
ENHANCING THE EFFICIENCY OF FOREST ENVIRONMENT LEASE IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NORTH VIETNAM

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SUMMARY

Vietnam has great potential for forest resources, with many values both direct and indirect. One of the forms of exploiting the value of indirect use of forests in the past is the forest environment leasing activity. Forest environmental leasing (FEL) for ecotourism business is currently an active activity in Vietnam's forests, especially in National Parks (NPs). In the North, the number of national parks currently under lease for FEL is very low (3/10 NPs). With the forest environmental leasing models studied, leasing activities have contributed to attracting customers, increasing revenues, reducing the State's investment in forest protection, job creation and income increase local people, contributing to raising social awareness about the role of forests, thereby increasing the responsibility of forest protection and development. The paper focused on 3 models of FEL in Ba Vi National Park, Tam Dao National Park and Hoang Lien National Park to review the situation of implementing FEL activities, assess the actual status of leasing activities as leasing area, location for lease, leasing purpose, leasing price, management of leasing money, economic, social and environmental benefits from FEL activities. Since then, it is recommended to supplement, improve policies and provide some solutions to improve the efficiency of FEL activities in the National Parks in Northern Vietnam.

Keywords: Ecotourism, forest environment, forest environment lease, national park.

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