



Estimation of future emissions of GreenHouse Gaz (GHG) Use of the Ex-Act tool

Training from the FORAE Project



Why accounting for GHG ?

Climate change threatens food security and rural communities



1 person in 9 suffers from hunger.



The number of undernourished people will increase under climate change.

Smallholder farmers, forest dwellers, herders and fishers are the most affected by climate change.

Source: FAO, 2016

Why accounting for GHG ?

Agriculture, forestry and other land use sector contributes to climate change

Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use sector (AFOLU)



24%

Energy



35%

Industry



21%

Transport



14%

Buildings



6%

DISTRIBUTION OF GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) EMISSIONS BY SECTOR

Data source: IPCC, 2014.

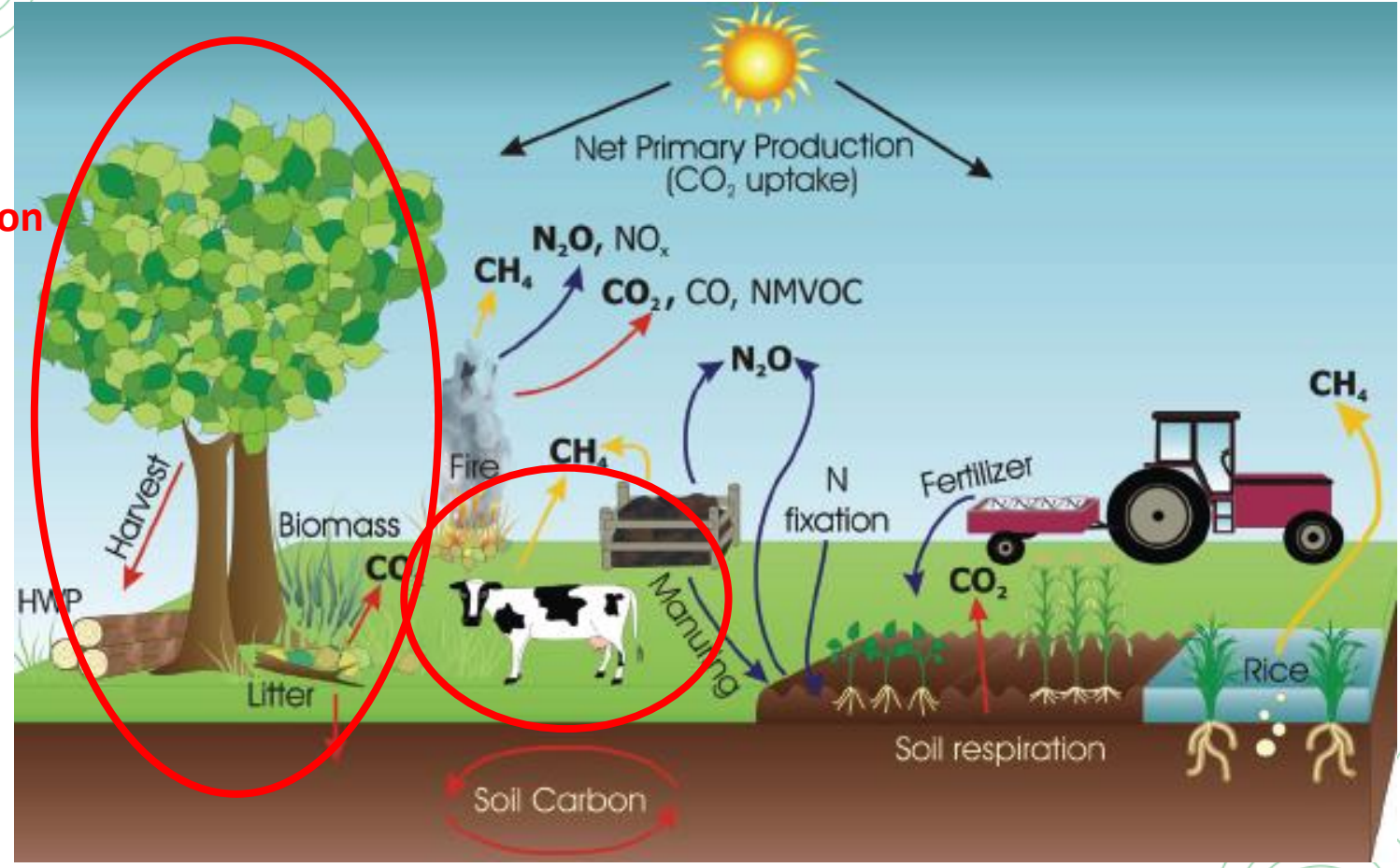
To avoid serious impacts of climate change, major reductions in greenhouse gas emissions are required.

