

FIFTH GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS' MEETING Knowledge Management Seminar



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Background



 Data and information often exists, but is heterogeneous, and dispersed.

- → Critical gaps in data & information, and/ or in knowledge?
- Need for
 - tools, processes, and practices for systematic sharing and integration of data and information;
 - capacities for making sense of data and information.

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Example: Challenges for sustainable land governance in the Lao PDR

Turning Land into Capital

versus





land tenure & livelihood security of smallholder farmers

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 Smallholder & tenure security in the Lao PDR still rather weak,

while

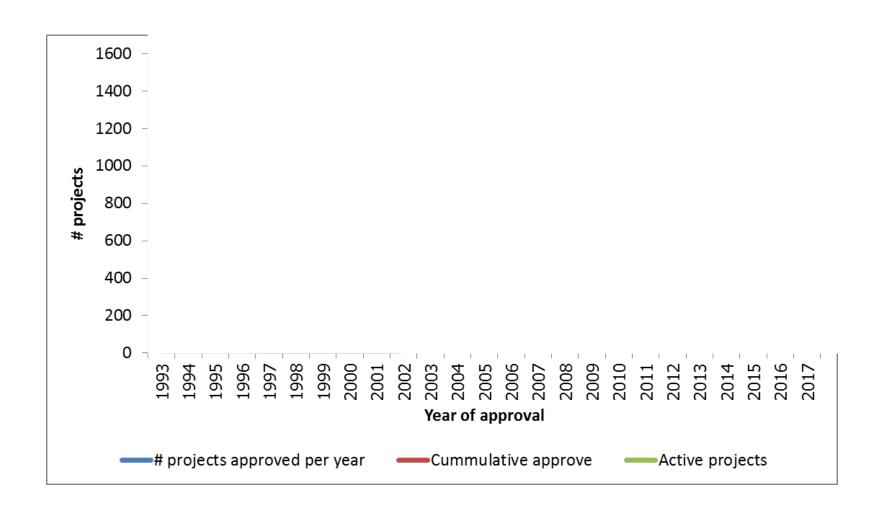
 private commercial investments in lands are booming.





Land-based investments in the Lao PDR

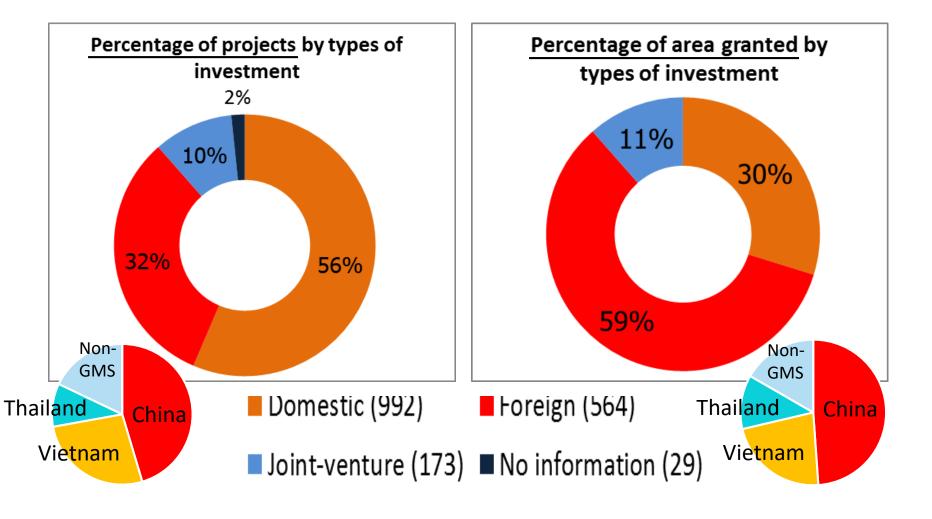








Land-based investments in the Lao PDR







Key challenges:

Opaque land concession granting process:

Concessions can be granted by several different sectors and at different administrative levels.

- → No institution in charge of information integration.
- → Lack of integrated information basis for monitoring and planning.





Key challenges:

 The national government has no basis to gauge costs and benefits of land concessions in social, economic, and environmental dimensions.

 Provincial and district authorities struggle to coordinate and implement national decisions.



Consequences for planning processes:



 Inconsistencies in plans across sectors and administrative levels (concessions in protected areas,

etc).

 Loopholes for non-compliance, unsustainable developments (concession area inconsistencies, overlaps, concessions despite moratoria, etc...)







Governance approach:

Prime Minister Order 13 (June 2012)



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มะตอบทูอาอุๅาจับ, อันติ. 11.6. 2012.



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ເຖິງ: - ປັນດາທ່ານ ລັດຖະມົນຕີ, ຫົວໜ້າອົງການຫຼຸບເທົ່າ.

- ທ່ານ ເຈົ້າຄອງນະຄອນຫຼວງວຸງຈັນ ແລະ ບັນດາທ່ານ ເຈົ້າແຂວງໃນທົ່ວປະເທດ.
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- 1. Moratorium on all new concessions for specific tree plantation and mining projects.
- Order to review land investments with regard to compliance and impacts.



