PROJECT DATA SHEET

Project Data Sheets (PDS) contain summary information on the project or program: Because the PDS is a work in progress, some information may not be included in its initial version but will be added as it becomes available. Information about proposed projects is tentative and indicative.

PDS Creation Date	30 Nov 2006
PDS Updated as of	26 Sep 2011

Project Name	GMS: Mekong Tourism Development Project
Country	Lao People's Democratic Republic
Project/Program Number	33434-013
Status	Closed
Geographical Location	Provinces of Champassak, Khammouan, Louang Namtha, and Louang Phrabang

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Sector	Not yet classified
Subsector	For Classification
Strategic Agendas	–
Drivers of Change	–
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Categories	–

FINANCING

Type/Modality of Assistance	Approval Number	Source of Funding	Approved Amount (US$ thousand)
Loan	1970	Asian Development Fund	10,900
–	–	Counterpart	3,300
TOTAL			**US$ 14,200**

SAFEGUARD CATEGORIES

For more information about the safeguard categories, please see http://www.adb.org/site/safeguards/safeguard-categories

Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	–
Indigenous Peoples	–

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES

1. The Borrower shall cause DCA and DCTPC, respectively, to ensure that all works are carried out in accordance with the approved IEE for the Louang Namtha Airport improvement, and the Konglor Cave and Kwangsi Waterfalls road access improvement sub-projects. 2. The Borrower shall ensure that a detailed gender action plan, acceptable to the Bank and in accordance with the Bank's Gender and Development Policy, is designed to mitigate negative effects arising as a result of the Project. 3. The relevant IA shall ensure that land acquisition, compensation, relocation and resettlement is carried out in accordance with the Resettlement Plan and Resettlement Framework agreed upon between the Borrower and the Bank, the Borrower's laws, regulations procedures and the Bank's requirements as defined in the Bank's Policy on Involuntary Resettlement and Handbook on Resettlement.

Environmental Aspects

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Involuntary Resettlement

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Indigenous Peoples

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STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATION, PARTICIPATION, AND CONSULTATION

Coordination among national tourism organizations, other line agencies, provincial authorities is in place. Stakeholders consultation ongoing.

During Project Design

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During Project Implementation

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DESCRIPTION

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PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

GMS Economic Cooperation Program GMS Program Strategic Framework

DEVELOPMENT IMPACT

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PROJECT OUTCOME

Description of Outcome	Progress Towards Outcome

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OUTPUTS AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Description of Project Outputs	Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)
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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Date of First Listing	30 Nov 2006
Consulting Services	To support the implementation of the Project, a total of 241 person-months of consulting services (104 person-months international and 137 person-months domestic) will be required. The Consultants will be engaged in accordance with the ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB on the engagement of domestic consultants. Separate consulting services packages will be rocured to provide assistance to the PCUs in the NTOs, and the PMUs in charge of infrastructure improvements. The consultants for PMUs will be firms and will focus on Part A. The consultants for the PCUs will be firms and will focus on overall project management and part C of the Project. Individual consultants will be engaged for Part B and will be recruited by PCU. Consulting firms will be selected and engaged following the quality and cost-based selection method. Consultants will provide on-the-job training to national and provincial govenrment officials involveed in implementation.
Procurement	Goods and works to be financed by ADB will be procured in accordance with ADB Guidelines for Procurement. International competitive bidding (ICB) procedure will be used for major civil works contracts estimated to cost over $1.0 million and supply contracts valued over $500,000. Procurement of minor civil works will be undertaken through local competitive bidding (LCB) in accordance with procedures acceptable to the ADB. International shopping (IS) will be followed for materials and equipment packages estimated to cost more than $100,000 equivalent but less than $500,000 equivalent. Equipment items that are locally available, and cost less than $100,000 equivalent, may be procured through direct purchase in accordance with procedures satisfactory to ADB. For the pro-poor, community-based tourism component, where the proposed subprojects will be relatively small, and scattered throughout the provinces, the Project may fund NGOs to work in a collaborative and participatory manner with local communities.
Procurement and Consulting Notices	http://www.adb.org/projects/33434-013/business-opportunities

TIMETABLE

Concept Clearance	–

Fact-finding	09 Mar 1999 to 22 Mar 1999
Management Review Meeting	26 Aug 2002
Approval	12 Dec 2002
Last Review Mission	–

MILESTONES

Approval No.	Approval	Signing	Effectivity	Closing		
				Original	Revised	Actual
Loan 1970	12 Dec 2002	07 Feb 2003	06 Aug 2003	30 Jun 2008	–	18 Aug 2008

STATUS OF COVENANTS

Covenants are categorized under the following categories—audited accounts, safeguards, social, sector, financial, economic, and others. Covenant compliance is rated by category by applying the following criteria: (i) Satisfactory—all covenants in the category are being complied with, with a maximum of one exception allowed, (ii) Partly Satisfactory—a maximum of two covenants in the category are not being complied with, (iii) Unsatisfactory—three or more covenants in the category are not being complied with. As per the 2011 Public Communications Policy, covenant compliance ratings for Project Financial Statements apply only to projects whose invitation for negotiation falls after 2 April 2012.

Approval No.	Category						
	Sector	Social	Financial	Economic	Others	Safe	Project Financial Statements
Loan 1970	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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LINKS

Project Website	http://www.adb.org/projects/33434-013/main
List of Project Documents	http://www.adb.org/projects/33434-013/documents