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## **Forest Classification in Cambodia in connection with Land Classification**

In a perfect system, land and forest classification should go hand in hand. In Cambodia, reality is far from this situation: the forest classification does not reflect current changes in the land tenure system (e.g. the introduction of private property). This research paper therefore focuses on forest classification in Cambodia by conducting field research based on a qualitative analysis. Looking into different possible types of classification of forest such as according to ownership, forest cover/land cover, or to the designation on the global and national level, the thesis analyzes the legal, institutional and technical aspect over forest and forest land. Based on this analysis the paper comes up with a new forest classification and recommendations of how this new classification could be implemented successfully into the current system in Cambodia.

The classification process is believed to be a long term process but presents an urgent need for Cambodia. The recommendations guide step by step and identify priorities to help ease the arising tension of forest land management.

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