

### Output 3: REDD+ readiness in Savannakhet Province is enhanced.

Capacity building for REDD+ implementation in Savannakhet Province will be supported. This is also expected to be a part of readiness for the reinvestment of GCF REDD+ Results-based Payment. Following activities will be supported through this Output.

#### Activities supported in Output 3

- Establish a framework for REDD+ implementation. Establish and build capacity of the stakeholders such as Provincial REDD+ Task Force, Provincial Agriculture and Forest Office (PAFO).
- Promotion of Protection and Conservation Forest management at the landscape level through development of a landscape management plan prototype.



#### Website



<https://www.jica.go.jp/project/english/laos/028/index.html>  
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Lao People's Democratic Republic

## The Project for Enhancing Sustainable Forest Management in Collaboration with REDD+ Programs and REDD+ Funds - F-REDD 2 -



# Background

In the Lao People's Democratic Republic (hereinafter "Lao PDR"), biodiversity and the environment are threatened by population growth, the expansion of agricultural land, climate change, illegal logging and poaching, and the unsustainable exploitation of natural resources. In particular, the impact on forests has been significant, with forest cover that had been estimated at more than 70% in the 1940s having dropped to 40% by 2010. In response to this rapid deforestation, in 2005 the Government of Lao PDR (GoL) formulated the Forest Strategy 2020 with the goal of restoring forest cover to 70%. At the same time, the GoL, with the support of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and other donors, has been working on the preparation and implementation of REDD+ since 2008 as an effective means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and forest degradation for strengthening the capacity for the sustainable management of forests and for improving government revenue and the livelihoods of local people. As a result, forest cover recovered to 57.4% in 2015, and a total of 14.7 million tCO<sub>2</sub>eq of emissions reduction and removals enhancement were achieved during the period of 2015 - 2018.

JICA has provided support to the forestry sector in the areas of forest policy and REDD+ institutional development, donor coordination, the development of a forest information management system, REDD+-related technical development, participatory forest management, and REDD+ pilot activities. It has also supported a wide range of initiatives with synergistic effects, from the central government to local governments, and from policy support to forest information management and field-level activities. In this context, the Project for Enhancing Sustainable Forest Management in Collaboration with REDD+ Programs and REDD+ Funds (F-REDD 2) was requested by the GoL, aiming to support access to and the implementation of funds from the Green Climate Fund (GCF), to strengthen the capacity for sustainable forest management through the implementation of the Forest Strategy 2035, and to further promote the implementation of REDD+ actions.

## Project summary

### Project Term

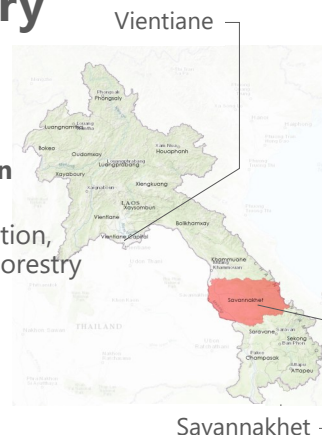
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### Implementing Organization

Department of Forestry and  
Department of Forest Inspection,  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

### Project Site

Vientiane Capital  
Savannakhet Province



## Objective and outputs

### The Overall Goal

Sustainable forest management is promoted through REDD+ programs and activities in Lao PDR.

### Project Purpose

Capacity for sustainable forest management in collaboration with REDD+ programs and REDD+ funds is enhanced.

### Output 1: Policy and Institutional framework to implement Forestry Strategy 2035 is enhanced.

In order to facilitate the implementation of the Forest Strategy 2035, which is currently being the following two areas will be supported.

### Activities supported in Output 1

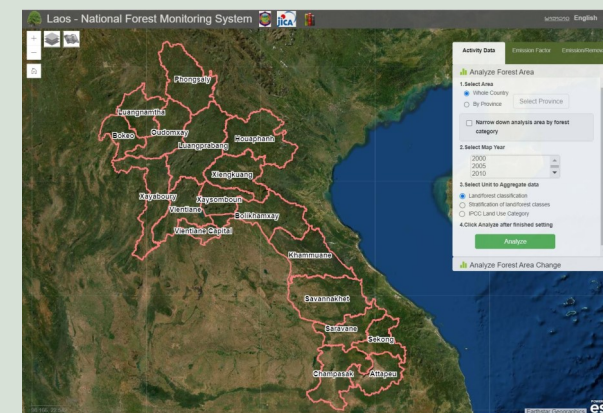
- Promote priority policy and institutional framework for an effective implementation of Forestry Strategy 2035.
- Promote sector coordination through coordination platforms such as Forestry Sub-sector Working Group (FSSWG).

### Output 2: Implementation of National REDD+ and National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) Roadmap is promoted.

In line with the progress of the national REDD+, the following areas will be supported.

### Activities supported in Output 2

- Upgrade, improve and implement the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) in line with the NFMS roadmap. Following technical areas will be specifically supported.
  - a) Measuring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV)
  - b) Forest Monitoring
  - c) Data Management
  - d) Update the NFMS Roadmap
- Promote the coordination of national REDD+. Support the National REDD+ Task Force and the NFMS Technical Working Group. Facilitate coordination with other sector agencies and projects. Facilitate access to the GCF REDD+ Results-based Payment.



National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS)  
<https://nfms.maf.gov.la/>



## What is REDD+?

REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries) is a mechanism whereby the developed countries provides economic incentives to developing countries for the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions adopted in the 2015 Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC.