

# **Strengthening Agricultural Supply Chains in CLMV**

**Supporting ASEAN Equitable Economic Development  
*Research Workshop***

**“Enhancing Agricultural Productivity in CLMV  
Countries: Opportunities and Challenges”**



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## Overview :

1. **Development of Supply Chains** together with **Development of Seed Industry** and **Agriculture Sector Reform/Restructuring** constitutes integral components of the **Enhancing Agriculture Productivity** strategic thrust of the **Pilot Phase of the Supporting ASEAN Equitable Economic Development (CLMV) Project**
2. **PURPOSE:** Draw from work done as well as drafts of country level Discussion Papers and Regional Discussion Paper and Policy Brief on the Development of Supply Chains in CLMV, focusing on rice, and present the work in progress towards a chapter on ‘ **Strengthening Agriculture Supply Chains**’ in the proposed book by ADB.



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## 'Realizing a New Vision for Agriculture' at National, CLMV and ASEAN Levels – (Enhancing Agriculture Productivity, etc)

A global agriculture system that harnesses the power of markets and multi-stakeholder collaboration to feed the world, protect our planet and create prosperity

### FOOD SECURITY

Meet nutritional demands while providing affordable choices across the food value chain

Provide food security for all...

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Conserve or enhance the quality and quantity of natural resources; meet the challenges of changing climate

...in an environmentally sustainable way

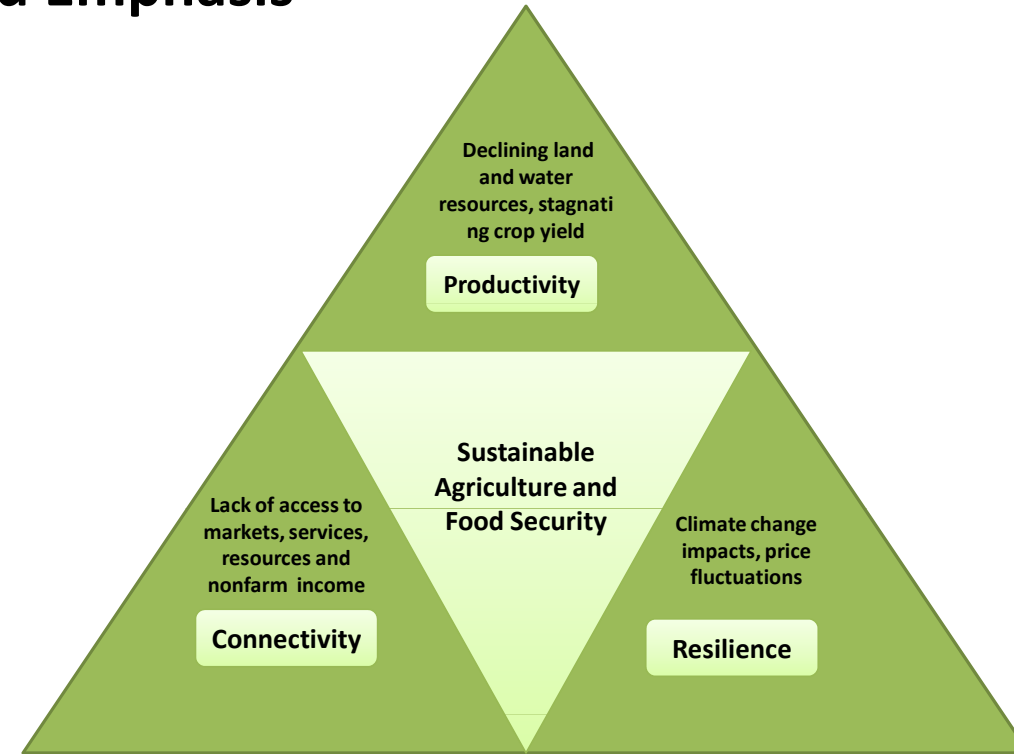
...while generating economic growth and opportunity

### ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Drive rural and national economic development around the globe with well-targeted investments

Source: WEF, 2010

# ADB's Vision and Emphasis



Source: ADB-RSDD

**Productivity** - Increase production and productivity of food commodities in a sustainable way

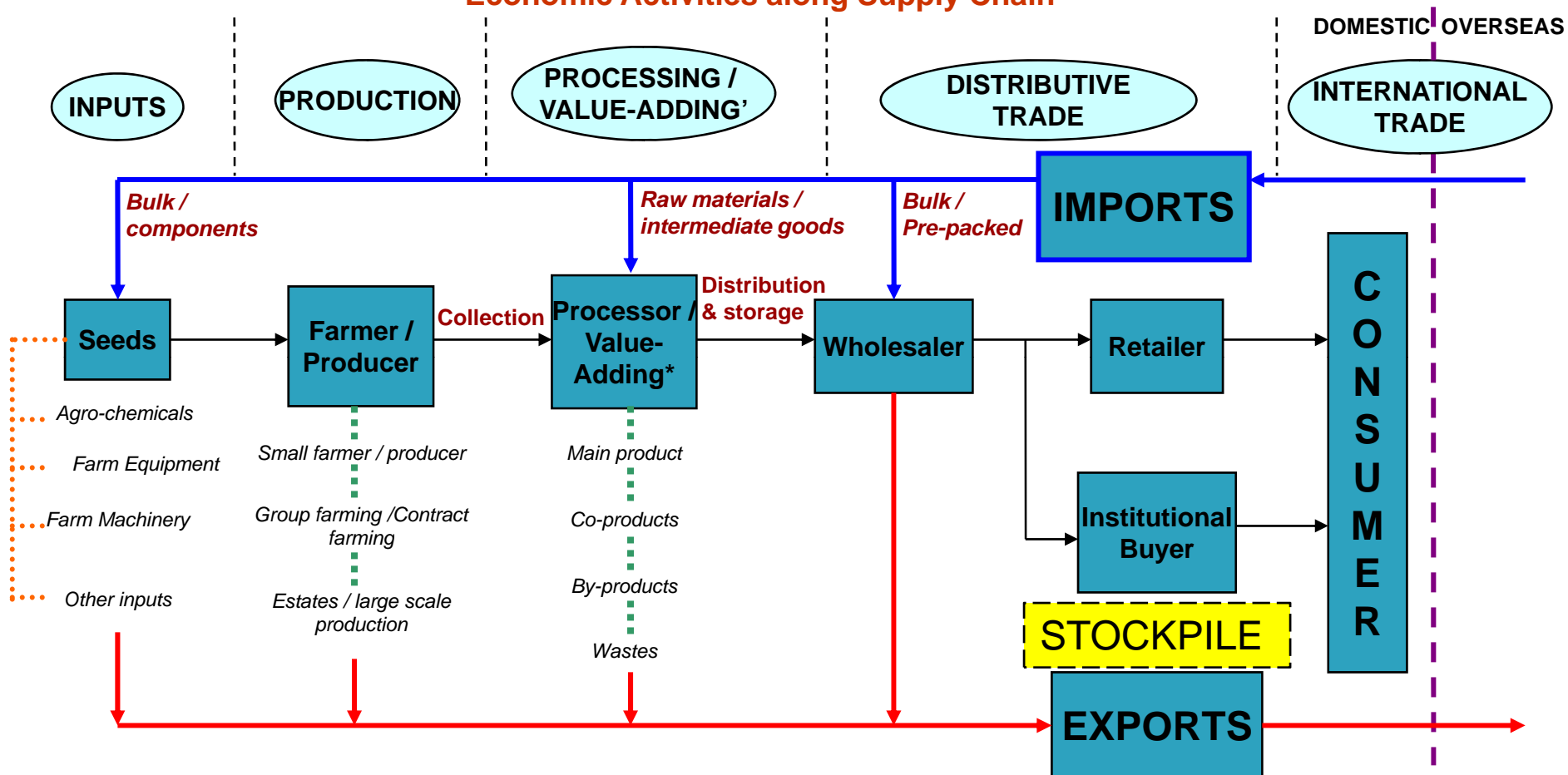
**Connectivity** - Improve linkages between food producers and consumers; input and output markets

