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A Case Study for the Country Capacity Building in Laos

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1. Scope of the Study

(1) Study Project

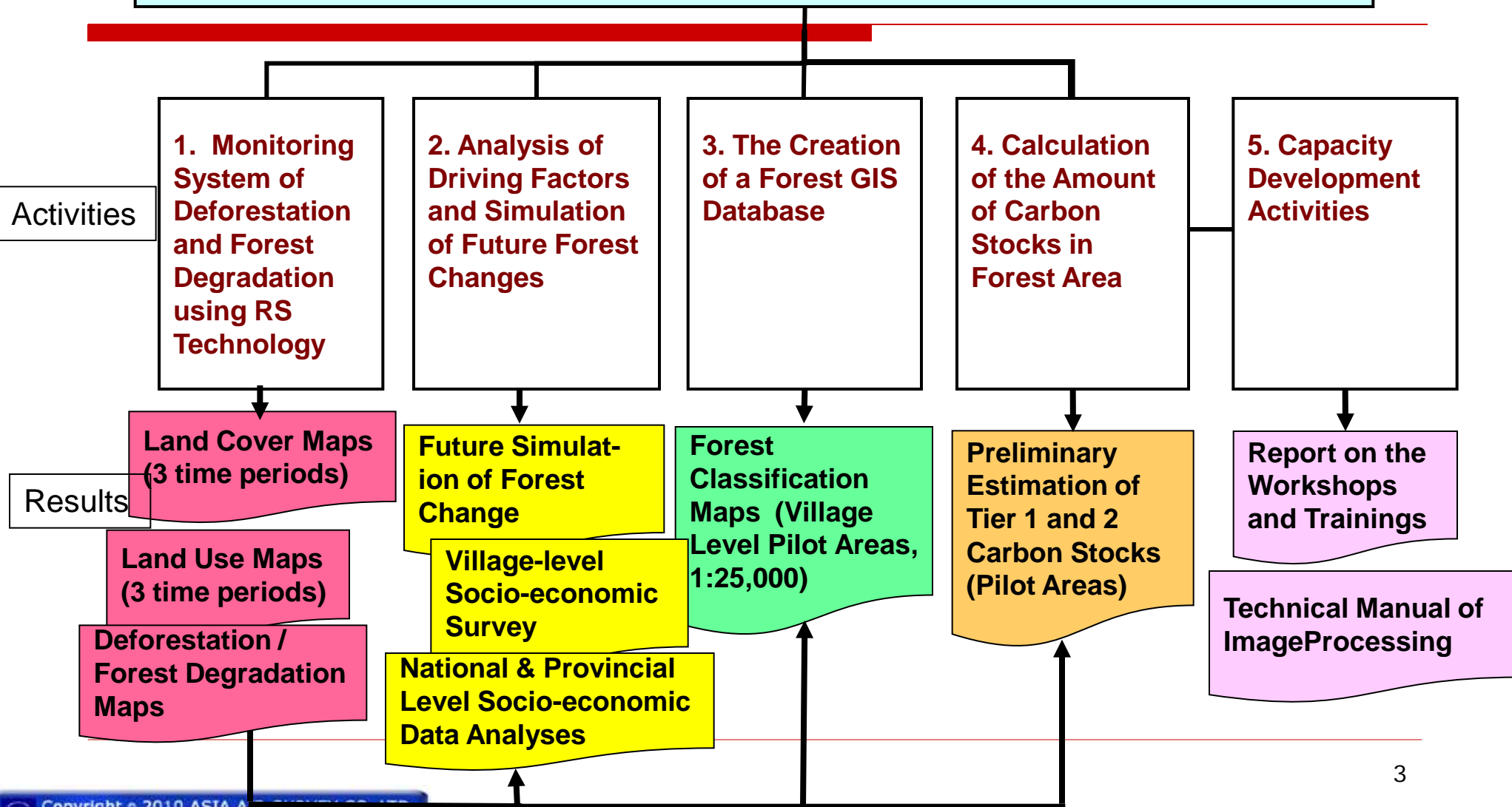
TITLE: “The Study on the Strengthening of Methodological and Technological Approaches for Reducing Deforestation and Forest Degradation within the REDD Implementation Framework: Application in Lao P.D.R.”

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C/P Organization: Forest Inventory and Planning Division (FIPD), Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao P.D.R.

