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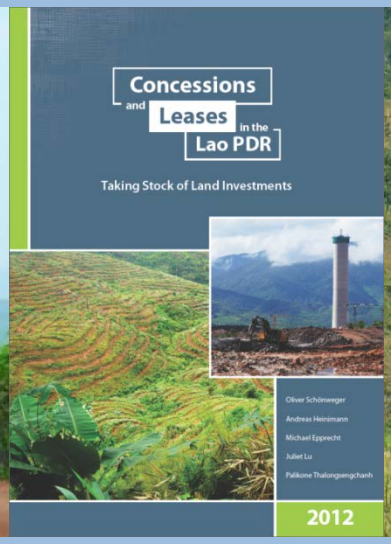

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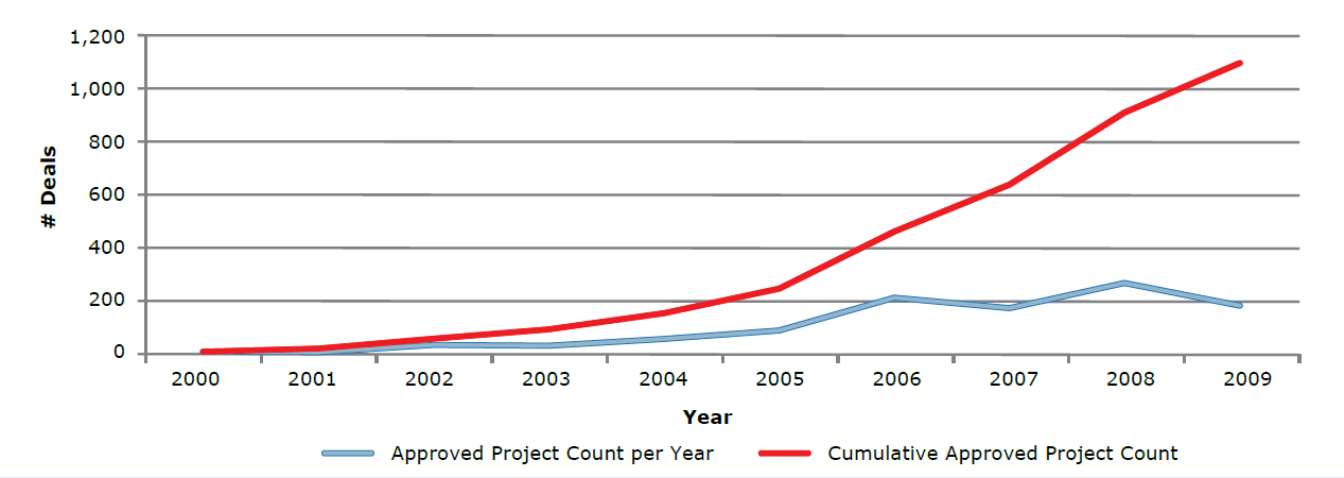

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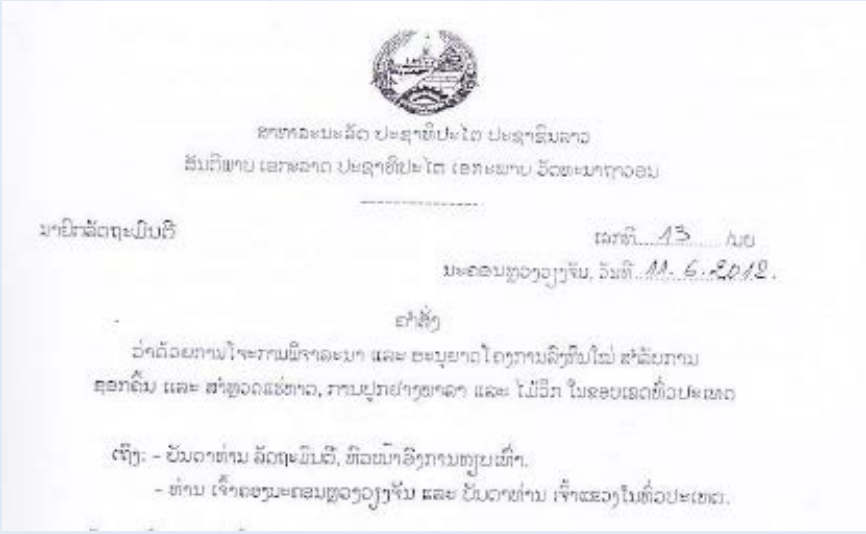

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Peace Independence Democracy Unity Prosperity

Prime Minister **No 13 /PM**

Vientiane Capital City, dated 11 June 2012

Order

On: Cessation of Consideration and Permission for New Investment Projects for Mineral Exploration and Plantations of Rubber Tree and Eucalyptus Nation-wide

To: - All the Ministers and Presidents of Equivalent Authorities.
- The Major of Vientiane Capital City and all Provincial Governors throughout the country.

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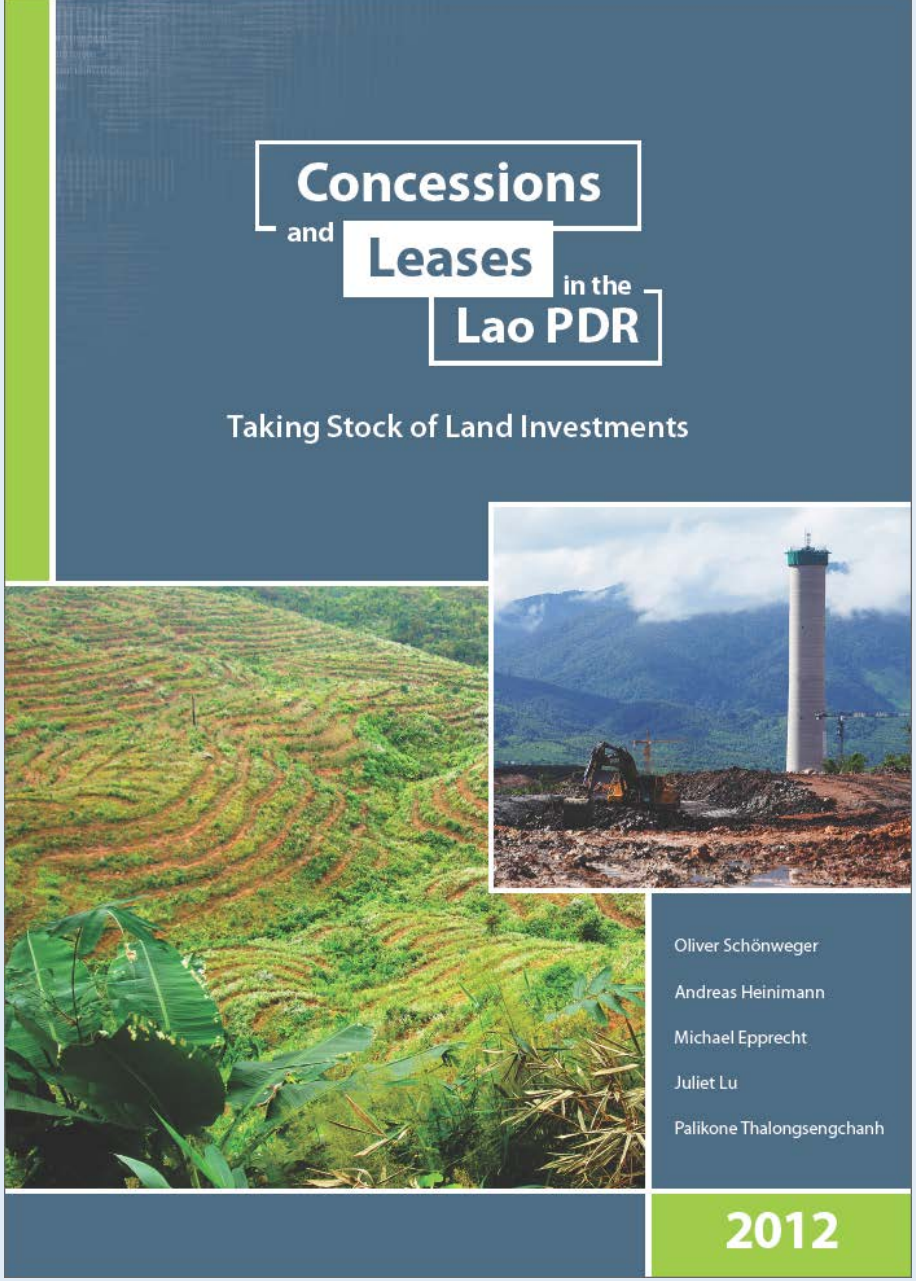