**Resilience** - Enhance the resilience of social and ecological systems against the effects of climate change



# RICE/AGRI-FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN –THE BIG PICTURE

## Economic Activities along Supply Chain



## CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT AT EACH LEVEL OF SUPPLY CHAIN

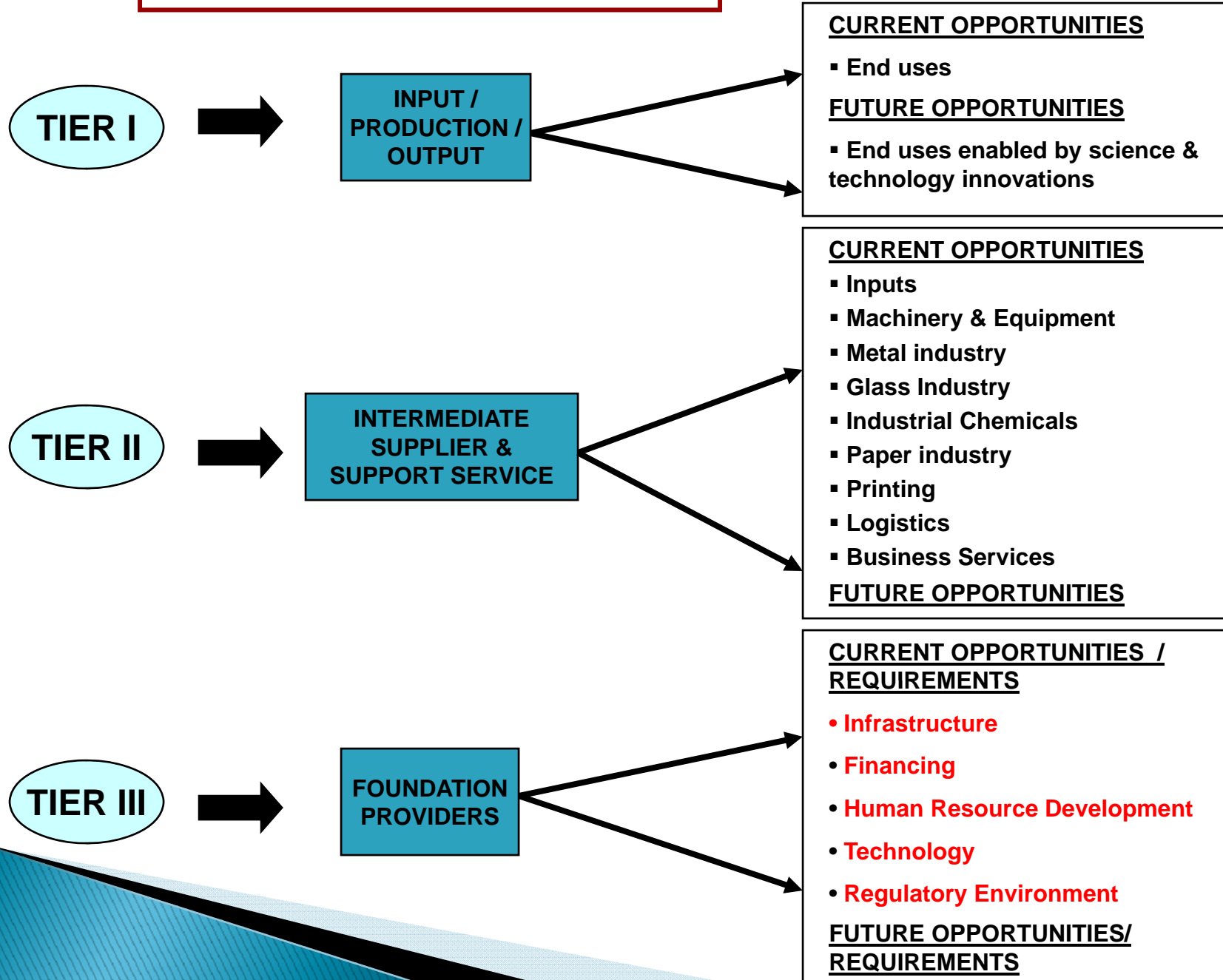
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# CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT





# FOOD SUPPLY SYSTEM - UK

	Inputs/Agriculture	Primary Processing	Secondary Processing and Distribution	Retail	Consumption
Relationship Power	Small/medium-sized organizations	Private organizations	Own label Brand owners	Four dominant organizations	Marketing-led product development
Energy	Fertilizer production	Refrigeration	Transport and cooking	Refrigeration	Transport and cooking
Resource Usage	Land Labour	Water	Transport infrastructure	Urban Land	Power
Direct Emitted Carbon	Nitrogen and livestock methane		Transport		Landfill
Product Wasted or Lost	5%	5%	2%	10%	33%

	High
	Medium
	Low

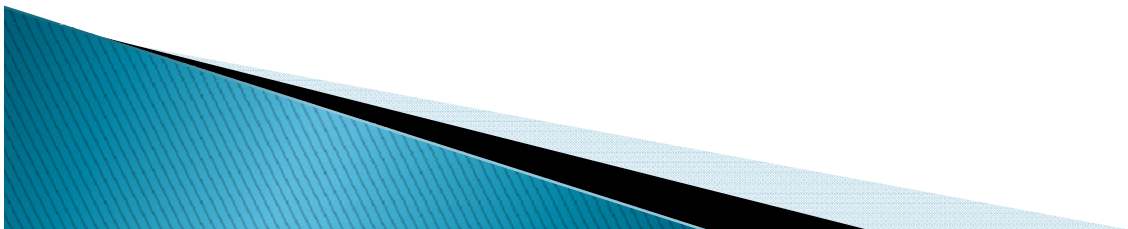
○ This is an indicative interpretation of the UK supply network. Waste figures based on work undertaken by the Food Process innovation Unit at Cardiff University on behalf of the Food Chain Centre. WRAP estimates have been used for consumer waste figures. Available online at:

○ [http://www.wrap.org.uk/wrap\\_corporate/news/food\\_waste\\_set\\_to.html](http://www.wrap.org.uk/wrap_corporate/news/food_waste_set_to.html) (15.10.08).



