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LAO-THAI TRANSBOUNDARY PROJECT



FROM MOUNTAIN TO RIVER: APPLYING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN THE PHOU XIENG THONG AND PHA TAEM CORRIDOR (LAO – THAI TRANSBOUNDARY PROJECT)

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The collaborative project between WWF Thailand and WWF Laos (TH-LA Transboundary Project) targets the Lower Mekong River area. In Thailand, activities are carried out in Ubon Ratchathani Province, specifically in Pho Sai District and Khong Chiam District, covering 6 target villages. In Laos, the project operates in Salavan Province, within Lakhonpheng District and Kongxedone District, covering 7 target villages.

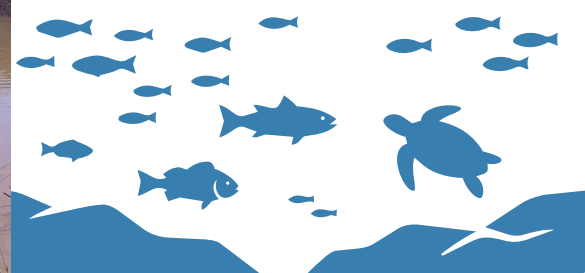
One of the key objectives is to restore aquatic resources in the target areas, with a strong emphasis on multi-sector participation involving government, private sector, and local communities.

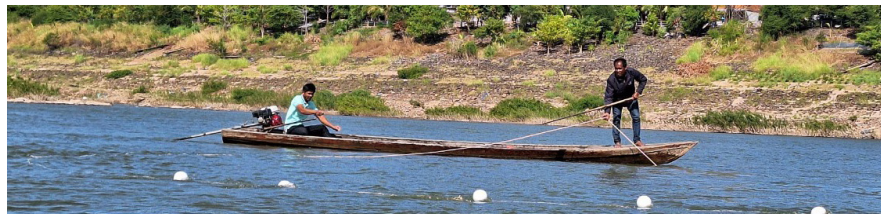
KEY ACTIVITIES

- Assessing site suitability to designate areas in each village as aquatic resource conservation zones. The benefit is to create safe areas free from fishing, serving as habitats for breeding, spawning, and nursery of young fish, thereby contributing to an increase in aquatic populations.
- Supporting communities with materials and equipment to establish their own **aquatic species conservation zones**. This includes the development of community regulations and restrictions approved by the community, as well as facilitating the appointment of a community **fisheries management committee**.



- Facilitating the establishment of **Community Patrol Teams** in 6 target villages. These teams are encouraged to conduct patrol operations around the designated aquatic conservation zones and along the Mekong River in front of their villages, with a minimum frequency of seven patrols per week.





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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Provincial level: Cooperation between Ubon Ratchathani Fisheries Office and Salavan Agriculture & Forestry Department.



- District level: Cooperation between Pho Sai & Khong Chiam Fisheries Offices and Lakhonpheng & Kongxedone Agriculture & Forestry Departments.



- Community level: Villages exchanged conservation zones, rules, and contact details for future coordination.
- Women's groups: Cross-border women's groups shared lessons, experiences, and contact information for livelihood activities.



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