



New green programme: Protection and Sustainable Use of Forest Ecosystems and Biodiversity

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Current Projects

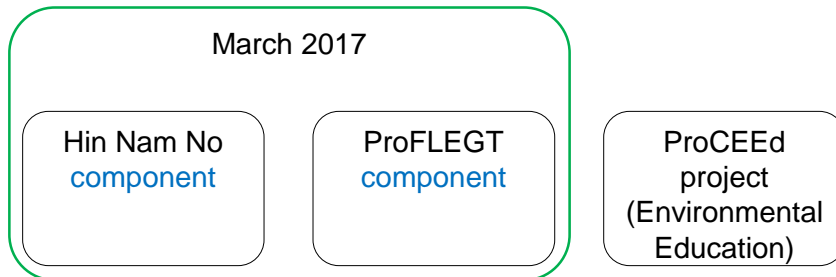
Hin Nam No
project

ProFLEGT
project

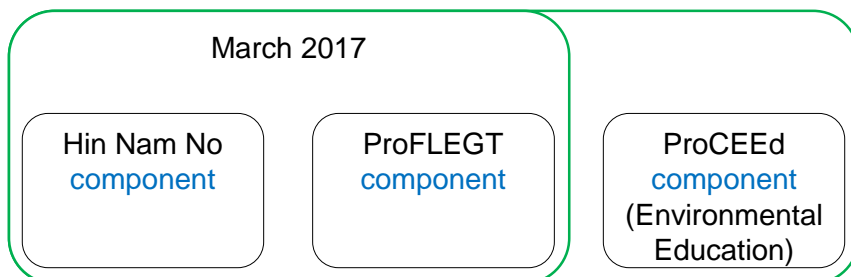
ProCEEed
project
(Environmental
Education)



New Green Programme: Step 1



New Green Programme: Step 2



- Resources for ProFLEGT will remain at same level



Status

- Agreed between Lao and German Government in November 2016
- Awaiting final approval by German Government (expected in March 2017)
- Duration until March 2019
- Existing funding earmarked for components
- Additional funding committed for new programme by German Government: EUR 3.75 Mio.



Evaluation of Progress in 2018

Milestone from Government negotiations:

The EU has requested a direct line of communication with the GoL for coordinating and preparing the negotiations both technically and logistically. According to the EU, GIZ may only provide assistance to the GoL on these matters. Therefore, to strengthen the FLEGT Standing Office in its function as a secretariat for coordinating and preparing the FLEGT process, the FLEGT Standing Office will be transformed into a division. In addition to the new Head of FLEGT Standing Office who started work in July 2016, the new division will be staffed with additional qualified Government personnel.



Evaluation of Progress in 2018

Milestone from Government negotiations:

By the end of 2017, a Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) in accordance with EU principles will have been finalized.



Evaluation of Progress in 2018

Milestone from Government negotiations:

Village use forests are a relevant source of timber in Laos. For FLEGT clarifying whether timber from village use forests enters the commercial supply chain and is thus part of trade in wood products is crucial. Therefore, the Lao side will undertake to clarify whether or not commercial use of timber from village use forests will be allowed under the Lao legal framework (to be clarified by the end of June 2017).



Evaluation of Progress in 2018

Milestone from Government negotiations:

Significant amounts of wood come from conservation forests, including Hin Nam No and adjacent areas. Therefore the Lao government plans to use Bualapha in Khammouane province as a pilot district to test the FLEGT Timber Legality Assurance System to support implementation of the Prime Minister Order 15/PM, dated 13 May 2016, by applying timber flow monitoring and supply chain control measures as well as to fulfil UNESCO requirements that illegal logging must be mitigated effectively as part of the World Heritage Site nomination process.



What will Change

- More synergies between ProFLEGT, Hin Nam No (HNN) and ProCEED
- Focus of ProFLEGT remains the same as a component of new green programme
- New funding opportunity for FLEGT through KfW (German financial cooperation): Lao Government to submit project idea to KfW by end February 2017.



Thank you for your attention!

