# Technical matters

The practice and politics of geo-referencing



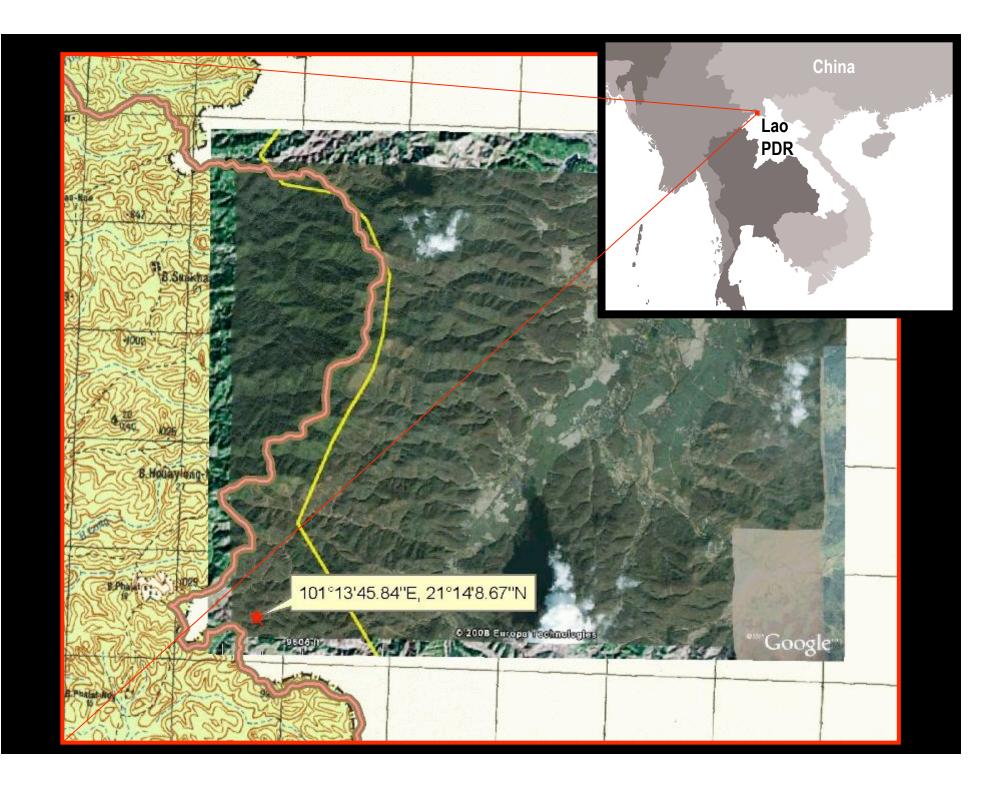


Michael B. Dwyer, UC Berkeley, Energy & Resources Group 2010 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting

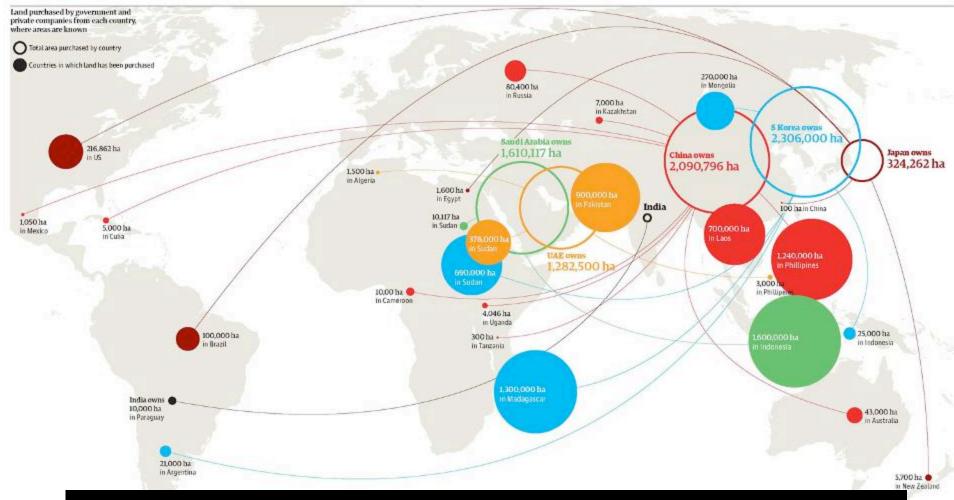


GoogleEarth imagery, November 2008

21°14'08.67" N 101°13'45.84" E







"The world map is bring redrawn. Over the past six months, China, South Korea, Japan, Saudi Arabia Kuwait and other nations have been buying and leasing huge quantities of foreign land for the production of food or biofuels for domestic consumption. It's a modern day version of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century scramble for Africa."

