



# Development of standing-tree carbon equations to improve the accuracy of forest-cover carbon stock estimates in Thailand



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# Background and Rationale

## Biased Equations

1) Few sample trees were collected to develop the previous equations because of the need to minimize the sample tree destruction and the lack of accurate instruments to measure the upper stem diameters of standing trees.

2) Some of the equations were local volume equations (required only DBH as the independent variable for tree volume estimations).

3) The previous equations were focused on areas to be logged (mainly focused on big trees).

4) The species grouping was too broad (e.g., volume equations by tree family)

# Background and Rationale

Wood carbon fraction  
in Thailand is higher  
than 47% because of  
wood density.

ASSUMPTIONS



# Background and Rationale



Uncertainty in the accuracy of national estimates of Thailand's forest-cover carbon stocks



Incomplete report of carbon stocks



Limited knowledge of the methods of carbon stocks assessment

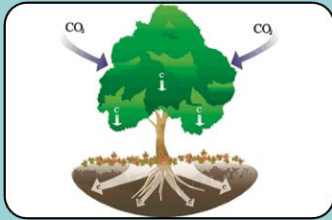


**Affects national planning and other policy decisions that rely on the information on national carbon stocks**

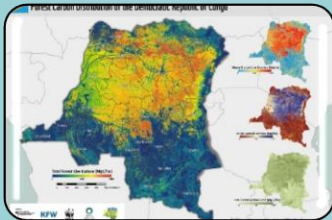
# Background and Rationale



A new and novel approach has been developed to estimate standing tree carbon content using sample tree increment cores for carbon content analysis.



The new approach could be used to develop new national standing-tree carbon equations.



These equations could be used to estimate carbon stocks in the study area and further applied to Thailand's national forests.

# Goal and Objectives

## Overall Goal

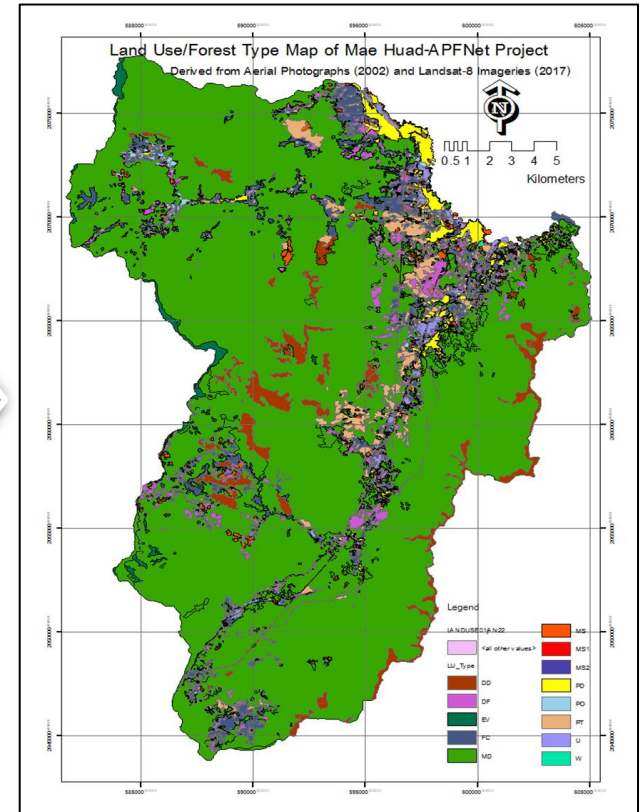
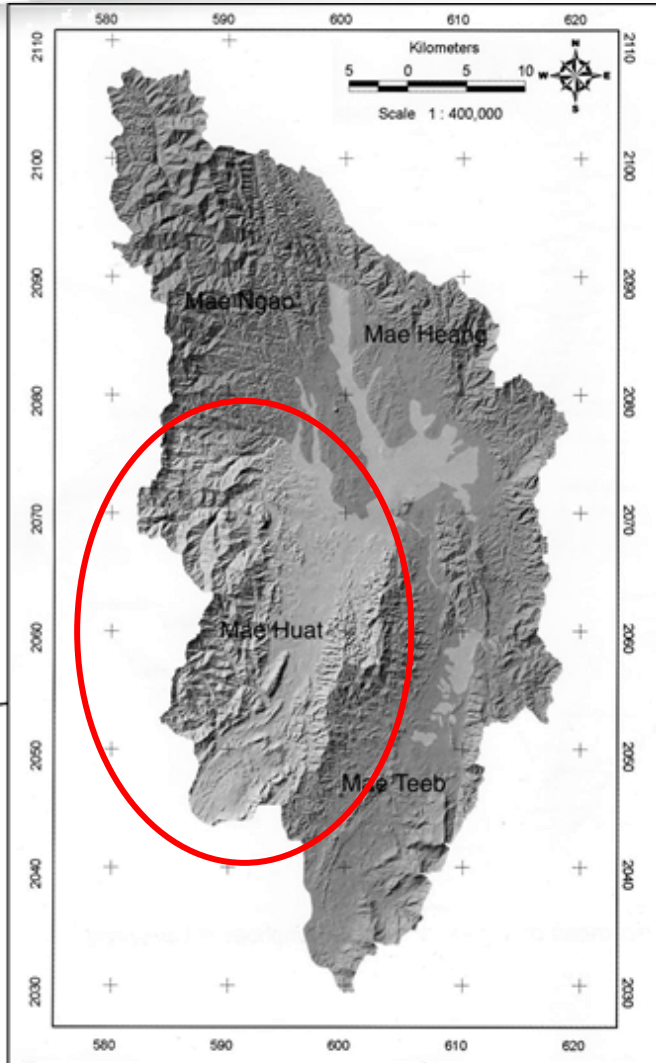
- To provide accurate information on national forest carbon stocks to support SFM policy-decision making.

