

BENEFIT SHARING POLICY OF THE COMMUNITY FORESTLAND IN HOA BINH PROVINCE: STATUS AND SOLUTIONS

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Summary

The study has investigated 5 communities allocated land and forest by interviewing 219 households directly. The research shows that Hoa Binh province has paid much attention to the management and use of community-based forest land, and has allocated land and forests to communities for management and use. Communities have benefited directly from forests such as timber and non-timber forest products. However, it is very limited, the value is not high due to uncertain market. In addition, the community benefits from forest environmental services and stable income, but it is not so much because the price is low, attracting less facilities. In addition, some communities benefit from forest development projects, but at the end of the project, communities find it difficult to protect themselves and to develop forests. Therefore, some solutions are needed such as support the market of non-timber forest products to develop, raise the value of products directly exploited from forests; finalization of payment policy for forest environment services; encouraging people to participate in other service activities such as ecotourism, leisure, absorption and storage of carbon...The community should have a plan to protect and develop the forest to generate stable income when the project is completed.

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