## National Level :

- ▶ Focus on **rice** supply chain's underlying importance for overall growth and sustainable development . **Focus on three major aspects of supply chains** (a) structure, (b) dynamics and (c) future prospects of rice supply chain development and related policy issues
  
- ▶ **1. Overview**
  - cropped acreage, yields, production and level of self-sufficiency
  - summary of Rice Policy changes and key milestones which impacts on structure and development of rice supply chain
  - surplus and deficit areas - spatial considerations
  - extent of double cropping – temporal considerations
  - compare domestic prices with international rice prices of similar grades



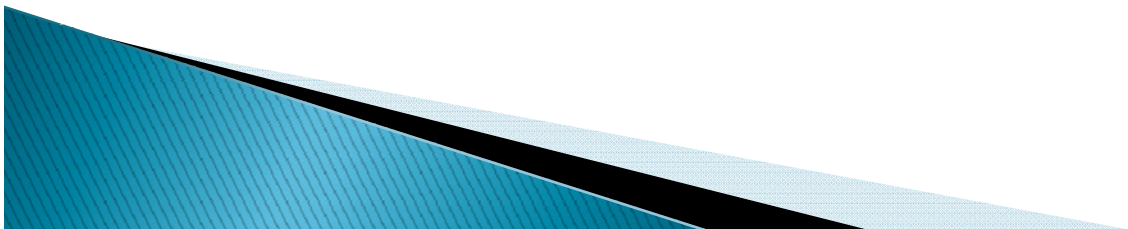
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### 2. Structure

- A general **mapping of supply chain** – inputs to consumers/export
- **Differentiated supply chains** - domestic flows from surplus to deficit regions; export through ports; exports through border; others
- **Facilities along the supply chains** - mills - small, medium to large mills. with dryers, wet polishers, colour sorter and packing machine – Rice Specialization Companies – provision of mechanization services tractors, threshers, combine harvesters as well as good quality/certified seeds
- **Cost and returns**
- **Financing, transportation, vulnerable groups** (landless farmers)
- **Identify weak links** (at interfaces) **along rice supply chain** - Strength of chain is in the weakest links

### 3. Dynamics

- **Transformation of supply chains** - growing importance of mills as a fulcrum or pivot & P-P-P arrangements, FDI
- **Which of the differentiated supply chains** (domestic surplus to deficit areas, exports through ports; via Border Trade; others – **growing fastest and why?**



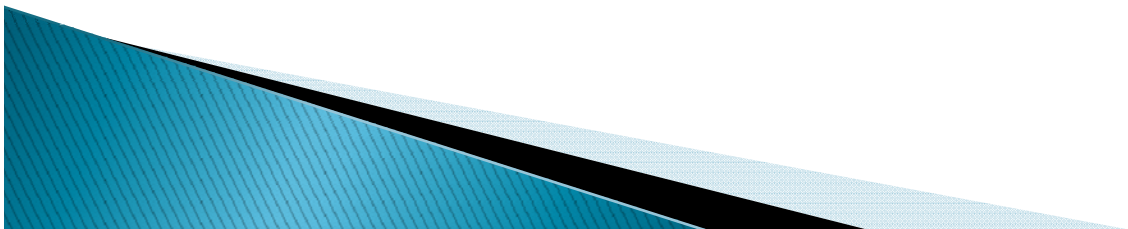
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### 3. Dynamics (cont'd)

- **Temporal** (single or double cropping areas - rice-based farming system, crop rotation) and **spatial** (which **areas more likely to have productivity increases** - irrigated areas with multipurpose dams generating electricity to run mills and processing centres). Advantage of market access – cost effectiveness

### 4. Future prospects

- **Policy issues** – strengthening identified weak links in rice supply chain; proper development of seed industry and coordinated reform and transformation of rice industry
- Coordinated initiatives/emphasis on **green food** (low chemicals, traceable, certified safe, food scare, heavy metals) rice
- **More organized border trade** – especially to China
- **Replicability of innovative approaches**



# MYANMAR



(4) Major Rivers (of which 3 originates within own border) and many rivers and creeks flow into or join the major rivers



Sagaing Region

Cultivated area:  
8 million ha  
Total Production:  
23.6 million MT  
(paddy)

Rakhine State

East & West Bago  
Region

Ayeyarwaddy Delta Region  
(40% total prodn)

Four Major Rice Granaries in  
Myanmar

Myanmar- potential to be water-  
energy-food secure, in short term, if  
not already so



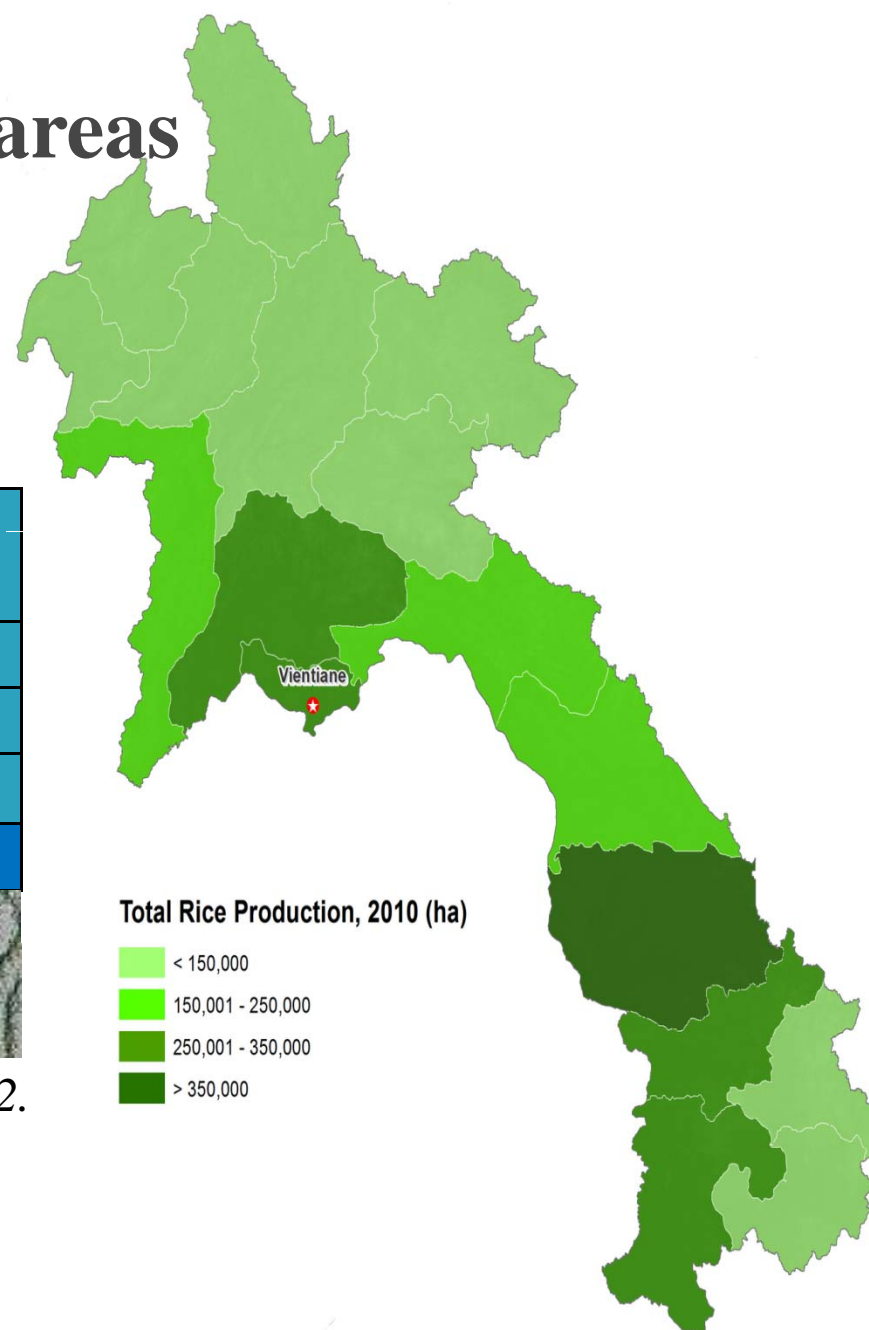
# Production and harvest areas

Table. Rice production in Lao PDR (2010/11)

