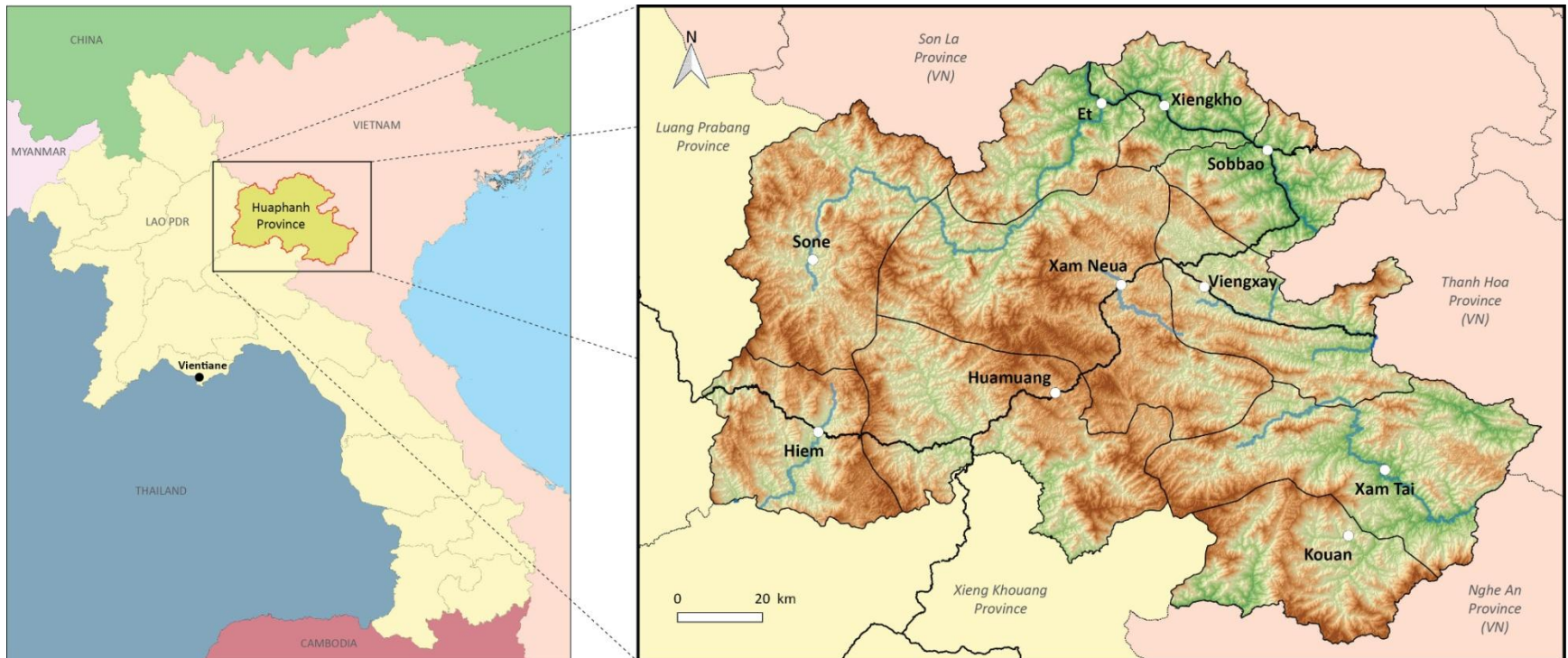


# Vision for the development of the bamboo sector in Houaphan

Presentation Houaphan Province

Vientiane, 15-16/06/2016

# Houaphan a Mountainous and remote Province, hard to access



Main activities: Farm and NTFP

Enabling sustainable bamboo value chains  
at Provincial level: success story of Houaphan

