Abstract - Assessment of indigenous Technical knowledge (ITK) of ethnic group on agriculture and ...

Indigenous knowledge is an invaluable resource of knowledge assembled through generations. The diversified indigenous knowledge (IK) in Vietnam has contributed an important role in the process of historical development of the ethnic communities. The inappropriateness or un-comprehensiveness on the economic and social significance of the ITK have led to the situation that little or no concerns have been made to the ITK by research institutes, extension agencies and high land project management boards.

Nowadays, experiences taken from lessons of failure in the high land development projects focusing on the poverty alleviation, resettlement or afforestation etc, have made the scientists and policy makers to reconsider the methodologies on advanced technical knowledge transference and replication to the high land areas from either lowland regions or from abroad.

To settle the above mentioned lessons, we carried out this study aiming at supporting the Agriculture and Forestry Extension agencies, high land projects in developing sustainable development measures especially in Agriculture and forest resource management.

Objective of study:
- Collect and assess the ITK of some ethnic groups representing to the certain areas in high land regions. Select those ITK with important significance and perspective and then introduce them for replication after being improved by integrating them into the new advanced technical knowledge.
- Complete further the methodology in the research on IK in Vietnam.
- The collection and documentation of the IK will help to preserve the national culture characteristics that are the concerns of Vietnamese Govt.