



Lao People's Democratic Republic

Readiness - Preparation Proposal

PC Review

Reviewers: Argentina, Australia (lead), Norway

Review based on R-PP submission of August 2010





General Comments:

- A strong R-PP on all five of the criteria addressed
- Good level of understanding of the drivers of deforestation and of forest degradation in Lao PDR
- Recognises competing priorities for REDD+ and other land use needs





Strengths:

- Proposes strong institutional arrangements that include all relevant government agencies
- Impressive summary of land use issues, forest policy and forest governance
- Demonstrates good understanding of how the World Bank Safeguards will be applied at the project level






Strengths:

- Comprehensive consideration of potential strategies to address drivers of deforestation and forest degradation
 - Including identifying costs and benefits of activities
- Well developed design for a REDD+ monitoring system
 - including sub-national and national considerations





Key Areas for Improvement:

- Requires discussion of linkages with and implications of the FIP Investment Strategy
 - Important to undertake consultations with key stakeholders, including local communities, prior to progressing further significant work
 - Could include a more detailed forward work program for each of the R-PP components, particularly for SESA.
 - Need to develop a monitoring and evaluation framework to meet the requirements of component 6
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Other Areas for Improvement:

- Consider providing more detail on areas of further study including institutional capacity and funding distribution.
- While all relevant government agencies are included in the institutional arrangements, useful to elaborate on their respective roles and responsibilities

