



Country Fact Sheet

Lao People's Democratic Republic

LAND AND POPULATION	Year	Value	Unit									
Area												
Country total area	2016	23 680	1 000 ha									
Cultivated area (arable land + permanent crops)	2016	1 694	1 000 ha									
Population												
Total population	2015	6 802	1 000									
Population density	2016	28.72	inhab/km ²									
Rural population	2015	4 091	1 000									
Economically active population in agriculture	2014	2 725	1 000									
As % of total economically active population	2014	74.19	%									
RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES (RWR)	Year	Value	Unit									
Long-term average annual precipitation												
Depth		1 834	mm/year									
Volume		434.3	km ³ /year									
Long-term average annual RWR												
Internal (IRWR)		190.4	km ³ /year									
External (ERWR)		143.1	km ³ /year									
Total Actual (TRWR)		333.5	km ³ /year									
Dependency ratio		42.91	%									
TRWR per capita	2014	49 030	m ³ /year									
Total dam capacity	2010	7.811	km ³									
WATER WITHDRAWAL	Year	Value	Unit									
By sector												
Agricultural	2005	3.193	km ³									
Municipal	2003	0.13	km ³									
Industrial	2003	0.17	km ³									
Total	2005	3.493	km ³									
Total water withdrawal per capita	2005	588	m ³									
By source												
Surface water withdrawal		-	km ³									
Groundwater withdrawal		-	km ³									
Total freshwater withdrawal	2005	3.493	km ³									
Desalinated water produced		-	km ³									
Direct use of treated municipal wastewater		-	km ³									
Direct use of agricultural drainage water		-	km ³									
Pressure on water resources												
Total freshwater withdrawal as % of TRWR	2005	1.047	%									
Agricultural water withdrawal as % of TRWR	2005	0.9574	%									
IRRIGATION AREAS	Year	Value	Unit									
Area equipped for irrigation												
Full control irrigation	2005	310	1 000 ha									
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Equipped lowland areas		-	1 000 ha									
Spate irrigation		-	1 000 ha									
Total area equipped for irrigation	2005	310	1 000 ha									
As % of cultivated area	2005	23.17	%									
Area actually irrigated	2005	270.7	1 000 ha									
As % of area equipped for irrigation	2005	87.32	%									

Notes: 1 km³ = 10⁹ m³ = 1 000 million m³; 1 ha = 1 hectare = 10 000 m²