## Specific Objective

- To demonstrate the development of accurate standing tree-carbon equation and their application to the preparation of a forest-cover carbon stock map.

# Project Site

## Ngao Demonstration Forest



## Mae Huat Sector

Total area: 43,431.75 hectares

# Research Methodology

## Activities

## Techniques

## Outputs

1  
Review secondary data

Basic literature review

- Ngao Demonstration Forest
- Wood density
- Existing carbon/biomass equations and wood carbon fraction, etc.

2  
Field forest inventory for Species list collection

- Landuse cartography
- Forest Inventory
- Point sampling
- Tree identification
- Forest mensuration

- Primary data:
- Study site map
  - DBH, Height, BA
  - No. of trees
  - Tree species
  - Geographical data

# Research Methodology (cont.)

## Activities

## Techniques

## Outputs

3

Tree species classification

Classification using

- Wood density
- IVI

Species selection by wood density and IVI in each forest type

4

Sample Tree Collection for tree volume and wood carbon fraction analysis

- Forest Inventory

- Forest Mensuration

- Dendrochronology

- Tree Volume

- Wood sample core for carbon fraction analysis

5

Wood Carbon fraction analysis

- Combustion Technique

- Wood carbon fraction

# Research Methodology (cont.)

## Activities

## Techniques

## Outputs

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Construct Standing  
Tree Bole Carbon  
Equation

- Regression Analysis

- Standing Tree Bole  
Carbon Equations

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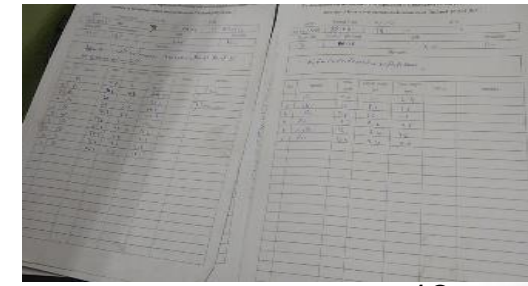
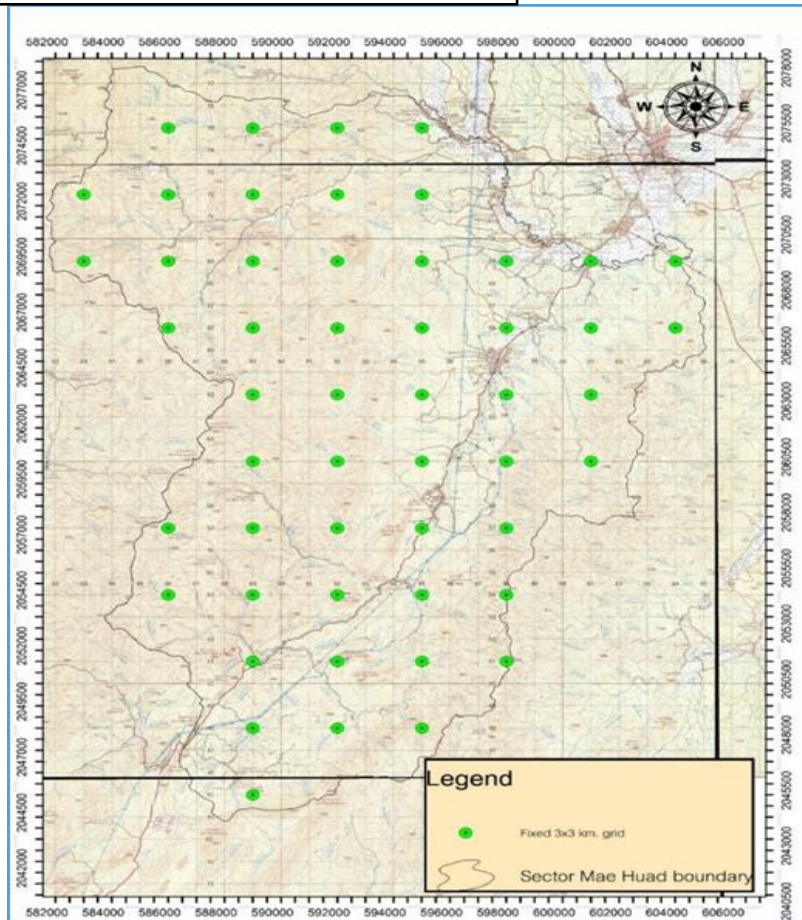
Estimation of carbon  
sequestration in  
study area

