



The bamboo value chain in Houaphan (Laos)

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The GRET 's project

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- Since 2010
- The value chain was banned. The exploitation of bamboo was forbidden
 - In Lao, the exploitation of natural forest is limited for farmers to their own consumption
 - Danger of overexploitation
- GRET and SNV gather a bamboo task force to improve the situation
 - The authorities, farmers, NGOs were participating



3 components

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- Sustainable management of bamboo forests
- Development of entrepreneurship
- Environment (policies and organizations)



The value chains of bamboo

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- Furniture
- Fresh bamboo sheets
- Incense
- Dried bamboo sheets for export



The exploitation of bamboo under PGS

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- Agreement of the authorities on the basis of a management plan of the natural forest
- Agreement with a « social entreprise » in Vietnam
 - Exportation of quality bamboo dried sheets (the drying equipment is innovative to spare firewood)
 - 400 KGS have been exported
 - PGS tested

