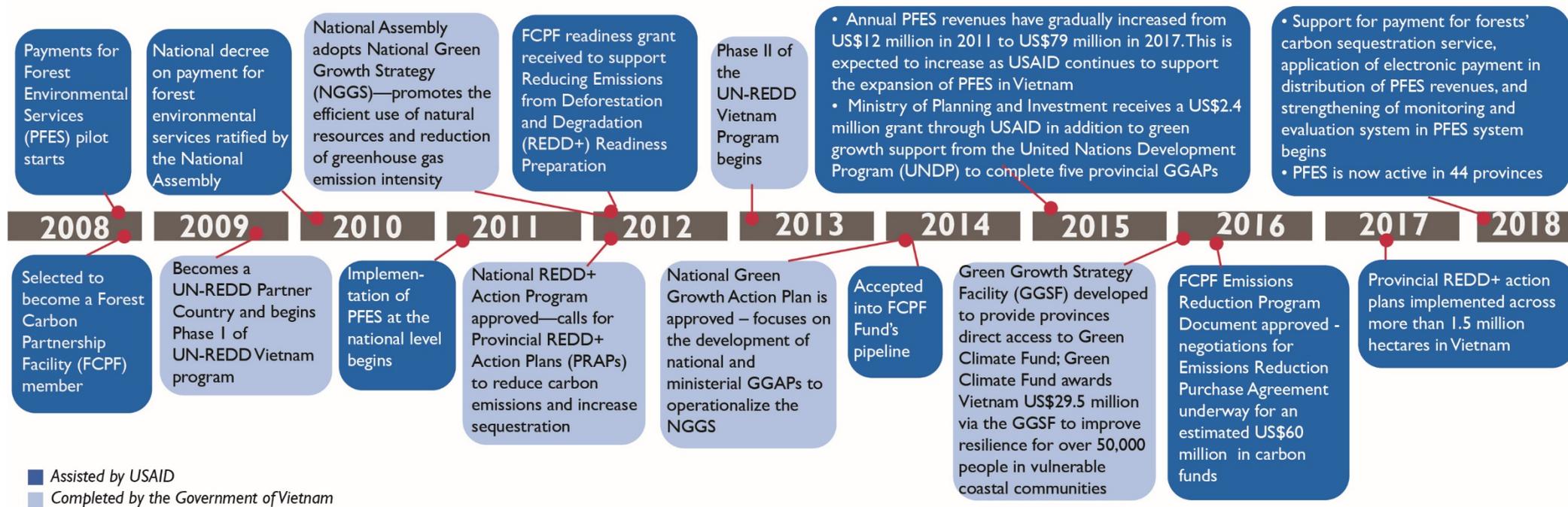
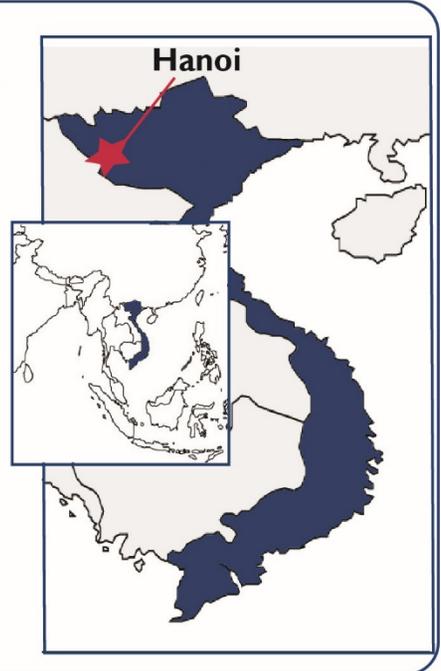


# Progress Toward Sustainable Landscapes in Vietnam



Vietnam has approximately 14 million hectares of natural and plantation forests and an estimated 25 million people living in and around them. While forest cover has increased since 2012 from 40.7% (13.8 million ha) to 41.5% in 2014, forest resources are increasingly vulnerable to impacts of typhoons and other major weather events. These resources are also faced with pressures from illegal logging and land conversion. Projected future GHG emissions are expected to increase due to growth in industry and energy. In response to these threats, and in recognition of the importance of sustainable forest management, the Government of Vietnam has developed and implemented several initiatives and various national programs aimed at protecting and restoring its forests while setting a path toward sustainable development and a low carbon economy. USAID's sustainable landscapes programming has supported Vietnam in its efforts to mobilize domestic resources through payment for forest environmental services (PFES), improve livelihoods for forest dwelling communities, and remain at the forefront of REDD+ readiness by helping Vietnam to meet the criteria of international finance markets. Vietnam has been extraordinarily successful in mobilizing its domestic resources and PFES revenues, leading to greater self-reliance in both planning and implementing forest protection measures.



Working with the **Government of Vietnam**, USAID assistance has supported use of a suite of solutions to help improve forest protection. They include support for development and implementation of forest conservation policies e.g., PFES policy, application of new technologies for forest management, capacity building for foresters and Vietnam's access to carbon financing. **Since 2011...**

-  5 million ha under improved management
-  Approximately 500,000 people benefitted from payment for forest environmental services schemes
-  US\$360 million in investment mobilized for sustainable landscapes as supported by USG assistance
-  9,000,000 metric tons CO2e emission reduction