- Statistical analysis

- Carbon  
Sequestration in  
study area

# Field Forest Inventory for Species List Collection

-3 x 3 km fixed point  
-54 sampling points



# Field Forest Inventory for Sample Tree Collection

## 1. Standing Tree measurement

Fixed diameter at 10 cm.

2 m

1.30 m

2 m

2 m

Log NO.	Log length (m.)	Diameter at pith (cm)
1	0.5	9.5
2	1.5	11.2
3	1.5	11.5
4	1.5	11.5

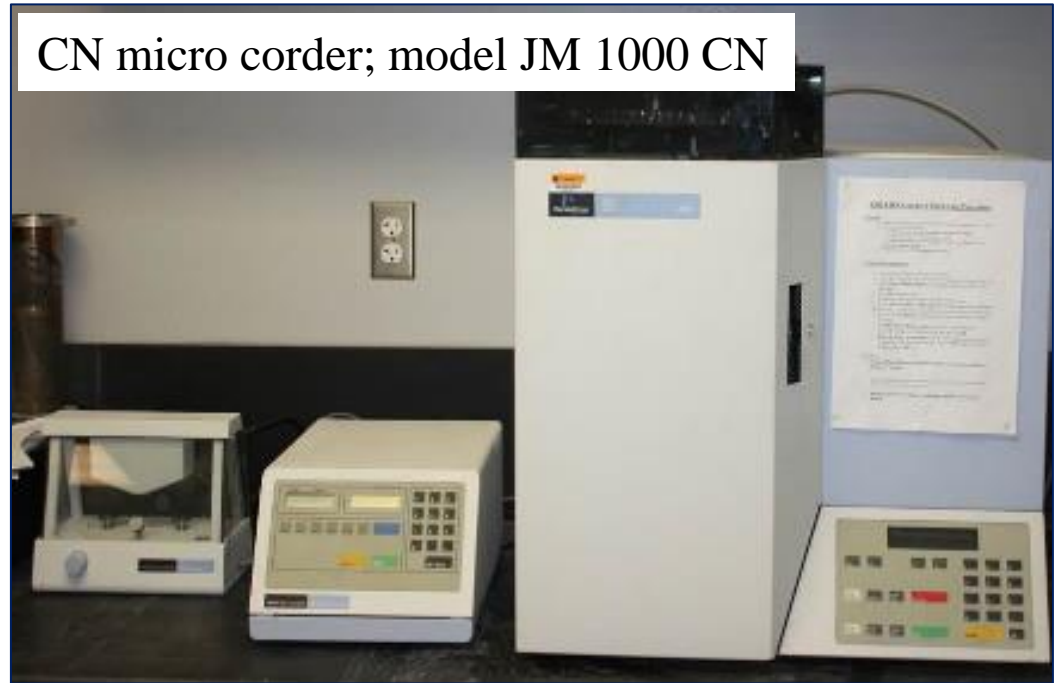
## 2. Sample wood collection



## 3. Sample wood measurement



# Wood Carbon Fraction Analysis



# Construct Standing Tree Bole Carbon Equation

## The standing tree bole carbon

Where :  $C_t$  = Weight of carbon in a standing tree bole (kg)  
 $C_c$  = Weight of carbon in a wood sample core (kg)  
 $W_d$  = Dry weight of a wood sample core (kg)  
 $C_w$  = Percent carbon fraction in a sample wood  
 $V_w$  = Volume of wood sample core (m<sup>3</sup>)  
 $V_t$  = Volume of standing tree bole (m<sup>3</sup>)

$$C_c = W_d \times C_w$$



$$C_t = \frac{C_c}{V_w} \times V_t$$



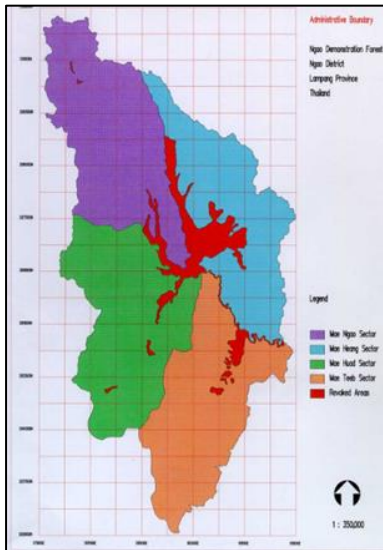
$$C_t \approx f(\text{Height}, \text{DBH})$$

