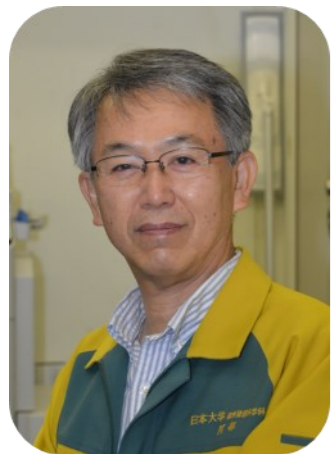


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After graduating from the Department of Forestry, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Nihon University, he joined the Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute, where he was engaged in research on the multifunction of forests, including their ability to prevent a shallow landslide, and in research related to erosion control in a mountain area. Later, he was engaged in the JICA Forest and Environmental Conservation Research Program in São Paulo State, Brazil, and the JICA Loess Plateau Erosion Control Technology Training Program. Since 2005, he has been engaged in education and research at Nihon University.



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Taka is a geomorphologist, conferred a PhD from the Australian National University, currently investigating geomorphic processes and history in mountainous catchments in northern Vietnam and northern Japan. His research has been consciously contextualized along disaster risk reduction and environmental issues especially climate change and land degradation, which was typically demonstrated by his previous field-based studies in Myanmar and Australia. He has also professional experience in development projects in developing countries as being a JICA official in his early career.



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In 1995, he joined the Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute (FFPRI), where he served as Chief of the Hillslope Conservation Laboratory before assuming his current position in 2021. He has been conducting research on the mechanism and risk assessment of landslides based on field observations, and received the outstanding performance award on IAEG 10th Asian Regional Conference in 2015 and the Best Technical Report Award of the Japan Landslide Society in 2016. Since 2020, he has been engaged in a project on F-DRR in Southeast Asia (Vietnam).



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Joined the FFPRI in 1997, and assumed current position in 2020. His specialty is topography. Recently, in addition to field surveys, He has been conducting research on risk assessment of forest slopes and the relationship between land use and slope disasters, using remote sensing data such as airborne LiDAR data and satellite data, and GIS.



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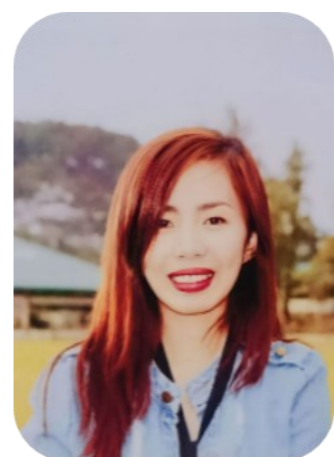
He has been working for Vietnam Academy of Forest Sciences since 1994. He obtained a Ph.D. in forestry from Vietnam Academy of Forest Sciences in 2012. Dr. Phuong has about 30 years working experiences in forestry research and management in Vietnam and international organizations such as WB, FAO, UNDP, GIZ, JICA, CIFOR, ICRAF for consultancy. Much of his work has been dedicated to forest policies and governance, forest biomass and carbon stock estimation, REDD-plus, mitigation and adaptation to climate change and sustainable forest management.



Prof. Dr. Yongyut Trisurat

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He has been active in the area of protected areas, biodiversity conservation, landscape ecology, climate change and GIS for over 30 years and has been a frequent contributor to several international agencies (e.g., ADB, CIDA, DANIDA, FAO, GIZ, IPCC, IPBES, ITTO, IUCN,). Professor Yongyut Trisurat is now a member of Thailand's National Committee for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, a member of Thailand's National World Heritage Committee, a Bureau Member of IPBES, a Co-chair of the Asia-Pacific Biodiversity Observation Network (APBON), Chair of Scientific Committee for International Long-term Ecological Network-for East-Asia Pacific Region (EAP) and the Key Biodiversity Areas representative for EAP. In addition, he was a Coordinating Lead Author of the 6th IPCC AR WGII and a Lead Author of IPBES Models and Scenarios Report.



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Sunshine is an environmentalist with specialization in natural resources management. She is currently the coordinator for the project, supported by FAO: "Enhancing community resilience to climate change in mountain watersheds" since 2021 which focuses on applying ecosystem-based adaptation and mitigation measures for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in the province of Benguet, Philippines. Her academic and professional experiences are linked to inland water resources rehabilitation and management; formulation and development of environmental management plans, land use plans, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation plans; vulnerability assessments; and ecosystem services valuation. She, along with her organization, shares the advocacy on forest restoration and conservation to mitigate risks and enhance community resilience.



Mr. Rikiya Konishi

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Rikiya Konishi has led an ecosystem-based climate adaptation project, "Enhancing community resilience to climate change in mountain watersheds", since 2020. After joining in Forestry Agency in 2000, he served in various positions in the Forestry Agency of Japan, the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He engaged in natural resource management projects and programs with JICA, FAO, ITTO, FCPF, UN-REDD, WB, GEF, UNDP, CBD, UNU and OECD. His primary interest as a project manager is mainstreaming F-DRR and agricultural value chain concepts into developing countries' activities, programs and policies.