



Viet Nam's preparations to comply with EUDR

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Viewpoint

- Although there are still many challenges in complying with EUDR, we view EUDR not only as a necessity for exporting coffee, rubber, wood and wooden products to the EU, but also as an opportunity to promote green and sustainable transformation of the agricultural sector, contributing to the implementation of the industry's new strategy.



**ACTION PLAN
FRAMEWORK
FOR EUDR
COMPLIANCE**

(enacted in 7/2023)

**Establish PPP
taskforces**

Communications

**Technical
solutions**

**Dialogue
with EU**

**Resources
mobilization**

Action Plan Framework

CENTRAL LEVEL

- Establish PPP task forces
- EUDR communications
- Develop technical solutions and technical guidelines
- Develop database for EUDR compliance
- Monitor and protect forest
- Organize dialogue with EC and industries.
- Mobilize resources.

LOCAL LEVEL

- Establish PPP task forces at the local level.
- EUDR communications within the province
- Develop and share local database
- Monitor and protect forest
- Dialogue and share information for industries within the province.
- Piloting EUDR compliance solutions

BUSINESSES

- Join PPP task forces
- Share data and information with industries;
- Establish traceability system
- Prepare and submit due diligence reports
- Provide human, technical and financial resources for piloting EUDR solutions

INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS

- Join PP taskforces
- EUDR communications
- Coordinate data and information sharing between businesses in the industries.
- Dialogue with EC, EU associations and industries.
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1. Establish PPP task forces

Joint PPP task force

(Established in May 2024)

Coffee PPP task force

(Established in 2009)

Timber PPP working group

(Established in July 2024)

PPP alliance to develop and share data on forests and production areas in Dak Lak and Lam Dong provinces

(Established in Feb 2024)