# RESULT

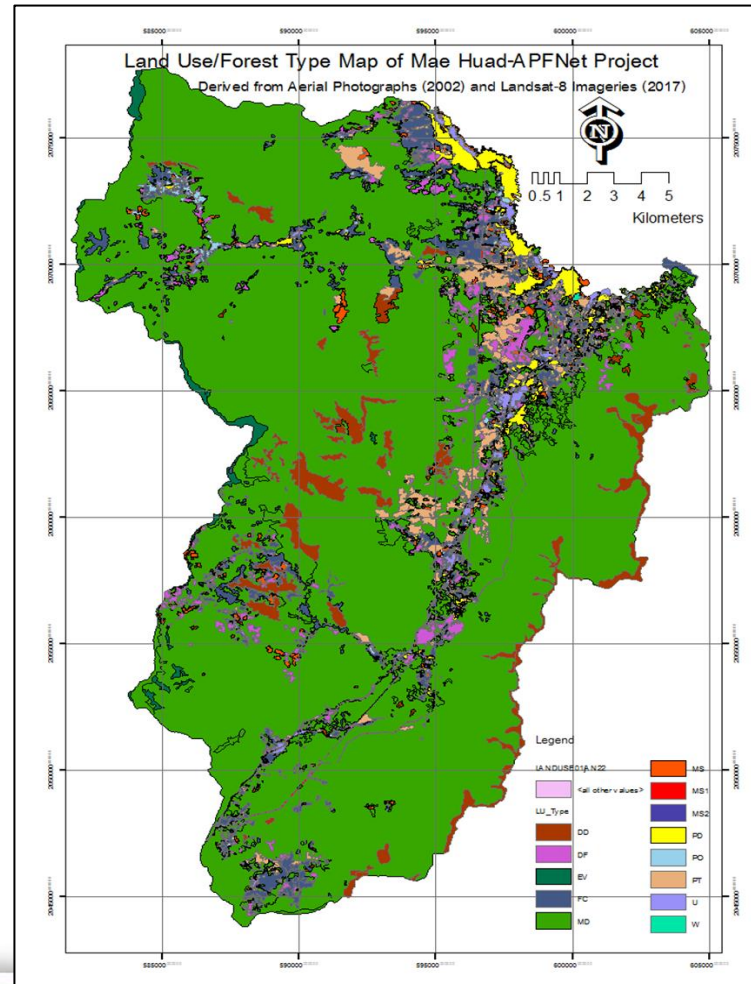
## 1. General data of Project area

### • Ngao Demonstration Forest

- **Forest Area 66.28%**
  - EF 2.38%
  - MDF 44.58%
  - DDF 13.83%
  - Plantation 5.49%
- **Non-Forest Area 33.72%**
  - Settlement 0.98%
  - Agriculture 4.62%
  - Old clearing 27.9%
  - Deforested area 0.12%
  - Water Bodies 0.03%
  - Mining 0.07%



Sector	Area	
	ha	%
Mae Ngao	44,140.38	25.2
<b>Mae Huad</b>	<b>43,431.75</b>	<b>24.8</b>
Mae Teeb	39,778.56	22.7
Mae Heang	35,624.13	20.3
Non-Model Forest area	12,181.19	7.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>175,156.00</b>	<b>100.0</b>



Notation: DD = Dry Deciduous  
 DF = Disturbed Forest  
 EV = Evergreen Forest  
 FC = Field Crops  
 MD = Mixed Deciduous  
 MS = Miscellaneous  
 MS1 = Transmission Line  
 MS2 = Pave Road  
 PD = Paddy Land  
 PO = Fruit Orchard  
 PT = Teak Plantation  
 U = Urban Land  
 W = Water Bodies

# RESULT

## 2. The Field inventory for Species list collection

- Data from filed forest inventory for species list collection

Average BA of 18.39 m<sup>2</sup>/ha and 549 tree/ha.

46, 18 and 32 tree species in mixed deciduous forest (MDF) , Dry dipterocarp forest (DDF) and Dry evergreen forest (DEF), respectively.

