

## **Project Update: February 2013**

Following previous findings on the mismatches between the burn calendar, the local physical conditions and practice for fire use, I address to what extent the state and farmers share a common vision on how fire should be regulated. Using Q-methods, I identified 24 statements revealed in previous interviews (2010, 2012) to study four topics: the nature of the problem, fire practice, how fire use should be regulated and the alternatives to prevent forest fires. I interviewed 25 stakeholders from different administrative levels. Each participant was given 24 cards with a statement and was asked to rank these using a scale from -4 to 4. This qualitative and quantitative approach allowed identifying the shared perceptions about the roots of the issue and how to move forward in reducing forest fires within a diverse range of participants. This analysis aims to reduce the gap between regulations and practice and enhance responsible fire use.