



ASEAN-WEN

Wildlife Enforcement Network

Department of Forest Inspection (DOFI)
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DRIVERS OF WILDLIFE TRADE

✘ The management and protection of wildlife are undermined by:

+ International demand for products

✘ Inc ASEAN tourists

+ Involvement criminal activity

✘ organised (coordinated and networked)

✘ disorganised (opportunistic)

+ Cultural customs and beliefs

✘ Keep as pet

✘ Some people think wild food healthier

✘ Wild food for special occasions

✘ For ornament in the house – trophy

+ Poverty

✘ Subsistence needs for food

✘ Traditional medicine



LAWS EXISTS

| Key Lao PDR environmental laws and initiatives | |
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| Laws and Regulations | Year |
| New Economic Mechanism | 1986 |
| Decree N° 118: Control and Management of Aquatic Animals, Wildlife, Hunting and Fishing | 1989 |
| Decree No. 117: Management and Use of Forest | 1989 |
| Tropical Forest Action Plan | 1991 |
| Decree No 164/PM – National Forestry Reservation over the Country | 1993 |
| Decree No. 169/PM: Management and Use of Forests and Forest Lands | 1993 |
| Decree No. 186/PM: Allotment of Forests for Plantation and Preservation | 1993 |
| Agreement on the cooperation for the sustainable development of the Mekong River Basin | 1995 |
| Forestry Law | 1996 |
| Water and Water Resource Law | 1996 |
| Land Law | 1997 |
| Environmental Protection Law | 1999 |
| National Poverty Eradication and Growth Strategy | 2001 |
| NPA Regulations | 2001 |
| National Biodiversity Plan | 2004 |
| Prime Minister's Order No. 30 | 2007 |
| Review Forestry Law | 2008 |
| Review Wildlife and Aquatic Law | 2008 |
| Law on Investment Promotion No. 02/NA, | 2009 |
| Presidential Decree on State Land Leases and Concessions No. 135/PM | 2009 |
| Decree No: 293 - Establishment and Activities of the River Basin Committee. | 2010 |
| Environmental Protection Law, No. 29/NA | 2012 |
| Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines | 2012 |
| Ministerial Agreement on Endorsement and Promulgation of a List of Investment Projects and Activities Requiring for Conducting Initial Environmental Examination or Environmental Impact Assessment, No. 8056/MONRE | 2013 |
| Ministerial Instruction on Initial Environmental Examination of the Investment Projects and Activities, No. 8029/MONRE | 2013 |
| Ministerial Instruction on Environmental and Social Impact Assessment of the Investment Projects and Activities, No. 8030/MONRE | 2013 |
| Adapted from {Siphandone, 1993 #42; Cleetus, 2005 #26; Inoue, 1999 #48; Manivong, 2005 #21; PEMSEA, 2010 #22} | |

Primary laws

Establishment of the Department of Forest Inspection and clarification of roles and responsibilities between enforcement agencies

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| Forestry Law | 2007 | Formalised the classification of forest land, management and planning, and biodiversity conservation. |
| Wildlife and Aquatic Law | 2007 | Established principles, regulations and measures on the protection and management of natural wildlife and aquatic life, and established the framework for declaring species endangered and protected. |
| Criminal Procedure Law | 2012 | Article 46: Investigation and Interrogation |

WILDLIFE TRADE IS ILLEGAL IN LAO PDR

because:

- ✘ It impacts on traditional livelihoods
 - + Reduces food and medicine
 - + Depletes emergency resources during crop and livestock failure
- ✘ Communities receive minimal benefits
 - + most money made by traders
- ✘ It results in over-harvest of NTFP and wildlife
 - + Reduces the health of the forest
 - + Undermines biodiversity and conservation objectives
- ✘ Against domestic and international laws, and agreements (CITES).
- ✘ Is not acceptable



DEPARTMENT OF FOREST INSPECTION (DOFI)



DOFI Enforcement Focus:

- *Prevention*
- *Detection*
- *Suppression*

OUR APPROACH TO COMPLIANCE

STEPP - The Strategic and Tactical Enforcement Patrol Programme

- a performance based law enforcement operational model based on threat & risk assessment.



INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The DOFI Information Management System is ready for National Implementation and to ensure that the information is kept secure and that individual privacy issues are respected:

- 1. Design and disseminate information Management System data collection forms**
- 2. Develop Information Management System guidelines**
- 3. Train 50 DOFI and POFI personal in data entry requirements of the Information Management System**
- 4. Train 20 Information Management System trainer for Provincial training**
- 5. Verify Internet Capability and Capacity in test Provinces**
- 6. Provide and equip a DOFI Information Management System room that can be used to manage the Information Management System, Conduct intelligence analysis on timely and relevant information and assist investigators with organize and preparation of Criminal prosecution materials**

LAO-WEN

Ministry of Agriculture &
Forestry



Lao-WEN
Coordination Unit
DG DOFI

National Partners

DOFI

DFRM

DOF

Economic Police

Customs

Lao PDR Army

Industry & Commerce

State Inspection

Anti-Corruption Agency



International Partners

ASEAN-WEN
Liaison

INTERPOL, CITES
and other Enforcement
Agency Liaison



Office of the Public
Prosecutor



National Task Force
(Investigations)



