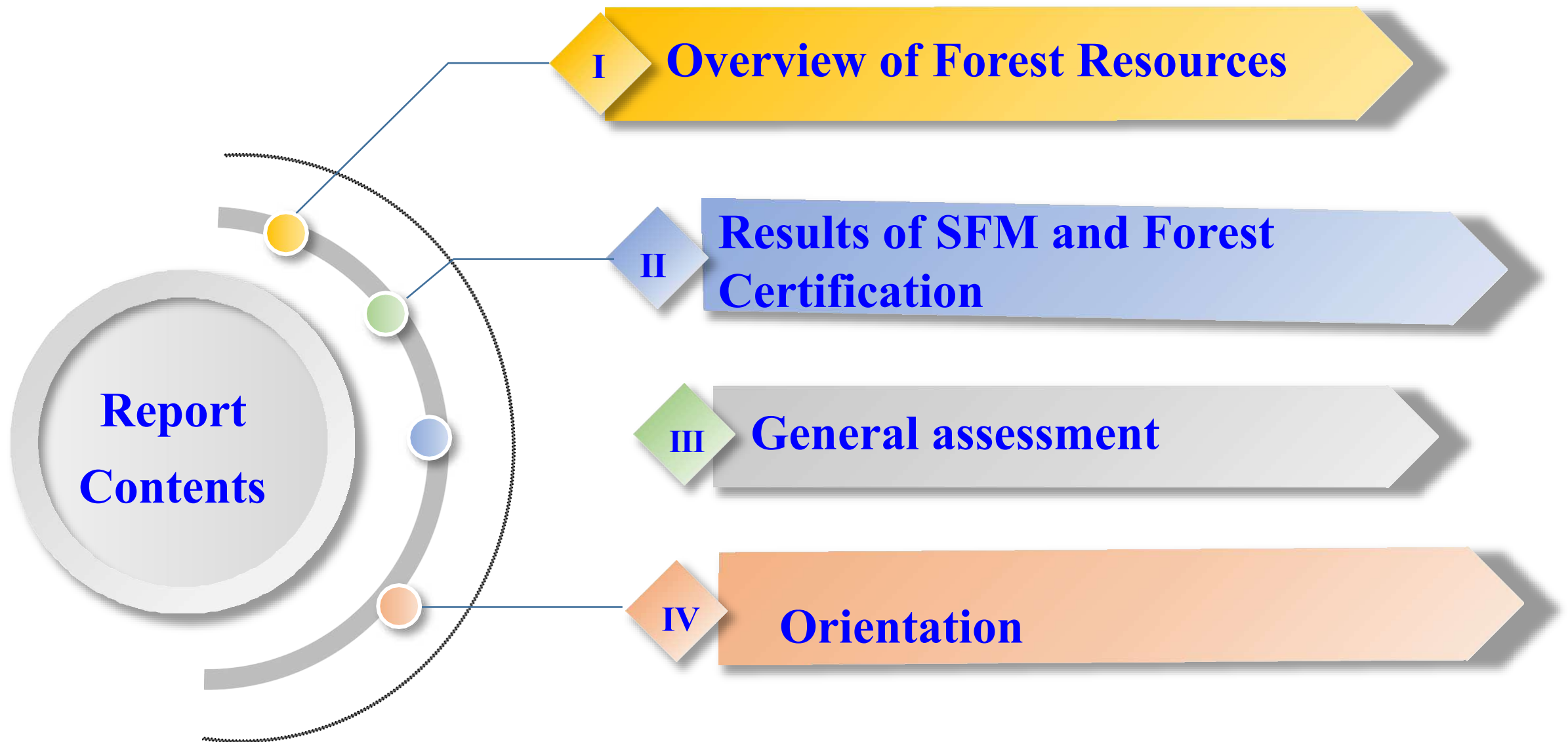




RESULTS OF SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT IN VIET NAM AND ORIENTATIONS TOWARDS 2030

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VIET NAM FORESTRY: KEY STATISTICS



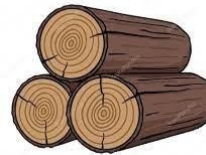
14.8 million ha – **42%** forest cover
70% natural forest
4% rich forest



700.000 ha CCR: **65% FSC** và **35%** chứng nhận theo **VFCS/PEFC**



15% (2.2 Mha) special-use forest
32% (4.6 Mha) protection forest
53% (7.8 Mha) production forest



23 million m³ of timber harvested from plantations
USD 17.35 billion from export of wood and forest products



