

Don Sahong Project's Prior Consultation Road Map

A Road Map guides the MRC Member Countries during the prior consultation process.

Date	Milestones/Outline of Activities
30 September 2013	Lao PDR submitted a notification of the Don Sahong Hydropower Project to the MRC Secretariat along with project documents such as the Environmental Impact Assessment and the Social Impact Assessment. The Secretariat then circulated the documents to the Joint Committee (JC) of the other three Member Countries, Cambodia, Thailand and Viet Nam and made all the document available on the MRC website
10-12 November 2013	The Lao government arranged a site visit for representatives of the MRC Member Countries, diplomats, non-governmental organisations and the media to observe the location in the wet season.
16 January 2014	The MRC held a Special Session of the Joint Committee to discuss the Don Sahong Hydropower Project. The Member Countries had divergent views on the process required for the project and referred the matter to the MRC Council.
22 January 2014	The Lao government requested data on fisheries, hydrology and water quality from the MRC Secretariat to support its assessment of potential impacts of the project.
27 January 2014	The MRC Secretariat provided a number of available data to Lao PDR as requested.
7 March 2014	The Lao government held a technical consultation workshop in Vientiane, Lao PDR for discussion on initial assessments of the project with a number of representatives from the Member Countries, the MRC Secretariat, the MRC Development Partners (donor governments, regional and international organisations) and non-governmental organisations. The project's developer, Mega First Corporation Berhard, presented its proposed fish monitoring measures.
11-12 March 2014	The Lao government arranged a second visit to the Don Sahong Hydropower Project site for representatives from the MRC Member Countries, the MRC Secretariat, the Development Partners, non-governmental organisations and the media to observe the location in the dry season.
26 June 2014	At the annual MRC Council Meeting, Lao PDR agreed to have the Don Sahong Hydropower Project undergo the MRC's prior consultation (PC) process.
30 June 2014	Lao PDR submitted the project for the MRC prior consultation.
3 July 2014	The MRC Secretariat circulated the submission to the other Member Countries.
25 July 2014	The MRC Secretariat circulated the submission to the other Member Countries of the availability of additional information on the project website.
July - August 2014	Preparation for the prior consultation
22 August 2014	The 1st meeting of the PNPCA Joint Committee Working Group (PNPCA JCWG) to discuss and agree on a road map for the process, the scope of a technical review of the project and public participation activities such as national

	consultations, national information sharing meetings (for Thailand), regional consultations and web-based information sharing.
September 2014	Start of the technical review for the project
September– December 2014	Public participation activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1st round of national consultations and national information sharing meetings (held by each Member Country based on its national law and regulations), and a regional consultation (held by the MRC Secretariat) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discuss overview of the process and the project, the scope of the technical review. ➤ Discuss the project overview and the scope of the technical review. ➤ Discuss concerns raised by stakeholders. ➤ Gather feedback, perspectives and additional input from stakeholders.
25 September 2014	National consultation in Can Tho, Viet Nam
17-18 October 2014	National consultation in Stueng Treng, Cambodia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2nd round of national consultations/information sharing meetings and a regional consultation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Share and discuss findings of the Don Sahong Prior Consultation Technical Review Report ➤ Share and discuss inputs and concerns from stakeholders ➤ (Dates and venues will be updated here)
30 September – 2 October 2014	The 40th Meeting of the MRC Joint Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform and update the Joint Committee on the prior consultation process, and receive guidance.
November 2014	The 2nd PNPCA JCWG meeting on the Don Sahong prior consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the draft Don Sahong Prior Consultation Technical Review Report • Share and discuss national review findings and outcome of national consultations and national information sharing meetings
October – December 2014	Continuation of the technical review
11 December 2014	Site visit ahead of regional public consultation
12 December 2014	Regional Public Consultation in Pakse, Lao PDR
December 2014	Completion of technical review Complete the Don Sahong Prior Consultation Technical Review Report and submit it to the Joint Committee
January 2015	The 3rd PNPCA Working Group meeting on the Don Sahong prior consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the draft Don Sahong PNPCA Technical Review Report • Share and discuss national review findings on the PC • Share inputs and perspectives from public participation activities
January 2015	Submission of the Reply Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The three notified Member Countries submit the Reply Form on the project's prior consultation to the MRC.
January 2015	Decision on the Don Sahong project prior consultation by the Joint Committee

