

F-REDD Newsletter

Sustainable Forest Management and REDD+ Support Project Nov 2015 - Oct 2020

Sustainable Forest Management and REDD+ Support Project (F-REDD or “the Project”)

The purpose of the Project is to strengthen capacity for clarification of REDD+ strategy and improve forest resource information, which contributes to the goal of the Project, to promote sustainable forest management (SFM). The implementing agencies are the Department of Forest Resource Management, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE-DFRM), and the Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF-DOF).

1st Joint Coordination Committee

The 1st Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) was held on November 12th, 2015 at Vientiane Plaza Hotel. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Vongdeuane Vongsiharath, Director General, MONRE-DFRM and co-chaired by Ms. Saeda Makimoto, Senior Representative, JICA Laos Office.

The Project was introduced to a total of 40 participants from the MONRE-DFRM, MAF-DOF, Luang Prabang Provincial Office, Embassy of Japan, JICA Laos office, and JICA Expert Team, also a Q&A session and discussions were held to clarify the future direction of the Project.

The chair, Mr. Vongdeuane gave the opening remarks, emphasizing the high expectations of the Project such as support in revising the Forest Strategy 2020 and other important policies; in meeting international requirements including submission of FREL/FRL (Forest Reference Emission Levels/Forest Reference Levels) and MRV (Measurement, Reporting and



Mr. Vongdeuane (right) and Ms. Makimoto (left)



Q&A session

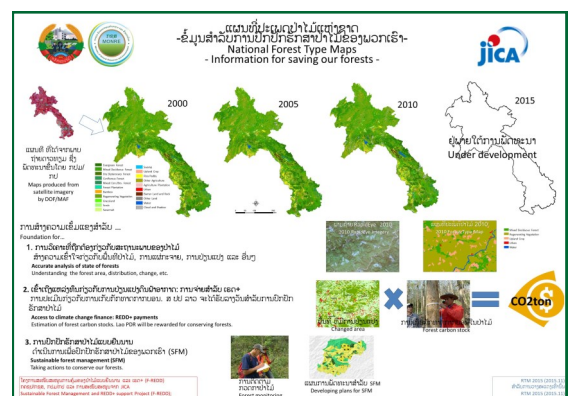
Verification) to the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change); in gaining funding from the FCPF (Forest Carbon Partnership Facility) , and in preparing for REDD+ implementation in Luang Prabang Province.

The Provincial Office gave positive feedback regarding the Project support in strengthening the foundation to expand the Participatory Land and Forest Management Project for Reducing Deforestation (PAREDD) Approach, which is one of the activities of the Project (Output 4). Furthermore, the REDD+ readiness in Luang Prabang was discussed. The project including the Work Plan and the Detailed Plan of Operation were officially approved through the discussion and Q&A session.

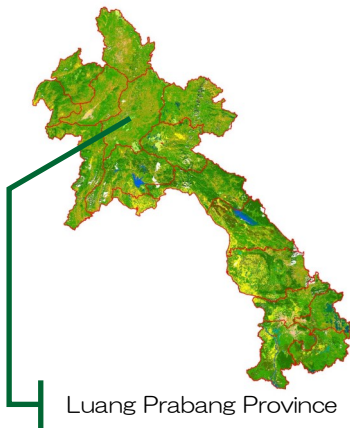
Poster exhibition at RTM

A poster detailing the Project was presented at exhibition of the 12th high level Round Table Meeting held on November 27th, 2015, in which the Government of Lao and development partners discussed the national development of Lao PDR. It showcased how the forest type maps developed by past JICA projects will contribute to sustainable forest management by enabling correct understanding of forest conditions and utilization of the maps in REDD+ activities.

Many participants including government leaders visited the exhibition and it was a good opportunity to help better understand the support of JICA.



Poster presented at RTM



Luang Prabang Province

has been being supported by JICA and is one of the target provinces of the FCPF Carbon Fund. Output 4 is expected to aid in the Lao side gaining funding from the FCPF Carbon Fund.

Kick-off Meeting in Luang Prabang Province

The kick-off meeting (related to the Output 4) of the Project was held on November 17th, 2015 at the Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office (PAFO) in Luang Prabang. Our team discussed with the implementation agency mainly on the Project outline and the activities of Output 4. The Output 4 mainly supports the preparation for REDD+ implementation at the provincial level in Luang Prabang. Moreover, another aim of the meeting was to give feedback on the development of a national REDD+ strategy.

In addition, the Project will collaborate with the RECOFTC (The Center for People and Forests), which has been working with the purpose of forest conservation in the Asia and Pacific regions, in Output 4 activities. This cooperation comes under the JICA-RECOFTC Partnership Program. Therefore experts from the RECOFTC Bangkok and Lao offices participated in the meeting.



Introduction of Project (Output 4) activities by the JICA expert, Mr. Namura

Main activities on each Output

Output 1: Support central forest sector

- ◆ Submission of the comments to the MONRE-DFRM for boundary revision of the three forest category (Production Forest, Protection forest and Conservation Forest)

Output 2: Support measurement of emission reduction and absorption by REDD+ implementation

- ◆ Manual for the next NFI was translated into Lao language and distributed to the concerned agencies
- ◆ Pre-processing of satellite imagery for Forest Type Map 2015

Output 3: Support National REDD+

- ◆ Meeting about the process of obtaining FCPF funding

Output 4: Support Luang Prabang Province REDD+ Readiness

- ◆ Luang Prabang kick-off meeting

Common activity

- ◆ 1st Joint Coordination Committee
- ◆ Finalized the Work Plan after 1st JCC and commenting period

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Project Event schedule

Events in the next quarter

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| 1 st Feb | FCPF Carbon Fund meeting @Luang Prabang | Preparation meeting for REL/MRV Working Group |
| 12 th Feb | Forest Sub-Sector Working Group | Deforestation and Forest Degradation Drivers Analysis in Luang Prabang |
| 22 nd Feb | Launch the next NFI | |
| 24 th Feb | Inception Workshop | |