(2) Contents of the Study (2009)

A Practical Approach towards REDD Implementation Mechanism (Phase 1)



(3) Technical Background of FIPD

Experience in forest cover and land use change assessment (1992-2002) using aerial photos, satellite image interpretation and field verification

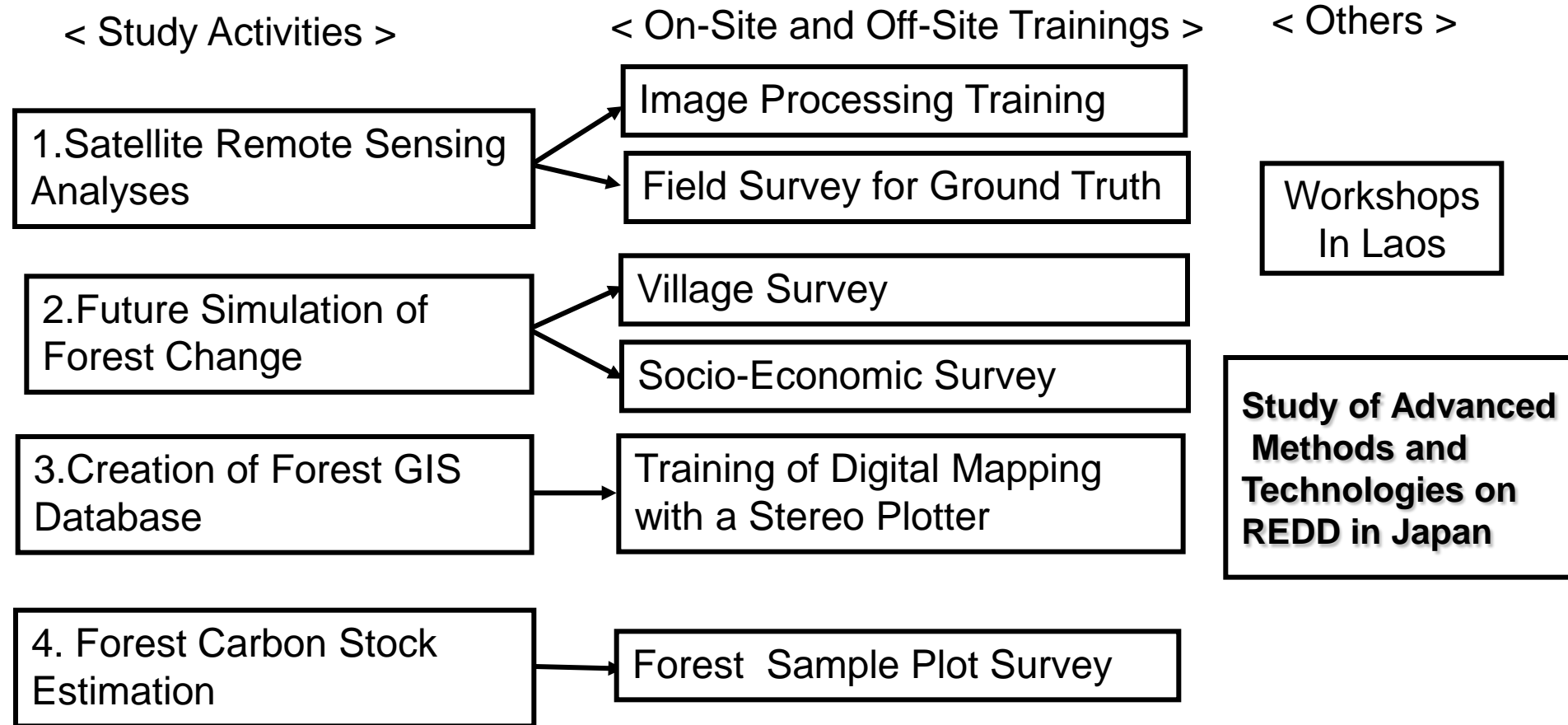
Some experiences in satellite image processing and forest GIS database development (13 RS/GIS specialists)

No experience in forest cover mapping using stereo photogrammetric plotter

No practical experience in socio-economic survey and future simulation of forest cover changes

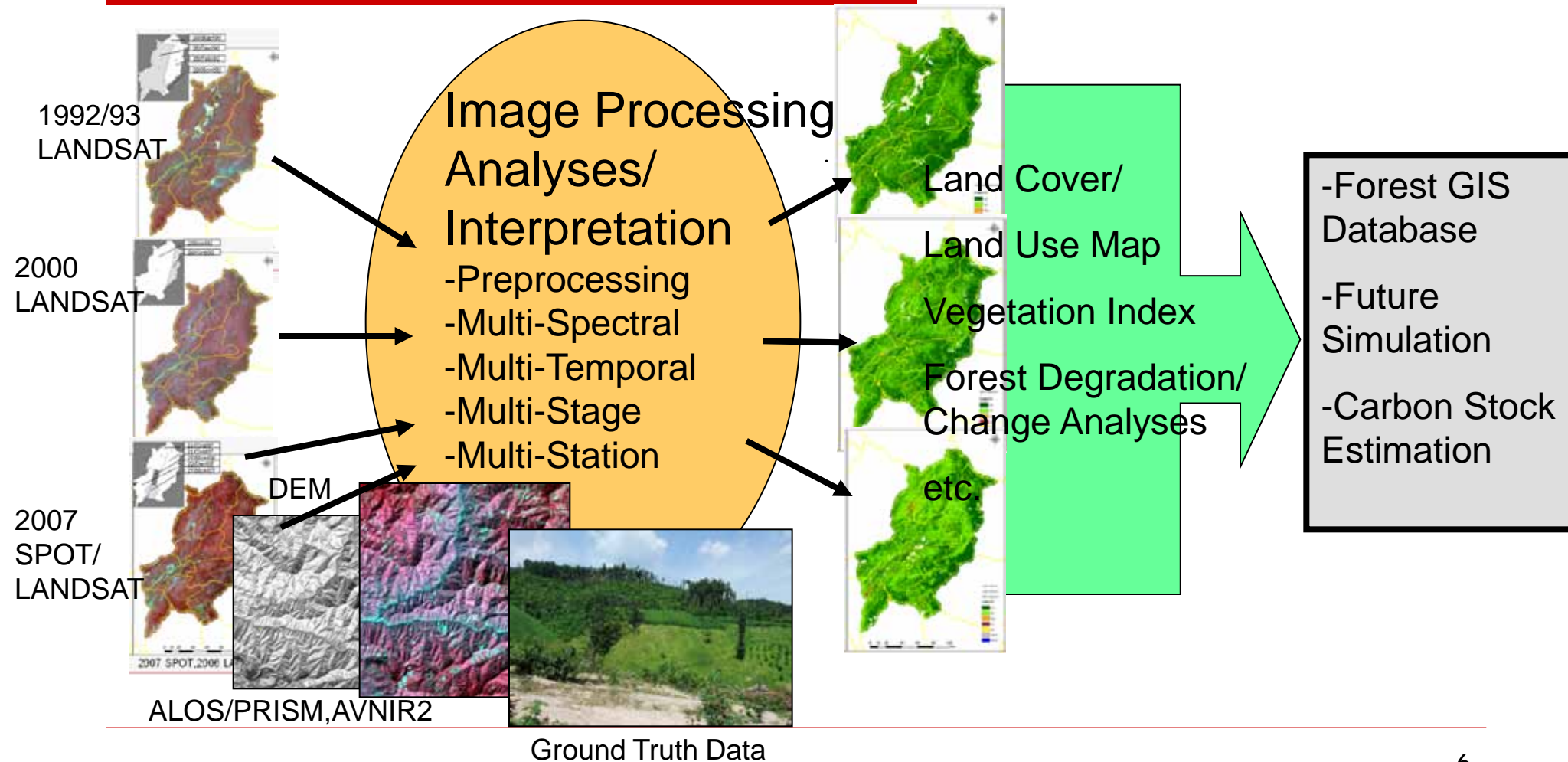
No practical experience in forest carbon estimation

2. Study Activities and Associative Capacity Developments in 2009



(1) Monitoring System of Deforestation and Forest Degradation Using RS Technology

1) Digital Satellite Image Analyses



2) Technical Training at FIPD on Satellite Image Processing and Interpretation

● Image Processing Training Programs

[First training]

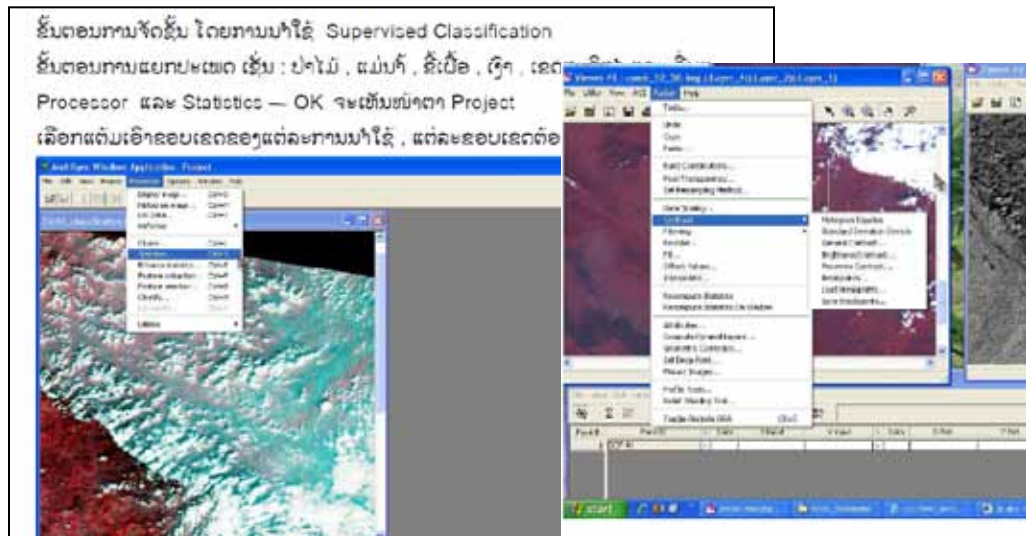
- Principle of Remote Sensing (0.5 day, 23 persons)
- Preprocessing of Images (4 days, 23 persons)
- Multi-Band Image Processing (7 days, 23 persons)