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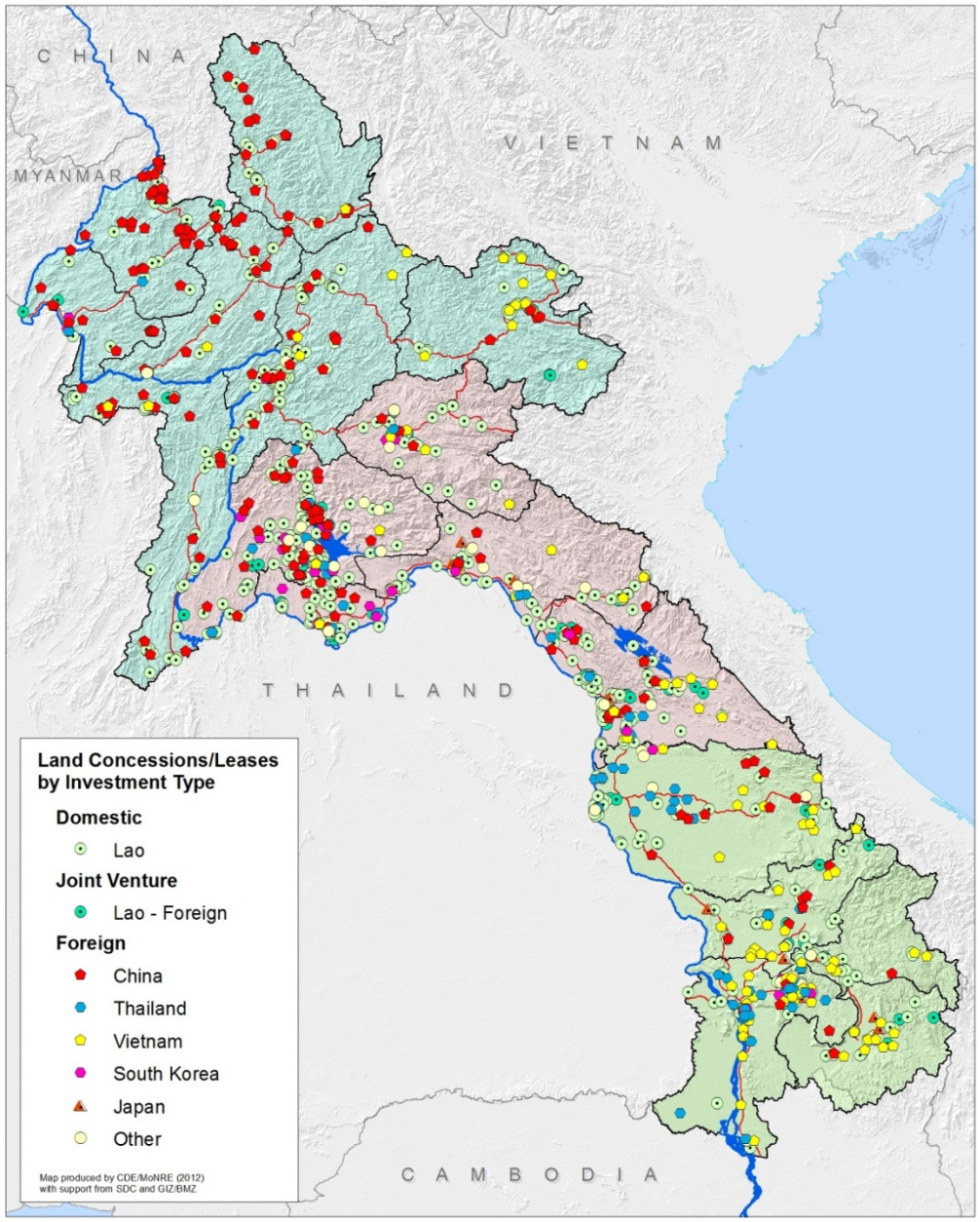

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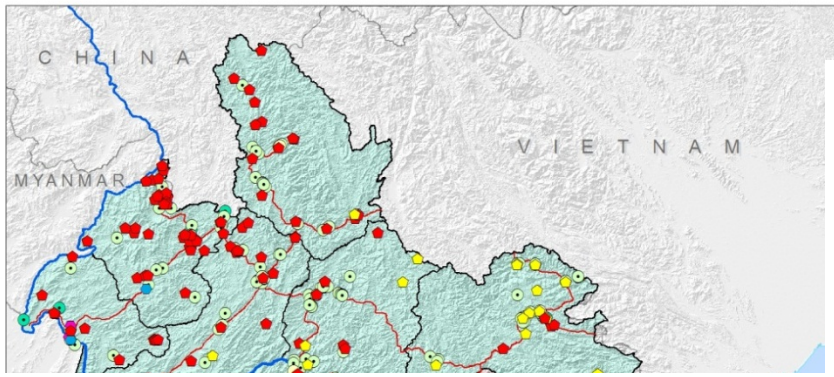

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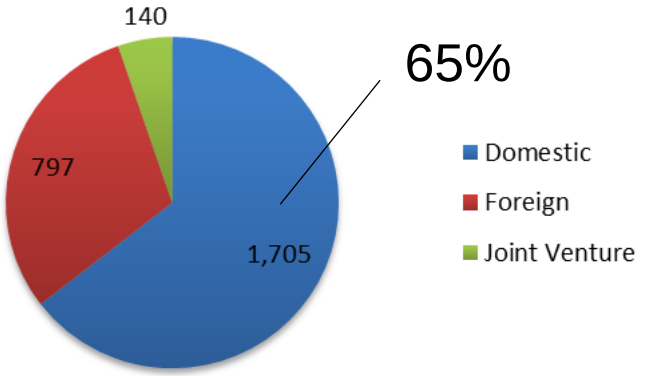

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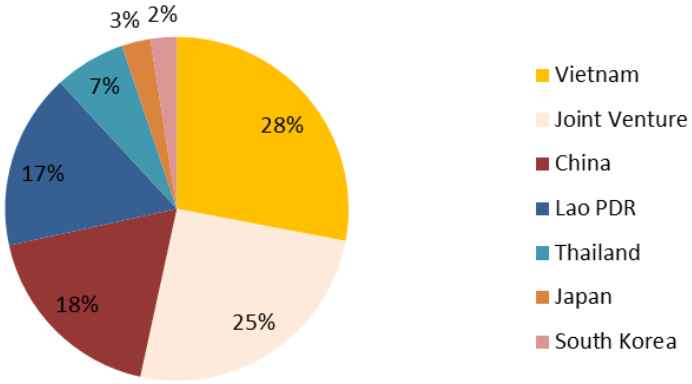

