

WORKSHOP ON BIOSECURITY IMPLEMENTATION OF SALB OF RUBBER IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

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Country Presentation on Rubber of Laos



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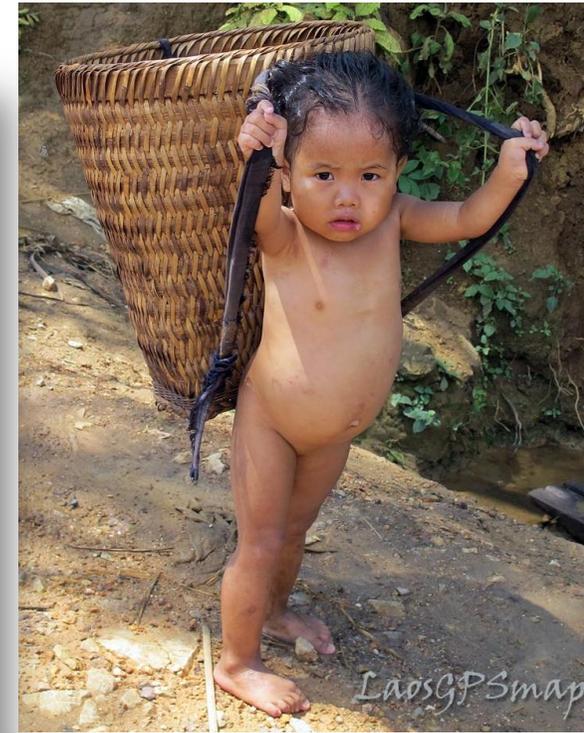


Location: Southeast Asia

Population: 6,5 millions

Total area: 236,800 km²

International border checkpoint: 22



predominantly rural country with approximately 83% of the population living in rural areas (66% rely on subsistence agriculture)

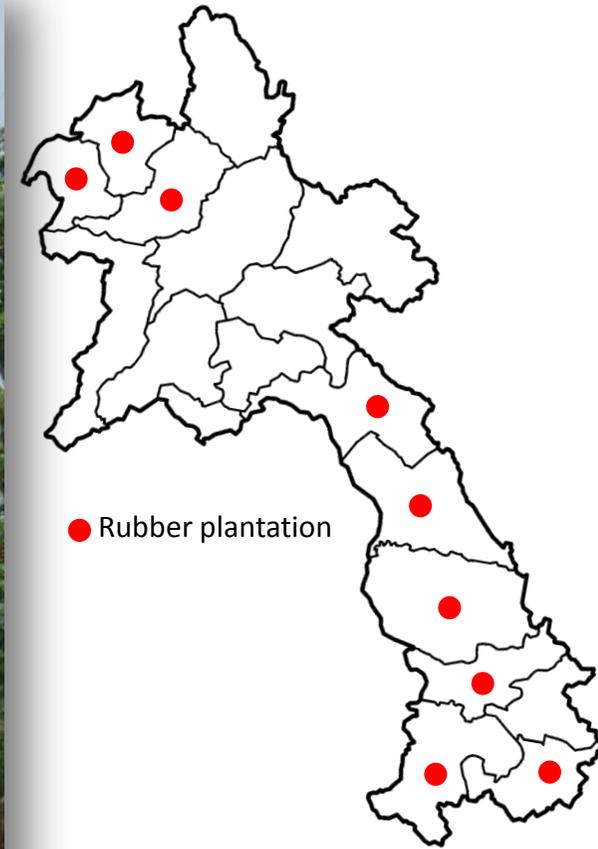


The national economy dependent on agriculture,
(around 47% of GDP)



- In 1930: first introduced rubber into Lao PDR (Champasack Province/southern part) by French planters,
- In 1995 again planted over an area of 50 hectares,
- 1994 and 1996: rubber over 342 hectares in Laungnamtha Province, Northern part
- Since then, the rubber area steadily increased and more rapid since 2003 in responded to high rubber prices and the growth in demand from China.





More than 300,000 ha of rubber plantation in the country. In nine provinces namely Bokeo, Luangnamtha, Oudomsay, Bolikhamsay, Khammouane, Savannakhet, Saravan, Champassak and Attapeu.

Rubber production and future planting:

- 602,734 rubber seedlings imported from China and Vietnam (2014)
- Now, only individual household continues growing rubber while the government stop for concession scheme on growing rubber for evaluation.

Impact on rubber if SALB incursion:

- population involved in 9 provinces
- Rubber factories: Chinese-, Vietnamese-, and Thai-rubber factories in Laos

Biosecurity strategy to curb the SALB incursion:

Not in place

Existing Steps to prevent entry of SALB import condition

- **Laws and Regulations:**

IPPC and APPPC Instruments of adherence ,IPPC guidelines, Plant Protection Law;

- **PRA, Import requirements and pest management:**

So far no PRA prior importation of Rubber tree planting material, imported seeds/seedlings acknowledged or recorded with PC certification only

- **Inspection at entry, sampling method and size:**

follow ISPM 23

- **Surveillance system:**

Pest surveillance by Plant Protection Center based on ISPM 6, However it still need more expertise

- **Diagnostic for SALB:**

PPC is facing inadequacy of knowledge on SALB surveillance and identification

- **Control preparedness**

so far no action plan on SALB control in Lao PDR

- **Awareness and Capacity Building among:**

Rubber planters/growers with low awareness on SALB, limit basic knowledge on SALB preventing and lack of communication among stakeholders, public and private sectors

Planning on SALB pest free Area

- **Border control:**

enhancing technical inspection training for PQ inspectors

- **Diagnostic:**

capacity building for specialist in SALB

- **Surveillance:**

requirement of establishment of pest free areas

- **Surveillance data management and sharing:**

need assistant/technical support with other rubber growing countries

- **Pest reporting:**

establishment of rubber pest information network system

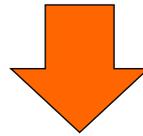
Awareness and Capacity Building

- **Usage of Training module:**
absent
- **Status on translation:**
all information data on SALB need to be translated into local language.
- **Awareness program:**
need to be established



Sharing of Information

- Type of sharing
- Scope of data that can be shared
- Obligation in reporting



Lessons learnt from rubber planting countries in the region are required.





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