



**Priority activities selected from the Lao PDR National  
Agricultural Biodiversity Programme  
Agrobiodiversity Theme: 2005-2007**

**Objective:** Lao PDR was selected as a priority country to receive support from the FNPP to implement activities that contribute towards the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity because of its own important biodiversity resources, the need to achieve food security, and also by the fact that Lao PDR is one of the only countries in the world which has prepared and endorsed a National Agriculture Biodiversity Programme (NABP), indicating a commitment to conserving and sustainably managing agricultural biodiversity.

FAO, through the FNPP, will assist the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), through its National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI) and its research centers, in the implementation of priority activities selected from the NABP.

**Period**

2005 - 2007

**Actors and Partners**

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)  
National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI)  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)

**Indicative Budget/Donor**

Up to \$280,000/year  
FAO-Netherlands Partnership Programme (FNPP)

**Activities being implemented:**

1. Application of the new approach for monitoring the implementation of the Global Plan of Action (GPA) on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (PGRFA) in Lao PDR and preparation of the Country Report on the State of PGRFA in Lao PDR
2. Awareness raising for policy makers regarding the value of the conservation and utilization of agricultural biodiversity for food security, nutrition and sustainable livelihoods
3. Awareness raising for concerned governmental officers to enable them to have full understanding of the International Treaty on PGRFA
4. Integrate agricultural biodiversity considerations into environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedures
5. Conservation and management of pollinators for sustainable agriculture through an ecosystem approach
6. Plant Genetic Resource access and utilization: understanding and contributing to sustainable livelihoods in Lao PDR
7. Livestock component – Improvement of productivity of indigenous goats
8. Aquatic biodiversity and nutrition – Improving awareness of the role of aquatic biodiversity from rice-based ecosystems in improved nutrition and livelihoods
9. Enhancing Food Security through sustainable management plan for Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFPs)

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