



Vietnam country Report

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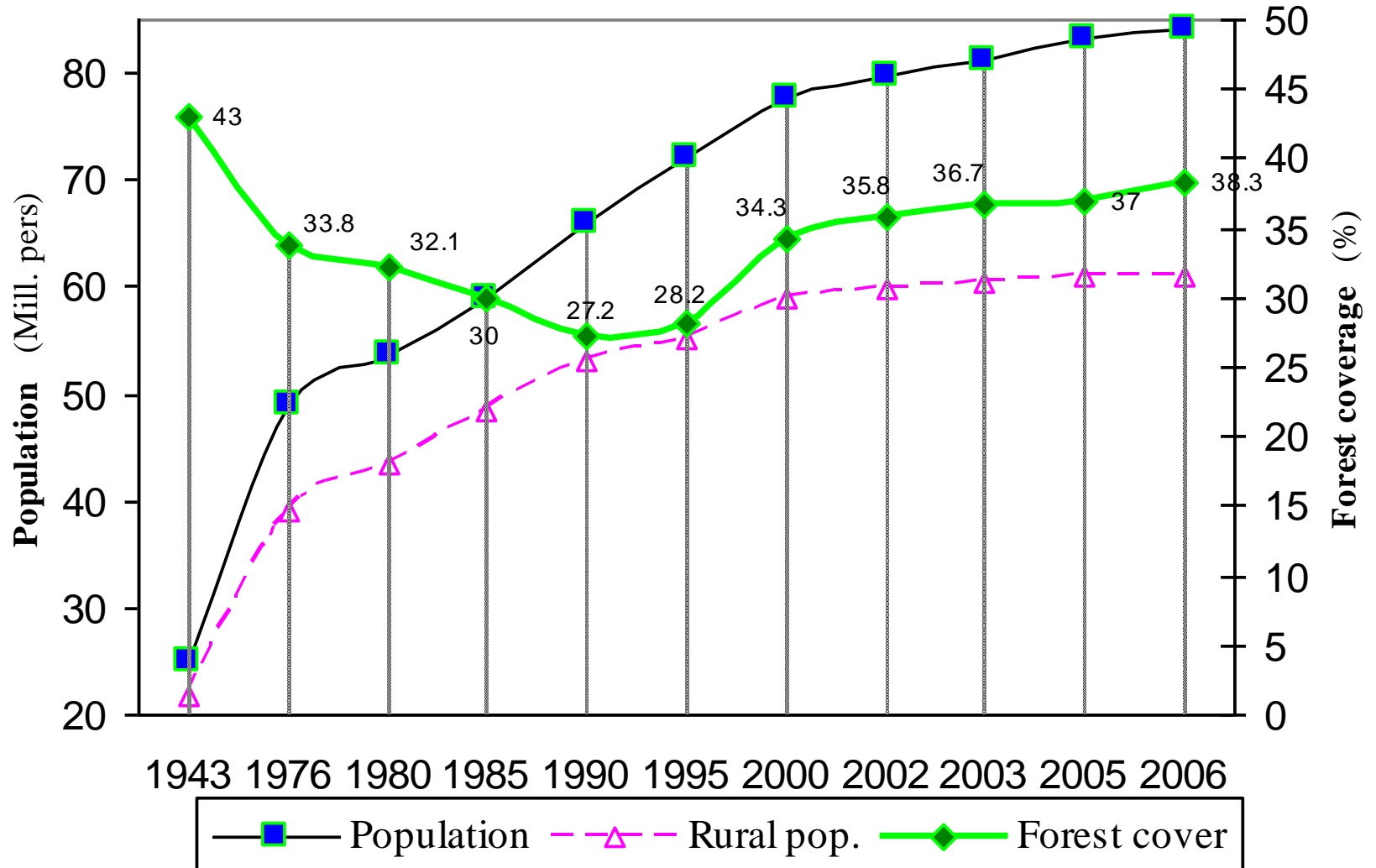
Brief introduction on forest in Vietnam

