

Why is land use what it is?

Northwest Vietnam

(Dien Bien, Son La, Yen Bai)

Continent: Asia | Annual rainfall: Country: Vietnam 1400-2500mm

Dien Dien, Son La and Yen Bai:

3,063,000 ha Area: 2,390,000 person Population:

Forest cover: 45 % Agricultural land: 14 %

Rice, maize, coffee, tea, rubber Key crops: Agricultural practices: Mono-cropping, shifting

cultivation, intensification





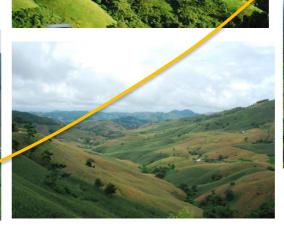
Current land-uses

Hill rice

The history of land-use in the Northwest Vietnam has gone through different stages:

- Pre-colonial and French colonial regime (before 1945)
- Resistance war period (1945-1954)
- Cooperative management (1954-1986)
- Transition period from cooperative to individual management (1986-1995)
- Individual management (since 1995).





Secondary forest

Terraced rice

Reservoir

Paddy rice

Maize

KEY ISSUES

- Soil erosion
- Land degradation
- Water scarcity
- Forest encroachment
- Low productivity
- Low product quality

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