



INFORMATION BRIEF

Comparative study on national REDD+ strategy development processes in Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand

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Introduction

The main objective of this research is to document insights for REDD+ policymakers in Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand on how barriers can be overcome and opportunities seized for key components of national REDD+ strategies or action plans in order to ensure effective, efficient and equitable REDD+ implementation in their countries. The main boundary partners are the REDD+ policymakers in each country. Results from this research will also engage with academic discussions on science-policy interface, market-based approaches to forest governance in developing countries, stakeholders' assessments of policies on climate change, and national sovereignty.

Project Focus

- 1. Social and Environmental Safeguards:** Documented lessons learned on the gaps between legal contexts in the three countries in comparison with the requirements of the UNFCCC adopted decisions on safeguards and Safeguards Information System, in particular the Cancun Agreements and the Warsaw Framework on REDD+. The research team will also explore the potential social and environmental impacts of an elaborate versus a minimalistic design for safeguards information system in the three countries.
- 2. Grievance Mechanism:** A list of criteria that stakeholders in Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand identified as important factors that need to be taken into account to establish effective, efficient and equitable national REDD+ grievance mechanisms.
- 3. Impacts of REDD+ interventions:** Documented proof or cases of the impacts of REDD+ readiness processes on empowering or disempowering local stakeholders to exert greater influence on local land use policy and practices.

Expected Deliverables

1. Peer-reviewed journal manuscripts, at least two
2. A chapter contributed to the SUMERNET's flagship book
3. Policy briefs (in local language and English) disseminated to relevant boundary partners
4. News article and other media for wider audience

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