



I. About the workshop

DFNet 2025 Workshop in Vietnam (VAAS-FFTC Workshop) Tropical Fruit Consortium 2025 (Vietnam) - Framework for Climate Change Adaptation in Tropical Fruit Production

May 21 – 23, 2025

HCM City, Cai Lay, Cho Gao, My Tho City in Tien Giang Province;
Chau Thanh, Giong Trom, Ba Tri in Ben Tre Province, Vietnam

DFNet III Project Goal: Develop adaptive strategies and promote best practices to mitigate potential risks from climate change and enhance resilience in tropical fruit production.

Workshop Objectives:

- Organize a field trip to showcase climate change risks and adaptive practices for fruit crop production in Vietnam.
- Present the outcomes of in-country working group meetings on climate change adaptation frameworks for tropical fruits and discuss way forward.
- Share and exchange knowledge and experiences to support climate change adaptation for tropical fruit production in the Asia-Pacific region.

Workshop Organizers:

- FFTC, VAAS and SOFRI

Themes:

- Orchards vulnerable to climate change effects, demonstrating environmental monitoring to support informed decision-making.
- Orchards showcasing exemplary agricultural practices, including low-carbon farming and other adaptive techniques.
- Roundtable discussion:
 - (1) frameworks for climate change adaptation in tropical fruits,
 - (2) progress and next steps for developing the guidebook,
 - (3) strategies for promotion and scaling up in each country or region.

Expected participants

- Field Trip and Forum (30-40):
 - DFNet Consortium Members (23 outside Vietnam, 10 countries; 2 from Vietnam)
 - Organizers: FFTC (4) and VAAS (3), SOFRI (3)
 - International experts (1) invited by organizers
- Forum only (50-60)
 - Local participants invited by VAAS (including VAAS and SOFRI, 15 or more)

Funding source:

- DFNet Project, funded by MOFA, Taiwan



II. Field trip program

Tentative Program

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May 20, 2025 – Arrival at Ho Chi Min City

Time	Activity	Note
13:00 -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrival in Ho Chi Minh International Airport Airport pickup (to be arranged) Check in Hotel <p>Sky Gem Hotel Ben Thanh 48-50 Thu Khoa Huan, Dist. 1, Ho Chi Min City (028) 3827 1278</p>	<p>(1) Tan Son Nhat International Airport, HCM City</p> <p>(2) Sky Gem Hotel Ben Thanh, CHM City</p>
18:00 – 20:00	Dinner at the hotel restaurant (casual meal - self-ordered)	For those who arrive at the hotel

DFNet Field Trip Program

May 21, 2025 - Field trip in Tien Giang province

Time	Topic and Speaker	Note
07:00 – 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check out Hotel in HCM City Travel from HCM City to Cai Lay District, Tien Giang Province 	2-2.5 hours
09:30 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to Durian Orchard in Ngu Hiep Commune, Cai Lay District 	(3, 4) Durian, Cai Lay 1-1.5 hours
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to a durian purchasing establishment and warehouse (close to Durian Orchard) 	(3, 4) Durian, Cai Lay 0.5-1 hours
11:30 – 13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch at restaurant in Cai Lay district 	2 hours
13:30 – 14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel from Cai Lay District to Cho Gao District 	1 hour
14:30 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to Red Dragon Fruit Orchard in Tan Thanh Binh Commune, Cho Gao District 	(5) Dragon Fruit, Cho Gao 1.5 hours



16:00 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel from Cai Lay District (or Cai Be District) to My Tho City, Tien Giang Province Check in Hotel: Central Plaza Hotel 15B-19, 30/4 Street, District 1, My Tho City, Tien Giang Province 	1 hour (6) Central Plaza Hotel (Thiên Hộ Hotel), My Tho City
18:30 – 20:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Dinner Core Group Members' Feedback (3-1) 	

May 22, 2025 - Field trip in Ben Tre Province

Time	Activity	Note
08:00 – 09:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather at the Central Plaza Hotel Travel from My Tho City, Tien Giang Province to Chau Thanh District, Ben Tre Province 	(6) Central Plaza Hotel (Thiên Hộ Hotel), My Tho City 1 hour
09:00-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to Green-Skin Pumelo Orchard in Tien Long Commune, Chau Thanh District 	(7, 8) Pumelo, Chau Thanh 1 hour
10:30-11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to Durian Orchard of Tien Long Cooperative (close to Pumelo Orchard) 	(7, 8) Durian, Chau Thanh 1 hour
11:30-13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luch at restaurant in Chau Thanh District 	2 hours
13:30-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel from Chau Thanh District to Giong Trom District (Option 1) or Ba Tri District (Option 2) 	1-1.5 hours
14:30-16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to a Pumelo purchasing establishment and warehouse (of Green Powers Ltd company) for export in Giong Trom district. Visit to Global GAP - Coconut Orchard in Ba Tri district. 	(9) Pumelo, Giong Trom (10) Coconut, Ba Tri 1-1.5 hours
16:00-17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back to the Central Plaza Hotel in My Tho City, Tien Giang Province 	(6) Central Plaza Hotel (Thiên Hộ Hotel), My Tho City
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Dinner Core Group Members' Feedback (3-2) 	