Particular	Harvest area (ha)	Production (Million tons)
Wet season	604.235	2.214.391
Dry season	101.611	477.110
Upland	69.117	141.597
<b>Total</b>	<b>774.963</b>	<b>2.822.098</b>

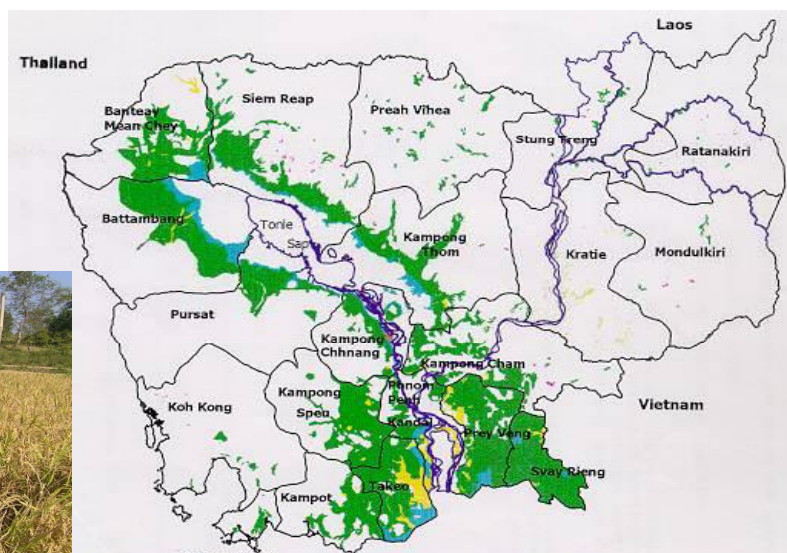


*Source: Agriculture Census, MAF, May 2012.*



# Food Production in Agricultural Markets

## Rice Production



Lowland  
Rice  
(80.4%)

Deep  
Water  
Rice  
(3.5%)

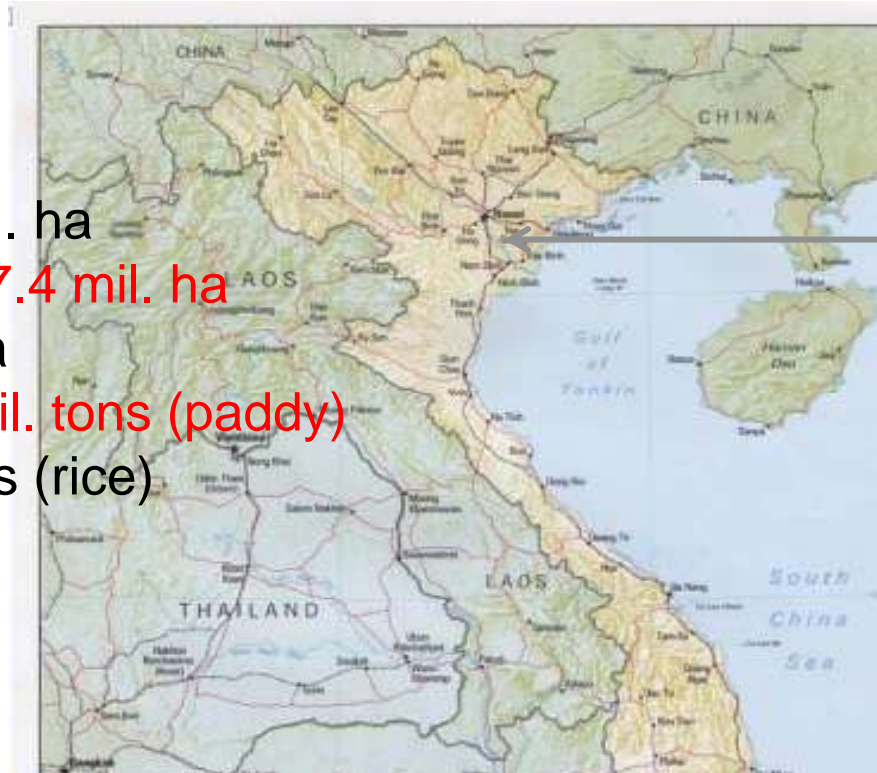
Dry  
Paddy  
Rice  
(14.2%)

Upland  
Rice  
(1.9%)

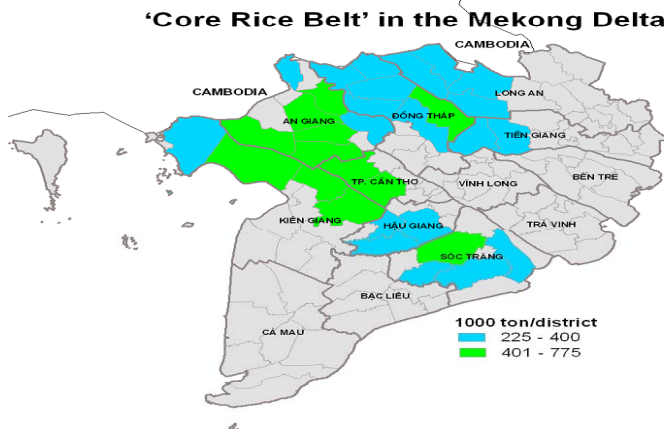
Descriptions	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Cultivated Areas(Ha)	2,585,905	2,615,741	2,719,080	2,795,892	2,968,529
Harvested Areas (Ha)	2,566,952	2,613,363	2,674,603	2,777,323	2,766,617
Yield (T/Ha)	2.621	2.746	2.836	2.970	3.173
Production (MT)	6,727,127	7,175,473	7,585,870	8,249,452	8,779,365
Rice Surplus (MT)	1,649,640	2,025,033	2,244,598	2,516,752	2,780,328
Paddy Surplus (MT)	2,577,562	3,164,114	3,507,185	3,932,425	4,344,263

# Viet Nam Rice Production

Rice land: 3.9 mil. ha  
 Cultivated area: **7.4 mil. ha**  
 Yield: 5.32 ton/ha  
 Production: **40 mil. tons (paddy)**  
 Export: 7 mill tons (rice)



Red River Delta  
 Rice land: 0.6 mil. ha  
 17% of total production



Mekong River Delta  
 Rice land: **1.87 mil. ha**  
 55% total of production  
**95% of total export**