# **2006 Inventory of the bamboo forest In Houaphan**

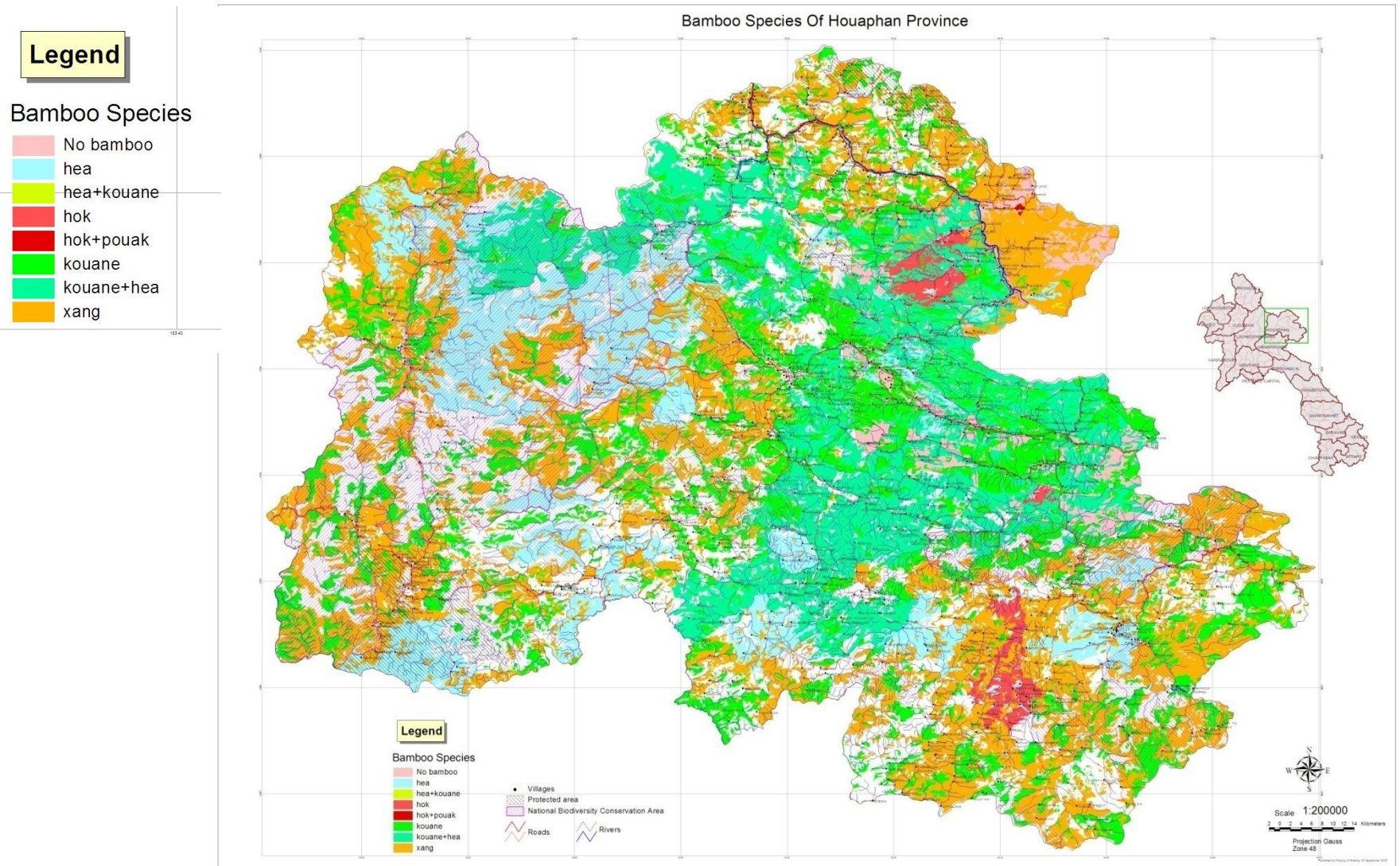
A study of Latsamy Boupha and Somvang Phimmavong, NUoL / Oxfam Hongkong on:

Laos resource Mapping and Farmers Input Market. Bamboo Feasabilibility study

Main conclusions;

- Houaphan Province 508 368 ha of upper Mixed deciduous forest / 4,6 billion culms + 17 870 ha of pure bamboo forest / 74 million culm
- Big economic potential for small holders, but need support on developing potential market
- cash income from the bamboo sector has contributed the highest part of the total cash income of the average household in Viengxay District, followed by income from livestock sector.

# 2009 Mapping of the bamboo forest In Houaphan by NUoL

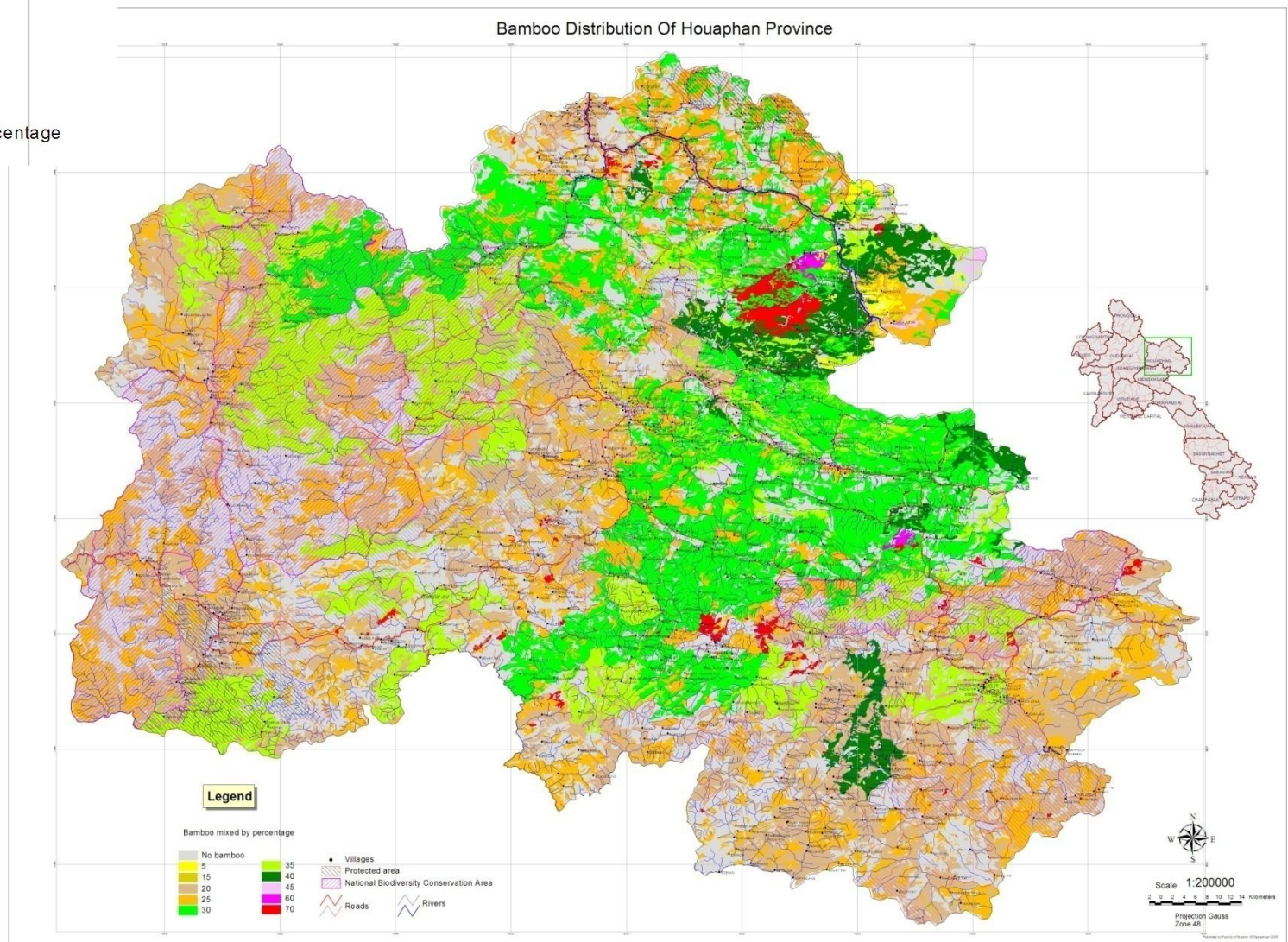
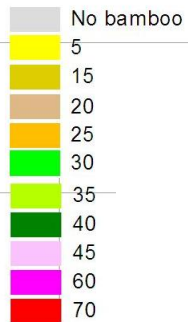




