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Asia-Pacific REDD+ Analysis

Lower Mekong

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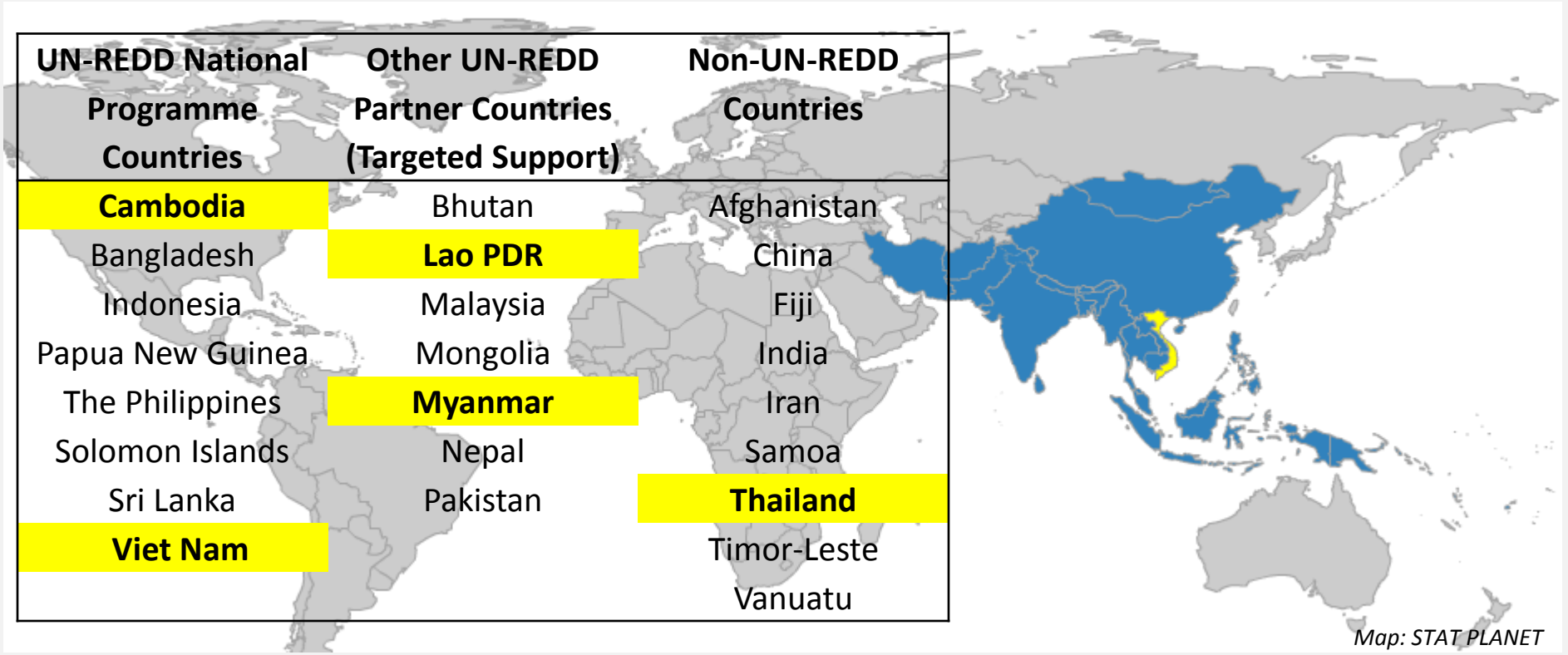
UN-REDD PROGRAMME Assessing REDD+ Readiness in 24 Countries

UN-REDD National Programme Countries	Other UN-REDD Partner Countries (Targeted Support)	Non-UN-REDD Countries
Cambodia	Bhutan	Afghanistan
Bangladesh	**Lao PDR**	China
Indonesia	Malaysia	Fiji
Papua New Guinea	Mongolia	India
The Philippines	**Myanmar**	Iran
Solomon Islands	Nepal	Samoa
Sri Lanka	Pakistan	**Thailand**
Viet Nam		Timor-Leste
		Vanuatu



Map: STAT PLANET

The UN-REDD Programme in the Asia-Pacific Regional Centre undertook a study to assess the level of progress in REDD+ readiness in the region ("Asia-Pacific REDD+ Analysis") in 2013 and early 2014.

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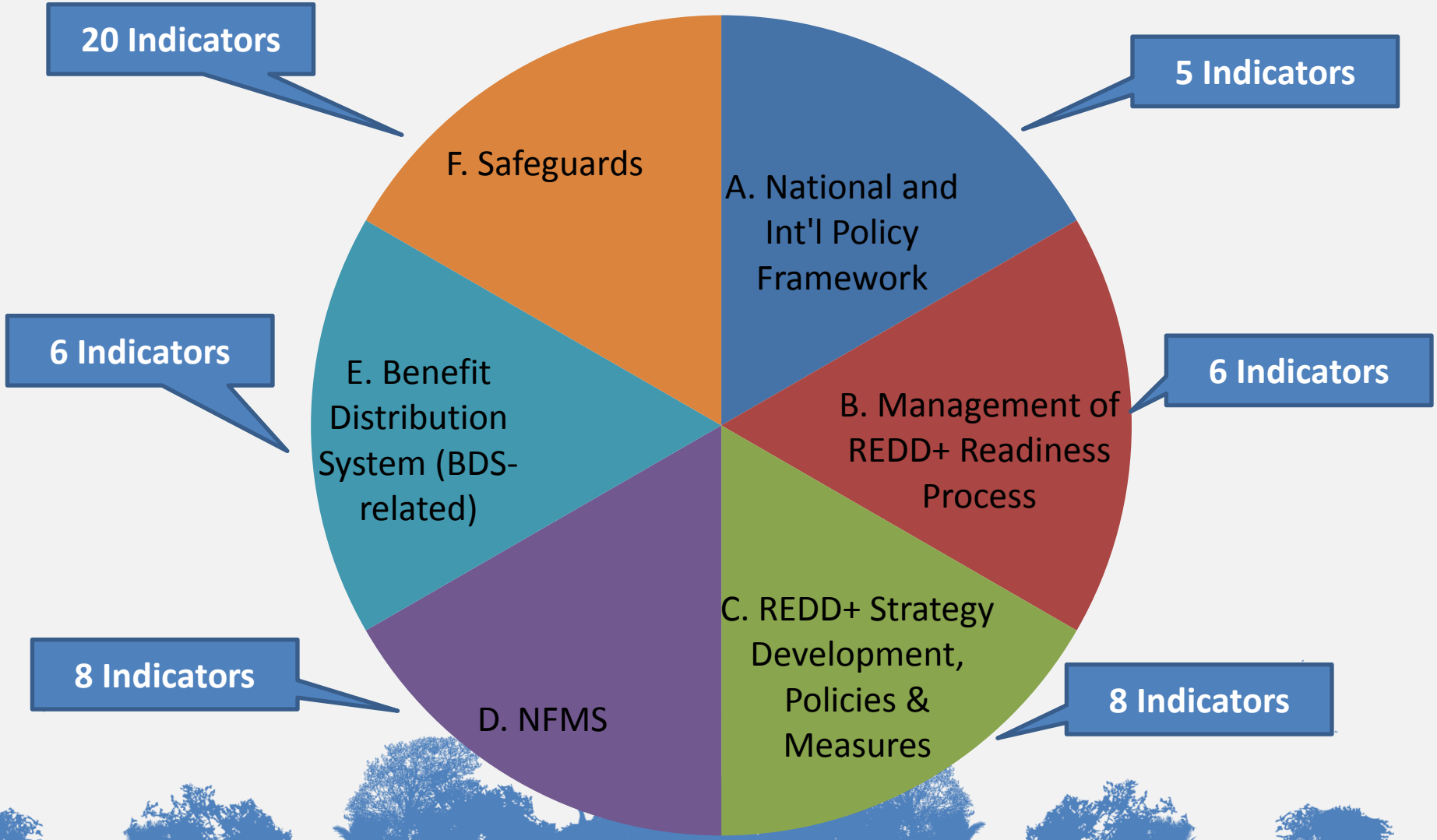
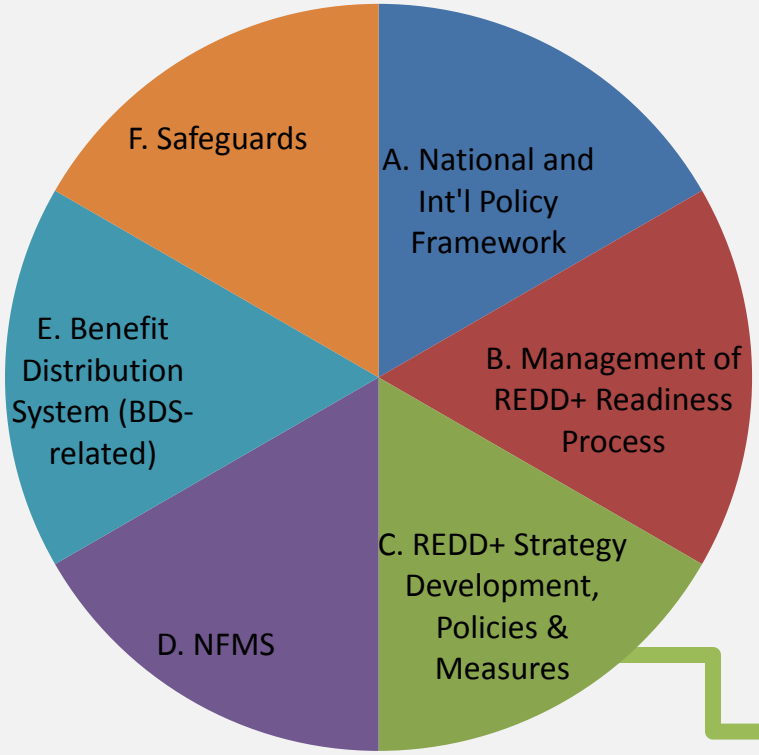
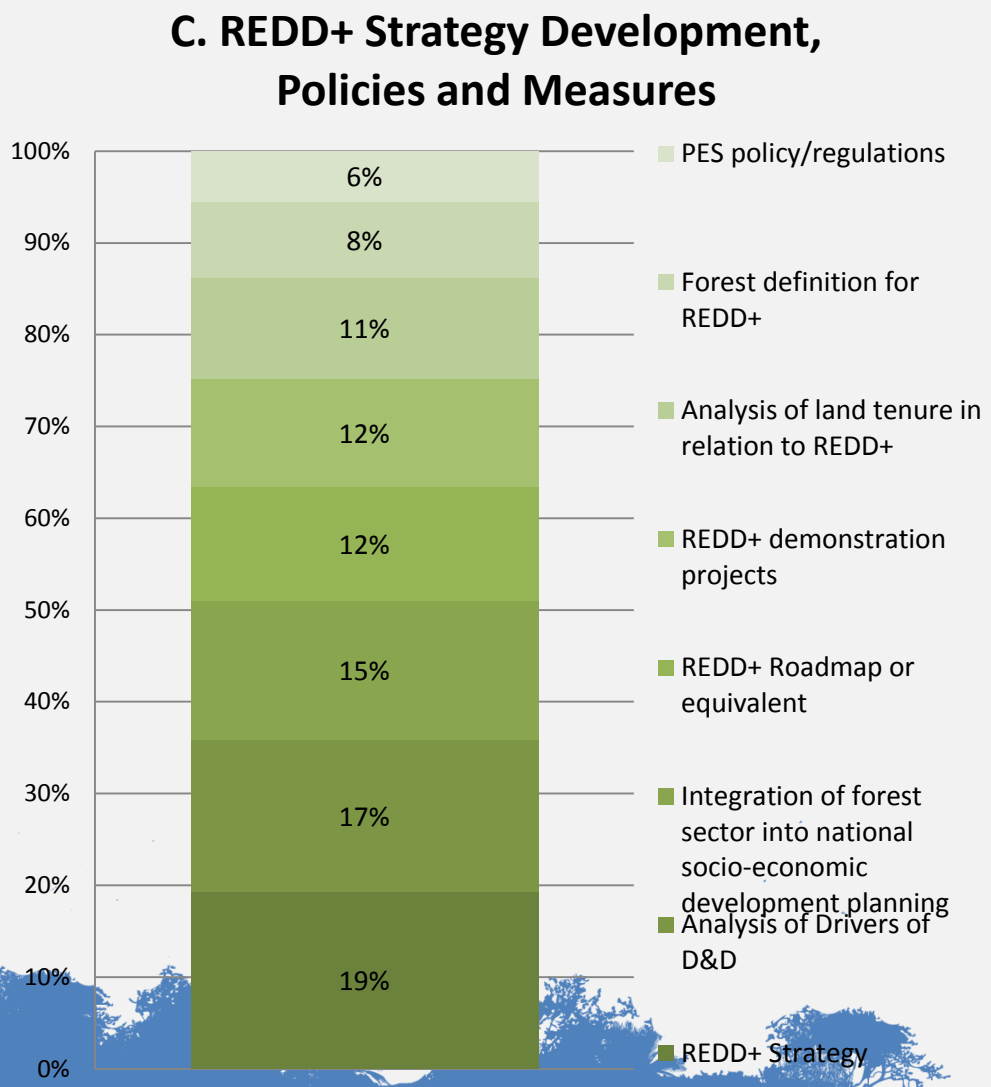
6 Categories and 53 Indicators



Indicator Weights

Some indicators are more important then others





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How?

Three Data Sources

National Focal Point (NFP)

- Purpose: obtain an "***inventory***" of REDD+ readiness, current status
- Respondent: one respondent per country (24 total)
- Respondents are ***encouraged*** to consult with others about the status of REDD+ elements
- Delivery: online

Multi-stakeholders

- Purpose: obtain insights into the ***perceived*** level of readiness
- Respondent: all the identified stakeholders including govt, NGO/CSO, donor agencies); the numbers vary by country
- Respondents are ***not encouraged*** to consult with others and they will be assured privacy of their answers
- Delivery: online

Desk-Based Research

- Purpose: obtain an "***inventory***" of REDD+ readiness, current status
- Publically available information (e.g. international convention ratification status, third party database)

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When did we conduct?

