



TABI

The Agro-Biodiversity Initiative (TABI) is an ongoing multiyear programme in Laos helping farmers to find new livelihoods while simultaneously improving sustainable land management practises. Among other programme activities, it provides grants to small farmers seeking to diversify their sources of income and to communities to better use and manage their land.

Land use

+800,000 hectares

covered by TABI's innovative land use planning process, leading to forest conservation and more effective use of agricultural land

315 villages

representing +25,000 households are now living in areas with less wildfire risk, better land use, and more protected forests

Incomes

USD 10 million

generated for households as a result of TABI interventions to diversify livelihoods, such as teaching broom making and beekeeping

594 villages

representing +34,000 households have been involved with and benefitted from these livelihood diversification initiatives

Projects

+100 subprojects

funded since TABI began in 2009 in activities ranging from coffee planting/harvesting to establishing Fish Conservation Zones to ensure stocks

+30,000 households

benefit from these livelihood diversification initiatives, with a quarter of the beneficiaries being women or vulnerable populations

Teach & train

9 schools

utilise TABI-generated curriculum to teach young people the skills required to undertake local livelihood activities; more are likely to follow

115 government officials

trained in technical skills including land use management and GIS, improving TABI's long-term sustainability and encouraging local ownership



Less than 1% of the available forest honey is being cultivated and sold - a desirable product which, if fully utilised, could provide more than USD 5 million annually in supplemental income to farmers. TABI has encouraged the development of the sector by supporting honey production in 47 villages and organising workshops with involved stakeholders.



Project Details

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