LIVELIHOODS ACTIVITIES FROM FORESTS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN THUAN CHAU DISTRICT, SON LA PROVINCE

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SUMMARY

In Vietnam, for many years, livelihoods and sustainable livelihood development have been studied by many authors, especially livelihoods for people dependent on forests. This study was conducted in 3 communes: Bon Phang commune, Pho Lai commune, CoMa commune, Thuan Chau district, Son La province. The main methods used are the participatory rural appraisal (PRA) tools such as household interviews, group discussions, SWOT analysis combined with the existing survey. The results of the study have assessed the status of forest livelihoods of local people, including; agricultural production on land without the forest, cattle grazing on forest land, afforestation and NTFP development, exploiting forest products, benefiting from payments for forest environmental services. On this basis, the paper proposes a number of measures to develop local livelihoods associated with forest protection and development.

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