

# Field visits to project demonstration sites in ClimaViet (Nam Dinh and Soc Trang, 13-19 May 2014)



VAAS and Bioforsk scientists organized joint meetings and field visits to review the project progress. The following note provides details of the visits and meetings.

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*Project meeting to review the progress at the Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences (VAAS), Hanoi on the 13<sup>th</sup> May.*

Bioforsk scientist Dr. Udaya Sekhar Nagothu, together with the team members from VAAS working in ClimaViet project, met to discuss and evaluate the work progress for the first year (July 2013 to June 2014). At the meeting, lead scientists responsible for the various tasks presented the work progress, shared the results achieved and risks encountered during implementation. In general, activities/tasks of the project are according to work plan with some minor delays. The Deliverable 1.1 (Climate modeling) is in progress and will be completed in June as scheduled. The Deliverable 1.2 (Benchmark report) has been delayed and likely to be completed by June (more inputs needed from CLRRRI for Soc Trang and Tra Vinh and team at VAAS for Nam Dinh). Questionnaire Surveys (80 in each province) have been completed and data is being tabulated now. Data will soon be available for analysis.



*Field demonstration trials in Thinh Long commune, Hai Hau district, Nam Dinh province (photo by VAAS).*

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of May the project team had a meeting at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Hanoi, with Ms. Ragnhild Dybdahl - Deputy Head of Mission and Mr. Vu Minh Duc – Development Adviser. Dr. Sekhar, together with VAAS's team members working in ClimaViet appraised the embassy team on the project progress and also the constraints in obtaining climate data and the delays in climate modelling tasks.

The team members later visited Thinh Long Commune, Hai Hau District, and Rang Dong farm, Nghia Hung District, Nam Dinh province, on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Field demonstrations are ongoing in the spring rice season the crop will be harvested in late June and early July (see photos). And results will be analyzed.



*Hai Hau district, Nam Dinh province (photo by VAAS).*

The team travelled to Can Tho and visited Soc Trang and Tra Vinh provinces, on 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May. In Tra Vinh, the field demonstrations in the last season have not been started as planned, due to drought conditions. The first sowings will take place in June. In Soc Trang, the harvest of the rice crop from the first round of field trials has been completed (see picture 6). And the rice season for second round of the field trials will be started in early June 2014.

During the field trip to Vietnam, Dr. Sekhar had discussions and meetings with the respective partners, reviewed the progress and discuss the requirements for completion of the pending tasks in time. It was decided to hold the Project Annual Workshop on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2014, in Hanoi.