



Lao People's Democratic Republic
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Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

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**Decision on Establishment of Social and Environmental Safeguards Information System (LNSIS)
for Lao REDD+ Programme**

- Pursuant to Prime Minister's Decree No 99/PM, dated 9 March 2017 on the Establishment and Activities of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- Pursuant to the Ratification of Lao PDR for the UNFCCC on 4 January 1995
- Pursuant to Decision 12/CP.17 on Guidance on systems for providing information on how safeguards are addressed and respected and modalities relating to forest reference emission levels and forest reference levels as referred to in decision 1/CP.16
- Pursuant to paragraph 71 of Decision 1/CP.16 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in December 2010
- Pursuant to the Proposal of Department of Forestry, No. 4984/DoF, dated 18 September 2020

The Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry issues the following Decision:

Article 01: Approves the establishment of Social and Environmental Safeguards Information System (hereafter LNSIS) for the Lao REDD+.

Article 02: Institutional Arrangements for the Establishment of Social and Environmental Safeguards Information System

Assign Department of Forestry to appoint responsible staff or technical team of relevant divisions as appropriate. Assign Department of Forestry to oversee and support PAFO and DAFO to appoint responsible staff or technical team as appropriate.

Article 04: Roles and Responsibilities

Central Level:

- Is responsible for managing the information/data, and coordinating with staff or technical team at the provincial and district levels for the implementation of safeguards plans and instruments.
- Is responsible for monitoring the performance of the staff or technical team at the provincial and district levels.
- Provides technical and capacity support to responsible staff or technical team at the provincial and district levels.
- Collaborates and coordinates with CSOs in capacity building and community engagement.

- Undertakes monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of social and environmental safeguards plans.
- Is responsible for summarizing, reporting and providing safeguards information/data to relevant stakeholders at the central level and international as requested.

Provincial and District Level:

- Is responsible for managing information/data and coordinating with relevant departments and offices at the provincial and district levels for the implementation of safeguards plans and instruments.
- Is responsible for safeguards plans and instruments implementation at the provincial and district levels.
- Is responsible for summarizing and providing safeguards information/data to relevant departments or stakeholders at the provincial and district levels as requested.
- Collaborates and coordinates with CSOs in capacity building and community engagement.
- Undertakes monitoring, evaluation and reporting of safeguards implementation at the provincial and district levels and reports to relevant provincial, district and central stakeholders.

Article 04: Assign Department of Forestry and Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Offices implement this decision effectively and report to the management level in a suitable time.

- The budget is to be utilized from FCPF budget.
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Article 05: This decision is effective from the date of signature.

Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forest

Signed by Mr Thongphat Vongmany