

MRC response to Dr. Lilliana Corredor

The Mekong River Commission (MRC) would like to confirm receipt of the open letter to the Mekong River Commission by Dr. Lilliana Corredor, Founder & Coordinator, Scientists for the Mekong.

Your letter was noted and fed into the MRC technical review of the project and some issues it raised have been addressed at Regional Stakeholder Forums. In addition, key messages and recommendations from the stakeholder consultation sessions at the national and regional levels have been documented in the TRR. The TRR is one of key deliverables of the prior consultation process and will be submitted to the MRC governance bodies for consideration during negotiation on conditions for the project.

We would like to note that the MRC is an intergovernmental organisation established by four Mekong countries for regional collaboration to manage shared water and related resources sustainably. It is not the MRC's mandate to regulate or authorise any development projects of a Member Country. Rather, its role is to provide a platform for the four governments to discuss their needs and challenges in water development and negotiate better use of the common resources for the benefit of the region.

We would like to welcome all inputs and contributions for the prior consultation processes as well as for other MRC works. We trust that what all of us are doing will sustain the Mekong River in the most sustainable way.