	NFP and Stakeholder Survey (2013)
Initial invitation (pilot tests)	July 11
Reminder (pilot countries)	July 31
Initial invitation (all countries)	August 14
Reminder (all countries)	August 24
Follow up calls (all countries)	n/a
Closure of original survey	October 15

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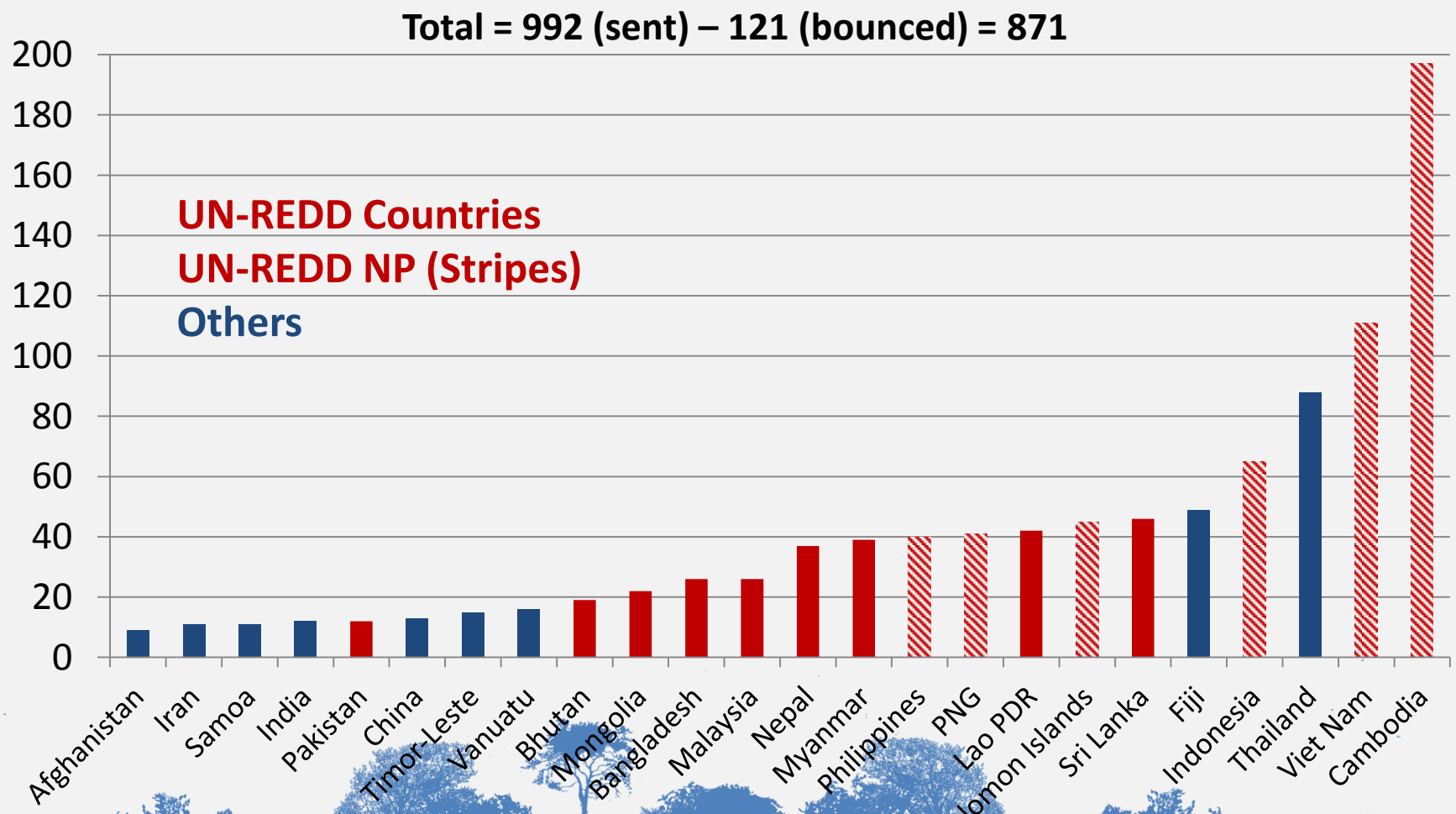
of Invitations to Stakeholder Survey



Stakeholder Survey Response Rate
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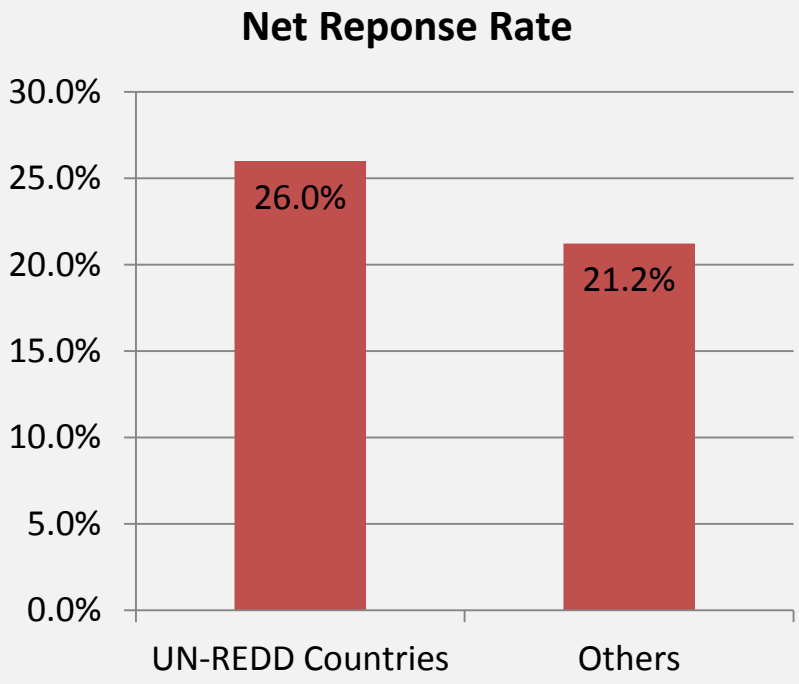
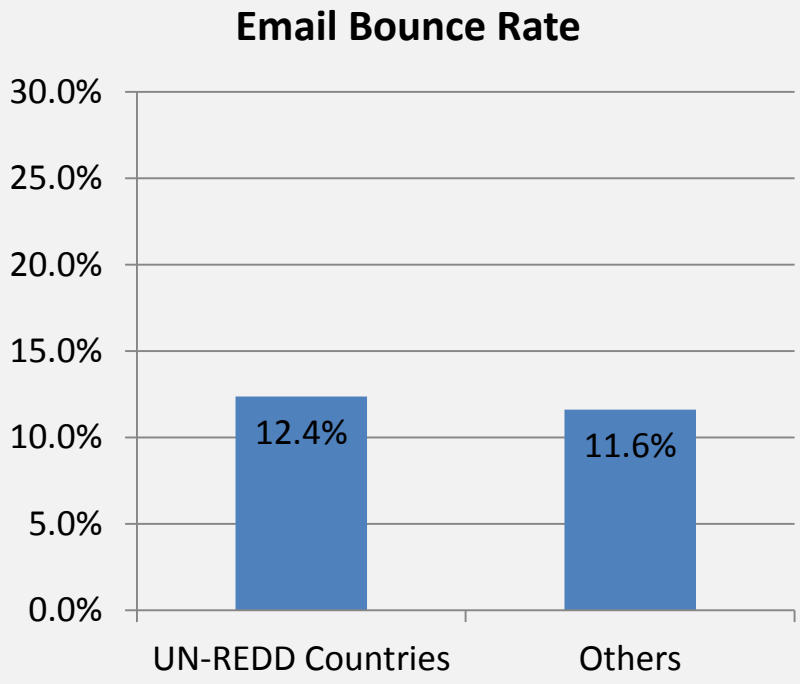
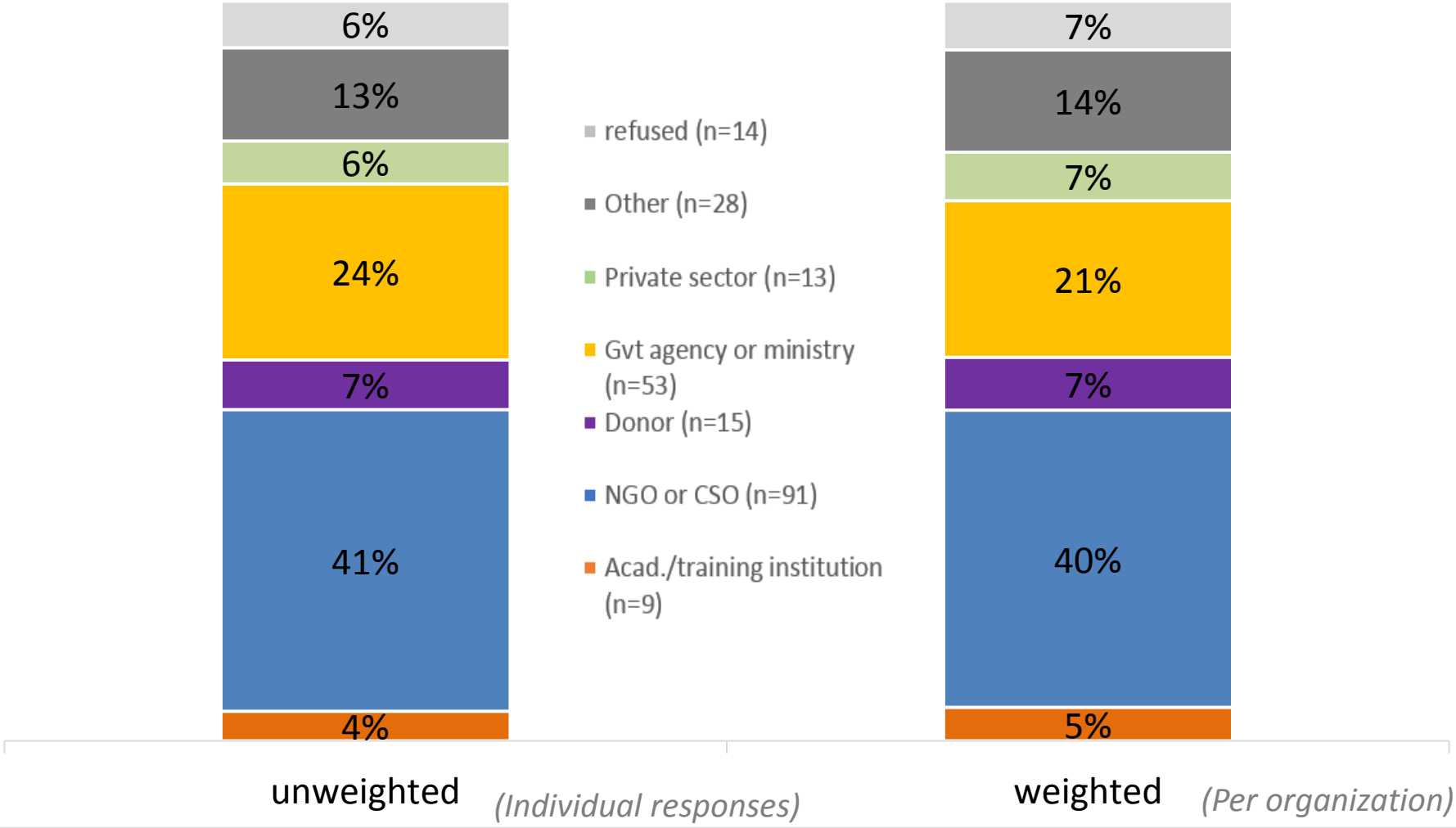




Stakeholder Respondents by Organization



Methodology and Data Sources

Baseline

REDD+ Readiness Status

A. National and International Policy Framework (100 per cent or points)
B. Management of REDD+ Readiness (100)
C. National REDD+ Strategy Development (100)
D. Monitoring, MRV, FREL/FRL (100)
E. Benefit Distribution and Financial Management (100)
F. Social and Environmental Safeguards (100)

Data Source

National Focal Point (NFP) Survey

Desk-Based Research

Multi-Stakeholder Survey

Do stakeholders know?
If so, what do they think?

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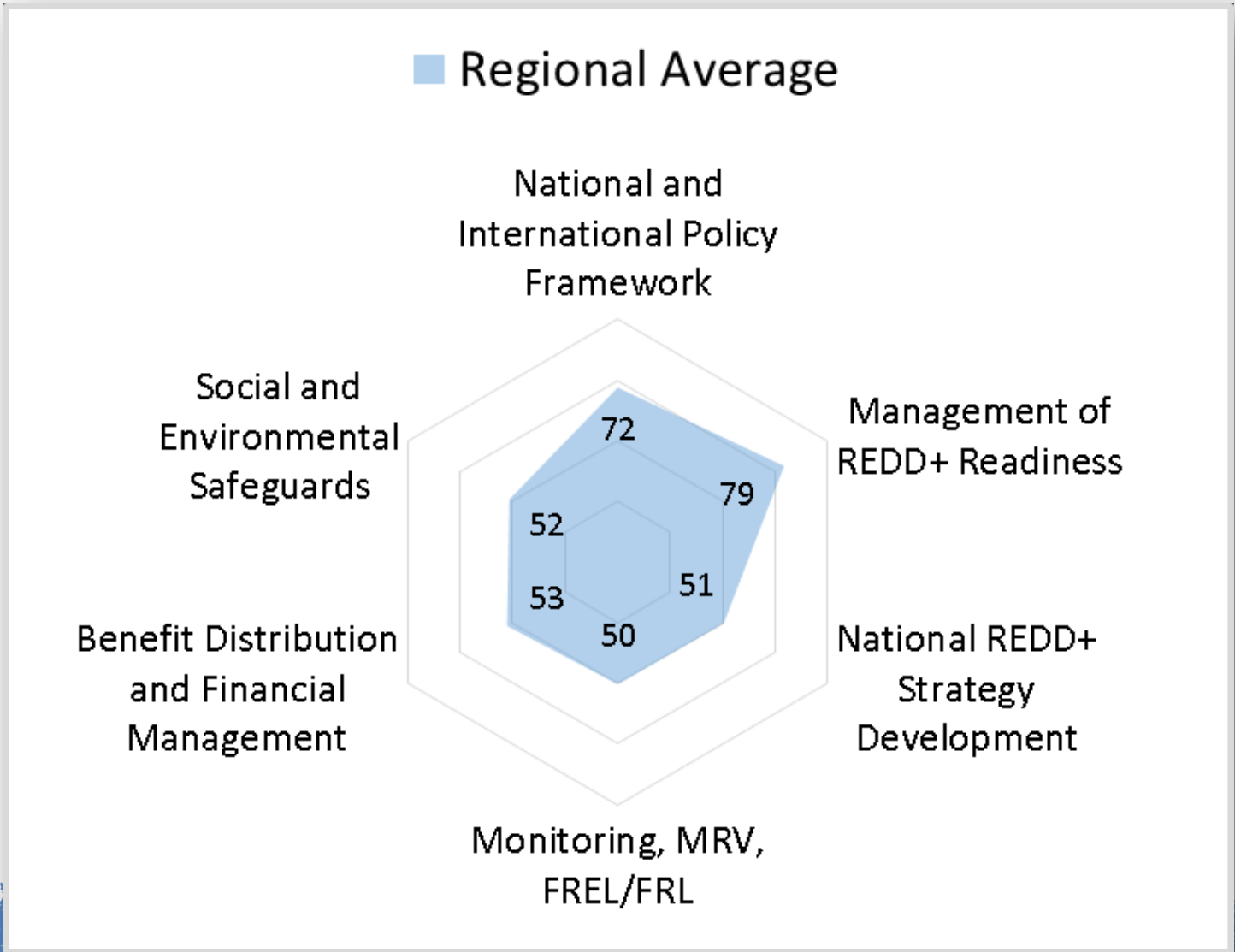
Results:
REDD+ Readiness Status

National Focal Point (NFP) Survey

Desk-Based Research

Regional Average



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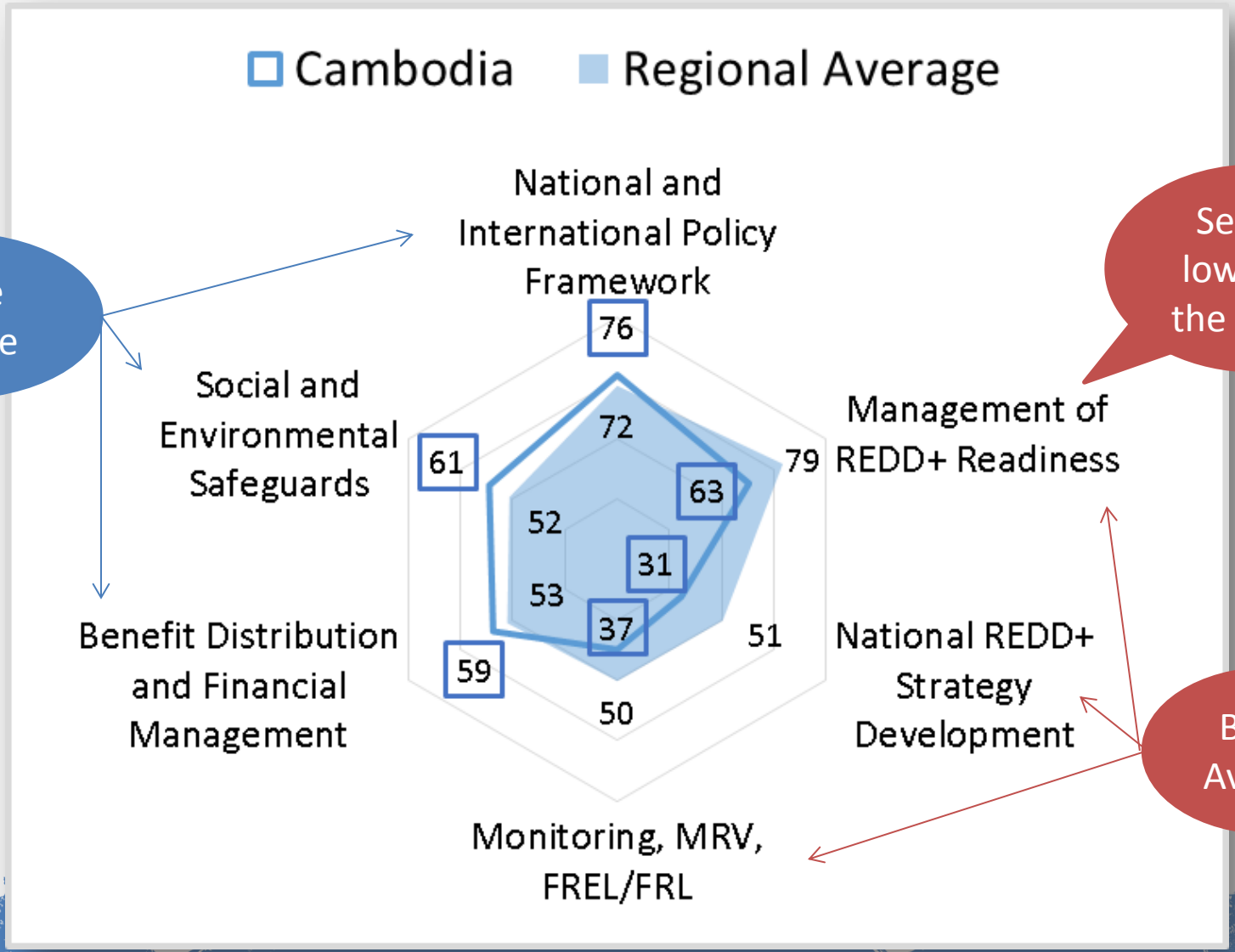
Cambodia



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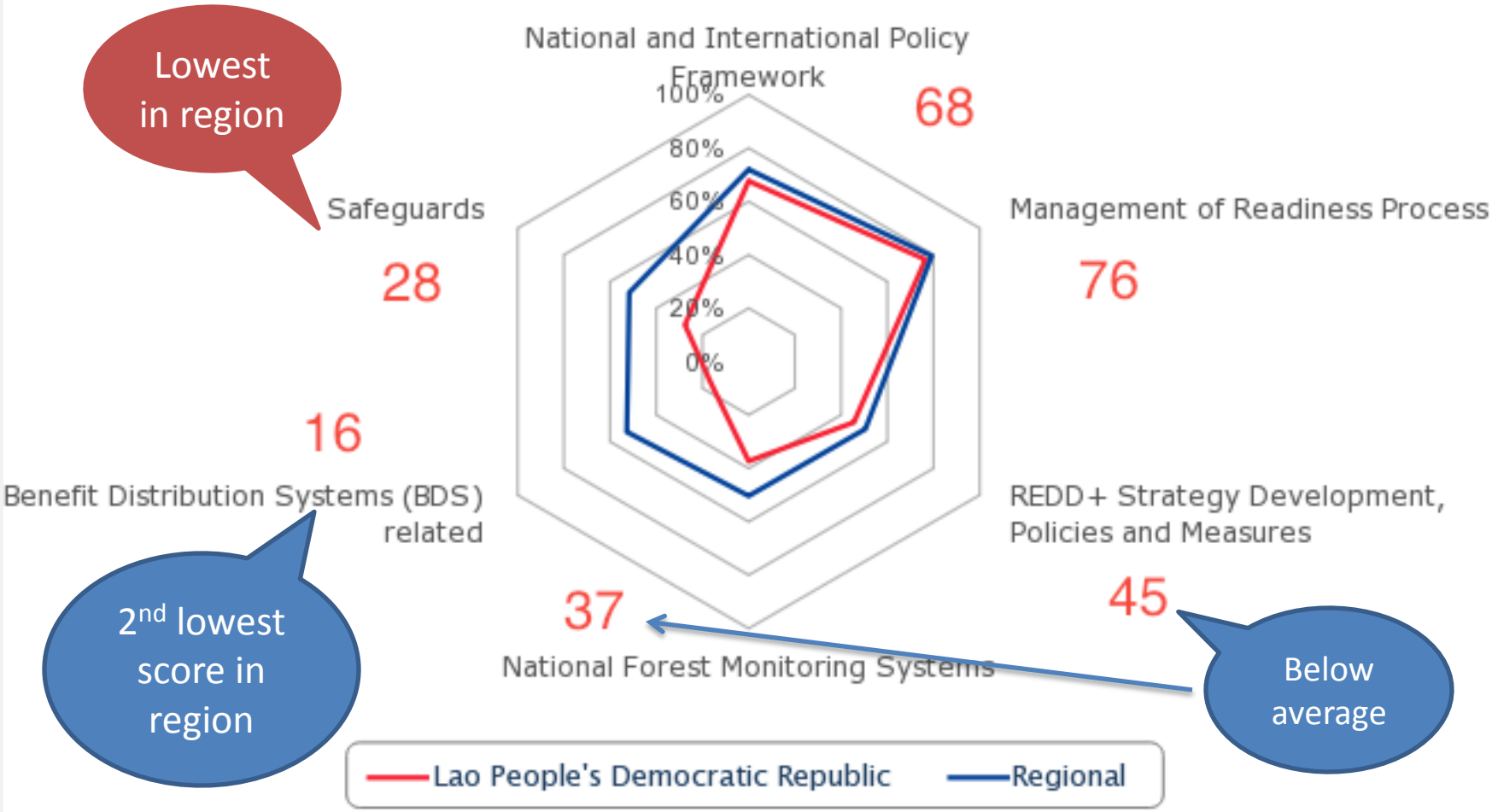
Lao PDR



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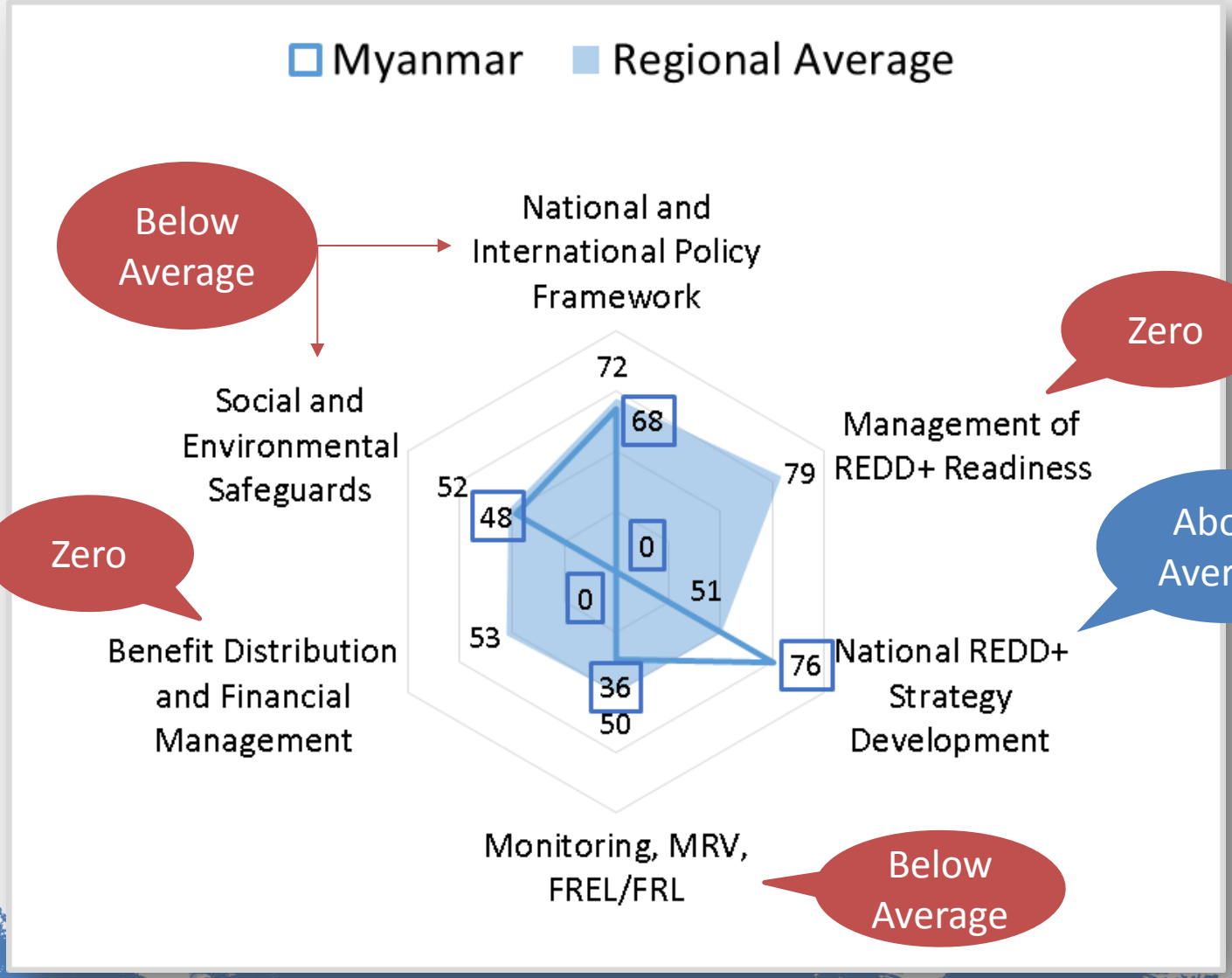
Myanmar
Regional Average
Below Average
National and International Policy Framework
Zero
Management of REDD+ Readiness
Above Average
National REDD+ Strategy Development
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Monitoring, MRV, FREL/FRL
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Benefit Distribution and Financial Management
Social and Environmental Safeguards
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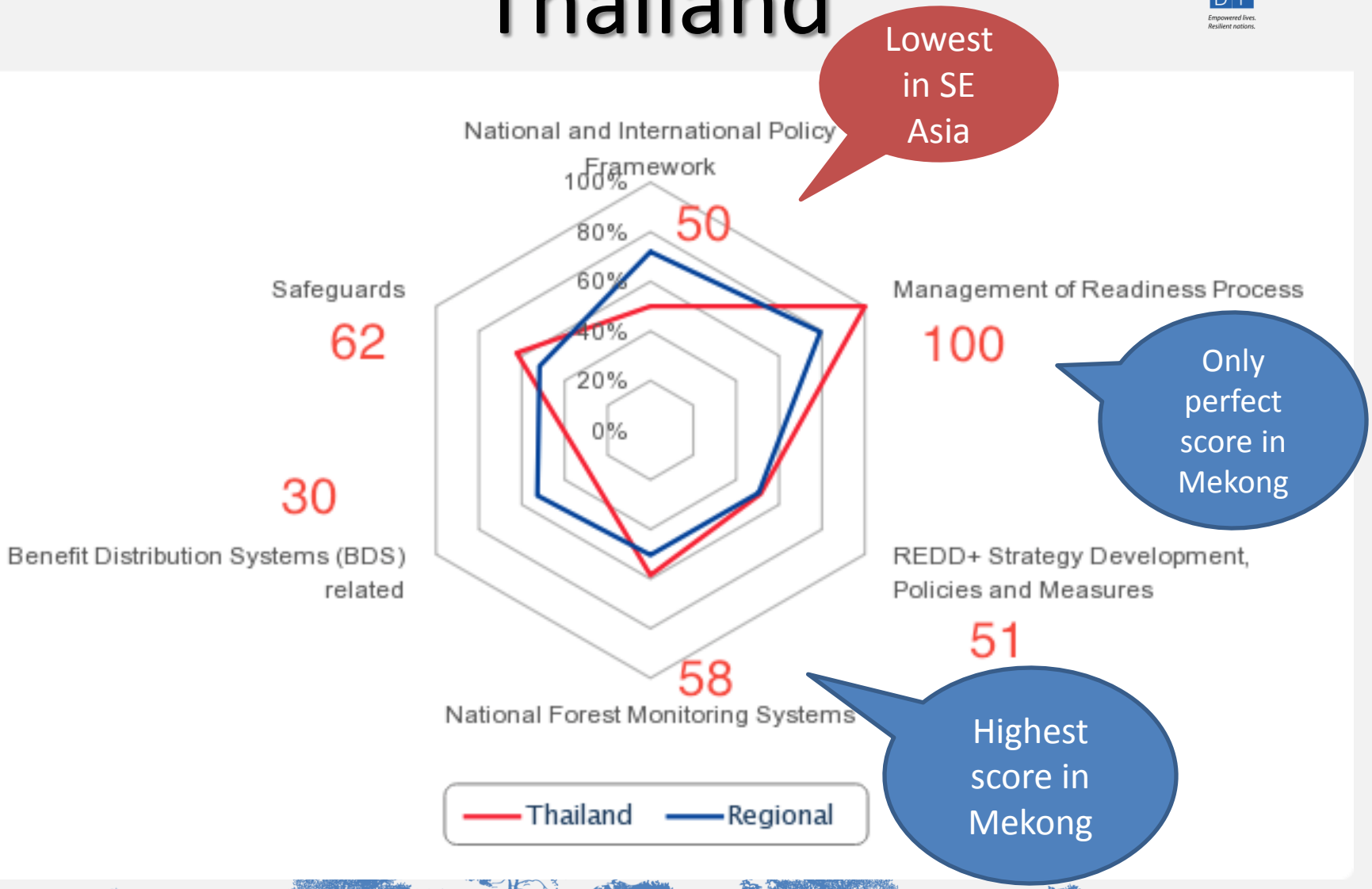
Thailand