Tree species with the highest IVI in MDF are *Xylia xylocarpa*, *Tectona grandis* and *Pterocarpus macrocarpus*

Tree species with the highest IVI in DDF are *Shorea siamensis*, *S. obtusa* and *Pterocarpus macrocarpus*

Tree species with the highest IVI in DEF are *Croton Roxburghii*, *Hopea odorata* and *Duabanga grandiflora*



# RESULT

## 4. Wood Carbon fraction analysis

- The wood carbon content of selected species in each wood density class in each forest type

### MDF

Range of wood density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Major Species (Scientific name)	No. of sample trees	Carbon content (%)
282-385	<i>Cananga latifolia</i> Finet & Gagnep.	15	47.75
386-488	<i>Litsea glutinosa</i> C.B. Robinson	15	46.86
489-591	<i>Lannea coromandelica</i> Merr.	16	45.75
592-694	<i>Tectona grandis</i> Linn. f.	16	49.66
695-797	<i>Albizia odoratissima</i> Benth.	15	46.84
798-900	<i>Terminalia nigrovenulosa</i> Pierre ex Laness.	16	47.13
901-1003	<i>Pterocarpus macrocarpus</i> Kurz	15	48.41
1004-1106	<i>Xylia xylocarpa</i> Taub.	15	48.03
1107-1209	<i>Dalbergia oliveri</i> Gamble.	17	47.13
1210-1312	<i>Terminalia corticosa</i> Pierre ex Laness.	15	48.55

### DDF

Range of wood density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Major Species (Scientific name)	No. of sample trees	Carbon content (%)
400-485	<i>Mitragyna brunonis</i> Craib	15	47.57
486-570	<i>Bridelia pierrei</i> Gagnep.	12	47.16
571-655	<i>Gardenia sootepensis</i> Hutch.	15	46.06
656-740	<i>Haldina cordifolia</i> (Roxb.) Ridsdale.	15	48.262
741-825	<i>Dipterocarpus obtusifolius</i> Teijsm. ex Miq.	15	47.62
826-910	NA		
911-995	<i>Pterocarpus macrocarpus</i> Kurz	15	48.41
996-1080	<i>Shorea siamensis</i> Miq.	15	46.76
1081-1165	<i>Dalbergia oliveri</i> Gamble ex Prain.	17	47.13
1166-1250	<i>Terminalia corticosa</i> Pierre ex Laness.	15	48.55

### DEF

Range of wood density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Major Species (Scientific name)	No. of sample trees	Carbon content (%)
387-474	<i>Duabanga grandiflora</i> Walp.	15	46.92
475-561	<i>Croton roxburghii</i> N.P. Balakr.	15	47.77
562-648	<i>Careya sphaerica</i> Roxb.	15	47.47
649-735	<i>Artocarpus lakoocha</i> Roxb.	15	48.31
736-822	<i>Cratogeomys formosum</i> (Jack) Dyer.	15	46.83
823-909	<i>Anogeissus acuminata</i> Wall.	15	46.81
910-996	<i>Pterocarpus macrocarpus</i> Kurz	15	48.41
997-1083	<i>Terminalia nigrovenulosa</i> Pierre ex Laness.	15	45.75
1084-1170	<i>Xylia xylocarpa</i> Taub.	15	48.03
1171-1257	<i>Quercus kerrii</i> Craib	15	45.43

# RESULT

## 4. Wood Carbon fraction analysis

- The wood carbon content of selected species in each forest type

Forest Type	Carbon Content (%)	Number of Selected Species	
		$C_w > 47\%$	$C_w < 47\%$
MDF	47.61	7 (70.0%)	3 (30.0%)
DDF	47.50	7 (77.8%)	2 (22.2%)
DEF	47.17	5 (50.0%)	5 (50.0%)
Average	47.43	65.5%	34.5%

**Remark:**  $C_w$  is carbon content in a wood sample (%)

# RESULT

## 5. Construct Standing Tree Bole Carbon Equation

- The carbon equations of selected species in each wood density class by forest types

No.	Range of Wood Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Carbon Equation	Sample Tree No.
1	282-385	$C = 0.008730 D^{2.335} H^{0.570}$	15
2	386-488	$C = 0.019454 D^{2.335} H^{0.338}$	15
3	489-591	$C = 0.001538 D^{3.014} H^{0.475}$	16
4	592-694	$C = 0.018836 D^{1.833} H^{0.848}$	16
5	695-797	$C = 0.011350 D^{2.043} H^{0.853}$	15
6	798-900	$C = 0.067764 D^{2.011} H^{0.277}$	16
7	901-1003	$C = 0.014093 D^{2.068} H^{0.723}$	15
8	1004-1106	$C = 0.011967 D^{2.067} H^{0.791}$	15
9	1107-1209	$C = 0.017539 D^{2.276} H^{0.547}$	17
10	1210-1312	$C = 0.005957 D^{2.206} H^{0.819}$	15
<b>General equation for all species , MDF</b>		<b><math>C = 0.018155 D^{2.2204} H^{0.490}</math></b>	<b>155</b>

