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National Environment Strategy to the Year 2020 (Lao PDR)

Policy
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Summary

This strategy was formulated to provide the general direction, targets, programmes and projects in relation to environmental protection to be implemented in the short term and long term – up to the year 2020. After implementing it and learning lessons from the early phases of its use, the document will be reviewed and revised. This is to ensure it fully reflects any new changes, and for it to be in line with the reality of the national social–economic growth.

This strategy aims to:

1. Implement policies to ensure valuable environmental resources are conserved in order to permit socio-economic development, a sustainable environment and sustainable development; and the improvement of the livelihood of the people,
2. Protect the rich and valuable forest resources: to preserve the natural environment and eco-system to ensure sustainability of provision of agricultural and forestry development contributing to continuous national economic improvement,
3. Manage water and water resources to ensure multi-purpose and sustainable use and equal access for the general population; and to provide resources for the development of other sectors,
4. Develop and promote the use of land to ensure rich bio-diversity in order to facilitate production for domestic, market and export use,
5. Develop and promote environmental and social assessment in agricultural, industrial, mining, infrastructure and urban development projects.
6. Protect and restore natural, historical and cultural heritage, sound and ethical traditional practices of the ethnic communities to promote the development of tourism.
7. Participate and involve sustainable development processes at international and regional level, and to fulfill national obligations under international obligations and agreements.

Develop and promote environmental education and awareness in order to create the conditions for international, regional and national co-operation.

Related institutions

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (Lao PDR) [11]

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