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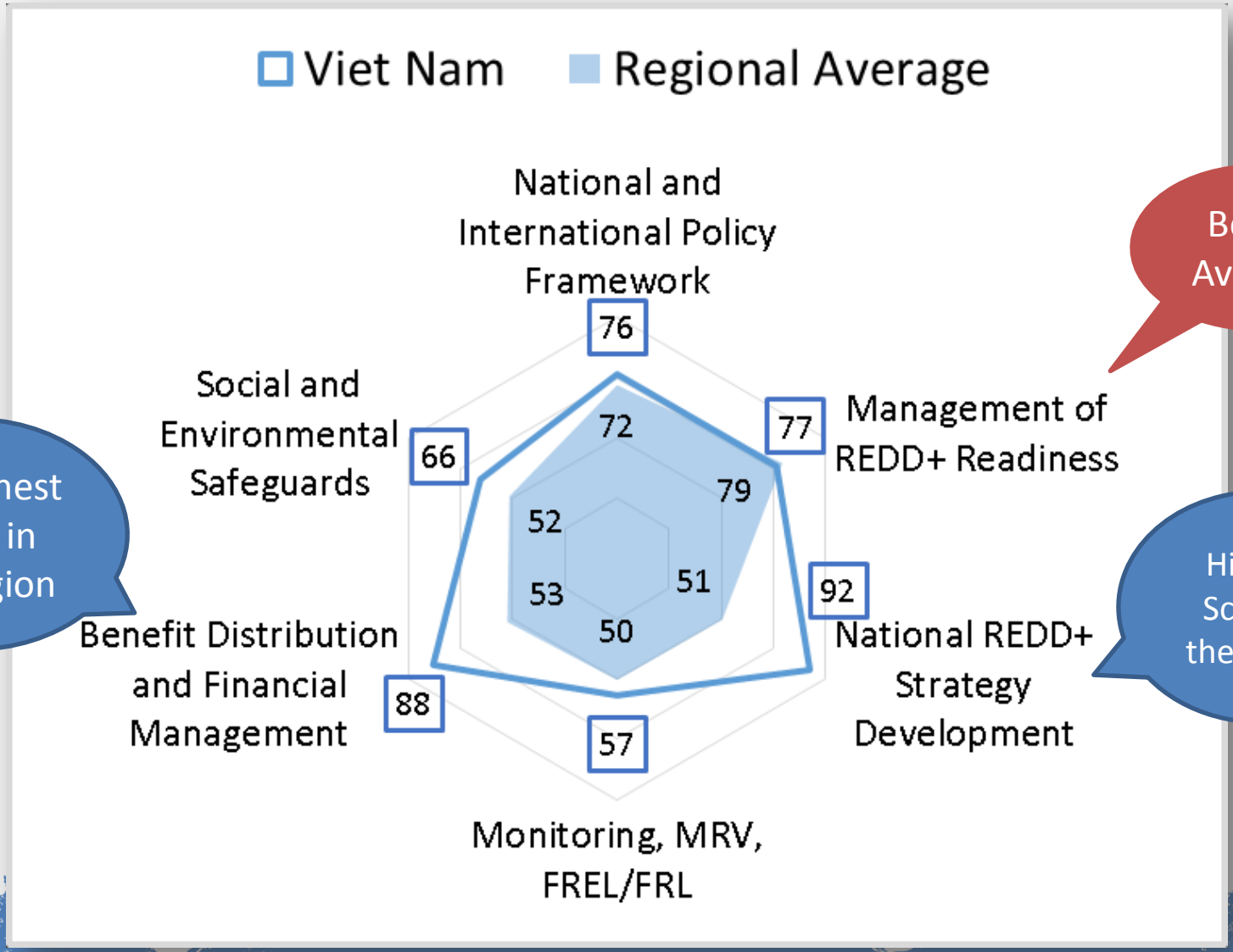
Viet Nam



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Key points

- **Viet Nam** has the **highest total score** among 18 countries in the region while **Myanmar** has the **lowest total score*****
- **Cambodia** had **the second lowest score** in the region for the "**Management of REDD+ Readiness**", which was also the only category where **Viet Nam** scored **below the regional average**
- **Myanmar** scored zero for two categories: Management of REDD+ Readiness, and Benefit Distribution, but was **fourth highest** in the region for **National REDD+ Strategy Development**
- **Thailand** has the **only perfect score** in the Mekong, for Management of REDD+ Readiness, and the highest in the Mekong for **National Forest Monitoring Systems**
- **Lao PDR** is below average for the region in all categories
- Only **Cambodia** and **Viet Nam** scored above average for "**Benefit Distribution and Financial Systems**". All other Mekong countries are among the region's lowest

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Key points:
Safeguards

- **Viet Nam** scored among the **top three countries** for the "**Social and Environmental Safeguards**" category. **Cambodia** and **Thailand** were also above average for the region.
- No country in the Mekong received any points for '*Analysis to address risks of reversal*'
- Only **Thailand** and **Cambodia** scored points for a '*Grievance Mechanism*'
- Only **Lao PDR** and **Myanmar** received partial points for '*Laws and regulations recognizing traditional land rights*'. Other Mekong countries scored none.
- Only **Thailand** and **Viet Nam** received partial points for '*Respect for the knowledge of IPs and members of local communities*'.
- All Mekong countries scored points for '*Timber harvesting regulations, including biodiversity provisions*'
- Only **Lao PDR** and **Myanmar** scored **no points** for '*Regulations preventing establishment of plantation crops on degraded forest land*'

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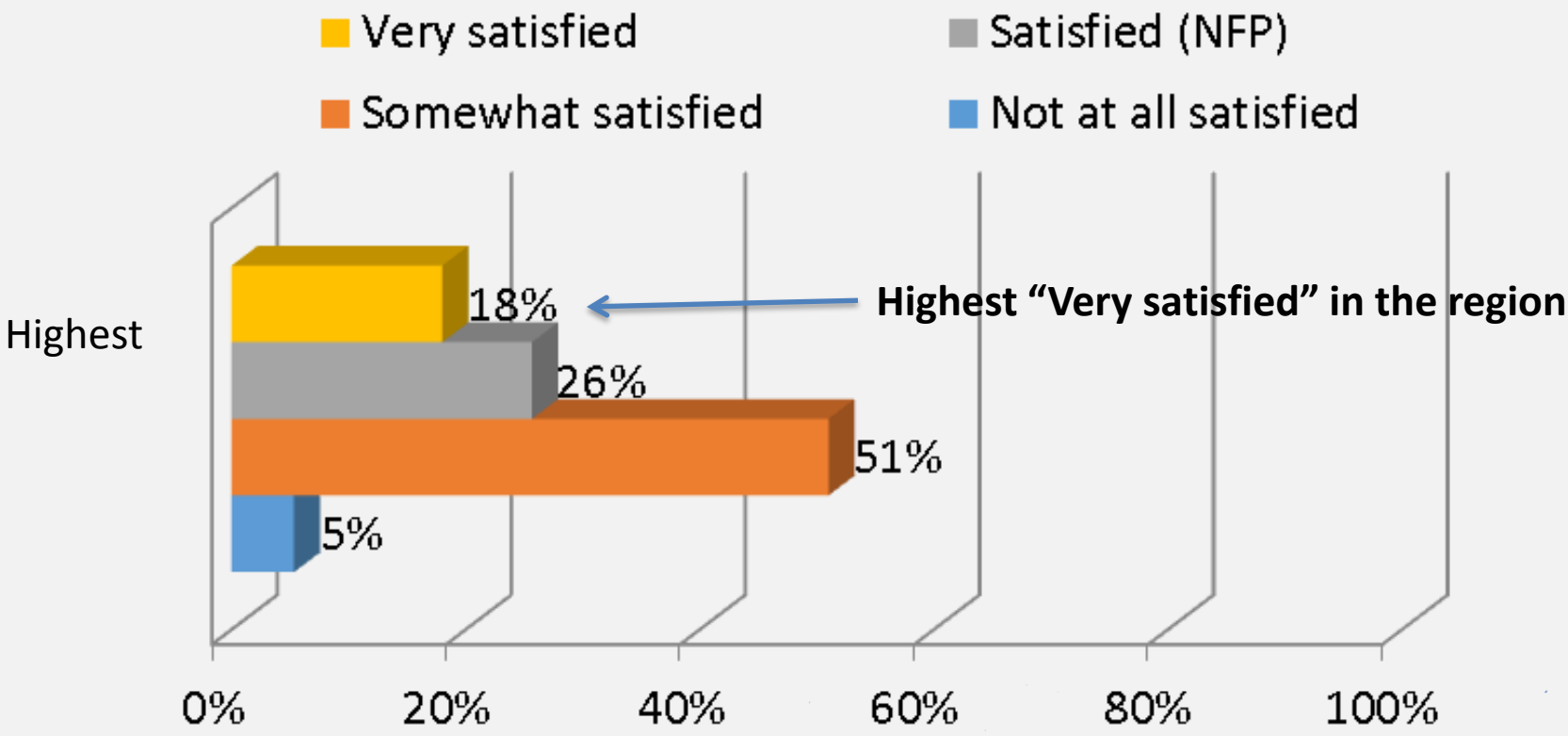
Results:
Stakeholders' Knowledge and Perception

Multi-Stakeholder Survey

UN-REDD PROGRAMME Stakeholders were asked:

Are you satisfied with the REDD+ readiness process in your country?

Cambodia



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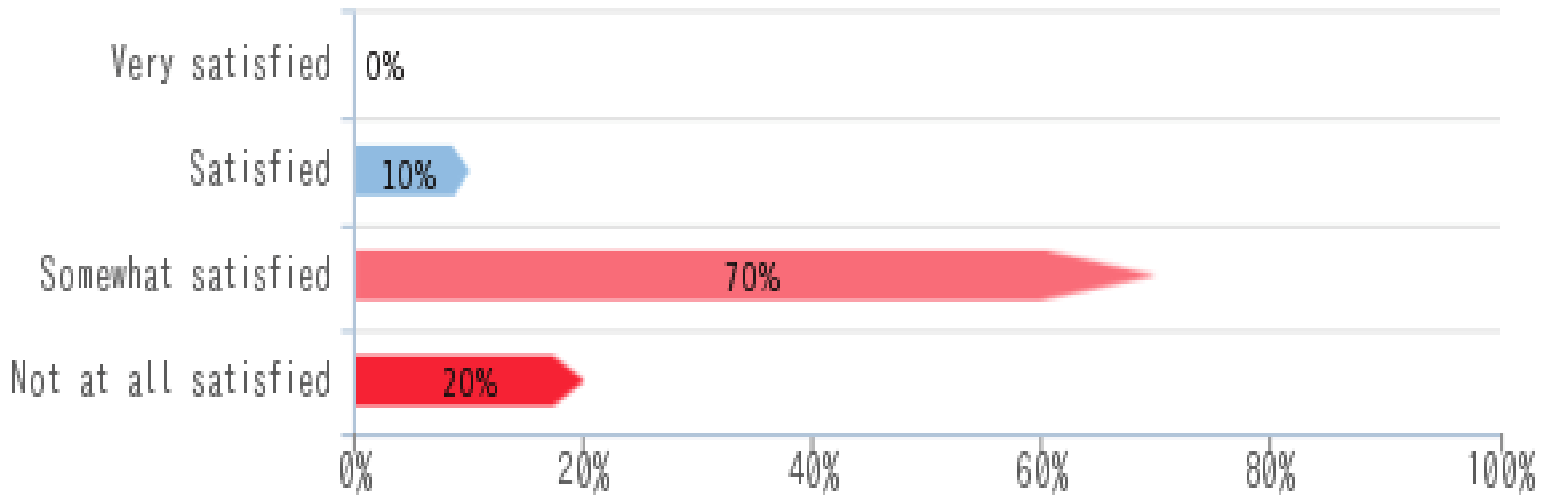
Lao PDR



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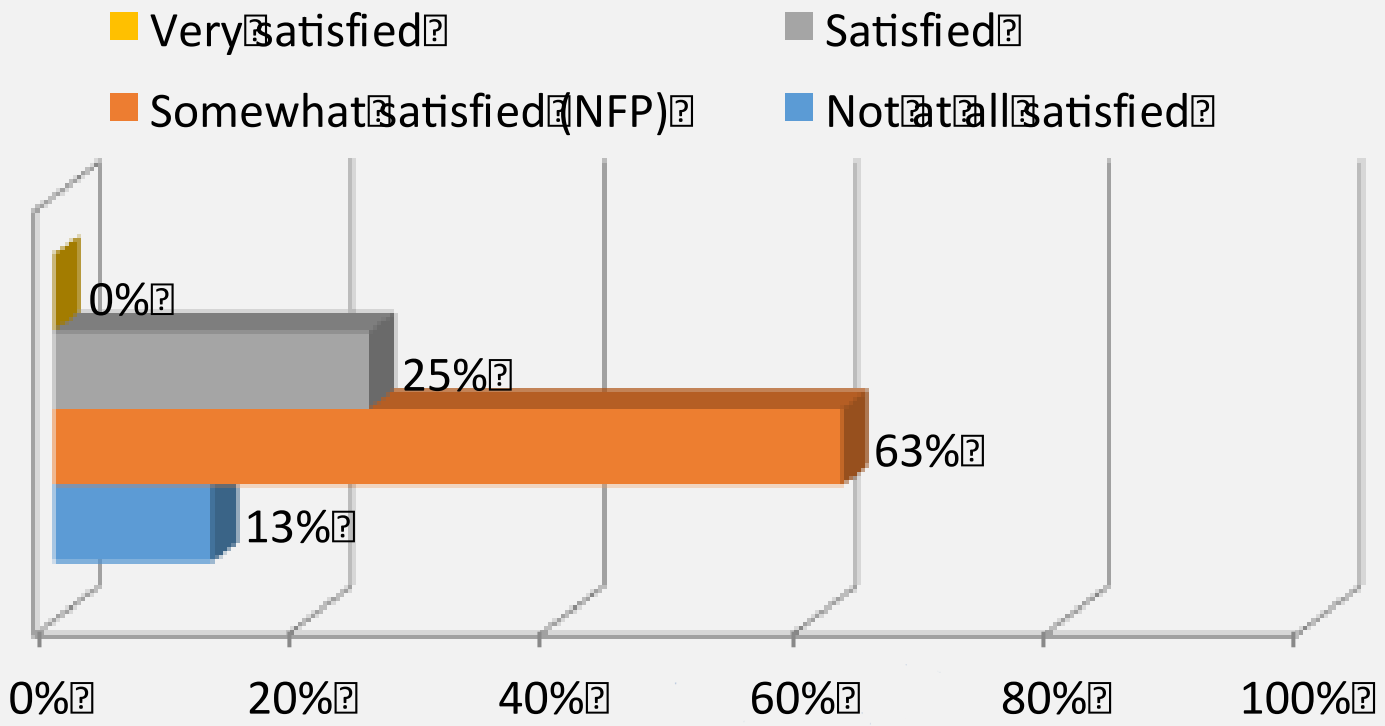
Myanmar



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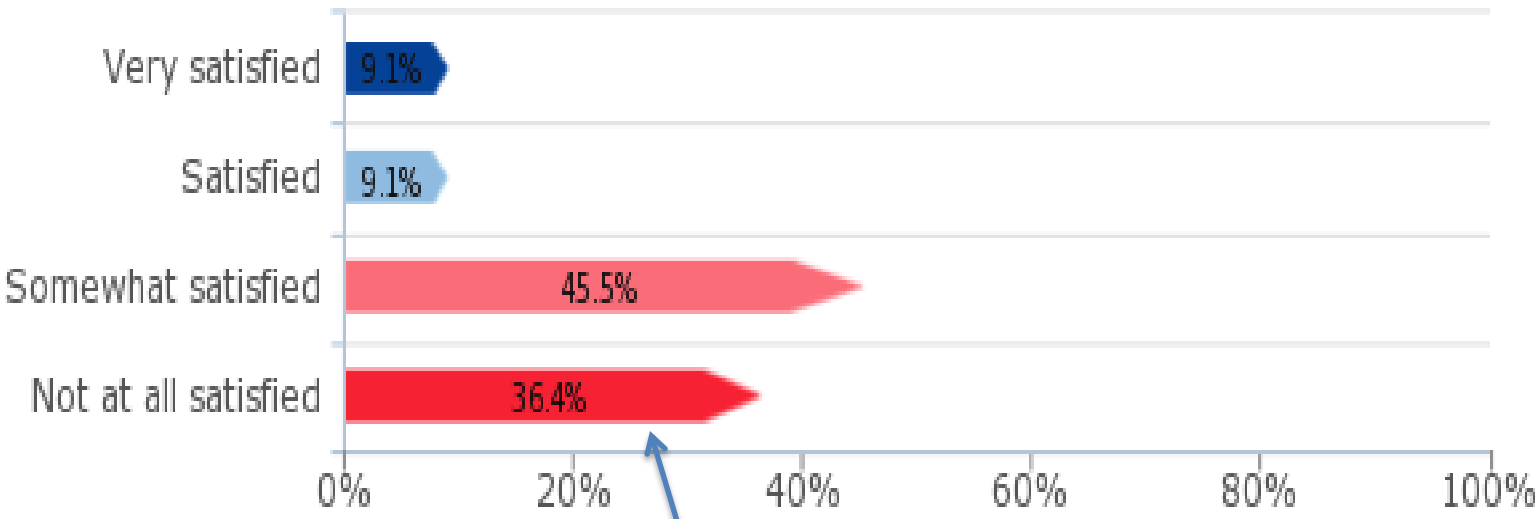
Thailand