[Second training]

- Image Classifications (5 days, 10 persons)
- ### ● Collection of Ground Truth Data (10 days for 2 persons)

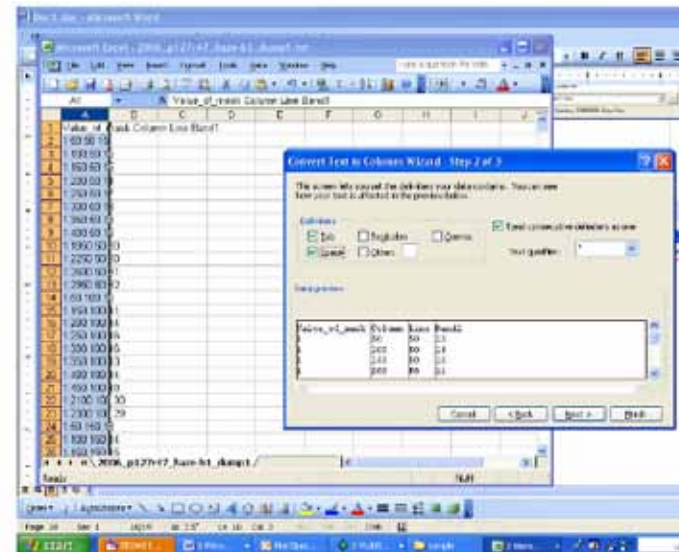


3) Some Results of the Image Processing Trainings



ຂັ້ນຕອນການຈັດຊັ້ນ ໂດຍການນຳໃຊ້ Supervised Classification
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- ການຕັດຟາຍ
- Open view1
- ເອົັນຟາຍ ທີ່ຮ່ວມກັນແລ້ວ 4 ຟາຍ (mosaic_4dem.img)
- Open view2
- ເອົັນຟາຍ ທີ່ຮ່ວມກັນແລ້ວ 4 ຟາຍ (mosaic utm shaded.img)

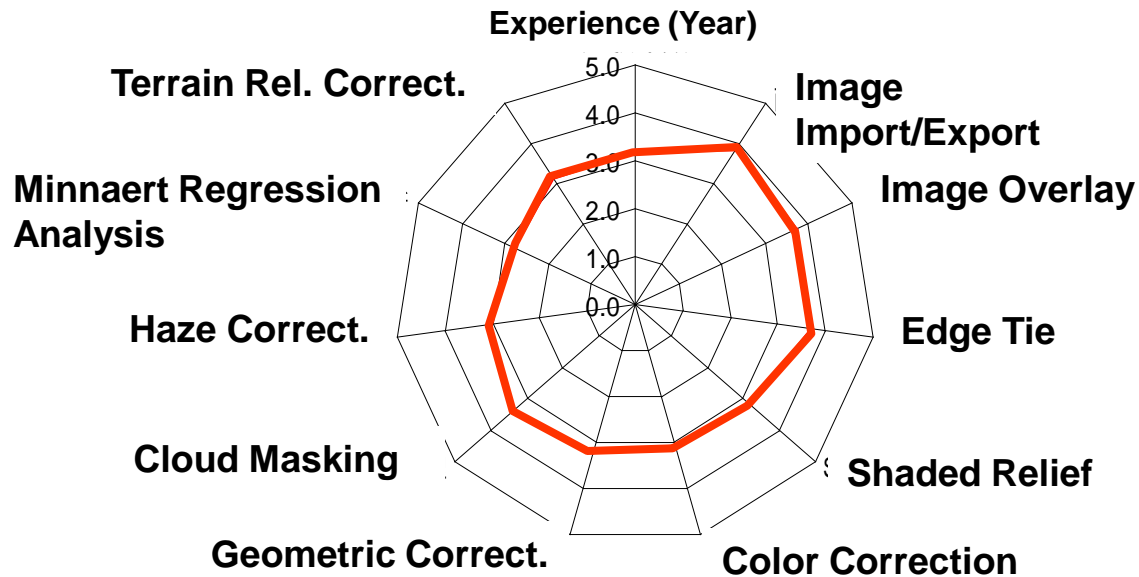


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Trainees were asked to arrange their own operation manuals of an image processing system in Lao language.