# GMS Connectivity

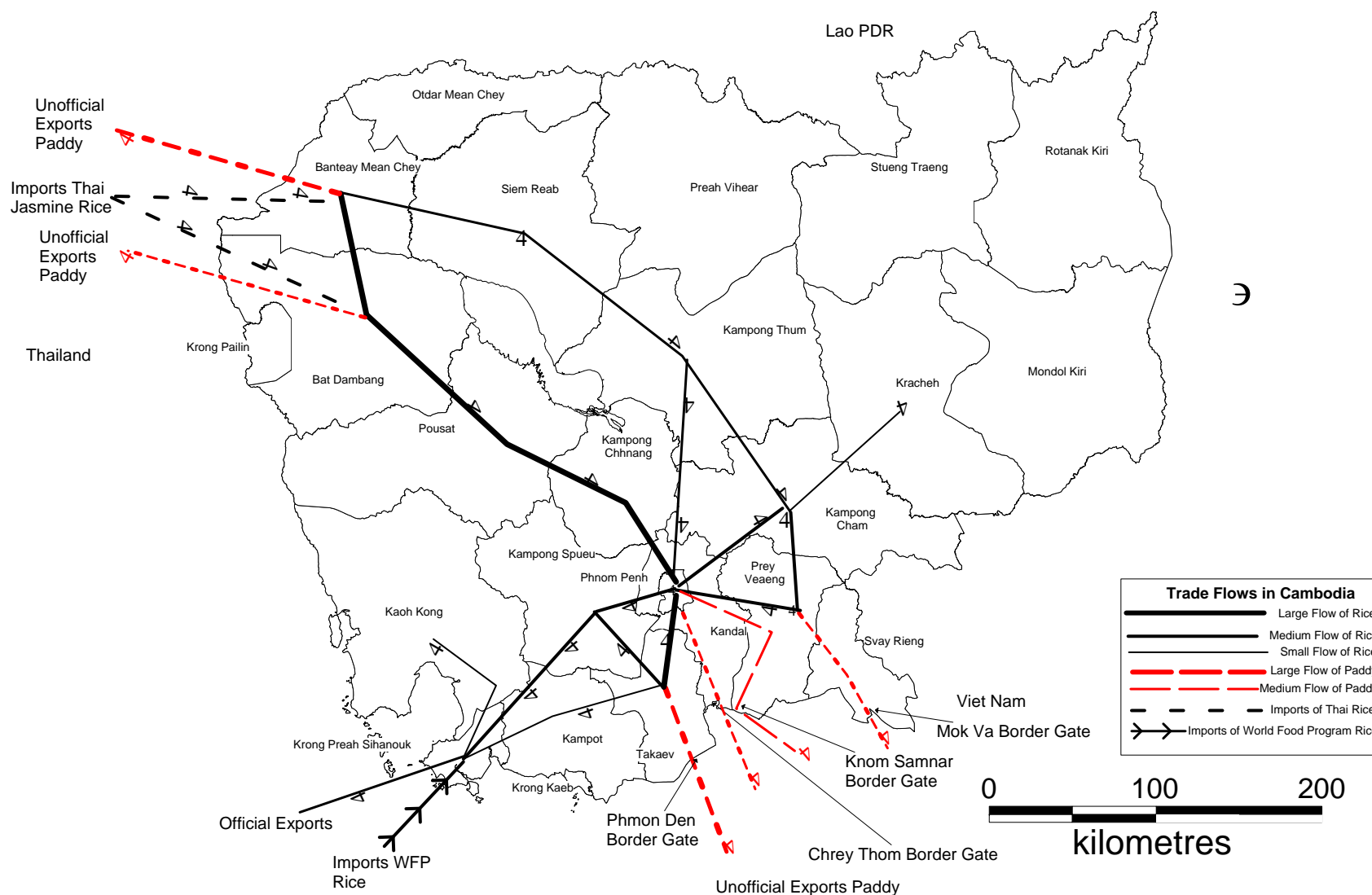
## Road Transport Network

2015  
(Committed)