Highest 'not at all satisfied' in the region

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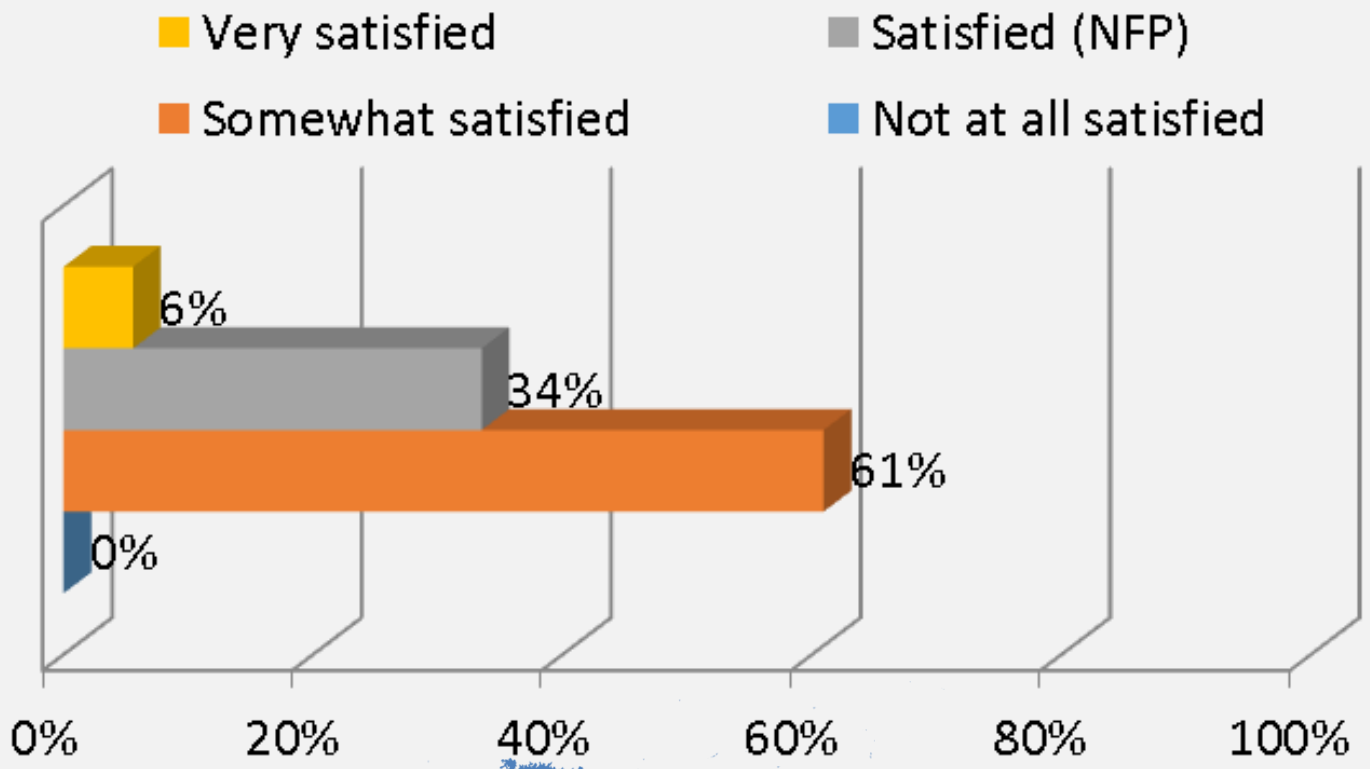
Are you satisfied with the REDD+ readiness process in your country?

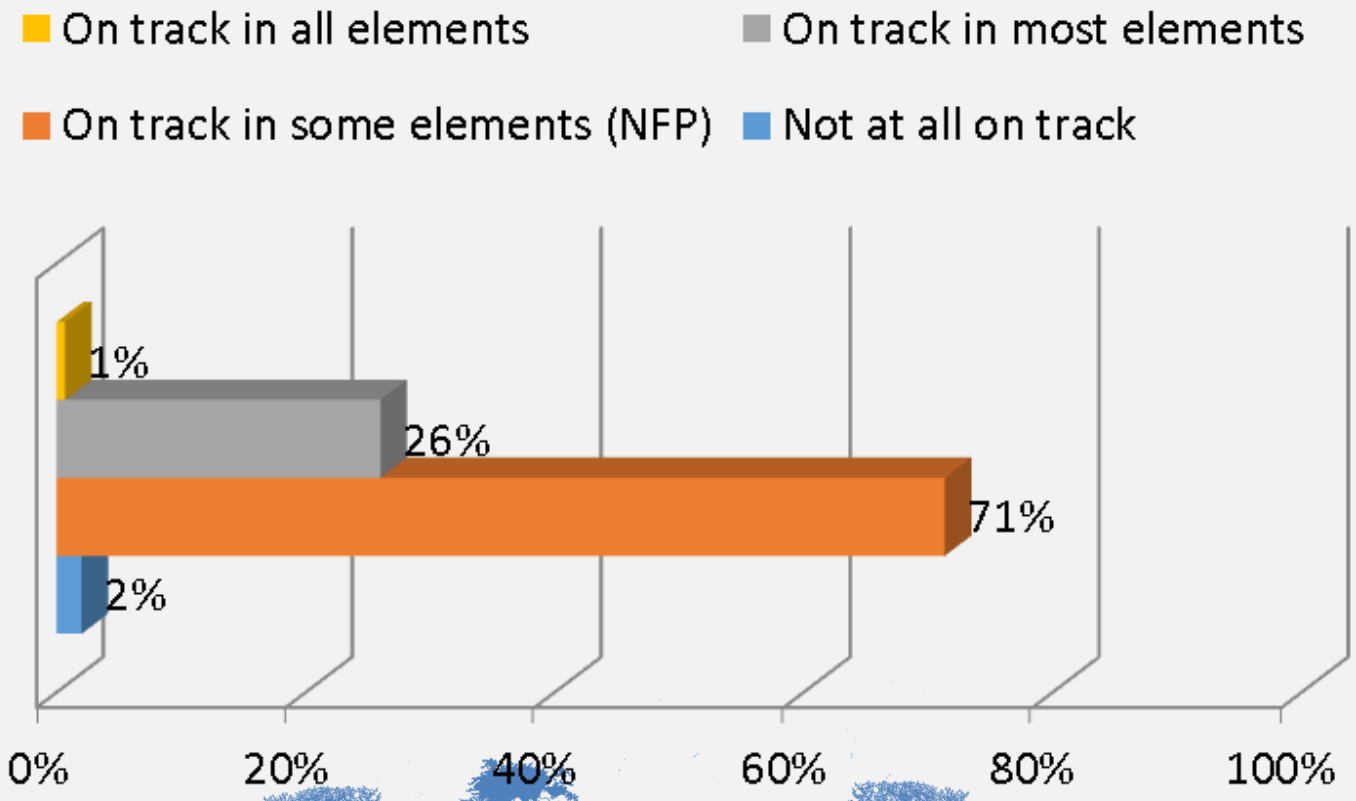
Viet Nam



Stakeholders were asked:

How far do you think the REDD+ readiness process is on track?

Cambodia



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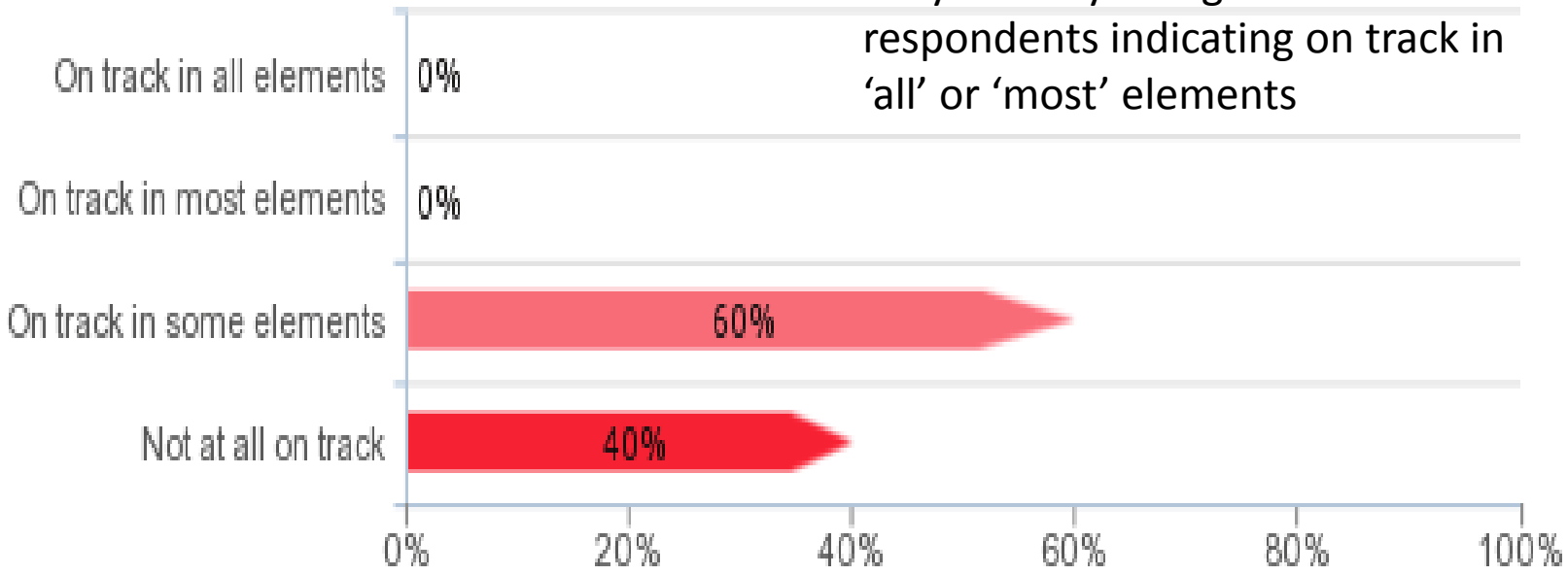

Only country in region with no respondents indicating on track in 'all' or 'most' elements

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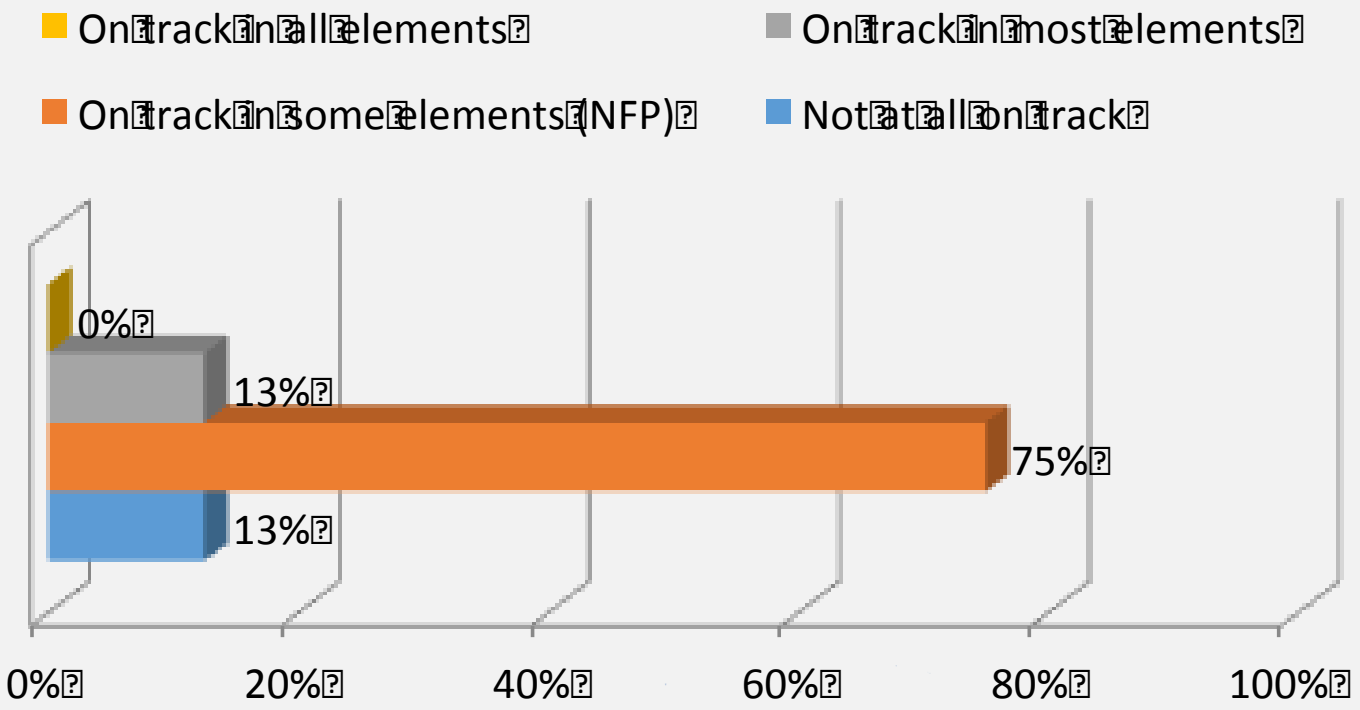
Myanmar



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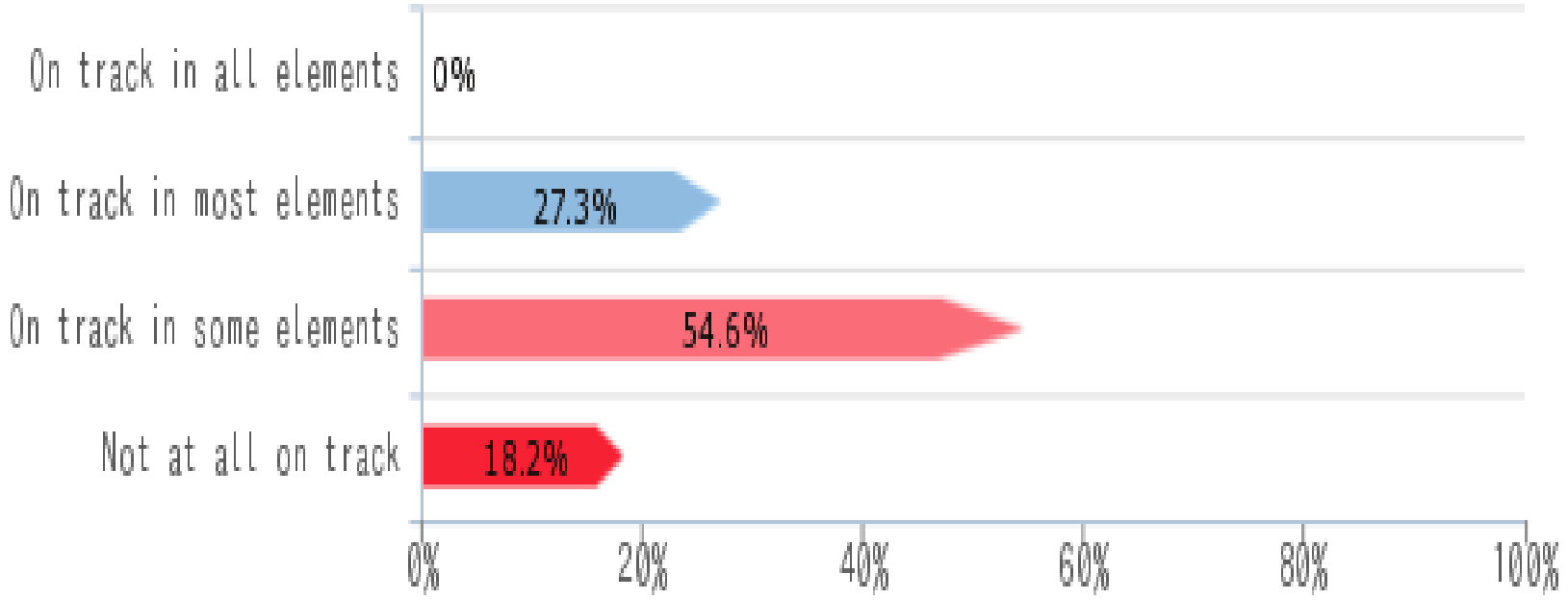

