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The Lao DECIDE info project is an initiative of the Government of the Lao PDR, aiming at fostering exchange and integration of data and information among stakeholders in the Lao PDR to supporting better informed planning and decision-making. The initiative is technically supported by the Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) of University of Bern, Switzerland, and receives financial support from the Government of Switzerland.

The project was initiated in response to the increased demand for spatially explicit and nationally comprehensive reliable information for development planning. This new demand in the Lao PDR was largely awakened by the publication of the highly detailed Socio-Economic Atlas of the Lao PDR and the corresponding spatial poverty analysis of the country.

An online platform on www.decide.la provides easy access to highly detailed socioeconomic, environmental, and agricultural data and information, including detailed maps, for the whole of the Lao PDR. Although the data is provided by different ministries, it is seamlessly integrated for a greatly facilitated application by users.

Currently, the platform integrates information on poverty, education, health, and other socioeconomic variables from the Lao Statistics Bureau (LSB) under the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), on detailed agricultural production patterns from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), and on investments in land from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE). New data and information is continuously being added as the partner network is expanded.

Information and promotion materials are being developed and disseminated through various channels to promote the usage of the platform at national and sub-national levels.
MapViewer allows you to explore and compare side-by-side highly detailed thematic maps on a wide range of aspects related to socio-economic conditions of the Lao population, agricultural production patterns, and land investments. All maps are based on statistics of the Government of the Lao PDR.

The online GIS application provides a user-friendly interface to explore and analyse a wide range of socio-economic, agriculture and investment data layers geographically. The tool lets you overly map layers of different topics, create custom maps on specific topics and areas of interest, and provides easy to use tools to query the data spatially as well as thematically. Registered users can download spatial data layers from GIS.
The statistical data portal **StaTable** provides registered users with an easy to use interface to browse and select statistical data by topic and geographic area, and to download the selected variables at various levels of aggregation.

The **Metadata Browser** is the place to go to search for detailed tabular or spatial socio-economic data of national coverage. The Metadata Browser lists meta data on existing data sets and points users to the data owners and download links where available.
Population and Housing Census 2005

The 2005 Population and Housing Census is the third and most recent population census undertaken by the Government of Lao PDR. It was carried out by the Lao Bureau of Statistics (SL, formerly Lao Department of Statistics DoS) in March 2005, ten years after the second census of 1995, and included a full enumeration of the entire population of the country. A broad range of information, including information on demographics, migration, education, health, labour and employment, and housing was collected from every household and individual in the Lao PDR, making this enormous database a key dataset for national planning. In addition, GPS information on the location of every village in the country was collected during the Census.

Poverty estimates 2005

Combining information from the 2003 Lao Expenditure and Consumption Survey (LECS III), statistical techniques (so-called small-area estimation techniques) were applied by the Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) to estimate household welfare for every household in the Census. Through aggregation, the poverty incidence for all villages and districts in the Lao PDR, making this enormous database a key dataset for national planning. In addition, GPS information on the location of every village in the country was collected during the Census.
National State Leases and Land Concession Inventory 2010

The Lao National Land Management Authority (NLMA) initiated the development of a spatially explicit national land concession inventory in 2009. With the technical support of the German Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the nation-wide inventory collected data on more than 2,200 land concessions in the Lao PDR describing location, area, investor, purpose of exploration, etc. This unique database provides important insights into the overall dimensions and dynamics of large-scale investments in land in the Lao PDR, and, through spatial analysis, on the involved stakeholders, their networks, and of linkages to rural livelihoods.
Swiss Development Cooperation

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) is Switzerland’s international cooperation agency. SDC is responsible for the overall coordination of development activities and cooperation with developing countries, as well as for the humanitarian aid delivered by the Swiss Confederation. The goal of development cooperation is that of reducing poverty. It is meant to foster economic self-reliance and state autonomy, to contribute to the improvement of production conditions, to help in finding solutions to environmental problems, and to provide better access to education and basic healthcare services. To support increased transparency and well-informed decision-making, SDC has been funding the DECIDE info initiative since its initiation.