4) Evaluations of the Image Processing Trainings (First Training)

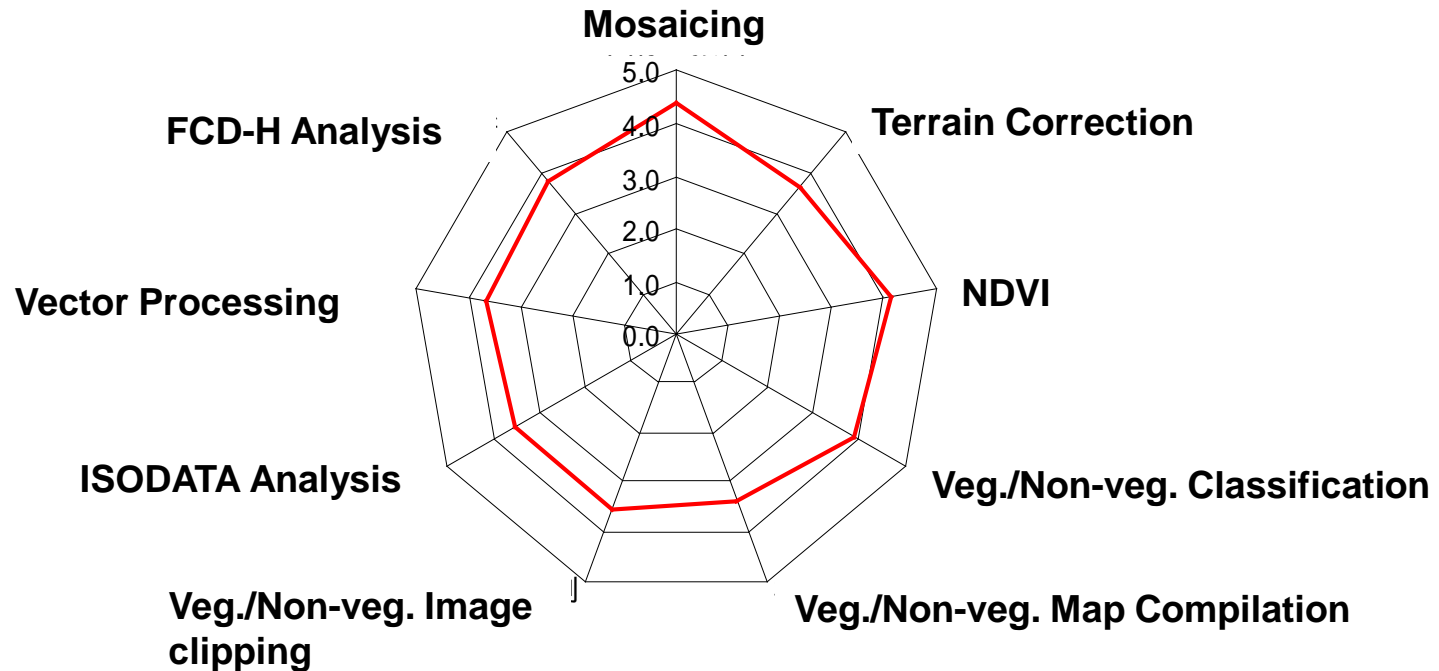
Level of understanding of training items were evaluated by 23 trainees. Average grade points are relatively lower for advanced items because many trainees were beginners of remote sensing.



