

Lao People's Democratic Republic
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Prime Minister's Office

No. 164/PM

DECREE
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
NATIONAL FOREST RESERVES

- Pursuant to the 5th, 6th and 7th Plenary Meeting of the Party Central Committee, IVth and Vth legislature of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party.
- Based on the proposal forwarded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Due to the past severe depletion of the forests in our country impacting on the environment, streams, causing several streams to dry up, while increasingly reducing the wild and aquatic life's natural habitat and threatening many species of extinction.

Therefore, for the management and sustainable preservation of the natural resources, namely of forests, wild and aquatic life,

The Prime Minister decrees :

Article 1 : The establishment of national forest reserves as follows :

No.	Reserves	Area (Ha)	Provinces	Coordinates	
1	Phou Khao Khuay	200,000	Vientiane, Bolikhamsay	102°31' - 103°30'	18°14' - 18°33'
2	Namkading	169,000	Bolikhamsay	100°31' - 101°00'	20°57' - 21°09'
3	Sebangnuan	150,000	Savannakhet, Salavan	105°30' - 106°30'	15°30' - 16°01'
4	Sepien	240,000	Champassak, Attapeu	105°55' - 106°30'	14°02' - 14°45'
5	Nam Pouy	191,200	Sayaboury	101°05' - 101°31'	18°13' - 19°02'
6	Phou Xiengthong	120,000	Salavan	105°05' - 105°45'	15°20' - 15°55'
7	Phou Sanghe	109,900	Savannakhet	105°09' - 106°06'	16°42' - 17°04'
8	Nam Ha	69,000	Luang Namtha	101°08' - 101°28'	20°33' - 20°53'

9	Nakay, Nam Theun	353,200	Khammuan	104°50' - 105°10'	17°35' - 18°15'
10	Nhot Nam Thoun	222,000	Phongsaly	102°00' - 102°35'	21°52' - 21°15'
11	Phou Leuy	150,000	Huaphan	103°02' - 103°32'	19°50' - 20°04'
12	Nam Et	170,000	Huaphan	103°15' - 103°75'	20°03' - 20°50'
13	Nam Sam	70,000	Huaphan	104°18' - 104°49'	20°02' - 20°15'
14	Phou Hinpoun	150,000	Khammuan	104°25' - 104°10'	17°27' - 18.05'
15	Dong Huasao	110,000	Champassak	105°55' - 106°17'	14°50' - 15°11'
16	Dong Amphan	200,000	Attapeu	107°08' - 107°38'	14°40' - 15.17'
17	Phou Phanang	70,000	Vientiane Mun.	102°12' - 102°27'	18°01' - 18°25'
18	Hin Namno	82,000	Khammuan	105°43' - 106°09'	17°13' - 17.40'

- The accurate boundaries of these reserves are shown in the map attached to this Decree.

- The area of the mentioned reserve forests may be extended within future forest reserves, whereas their extended areas will be further approved and defined.

Article 2 : The formerly defined forest reserves are further confirmed by this Decree.

Article 3 : Main purposes of forest reserves.

- 3.1 To sustainably preserve the forests' natural wealth, animal species, water sources;
- 3.2 Preserve the natural wealth and protect the natural environment's balance and dynamics;
- 3.3 Preservation of the beautiful natural sceneries, for recreation, tourism, education, culture and scientific research purposes.

Article 4 : Measures and Restrictions within the reserve forests.

- 4.1 It is forbidden to exploit any species of tree, except if authorized from the Government of Lao PDR, for scientific research;
- 4.2 It is forbidden to gather forest products, hunt and fish in the restricted areas as clearly delineated in the reserve forest allotment plans, except if specially authorized each time within a given period of time by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry as proposed by the forestry officer in charge of the reserve forests.

- 4.3 It is forbidden to conduct surveys, mine, build dikes, other schemes and roads without authorization from the Government of Lao PDR.
- 4.4 It is forbidden to retain land, erect houses and expand new upland-lowland fields.
- 4.5 It is forbidden to excavate, dig or remove historical or cultural antiques.
- 4.6 It is forbidden to make use of explosives, release chemical or poisonous substances or waste in the reserve forests in a manner susceptible to cause danger the forests, wild life or water sources, ponds and other water streams.
- 4.7 It is forbidden to slash and burn forests in the mentioned reserve forests.

Article 5 : Any collective or individual transgressing this Decree will be warned, fined, the evidence seized or the concerned subjected to a lawsuit on the charge of destruction and act of banditry against the nation 's property.

Article 6 : The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is entrusted to establish detailed provisions and regulations on the management of reserve forests and in coordination with the provincial administrative authorities in directing and organizing the implementation of the detailed allotment plans, contributing to the budget, and efficiently implementing the actual management in each reserve forest.

Article 7 : The nationwide ministries, agencies holding equal ranking, provinces, sectors shall cooperate and coordinate with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to organize, implement and disseminate this Decree to the civil servants and participate to the sustainable preservation of the national reserve forests.

Article 8 : This Decree is effective from the day it is signed. Any former provisions, instructions, regulations and licenses inconsistent with this Decree are abrogated.

Vientiane, 29/10/1993.
Prime Minister,

Khamtay Siphandone.