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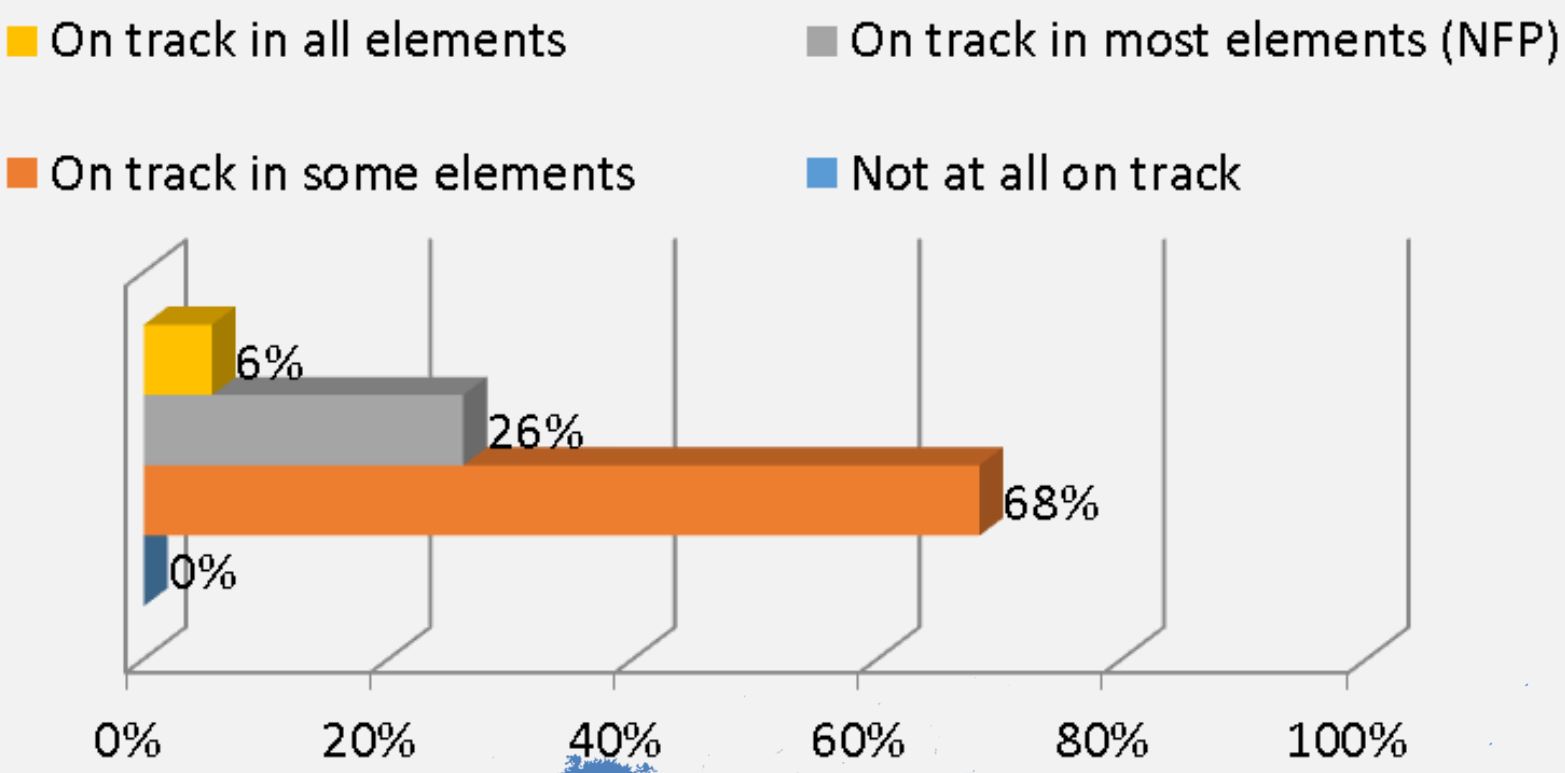


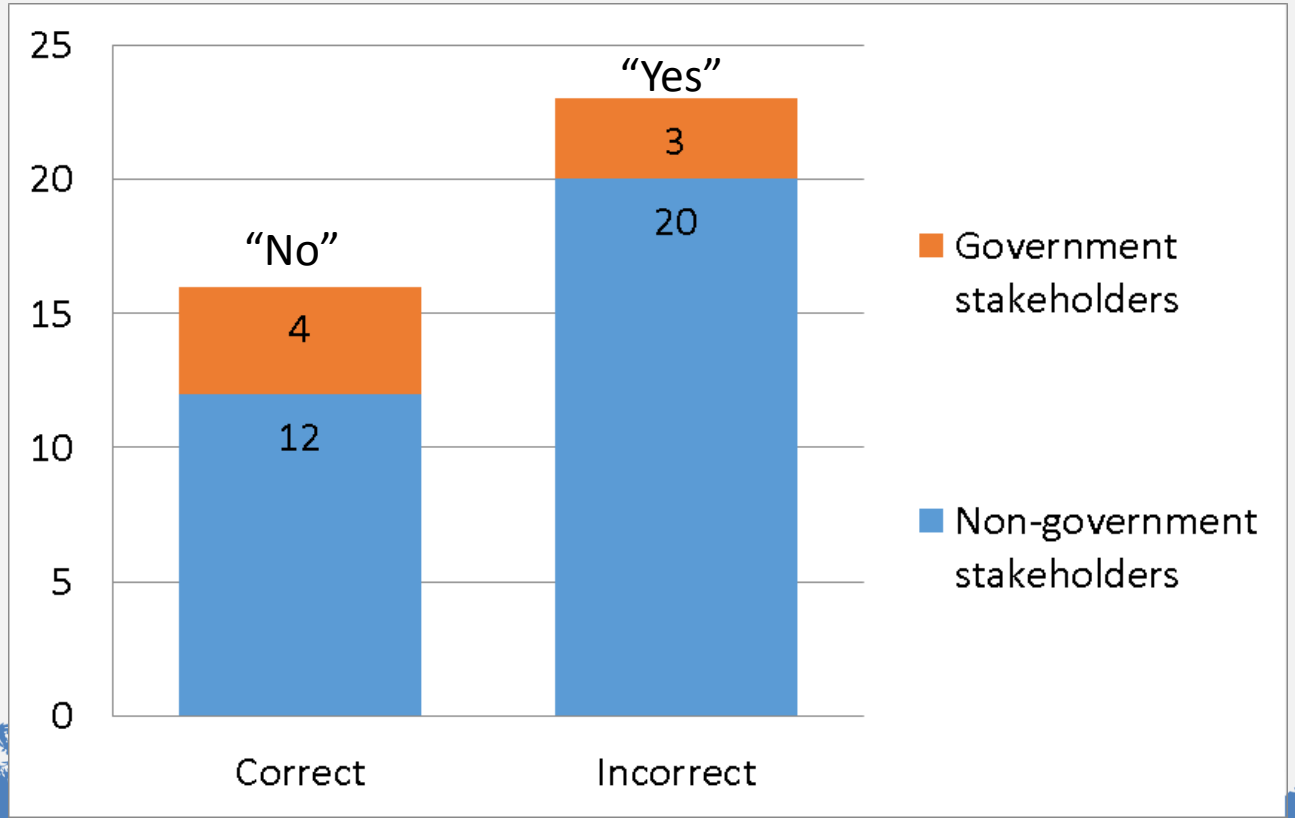
Awareness of Convention Ratification Status

- **CEDAW, UNCAC, UNTOC, UNFCCC, UNCBD, UNCCD**
- **Viet Nam** has signed or ratified all these; however most stakeholders are not aware that the country ratified ***UNTOC*** and ***UNCAC***
- **Cambodia** has also signed them all, but most stakeholders are only aware of ***UNFCCC***. No **government** stakeholders are aware of signing of ***UNTOC*** and ***UNCAC***
- **Myanmar** has also signed them all, but most stakeholders are not aware of UNTOC or UNCAC (no government stakeholders are aware of UNCAC). Most government stakeholders are not aware of ***CEDAW***, while most non-government (68%) are.
- **Lao PDR** has signed them all, but **less than 15%** of stakeholders are aware of UNTOC or UNCAC, and only 30% are aware of ***UNCCD***
- **Thailand** has signed them all, but **no stakeholders** are aware of ***UNTOC***, and **less than 30%** of stakeholders are aware of ***UNCAC, CEDAW*** or ***UNCCD***

Cambodia Roadmap or Strategy?

Cambodia has a **REDD+ Roadmap** but <u>not</u> a **REDD+ Strategy***;
While a majority of stakeholders are aware that there is a Roadmap, 60% are either mistaken or confused about the existence of Strategy

Does your country have a REDD+ Strategy?



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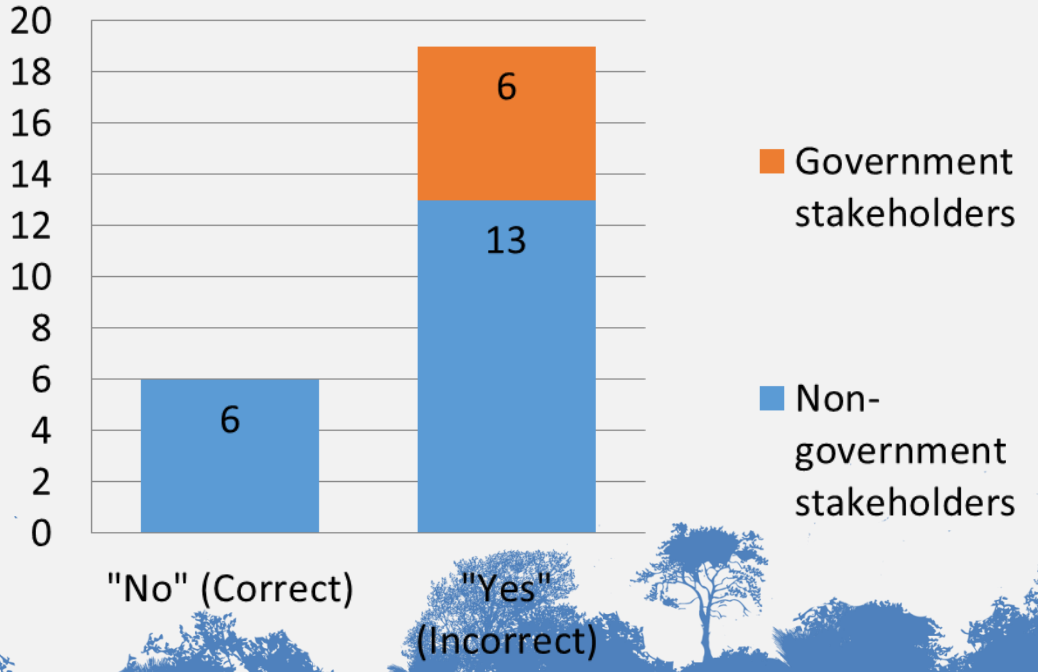
Myanmar REDD+ Steering Committee and Office

Myanmar does **not** have a REDD+ Office or Steering Committee*; however, our survey shows that many stakeholders think that these two bodies exist.
It should also be noted all the government stakeholders answered incorrectly

Do you have a REDD+ Steering Committee or equivalent?



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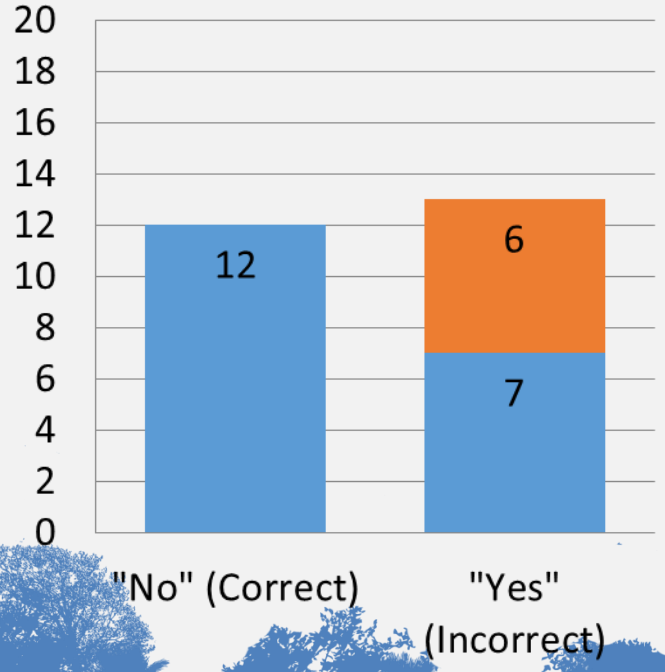

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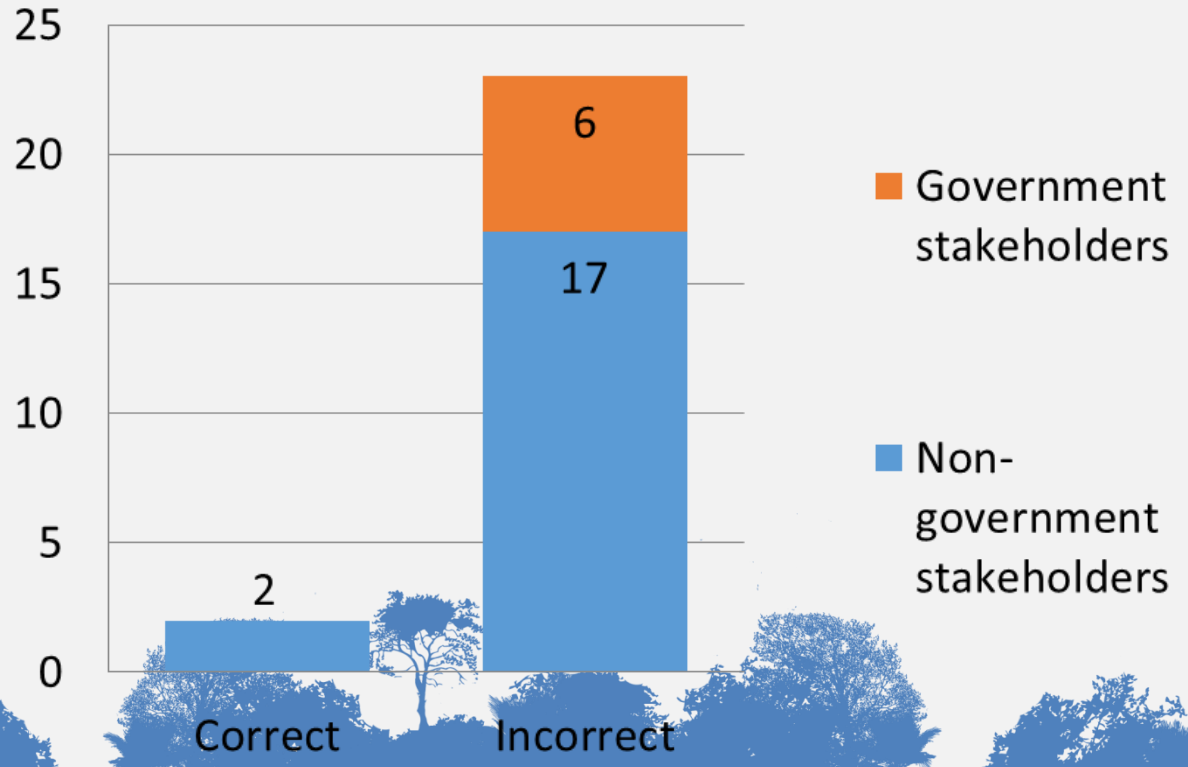
Myanmar National Forest Inventory

