

Catch and Culture

Lao Fisheries Management

National Fish Release and Wildlife Conservation Day



Livestock and Fisheries Department Director-General Bounkhouang Khambounheuang presided over this year's release of fingerlings at Nam Houm in Vientiane Capital in July. A separate ceremony was held on the Pak Kading River in Bolikhamxay Province in collaboration with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

Photo: Chaleunxay Pommavongsa



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Adding Value to Capture Fisheries



Enhancing fisheries involves not only stocking water bodies with fingerlings but also adding value to catches. In making traditional fish products, women's groups in Vientiane Capital and Bolikhamxay Province improve quality and presentation. These products fetch better prices on local markets and contribute to family income.

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Strengthening Community Institutions



The MRC Fisheries Programme has supported reservoir fisheries management committees for many years. In cooperation with the government of Naxaythong District, it has established an office-cum-demonstration centre for meetings and workshops. The office at Nam Houm Reservoir was inaugurated on the occasion of this year's Fish Release Day.

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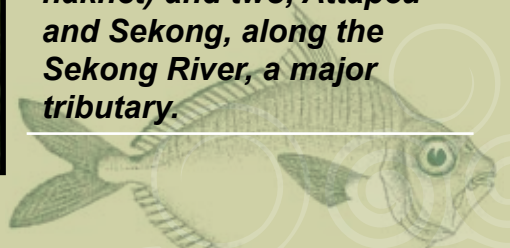




Regulations to Protect River Habitats



WWF has been working to help more than 50 villages develop local regulations to protect river habitats. The villages are in three provinces along the Mekong River (Bolikhamsay, Khammouane and Savannakhet) and two, Attapeu and Sekong, along the Sekong River, a major tributary.



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