietnam. Based on that, the policy recommendation to support agroforestry development. The study used methods of desk research and interview. The results show that, there is no legal definition of agroforestry and no specific policies for agroforestry in Vietnam in recent time. Agroforestry policies have been integrated in other policies on land and forest tenure, science and technology, agricultural extension, investment, credit, forest development, etc. Up to now, there are 12 legal documents directly related and 26 documents indirectly related to agroforestry. Forest land allocation policies provide long-term land used right and allow forest owners to cultivate agroforestry up to 20-30% areas of their forest land allocated and have right to receive all agro-forestry products. They are important policies support to promote agro-forestry development. Beside, there are some shortcomings such as the policy on the percentage allowed for agroforestry, regulations on forestry farm accreditation criteria, agro-forestry production regulations or thinning products according to the design approved by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development or lack of loans to develop agroforestry. They are barriers for the development of agroforestry in Vietnam. The results of this study will provide additional basis for the implementation of agroforestry production in protection and production forests, contributing to the implementation of the Forest Law in Vietnam.

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