Myanmar has conducted and completed <u>one</u> NFI*; however most of the stakeholders (especially government) <u>are not aware</u> of this fact. About 70% of government stakeholders thought more than one NFI have been completed and/or NFI is conducted regularly



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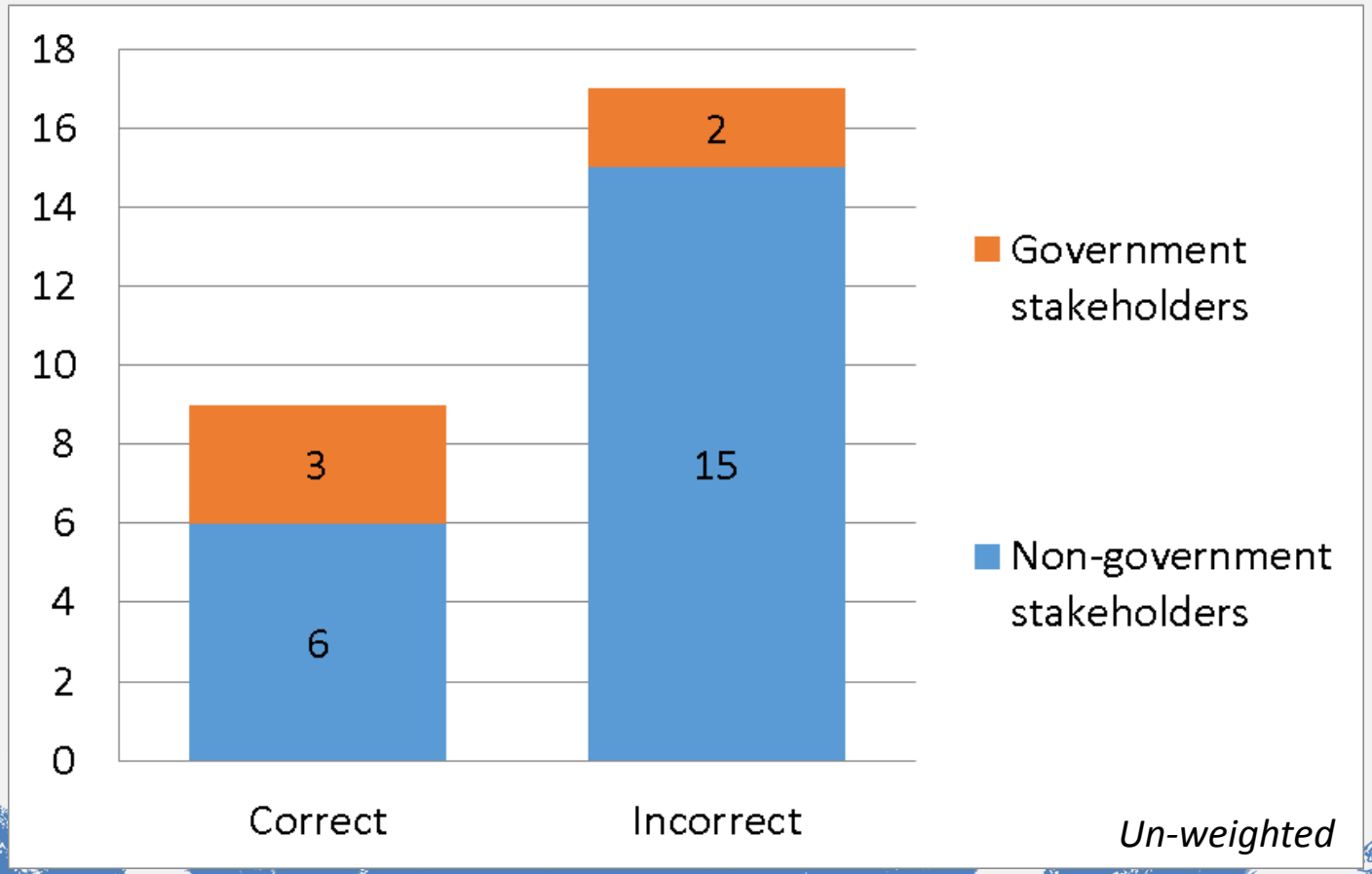
Viet Nam National Forest Inventory

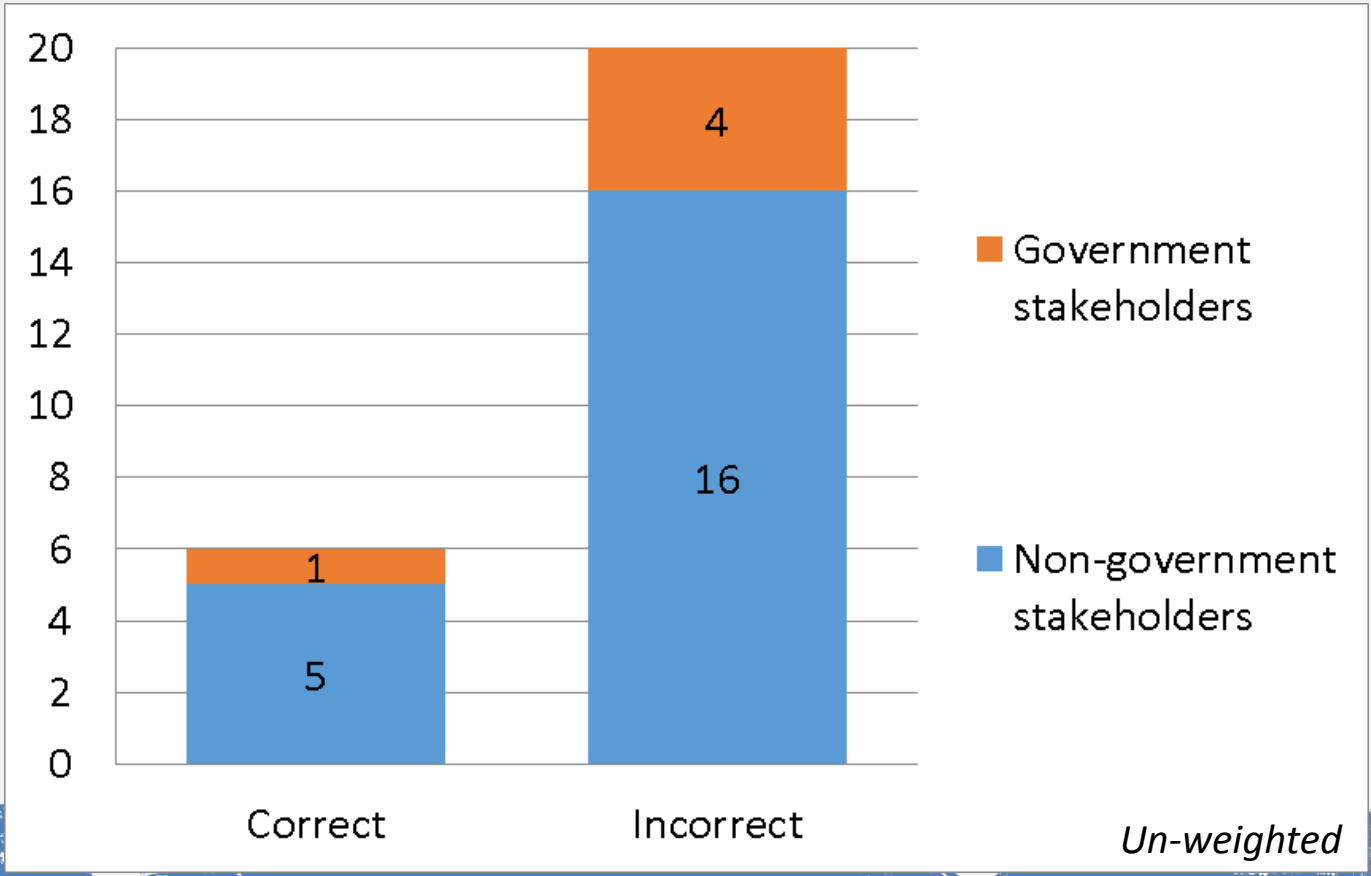
In Viet Nam, NFI is conducted regularly*

When we asked the status of NFI, only 35% are aware of this fact



Viet Nam Land Tenure Analysis

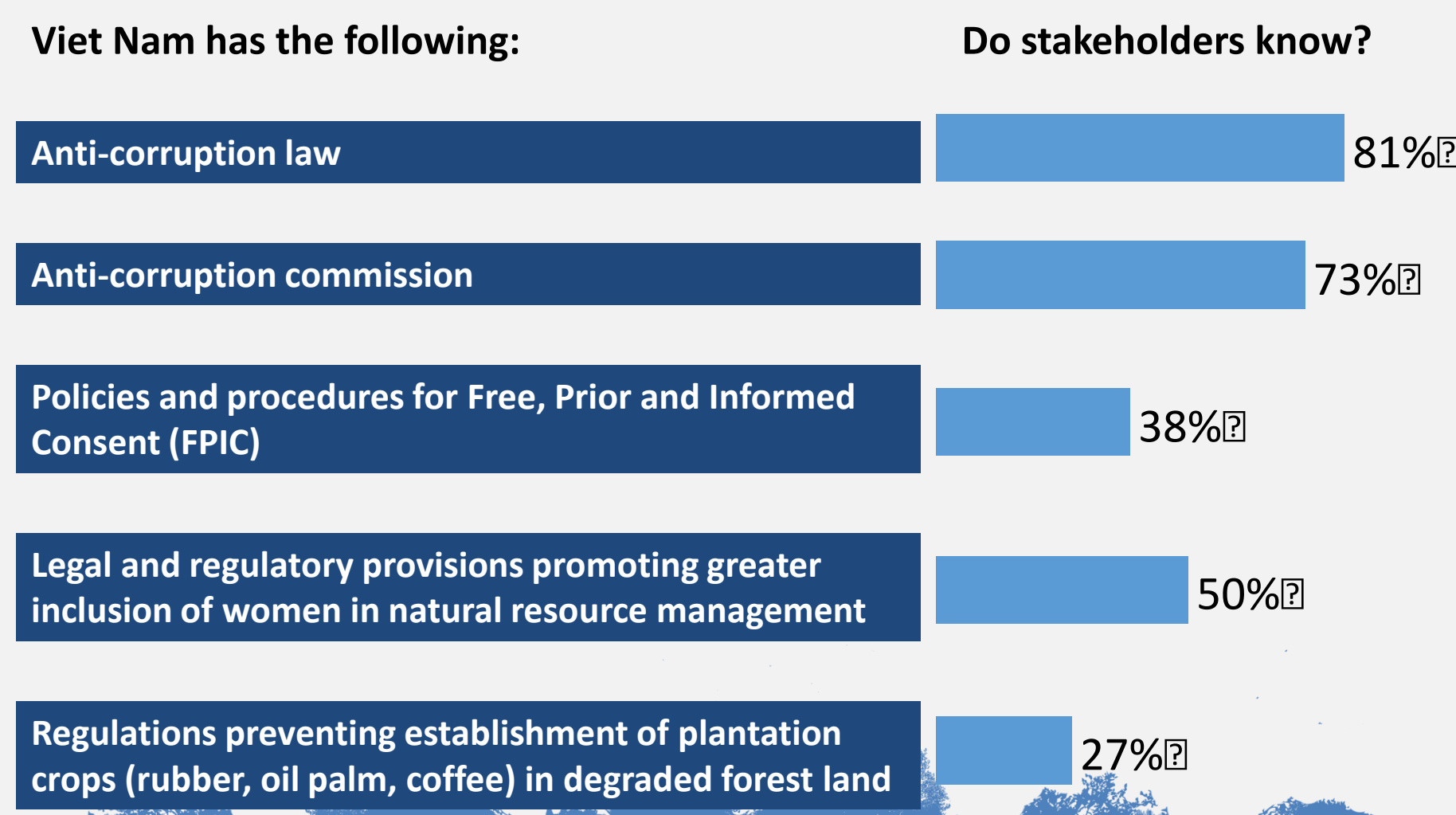
Viet Nam had already conducted a nation-wide analysis of land tenure in relation to REDD+; however the majority of stakeholders (both government and non-government) are not aware of this fact



Lao PDR and Thailand stakeholder awareness

- The majority of respondents in both countries are aware of the existence of a **REDD+ office and national steering committee**
- **Thailand** has **neither a REDD+ Roadmap nor a Strategy**. However, **all stakeholders** think that a **Roadmap** exists
- **90%** of respondents in **Thailand** and **100% in Lao PDR** think that forest management information is either unavailable or only partially available to all stakeholders
- **Thailand has a grievance mechanism** for natural resource management issues, but **no respondents were aware** of it
- Most respondents are aware that **Lao PDR** has national **PES regulations**, but nearly **half of respondents are 'not at all satisfied'** that they were developed in full consultation
- **Lao PDR does not have** national **FPIC** policies or procedures, but **90%** of respondents think it does
- Only **10% of Lao PDR** respondents are aware of national regulations to **promote women's participation** in NRM. **100%** of respondents rate government performance in this area as 'poor'

Viet Nam Safeguards



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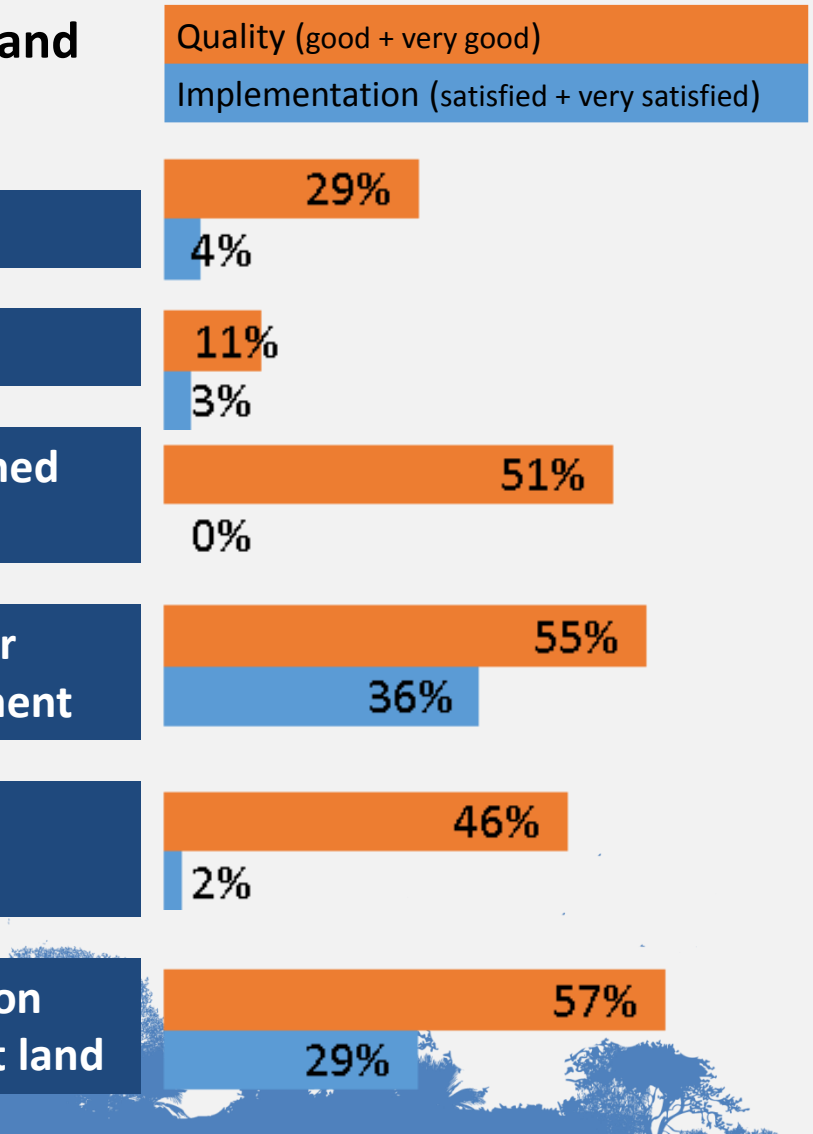
Cambodia Safeguards

Of those stakeholders who are aware of their existence, what do they think about quality and implementation level?