Centre for Development and Environment

The Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) is the University of Bern’s centre for sustainable development research. Its mission is to contribute to sustainable development in countries of the North, South, and East, through research partnerships, education and training, development of concepts and tools, raising awareness, and policy advice. CDE focuses on management of natural resources, integrated regional development, and interventions that mitigate syndromes of global change. The Centre supports the principles of subsidiarity, empowerment and partnership, while acknowledging the importance of research, planning and decision-making at the regional, national and international levels. CDE is providing technical and conceptual expertise to the DECIDE info initiative.
Lao Statistics Bureau

The Lao Statistics Bureau (LSB) under the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) has a mandate to collect, compile, process, analyse and report official statistics on development trends in the Lao PDR, and is in charge of coordinating among various sectorial agencies responsible for statistical information. Furthermore, LSB is tasked with supplying statistics to all organizations of the party and the government, across the various sectors and administrative levels, for purposes including policy research, and social-economic development monitoring, planning and analysis. A move towards utilizing statistics in decision-making has occurred not only in socio-economic development planning but also in the performance of follow-ups and evaluations of national objectives such as alleviating poverty, and freeing the Lao PDR from the status of least developed country by 2020. Statistical data is also a tool for helping the Lao PDR fulfill its responsibilities within regionalization and globalization frameworks.

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

In its Agricultural Development Strategy (ADS) 2011-2020 – an integral part of the 7th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP), the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) recognizes the need for sound information bases for monitoring and informed planning and decision-making towards achieving the sector-specific goals of achieving food security, pro-poor and green value chains, sustainable production patterns and sustainable forest management. The Censuses of Agriculture 1999 and 2010/11 is seen as key databases for sector-wide impact monitoring, analysis and planning.

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

In June 2011, the national assembly of Lao PDR has endorsed the establishment of the Ministry of Natural Resources and environment (MoNRE), merging the former Water Resources and Environment Administration, the Land Management Administration, the Geology Department, and some divisions from the Forestry Department into the newly established Ministry. The draft natural resources and environment plan for 2011-2015 is the result of a compilation of the relevant subsector plans under MoNRE, which are reflected in the 7th National Economic and Social Development Plan for 2011–2015. The Ministry therein recognizes the need for having reliable data and information as basic tools to support decision-making and policy formulation.
The various tutorials available on this website are available as individual downloads.

The tutorials are provided in various formats suitable for different devices. The website also offers a help center for additional support.

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Step-by-step manual for
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Aims of the initiative:

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In order to shape appropriate policies and take effective action, planners and decision makers need ready access to relevant information and knowledge. Relevant policies also need to consider the broader dynamics, including increasing market integration, and to be able to meet the expectations of a growing middle class, as well as multiple claims on available land resources.

Although the necessary baseline data often exists in the Lao PDR, the data format, as well as the required access to it, is usually below the standards of efficient situation analysis, decision-making and policy planning. This is true for both the public as well as for the private sector. There is a strong need for integrating information from multiple thematic sectors.

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Go to the Lao DECIDE info’s website
Open your internet browser and type: www.decide.la

Register on Lao DECIDE info
- Click on “Register” on the right of the navigation. It will open the registration form.
- Fill the different boxes with the required information and click “Submit”.

Access your mailbox
- After your registration, you will receive a confirmation e-mail.
- Follow the instructions in the email.

You can now sign in to the website.
- Click “Sign in” and enter your login and password.
- Go to “Toolbox” and decide:
**MapViewer**
- Choose a dataset on the top left field
- Choose your layer of interest
- Use the zoom bar to zoom-in and zoom-out
- Use the hand or the arrow tools to navigate on the map

**GIS**
- From the available datasets in the lower left window choose your layer of interest by double-clicking on it
- Add more layers if you wish
- Explore and query the layers you selected in the map window
- Print/export your customized map onto your computer

**StaTable**
- Choose a dataset on the top left field
- Choose the aggregation level
- Select the variables of interest
- Define the geographic area by selecting the provinces and districts
- View or download the data you selected in GIS or tabular format

**Metadata**
- Type and search
- Discover and download
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