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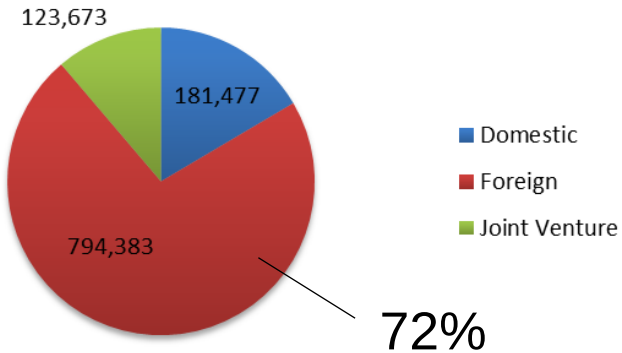

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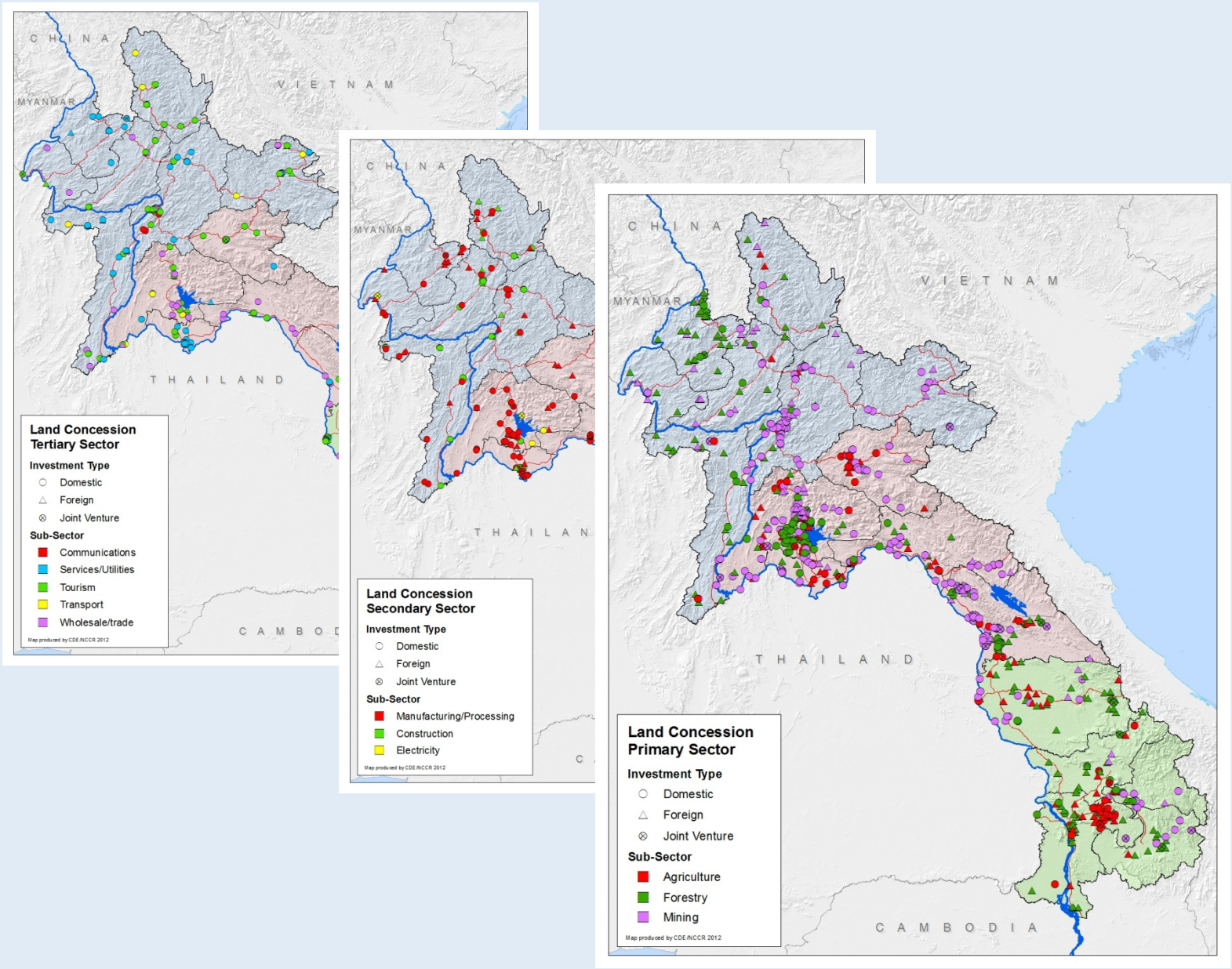

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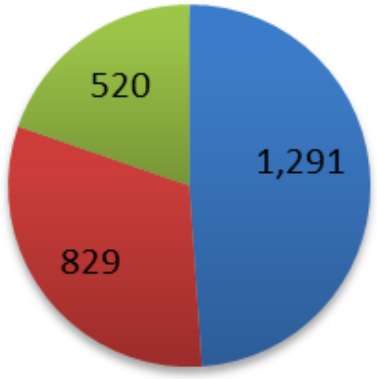

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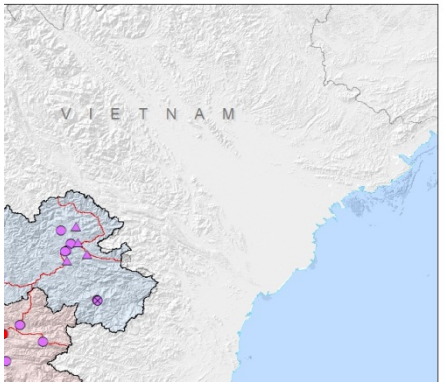

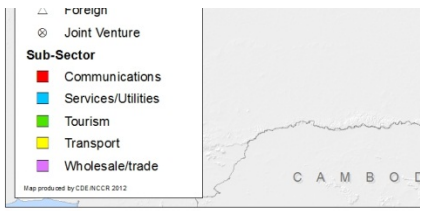

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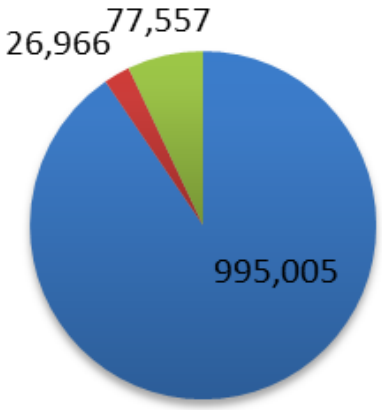

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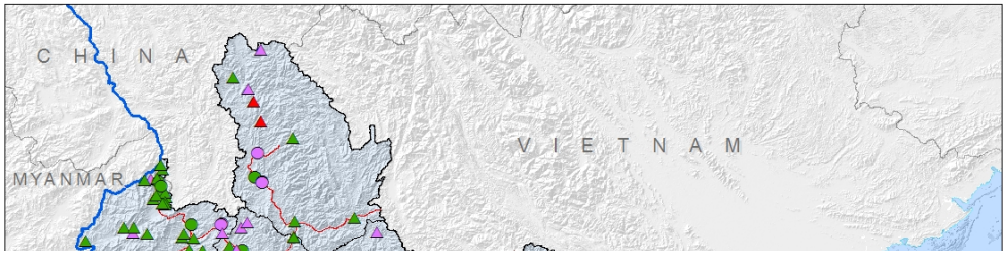

