

# PEATLAND IN LAO PDR

Progress Report

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# OUTLINE

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# Issues

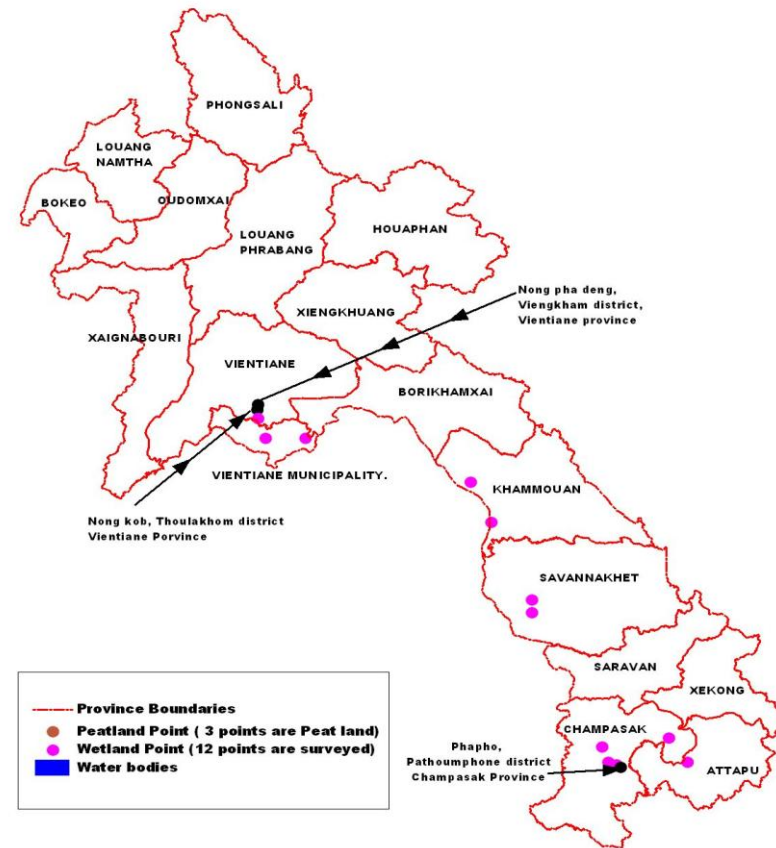
- Relative unknown
- Small/Scattered or associated in wetlands
- Threats by increasing land demands/  
exploitation by investors
- Lack of specific management laws



# Achievement

- 2010 Asean Peat Management Strategy and Training of trainer manual translated into Lao.
- 2011-12 Assessment survey in Vientiane Province and Champasack province conducted.
- Evolving of basic knowledge on peatland
- To date only a single site, a wetland Bueng Kiat Ngong, in Pathoumphone District, Champasack Province identified as peatland with 400 ha.
- Three sites in Vientiane province, have some but in-complete criteria (low OM content/low depth )
- Recognition of peatland importance (low OM content/low depth).

**Peat land Point Map of Lao PDR**



# Lessons Learned

- Limited Capacity
- Absence of formal peatland-specific management policy
- Coordination with other projects
- Replicated Best practices from other countries
- Ownership of local communities



# Way Forward

- Awareness Raising for local communities
- Formal registration/Focus on existing plot
- Continued Capacity Building at central and local levels.
- Development of Pilot Demonstration Project
- *Potentially un-identified sites . Further Assessment?*





THANK YOU