Source: West Indochina

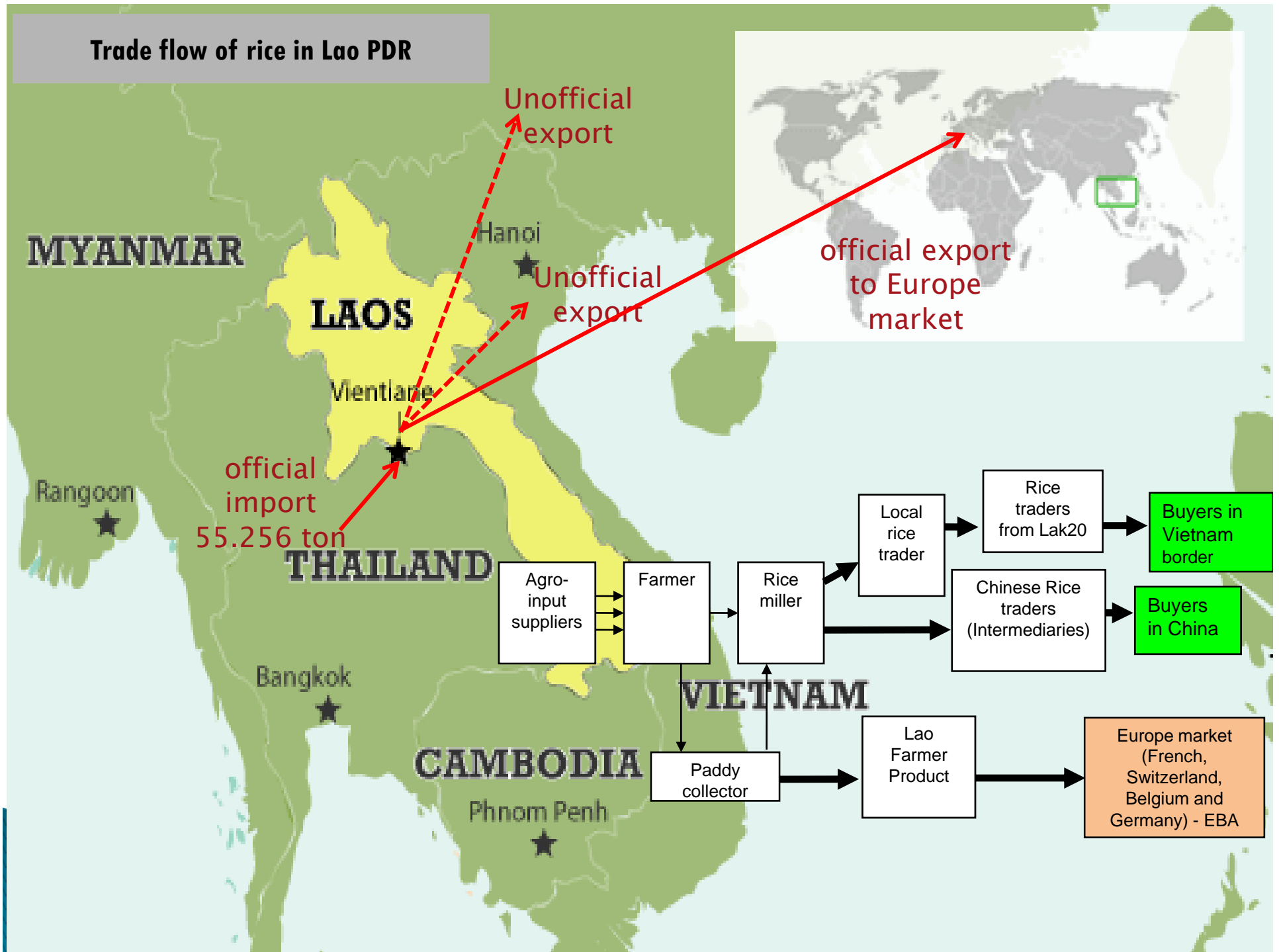


# Trade Flows Of Rice And Paddy In Cambodia – Conventional and Border Trade

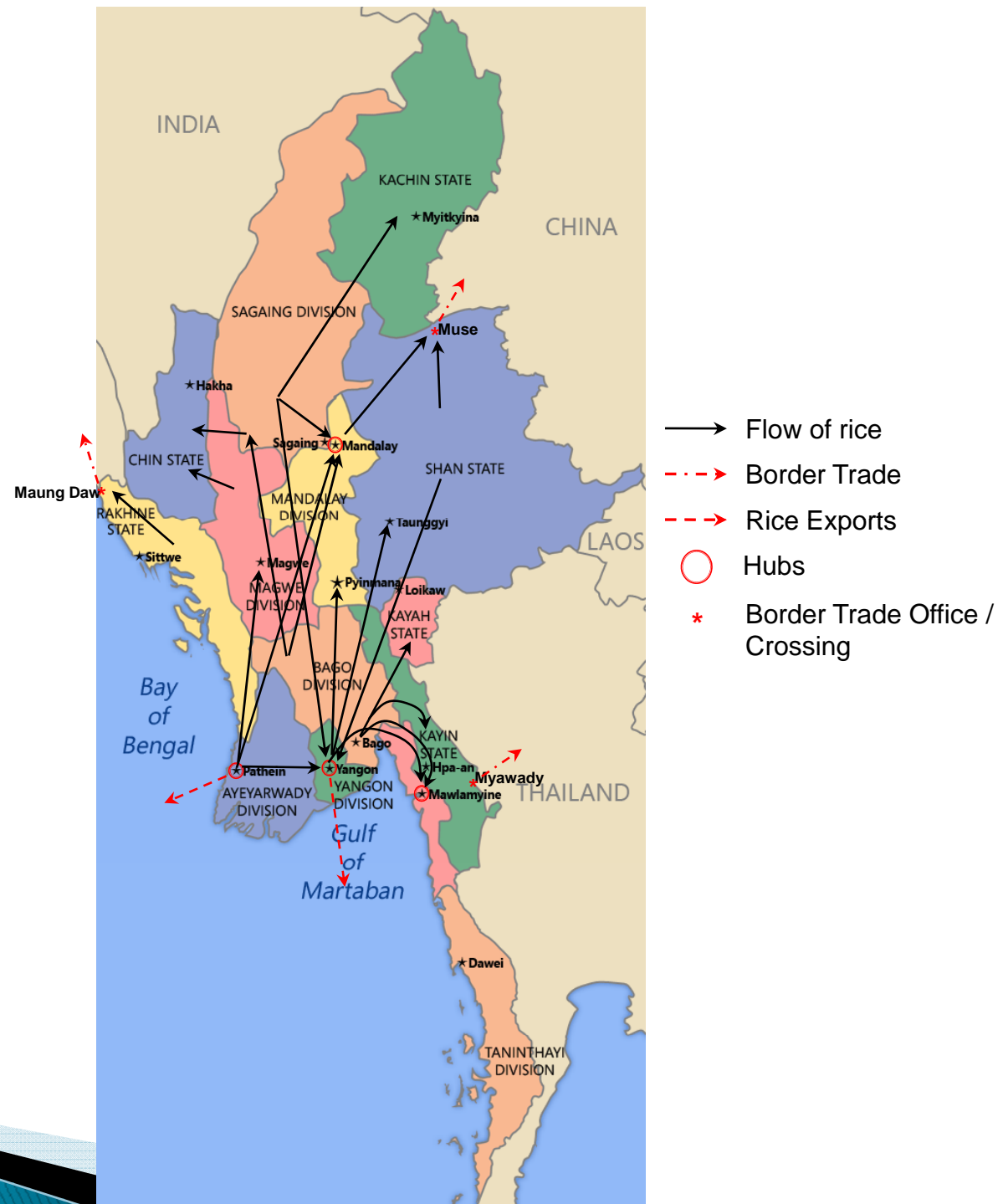




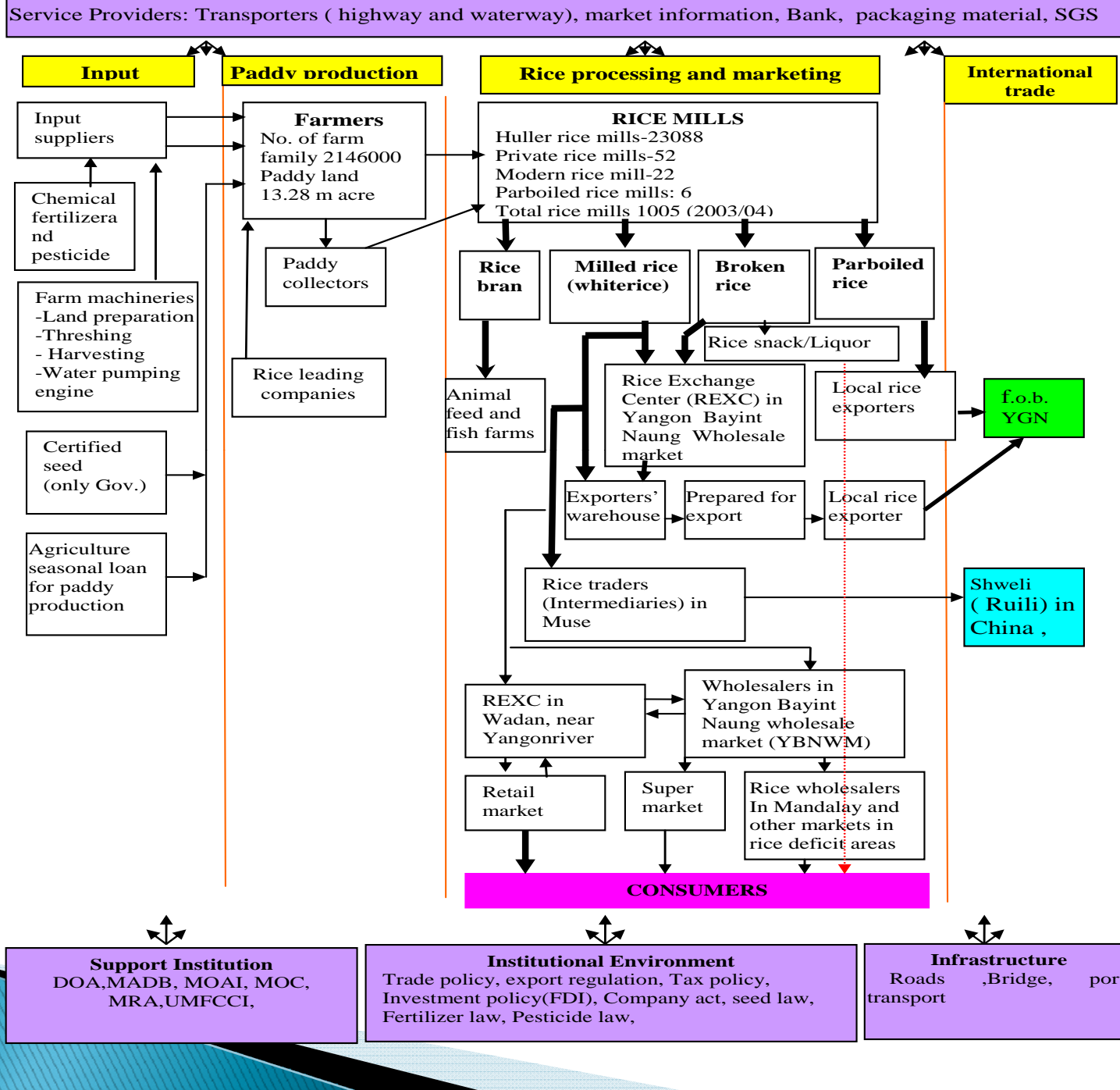
## Trade flow of rice in Lao PDR



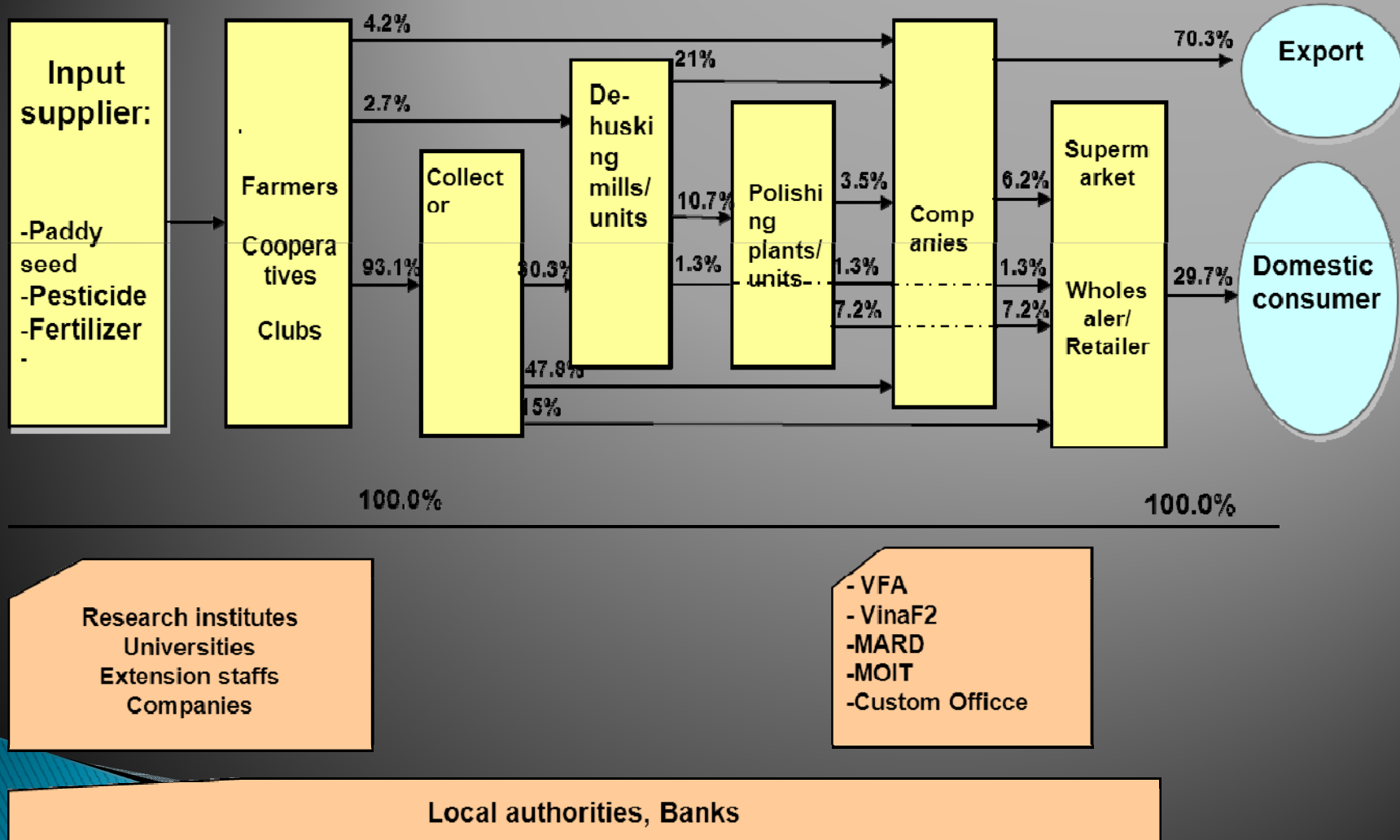
## EXAMPLE: TRADE FLOWS OF RICE IN MYANMAR – 2010/11



**Figure 9. RICE SUPPLY CHAIN IN MYANMAR**

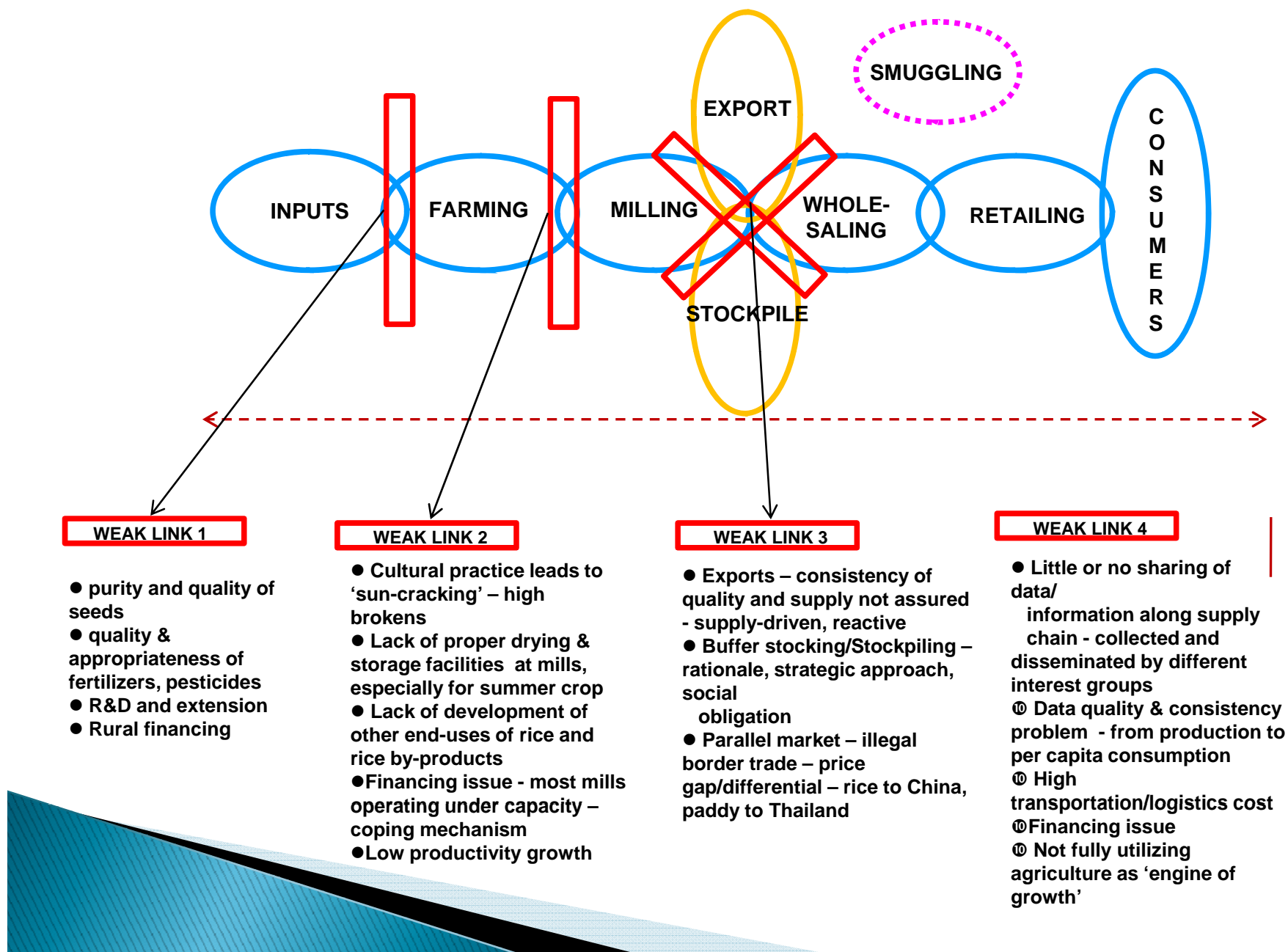


# Rice supply chain in the Mekong River Delta



Source: Vo Thi Thanh Loc, 2010

# Myanmar Rice Value Chain : Strength is determined by weakest links





## ASIDE: Shifting World Trade: Trade Volume Has Soared

Decades	Mil. Tons
1970s	8.8
1980s	11.9
1990s	18.2
2000s	27.9
2010	31.6
2011	36.2
2012	39.2
2013 1 /	38.6
1 / Forecast	
USDA	