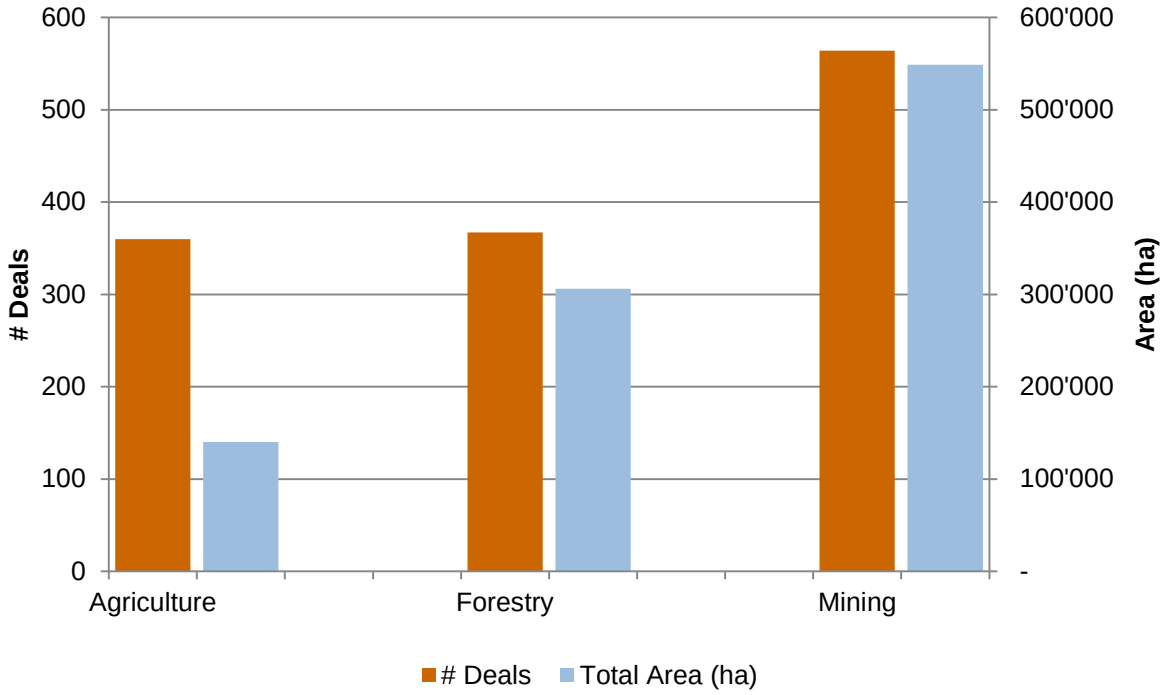

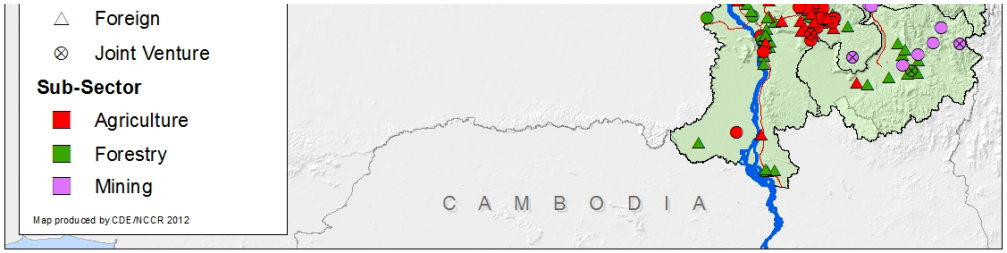

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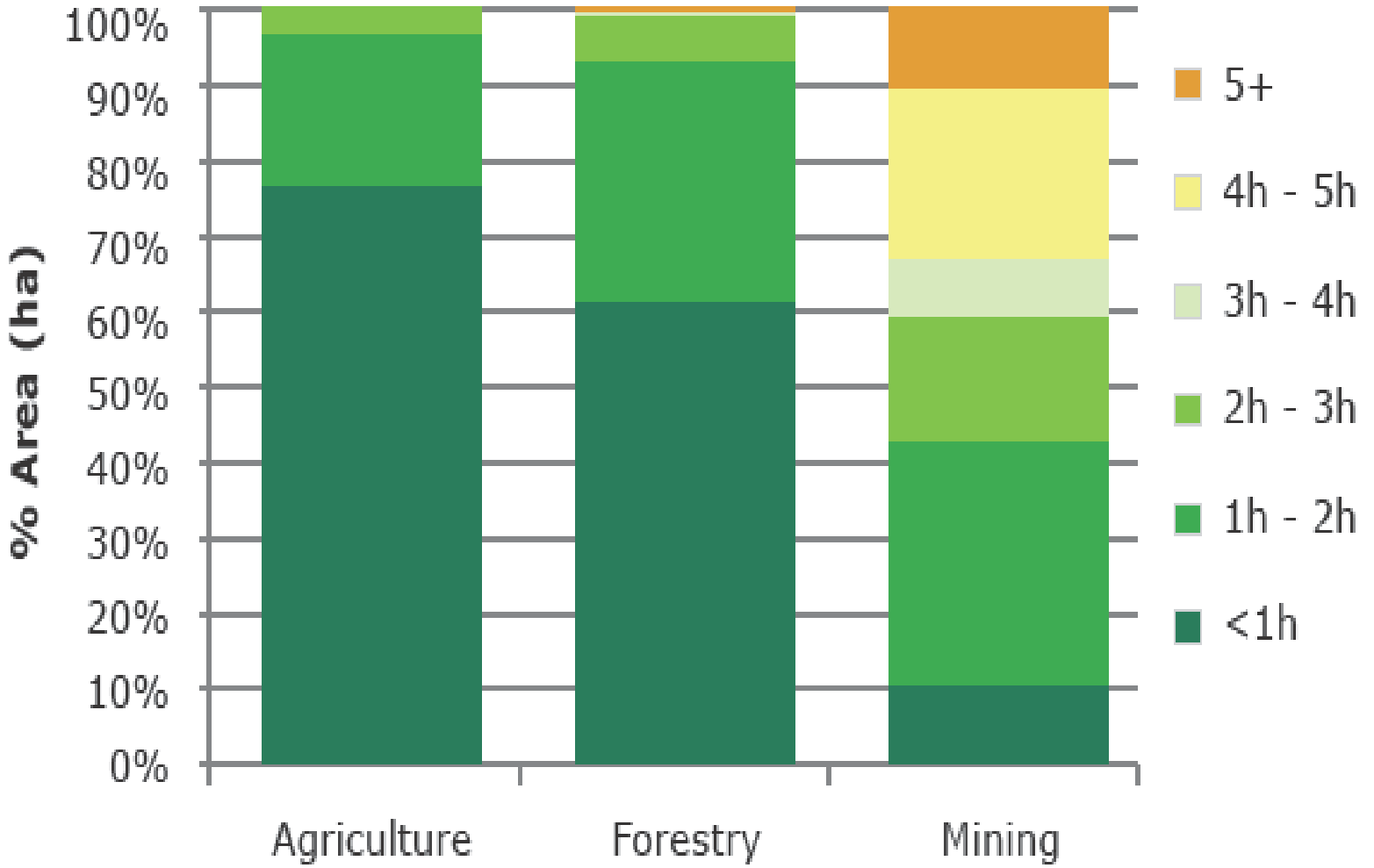

