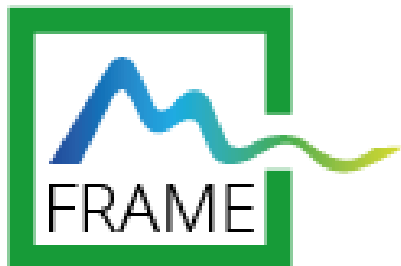


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Field course on Tropical Forests and Agroforestry in Luang Prabang

The University of Helsinki, in collaboration with Souphanouvong University, organized an intensive field course focused on "Tropical Forests and Agroforestry" from January 5-20, 2023 in Luang Prabang, Laos. The course aimed to provide participants with practical tools for forest inventory, biodiversity assessment, and understanding the forest value chain in Nambak district.



Additionally, the course included a preliminary survey of households, livelihood activities, land uses, water supply from forest ecosystems, rubber tree plantation, and riverweed production in Vieng Hinh, Nayang Tai, and Bom villages. These villages have different ethnic groups such as Hmong, Khmu, and Lue, located in the Nam Bak area. Participants were divided into two groups, one for the field course and one for household surveys, which were then

swapped. Finally, data processing took place on computers in the university's classrooms at the end of the course.

Intensive courses in Savannakhet

Czech University of Life Sciences Prague organized two intensive courses for FRAME partners at the turn of January and February in cooperation with the Savannakhet University, Lao PDR. First week was aimed to provide profound knowledge on topics that dealt with the sustainable management of forest resources, and their marketing in the setting of forest bioeconomy. The topics included introductory lectures, practical group work within the Savannakhet University premises, and field excursions to nearby forests. The second week was focused on topics that deal with wood sciences and wood technology needed for the processing of timber into wooden products.