1. The Guardian UK, 22 November 2008

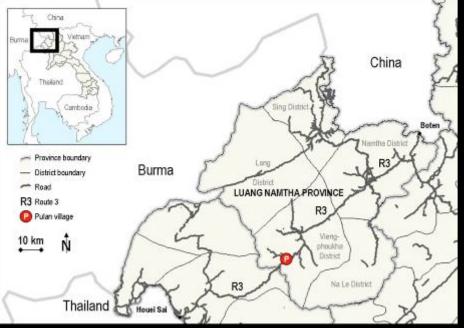
2. Joao Pedro Stedile (MST, Via Campesina), 2008

"A new geopolitics of hunger" 2

## I. Existing legal architecture



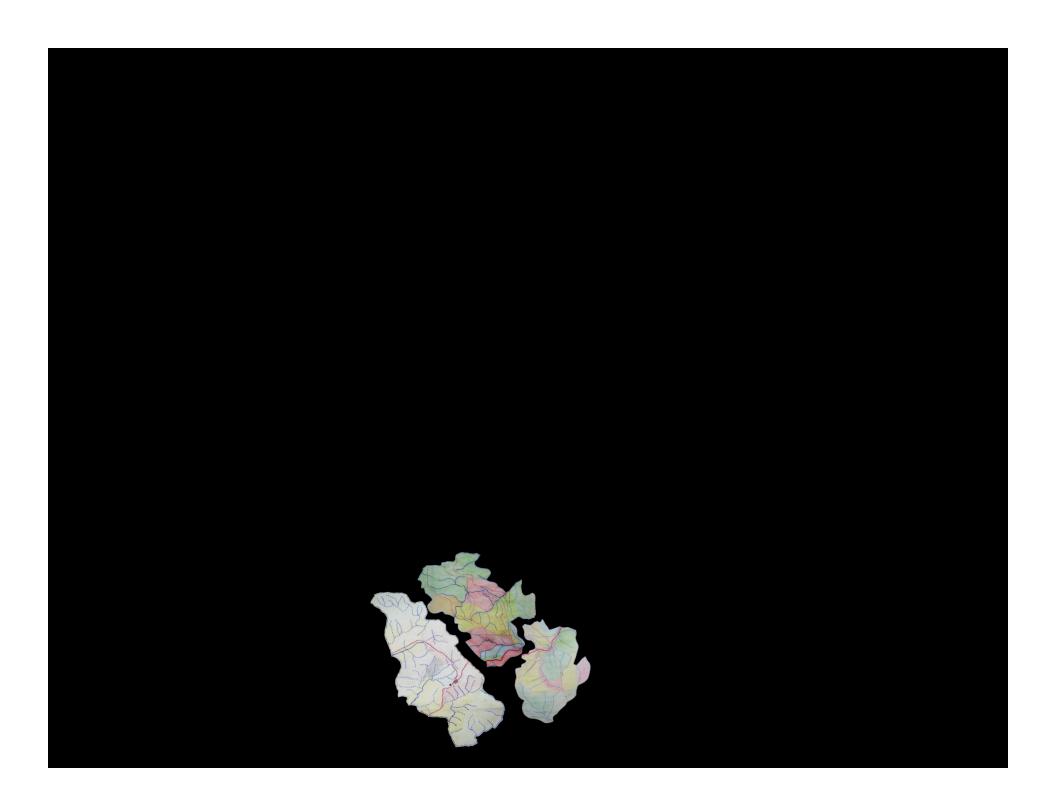




