What is MekongInfo?

MekongInfo is an interactive Web-based system for sharing information and knowledge about participatory natural resource management, including Watershed Management, in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam. MekongInfo contains six linked modules (Library, Reference, Case Studies, Announcements, Contacts) with Vietnamese, Khmer, Thai and English language versions.

How can MekongInfo support your project or organisation?

MekongInfo provides a range of information services for organisations and projects working in the natural resource management sector in the Lower Mekong Basin.

Do you want your organisation or project to be presented on the Web, but lack the programming skills, time or budget?

Join a growing number of projects and institutions in the region and present your activities in your very own Web pages hosted on http://www.mekonginfo.org/. Let the MekongInfo team assist you to develop, manage and promote your site. Your pages can be in English, Vietnamese, Thai or Khmer. You can update your site using your own password and user ID. To find out more about MekongInfo's free Web hosting service, read MekongInfo Note No. 3.

Would you like to share your experiences and lessons with a wider audience, but don’t have time or don’t know where to start?

MekongInfo contains a virtual sector library of more than 2,500 documents that is searchable by country, technical area, author, etc. To have your reports, case studies, documents, etc. included in the system, you can either self-publish them online or send them by e-mail or regular mail to the System Operator who will add them to the library.

Do you have a new report, newsletter or guidebook that you want to tell others about, but lack the means?

MekongInfo's Resource Gallery offers you the opportunity to "surface" your latest resource materials alongside others from the sector. Recent resources presented in the Gallery have included the complete set of reports from the ADB Regional Poverty Reduction & Environmental Management in Remote Greater Mekong Sub-region Watersheds Project, the Asia Forest Network's latest publications, the "Participatory Process for Supporting Collaborative Management of Natural Resources" published by FAO's Forest Trees and People Programme, and the GTZ Social Forestry Development Programme’s most recent newsletter.

Do you want to raise awareness about your upcoming workshop or event, or do you have news worth sharing?

MekongInfo provides a notice board for you to post announcements and news about your organisation’s or project’s activities. Announcements could cover your upcoming events, job vacancies, updates on your project’s status, address changes, etc.

Would you like to find a way to enable people who cannot come to your workshop to still be able to participate?

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MekongInfo provides the means for the online documentation of workshops and other sector events so that people can participate in an event without actually being physically present. By presenting the workshop’s papers, documents, group discussion topics, etc. online, interested individuals, wherever they are located, can simultaneously follow the discussions and contribute their own opinions and feedback to on-the-ground participants.

Would you like to have an in-depth technical discussion with others working in the sector, but it is impossible to find a time or place for everyone to meet?

MekongInfo offers a venue to hold online discussions on a particular subject – free-of-charge. You propose the subject, choose a time that suits, and select your own participants and moderator.

What are the benefits of MekongInfo for you?

Internet users are generally looking for information and knowledge about a development theme, rather than about this or that organisation. By making available in one place a large collection of reports, case studies and other resource materials produced by numerous actors, MekongInfo provides a hub for information and knowledge about natural resource management in the region. CD-ROMs are also produced and distributed regularly for those who lack Internet access or have slow connections. For users, the benefits in terms of convenience and saved time are huge. For contributors, it means that your information products and documents will be readily available to a larger audience.

Where can I obtain further information?

MekongInfo was developed by the ”Sustainable Management of Resources in the Lower Mekong Basin Project" (SMRP), a technical co-operation project between the Mekong River Commission and Germany.

Please contact the WSMP Information Unit if you are interested in further information about any of MekongInfo's services.

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