



LAOS

## SUSTAINABLE RATTAN-BAMBOO HARVESTING AND PRODUCTION PROJECT PHASE-6

### 2 YEARS DURATION

April 2022 to  
December 2023

### 3 PROVINCES 7 DISTRICTS

Borlikhamxay: Khamkeut & Borikhan districts  
Salavan: Ta-Oy, Samouay & Lakhonpheng districts  
Sekong: Lamam & Thateng districts

### 321,800 USD

Supported by  
IKEA & Sida

### 30 TARGET VILLAGES

In 7 districts  
of the 3 provinces



### HEALTHY FORESTS AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

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THE PEOPLE OF LAOS  
CAN THRIVE AND LIVE IN  
HARMONY WITH NATURE.





## PROJECT BACKGROUND



As part of its forest conservation efforts in the Greater Mekong region, particularly Laos, Cambodia, Viet Nam and Thailand, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has been working to establish sustainable rattan supply chains and improved systems for rattan forest management.

In Laos, WWF has been working with communities, as well as government officials, in Bolikhamxay province since 2006, and Sekong and Salavan provinces in southern Laos since 2009.

The project aims to develop a viable and sustainable management and supply

chain model that ensures the forest is protected while also contributing to local livelihoods and the protection of wildlife.

Over the past 16 years, WWF-Laos has been supporting the government officials on the capacity of traders and processors regarding cleaner productions, business, and regional and international market links as well as a sustainable design. The management of over 30,000 ha. of natural forest has been improved and has made the sustainable production of rattan and bamboo profitable, transparent and fair.

With the previous phase of the project ended in 2021 which was successfully implemented and gave the most benefits to the communities and the conservation as a whole, the project has been then extended with the new phase (phase-6) under the continuous support from IKEA and Sida (the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency), in a partnership between WWF-Laos and National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI).

## WHAT WE DO



Strengthening and expanding sustainable management of the forest areas



Promote sustainability and legality of the supply chain of rattan and bamboo



Promote sustainable and climate-resilient livelihoods



Support a comprehensive study of the rattan value chain in Laos

## HOW WE WORK



The project memorandum of understanding signed between NAFRI and WWF-Laos, with the activities implemented together with the Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office; District Agriculture and Forestry Office, Civil Society, Communities, and private sector partners.



The project outcomes contribute to the overall development goal of the Lao P.D.R., particularly the National Action Plan for Sustainable Rattan and Bamboo, and the National Forest Strategy.

## OUTCOMES



Capacities to harvest and process rattan and bamboo of the target villages have increased



Natural rattan and bamboo forest around target villages are sustainably managed and monitored



Business links between the village groups of rattan and bamboo products and SMEs have increased



Livelihood opportunities in the target villages have improved



Constraints and opportunities for Laos' sustainable rattan value chain are analyzed and documented



## BENEFICIARIES

2,100

Households in the 30 target villages will be benefited from the project, and from the forest management.