



## Natural Resource and Environment Sector



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# Outline



1. National Policy and Strategy on Environment
2. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)
3. Environmental Protection Law

# Environment-associated Goals and Visions



- ❖ **The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** (SDGs)
  - SDG 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, & 15
- ❖ **The Net Zero Emissions by 2050 Scenario** under the Paris Agreement to the UNFCCC
- ❖ **The Vision of “a World Living in Harmony with Nature by 2050”** under the UN CBD through the implementation of the KM-GBF
- ❖ ASCC Blueprint towards achieving **the 2025 Vision of inclusive, sustainable, resilient, and dynamic ASEAN**
- ❖ The Government of Lao PDR is currently implementing **the 9<sup>th</sup> Five-Year National Socio-economic Development (2021-2025)** in **the direction of Green Growth and Sustainable Development.**
  - **MONRE’s vision of “Green, Clean, and Beautiful Laos by 2030”**
  - **The Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)** to the objectives of the Paris Agreement to UNFCCC
  - **National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)** in the alignment with 23 targets of the KM-GBF under CBD

# 1. National Policy and Strategy on Environment



❖ In 2011, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) of the Lao PDR was officially established (switched from WREA to MONRE), focusing on 2 main sectors:

- ① **Natural Resources Sector:** Sustainable Management of Natural Resources;
- ② **Environmental Sector:** Environmental Quality Protection.

# 1. National Policy and Strategy on Environment (Cont.)



- ❖ In the 10<sup>TH</sup> General Congress of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, held on 18-22 January 2016 in Vientiane, Lao PDR, **3 significant goals** have been set to **guarantee Green & Sustainable Development** by 2030.
  - One of those goals is: “Securing the most effective & efficient use of natural resources & environmental protection in the direction of green & sustainable development; effective preparedness for natural disasters & adaptation to climate change”.

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❖ The **8<sup>th</sup> Five-Year National Socio-economic Development Plan (2016-2020)** of the Government of Laos, known as “**The 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP**”, to achieve the above-mentioned goals & SDGs.

- Outcome 1: Macro economic..
- Outcome 2: Social & Cultural...
- Outcome 3: Environmental Protection and Sustainable Natural Resource Managment
  - Output 1 – Environmental Protection & Sustainable Natural Resources Management
  - Output 2 – Preparedness for Natural Disasters & Risk Mitigation

❖ **The 9<sup>th</sup> NSEDP (2021-2025)**, focusing on socio-economic development based on the existing potentials in order to help the country effectively achieve the LDC's criteria through quality, inclusive and green growth and achieve the SDGs by 2030.

- The 9<sup>th</sup> NSEDP consists of 6 outcomes. Of these, Outcome 4 aims at promoting Green and Environmentally Friendly Development.

## 2. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)



MONRE established in 2011



**Environmental Protection Law (EPL)**  
issued out in 1999, revised in 2012 & 2024

Latest  
update  
(2015)

**The National Environmental Standards  
and relevant legal framework**

1<sup>st</sup> Five-Year Action  
Plan (2006-2010)

**National Strategy on Environment  
(2006-2020)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Five-Year Action  
Plan (2011-2015)

Vision toward 2030

**National Strategy on Natural Resources  
& Environment (2016-2025)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Five-Year Action Plan  
(2016-2020)

4<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Action Plan  
(2021-2025)



# MONRE's Vision towards 2030



“**Green, Clean**, and **Beautiful Laos** with the richness of natural resources on a basis of **Green Economic Development** to reach the **Sustainable Development** and **Industrialization** in parallel to **Climate Change Adaptation** and **Disaster Resilience.**”



Concept of Sustainable Development





# The 4<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Action Plan (2021-2025)

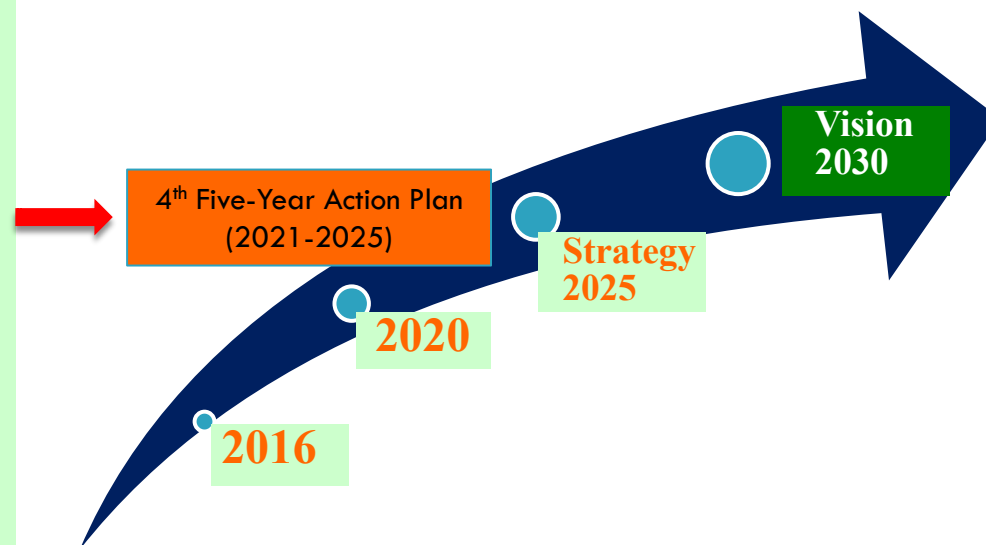
## National Strategy on Natural Resources & Environment (2016-2025)