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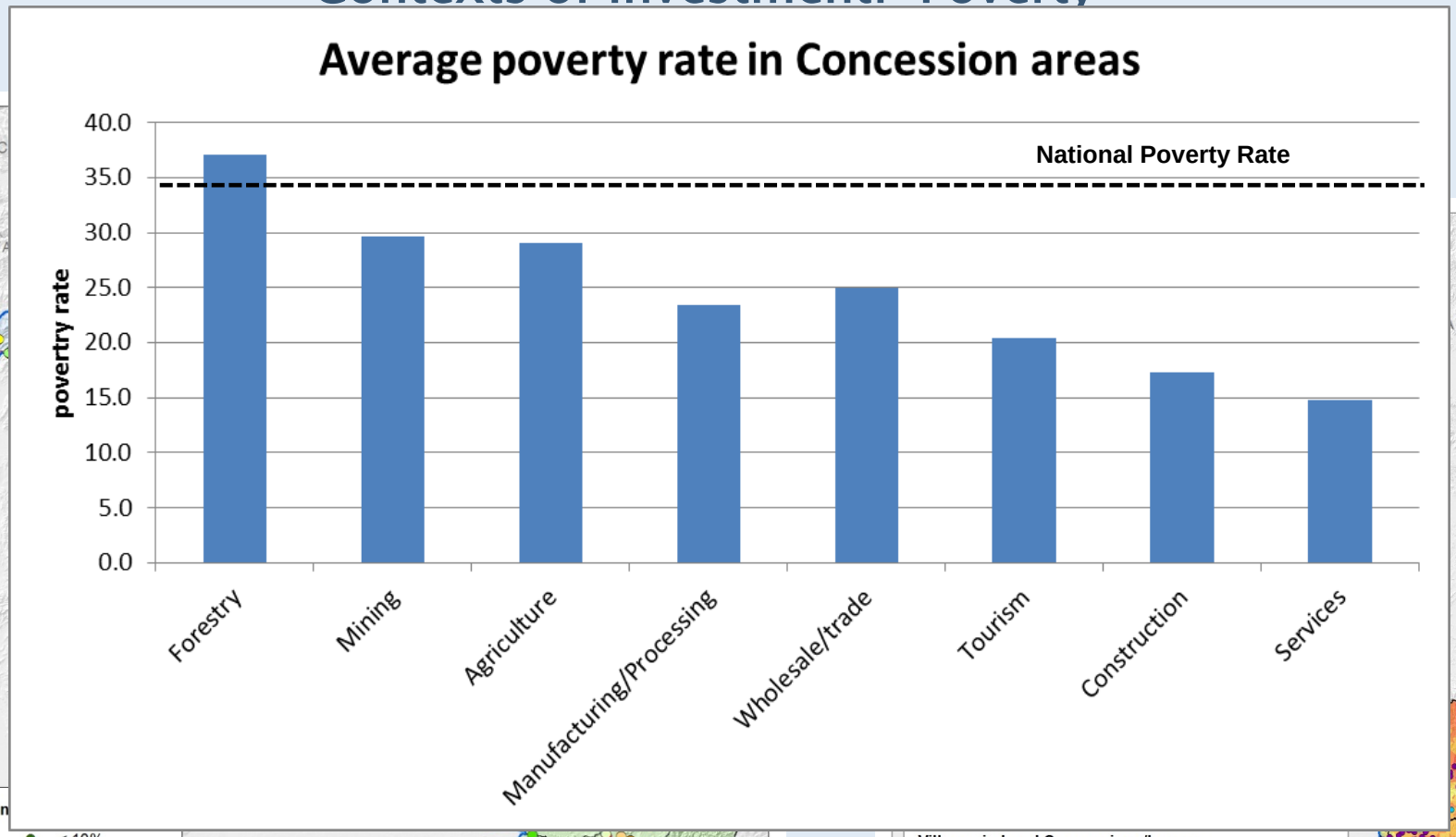