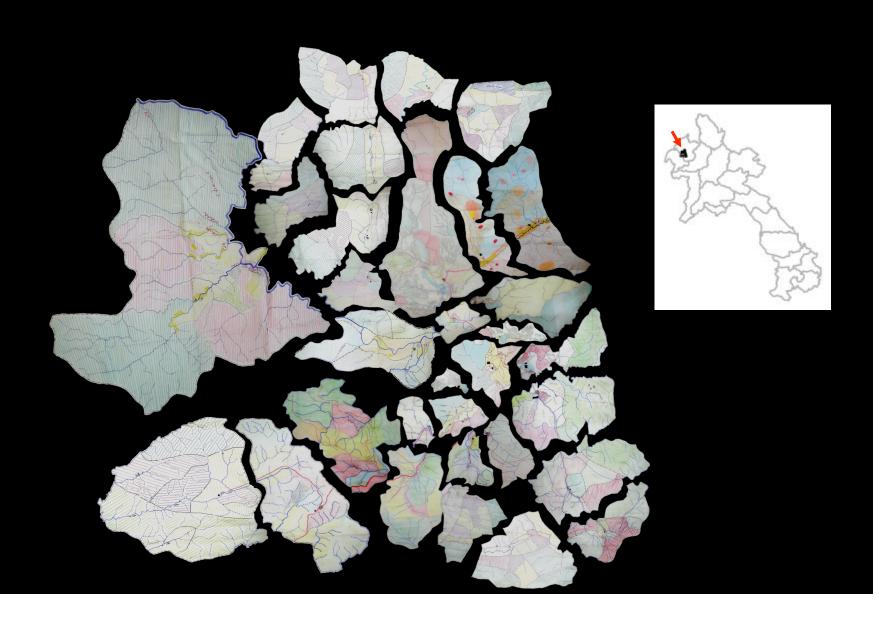




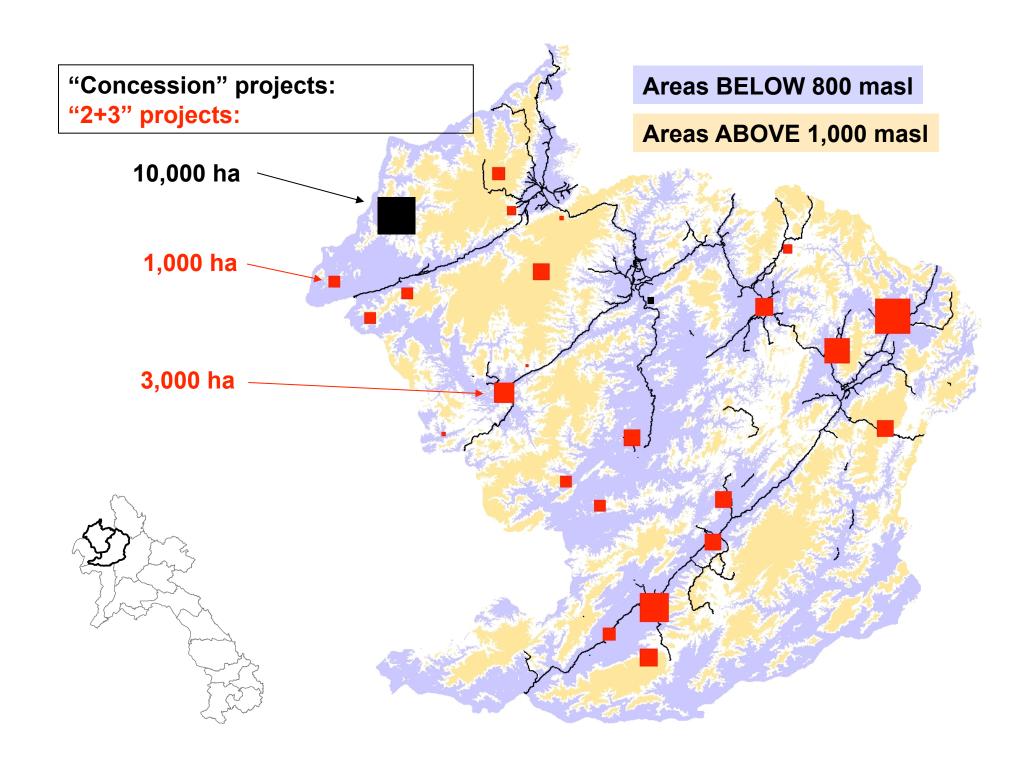


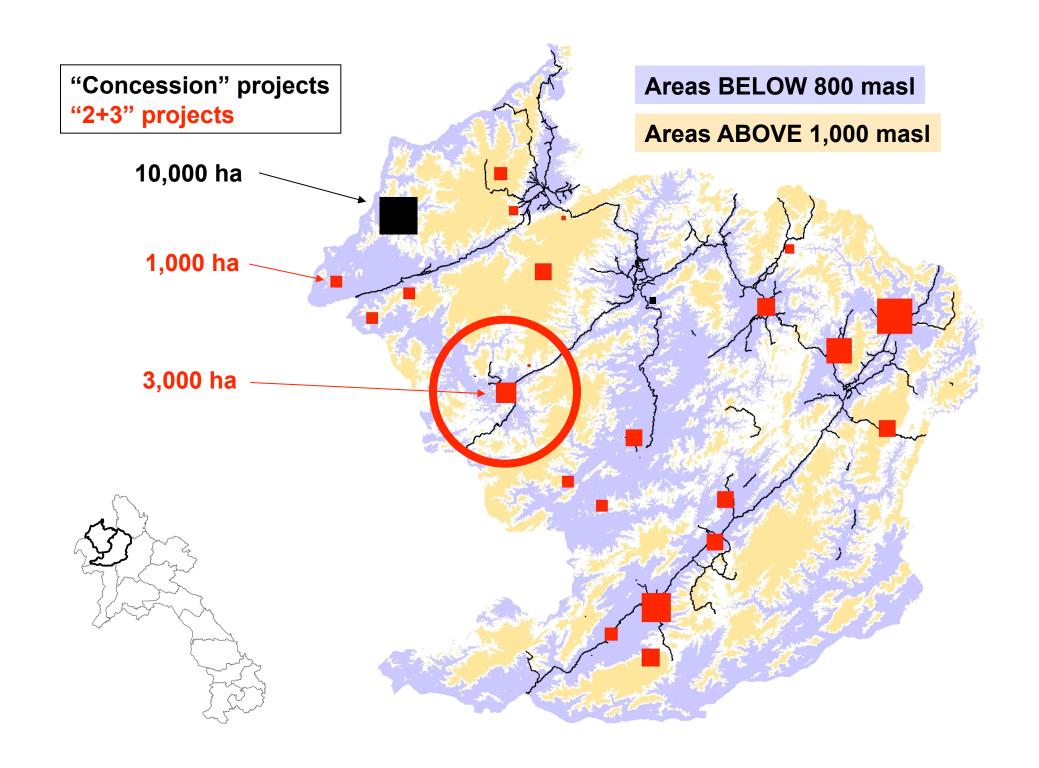