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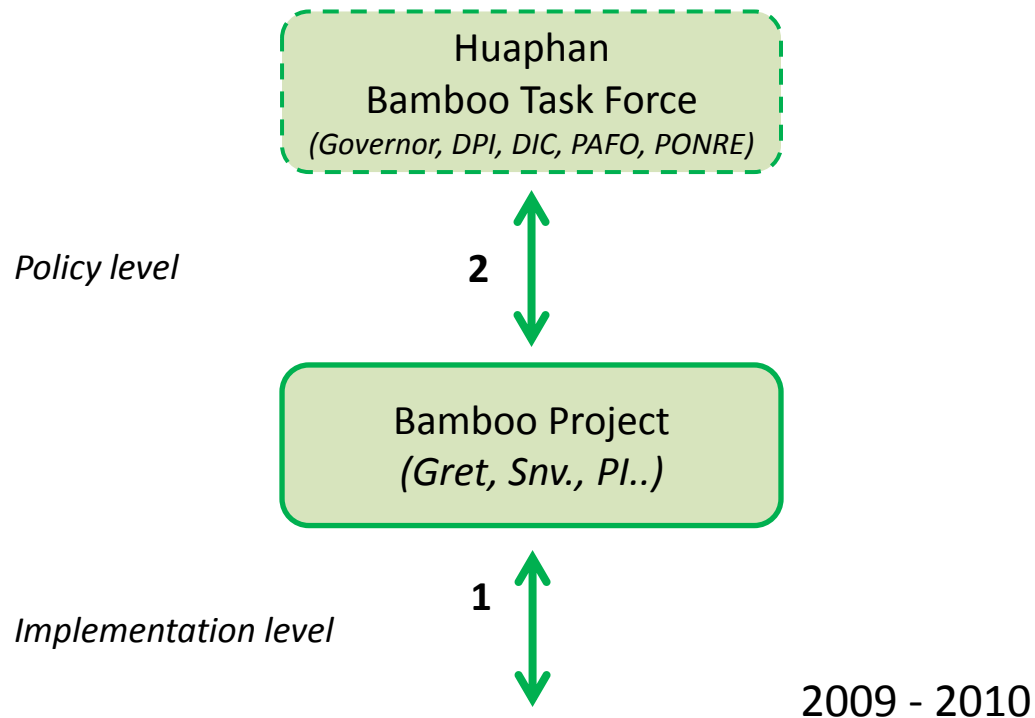
Bamboo mixed by percentage



**Step 1.** Creating an enabling environment:  
projects, bamboo taskforce, first bamboo strategy

- Showing the socio economic potential of the bamboo resource in Natural forest for the development of Houaphan Province
- Identified needs on:
  - Attracting investors **included domestic and international traders**
  - Developing and providing supportive structures to the bamboo value chains
  - Strengthen the sustainable forest management
- Some NGOs were already working on Bamboo since 2008 (SNV, PI, Gret)