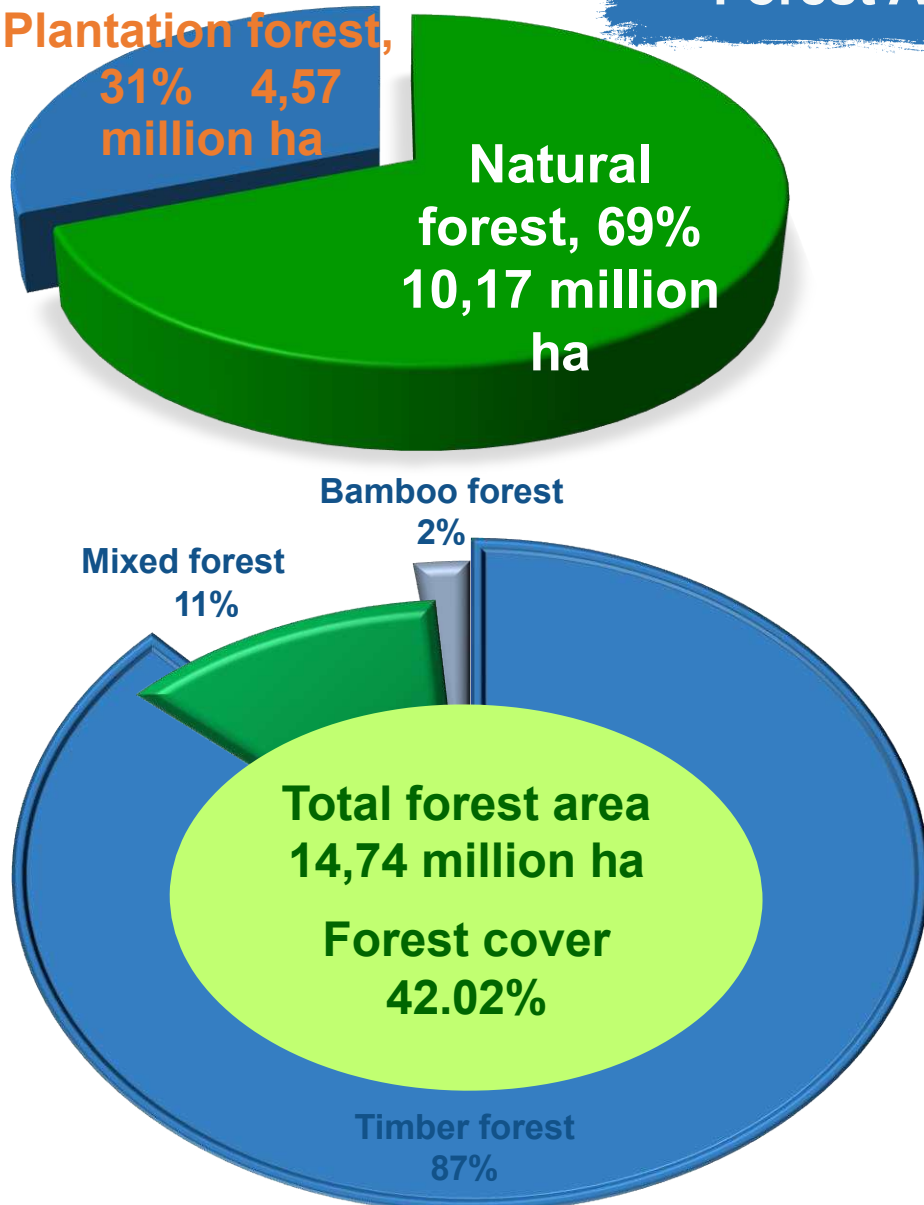
58% managed by state organizations
21% managed by individuals and households
42% of plantations owned by individuals and households