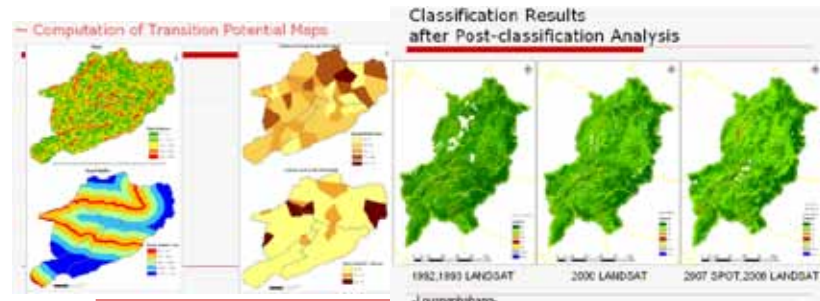
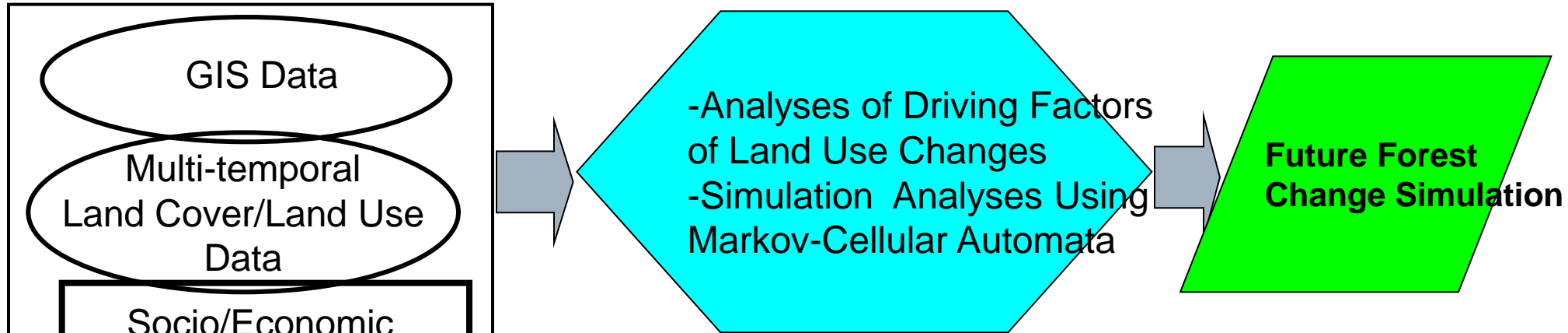
Grade point	Level of Understanding
5.0	Very well
4.0	Well
3.0	Good
2.0	Not enough
1.0	Poor

Evaluations of the Image Processing Training (Second Training)

The second training were carried out for 10 FIPD staffs only. Average grade points were higher than that of the first training.



(3) Analyses of Driving Factors and Simulation of Future Forest Changes



Land Use/Cover Transition Probabilities (2000 - 2007)

		2007				
2000	CF	UF	R	O	W	
CF	0.71	0.26	0.03	0.00	0.01	
UF	0.07	0.88	0.05	0.00	0.00	
R	0.00	0.84	0.15	0.01	0.00	
O	0.21	0.32	0.07	0.40	0.00	
W	0.01	0.04	0.06	0.00	0.78	

Note: CF - Current forest; UF - Unstocked forest; R-Ray;
O - Others, and W - Water

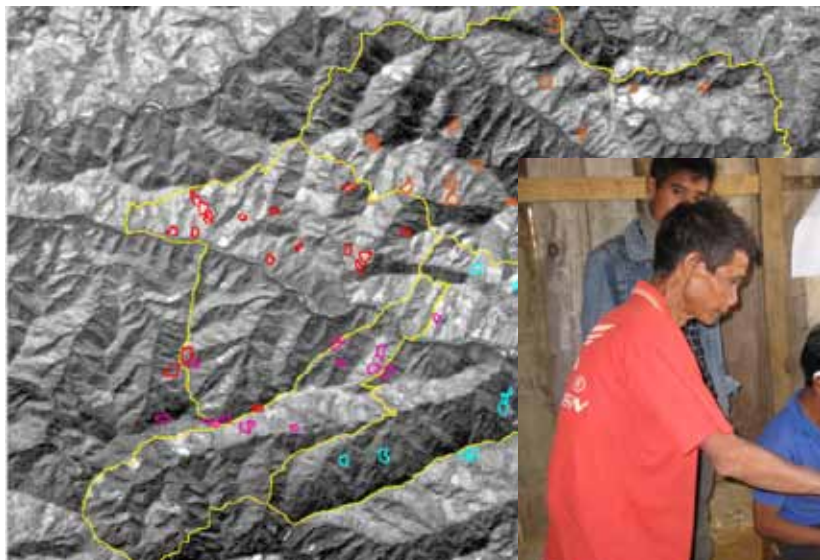
Actual versus Simulated Land Use/Cover Maps for 2007



1) On-Site Training of Village Surveys

Boundary Surveys of the Villages and Swidden Cultivated Areas using GPS(OJT, 15 days, 3 p.)

