

Job opportunity : KARST Project Officer

The birth of an Eco-valley in Khammouane Province : A Lao model of sustainable touristic community and natural heritage conservation (04/2020 – 12/2022)

Khammouane Eco-Valley is a program led by French local authorities, Ardèche and Rhône-Alpes region, and supported by the association Tetraktys. This strategic partnership does exist for more than 10 years now and aims at strengthening local authorities' capacities and supporting communities through the development of eco-tourism in Khammouane Province.

Tetraktys is a French NGO conducting a project in partnership with the Konglor-Natane Ecotouristic Association (AEKN) in order to develop eco-tourism in Konglor, Natane Valley and Nakai district.

Khammouane-Ardèche Territorial Strategy (KARST) project

Laos is famous for its natural heritage and biodiversity, especially karst mountains in Khammouane Province. The development of eco-tourism is a relevant way to preserve and promote this territory and by doing so, contribute to local development.

KARST project between Ardèche and Khammouane's local authorities aims at developing knowledge exchange on natural heritage protection in a common geological context ; raising awareness of local people on how to contribute to protection and promotion of this limestone area ; increasing local authorities' capacities for sustainable management of tourism within the Province. The final and expected result is the obtention of the international UNESCO label Geopark.

Tasks and responsibilities:

- Provide oral and written translations from Lao to French/English and French/English to Lao, during meetings and on a daily basis for the project coordinator
- Organise and participate to international missions (mobilise local authorities and experts for training sessions, expertise missions etc.)
- Organise meetings and communicate with local authorities and other stakeholders (NGO, international organisations, communities)
- Manage communication tools at the Province level to raise awareness on eco-tourism, local development and Geopark label
- Draft reports and follow up documents of international missions and meetings

Qualifications

Skills

- Fluent in Lao and French and/or English
- Computer : Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Project management in the framework of international cooperation

Abilities

- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Understanding of international cooperation's stakes and stakeholders
- Strong interest for ecotourism, nature preservation and local development

Conditions



- Based in Thakhek
- Full time position
- Starting date : as soon as possible
- Salary based on experience

Contact

Applications should include a **resume/CV** and a **motivation letter** (with references) in French or English.

Applications must be sent to this email adress:

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Only selected applicants for an interview will be contacted.