- Hilly and mountainous regions account for $\frac{3}{4}$ of Vietnam's total natural land;
- Vietnam has coastal lines more than 3,000 km long;
- Most of the mountainous and coastal wetland areas were formerly covered by a wide range of natural forests: tropical rain forest in most region, sub-tropical forest in the north and at high altitudes, mangrove forest along coastline, forests in peatland in the deltas;
- Forests are home to over 20 million people, most of them belong to ethnic minority groups and they are the poorest of the poor.

Have deforestation & forest degradation occurred in Vietnam?

- Forest cover has changed dramatically and dynamically **over the time and space**, especially from the country reunification in 1975 up to date;
- Forest cover increased from 28% (1995) to 38% (2006) BUT the changes are **not always** in progressive and the same in all regions;
- Forest expansion due to afforestation with fast growing species, short rotation, one canopy layer and low carbon stock;
- Forest quality is continuously degraded: Area of primary forest reduced;

Forest cover changes



International Commitments

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- Party of UNFCCC (1994) and the Kyoto Protocol (2002);
- Others MEAs: UNCBD, UNCCD, RAMSAR, etc.

National support:

- Vietnam's responses to Climate change: highly attracted by political and government administration systems - Not only adaptation but also appropriate mitigation actions;
- National Target Program to Respond to Climate Change (NTP-RCC) was approved in Dec 2008 (Decision 158/2008/QĐ-TTg dated 2/12/2008). Estimated costs for the period from 2009-2015: \$1,2 Bill.;
- REDD is one of the activities in the NTP-RCC and MARD's APF to respond to CC.

UN-REDD in Viet Nam

- R-PIN approved by FCPF: July 2008
- Scoping mission: January 2009
- Identification of key elements for REDD readiness; gaps and opportunities
- Preparation of draft proposal
- Consultations
- Approval by UN REDD: March 9, 2009
- PDO approved by Prime Minister : July 2009
- Inception workshop: August, 2009



National REDD Strategy

- **Objective: to reduce emission from deforestation and forest degradation and promote socio-economic development and poverty alleviation in the forestry areas through sustainable management of existing natural forests and facilitate reforestation (naturally regeneration and forest plantations)**
- **Implementation:**
 - ◆ **First stage: preparation mainly focus on capacity building**
 - ◆ **Second stage: pilot project.**
 - ◆ **Third stage: implement & replicate national wide**