# Step 1. Creating an enabling environment: projects, bamboo taskforce, first bamboo strategy

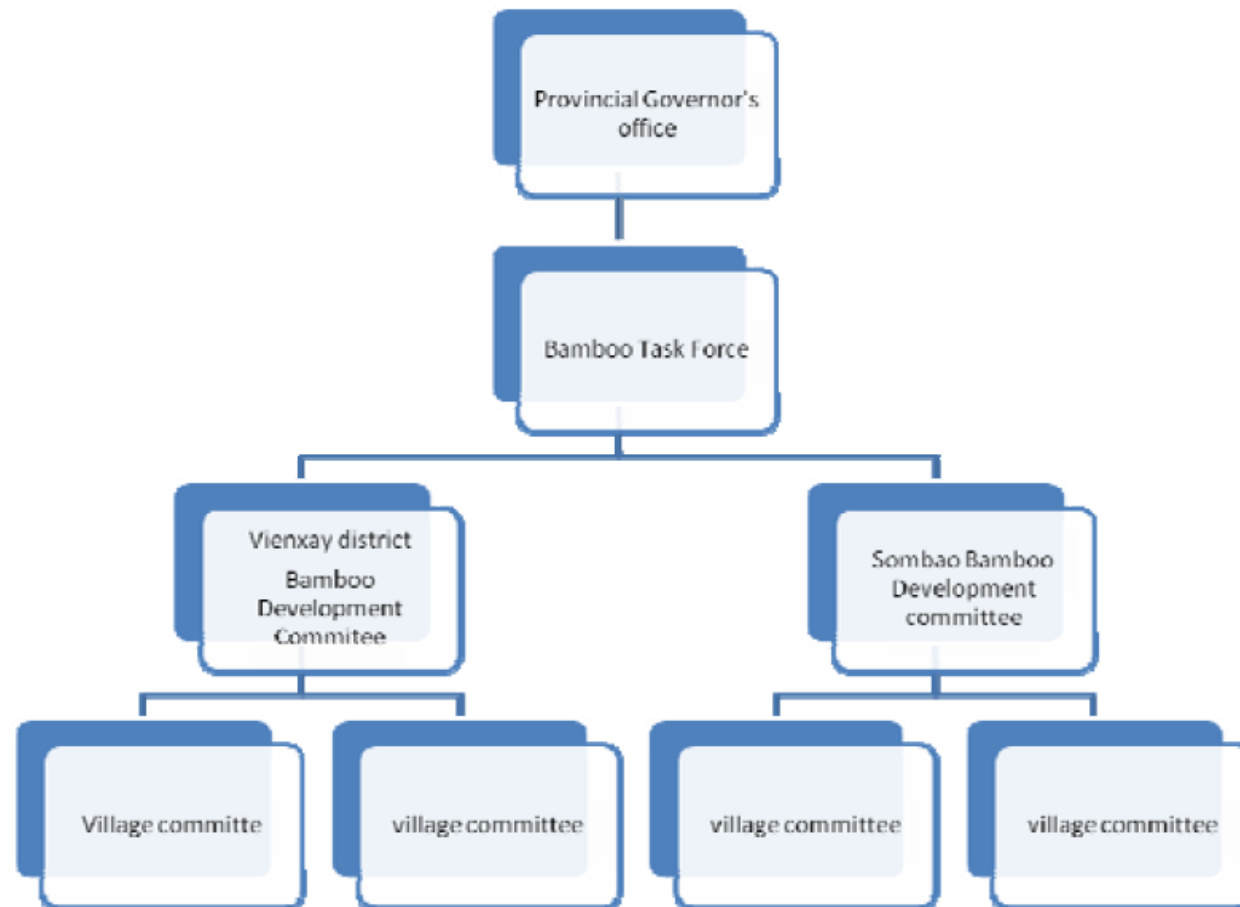




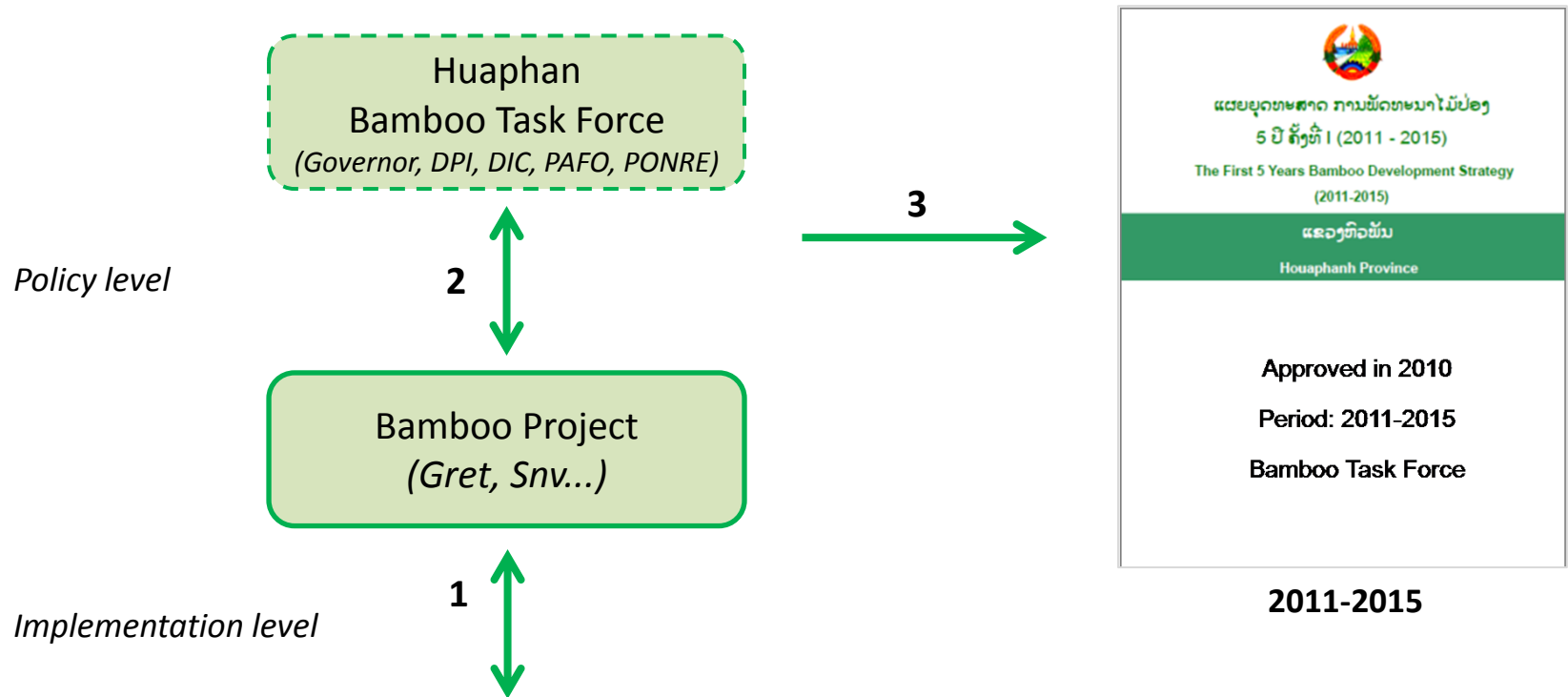
**Step 1.** Creating an enabling environment:  
projects, bamboo taskforce, first bamboo strategy

