

Worksheet 2

Information:

In Laos an 800 meter long dam is being built along the Mekong River. The government of Laos is hoping for good business, because they want to use it for energy generation. Cambodia and Vietnam have tried to prevent the construction several times. They fear that it will cause damage to the environment. The government of Laos is convinced that the construction will not cause any environmental damage.

Task: Answer the following questions in groups. You can use the internet.

- What are the consequences of a reservoir dam at Lake Mekong?
- Is the Irrawaddy dolphin affected by the construction measures?
- Why is the government of Laos acting against all reason?



Abb.1: The Mekong delta (www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mekong#mediaviewer/File:Mekong_river_location.jpg)