



Stories & Key Indicators for Tri-Border Forest

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2. Refuge for Threatened Species

Due to the isolation, many rare and endangered species still survive in this area, including tiger, sun bear, gaur and giant ibis.



3. Development Pressures

The area has recently become accessible from three large economic corridors (East-West, Central, Southern). This has increased pressure not only on precious timber, but also on rare species which are often poached for parts used in traditional Chinese medicine (e.g. sun bear gall bladder).



4. Organic Agriculture

The landscape covers part of the Bolaven Plateau, one of Lao PDR's prime areas for organic coffee production. In recent years, Lao coffee has quickly established itself a name for quality coffee and is now marketed world wide.



5. Ecotourism Potential

The area is not only rich in forest and biodiversity, but has several large cultural and natural attractions, including the Mekong rapids, Si Phan Don (4000 Islands), war relics, and the ancient Khmer Temple Wat Phou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.