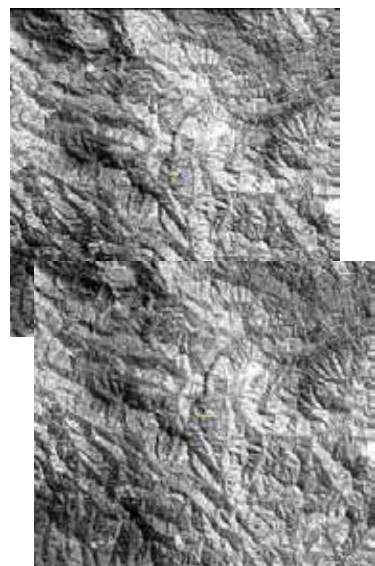
Socio/Economic Survey at Villages (OJT, 18 days, 3 persons)



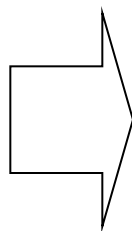
GPS Survey



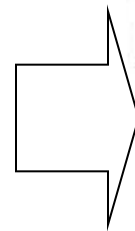
(4) The Creation of Forest GIS Data



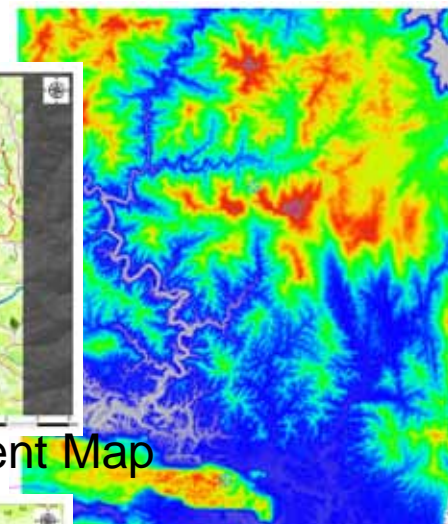
ALOS/PRISM
Stereo Images



Digital Stereo Plotting



Forest Compartment Map



Topography



Tree Height Map



Orthoimage

1) Training for Forest GIS Data Mapping

Four days training for 8 persons on photogrammetric mapping of GIS data using ALOS/PRISM images and a Digital Stereo Plotter

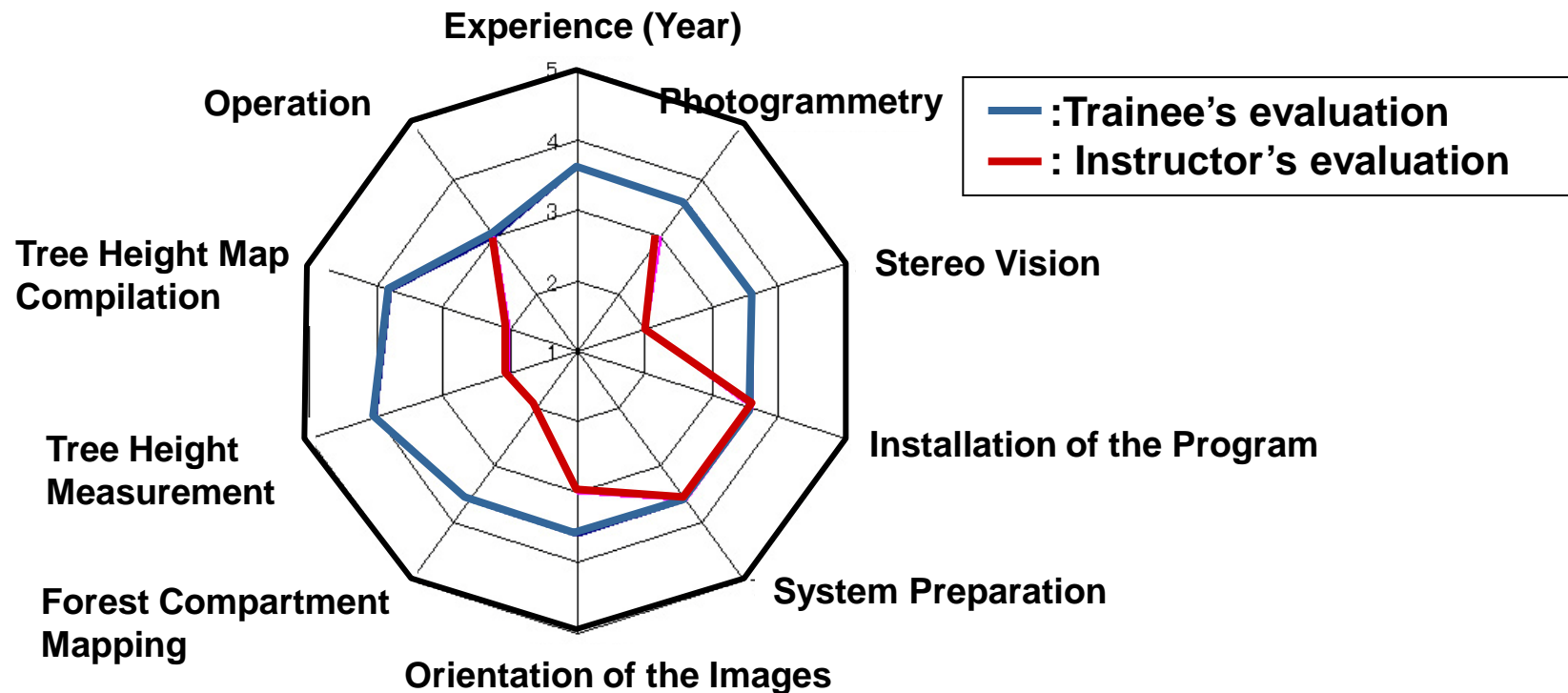
Training Program

- Lecture on forest stand mapping and carbon stock estimation,
- Orientation of ALOS/PRISM stereo satellite images,
- Mapping of topographic feature, forest compartment, tree height, etc.
- Preparation of GIS data.