Components of the national REDD Strategy

Reference scenario formulation

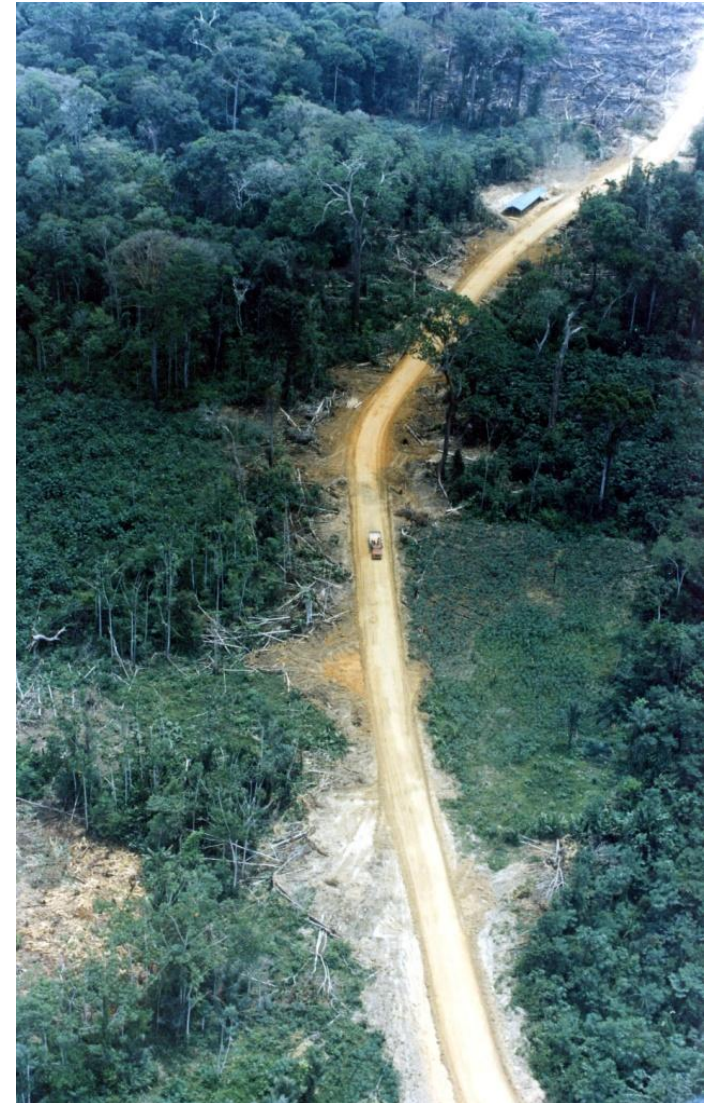
Establishment of national REDD strategy

Development of transparent C-stock monitoring/
verification system and data management

Design of payment system

Engagement with stakeholders at a various levels
(stakeholder dialogues)