Drivers:

- ▶ Petro-dollar wealth
- ▶ Rural – urban migration
- ▶ Changing diets with premium on ease of cooking
- ▶ Increased exportable surpluses

## Trade structure (quality segments) has changed

World Trade: Est. Changes in Quality since Mid 1990s			
(millions of tons, milled equiv.)			
Quality	mid 90s	2005–07	2010–12
Basmati	.89	2.00	3.64
Jasmine	1.20	1.90	2.52
Jasmine Bkns	NA	.69	0.73
Glutinous	.28	.34	.46
Japonica	1.50	2.58	2.42
Rough	.50	2.45	2.36
Brown	.60	0.70	.64
Parboiled	2.15	6.93	6.07
High	3.20	5.10	8.14
Medium	2.50	3.07	2.97
Low	3.86	5.27	4.63
Brokens	.83	1.82	2.01
Total	17.50	32.85	36.60

Source: Personal Communication Tom Slayton

## Key Exporters changing – Two Tier

Exports by Key Markets (million tons)				
	2011	2012	2013	CHG
Upper Tier				
Mercosur	3.08	3.03	2.60	– .43
Thailand	10.65	6.95	8.00	1.06
U.S.	3.25	3.33	3.40	.07
Subtotal	16.97	13.30	14.00	.70
"The Market"				
Cambodia	.86	.80	.75	– .05
India	4.64	10.25	9.00	–1.25
Pakistan	3.41	3.40	3.20	– .20
Myanmar	.78	.69	.75	.06
Vietnam	7.00	7.72	7.40	– .32
Others	6.00	2.99	3.50	.51
Subtotal	22.69	25.85	24.60	–1.25
TOTAL	36.25	39.15	38.60	– .99

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# Key Importers Changing - Opportunities

Imports by Key Markets (million tons)				
	2011	2012	2013	CHG
Bangladesh	1.49	.05	.30	.25
China	.58	2.90	3.00	.10
Indonesia	3.10	1.96	1.50	-.46
Iran	1.87	1.70	1.50	-.20
Iraq	1.04	1.48	1.40	-.08
Ivory Coast	.94	1.45	1.15	-.30
Nigeria	2.55	3.40	2.90	-.50
Philippines	1.20	1.50	1.50	0
Senegal	.81	1.20	1.00	-.20
Others	22.69	23.51	25.75	2.24
TOTAL	36.25	39.15	38.60	1.54

**Increasing Paddy support prices: 2012 \$381/MT; 2013 – 420/MT (~620/MT rice wholesale) – TRQ – 5.32 MMT (duty 1% cf outside TRQ 65%)**

**EU – 1.5MMT/annum; EBA – duty waiver – E175 or USD228/MT**

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## Other Considerations :

- Pilot phase's focus on agriculture productivity in CLMV - productivity increases from **technological change, price supply response** not only at production level BUT **along the entire supply chain** while emphasizing **ecosystem services** and **sustainability**
- Empirically **innovative development and management** of comprehensive supply chains in CLMV. Beyond traditional forms of PPP, we note a high incidence of FDI, foreign aid and NGOs/civil society activity – ensure such efforts **are inclusive** can be **sustained & replicated**
- Country level studies **focused on rice supply chain (including seeds)** and mention other crops in passing
- Increasing importance of **border trade** and **cross-border investments, FDI**





## Evidence So Far :

- Underscores importance of supply chain to increasing **agricultural productivity and natural resource management** - initiatives required at different levels of supply chain (identified weaknesses at the interfaces need to be addressed more holistically - prioritising and sequencing) - too **production-centric** and **piecemeal** in past
- Importance of **Public-Private-Partnership** (in various forms) in developing **comprehensive supply chains** and trading networks - 'from **seed to shelf**' - link to local as well as foreign more lucrative markets
- Key **pivot /fulcrum** in 'balancing' and driving productivity - the **mills/processing plants** - contract farmers, provision of high quality/certified seeds, provision of mechanization services, **produce other end uses** (rice bran oil, rice wine, rice-based drinks, vermicelli, rice flour, animal feed, etc), perform **stock-piling** function for Government, including provision of rice to military; **packed and branded rice** into supermarket chains.



## Evidence So Far : (Cont'd)

- All already or intend to **export rice** - besides from **ports**, increasing importance of **border trade** and related **cross border investments** - springboard to other countries
- Each has **inherent advantage** – Myanmar's **strategic geo-political and geo-commercial location**; Cambodia and Lao PDR's **special market access** to Europe (EU – Everything But Arms – duty exemption ~ USD200/MT); - potential for **organic and/or green (product) branded rice** into supermarket chains.



# Enhancing Productivity, Catching Up by Strengthening Agriculture Supply Chains : Key Issues and Recommendations

## At national level:

- Balanced, inclusive and sustainable growth – attention to **marginalization of 'smaller', less connected stakeholders**, especially farmers
- **Export more rice?** – crop/enterprise mix – **Paddy ++** with increasing **rural development orientation**
- Understand, track **shifts in Global and regional rice markets**

## At CLMV level:

- Leverage on **ASEAN and Greater Mekong Subregion** increasing **connectivity** – **intermodal logistics** -> **transit corridors (Lao PDR, Cambodia)**: regional food supply chain and trading networks – **exploit synergisms and leverage on relative strengths**- cross border investments (FDI/JV) – joint exploitation of **emerging markets** – China, EU, Russia

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- Increasing P-P-P BUT **Government role at National and CLMV levels crucial** - Investments in **infrastructure** (reduce transportation, electricity and cost of doing business), provision of **smart and well-targeted subsidies**; investments in **science & technology, R&D and innovation** along supply chain (seed and other input industry development), agri-support services and foundations
- All CLMV undergoing economic, social (and political) transformation – **execution need to be managed and coordinated** - policy, legal and institutional framework, finance and HRD – **liberalization with improved governance** – rolling back of SOEs – Provision of Public goods (blurring of Public Vs Private goods)
- **Implementation Coordination/Management Unit** – change management

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## Other Considerations:

- ❖ Seek out and realize potential in managing increasingly comprehensive supply chains – **convergence of Biotechnology and ICT** (with increasing **digital penetration**) – **enables leap-frogging** – for production, market information, training.
- ❖ Work on exploiting **connectivity and convergence of agricultural supply chains** – rice with other essential goods (edible oil, sugar, pulses and beans, etc) as well as other enterprises in rice-based farming systems (Rice ++)
- ❖ **Aware special requirement of new markets** (EU – EBA but need certification GMO free)
- ❖ **Cross-pollination of ideas and innovations** in different CLMV countries (and further afield) – Use of **gasifiers** in Cambodia, **intermodal logistics, mid-stream loading** (Thai experience) using barges to overcome draft and port constraints.



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