

Information on doctoral thesis of fellows Hoang Huy Tuan

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6. Changes in academic process:

7. Official thesis title: Influences of forest decentralization on local institutions and local people's livelihood in upland in Thua Thien Hue province.

8. Major: Environment and Sustainable Development

9. Code: Pilot Training Programme

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11. Summary of the new findings of the thesis:

- The thesis has systematized theories of decentralization. Based on this, thesis has applied conceptual frameworks for natural resources decentralization that are developed by scholars such as Meinzen-Dick và Knox (2001), and Schlager and Ostrom (1992) to analyze roles, incentives and capacities of stakeholders involving in forest decentralization process; and analyze local institutions by examining performance of their forest rights ("bundles of rights"), including formal rights and informal rights. This approach is innovative and appropriate to study on forest decentralization in Vietnam.

- Thesis has analyzed causes that lead to gaps between formal rights and informal rights by integrating above scholars' conceptual frameworks.

- Recommended conceptual framework for forest decentralization (including concepts of decentralization) is in accordance with context of forest development in Vietnam.

12. Practical applicability, if any:

- Researchers can be applied the recommended conceptual framework to study issues/topics related to decentralization.

- Recommendations on community forest management are good information for policy-makers and forestry managers refer to promulgate policies on forest land allocation in general and community forest management in particular.

13. Further research directions, if any:

- Research on the effects of forest decentralization on allocated forest resources, both in terms of quantity (area, volume) and quality (biodiversity).
- Study the impact of the decentralization policy to livelihood assets, vulnerability context, etc. in sustainable livelihood strategies.

14. Thesis-related publications:

Hoang Huy Tuan (2010), "How does forest decentralization influence property rights in Community Forest Management? Case study from Upland in Thua Thien Hue, Vietnam", *Vietnam Journal of Agriculture and Rural Development* (16), pp. 70-76.

Hoang Huy Tuan, Tran Thi Thuy Hang (2012), "Livelihood's local people and forest protection and management: Case study of Ka Non 1 village and A Luoi protection forest management board, Thua Thien Hue province", *Vietnam Journal of Agriculture and Rural Development* (13), pp. 68-74

Hoang Huy Tuan (2013), "Decentralization and Property Rights in Natural Resource Management: Theoretical Approach and Contextualization in Forest Management in Vietnam", *Vietnam Journal of Forestry Sciences*, (01), pp. 2657-2669.