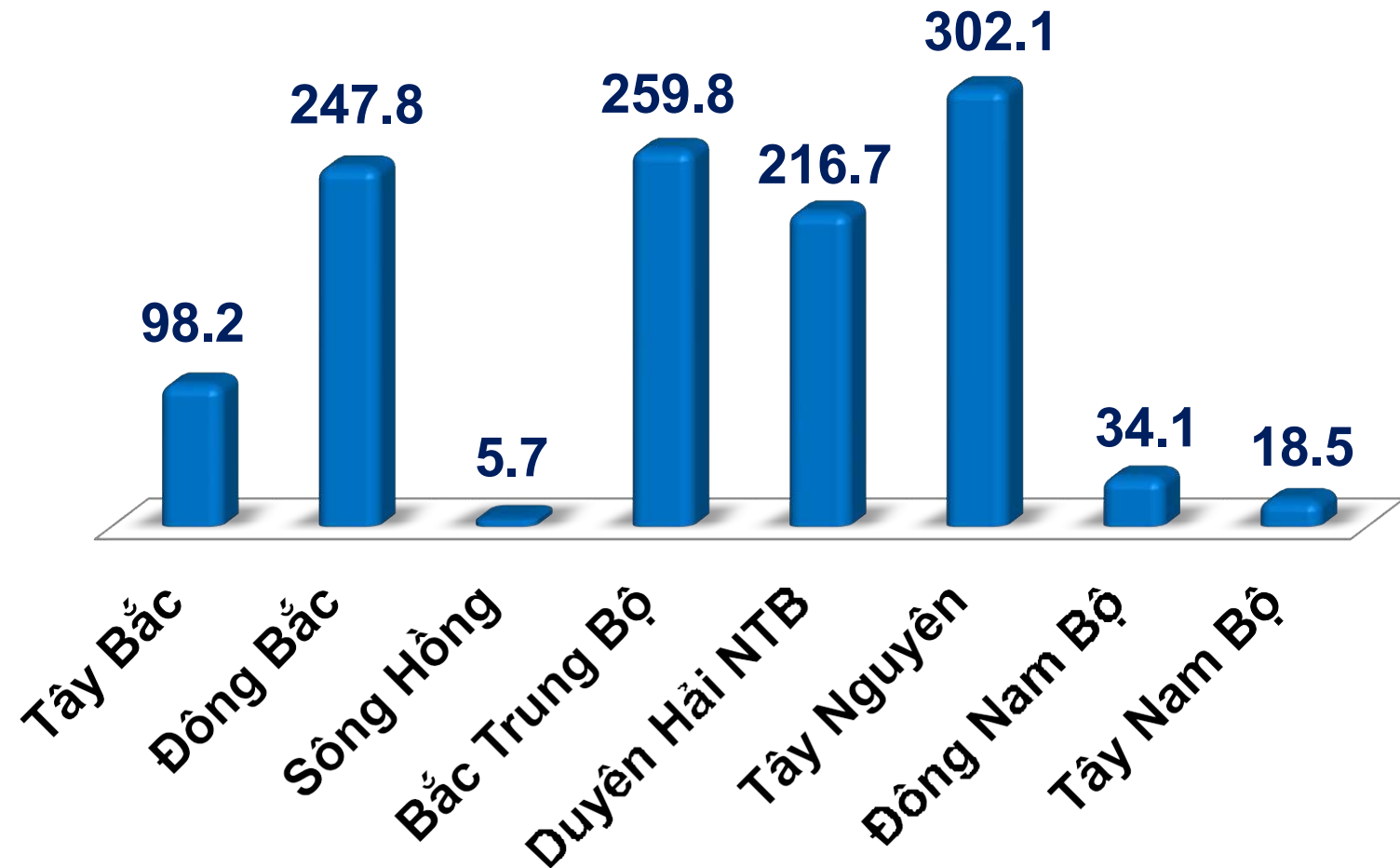
VND 4,000 billion from PFES
2.2 billion tons of CO₂e stored in forests
-40 million tons net CO₂ emission/year (2010-2020)
25 million people living near forests