In 2010, the Bamboo Task Force composed of the provincial Governor, DPI, PAFO, DoIC, LWU, With the support of the NGOs the Province started to formulate a Provincial Bamboo development sector strategy

# Step 1. Creating an enabling environment: projects, bamboo taskforce, first bamboo strategy



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# The Bamboo Provincial Strategy 2011-15

- The “**Bamboo Provincial Strategy 2011-2015**”
- **Vision and mission**

We see Houphanh as the leading province in Lao PDR in the development and management of a sustainable bamboo industry, providing “green gold” (kham kiao) to the people and contributing to poverty alleviation.



# **The Bamboo Provincial Strategy 2011-15**

Our vision is guided by the following principles by which activities, programs and projects will be evaluated and prioritized:

- Maximization of returns by promoting value-adding processes and products rather than exporting raw materials.
- Optimization of the benefits for the people of Houphanh with a fair and equitable sharing of revenues between and among businesses, government, the communities at large.
- Involvement of and consultation with all stakeholders in the development and implementation of the plan.
- Ensuring protection of the environment.



# The Bamboo Provincial Strategy 2011-15

## ❖ The goal of the Bamboo strategy implementation:

### Objective 1: Reach sustainable management of bamboo resources

Allocate and secure bamboo forests to villagers for trade  
2,000 Ha was planed, achievement : 4,000 Ha.

Ensure sustainable forest management

Develop bamboo plantations 1,000 Ha was planed,  
Achievement: 43 Ha

### Objective 2: Develop bamboo business

Develop several bamboo value chains

Find out the best “business models” for the value chains

Improve quality, prices and develop domestic and export markets

### Objective 3: Create an enabling environment

Train ‘technicians’ and ‘village service providers’ for the bamboo sector

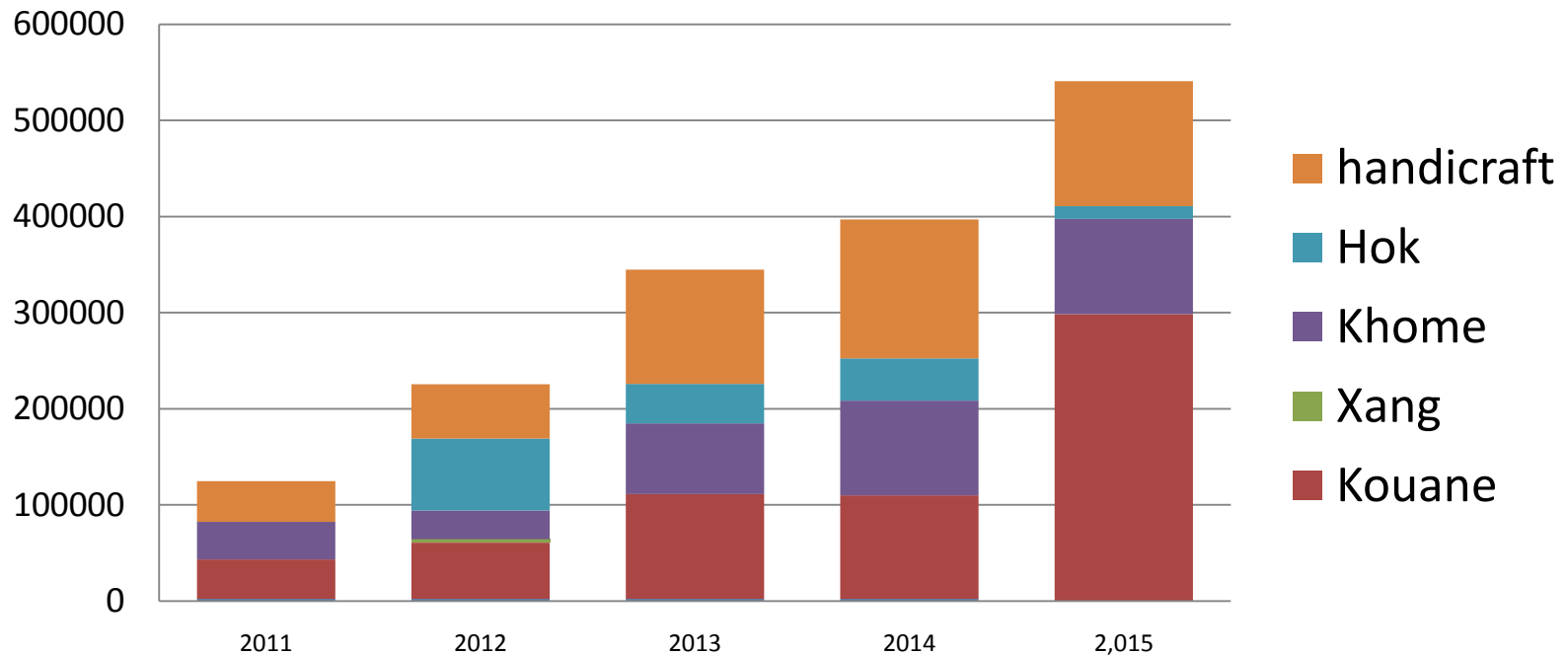
Promote organization of the bamboo sector for sustainable value chains

Build and implement enabling policies: land, quota, taxes, incentives



# 2011 to 2015 Implementation

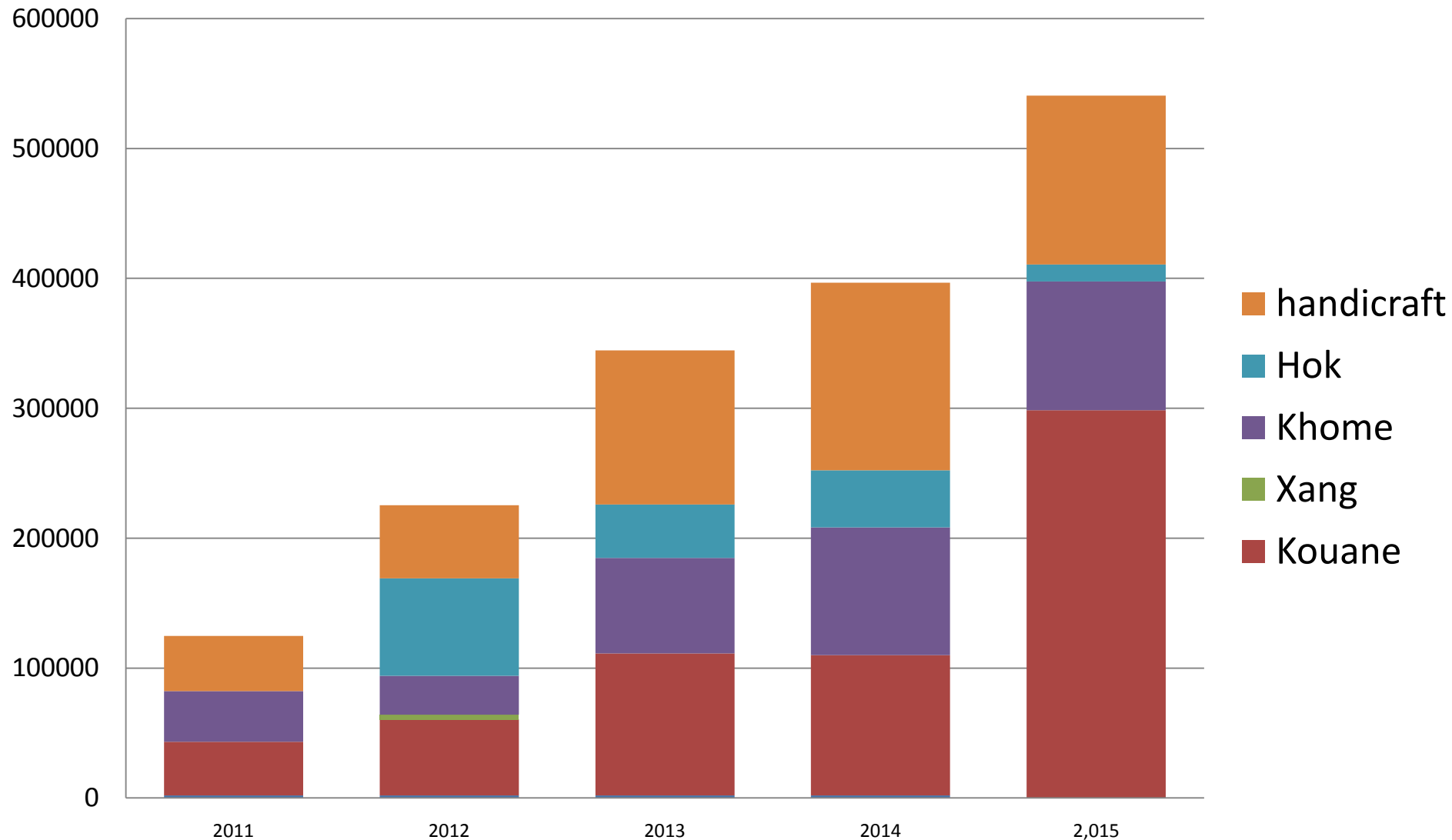
Presentation of progression of impacts and results:  
Income generation at communities level in USD/ year





## GDP Usd evolution for 4 Bamboo Value chains

From communal Natural forest,  
A complementary income for villagers



# Evaluation and going forward

- An evaluation was done by the BBTF on the results and impacts of implementing the provincial bamboo strategy.
- Based on results of evaluation, it was concluded that there is a **need for consolidating the results and to scale up.**

**2015.** Co-building the second provincial bamboo strategy for consolidating and scaling up

Multi stakeholder consultation:

The strategy process involved;

- 28 villagers
- 7 traders and companies involved on Bamboo
- 34 District local and Provincial government

