The mitigation hierarchy is a planning and management approach for addressing impacts to biodiversity and ecosystem services through avoidance, minimization, restoration and offsetting. It is applicable throughout the project lifecycle and particularly relevant considering the new EIA Decree (2019) and the general trajectory of legislative development in Lao PDR.
Management Briefing and Technical Workshop on
The Mitigation Hierarchy for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Hydropower
12 December, Lao Plaza Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR

The Hydropower Developers’ Working Group (HDWG) is pleased to present this knowledge and learning event for members and guests. The training is supported by IFC and led by WCS, drawing on WCS’s global experience with this tool and existing engagement with hydropower developers in Lao PDR.

The event is in two parts:

Part 1. Management Briefing, 08:00 – 09:30:
A high-level summary of the key concepts and business implications for senior management. This session is intended for managing directors, operations managers, risk managers and other senior managers. The intention is to provide a concise overview of the mitigation hierarchy and implications for your projects.

Part 2. Technical Workshop, 09:30 – 17:00:
A training on implementing the mitigation hierarchy with practical examples for mid-level to senior environmental management staff. This session will benefit personnel involved in environmental assessment, mitigation and management, particularly relating to biodiversity issues and ecosystem services in hydropower. Participants should preferably have 5 years’ or more professional experience and some familiarity with international environmental standards/safeguards.

Language

English language proficiency is useful but not essential - the training will be delivered in English with simultaneous translation into Lao.

About HDWG

The Hydropower Developers' Working Group (HDWG) was established in 2013 in partnership with the Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry and with support from the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

HDWG serves as a forum to engage with government on policy and regulations, while providing companies and industry professionals an opportunity to network, learn about international best practices, and identify solutions to improve the environmental and social sustainability of hydropower in Lao PDR.

About WCS

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is a global, non-profit organization that saves wildlife and wild places by understanding critical issues, crafting science-based solutions, and taking conservation actions that benefit nature and humanity. Globally, WCS has supported companies in the extractive and hydropower sectors in the application of the mitigation hierarchy, successfully demonstrating the potential for avoiding and minimizing impacts, as well as compensating and offsetting residual impacts.

Registration

Each company may send 2 personnel: 1 for the management briefing and 1 for the technical workshop.
Each participant should complete the online registration form.
Confirmed participants will be notified.