No.	Range of Wood Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Carbon Equation	Sample Tree No.
1	400-485	$C = 0.006353 D^{2.227} H^{0.802}$	15
2	486-570	$C = 0.004887 D^{2.618} H^{0.438}$	12
3	571-655	$C = 0.020417 D^{2.237} H^{0.696}$	15
4	656-740	$C = 0.001928 D^{2.664} H^{0.679}$	15
5	741-825	$C = 0.000975 D^{2.389} H^{1.277}$	15
6	826-910	NA	
7	911-995	$C = 0.014093 D^{2.068} H^{0.723}$	15
8	996-1080	$C = 0.022751 D^{2.209} H^{0.458}$	15
9	1081-1165	$C = 0.017539 D^{2.276} H^{0.547}$	17
10	116-1250	$C = 0.005957 D^{2.206} H^{0.819}$	15
<b>General equation for all species , DDF</b>		<b><math>C = 0.009462 D^{2.328} H^{0.602}</math></b>	<b>134</b>

MDF

No.	Range of Wood density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Carbon equation	Sample Tree No.
1	387-474	$C = 0.049317 D^{1.997} H^{0.357}$	15
2	475-561	$C = 0.019498 D^{2.300} H^{0.300}$	15
3	562-648	$C = 0.012134 D^{2.056} H^{0.668}$	15
4	649-735	$C = 0.001549 D^{2.608} H^{0.854}$	15
5	736-822	$C = 0.003192 D^{2.374} H^{0.876}$	15
6	823-909	$C = 0.015560 D^{2.109} H^{0.625}$	15
7	910-996	$C = 0.014093 D^{2.068} H^{0.723}$	15
8	997-1083	$C = 0.002624 D^{2.263} H^{1.086}$	15
9	1084-1170	$C = 0.049317 D^{1.997} H^{0.357}$	15
10	1171-1257	$C = 0.006353 D^{2.482} H^{0.609}$	15
<b>General equation for all species , DEF</b>		<b><math>C = 0.011803 D^{2.1844} H^{0.417}</math></b>	<b>150</b>

DEF

DDF

The general tree carbon equation is as follows:

$$C = 0.012348 D^{2.1676} H^{0.6539}$$

Where:

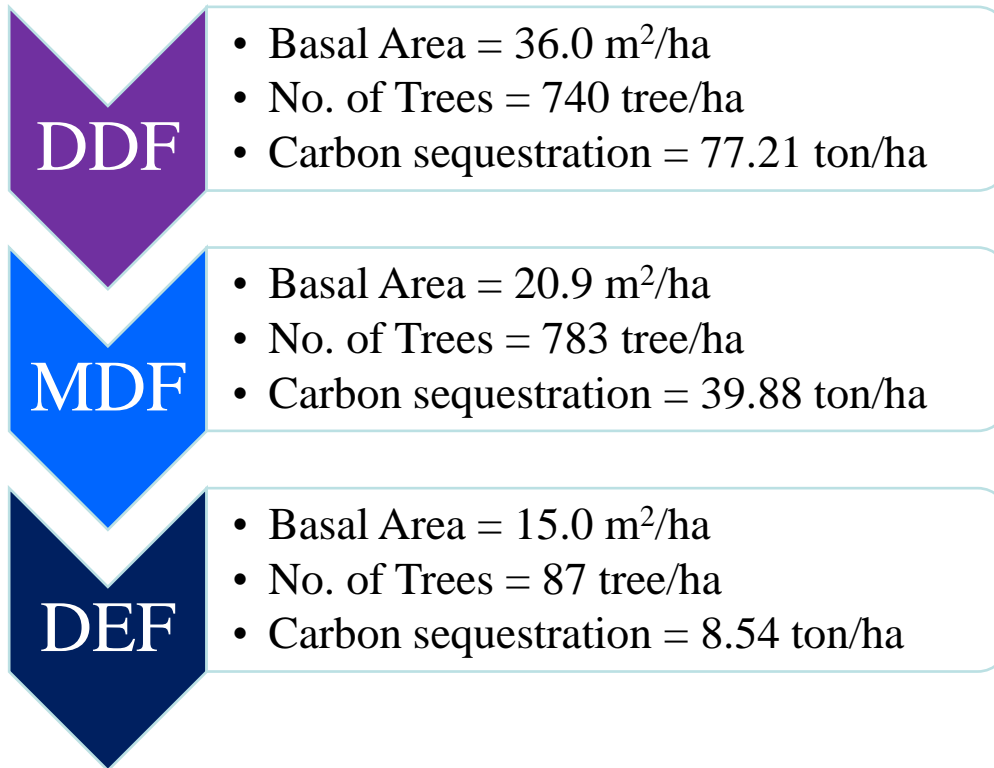
C = Carbon sequestration in stem bole, kg