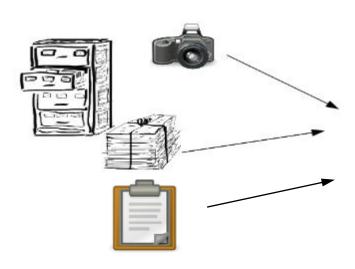


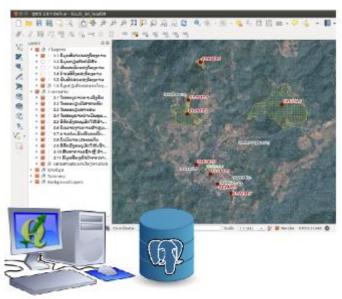
- National inventory of land concessions across sectors and administrative levels
- Integrated central information system (eGovernment)
- Assessment and rating of aspects of quality of commercial investments in lands





Who is doing what & where?





Inter-ministerial implementation of National Inventory of Land Concessions (LCI)























LCI Process



1. Collation and documentation



2. Provincial consultation



3. District field mapping

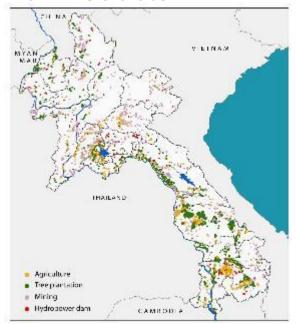


4. Data compilation



5. Central-level finalization

LCI Products



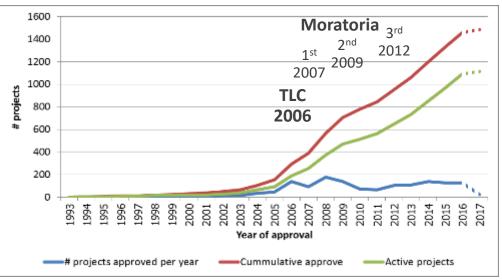
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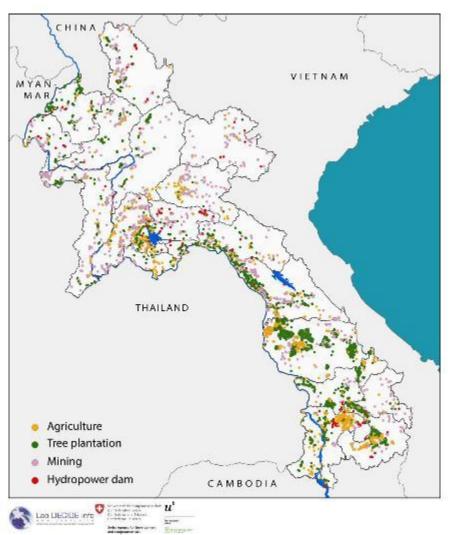




Detailed data on nature and area of land concession projects

Туре	Number of Projects	Approved Area (ha)	Used Area (ha)	Proportion of Used to Approved
Lease	127	42,673	2,666	6%
Concession	1,739	1,806,839	847,901	48%
Totals	1,866	1,849,567	877,567	47%









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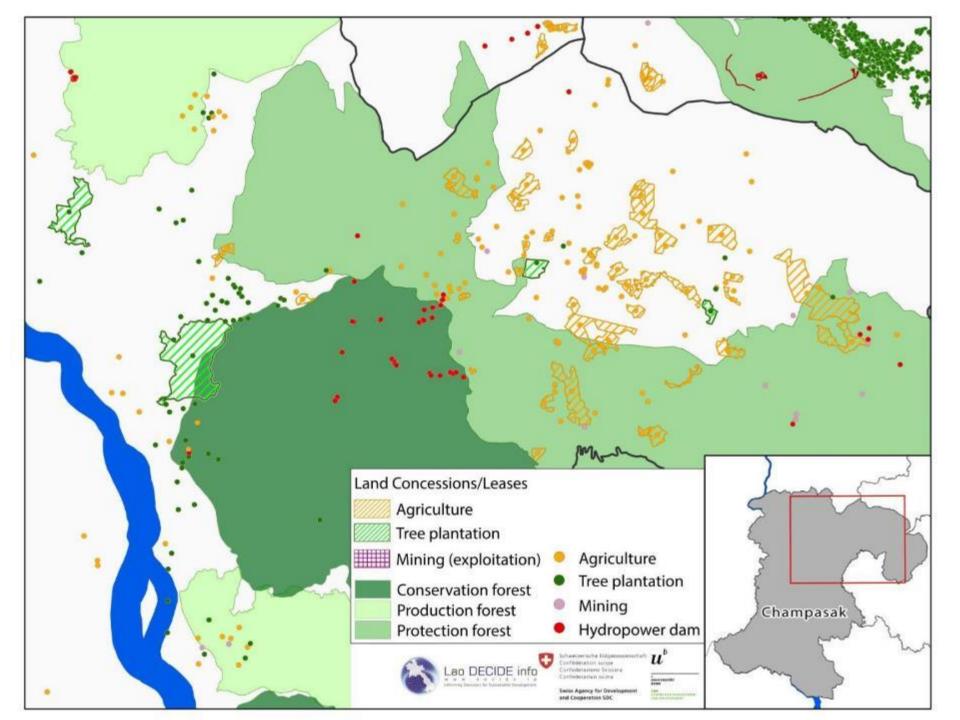
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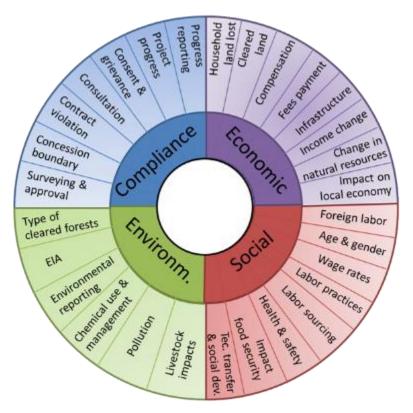


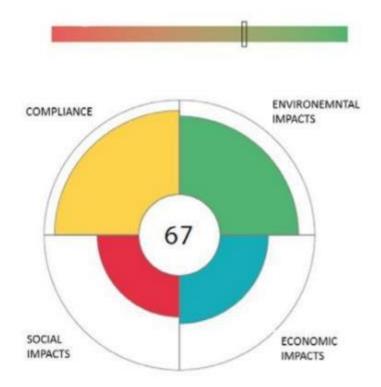




Multi-dimensional assessment of aspects of "quality" of investments:

Legal, economic, environmental and social performance





Revealing trade-offs



Information integration, dissemination & use



- Raw data accessible to institutions through government intra-network
- Spatial data available on internet-based platform (www.decide.la)
 - → integrated with detailed spatial data from other sectors
- Analysis of patterns, contexts, dynamics, and trade-offs
- Pathways for sustainable land management

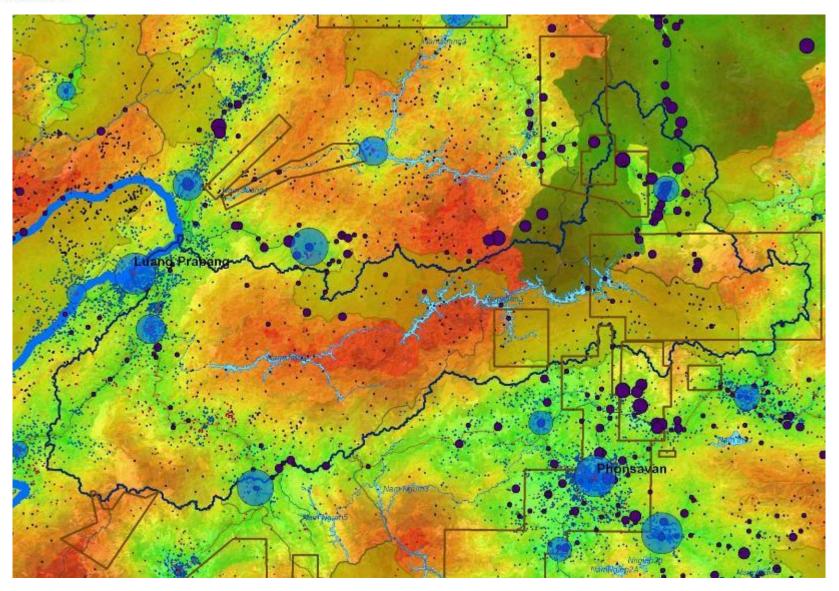


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Information integration



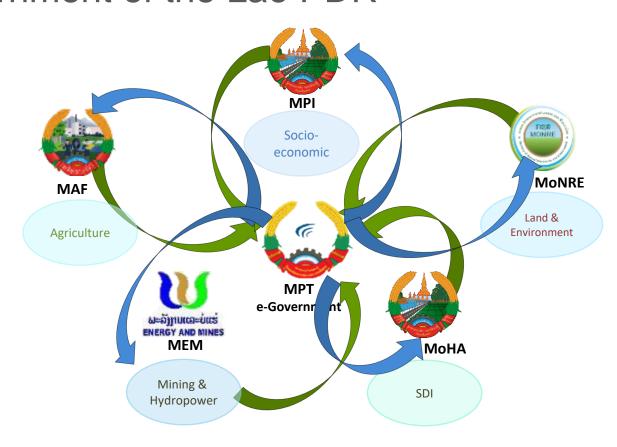




Information integration



Cross-sectoral setup within the structures of the Government of the Lao PDR





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Information integration & dissemination







Information integration



Incentives for cross-sectoral data sharing:

- "Neutral grounds"
- Confidence in quality and contents of data
- Control and ownership
- Visibility (and non-visibility) of attractive products
- Mandate (or order) from high up



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