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The project supports three target groups: firstly, local communities—particularly women—who are supported and empowered to actively participate in the co-management of Hin Nam No National Park and to benefit from its protection and sustainable use.



Secondly, national, provincial, and district-level authorities involved in protected area management and biodiversity conservation are engaged to strengthen institutional capacities, enhance coordination, and support transboundary cooperation with Vietnamese authorities for the joint protection of the Hin Nam No and Phong Nha-Ke Bang landscape.



Lastly, government institutions, the private sector, civil society organisations, and academia are supported through a participatory, multi-stakeholder process to develop a national action plan to combat illegal wildlife trade.



Gender

When supporting the co-management system of Hin Nam No National Park, the project places strong emphasis on gender equality by actively promoting the engagement of women—especially women from ethnic minority groups—across all levels and aspects of park management and community life. This includes supporting gender-balanced institutions, safeguarding women's rights to access and benefit from natural resources, and ensuring equal income-generating opportunities. Gender equality is also a key focus in the project's transboundary action planning with Vietnamese authorities, as well as in the participatory development of the national action plan to combat illegal wildlife trade.

About The Project

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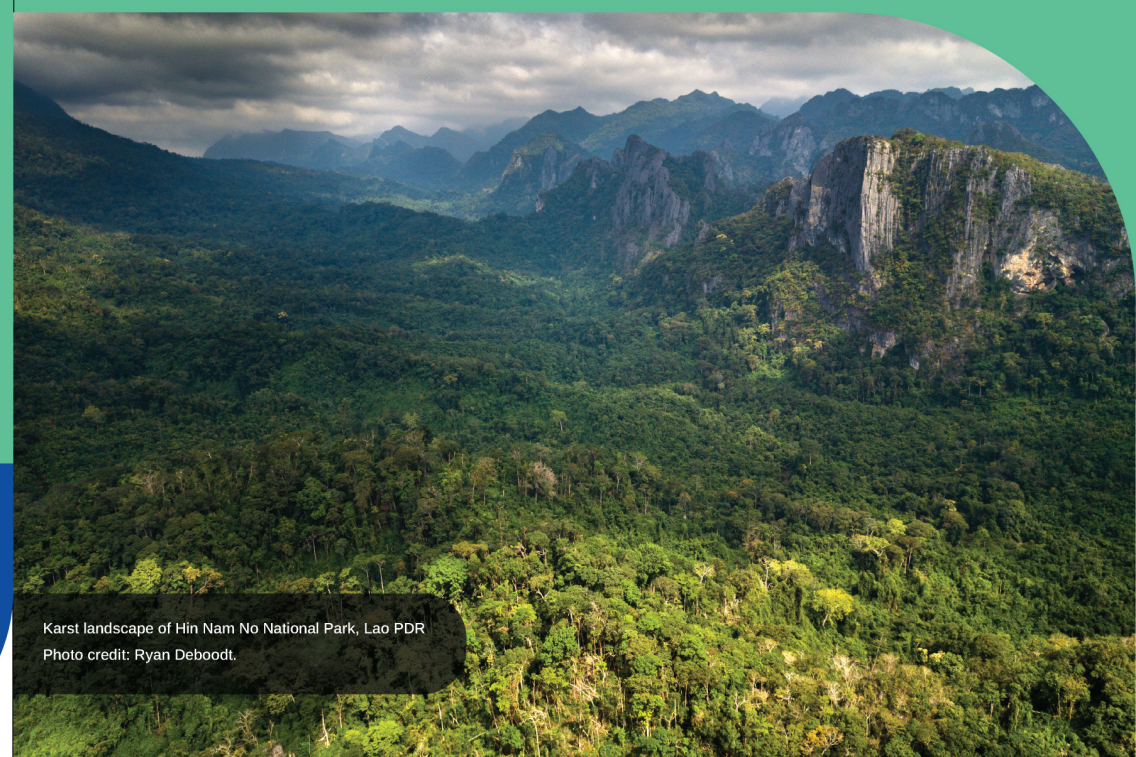
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Biodiversity



Karst landscape of Hin Nam No National Park, Lao PDR
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Output in Brief

Laos, recognised as a biodiversity hotspot, is experiencing growing pressure from deforestation and the loss of wildlife and natural habitats. These issues are primarily driven by agricultural activities, infrastructure developments, and illegal wildlife trade. To tackle these environmental concerns, the project empowers key actors in Laos to engage in inter-institutional and transboundary cooperation for biodiversity conservation. A major focus is the management and protection of the Hin Nam No and Phong Nha-Ke Bang conservation landscapes, promoting collaborative efforts across borders for biodiversity conservation in these areas. Focus is placed on enhancing the livelihoods of local communities, especially women, through participatory co-management approaches and the establishment of sustainable tourism offers in the area.



Location



Partners

The government partners:

Department of Forestry (DOF) and Department of Forest Inspection (DOFI), Hin Nam No National Park Office, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), Department of Heritage (DoH), Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism, Khammoaune Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office (PAFO), Khammoaune Provincial Information, Culture and Tourism Office (PICT), Khammoaune Provincial Office, Boualapha District Agriculture and Forestry Office (DAFO), and Boualapha District Information, Culture and Tourism Office (DICT).

Other Partners:

Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park office, Quang Binh Provincial Office, Boualapha District Lao Women's Union, National University of Laos, International non-governmental organizations, Civil Society Organizations, and Local communities.



Objective

The ProFEB's biodiversity output supports the Lao Government in:

- Creating a World Heritage Site and transboundary partnership for its management in the Annamites between Laos and Vietnam.



- Fostering community engagement in protected area management, ensuring that women and ethnic groups have equitable rights to and benefits from nature.
- Creating supportive framework conditions for green growth and biodiversity conservation in line with the highest conservation standards at bi-national, national, and provincial levels.

Our Approach

The biodiversity output encourages inclusive multi-stakeholder processes for the conservation and sustainable use of forest resources and biodiversity by:



Empowering key actors in Laos for inter-institutional and transboundary cooperation in wildlife conservation and the management of the Hin Nam No and Phong Nha-Ke Bang conservation landscape.



Developing an action plan for the gender-responsive management of the Transboundary World Heritage Site ensuring its effective implementation. The plan will be developed with careful consideration for the traditional resource use rights of ethnic minorities and women.



Providing guidance to government and civil society actors to establish and maintain protected area co-management, including monitoring implementation of the FPIC Action Plan. Involvement of marginalised groups, especially women, is promoted.



Establishing financing mechanisms for the Hin Nam No National Park with the involvement of the private sector, and providing advice on sustainably anchoring a tourism initiative led by a local women's group.



Developing an action plan to combat illegal wildlife trade in Lao PDR through consultations with governmental and civil society entities.