Source: FAO, 2016

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Official Global Warming Potential (GWP-100yr)

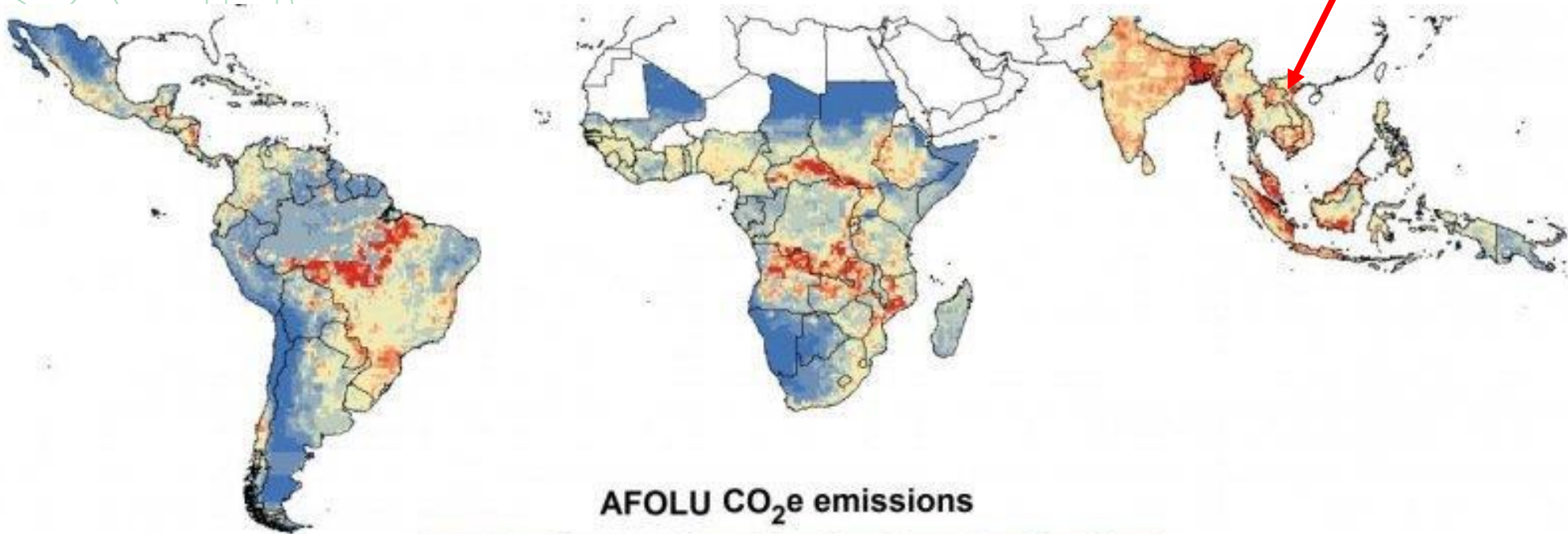
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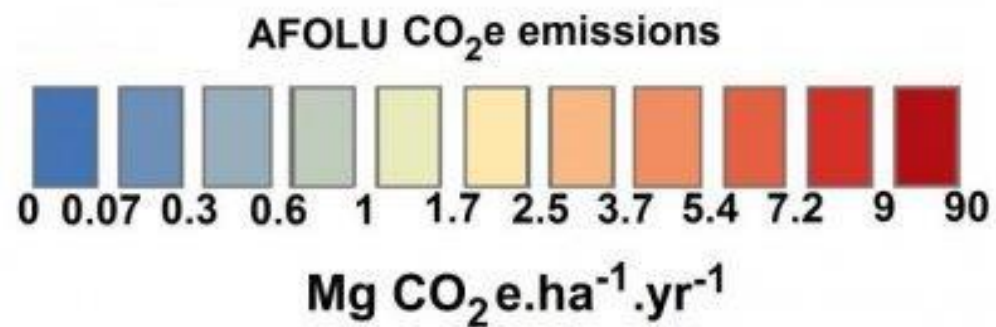
Deforestation

Cow breeding

Why accounting for GHG ?



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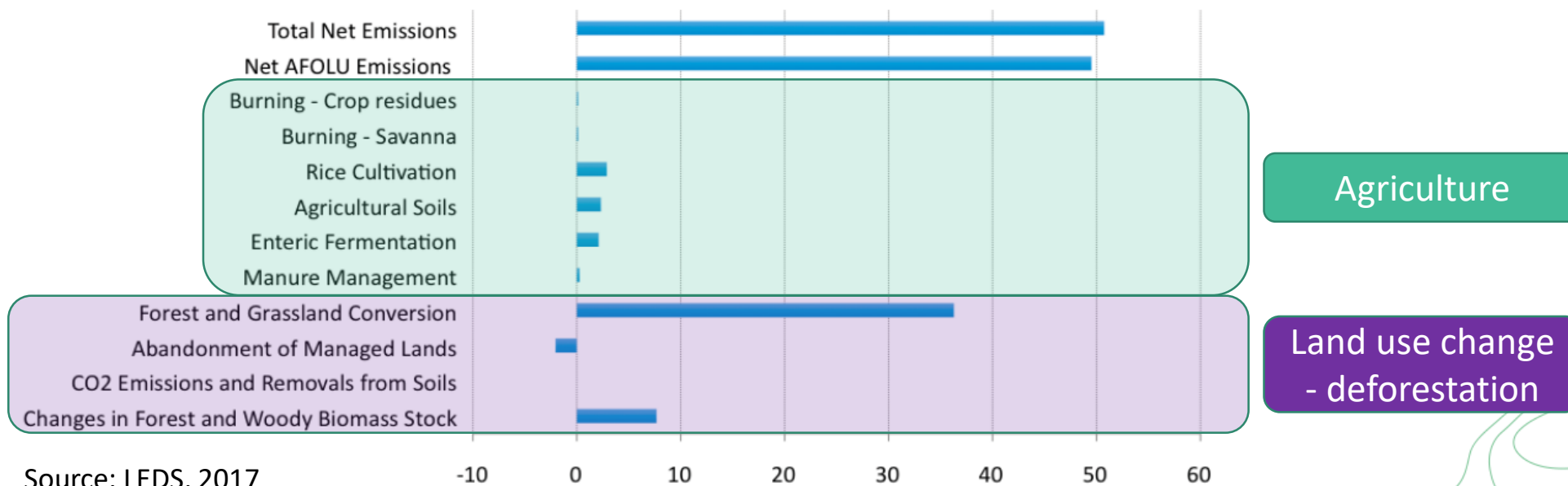


Source: CGIAR, 2016

Why accounting for GHG ?

