



# Valuing Lao Landscapes (2019 – 2023)

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## Objective

To scale up natural capital accounting to strengthen information, policy, planning and investment in sustainability

## Policy Question

How to mainstream natural capital accounting and landscape valuation to generate opportunities for fiscal space, job creation, and green growth?

## GPS indicator

1. Progress in natural capital data and analysis

### Results:

- 2 Landscape valuation analyses with consecutive census data
- Valuation of non-timber forest products (NTFP) in protected areas
- Economic valuation of the charcoal sector
- Policy Notes

2. Progress in using data to inform Bank projects and investments

### Results:

- Dedicated NCA activity in the Lao Landscapes and Livelihoods Project (LLL, \$57 million)
- Data and inputs in the design of the Emission Reductions Purchase Agreement (ERPA) (up to \$42 Million)

3. Progress in using data and evidence to inform policies and Bank core documents

### Results:

- Strategic Country Diagnostic (SCD)
- Country Partnership Framework (CPF)
- Country Economic Memorandum (CEM)
- Informed government technical guidelines on protected area management and sustainable forest livelihoods
- Informed review of the National Green Growth Strategy 2030

4. Capacity building

### Results:

- Inter-ministerial working group on natural capital accounting
- Creation of a new Department of Environmental Statistics within the LSB, MPI
- High-level inter-ministerial National Green Growth Forum
- Over 300 people trained in dissemination and policy workshops

5. Integration of gender, poverty and inclusion issues

### Results:

- Original data generated on household reliance on natural capital for energy and food consumption, which informed the revision of the next socio-economic survey questionnaires, now including more specific questions to capture the livelihoods of the most marginalized communities and individuals, including ethnic people and women