2. Communications

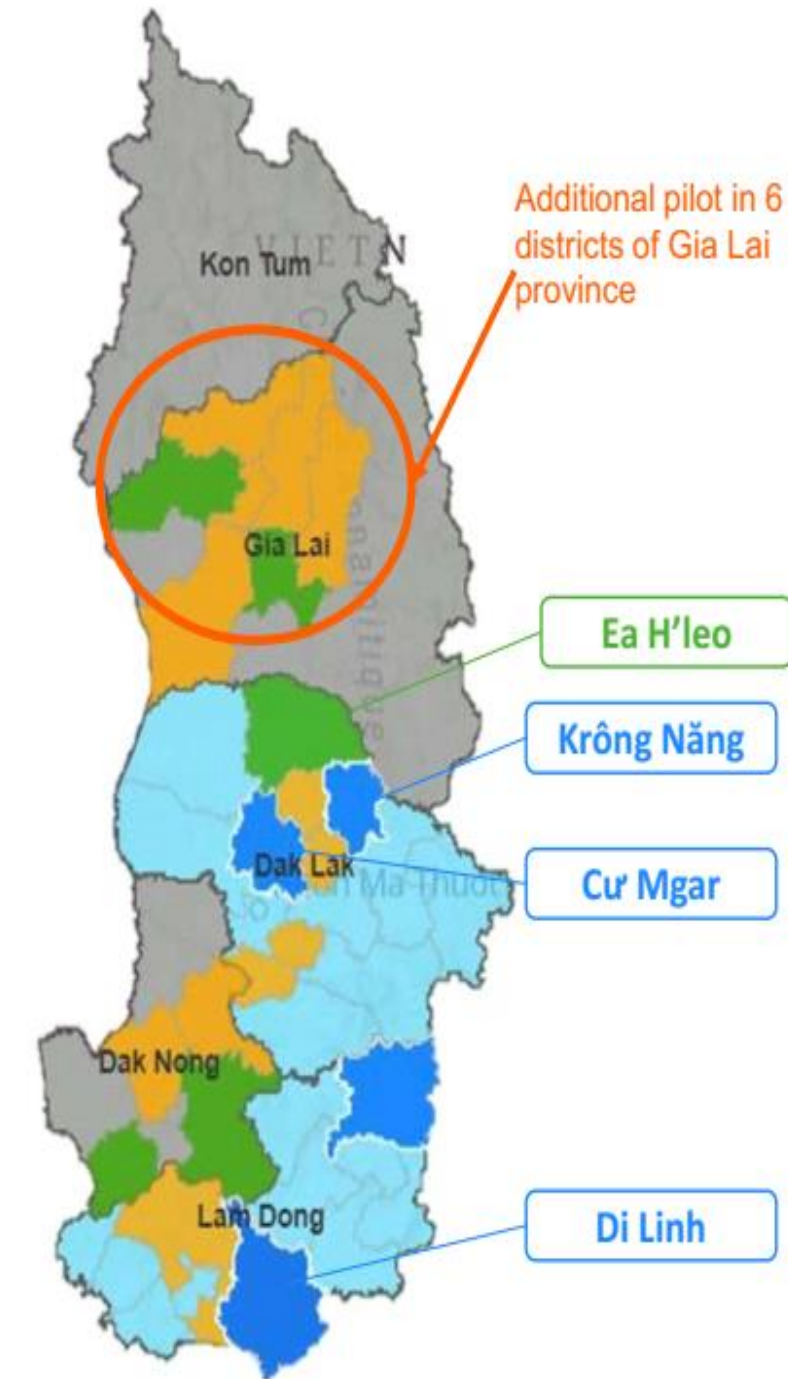
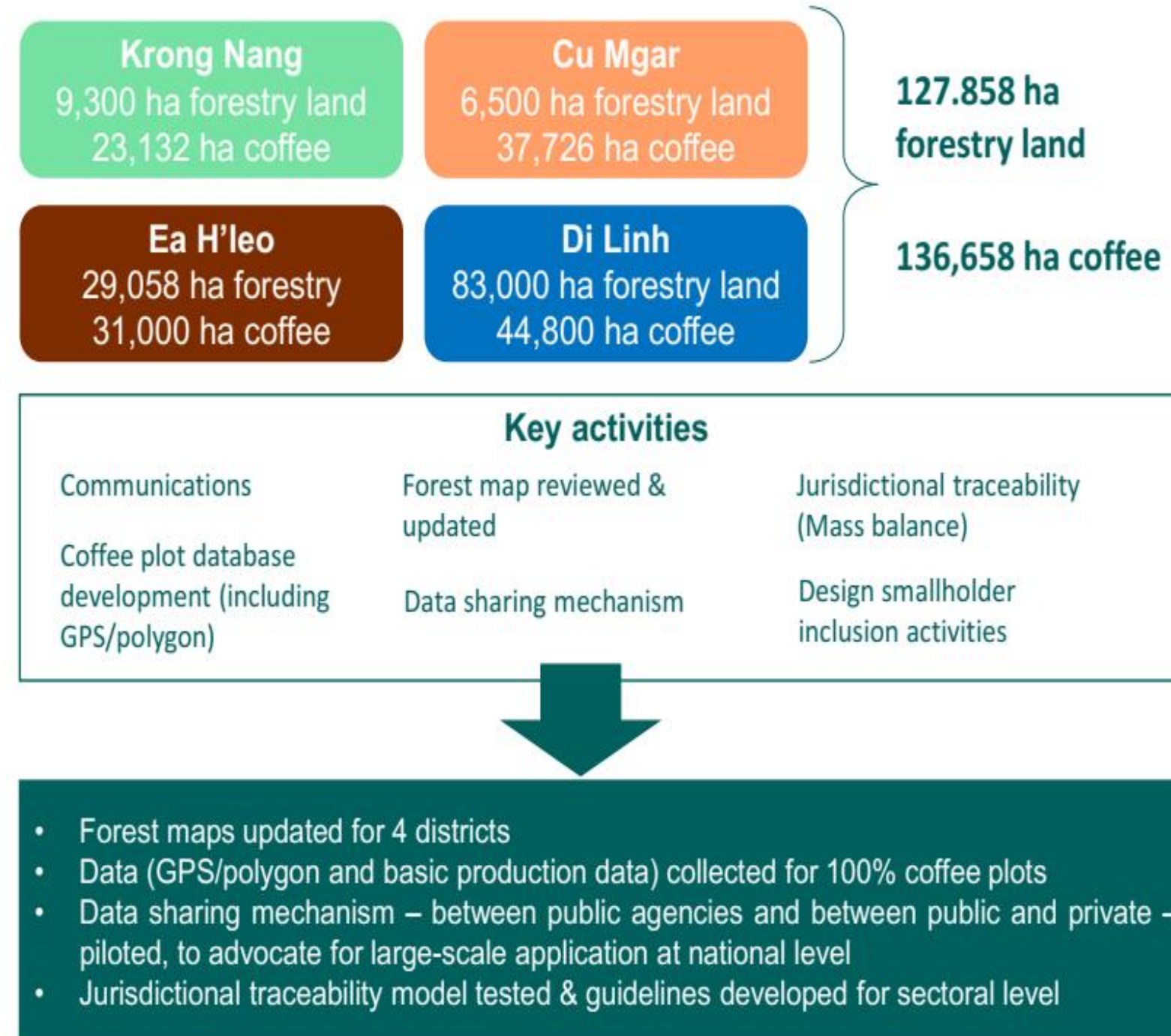
- MARD's Minister sent official letter to the Chairman of provinces to request implementing the Action Plan Framework at the local level.
- Dialogue with EU Commissioner for Environment, and Directorate-General for Environment in Brussels and Viet Nam
- Organized 11 conferences/technical meetings with stakeholders from Mar 2022 – Sep 2024 to share information on EUDR and discuss compliance solutions
- Signed MOU between MARD, Agriculture and Rural Departments of 5 provinces in the Central Highlands, the Coffee Association and IDH, JDE to establish deforestation-free coffee production areas.
- Establish a community group via Zalo app to exchange information and best practices on EUDR.
- Develop and share EUDR documents to stakeholders



Pilot EUDR compliance solutions for the coffee sector

3. Technical solutions

- Piloting EUDR compliance solutions for coffee, timber, rubber industries
- Developing technical guidelines to business and local government on EUDR compliance for coffee, timber, rubber industries.
- Reviewing, and scale up the piloted solutions



4. Dialogue with EU about EUDR

- Organize 02 technical meetings with the participation of experts from to the EC DG for the Environment to provide in-depth technical information about EUDR
- Synthesize the problems in the process of compliance with EUDR and send them to DG Environment for feedback
- Plan to organize technical meetings (separately for coffee, timber and rubber) with importers and import authority of EU member states to provide information about practical export modalities needed to export the EU



5. Resources mobilization

(i) EU co-funded projects

- Project “Sustainable Agriculture for Forest Ecosystems-SAFE)” co-funded by EU and BMZ; and implemented by GIZ. The Project supports inclusive transition toward deforestation-free, legal and sustainable coffee supply chain in Brazil, Ecuador, Zambia, Viet Nam and Congo.
- Project: “Engagement with Indonesia, Malaysia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam to raise awareness on and to promote better understanding of the EU approach to reducing EU-driven deforestation and forest degradation (EUDR Engagement)”, co-funded by EU and BMZ.

(ii) Other projects

- Businesses such as JDE, Nestlé
- INGOs such as IDH...



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CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTING THE ACTION PLAN FRAMEWORK

- EU has not yet issued technical guidelines on EUDR compliance and opened due diligence hub for affected industries: we can only develop temporary EUDR technical guidelines alignment but cannot guarantee compliance.
- Inconsistencies in technical definitions for EUDR compliance used by the EU and Viet Nam (e.g. definition about the forest, rubber areas...)
- Inconsistencies and lack of synchronization in the maps used by the EU and Viet Nam to demonstrate deforestation-free after 31/12/2020.
- Database for EUDR compliance (forest maps, planting maps, etc.) are out of date, lack of information.
- Traceability of imported goods used as materials for further processing in Vietnam

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EC

- Rapidly issue technical guidelines on EUDR compliance and open due diligence hub
- Work with exporting countries to agree on technical definitions and technical solutions
- Establish direct communication channels with countries to resolve technical problems and legal issues
- Provide technical and legal supports for developing countries in complying with EUDR
- Provide livelihoods transformation support to vulnerable affected groups



Thank you very much!

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