The “Forestry and Climate Change in ASEAN” Project

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Sustainable forestry and agriculture in the face of climate change in Southeast Asia

As a major producer of agricultural products and home to large forest landscapes, Southeast Asia is highly vulnerable to climate change and at the same time carries special responsibility for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation. A large share of the 600 million people in Southeast Asia relies on agriculture, fisheries and forestry for their livelihoods.

Increasingly aware of the challenges of adapting to the consequences of climate change and at the same time to mitigate the worse, the members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have committed themselves to address the interrelated challenges of food security and climate change in the agriculture and forestry sectors. This is reflected in several ASEAN frameworks as well as the ASEAN New Vision on Food, Agriculture and Forestry (FAF) towards 2025.

How We Work

FOR-CC provides capacity building to improve the cooperation of ASEAN Member States on climate change-related key topics in agriculture and forestry. On the regional level FOR-CC promotes dialogue, exchange of knowledge, and policy development through relevant ASEAN bodies and networks, based on the strong commitment and contributions of ASEAN Member States. On the national level or in local pilot activities FOR-CC supports ASEAN Member States in implementing regional agreements as well as guidelines and to create best practices that can be shared in ASEAN. Two project components address the interrelated issue of forestry and agriculture in the face of climate change.

COMPONENTS

Cooperation on Forestry

- ASEAN Member States and technical bodies have further improved the regional and national framework conditions for REDD+ and FLEGT
- Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+)
- Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT)
- ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network on Forests and Climate Change (ARKN-FCC)
- ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network on Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (ARKN-FLEG)

Climate Smart Value Chains

- ASEAN Member States have increased their financial and technical capacities for disseminating climate smart practices in agriculture and/or forestry value chains
- Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA)
- Climate Finance for Agriculture
- ASEAN Climate Resilience Network (ASEAN-CRN)
- ASEAN Technical Working Group on Agricultural Research and Development (ATWGARD)
- ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Crops (ASWGC)
- ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC)