



Lao Peoples Democratic Republic
Peace Independence Democracy Unity Prosperity

Priminister

No 31 /PM
Vientiane Capital, dated 5/11/2013

Decree

For temporary stop for logging at the National Production Forest

- To: - Ministries
- Chief of Vientiane capital and Provincial Governors for the whole country.
 - Lao National Construction and edification committees

 - Persuade to the Governments law Lao PDR No 02/ NA, dated May 6th , 2003
 - Persuade to the Forest Law No 06/NA, dated December 24th , 2007
 - Referring to the Government of Lao approval in May 2003 No 06/GL, dated March 21st , 2013.
 - Referring to Proposal letters of Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry No 063/MAF, dated October 11th , 2013.

In the past, the LAO Government has issued many Laws and many related Regulations concerning to the Forest management, Conservation for referring then created 51 national production forests for the Entire country of Laos. Therefore, it could strengthening for forest management and encouraged local Lao people in forest plantation, enterprise and investors within and overseas business in the field of plantation in particularly for commercial forestry plantations such as: Rubber trees plantation, Eucalyptus, teaks and other plantations. Beside, coordination and sharing responsible among the central And at provincials level it has progressed as day by day.

As can be observed, there are some sectors still not strongly participant and carried out their responsible for and it causes many issues outspread.

For effective natural resources conservation and to keep natural resources abandoned and to follow up for construction hydroelectricity construction with ecotourism and with the changing habit for

Lao people who has the habit to use natural tree in turn to use plantation with the focus on to reach its goal for Forest strategies for the year 2020 of Lao PDR.

The Lao Prime Minister issued decree:

- 1) Temporary stop to log at the national production forest at the whole country from fiscal year 2013-2014 now on. The government of Lao PDR will not permit Ministries, Organizations and

Provinces propose to the government and will not issues any permissions for Logging in the national production forest and prohibit provinces to enter in to an agreement that transfer forest rights to a company in exchange for a services.

- 2) All ministries and provinces to launch for forest resources surveying and forest management for sustainable to complete in the year 2015, then planning for forest management for the entire country and report to the government for taking consideration and approval logging for the next Process. During surveying and planning should follow as below:

2.1. Logging at the governments infrastructure site which government has issuing for approval or

Had contract with the investor's base on the contract condition need to have strictly management.

2.2. For national production forest which have completed management plan try to strengthen for Forrest resources for conservation, protection and development.

2.3. Not issuing any permission to convert from national production forest in to other purpose.

2.4. For local villagers use at the house hold level within the Forest production forest and outside

has to follow as the decree in article 41 for forest Law No 06/NA, dated December24th,

2014.

- 3). Ministry of Agriculture with the collaboration with Ministry of Natural resources and Provincial a gently planning for forest resources surveying and identifies forest land besides of 3 types of Forests for sustainable using the issuing decree and mechanism for forest resources Management.

- 4). Ministry of Industry and commerce will be the main who will be monitor and improving for The wood processing factories with the collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture and forestry,

Ministry of natural resources and Environment and Provinces level because of a policy is to Close unproductive wood processing factories who do not meet MOIC standard and need to complete in the year 2015 and not permit to build wood processing factories near to the forest

Especially in 3 type of forest.

- 5). Ministries, and Provincial levels has to make a great effort to increase for joining in implementation as their role and responsibility for forest management, community dissemination for the forest and aquatic and Wildlife laws and regulations related to the forest

Resources management and sustainable use as the forest law identified.

- 6). Ministries, Lao national Construction and edification committee and other organizations, Provincial Governors has to fully understand all these documents then dissemination to all Levels and supervise with the fruitful.

7). This document has been force since it has been signed and approved till may have other one to replace it.

Priminister of Lao PDR