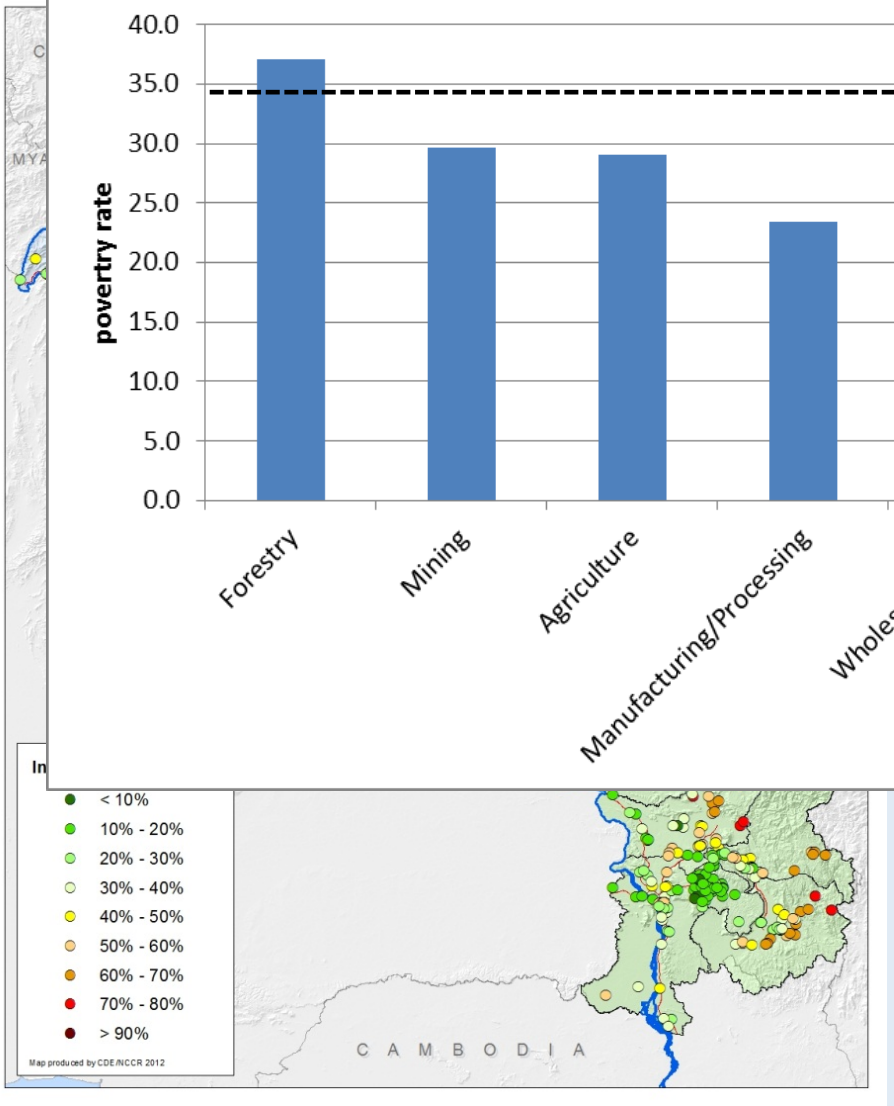

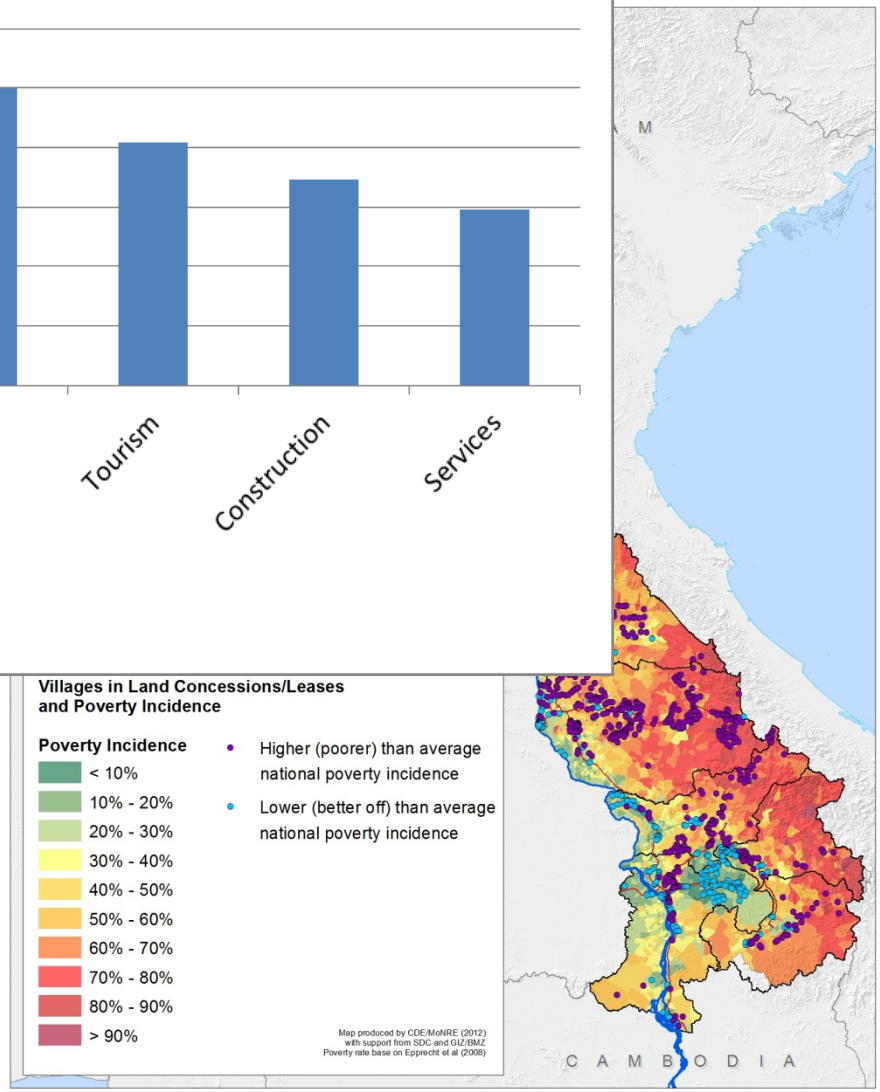

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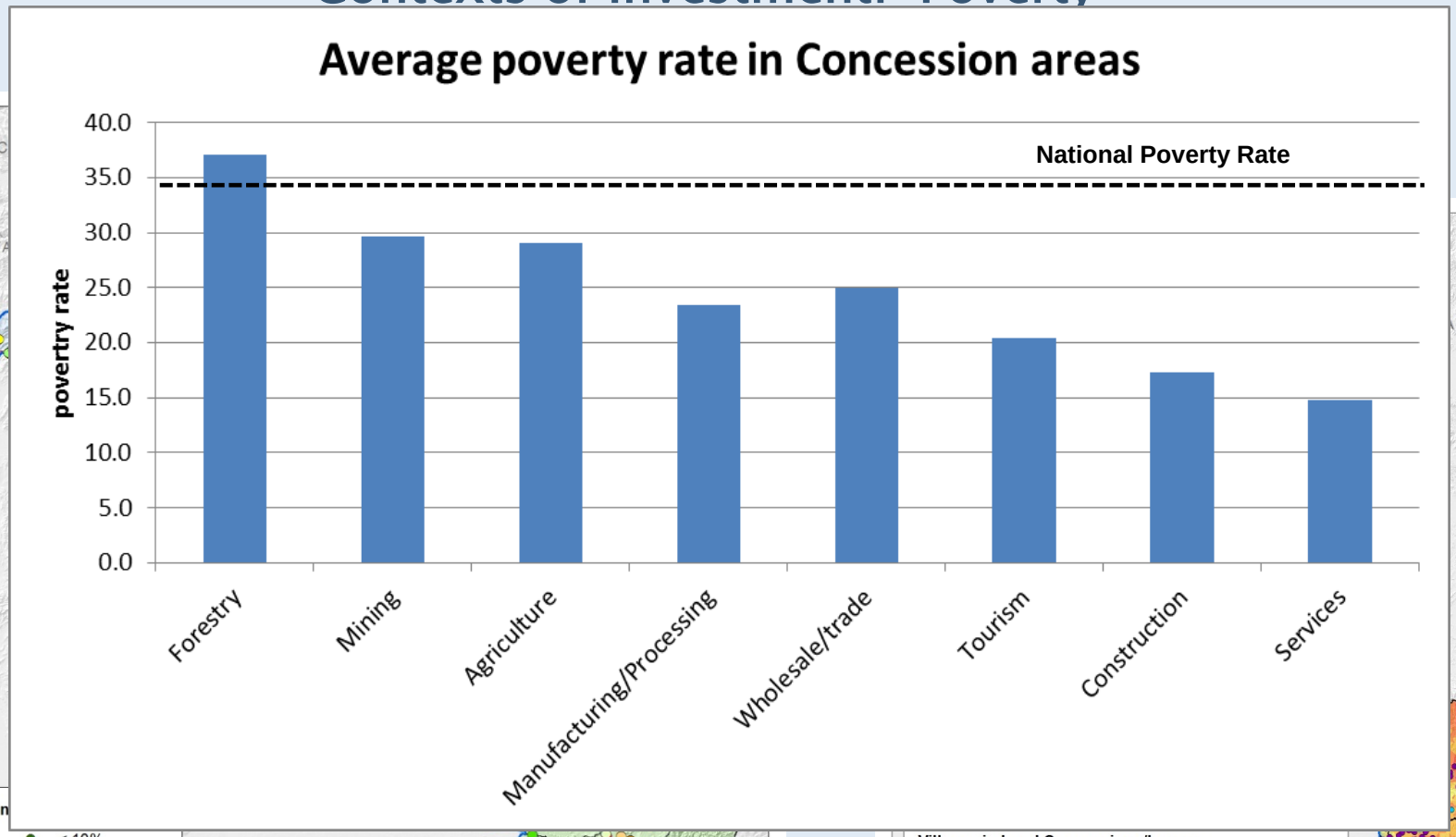

