

Lao National Genebank, National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute



Recent Highlights

- The genebank started from the collection of more than 15,000 farmers' varieties of short-and long-grain rice in collaboration with the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI).
- More than 18,000 accessions are now conserved in the genebank.
- Nearly 10,000 samples have been distributed since 2011.
- Some 42 modern varieties of rice in Laos are derived from material conserved in the genebank.



Genebank at a Glance

Acronym	NAFRI
Country	Lao People's Democratic Republic
Year established	1995
Conservation methods and facilities	Seed, field collection
Number of staff	7
Total number of accessions	20,000
Number of accessions distributed annually	1,000