OVERVIEW OF FOREST RESOURCES IN VIET NAM

Forest Area

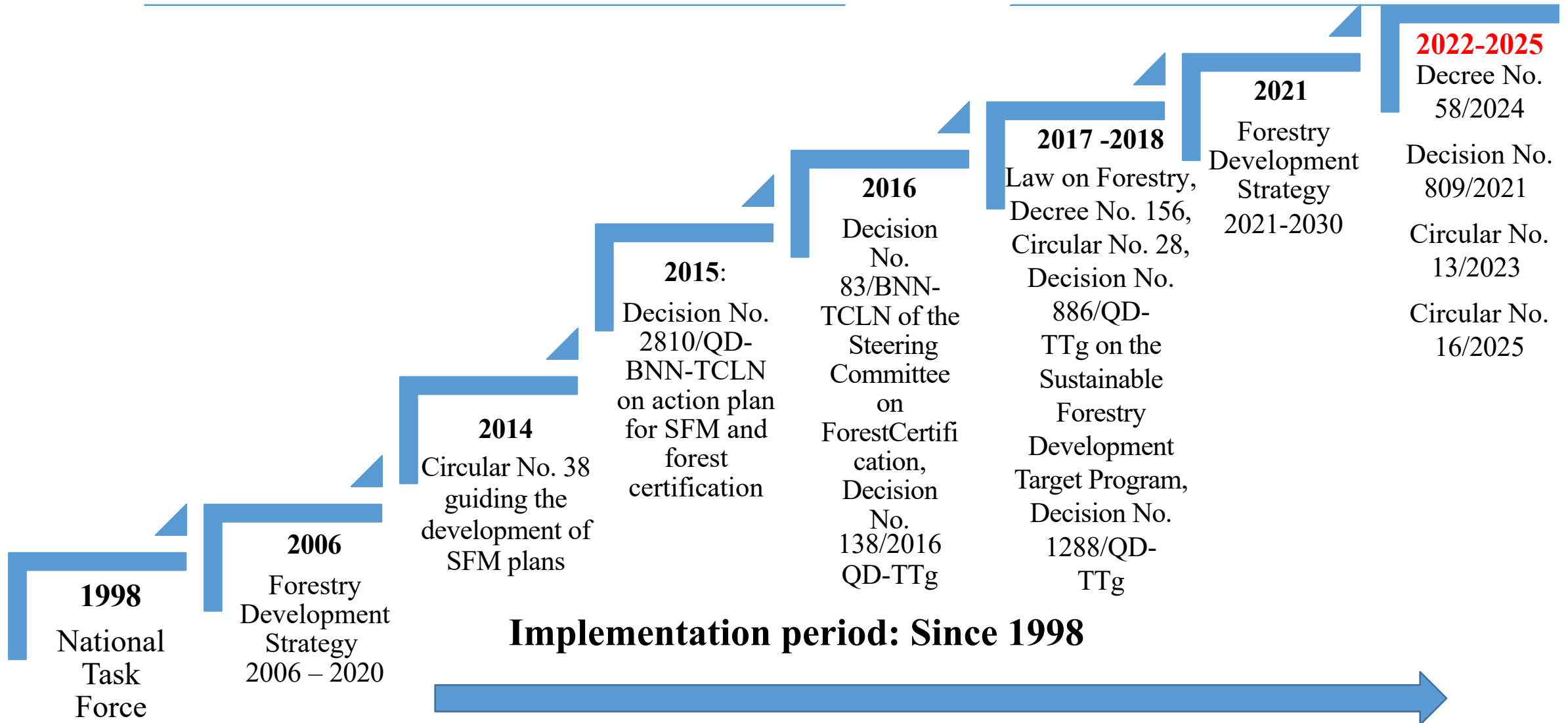


Forest stock (1.183 million m³)



RESULTS

I. On development of mechanism, policies, and legal regulations on SFM



1. On development of mechanism, policies, and legal regulations (*continued*)



1

Articles 27 and 28 of the 2017 Law on Forestry requiring forest owners, who are organizations, to prepare and implement SFM plans, defining contents of SFM plans for three forest types (special-use, protection, production), and promulgating regulations on forest certification.

2

Decree No. 156/2018/ND-CP dated November 15, 2018 detailing the implementation of certain article of the Law on Forestry, including forest certification in Article 34.

3

Circular No. 28/2018/TT-BNNPTNT dated November 16, 2018, Circular No. 13/2023/TT-BNNPTNT, and now Circular No. 16/2025.

4

Decision No. 38/2016/QD-TTg dated September 14, 2016 on one-time grant of VND 300,000/ha for areas of 100 ha or more and Decree No. 58/2024/ND-CP (24/5/2024 raising the grant to VND 400,000/ha.

Policies



2. On development of mechanism, policies, and legal regulations (*continued*)



5

Approval of the SFM and Forest Certification Project by 2030 (Decision No. 1288/QD-TTg dated October 1, 2018): 0.5 million ha of forest areas to be certified by 2025, 1 million ha to be certified by 2030.

6

Approval of Viet Nam Forestry Development Strategy by 2030, with a vision towards 2050 (Decision No. 423/QD-TTg dated April 1, 2021): 0.5 million ha to be certified by 2025, 1 million ha to be certified by 2030; total volume of harvested timbers to reach 50 million m³ by 2050.

7

Approval of National Forestry Master Plan by 2030, with a vision towards 2050 (Decision No. 895/QD-TTg dated August 24, 2024): by 2030, at least 1 million ha of forest areas to be certified.

8

Approval of Project on Multi-use values of Forest Ecosystem (Decision No. 208/2024 dated February 29, 2024): domestic timber supply to meet 80% of processing demand by 2030, 100% by 2050, with legal origin.

Policies



On issuance of guidance and management documents



1

Decision No. 4691/QD-BNN-TCLN dated November 27, 2018 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development stipulating Implementation plan for SFM and Forest Certification, to define objectives, orientations, and tasks, and to assign responsibilities to central/local agencies and forest owners.

2

Document No. 4721/BNN-TCLN dated July 15, 2020 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development urging localities to speed up the SFM Plan Development and Implementation Progress for forest owners who are organizations.

