



# National Information Sharing on PNPCA LPHPP 9<sup>th</sup> MRC Regional Stakeholder Forum 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 Luang Prabang Lao PDR



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# Main objectives:

- To share data and information on the LPHHP to public
- To listen and gather their
  concerns and suggestions on the LPHPP



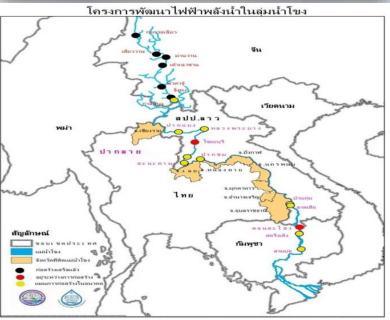






- The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in Nakhon Phanom on 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2019; 175 Participants
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Amnat Charoen on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2020; 155 participants
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to be held in Loei in the last week of Feb. 2020
- The expected participants: 500 in total
  - ⇒ Central, regional and local governmental representatives
    ⇒ Local people/NGOs/civil society
    ⇒ Mass media









# Approach to the meetings

PNPCA processes
LPHPP details
TRR
Questions & Answers



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### 1. Remedies and funds

- Measures for supporting the affected people are requested.
- Propose to the project to have damage insurance with compensation fund.





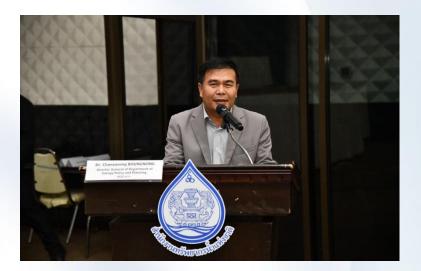




## Concerns & Comments

### 2. Dam Safety

- ✓ The active fault lines in the vicinity of the project may create dam failures
- Dam break fully studied and Emergency and Early Warning Action Plan in place.









# Concerns & Comments

### 3. Fishery and fish passage

- Expected reduction in natural fish species and no. of catches
- Lessons learned from the Xayaburi should be applied with further modification of LPHPP.
- More in-depth study be conducted on effective fish passages for this project
- Establishing fish breeding stations









# Concerns & Comments

# 4. Changes in mainstream hydrological regime

- Relatively Low flows in wet season and high flows in dry season compared to normal due to dam operations.
- Early low flow periods at end of wet season due to dam impounding wet season flow for upcoming dry season releases.
- Sediments trapped upstream of dams reducing sediment load to downstream river reach.
- Clearer water downstream in particular during dry or low flow periods.







### 5. River bank erosion

Less sedimentation along river bank, causing river bank erosion
Land loss due to the bank erosion.

### 6. People livelihood losses

- River bank cropping areas in dry season affected as river is too far for the farmers to access the water for cropping.
- Cropping areas are flooded and damaged.
- Localized sand beaches in the mainstream did disappear which are are used as people recreation areas and cultural festivals such as boat racing and loykratong festival.





- 6. People livelihood losses (Cont.)
  - The natural fishing farmers will catch lower amounts from the main stream and connecting tributaries as natural fish migration and food for fish are negatively affected.
  - The unusually Low water levels in the mainstream could damage the dry season fish habitats.









### 7. Data/information sharing

- Project's water releases plan shall be shared with downstream countries for response preparation by people and communities downstream.
- The project's water management data/information should be also shared.







#### 8. More comprehensive project impact documents required

- ✓ More detail on transboundary impacts are needed to furhter consider mitigation measures.
- More study on project water management and impacts, e.g. Fish passage system, sediment releases pattern, socio-economic impacts and etc., are needed to support the project design and operation.
- Climate change should be incorporated in the impact study.



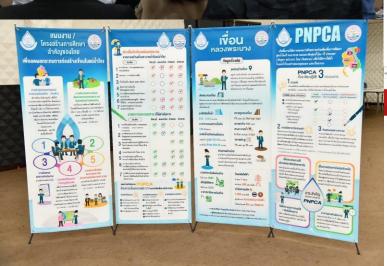


### 9. Others

- Requests are made to the project owner and Lao PDR government to provide the remedies and supports to Thai people and communities affected.
- Basin-wide management is thought to be a sustainable solution.
- Measures for mitigating impacts on fishery, river bank cropping, bank erosion, among others, are required.









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