D = Diameter at breath height of the tree, cm

H = Total height of the tree, m

# RESULT

## 6. Estimation of carbon sequestration in Mae huad sector, Ngao demonstration forest.



### TOTAL AREA

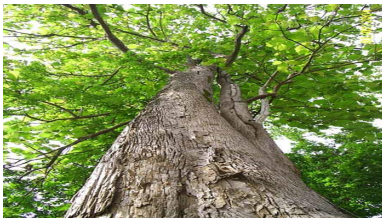
- Basal Area = 22.7 m<sup>2</sup>/ha
- No. of Trees = 662 tree/ha
- C Sequestration = 40.97 ton/ha

# RESULT

- The total carbon stock in Ngao Demonstration Forest is ranged from 0.88 – 1.28 million tons



DDF carbon stock ranged for  
0.19 – 0.29 million tons



MDF carbon stock ranged from  
0.64 – 0.94 million tons



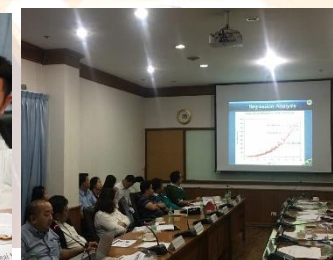
DEF carbon stock ranged from  
0.03 – 0.05 million tons

# Action plan to construct and promote national tree carbon equations prepared

**Focus Group Meeting :7 November 2018 At Meeting Room 303, 60 Years Anniversary Building, Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University, BKK**

15 Experts from:

- RFD
- DNP
- DMCR
- FIO
- RECOFT
- TGO
- Universities



# Action plan to construct and promote national tree carbon equations prepared

## The Way Forward the National Plan

1. The participants of Focus Group meeting agreed to continue the project in order to apply these techniques and carbon equations for calculating carbon sequestration in national forests.
2. The participants also suggested to expand the study sites into all regions and all forest types of Thailand.
3. In order to succeed at the national scale, the participants suggested close cooperation among the relevant organizations and experts to apply and upscale this research methodology to develop national carbon equations and carbon map to support the national plan on forest management.

# Action plan to construct and promote national tree carbon equations prepared

## PROJECT STRATEGY AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL WORK PLAN

There are 3 steps to scaling-up the project to the national level. These are:

1. Divide the country into five geographic regions (north, north-east, east, west & central, and south), and consider the forest types within each region.
2. Apply the 2015P6-THA project methodology to obtain new tree carbon equations and maps for each forest type within each region. Refer to 2015P6-THA project Technical Reports No. 1 and No. 2.
3. Promote the new national carbon equations (2015P6-THA project), and get the new tree carbon equations and maps formally approved on the national level and incorporated into the IPCC reporting process.

# Information and knowledge from the project disseminated among stakeholders

**The Workshop**

**The Project Website**

**The Project Brochure**

**The Training Course**

# Information and knowledge from the project disseminated among stakeholders

- **The Workshop** 18 December 2018, Kasetsart University, BKK

The Workshop aim to:

1

Provide a better understanding and transfer of knowledge of carbon estimation in a standing tree and forest stand by using novel carbon equations and remote sensing techniques.

2

Discuss a national work plan on the development of national standing-tree carbon equations and forest carbon stock map to improve the accuracy of tree-bole carbon stock estimates in Thailand.

