

Supplementary Online Materials

Examples of significant technical village documents which were endorsed at the district level, reinforcing the working relationship between the villages and the concerned districts.

Hiem District Agriculture and Forestry Office prepared the “Report on the allocation and planning for management, use of agricultural and forest land in a participatory manner at the village level, in Ban Namsart (village), Hiem District, Houaphan Province, dated February 2020.” The Nam Et-Phou Louey National Park Management Office prepared the Community Conservation Agreement (CCA) No.4/HV between Nam Et-Phou Louey National Park and Ban Namsart Village Administration, Ban Namsart (village), Hiem District, Houaphan Province, dated 15 May 2020, as well as the contract No.435/NE-PL with Ban Son Khoua (village) for work in the ecotourism services within Nam Et-Phou Louey National Park, dated 13 November 2022.

Agreements of co-operation were signed between the National Park Management Office and concerned district agencies – as verification documents.

These district technical teams were the key implementing bodies for virtually all the technical field programmes within the national park and the 92 guardian villages. For example, the Phoukhoun District Administration approved Agreement No.79/D.PK on the appointment of a district team to implement publicity and awareness raising activities within Nam Et-Phou Louey National Park dated 12 February 2021. Similarly, the Hiem District Administration authorized District Agreement No.673/D.HM on the appointment of a Steering Committee and the district technical staff to implement the livelihood development for conservation and land use planning activities within the national park, on 19 September 2019. On tourism, the Nam Et-Phou Louey National Protected Area Management Office signed an open-ended Memorandum of Understanding No.243/NPA with Houa Mouang District Office and the village of Ban Son Khoua regarding the development of tourism in the Nern River area, dated 20 December 2009.