



**Water right system in Lao
PDR
(Section 2)**

- Issues on water right system: At present, water right system has not been well-functioned because:
 - 1) Lack of secondary legislature
 - 2) Unclearity of authority related to water right system
- Ownership of water: The Water resources are state property.

- The procedure is provided by water and water resource Law, But is not clear
- The coordination with stakeholders among authority related for water user
- Conservation for customary water right: The concept of existing water right are provide in the water Law

- Consideration of environmental flow: No consideration of environmental flow, because in Lao PDR has a few droughts have happened
- Compulsory measure: The only water use licenses granted to this date are to hydropower. Most of water users use water without obtaining licenses. However, they have generally been given some form of approval by government through the development process.

- Water and Water resources management shall be controlled and management shall be divided according to size and water use right as provided for in Article 14 of this Law: Large scale use shall be government approved: Medium scale usage shall be approved by a relevant agent agency, but for significant medium scale use, there must be government approval and
- Situation of data collection: Lack of legislation data management