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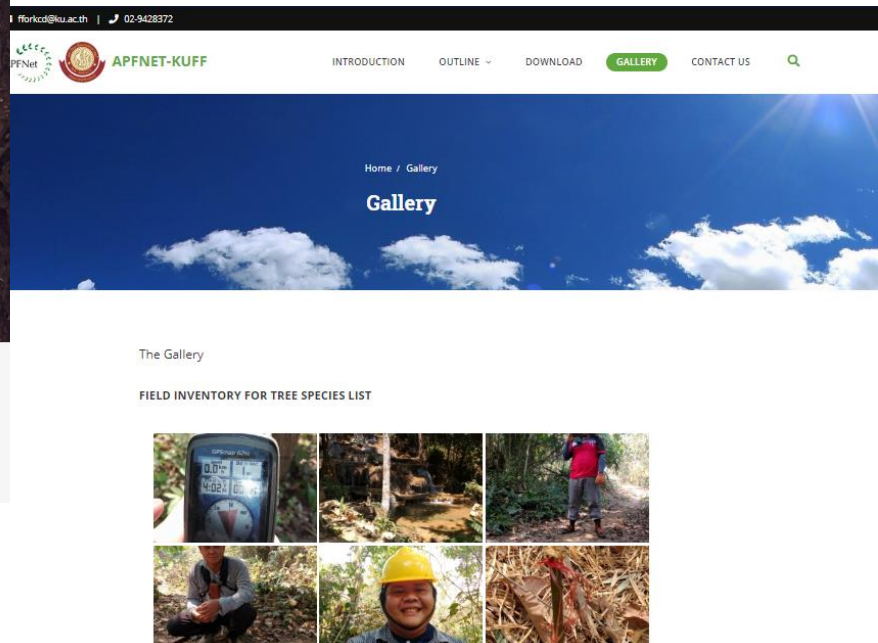
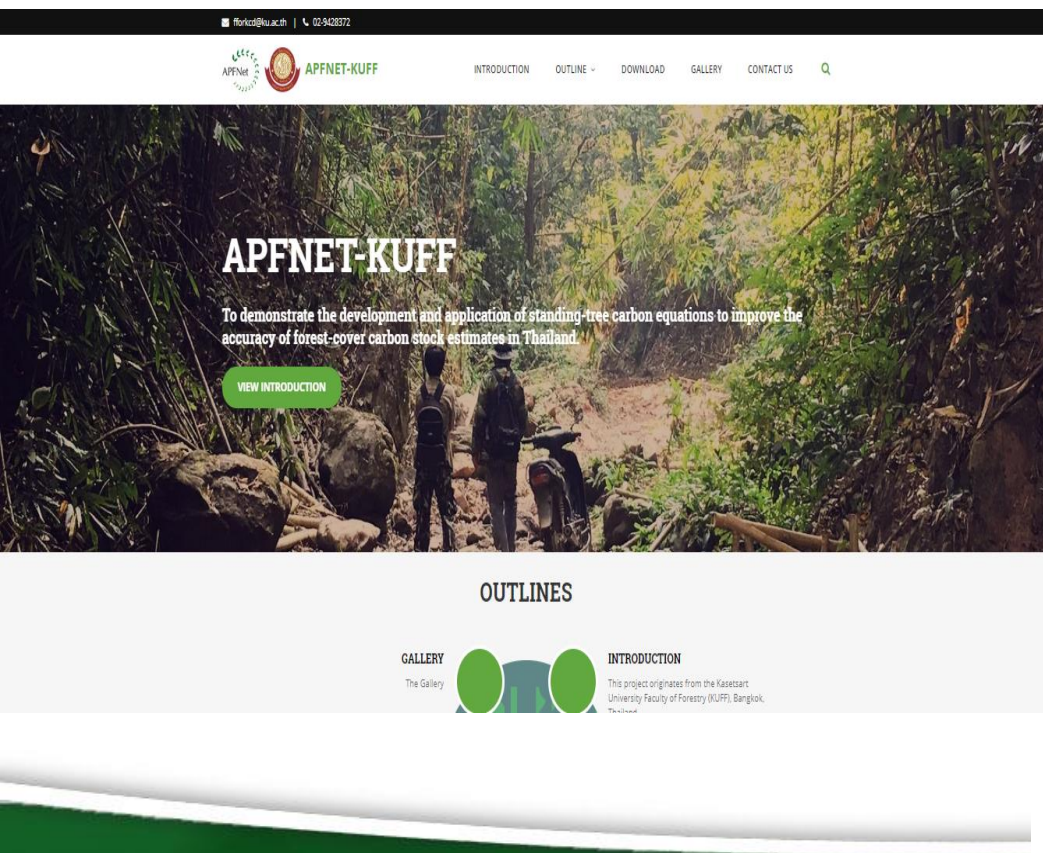
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- RFD
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- DMCR
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- ONEP
- FIO
- FAO
- TEI
- TGO
- BEDO



# Information and knowledge from the project disseminated among stakeholders

- The Project Website url: <http://www.apfnet-kuff.com>





# Information and knowledge from the project disseminated among stakeholders

- Training Course

18-22 March 2019 at Hat Wanakorn National Park, Prachuap Khiri Khan, Thailand

“Forest inventory for estimation of carbon sequestration” to 60 DNP Staffs



**Under the project:** To demonstrate the development and application of standing-tree carbon equations to improve the accuracy of forest-cover carbon stock estimates in Thailand

# Information and knowledge from the project disseminated among stakeholders

## • Training Course

- Planning for further knowledge transferring to other relevant organizations



- ROYAL FOREST DEPARTMENT



- THAILAND GREENHOUSE GAS MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION (PUBLIC ORGANIZATION)



- DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND COASTAL RESOURCES



- FOREST INDUSTRY ORGANISATION

# Conclusions

- The standing tree bole carbon equation

*Twenty-four* carbon equations classified by wood density class in each forest type

*Three carbon equation* classified by forest types of MDF, DDF, DEF.

*A general tree carbon equation* in the Mae Huad Sector is as follows:  $C = 0.012348D^{2.1676}H^{0.6539}$

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**Thank you**