- Laos is a contributor to CC, mainly because of AFOLU sector

Lao PDR GHG Emissions (2000)
(million tCO₂e)



Source: LEDS, 2017

The Ex-Act tool

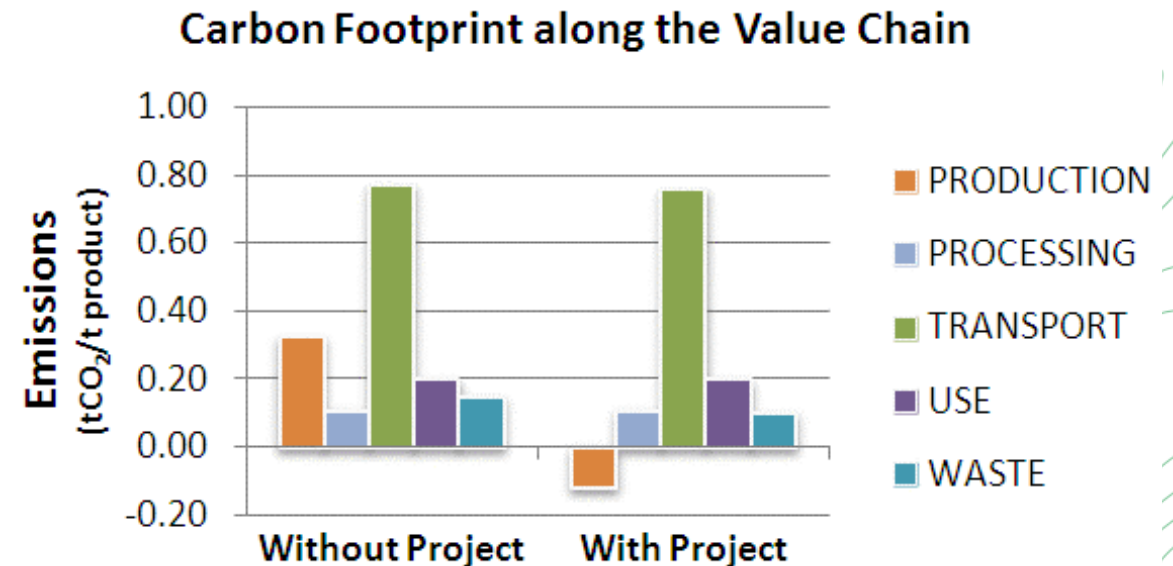
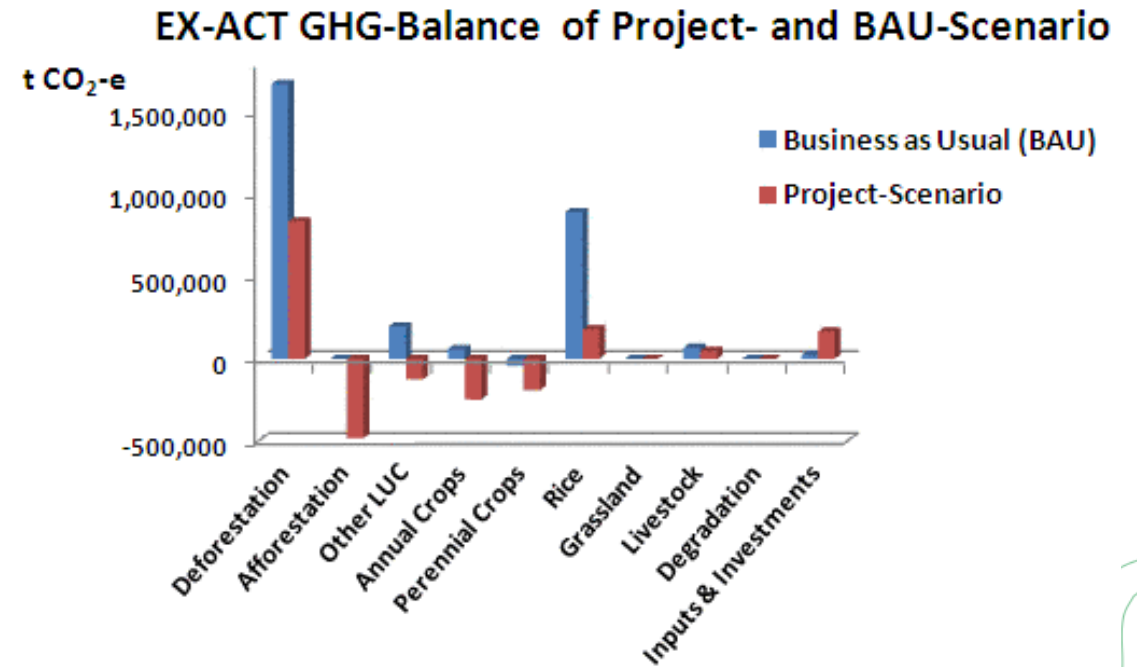
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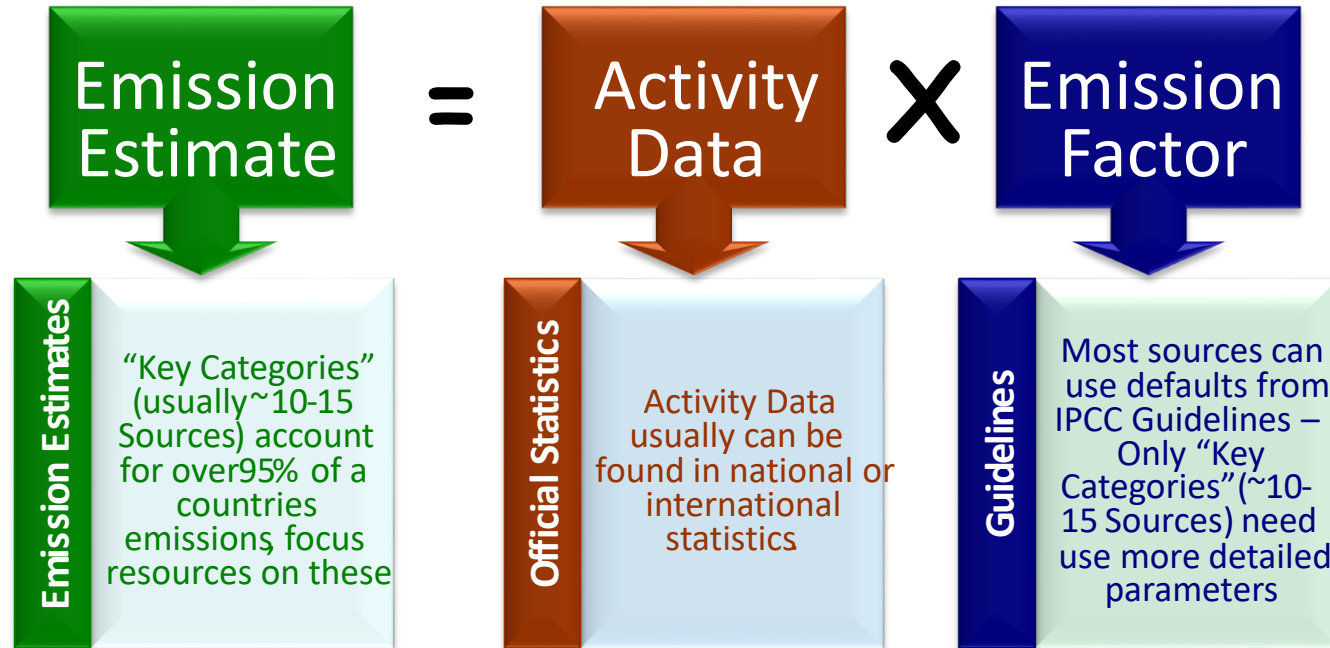
The screenshot shows the web interface for the Ex-Act tool. At the top, there is a navigation bar with buttons for 'Start', 'Description', 'Land Use Change', 'Crop production', 'Grassland Livestock', 'Land degradation', 'Inputs Investments', and 'Detailed Results'. Below this is the FAO logo and the text 'EASYPol' and 'FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS'. The main heading is 'The EX-Ante Carbon-balance Tool (EX-ACT)'. To the right, there is a language selection box with 'English' selected. Below that, it says 'Version 6.0 - Multilingual Edition' and shows four small images of agricultural scenes. A disclaimer is provided, followed by a note about calculation choices. At the bottom, there is a progress bar with steps: 0.Start, 1.Description, 2.LUC, 3.Cropland, 4.Grassland, 5. Degradation, 6. Inputs, 7. Results, Help, and Yield.