Report, review, evaluate, and learn from system
performance



Components of the national REDD regime

REFERENCE SCENARIO FORMULATION

Historical trends in forest cover and deforestation analyzed

Forecast of development trends

Baseline survey of forest cover

Stakeholder consultations

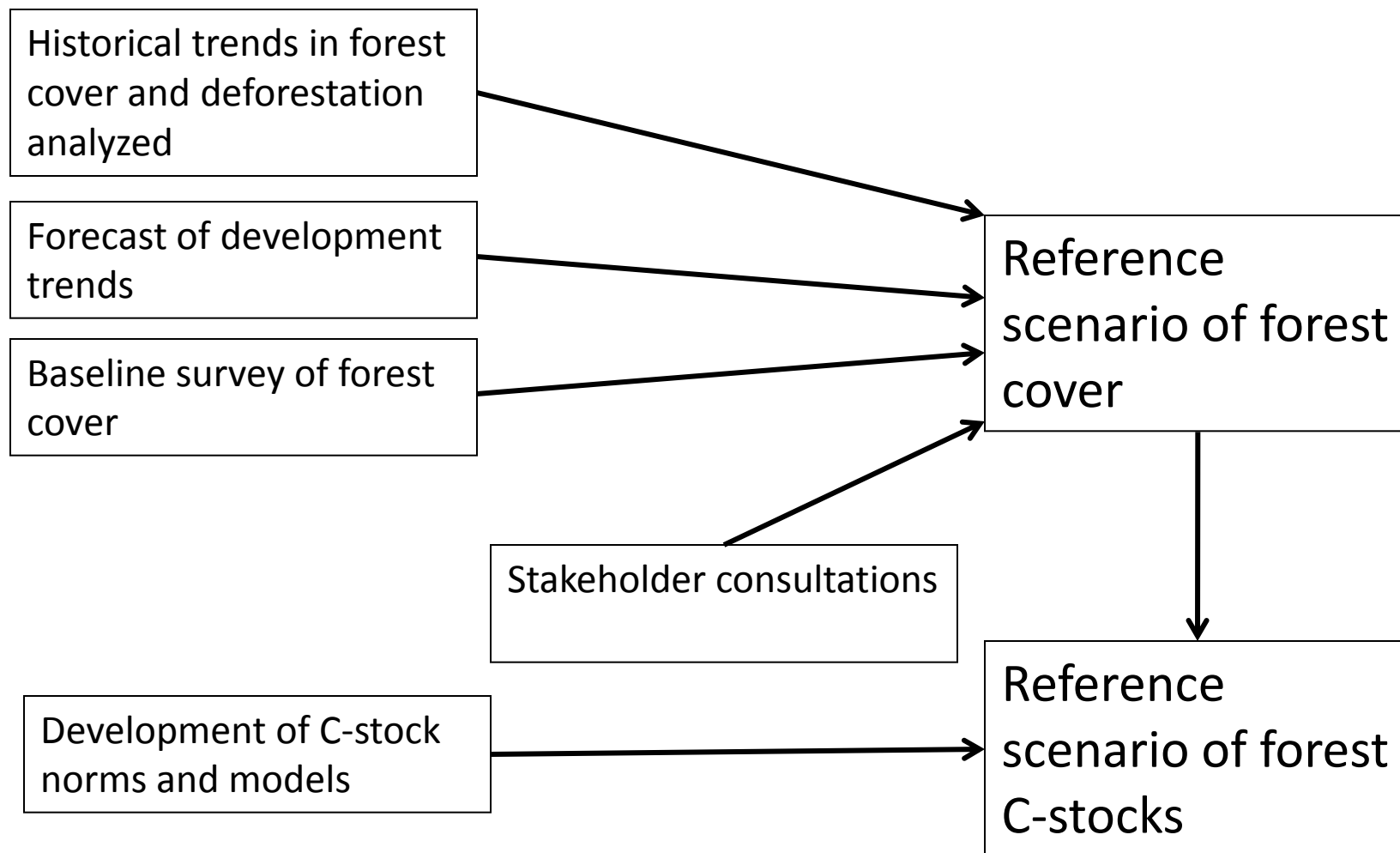
Reference scenario of forest cover

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The diagram illustrates the process of formulating a reference scenario for forest cover. It features four input boxes on the left, each with an arrow pointing to a single output box on the right. The input boxes are: 'Historical trends in forest cover and deforestation analyzed', 'Forecast of development trends', 'Baseline survey of forest cover', and 'Stakeholder consultations'. The output box is 'Reference scenario of forest cover'.