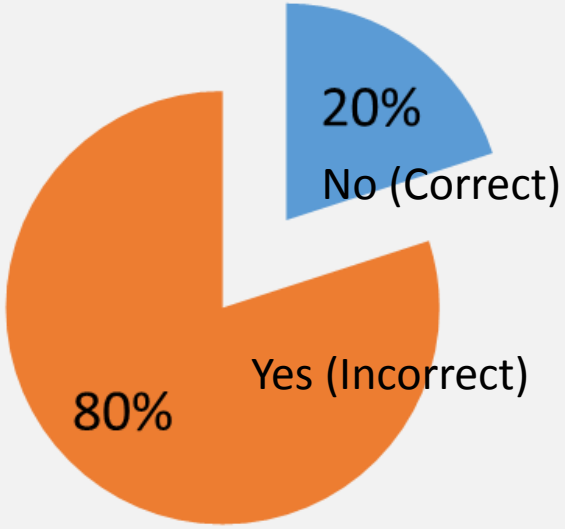


Viet Nam Grievance Mechanism

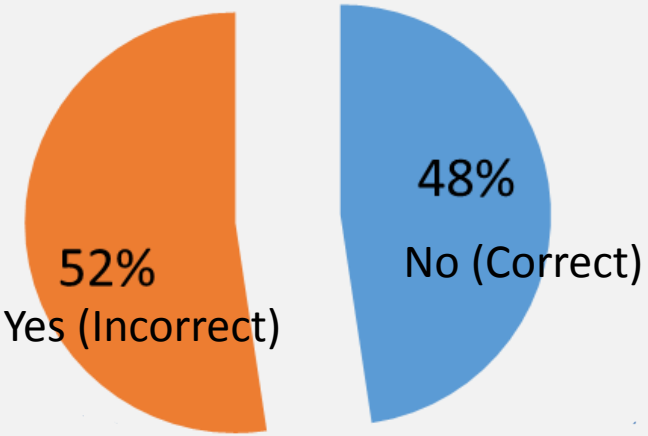
There is no grievance mechanism for natural resource management in Viet Nam*;

However 80% of government stakeholders think there is. A little less than 50% of non-government stakeholders are aware that there is no grievance mechanism

Government stakeholders



Non-government stakeholders

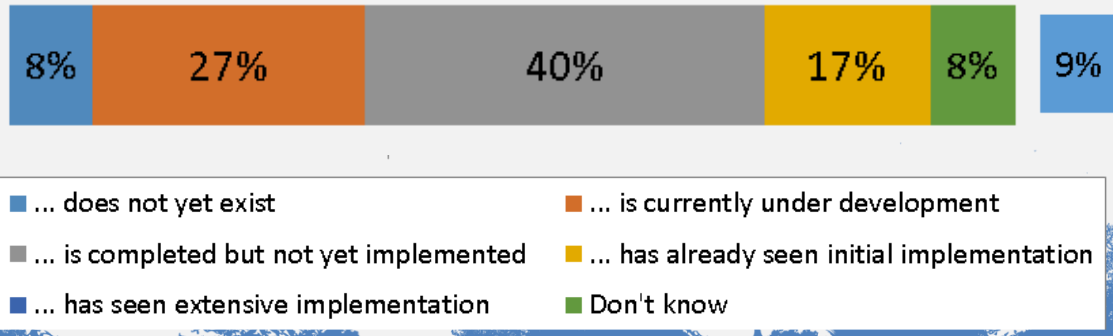


"Is there grievance mechanism for natural resource management (other than local conflict resolution mechanisms) in your country?"

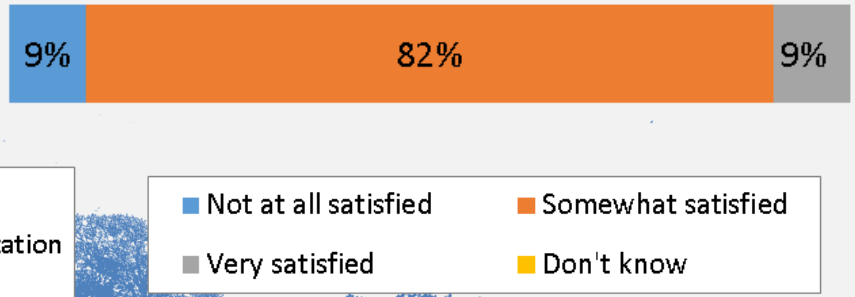
Myanmar REDD+ Readiness Roadmap

- **Almost 90%** of stakeholders are aware that Myanmar has developed a REDD+ Readiness Roadmap
- **More than 90%** are either *very satisfied or somewhat satisfied* that the Roadmap process has effectively engaged with stakeholders

"Which of the statements describes the status of REDD+ Readiness Roadmap?"



"How satisfied you are that the process for the Roadmap has effectively engaged with all stakeholder groups?"

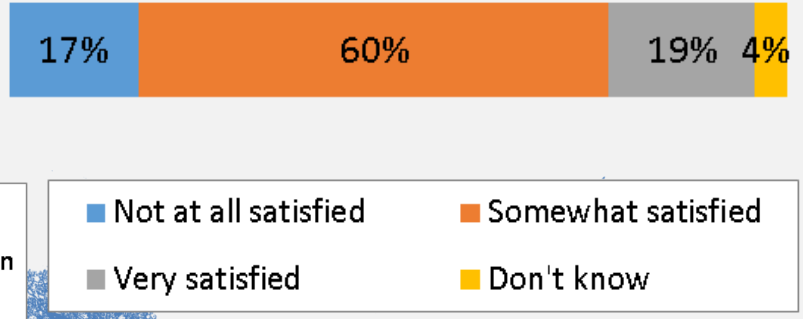


Cambodia REDD+ Pilot Projects

- **More than 50%** of stakeholders are aware that REDD+ demonstration or pilot projects are being implemented;
- **Around 80%** are either *very satisfied* or *somewhat satisfied* that the projects have effectively engaged with stakeholders

"Which of the statements describes the status of REDD+ demonstration/pilot projects?"

"How satisfied you are that REDD+ demonstration/pilot projects have effectively engaged with all stakeholder groups?"



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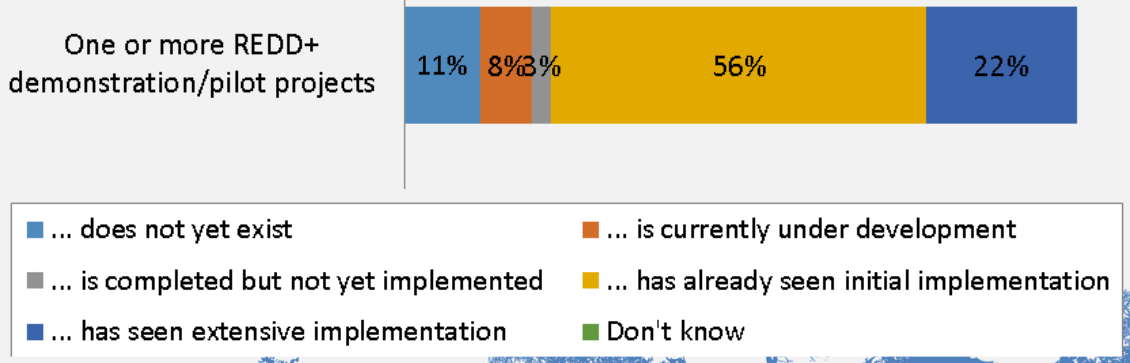
Viet Nam REDD+ Pilot Projects

- **About 80%** of stakeholders are aware that REDD+ demonstration or pilot projects have been developed and/or are being implemented;
- **More than 90%** are either *very satisfied* or *somewhat satisfied that the projects have effectively engaged with* stakeholders

"Which of the statements describes the status of the following?"



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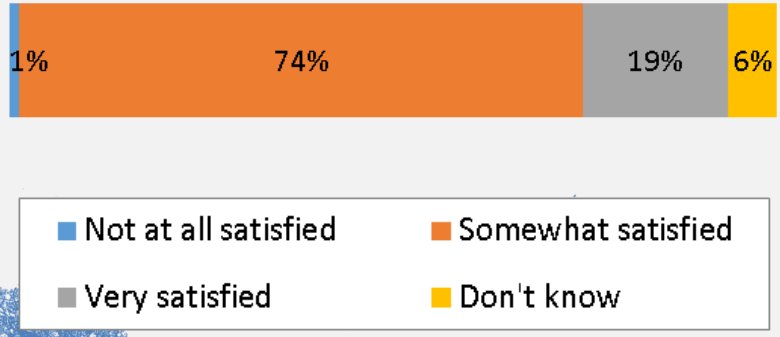

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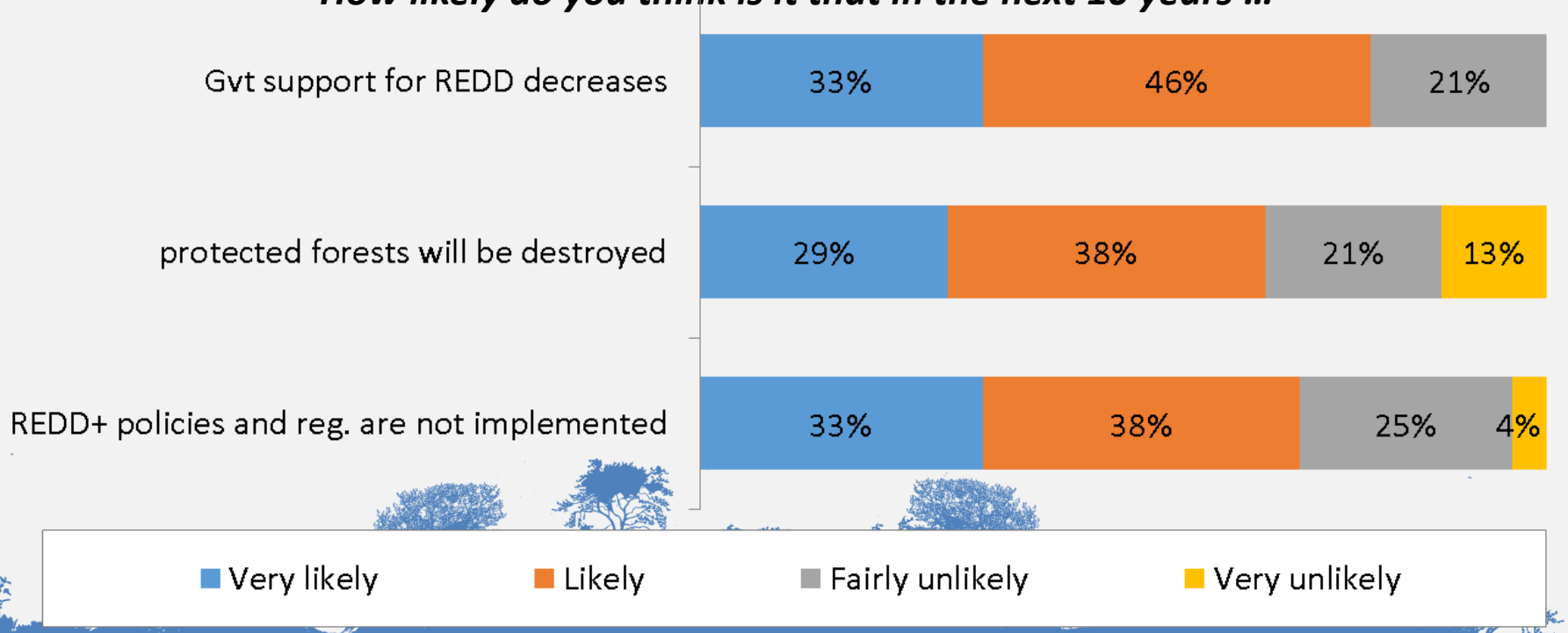
Government Support and the Future: Myanmar

- **Almost 80% of stakeholders believe that the government may not support REDD+ in the future, and 71% do not think that REDD+ policies and regulations will be implemented**
- **67% of stakeholders think that protected forests are likely to be destroyed**

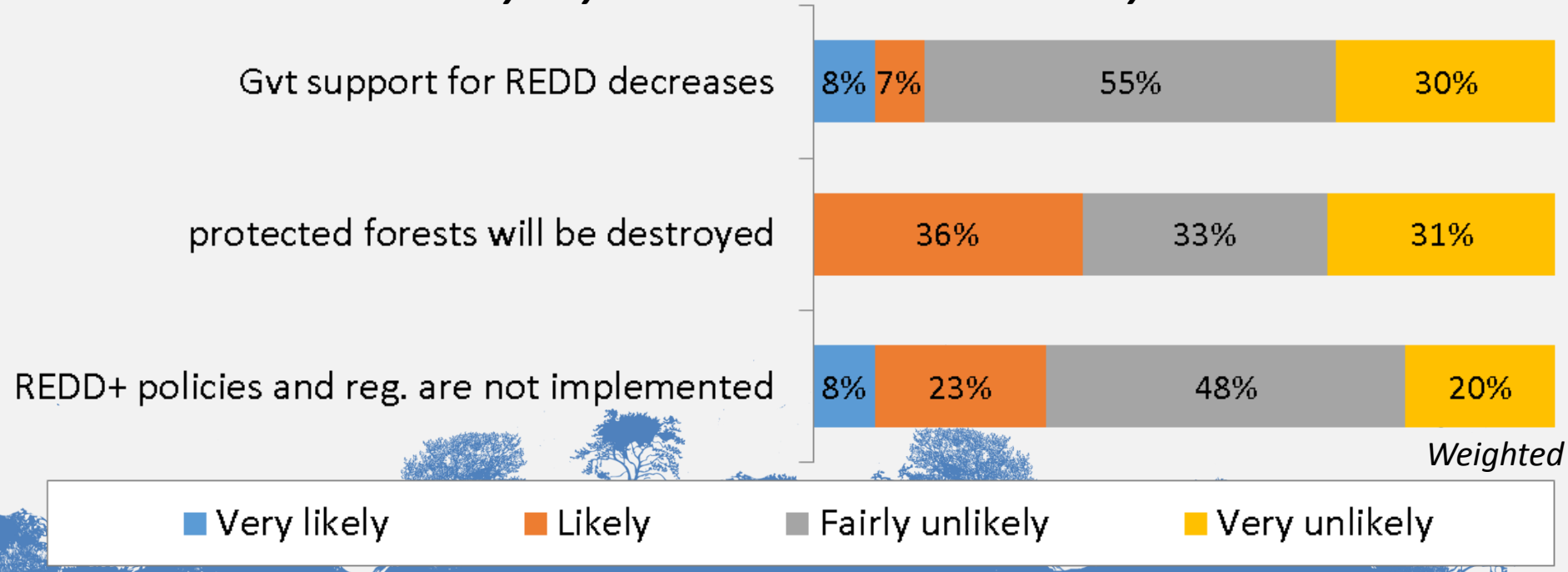
"How likely do you think is it that in the next 10 years …"



Government Support and the Future: Viet Nam

- **85% of stakeholders believe that the government will continue to support REDD+**
- 68% think that REDD+ policies and regulations will be implemented
- The majority of stakeholders think that protected forests will not be destroyed

"How likely do you think is it that in the next 10 years …"



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