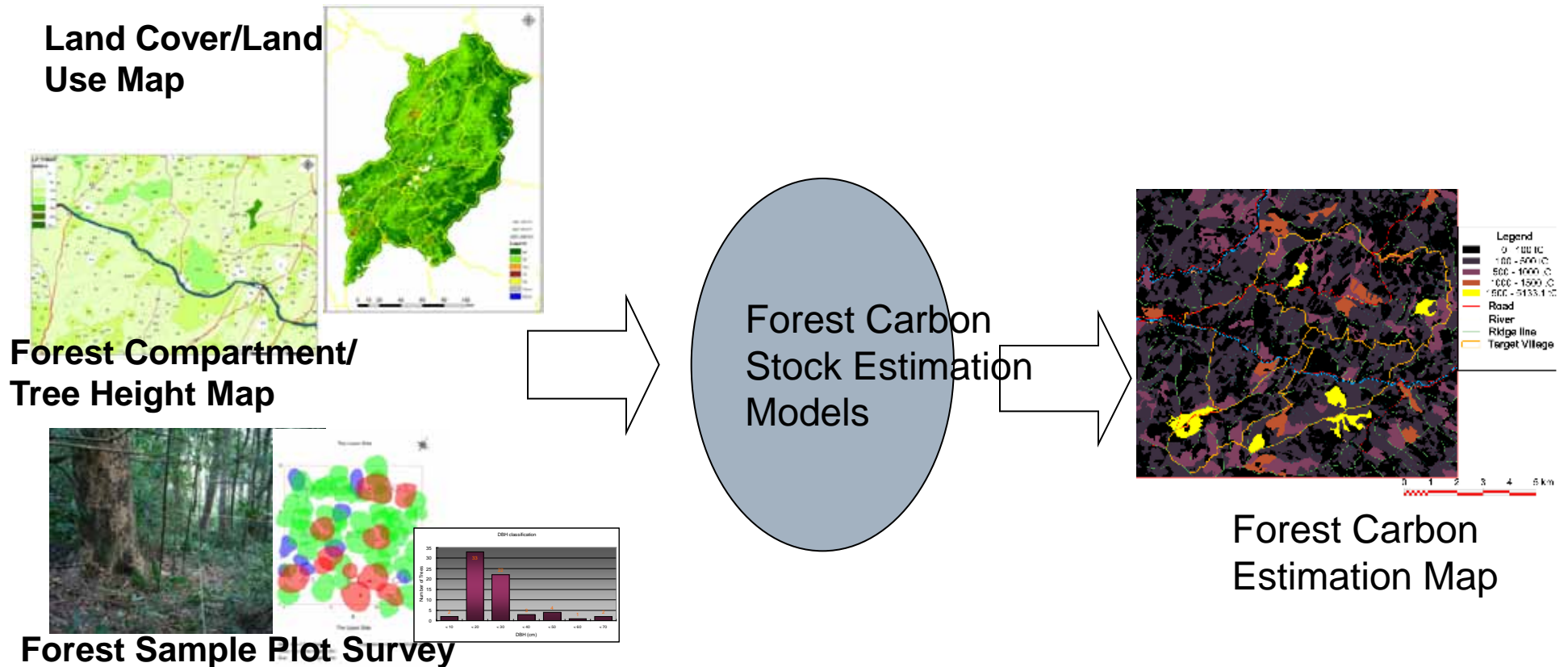
2) Evaluation of the Training (GIS Data Mapping)

More training is needed for stereo vision



(5) Estimation of Forest Carbon Stock

On-site training of forest sample plot survey (16 days, 4 persons)



3. Summary

On-site and off-site capacity building activities have been carried out in various technological disciplines on REDD. Trainees actively participated in the program with enthusiasm.

While many achievements have been made, progress was constrained by time.

Therefore, continuous capacity building programs, including establishment of digital image processing/GIS facilities, advanced image and spatial data analyses, and basic model for carbon stock estimation in natural forest, are needed to further strengthen the REDD implementation framework in Lao P.D.R.