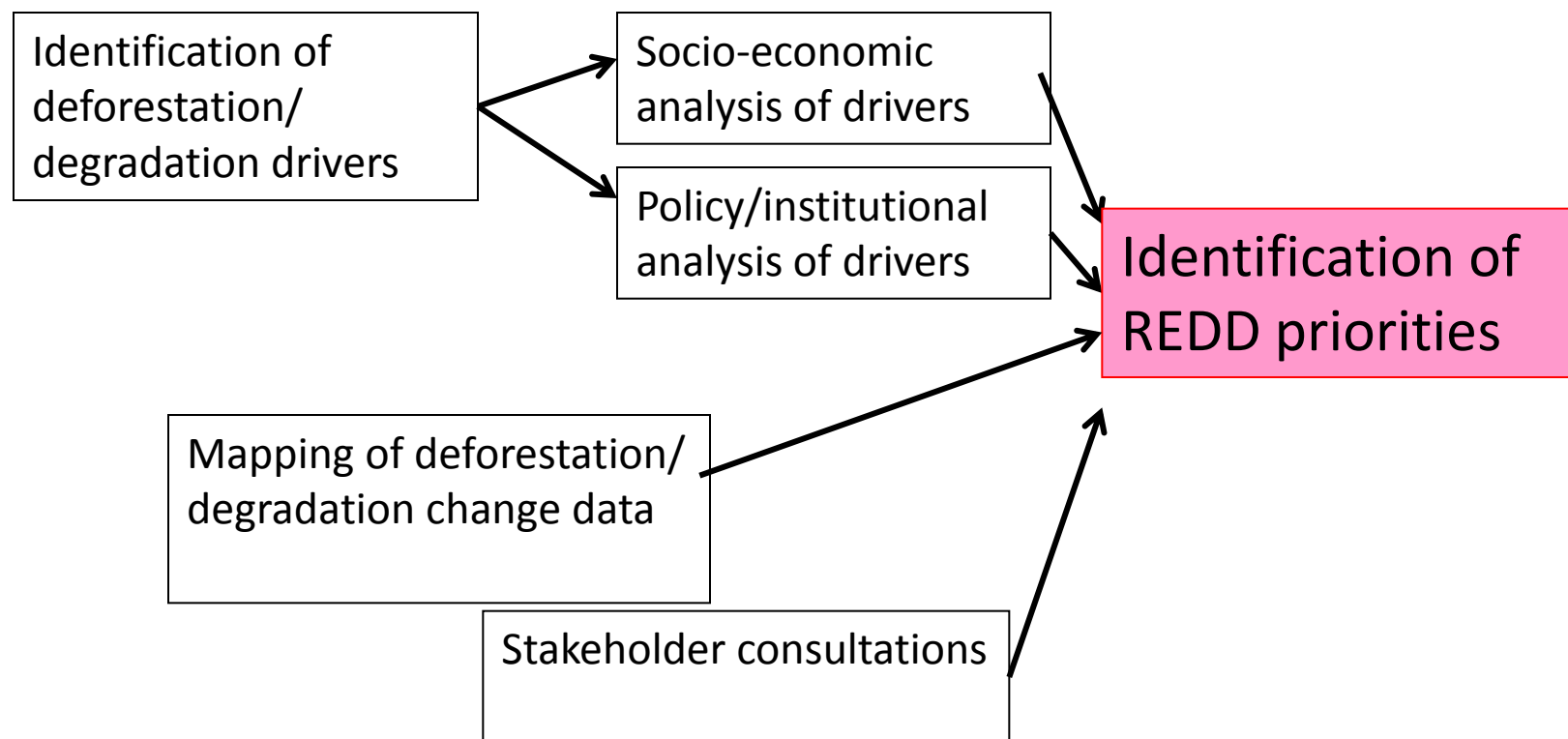
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REFERENCE SCENARIO FORMULATION



