

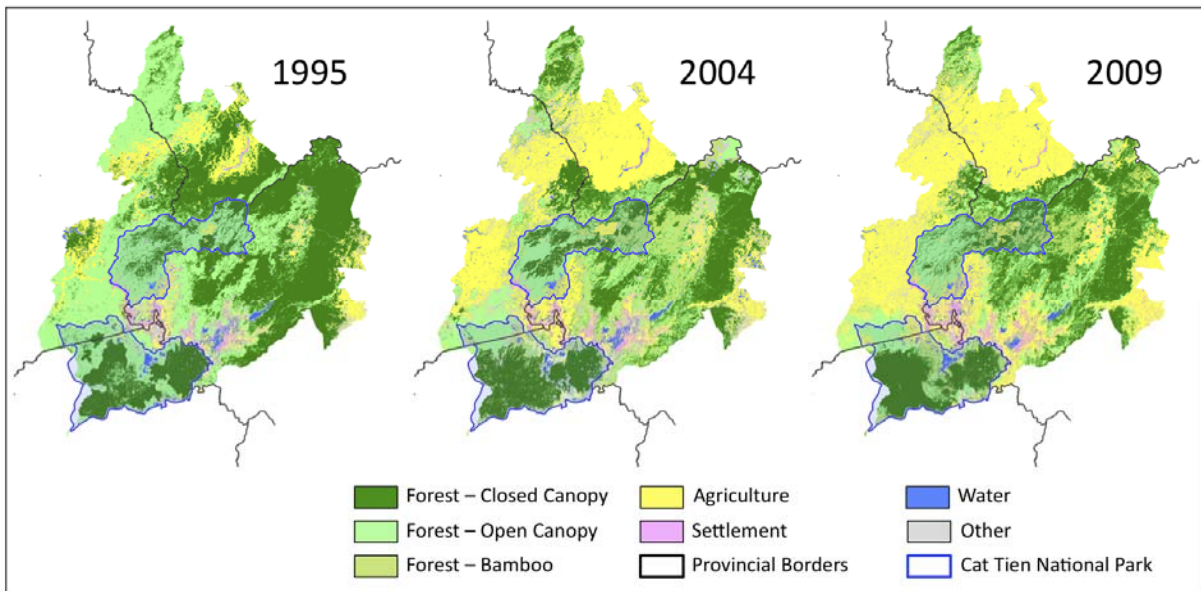


Local Communities

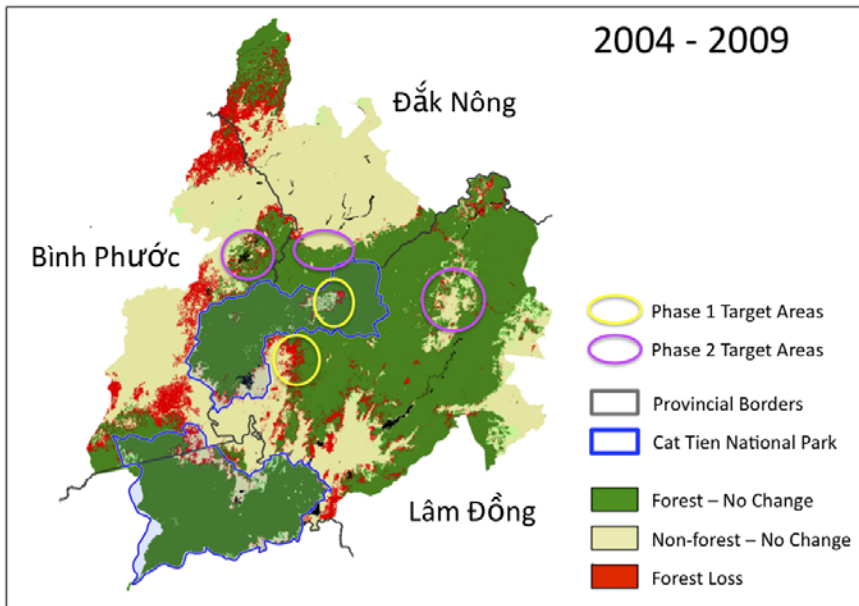
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Carbon Markets

The forest landscape around *Cat Tien National Park* has been under pressure, particularly from the expansion of agricultural production. The extent of the forest loss between 1995 and 2009 can be seen from the Maps below. In order to help reverse this trend there needs to be stronger economic incentives for local communities to protect rather than convert the forest resources. To aid this reversal, this Project was established in order to introduce two key elements which could provide such economic incentives – REDD payments for forest protection and co-management to ensure greater say over use and benefit distribution.



This Project is supported by the UK Government Darwin initiative. The UK partner is IIED and the national partners are Lam Dong Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Forest Protection Department. The Project will also work closely in collaboration with Cat Tien National Park. The Project will run over two years and act as a pilot as part of the National Program on REDD.



## The Project

Following stakeholder consultations and a study mapping deforestation in the landscape four communes were identified for *Phase I* of the Project: Dong Nai Thuong and Tien Hoang communes in Cat Tien district; Loc Bac and Loc Bao communes in Bao Lam district. *Phase II*, which is dependent on mobilizing further resources, would span across the three Provinces of Lam Dong, Dak Nong and Binh Phuoc, covering parts of four districts (see Map beside).

The Project aims to reduce deforestation and forest degradation by tapping into carbon markets and helping communities engage in alternative sustainable livelihood options. Some possible options which will be explored include:

- The promotion of and technical support for community forestry and improved management techniques;
- Value chain analysis for agricultural and forestry products, building capacity of local communities to increase income;
- Exploring potential eco-tourism activities to increase the incentives for sustainable management of forest resources;
- Providing employment and meeting REDD technical requirements through community-based carbon monitoring.



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We actively seek other partners and potential donors to help develop this work in collaboration. For more information, please contact:

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