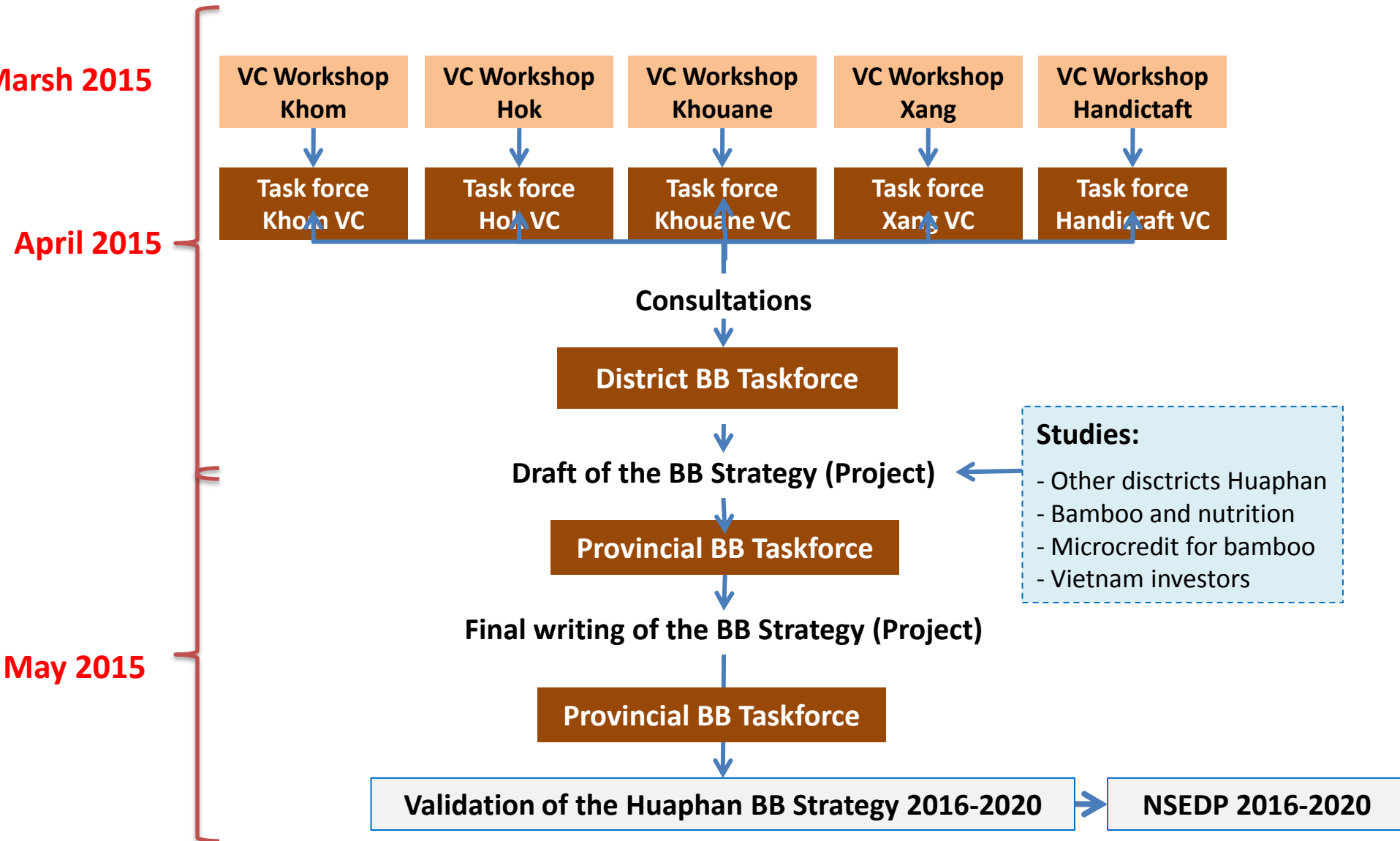


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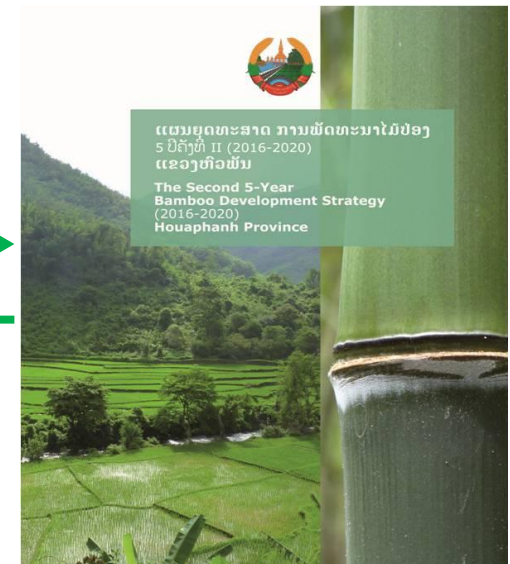
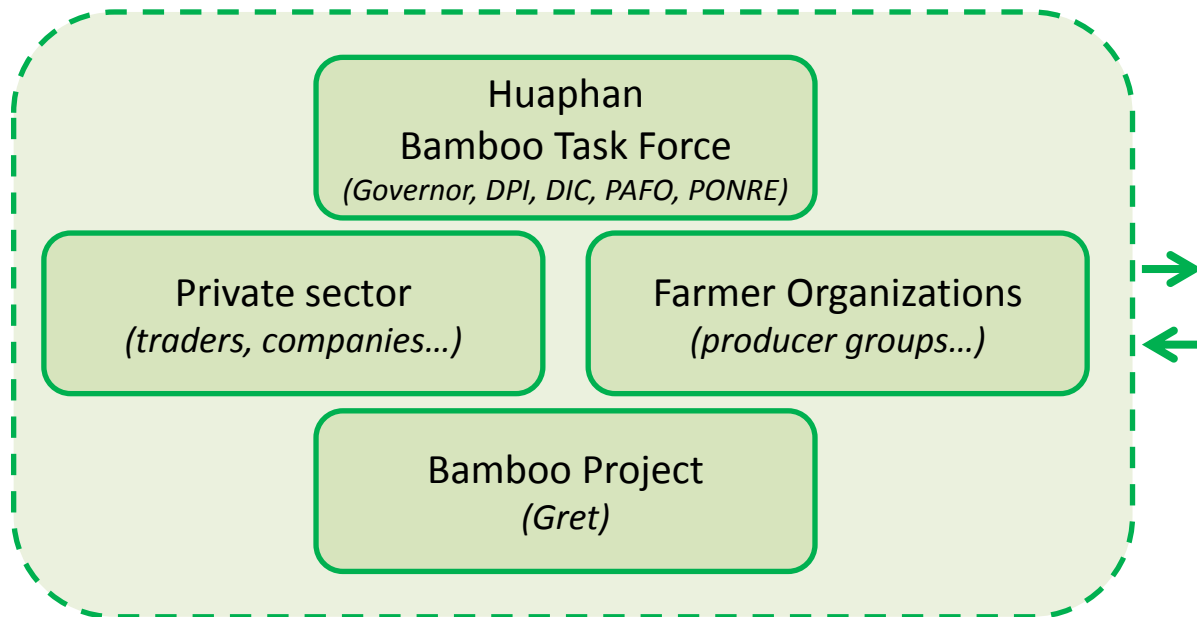
## Agenda of the consultations