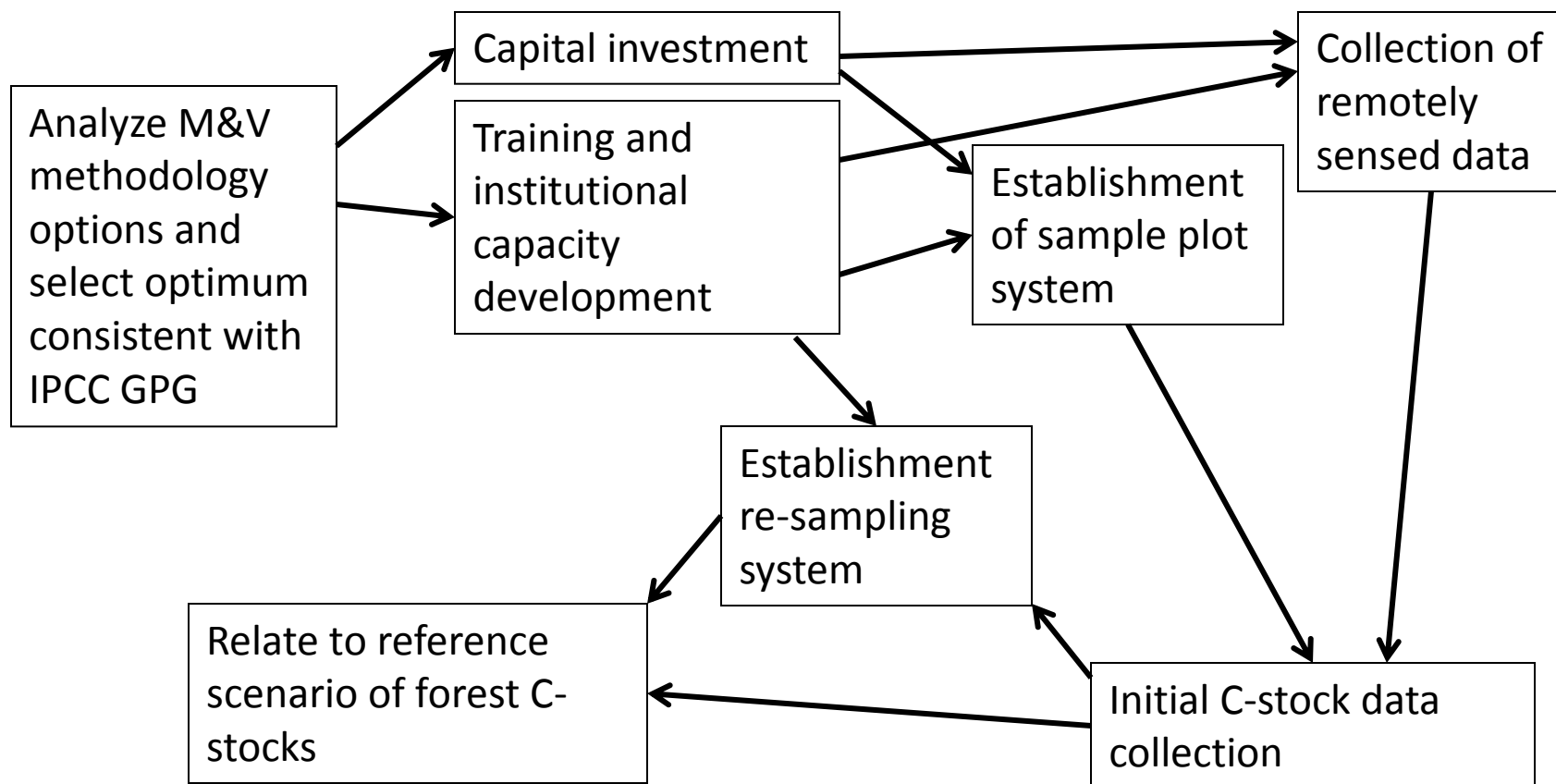
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REDD STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT



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C-STOCK MONITORING, ASSESSMENT & VERIFICATION



Institutional arrangement

- National Steering Committee (MONRE, MARD, other line ministries) to respond to CC chaired by Prime Minister;
- MARD's SC committee for AP chaired by Minister;
- Ad-hoc REDD Technical Working Group chaired by DOF and co-chaired by a donor in rotational basis;
- CC Network among INGOs chaired by CARE ;
- CC Network among VNGOs (VNGOs&CC) chaired by SRD, MCD, CERED & ISS.
- CC- Public and private partnership (Ford Foundation);

Prospect

- Political attention and support;
- Alignment of the interests of multiple constituencies, ongoing programs and strategies: i.e. NTP-RCC, NFDS, PRS, PES;
- Supplementary to **current national PES policy**: REDD= carbon sequestration = one of Envi services of the forests;
- **Brings co-benefits**: emissions reductions + Improved biodiversity conservation + Improved local livelihoods;
- Improved forest governance and capacity of the forest administration systems;

Constraints and Challenges

- **International level:**
 - REDD is new and complex – still in debate and,
 - on-going development of governing mechanisms;

- **National level:**
 - REDD requires a new level of forest governance – re-framing forest policy in CC context and capacity building;
 - Integration and coordination among national agencies, other stake holder, progs and among donors;
 - Lack of capacity: technical capacity, safeguard policies; legitimacy establishment, data for baselines and development of reference scenarios
 - Integrate biodiversity conservation.
 - Benefit sharing mechanism
 - Land property right/forest/land use right
 - Financial support and substantial investment from donor community



**Improvement in forest use rights and participation
of indigenous people in FM**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !

