

Organic and GAP Development Update in Lao PDR

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The introduction of Organic Agriculture in Laos

- The “sustainable agriculture and organic farming” has widely practiced in Laos for many years
- 80% of farming is organic by default
- Mainly small holders & subsistence agriculture
- The word “organic” is well known since the collaborative project between HELVETAS and DOA launched PROFIL in 2004, major milestone of Lao organic history



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Weekend Market

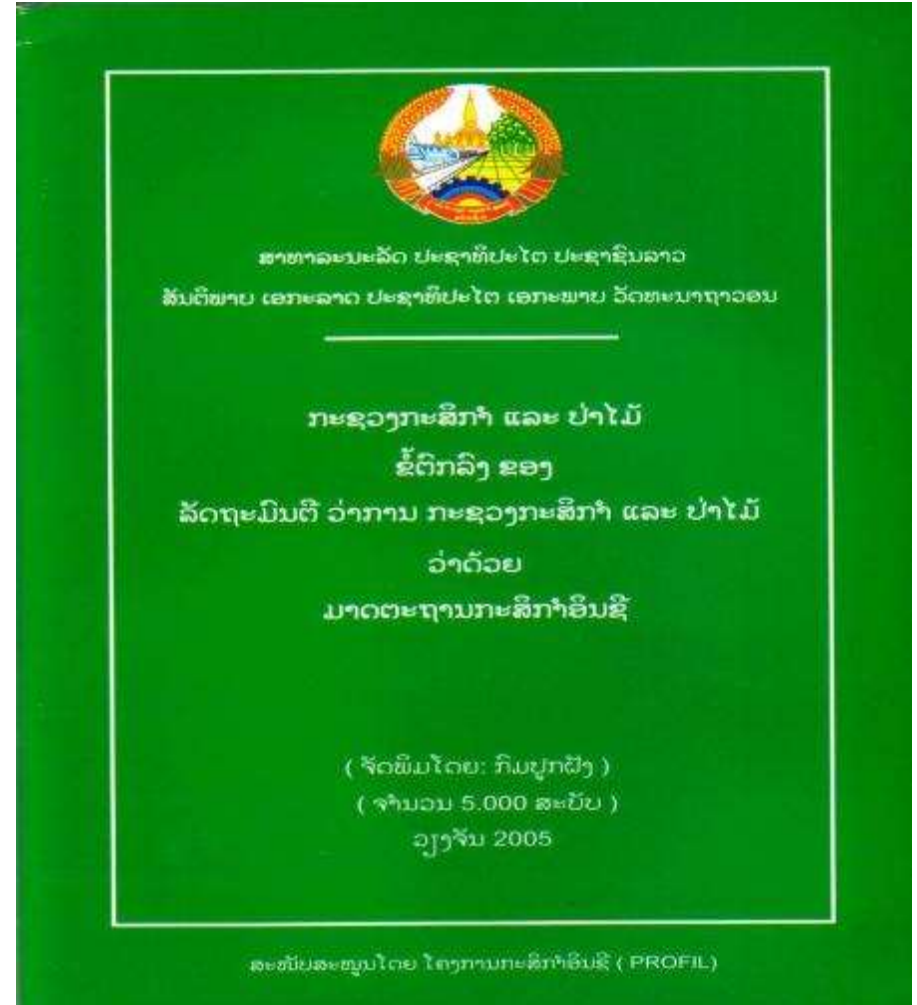
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ດີຕໍ່ສຸຂະພາບຂອງທ່ານ
Eating Organic Products
Good for your health