Date	Consultation	participants	Place
05/05/2015	Khome stackholders Consultation		Viengxay
06/05/2015	Hok stackholders Consultation		Viengxay
07/05/2015	Kouane stackholders Consultation		Viengxay
08/05/2015	Handicraft stakeholders Consultation		Viengxay
11/05/2015	Same neua, District BBTF consultation		Sam neua
12/05/2015	Viengxay, District BBTF consultation		Viengxay
13/05/2015	Sobbao, District BBTF consultation		Sobbao
18/05/2015	Provincial consultation with Draft		Sam Neua

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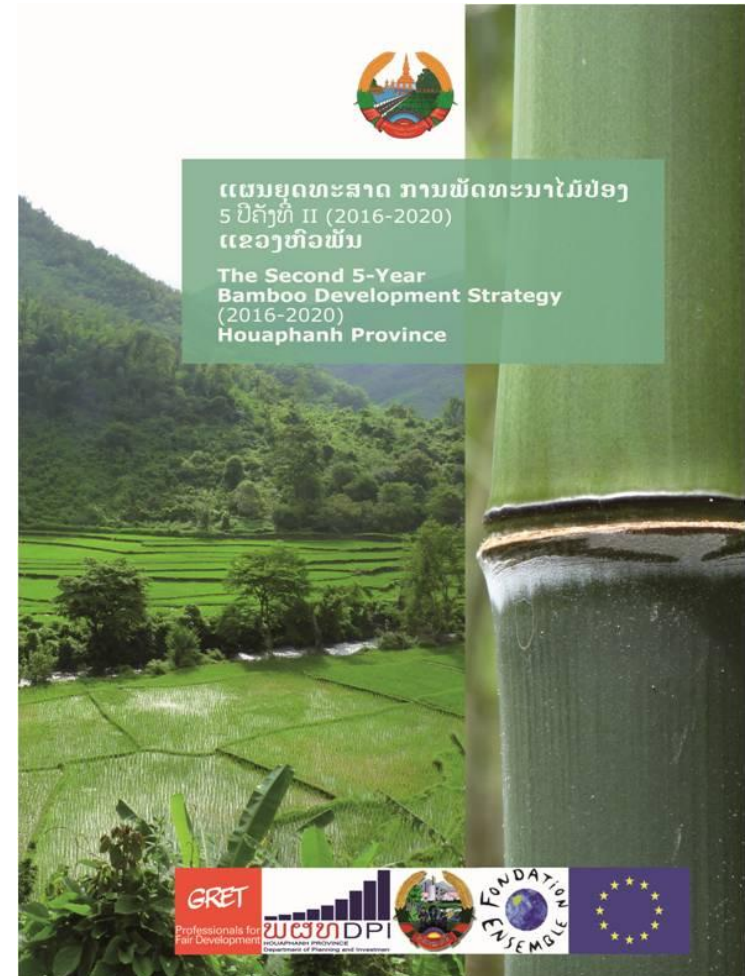


2016-2020

# The Bamboo Strategy: an useful guideline

The Bamboo Strategy aims to provide:

1. Overview of the bamboo sector & value chains
2. Achievements and lessons learned so far
3. Prospects and challenges
4. Development plan (vision, goals, general objectives...)
5. Institutional arrangements



**2016-2020.** The second provincial bamboo strategy

Second provincial bamboo strategy 2016-2020 was approved by the provincial governor and disseminated to relevant provincial and district departments for implementation.

Bamboo Strategy is culmination of collaboration and assistance by Gret in its continuing support for the development of the bamboo sector



# Proposal

- Propose to develop bamboo sectors to become a bamboo industrial which it could provide a lot of beneficial to the bamboo stakeholders and Huaphanh people:
  - Ex: Establish bamboo processing factory in Huaphanh, possible to prohibit the exportation raw material?

Thank you