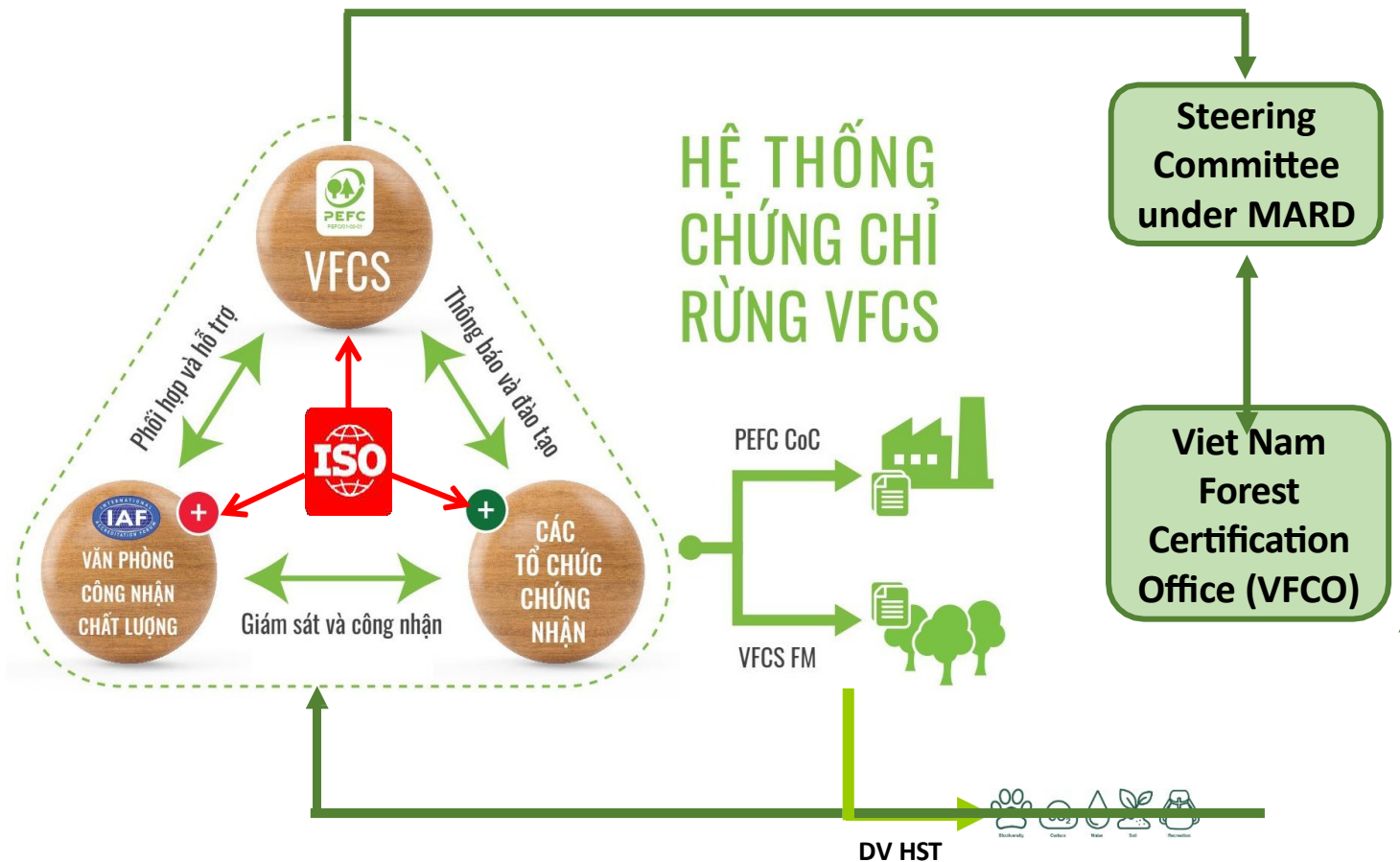
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Document No. 6124/BNN-LN dated September 5, 2023 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development urging localities and forest owners to complete the SFM development plans, and to speed up the forest certification progress as well as expanding the certified production forest areas.

Guidance and
management
documents



3. Establishment of Viet Nam Forest Certification System (VFCS)



Key milestones:

2023: VFCS operated under full financial autonomy

2021: VFCS restructured, became a legal entity; PEFC signed agreement with VFCS

2020: VFCS was recognized by PEFC

2019: VFCS became 50th PEFC member

2018: VFCS was established

VFCS established under Decision No. 1288/QĐ-TTg (2018) to promote SFM and meet market requirements.

Diversity of Forest Certification systems and assessment organizations

