

REDD+ SURVEY: LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Country background

According to the Forest Cover and Land Use Survey conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Current Forest (with canopy density higher than 20%) decreased to 9.8 million ha (41.5% of total land area) in 2002 from 11.2 million ha in 1992 with an average loss of 134,000 ha per annum equivalent to 0.6% of the total land area. Similarly, forest density has decreased dramatically with dense forest declining from 29% in 1992 to 8.2% in 2002 and open forest increasing from 16% to 24.5% of the total. The drivers of deforestation and forest degradation are 1) shifting cultivation by local farmers for both subsistent and commercial purposes, 2) large scale forest conversion to tree/agriculture crop plantations by investors, 3) illegal logging in many cases followed by conversion to crop production or slash and burn cultivation and 4) loss of forests to infrastructure mostly hydropower dams. It is estimated with several assumptions that annual emission from deforestation between 1992 and 2002 is 48.4 million tones CO₂. The Forestry Department has oversight of Lao PDR REDD+ policy and developing a REDD mechanism in line with FCPF process and with bi-lateral donor supports.

Current sources of finance (from present to 2013)

Financing source	Financing to date (US millions of \$)	Interim financing (US millions of \$)	Post 2012 financing (US millions of \$)	Category*	Details (please provide details of the activities being financed)	Partners (please list any funding or implementing partners)
	Up to 2010	2010 to 2012	Post 2012			
National Government (Other investment in reducing deforestation)	1.5 (Forest and Forest Resource Development Fund)	1.2 (Forest and Forest Resource Development Fund)	Not yet determined	2	Delineation and management of three forest categories (Protection, Conservation and Production), law enforcement, support to stabilization of shifting cultivation, etc.	
World Bank FCPF	0.2	Dependent on R-PP	Not yet determined	1	Preparation of an R-PP	Projects of JICA/ Sida, Finland/ World Bank and GTZ providing additional funds and advisory services
World Bank FIP		Not yet determined				
GTZ KfW (Germany)		5.2 (2009–2012) 13		1 and 3	Policy development, capacity building and demonstration activities in Protected Areas	
JICA (Japan)/ Sida (Sweden)	0.2	0.2		1	Coordination/ consultation, policy development, capacity development	
JICA		1.6		1 and 3	Participatory land & forest management for REDD	

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Current sources of finance (from present to 2013) *continued*

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JICA		10 (2010–2013)		1	Forest resource assessment with R/S and field survey, resource information management at national and provincial level through capacity development	
Finland (SUFORD)	0.4	0.2		1	Testing RS technology & advisory services	
Total Financing:	2.3	29.8				

* Categories of financing/activities include:

Category 1: Development of national REDD+ strategies and action plans, including consultation.

Category 2: Implementation of national REDD+ strategies and capacity building activities, including development of MRV systems and regulatory reforms.

Category 3: Demonstration activities.

Category 4: Performance-based payments for emissions reductions.

Estimated additional financing requirements

Do you have a low carbon development plan? *No*

Do you have a national REDD+ strategy? *Not yet, will be prepared during implementation of the R-PP*

Have you identified any additional REDD+ capacity building activities that will require financial support? *Not yet, will be identified and quantified during R-PP preparation*

Currency conversion rate: EUR 1.00 = USD 1.33