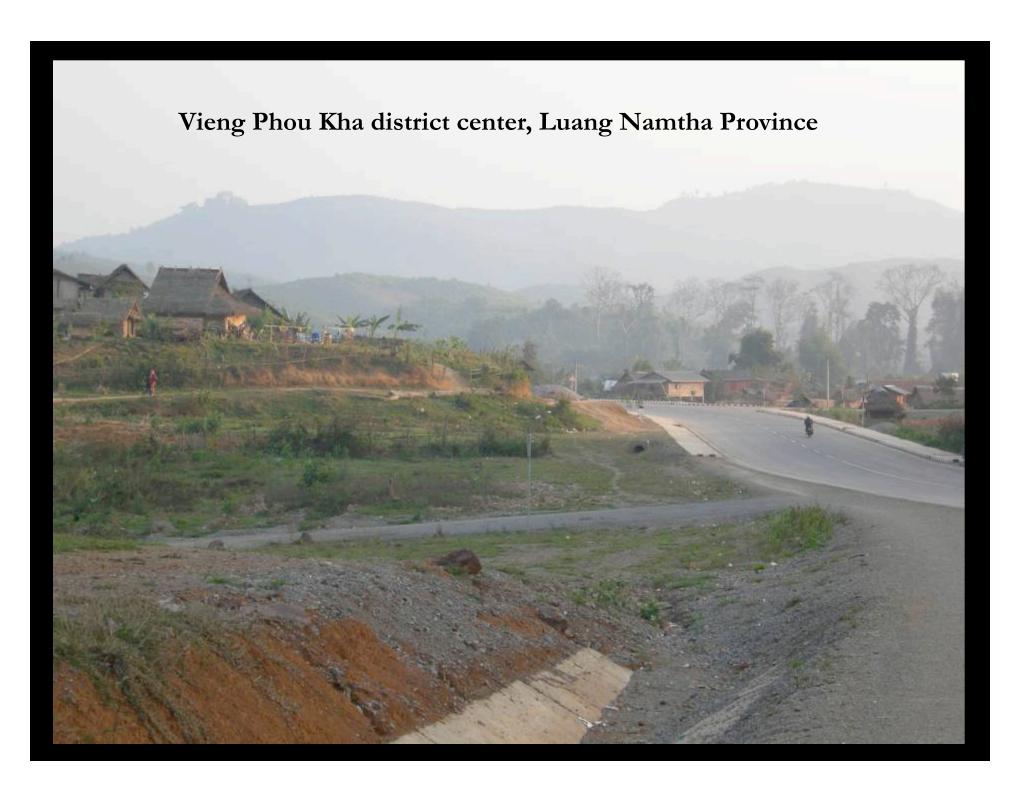
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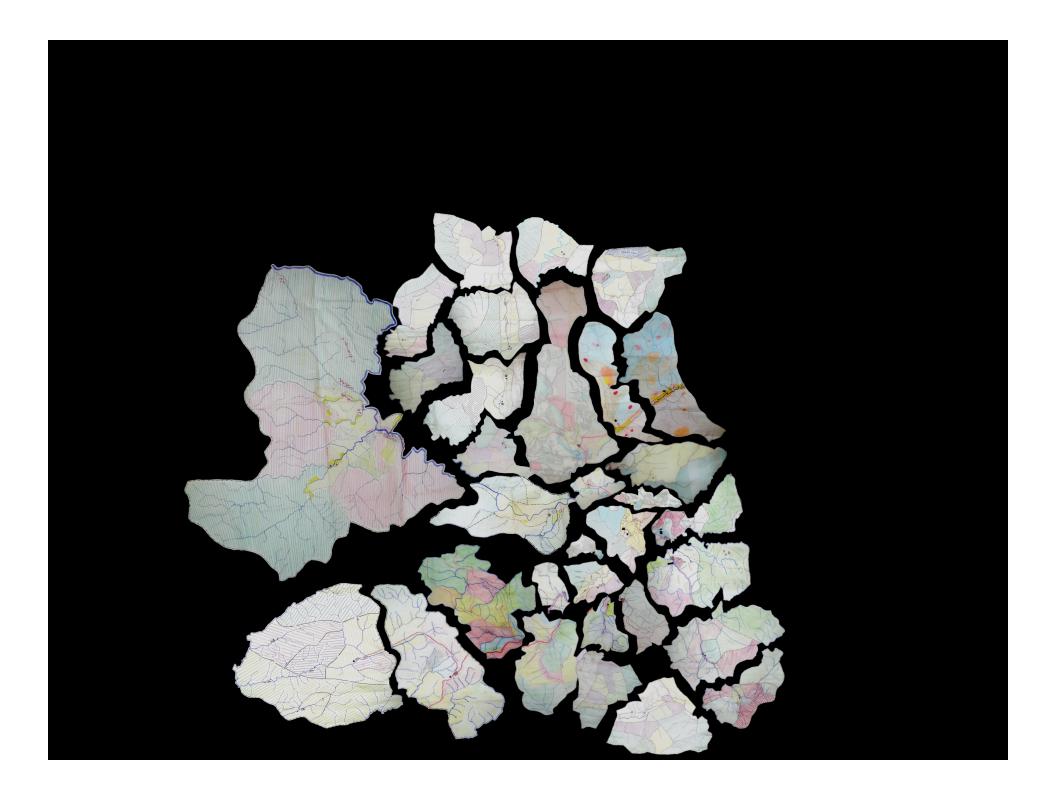