ທຸກໆວັນເສົາ
ເວລາ: 6:00 ເຖິງ 12:00
ສະຖານທີ່: ເດີ່ນທາດຫຼວງ

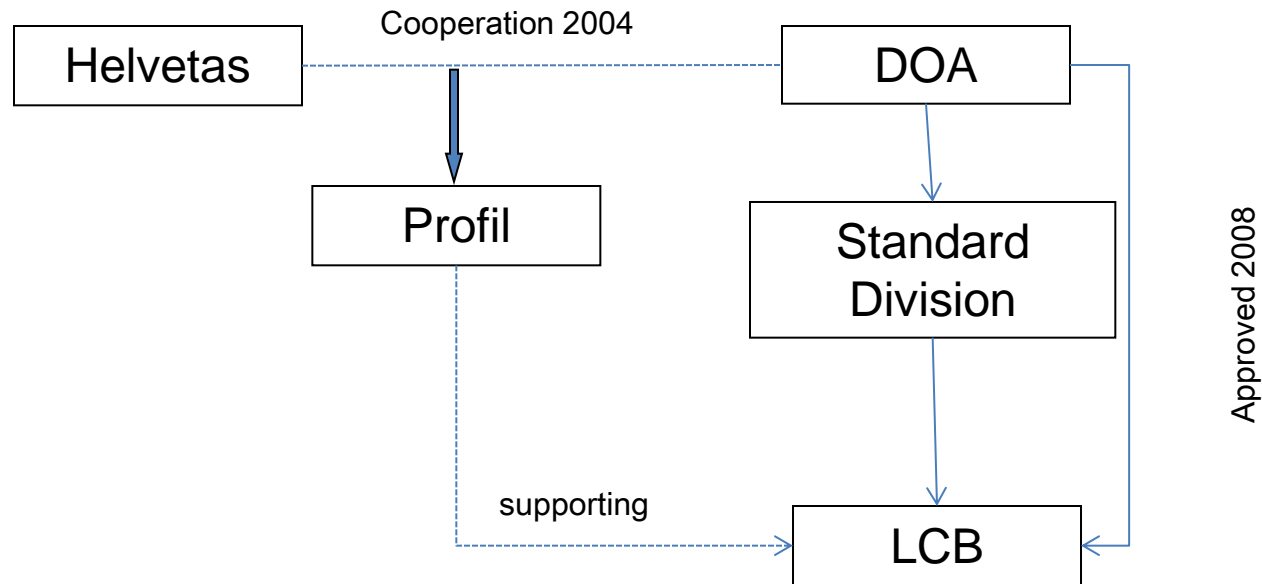
Every Saturday
Time: 6:00 - 12:00
Place: Thatluang Area

ຈັດໂດຍ: ຫ້ອງການສົ່ງເສີມກະສິກຳ ແລະ ປ່າໄມ້ ເມືອງໄຊເສດຖາ.
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Organized by : Agriculture and Forestry Extension Office of Saysettha District
Supported by : The Promotion of Organic Farming and Marketing Project
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Website: www.laosorganic.com

OA-Standard development



Organic certification development



Mission

- Supporting Organic Agriculture movement in Lao PDR through providing information on Organic Standard Requirements
- Acting as third party body for growers and consumers to assure quality of organic products
- Providing Inspection and Certification for local growers and producers According to MAF Standard.
- Supporting Organic Producers and growers to gain international Certification through collaboration with *Certification Alliance (Cert-All)*



Organic certification profiles

- **Total applications for organic certification: 35**
 - **Certified: 26**
 - **Certification in-process: 9**
- **Total Org. 6,441.72 ha**
 - **Certified. 5,266.72**
 - **In-conversion. 1,175**
- **Total Production. 18,340.54 tons**
 - **Coffee. 11,020**
 - **Vegies. 5,772**
 - **Rice. 1,425**
 - **Tea. 121**



Production & market Development

- Domestic organic market weekend market by PROFIL 2006
- sale 24.758 million kip and 2.49 tons of vegetables are sold weekly (111 organic farmers, Local Organic certification in process)



Farmer Organic market



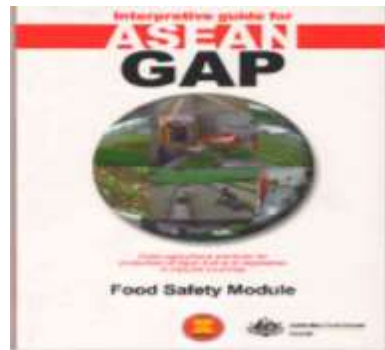
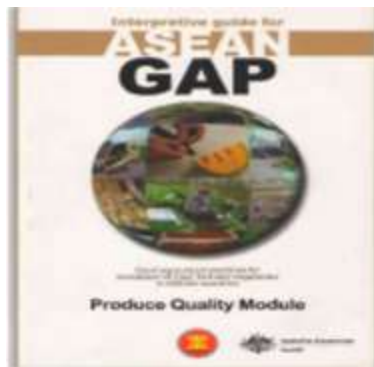
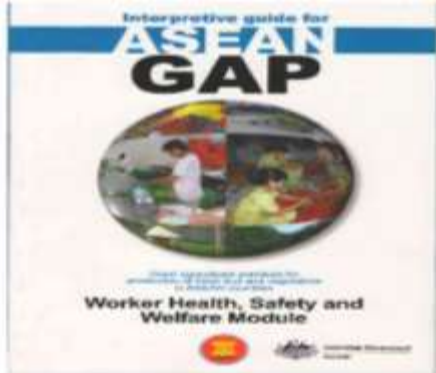
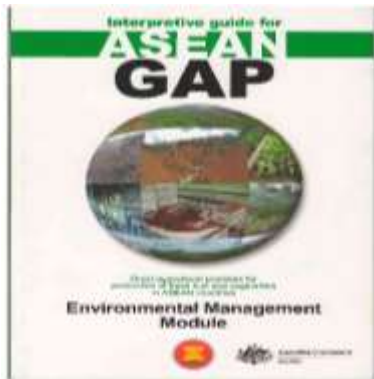
- Vientiane Capital: volume of monthly sale: around USD 3,660-4,270) with 2-3 tons/week
- Xiengkhouang province: 1.6 tons/week with approximately USD 1,300).
- Luangphabang province 1 ton/week



Organic Shop



GAP—Standard Development



Lao GAP was adapted from ASEAN GAP

Why Laos need GAP?

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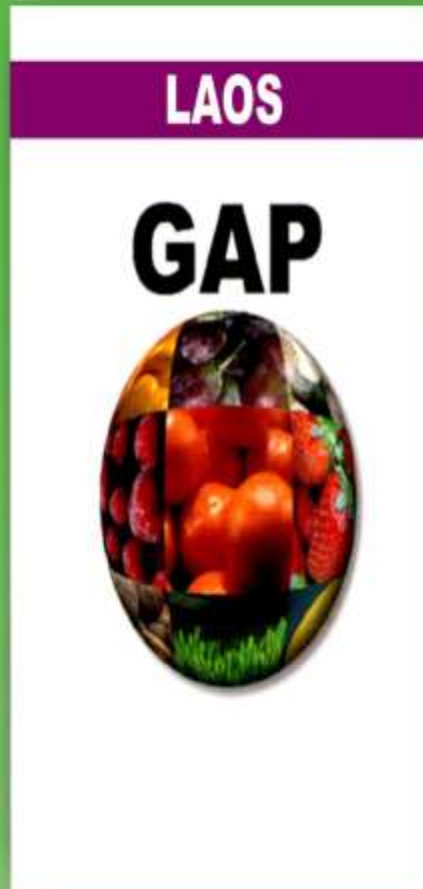
Safety

Quality



Environ.
protection

Safe &
welfare of
Producers



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Challenges and Ways forward

- Limited understanding and lack of awareness among senior officials
- Lack of competency (human resource capacity building)
- Large number of subsistence & small holding farmers with limited resources
- Limitation of public extension network to organic farmers
- Lack of basic organization among small-scale farmers
- Lack of clarity regarding leadership and coordination (within the public/private/donors) within the organic sector
- Lack of R&D system to generate technical production knowledge appropriate to local Laos conditions
- Standard compliance and cost of external certification for small holding farmers
- Developing Lao national standard in IFOAM family standards and implementing LCB in accordance with ISO 17065
- Continue collaboration with Regional standard and Certification integration
- Enhancing LCB recognition internally and internationally (at least IFOAM).

Further needs to develop standard and certification

- Awareness on quality management on Standard & Certification
- Capacity building on human resource development
- Manuals and tools for enhancing the confidence and trust of Lao certification scheme
- Establishment of Accreditation system for local and international CB that operating inspection and certification in Laos
- Harmonization and equivalence standard & certification system with regional and international norms

































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ORGANIC RICE
Long grain white rice
Origin: Laos - Net weight 2 kg

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION: Per 100g cooked

Energy	340 kcal	Protein	6.8 g
Fat	0.7 g	Total dietary fiber	1.4 g
Carbohydrate-Total	76 g		

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ORGANIC RICE
Long grain brown rice
Origin: Laos - Net weight 2 kg

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION: Per 100g cooked

Energy	340 kcal	Protein	6.8 g
Fat	0.7 g	Total dietary fiber	1.4 g
Carbohydrate-Total	76 g		

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Thank you very much for your attentions

