

Lao Census of Agricultural (LCA)

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- Statistics Law of Lao PDR – Lao Census of Agricultural (LCA) to be undertaken in Lao PDR every ten years
- Two LCAs to date: 1998/99 and 2010/11
- LCA 2010/11 conducted by MAF and Lao Statistics Bureau with technical support from FAO, and financial support provided by several development partners
- Next LCA proposed for 2018/9 to synchronize the development planning process for 9th NSEDP: data collection in 2018 wet season and 2018/19 dry season
- Lao Statistics Bureau will collaborate with MAF
- A Steering Committee will be established to oversee the Census
- Work should start in March 2018 with user consultations, design of methodology and questionnaire, pilot testing, computer system development, organizing field systems, and training of field staff
- Preliminary census data should be published by October 2019. Full results will be made available during the first half of 2020

Sub-Sector Working Group on Farmer and AgriBusiness (SSWG-FAB)

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SSWG-FAB: Highlights

- 2 meetings per year over a 10 year period, at which the results of 20 policy studies presented
- Online information platform (discussion group and digital library) also managed for 10 years
- 3 farmer conferences were organised, leading creation of Lao Farmer Network (LFN)
- There has been an impact on the understanding of key issues such as contract farming, farmer organisations and farmer debt

“Up to Their Necks” - A Short and Very Anecdotal Study of Indebtedness in Selected Farming Villages



SSWG-FAB: 2016 Report 2017 Plan

2016 accomplishments

- A 3-day FOCUS workshop
 - Discussion among representatives of 20 farmer organisations
 - Poor attendance by project experts
- A national meeting, including...
 - Summary of achievements of the SSWG-FAB over the past decade
 - Video report of the FOCUS meeting in Oudomxay
 - Launch of Lao44.org upgrade (digital library of development-related materials in Lao language)
 - Presentation on 'Falling rubber prices in northern Laos: local response and policy options.

2017

- Meeting already held in Feb. Topics included
 - promoting agricultural entrepreneurship
 - Study on Cardamom Value Chain in Oudomxay
 - A report on Innovative Training for Farmer Leaders
- Next meeting in Set/Oct:
 - Reports on role of youth in agriculture (in collaboration with LFN)
 - Presentation on the importance of farmer bargaining power in commercial agriculture
 - Launching new tools for farmer organisation capacity-building

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SSWG-ABD: Highlights

- Highlights of SSWG in 2015/16 - Presentation and Discussion of the National Agro-Biodiversity Programme II (2016-2025), and its implementation
- Last Meetings of SSWG:
 - 16th September 2015 – Signature of revised ToR
 - 23rd October 2015
 - 13th June 2016
 - 9th December 2016



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Other 2016 accomplishments

- Review of International Treaties and Conventions Related to Agro-biodiversity and Lao PDR's Commitments and Opportunities (June)
- Presentation and Discussion of “Pesticides Use in Lao PDR - Opportunities and Risks” (December)
- Link to Round Table Implementation Framework: Activity 4.06: Promote agro-ecological practices (at national and regional level) such as organic farming, conservation agriculture and agro-forestry

2017 Plan

- Meetings:
 - June 2017
 - December 2017
- Possible agenda items:
 - Aquatic biodiversity in rice systems
 - Opportunities for NTFP Value Chains
- Link to Round Table Implementation Framework: Activity 4.06:

Sub-Sector Working Group on Forestry (SSWG-F)

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SSWG-F: Highlights

- FSSWG has been meeting on a quarterly basis except the periods of Ministerial reforms (21 times in total since Jun 2006).
- Contributed to the Forestry Law revision in 2007.
- Conducted a review of the Forestry Strategy 2020 in 2014 and the wood trade data from UN indicated wide-spread illegal logging, which led to the issuance of the PM Order No. 15 in May 2015.
- Has been only one forum for dialogue on REDD+ between GOL and DP partners. ER-PIN to the Carbon Fund was endorsed at the FSSWG meeting in Sep 2015 and was selected in the pipeline. Now, Emission Reduction Program Document is in preparation.

SSWG-F: 2016 Report and 2017 Plan

2016

accomplishments

- Only one meeting in Feb 2016.
- No report to NRESWG prepared.

2017 Plan

- 4 Meetings in Mar, Jun, Sep and Dec
- Main topics in line with SWG-ARD Results Framework
 - Implementation of GOL initiatives including PM Order 15, Boundary re-delineation of 3 forest categories, etc.
 - Revision of Forestry Law
 - REDD+ (National REDD Strategy+, ERPD, National REL, etc.)
 - FLEGT