





Intelligence Analysis
Regional Collaboration to Control Illegal Timber and Forest Products
Environmental of police Department

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## **Environmental of police Department OVERVIEWS**

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#### **OBJECTIVES.:**

To prevent and combat all crimes that occur in the natural resource and environment areas such as:

- Pollutant (industrial, mining, agrecultural, construction, sanitation...;
- Wildlife and Timber (illegal hunting, deforestation, illegal traficking of wildlife and timber).

#### **LOCATION.:**

Thaplalanxay, Sisattanak District, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR.

#### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.:**

- Investigating and prosecuting all cases that are related to natural resource and environment (transnational crime);
- Research and development for environmental police officers across the country (building capacity and drafting related legislation);
- Collaboration (domestic and external);
- Running the project (wildlife and timber project).

#### **Authority to Investigate**

Powers are vested under the *Criminal Procedure Law NA No.17*, 2012

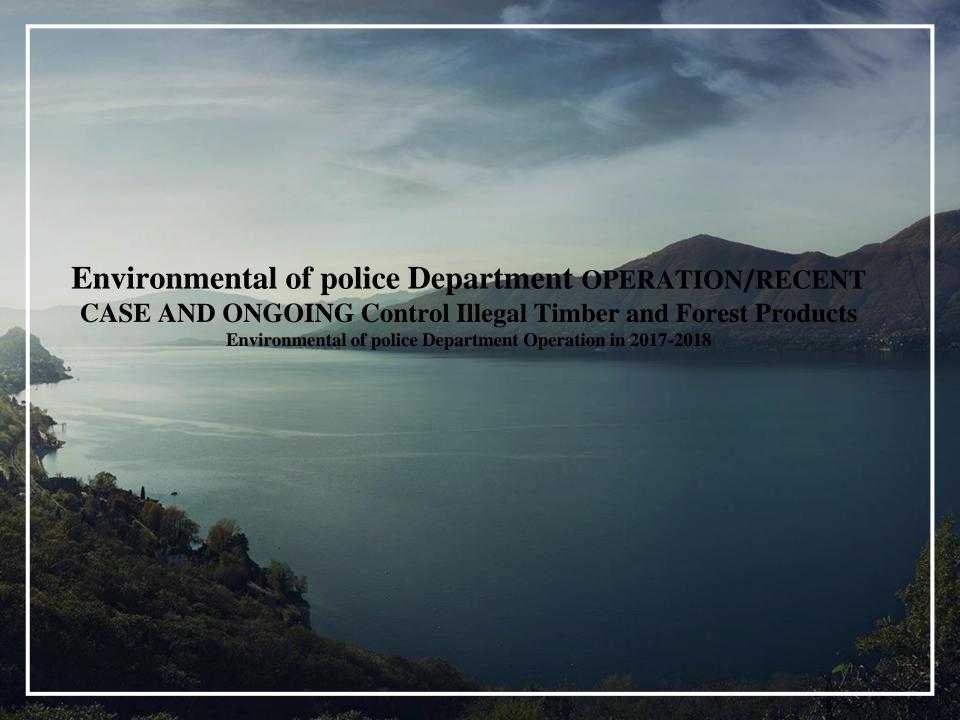
<u>Article 46: Investigation-Interrogation Organisations</u>





# According to current laws and regulations of Lao PDR declared by the National Assembly and PM:

- New edition of procedure for penal code;
- Collect information on penal code;
- Wildlife and Aquatic law;
- Prime Minister Order to Increasing penalties for management and inspection of timber digging, logging and wood businesses plants No: 15/ນຍ on 13 May, 2016.
- Penal Code recently endorsed by the president and published in October 2018 in the Lao Official Gazette, especially articles related wildlife and forest crime;
- CITES Convention.





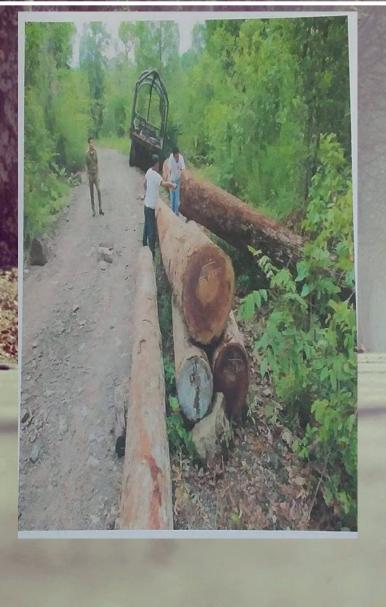






Illegal Timber and Forest Sungthong District, Vientiane Capital





Illegal Timber and Forest Kong District, Savannaket Province





The particular management challenges is shown below:

## 1. Budget Challenges

- The Environmental of police Department doesn't have enough budget to do particular work.
- The budget to support capacity building is not enough so it is necessary and important to coordinate and develop projects to find budget.

## 2. Staff Challenges

- The Environmental of police Department needs smart and capable officers such as:
- Officers who are good at English and Chinese;
- Officer who are also good at science, chemistry, physics, environmental science and other relevant fields.

## **Challenges experienced (Cont.)**

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## 3. Cooperation and Coordination Challenges

- Cooperation with partners is still confusing, especially being able to identify coordination points and coordination mechanisms;
- International corporation is difficult given challenges in language and communication;
- International reporting is difficult and submitted late;

Challenges also in developing and implementing plan, both strategic and

manuals.

#### 4. Technical Issues

- Tools
- Laboratory
- High technology

## THANKS!