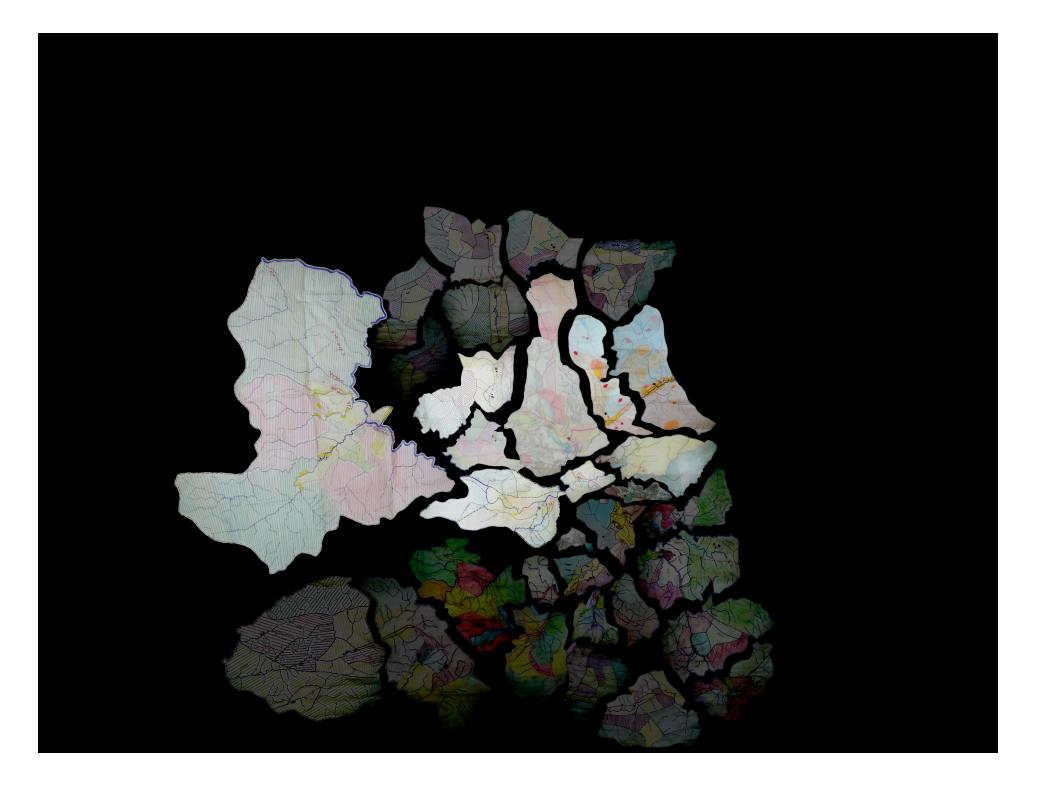
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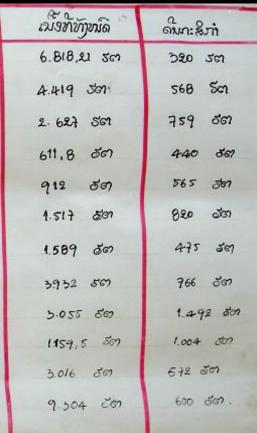








### 3,000 ha quota



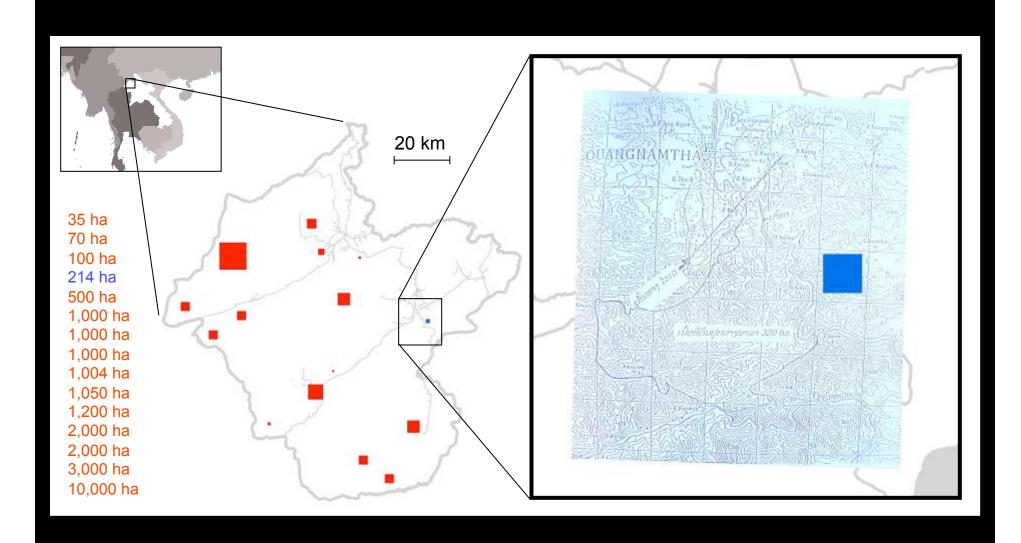


## III. Implications

 Technical assistance vs. political intervention → Techno-political engagement

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- 2. Two tools for engagement

## Investment inventories



## Property genealogies









Document room, District Agriculture & Forestry Office

## Extra slides

#### "Without information..."



National Land Management Authority (Dec. 2006)

"The *lack of clear information* on *land use* has caused some setbacks for development projects...

"Without information, we cannot formulate plans and allocate sites where the forests should be protected, areas for agricultural production such as crops and animal husbandry, and where to set up industrial plants..."

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April 2009: "Maps with proper coordinate-points were obtained from 12 projects only" (of 237 active lease & concession projects in Vientiane Province)