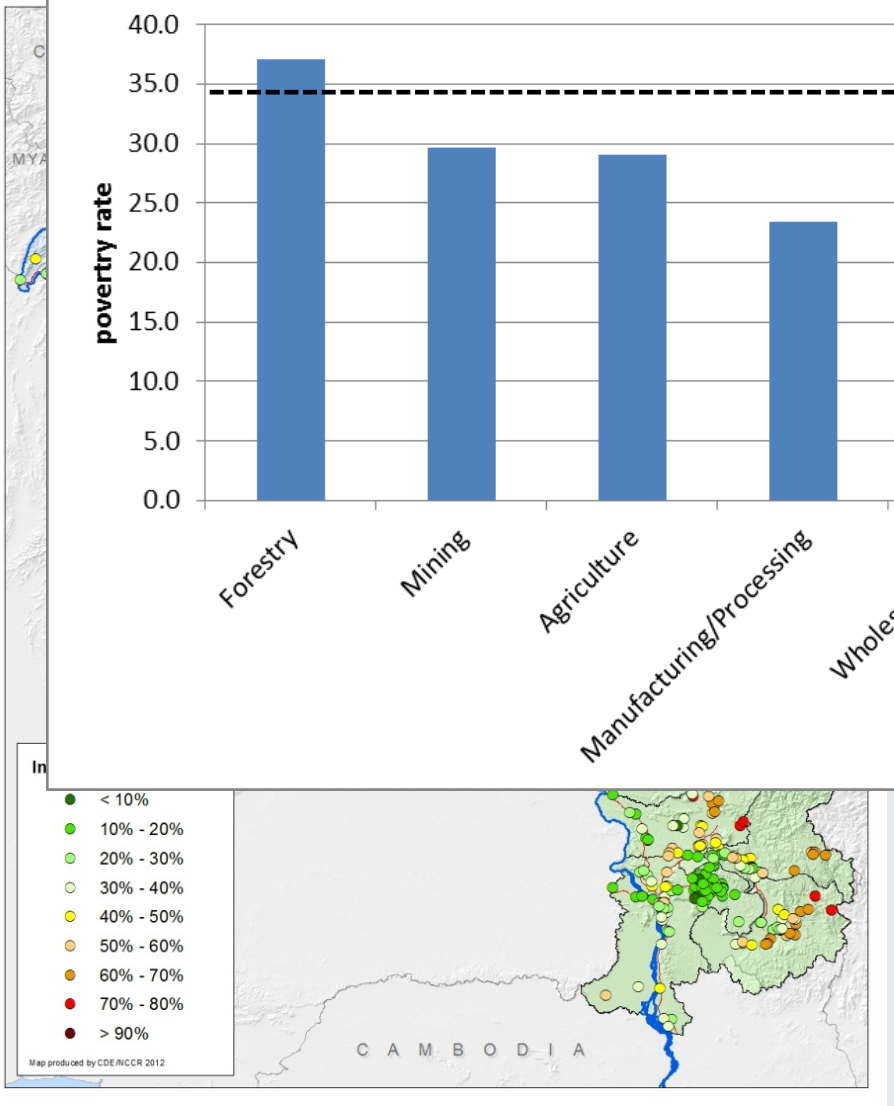

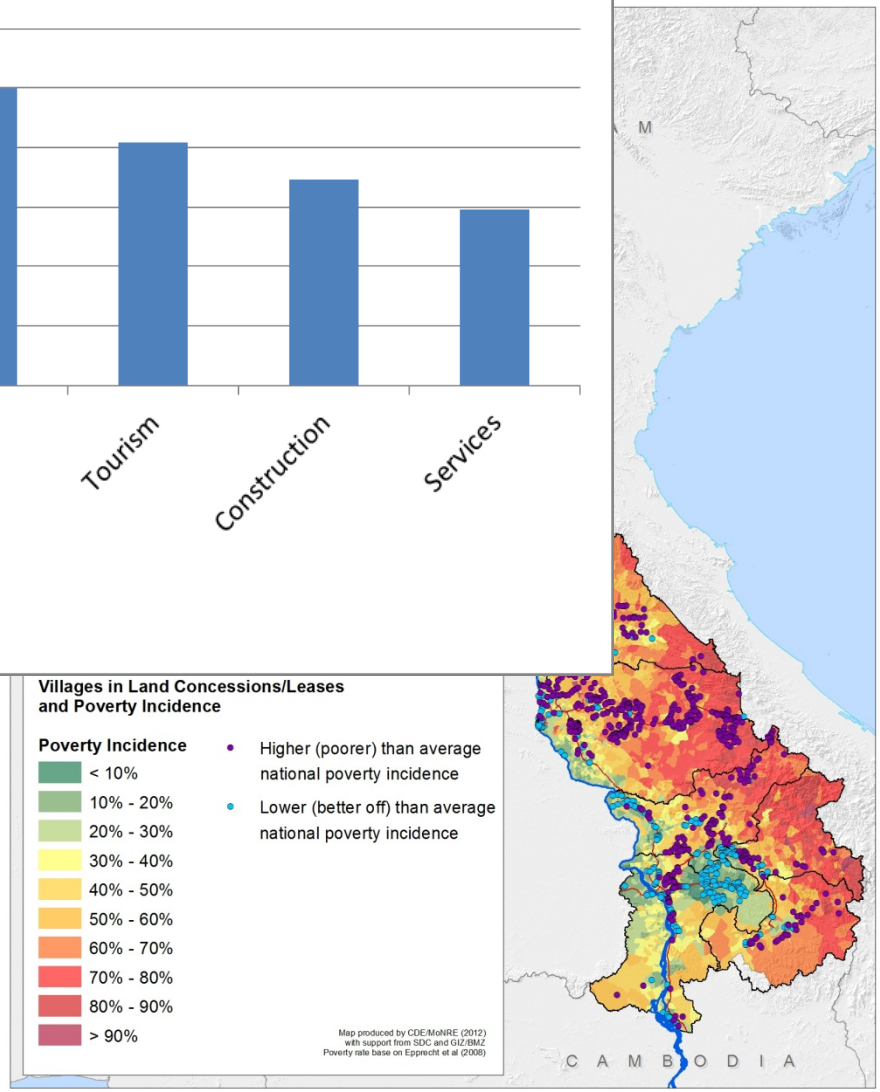

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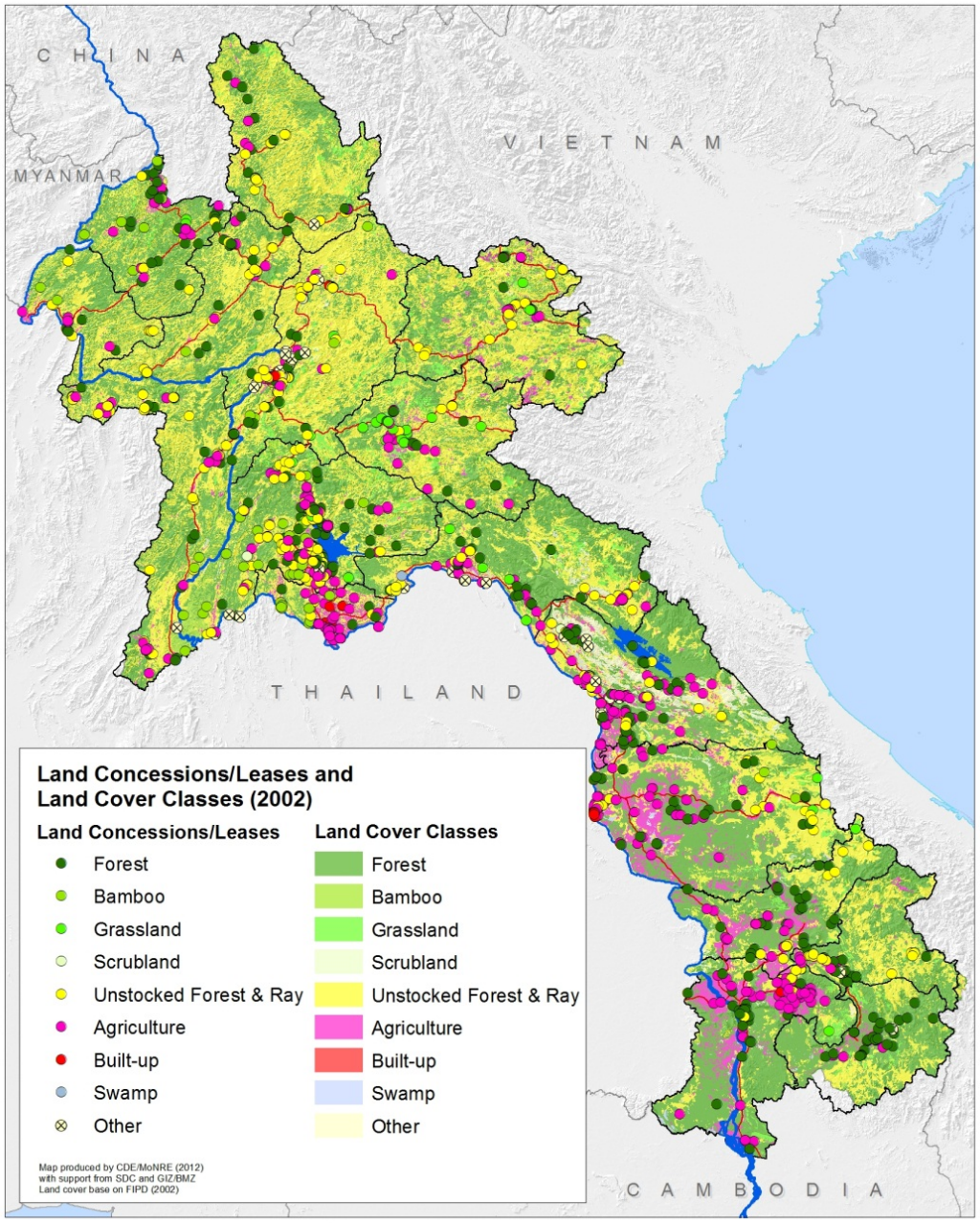

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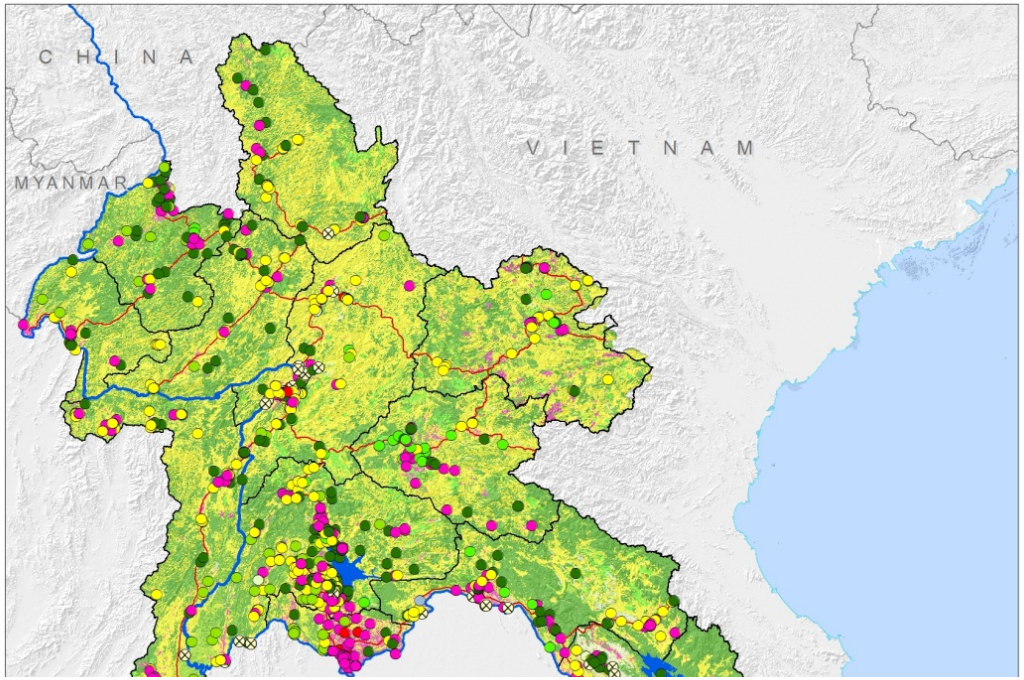

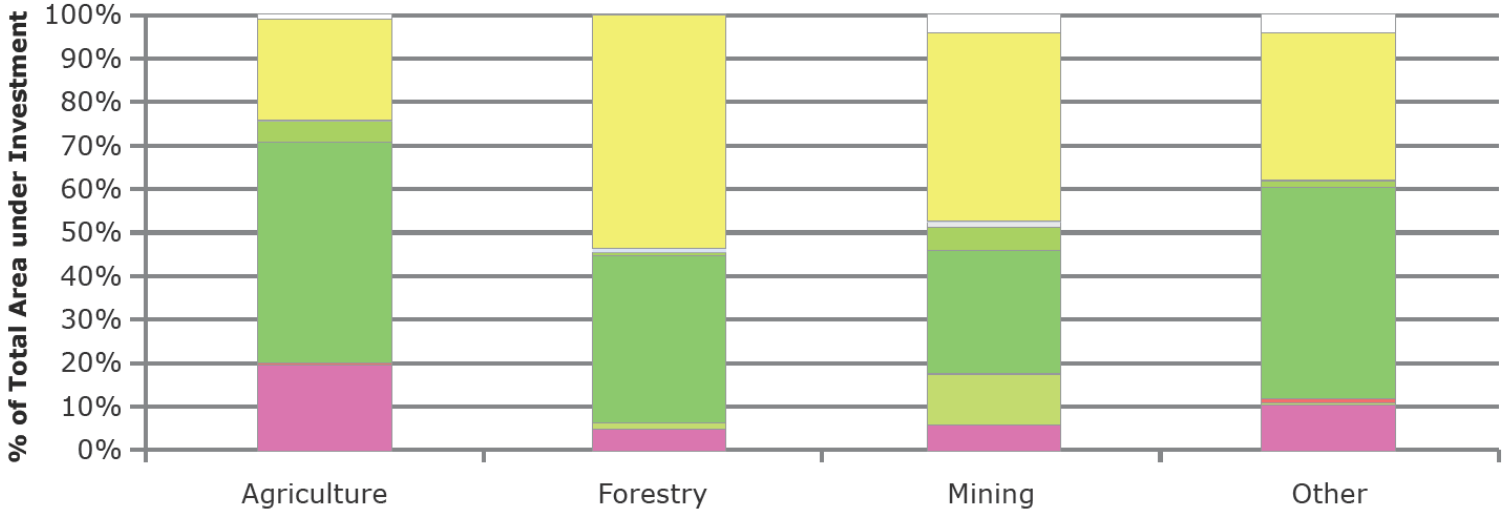

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Summary

- The National Land Concesssion Inventory is the first comprehensive database on **dimension and context of land investments** in Laos.
- Land investments are **not primary in marginal regions** (in terms of poverty & accessibility).
- There are indications that a considerable share of the land granted for leases and concessions was **formerly devoted to small-scale agriculture** with serious potential implications for the livelihoods of the Lao PDR's highly land-dependant local population.
- The **"strength" of the Lao PDR's regulatory institutions** will determine the balance between benefits provided and potential negative impacts by land investment projects from a sustainability perspective.
- **The inventory provides an entry-point for informed decision-making and can serve wider participation of stakeholders by providing information and knowledge on land-based investments.**

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