

Summary of
Research Group Session 3:
Management (RG3)



Project plan
• Identify knowledge gaps
• Determine project goals
• Develop a timeline
• Assign responsibilities
• Monitor progress
• Report status

Toshiaki Owari (UTokyo)

Recovering Forest Carbon Storage in Typhoon-Damaged Sites through Silviculture Treatments: A Case Assessment at the UTokyo Hokkaido Forest

- After 1981 typhoon damage, planted, scarified or unsalvaged
- Carbon storage of tree and underground vegetation were monitored
- Examination after 25 years showed that tree and *Sasa* regeneration varied, according to silvicultural treatment
- Carbon emissions from silviculture treatments are also counted, but very small compared to carbon storage

Takuya Hiroshima (UTokyo)

Introduction of Carbon Offsetting Credit Projects in the University of Tokyo Forests

- Concept and Credit System of Carbon Offset are introduced
- J-VER (verified emission reduction) : Japanese standard system
- Process: validation, project conduction, monitoring, verification, credit issue
- 5 UTokyo Forests are conducting a J-VER credits project through forest management (thinning promotion), and got 2,536 t-CO₂ credits

Keisuke Toyama (UTokyo)

Growth Pattern of Even-Aged coniferous plantation in long-term experimental plots of the UTokyo Chiba Forest

- Long-term experimental plots of coniferous plantations since 1916 are introduced
- Contrary to previous understanding, growth have not been declined yet
- Lacking of large & old individual tree data is current task for better volume & carbon estimation
- Long-term risk (e.g. typhoon) should be included

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Besar & Mazlin Mokhtar (UMS)

Modelling and Mapping Agroforestry Plantation Aboveground Carbon Stock in Balung, Tawau, Sabah Using Airborne LiDAR Data

- Utilize Airborne LiDAR data for increase carbon storage in teak-based agroforestry plantation
- Through several LiDAR metrics and regression, carbon stocks are estimated
- Airborne LiDAR can help good AGC estimation
- Linear regression model was the better model for estimation

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Tropical Forest Restoration, Management and Monitoring

- Effectiveness monitoring was lacking in previous forest restoration projects
- INIKEA project: degradation in 1980s, enrichment planting in 1998, seedling monitoring in 2014
- Treatments enhanced seedling
- It is still too early to evaluate 4 treatment choices
- Site evaluation before restoration, targeting of silvicultural treatment, and long-term monitoring are important

Keiko Ioki, Shazrul Azwan Johari, Wilson V. C. Wong & Phua Mui-How (UMS)

Understanding Forest Micro-Environmental Condition using Airborne LiDAR in a Tropical Rainforest Restoration Site

- Microenvironment may affect the regeneration and site suitability
- Using airborne LiDAR data, light availability and topographic features will be clear
- Large-scale LiDAR data obtained in Sabah in 2016
- Field data: 3- and 10-year ground census data in INIKEA
- Started data collection and sorting out of the existing data

Potential research collaboration

Potential research topic

- Carbon stock estimation (calculated from growing stock or above-ground biomass)

Available tool

- ALS (incl. GIS) and growth model

Study sites

- INIKEA (restoration site) or Balung (Agroforestry site)