The Ex-Act tool

- Ex-Act is a tool developed by FAO
- Calculation of the GHG emissions without and with a project
 - Projection in the future, after the project if activities continue



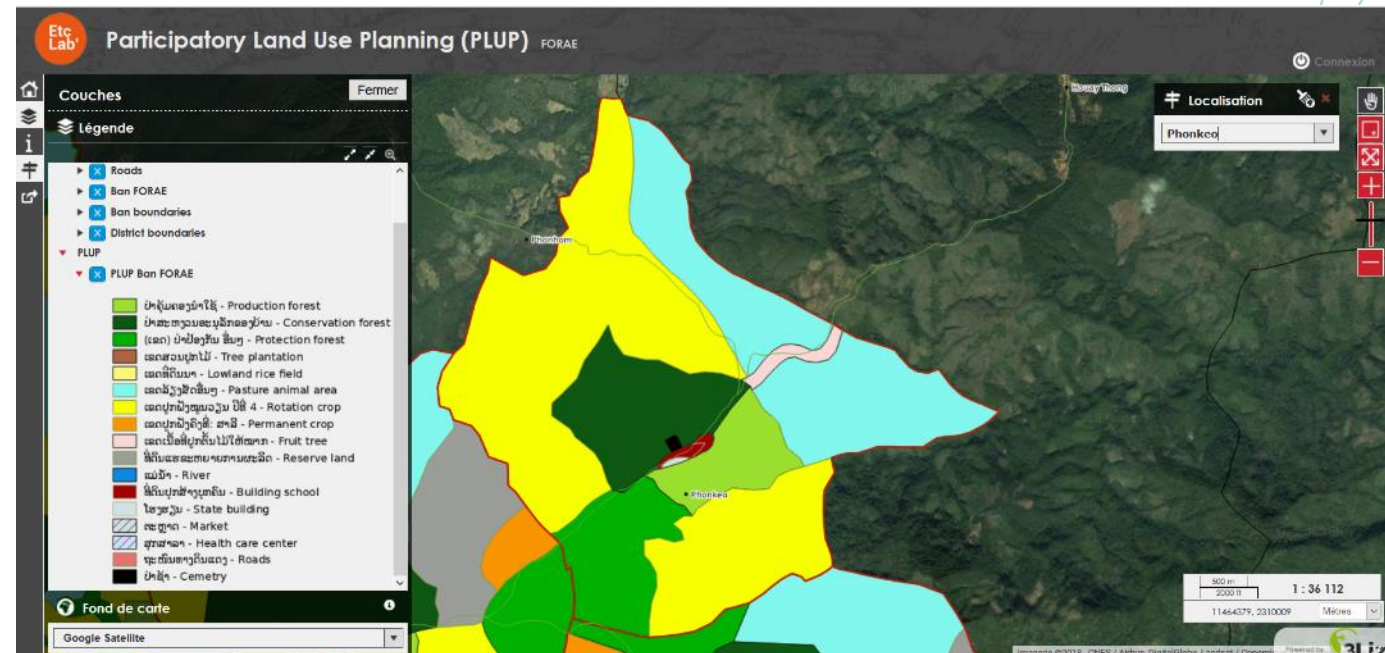
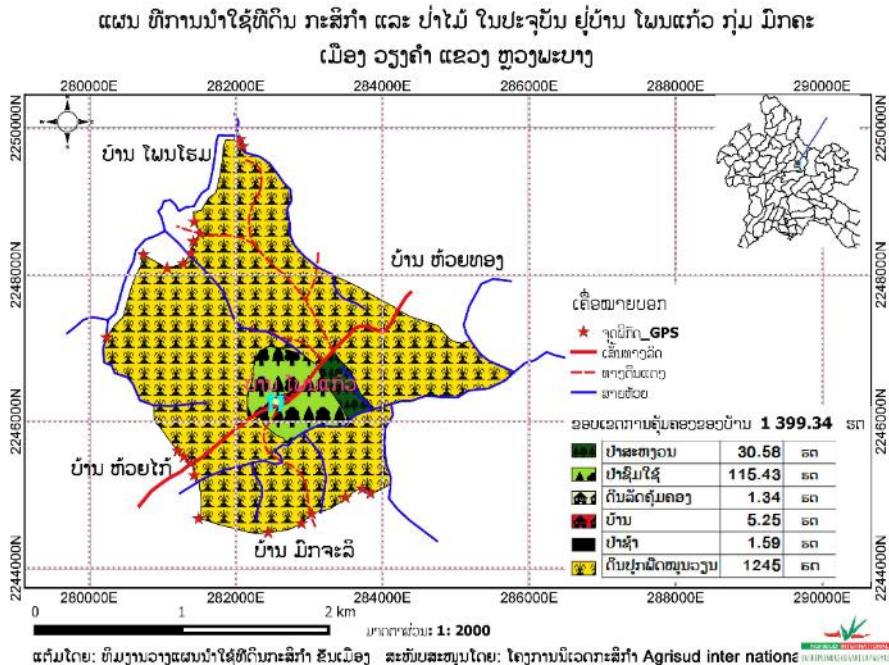
The Ex-Act tool



Example from the FORAE Project

Web GIS interface:
www.forae-viengkham.com

- Land use map at the beginning of the project
- Projection of the land use in a management plan – 20 years



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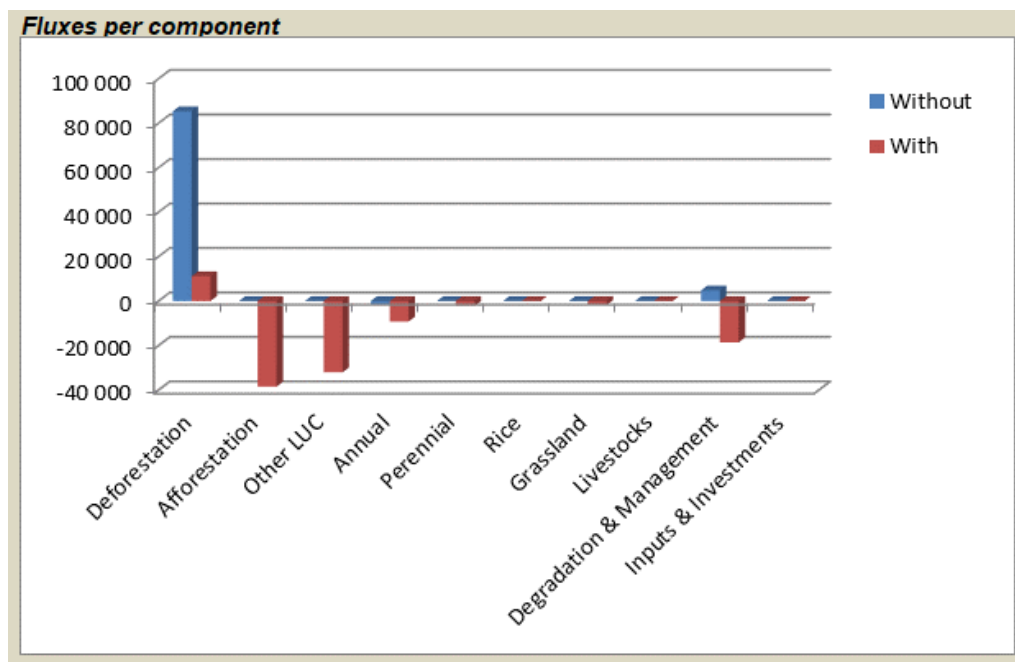
- Hypothesis on land use change – simple changes