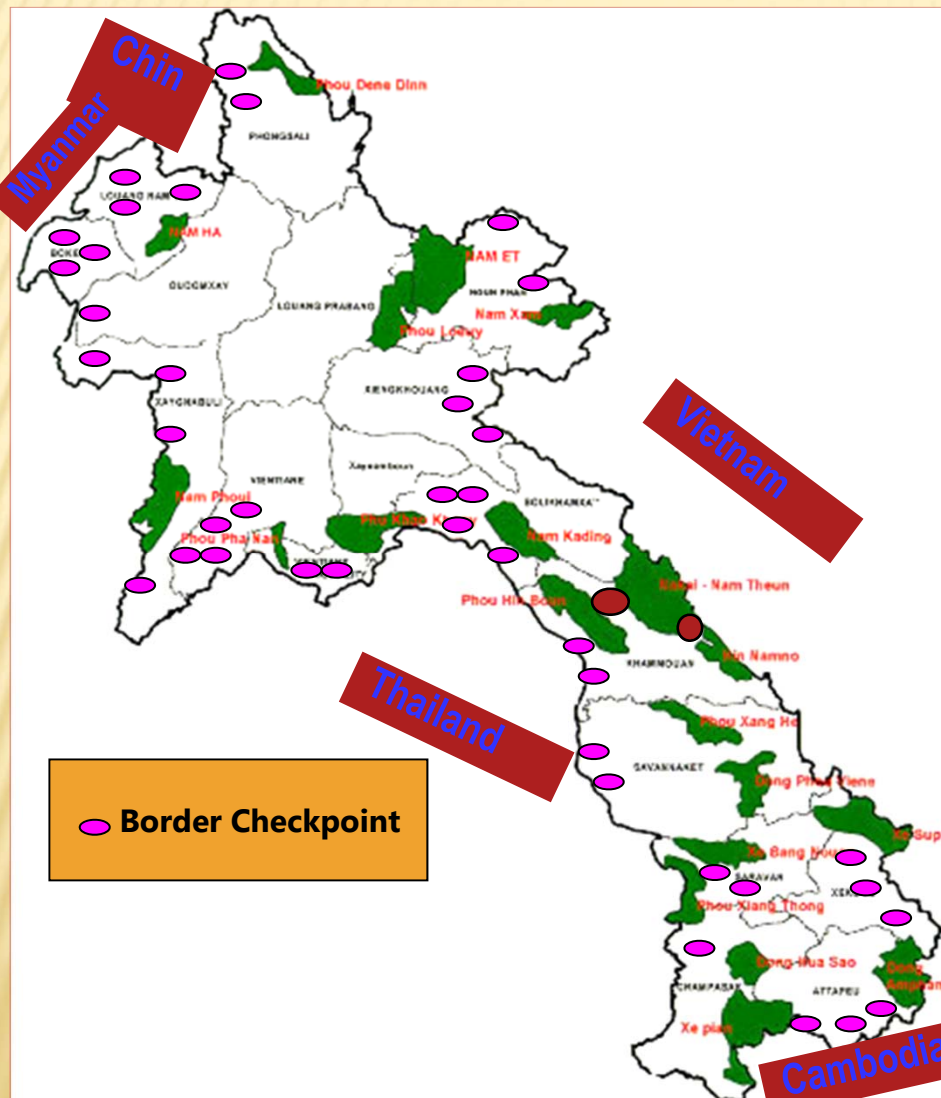
National
Law Enforcement
Technical Advisers Group



LAO-WEN COORDINATING UNIT LWCU DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Collect information from many places;**
- **Plan investigations based on information;**
- **Conduct joint investigations where possible;**
- **Prepare legal documents for national and international partners;**
- **Prepare reports on Inspections & Investigations;**
- **DOFI is strong to Cooperation with Inter-agency and ASEAN-WEN**

Forest Resource Checkpoints and Enforcement Authorities



- POFI 18 Provinces
- 64 Domestic Checkpoints
- 38 Cross border Checkpoints

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

- ✘ Community workshops
- ✘ Field presentations/training
- ✘ Educate market managers
 - + Signs at markets and airport
- ✘ Education and awareness in schools
 - + 3,000 posters, 18,000 stickers
 - + Boat racing festival
 - + Presentations to 2 schools
- ✘ Training staff on data base and reporting



PUBLIC EDUCATION



ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN FEBRUARY 2015.

Across 18 Provinces

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|-------------------------------|--------|
| Staff involved in patrols | 135 |
| No Days actual patrolling | 178 |
| No. timber seized | 12,880 |
| Volume (m3) | 242.79 |
| No. wildlife related seizures | 81 |
| Weight NTFP seized | 5001.5 |
| Equipment Seized (13 trucks) | 18 |
| Investigations (Cases) | 146 |
| Fine (million kip) | 82.1 |
| Fines (USD) | 151 |



LAW ENFORCEMENT





Illegal machines cutting





WORK IN PROGRESS (DOMESTIC)

- ✘ Enhance compliance activities and skills
 - + Internal/external and single/multi agency training
 - + Developing Information Management System to support Intelligence Lead Responses
 - + Increase patrol activities on weekends, after normal working hours, multiple times per week.
- ✘ Enhance community support
 - + Build trust, demonstrate capacity to respond
 - + Engage with village headmen and market managers to identify traders
 - + Ensure financial procedures for fines and donor disbursement should be consistent, transparent and timely.
- ✘ Promote the stopping of wildlife trade
 - + Develop/implement clear procedures that define roles and responsibilities
 - + Avoid duplication/confusion
 - + Identify gaps (such as guidelines on confiscated animals (live or dead))

WORK IN PROGRESS (INTERNATIONAL)

1. Transshipments of wildlife through Laos from other countries should be done only according to CITES regulations
2. Increase the capacity of wildlife teams to identify animal parts, record confiscated animals, and intervene in trade activities that are under the table.
3. Establish working relations with TRAFFIC and other international agencies that try to stop wildlife trade.
4. Join ASEAN-WEN activities and workshops
5. Increase cooperation with neighboring countries on international wildlife trade.

THANKS YOU

Questions



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Every time you buy...
Nature pays

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