The overall goal is to: *'Enhance MONRE's role in natural resource management and environmental protection and the effective and efficient implementation of existing mechanisms and legal frameworks to ensure the sustainable socio-economic development in the direction of Green Growth and Sustainable Development Goals'*

### □ Priority Programs:

- ① Sustainable Natural Resource Management Program
- ② Environmental Quality Promotion Program
- ③ Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, as well as Natural Disaster Mitigation Program
- ④ Regional & International Coordination & Cooperation Program
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- 1) Capacity building for environmental policy and planning (e.g., *devise new legal frameworks when appropriate, enforce the EPL and existing legal frameworks, carry out SEA in energy, mining, agricultural and forestry, public work and transport sector, as well as in pilot provinces; integration of LUP & ISP in every province; continue establishing the ESC model cities; develop SoER at the central and provincial levels*).
- 2) Pollution Control and Prevention
- 3) Monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of ESIA in development projects

# Legislation associated with Natural Resource Management and Environmental Protection



Laws	Decrees	Strategies & action Plans
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Protection Law, (1<sup>st</sup> edition published in 1999, revised version in 2014, and updated version in 2024).</li> <li>Law on Water and Water Resource (2022)</li> <li>Law on Land (2020)</li> <li>Law on Meteorology and Hydrology (2018)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated Decree on EIA, no. 389/GoL, dated Oct 20, 2022. <a href="#">It is now under update process.</a></li> <li>The draft Decree of Wetlands has been finalized.</li> <li>The Decree on Carbon Credits and Carbon Trading in the Lao PDR is being drafted under the support of GGGI.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated National Strategy on Climate Change towards 2030</li> <li>NBSAP (2016-2025) is currently under update process</li> <li>National Plastic Action Plan (NPAP) 2024-2030</li> </ul>

# ກົດໝາຍ ວ່າດ້ວຍ ການປົກປັກຮັກສາສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ ສະບັບປຸງ ໃນປີ 2024



- ❑ ປະກອບມີທັງໝົດ 10 ພາກ ແລະ 102 ມາດຕາ
  - ພາກທີ I ບົດບັນຍັດທົ່ວໄປ
  - ພາກທີ II ກົດຈະການປົກປັກຮັກສາສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ
  - ພາກທີ III ການບູລະນະພື້ນຟູສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ
  - ພາກທີ IV ເຫດການສຸກເສີນທາງສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ
  - ພາກທີ V ທຸລະກິດ ກ່ຽວກັບ ສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ
  - ພາກທີ VI ກອງທຶນປົກປັກຮັກສາສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ
  - ພາກທີ VII ຂໍ້ຫ້າມ
  - ພາກທີ VIII ການຄຸ້ມຄອງ ແລະ ການກວດກາວຽກງານສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ
  - ພາກທີ IX ນະໂຍບາຍຕໍ່ຜູ້ມີຜົນງານ ແລະ ມາດຕະການຕໍ່ຜູ້ລະເມີນ
  - ພາກທີ X ບົດບັນຍັດສຸດທ້າຍ

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## □ ພາກທີ II - ໝວດທີ 1 ການປ້ອງກັນສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ

### ➤ ມາດຕາ 12 ວຽກງານປ້ອງກັນສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ

1. ການສ້າງແຜນຈັດສັນທີ່ດິນ, ຄຸ້ມຄອງ ຊັບພະຍາກອນທຳມະຊາດ ແລະ ສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ ແບບຮອບດ້ານ (LUP-ISP);
2. ການປະເມີນສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມແບບຍຸດທະສາດ (Strategic Environmental Assessment - SEA);
3. ການວາງມາດຕະການປ້ອງກັນໄພພິບັດທຳມະຊາດ (Protection measures against Natural Disasters);
4. ການຄຸ້ມຄອງສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມໃນທຸລະກິດຄອບຄົວ (Environmental Management of Household Business);
5. ການສຶກສາເບື້ອງຕົ້ນກ່ຽວກັບຜົນກະທົບຕໍ່ສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ (Initial Environmental Examination - IEE);
6. ການປະເມີນຜົນກະທົບຕໍ່ສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ (Environmental Impact Assessment - EIA);
7. ການນຳໃຊ້ເຕັກໂນໂລຊີທີ່ເປັນມິດກັບສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ (Use of Environmentally Sound Technologies);
8. ການຈຳກັດຜົນກະທົບ ຈາກການກໍ່ສ້າງ ແລະ ກິດຈະການອື່ນ (Limitation of Impacts Derived from Construction Activities and Others);
9. ການປ້ອງກັນສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມຈາກເຄມີຍ້ອນການເກີດອຸບປະຕິເຫດ (Environmental Prevention Against Chemicals due to accidents);
10. ການກຳນົດມາດຕະຖານສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມແຫ່ງຊາດ (Identification of National Environmental Quality Standards);
11. ການສ້າງບົດລາຍງານສະພາບສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ (State of the Environment Report - SoER).

# Conclusion and Recommendations



- To sum up, a series of laws and legal frameworks associated with sustainable natural resource management and environmental protection has been devised and updated to fit with the recent course of the development process.
- We would like to continue working closely in partnership with all relevant public and private sectors, and our development partners to implement and enforce our existing legal frameworks to move towards environmental sustainability at both regional and global levels.





# ຂອບໃຈຫຼາຍໆ!

Thank You for Your Attention!

*"Environmental issues are not only one person's concerns, but the shared responsibilities of the entire collective body involved."*