III. Forum program

DFNet Forum Program

May 23, 2025 – DFNet Forum at the SOFRI Conference Room (11) SOFRI

Time	Activity	Note
07:30 – 08:00	Gather at Central Plaza Hotel and bus ride to SOFRI	(11) SOFRI, Chau Thanh
08:00 – 08:30	Registration	
08:30 – 09:00	Opening: Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VAAS, Government VIP, SOFRI, FFTC 	Including group photo
09:00 – 09:30	Presentation - Addressing climate change adaptation, fruit industry and farmers adaptation capacity and promotion in Vietnam Dr. Nguyen Van Hoa, Deputy Director General, SOFRI	30 min presentation including QA
09:30 – 09:40	DFNet Project Update (Dr. Ray-Yu Yang, FFTC)	
09:40 – 10:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>	
10:00 – 12:00	Country Reports - Framework for adaptation of climate change in tropical fruits production <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Indonesia, Japan, Korea, QA (10*3+10 min) Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Taiwan, QA (10*4+10 min) India and New Zealand (Topic TBD) 10*2+10 min) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 9 reports Each report: 10 min 2-4 reports per group, followed by a 10-min Q&A
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break at the SOFRI Dining Room</i>	
13:30 – 15:00	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenge and strategy of enhancing farmers' adoption capacity Guidebook development and writing plan 	
15:00 – 15:20	Closing remark: VAAS, SOFRI and FFTC	
15:30 – 18:00	Bus – back to HCM City Check in Sky Gem Hotel Ben Thanh 48-50 Thu Khoa Huan, Dist. 1, Ho Chi Min City	(2) Sky Gem Hotel Ben Thanh, HCM City
18:30 – 20:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Dinner Core Group Members' Feedback (3-3) 	

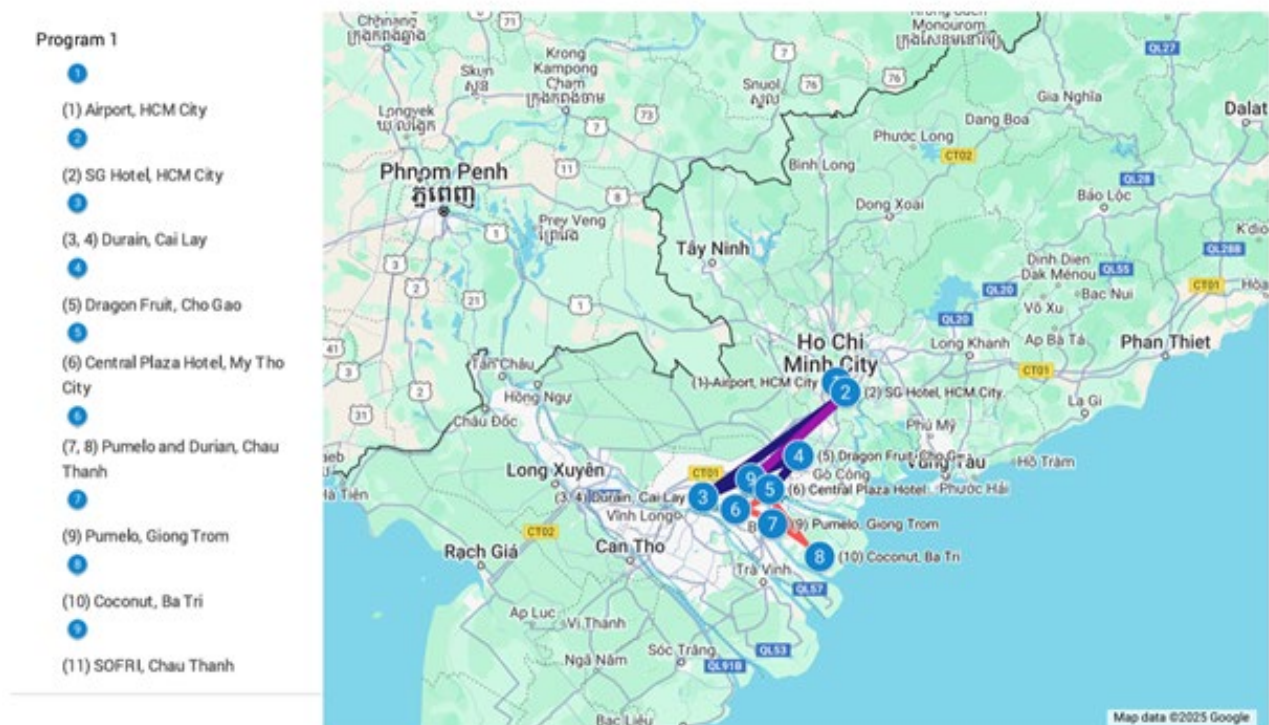
May 24, 2025

Check out and departure to **(1) Tan Son Nhat International Airport, HCM City**

IV. Site visit itinerary map

Site Visit Itinerary Map (Zoom In)

DFNet 2025 WS in Vietnam



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DFNet 2025 WS in Vietnam

Program 1

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- (1) Airport, HCM City
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- (2) SG Hotel, HCM City
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- (3, 4) Durain, Cai Lay
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- (5) Dragon Fruit, Cho Gao
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- (6) Central Plaza Hotel, My Tho City
- 6
- (7, 8) Pumelo and Durian, Chau Thanh
- 7
- (9) Pumelo, Giong Trom
- 8
- (10) Coconut, Ba Tri
- 9
- (11) SOFRI, Chau Thanh

Program 2

-  Day 1, May 21
-  Day 2, May 22
-  Day 3, May 23

