



# Rural Tourism: Delighting Tourists, Prospering Communities

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REACH, BUT OUR INDUSTRY CAN
REACH OUT TO THEM AND IMPROVE
THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIVES.

- Peter Semone Chairman PATA Foundation 2014



Vietnam
Mekong River
Timor Leste
Laos











### Objectives of the Study

- Review current situation and existing river-based activities, model routes, itineraries and riverbased tourism products in the Mekong area;
- Highlight attractions in the Mekong area related to the model routes/itineraries;
- Outline good practice in developing sustainable tourism products; and
- Make recommendations for policies and marketing of these products.



Mekong river-based tourism grows and positively enhances livelihoods for people and communities through sustainable development, partnerships and cooperation

#### THE VISION

### **Guiding Principles**

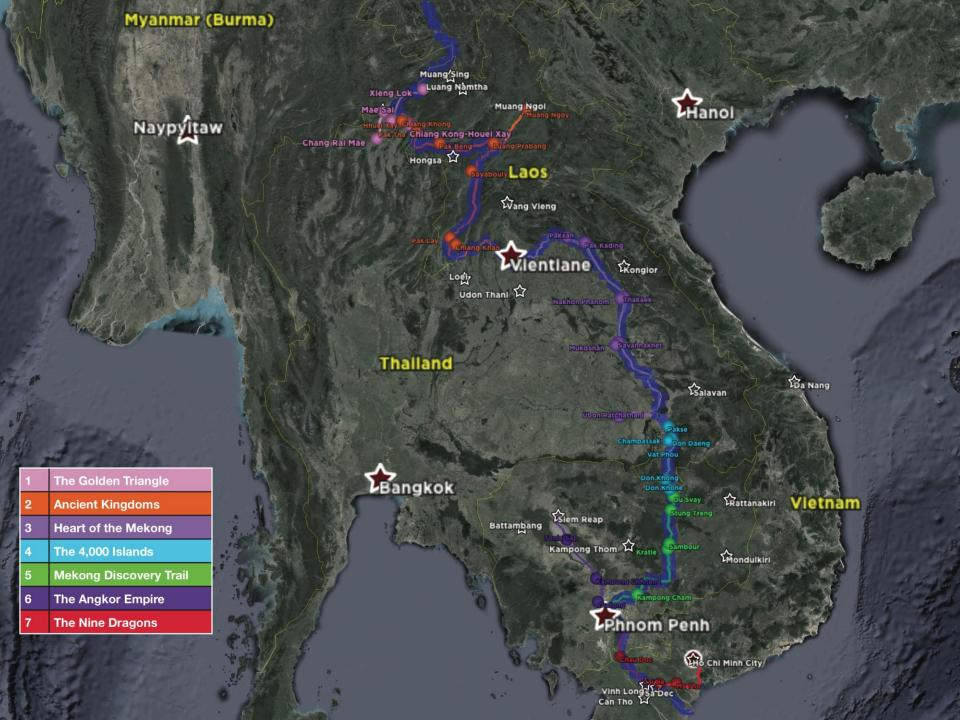


- 1. encourage cooperation and collaboration between all stakeholders
- promote a business-enabling environment conducive to riverbased tourism development
- demonstrate benefits of sustainable development and conservation
- 4. promote the growth of river-based tourism in port cities along the Mekong
- 5. continuous development of product and service quality
- 6. develop and broadly disseminate relevant consumer content
- focused and consistent messaging of the Mekong River as a key GMS tourism feature



#### Strategic Beacons

- Improve the quality and variety of river-based tourism activities along the Mekong.
- Expand the demand for Mekong river-based tourism.
- Develop a unified and integrated platform for Mekong river-based tourism policy.











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#### International Recognition









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#### Lessons

- People make the destination, not fancy infrastructure
- English language
- Entrepreneurship
- Hotel school management
- Regionally accredited training program
- Stewardship and duty of care
- Storytelling



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