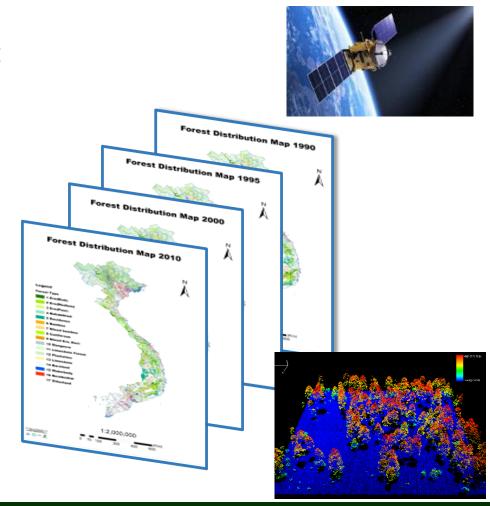


# Forest Technologies Application in Vietnam

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## Forest inventories and monitoring

- Remote sensing application for national forest inventories since 1990
  - Forest cover mapping
  - Forest cover monitoring
  - Forestry planning
- Lidar application in forest wood stock and biomass estimates is under studies





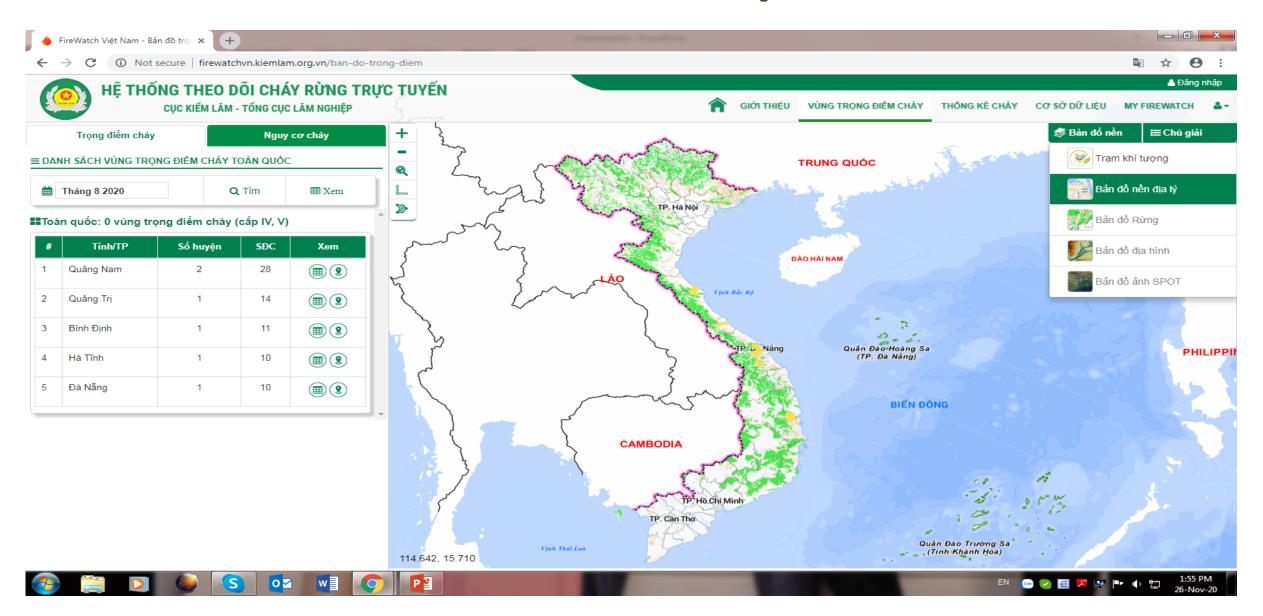
## Vietnam fire-watch system



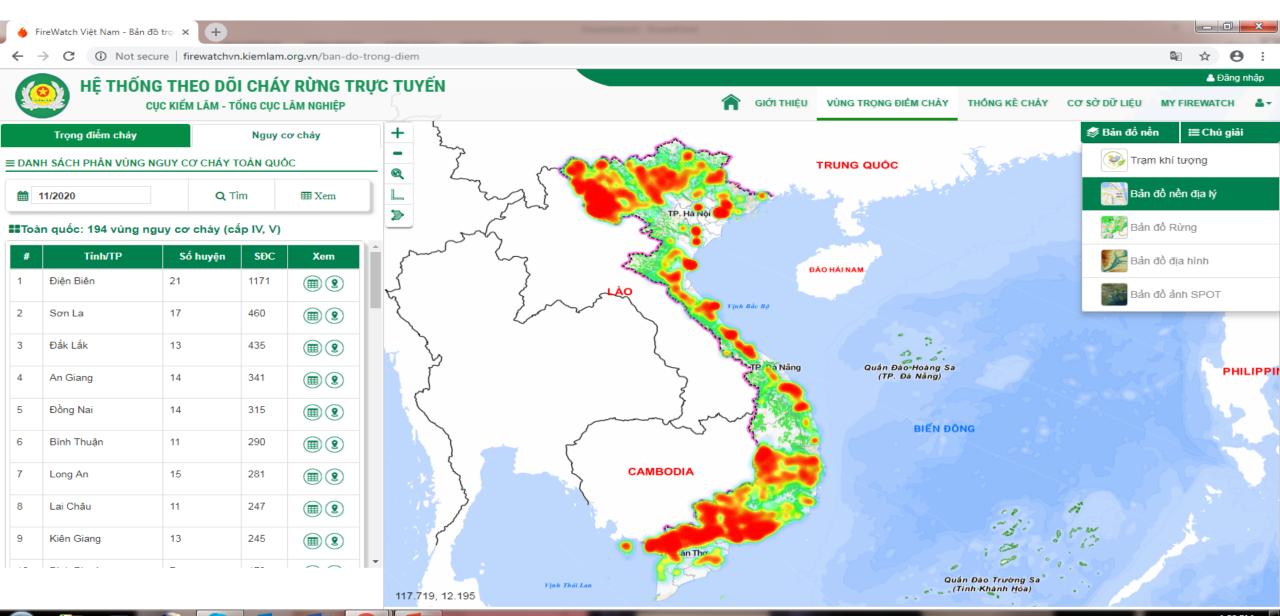
- Managed by Forest Protection
   Department
- Using remote sensing and climatic information
- Information on real-time hotspot on forest fires to forest owners and managers
- Include warnings on forest fire in daily weather forecast
- Online maps showing fire risks
- Database on historical forest fires



## Forest fire hotspots



#### Forest fire risks



## **Bio-technology**

- Tree breeding and varieties development using genetic modification; molecular markers and polyploidy
  - Improved productivity and quality
  - Disease and drought resistance
- Bio-products using microbial biotechnology
  - Forest protection (pest & disease; fire prevention by decomposing fire material)
  - Wood preservation
  - Fertilizers
- Mass-propagation of improved varieties by tissue culture, somatic embryogenesis
- Studies on gene isolation, DNA barcode and nanotechnology application for selected tree species







## **Wood Processing**

 About 4,500 processing facilities, but limited application of technologies

- Small application and/or under studies:
  - Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Design and processing
  - Wood drying solar energy
  - Wood modification (thermal, microwave, plasma) –
     improvement of appearance, durability, water resistance
  - Artificial Intelligence (AI) Wood identification and plant species classification







#### **Future direction**

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development issued a Decision (2017) to promote application of high-technology in forestry sector:

- Forest development: gene technologies for tree breeding and varieties development; seedlings production; forest intensification (fertilizers, pesticide, machine-based etc.)
- Forest management: remote sensing for forest monitoring, forest disease management; forest fire risks; bio-technology for forest protection; gene and DNA for identification and classification; natural disaster warnings
- **Wood processing**: automation; wood modification; wood preservation; supporting materials production etc.



## Thank you

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