



Development and Implementation of Common Rice Production Standard in the Mekong-Lancang Subregion

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DESCRIPTION

The Mekong region is among the world's largest rice producers, contributing greatly to local, regional, and global food security. With the rapid socioeconomic development across the region, PR China, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam have adapted—in different degrees and timetables—modern rice farming standards and systems to maximize diverse ecosystems and mitigate the impact of climate change on rice harvest yields. These resulted in disparate production across the Mekong region, and thus have produced varying rice quality and quantity.

The project aims to unify rice production standards and systems of the six Mekong-Lancang Cooperation (MLC) member countries for them to benefit in international and regional rice trade markets. Under the three-year project, Mekong Institute will work with government agencies to assess current rice production systems and develop their capacities to craft and converge national and regional policies and guidelines to foster Mekong-China rice trade relations, improve rice export quality, and enhance income of rice farmers.

DURATION

December 2019 – July 2022



TECHNICAL
EXCHANGES



PLATFORM
BUILDING



INFORMATION &
COMMUNICATION



OBJECTIVES

The project seeks to:

- Create a common understanding and develop implementation plans to establish common rice and rice product standards in the Mekong-Lancang Subregion by emphasizing sustainable rice production and development of high quality and safe rice products;
- Establish a regional mechanism to exchange knowledge and experiences in improving baseline information to develop common rice production standard and boost rice trade in the region;
- Utilize the improved rice production standards to increase income of rice farmers and other stakeholders in the region; and
- Promote sustainable rice production practices to enable the rice farming industry to respond to regional social, economic, and environmental challenges.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- A common rice production standard in the Mekong-Lancang Subregion
- Improved and sustainable rice trade in the region

ACTIVITIES

- Regional workshops and study visits
- Baseline survey on rice production standards, systems, and needs
- Development of web-based system to standardize rice production guidelines
- Localized trainings of government officials
- Technical assistance to implement activities under each country plans

TARGET SECTORS

- Relevant government agencies in the six MLC countries