Land use	Area in ha without PLUP	Area in ha in PLUP	Land use changes in Ex-Act
Protection Forest		124	annual crop -> forest (moderate degradation)
School		1	-
Buildings village		6	-
Conservation Forest	31	157	forest (moderate degradation) -> forest (low degradation)
Production Forest	115	83	forest (large degradation) -> forest (moderate degradation)
Pasture animal area		336	annual crop -> grassland
Rotation crop	1245	674	annual crop -> annual crop
Fruit Tree		16	annual crop -> perennial/tree crop
Cemetery Forests		2	forest -> forest

Example from the FORAE Project

- Main GHG benefits are linked to forest – reduction of deforestation or forest restoration

Components of the project	Gross fluxes		
	Without	With	Balance
All GHG in tCO ₂ eq Positive = source / negative = sink			
Land use changes			
Deforestation	85 293	11 125	-74 168
Afforestation	0	-38 460	-38 460
Other LUC	0	-32 070	-32 070
Agriculture			
Annual	-1 208	-9 239	-8 032
Perennial	0	-2 231	-2 231
Rice	0	0	0
Grassland & Livestocks			
Grassland	0	-1 737	-1 737
Livestocks	0	0	0
Degradation & Management			
Inputs & Investments	4 730	-18 625	-23 355
Total	88 816	-91 237	-180 053
Per hectare	102	-105	-206
Per hectare per year	5.1	-5.2	-10.3





Questions before an exercise on Ex-Act

Exercise

- An imaginary project in Laos

On 10 000 ha and during 10 years

- Forest area is 3000 ha at the beginning
 - 50 % is degraded and will be restored
 - 50 ha/yr are converted for slash and burn agriculture without the project – the project will divide deforestation by 5
- 5000 ha are for agriculture
 - 1000 ha are for pasture and 500 ha will be added for the project from croplands
 - Number of cows is 30 per ha and it will be reduced to 10 per ha
 - 1000 ha are for rice – System of rice

intensification (SRI) with water management will be implemented on 200 ha of those 1000 ha

- 1000 ha will be converted to agroforestry
- Improved agronomic techniques will be implemented on the rest of the fields
- 1500 ha are abandoned lands
 - 500 ha of forest regeneration
 - 500 ha converted to pasture
- 500 ha are wetlands
 - 100 ha will be converted to rice fields by the project



Exercise

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Download v7.2:

<http://www.fao.org/tc/exact/carbon-balance-tool-ex-act/en/>

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LULC	initial area	activity	without project	with project
forest	3000 ha	deforestation will be divided by 5	500 ha	100 ha
		50% are degraded and will be restaured	1500 ha moderately degraded	1500 ha with low degradation
croplands	5000 ha	increase of pasture land	1000 ha	1500 ha
		decrease of cow cattles	30 cows/ha	10 cows/ha
		irrigated rice -> SRI		0200 ha
		agroforestry		01000 ha
		improved agronomic techniques		02000 ha
abandoned lands	1500 ha	converted to pasture		0500 ha
		converted to forests (forests regeneration)		0500 ha
wetlands	500 ha	converted to irrigated rice		0100 ha

Exercise

- Step 2 :
 - Project description

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	E	The EX-Ante Carbon-balance Tool (EX-ACT)					
2	X						
3	A	Start		Description			
4	C	Land Use Change		Crop production		Grassland Livestock	
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7	Project Name		exercice FORAE training				
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9	Continent		Asia (Continental)				
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11	Climate		Tropical			?	
12	Moisture regime		Moist			Climate ?	
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14	Dominant Regional Soil Type		LAC Soils			?	
15						Soil ?	
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18	Duration of the Project (Years)		Implementation phase		5		
19			Capitalisation phase		5		
20			Duration of accounting		10		
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Exercise

- Step 2 : LUC

- Positive impact of reduction of deforestation, forest regeneration and plantation of fruit trees
- Positive impact of grasslands management compared to abandoned lands or annual crops

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2.1. Deforestation													
? AEZ map Zone 1 = Tropical rain forest Zone 2 = Tropical moist deciduous forest Zone 3 = Tropical dry forest Zone 4 = Tropical shrubland													
Type of vegetation that will be deforested	HWP# (tDM/ha)	Fire Use? (y/n)	Final use after deforestation	Forested area (ha)				Deforested area (ha)		Total Emissions (tCO2-eq)		Balance	
				Start	Without	* With	* With	Without	With	Without	With		
Forest Zone 2	0	YES	Annual Crop	3000	2500	D 2900	D	500	100	214 281	42 856	-171 425	
Select the vegetation	0	NO	Select Use after deforestation	0	0	D 0	D	0	0	0	0	0	

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2.2. Afforestation and Reforestation													
? AEZ map Zone 1 = Tropical rain forest Zone 2 = Tropical moist deciduous forest Zone 3 = Tropical dry forest Zone 4 = Tropical shrubland													
Type of vegetation that will be planted	Fire Use? (y/n)	Previous land use	Area that will be afforested/reforested				Total Emissions (tCO2-eq)		Balance				
			Without	* With	* With	* With	Without	With					
Forest Zone 2	NO	Set Aside	0	D 500	D			0	-73 136	-73 136			
Select the vegetation	NO	Select previous use	0	D 0	D			0	0	0			

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2.3. Other Land Use Changes													
Fill with your description	Initial land use	Final land use	Message	Fire Use? (y/n)	Area transformed (ha)				Total Emissions (tCO2-eq)		Balance		
					Without	* With	* With	* With	Without	With			
agroforestry	Annual Crop	Perennial/Tree Crop		NO	0	D 1000	D			0	-24 805	-24 805	
conversion to pasture1	Annual Crop	Grassland		NO	0	D 500	D			0	-21 509	-21 509	
conversion to pasture2	Set Aside	Grassland		NO	0	D 500	D			0	-10 522	-10 522	
	Select Initial Land Use	Select Final Land Use	Fill initial LU	NO	0	D 0	D			0	0	0	

Exercise

• Step 2 : Cropland

Detailed explanation of the meaning of each practice can be found in Smith et al (2007). Note that some practices may present some overlapping. Some descriptions of the options are briefly given below:

- Improved agronomic practices: all practices that may increase yields and thus generate higher residues. Examples of such practices reported by Smith et al. (2007) are, using improved crop varieties, extending crop rotations, and rotations with legumes crops.
- Nutrient management: application of fertilizer, manure, and biosolids, improving either the efficiency (adjusting application rate, improving timing, location...) or diminishing the potential losses (slow release fertilizer form or nitrification inhibitors).
- Tillage/residue management: adoption of practices with less tillage intensity ranging from minimum tillage to no-tillage and with or without residues maintenance on the field.
- Water management: enhanced irrigation measures that can lead to an increase in the productivity (and hence of the residues).
- Manure application: improving nutrient source using manure or Biosolids.

Some of the practices may result in concomitant gain in terms of C sequestration, reduction of N₂O and C sources but also emissions increases, e.g. increase N₂O potential emissions associated with increases on external N inputs. The emissions or reduction of N₂O and CH₄ are

3.1.2. Annual systems remaining annual systems (total area must remain constant)																		
Fill with your description	Main season crop	Management options						Definitions?		Yield?		Area (ha)				Total Emissions (tCO ₂ -eq)		Balance
		Improved agronomic practices	Nutrient management	No till & residue retention	Water management	Manure application	Residue management	Yield (t/ha/yr)	Start	Without	*		Without	With				
											With	*						
improved agriculture on annual crop description 2	Default	Yes	?	?	?	?	Please select	0	0	D	2000	D	0	-13 200	-13 200			
description 2	Default	?	?	?	?	?	Please select	0	0	D	0	D	0	0	0			
description 2	Default	?	?	?	?	?	Please select	0	0	D	0	D	0	0	0			

Exercise

- Step 2 : grassland
 - Positive impact of the reduction of the size of the cattle

4.2. Livestock (and manure management)

Livestock categories	Head number (mean per year)					Technical mitigation option (%)									Production (meat, milk, etc) in tonnes of product per year			Total Emissions (tCO2-eq)	
	Start		Without project		With project	Feeding practices*			Specific Agents*			Breeding*			Start	Without	With	Without	With
						Start	Without	With	Start	Without	With	Start	Without	With					
Dairy cattle	0	0	D	0	D	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%				0	0
Other cattle	30	30	D	10	D	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%				443	222
Buffalo	0	0	D	0	D	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%				0	0
Sheep	0	0	D	0	D	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%				0	0
Swine (Market)	0	0	D	0	D	Feeding practices: e.g. more concentrates, adding certain oils or oilseeds to the diet, improving			Specific agents: specific agents and dietary additives to reduces CH4 emissions (ionophores, vaccines,			Breeding: increasing productivity through breeding and better management						0	0
Swine (Breeding)	0	0	D	0	D													0	0

Exercise

- Step 2 : degradation

- Positive impact of forest restauration
- Negative impact of the conversion of peatlands

The EX-Ante Carbon-balance Tool (EX-ACT)

Start Description Land Use Change Crop production Grassland Livestock Management Degradation Coastal Wetlands Inputs Investments Fisheries Aquaculture Detailed Results

5.1. Forest degradation and management

AEZ map Zone 1 = Tropical rain forest Zone 2 = Tropical moist deciduous forest Zone 3 = Tropical dry forest Zone 4 = Tropical shrubland

Type of vegetation that will be degraded	Degradation level of the vegetation			Fire occurrence and severity						Area (ha)			Total Emissions (tCO2-eq)		Balance		
	Initial State	At the end		Without (y/n)	Periodicity (year)	Impact (% burnt)	With (y/n)	Periodicity (year)	Impact (% burnt)	Start	Without	With		Without		With	
		Without project	With project									*	*				
Forest Zone 2	Moderate	Moderate	Low	NO	1	100%	NO	1	100%	1 500	1 500	D	1 500	D	0	-129 103	-129 103
Select the vegetation	Select level	Select level	Select level	NO	1	100%	NO	1	100%	0	0	D	0	D	0	0	0
Select the vegetation	Select level	Select level	Select level	NO	1	100%	NO	1	100%	0	0	D	0	D	0	0	0

5.2. Degradation and management of organic soils (peatlands)

5.2.1. Drainage of organic soils

Type of vegetation concerned by drainage	Surfaces of drained organic soils (ha)					Percentage (area) of ditches			This should concern only area not accounted for elsewhere	Total Emissions (tCO2-eq)		Balance
	Start	At the end				Start	At the end			Without	With	
		Without	*	With	*		Without	With				
Forest	0	0	D	0	D	5%	5%	5%	0	0	0	0
Plantation	0	0	D	0	D	5%	5%	5%	0	0	0	0
Annual	0	0	D	0	D	5%	5%	5%	0	0	0	0
Perennial	0	0	D	0	D	5%	5%	5%	0	0	0	0
Grassland	0	0	D	100	D	5%	5%	5%	0	0	32 654	32 654

* Note concerning dynamics of change : "D" corresponds to default/linear, "I" to immediate and "E" to exponential (Please refer to the guidelines)



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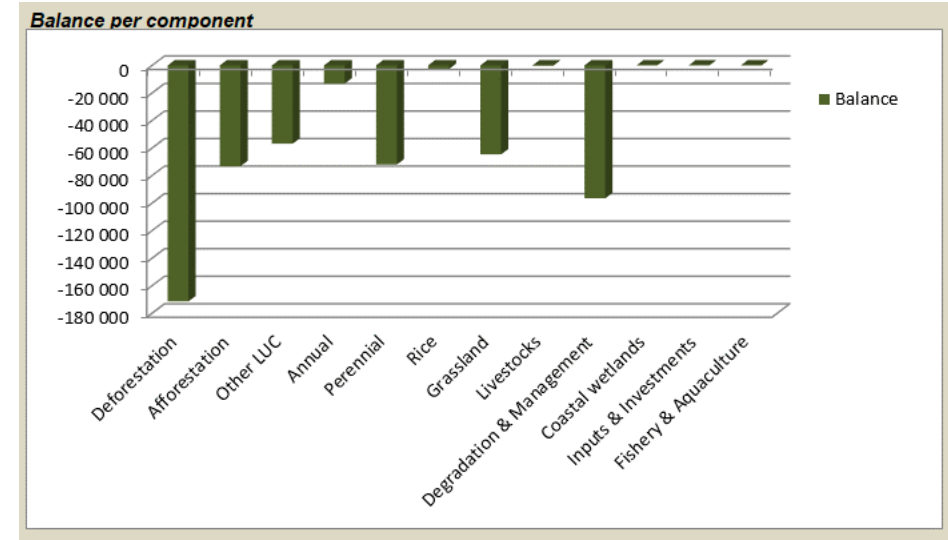
- Step 2 : inputs

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 - Report on results

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- High positive impact of forest restauration & managenement
- Positive impact of management of grassland
- Negative impact of the conversion of peatland

Project Name	exercice FORAE training		Climate	Tropical (Moist)		Duration of the Project (Years)			10		
Continent	Asia (Continental)		Dominant Regional Soil Type	LAC Soils		Total area (ha)			8000		
Components of the project	Gross fluxes			Share per GHG of the Balance				Result per year			
	Without	With	Balance	All GHG in tCO2eq			Without	With	Balance		
	All GHG in tCO2eq			CO2			N2O	CH4			
	Positive = source / negative = sink			Biomass	Soil	Other					
Land use changes											
Deforestation	214 281	42 856	-171 425	-151 879	-13 442		-1 697	-4 406	21 428	4 286	-17 143
Afforestation	0	-73 136	-73 136	-67 320	-5 816		0	0	0	-7 314	-7 314
Other LUC	0	-56 836	-56 836	-612	-56 224		0	0	0	-5 684	-5 684
Agriculture											
Annual	0	-13 200	-13 200	0	-13 200		0	0	0	-1 320	-1 320
Perennial	0	-71 983	-71 983	-66 733	-5 250		0	0	0	-7 198	-7 198
Rice	47 888	45 301	-2 586	0	0		0	-2 586	4 789	4 530	-259
Grassland & Livestocks											
Grassland	0	-64 625	-64 625	0	-64 625		0	0	0	-6 463	-6 463
Livestocks	443	222	-222				-42	-180	44	22	-22
Degradation & Management	0	-96 450	-96 450	-119 409	18 961		1 756	2 243	0	-9 645	-9 645
Coastal wetlands	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Inputs & Investments	0	0	0				0	0	0	0	0
Fishery & Aquaculture	0	0	0				0	0	0	0	0
Total	262 613	-287 851	-550 463	-405 954	-139 596	0	17	-4 930	26 261	-28 785	-55 046

Thank you for your attention

Questions?

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