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Ministry of Agriculture and Environment
Department of Forestry Decision

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Decision
On the Approval of the Scientific Committee of the National Geoparks Commission

- Pursuant to the Decision of the Minister of Agriculture and Environment on the Organization and Operations of the Department of Forestry, No. 1248/MAF, dated September 12, 2025;
- Pursuant to the Proposal Letter of the Khammouane Provincial Department of Agriculture and Environment on the Approval of the Scientific Committee of the National Geoparks Commission, No. 543/PDAE, dated February 20, 2026;

The Department of Forestry decides:

Article 1: Approves the Scientific Committee of the National Geoparks Commission, which consists of the individuals listed below:

No.	Name	Institution / Position	Profiles	Contact
1.	Mr. Patthana BOUNLIYONG Head / President of the Scientific Committee	Faculty of Engineering, National University of Laos	Geologist / Karstologist	020 58 88 98 65 to.geology@gmail.com
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Article 2: Assigns the individuals appointed in Article 1 to acknowledge, coordinate with relevant sectors, and implement the aforementioned work successfully according to the set goals. They are also required to report periodically to the Department of Forestry and other relevant sectors for their information.

Article 3: This Decision is strictly effective from the date of signature onwards.

Director General Department of Forestry

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somvang Phimmavong

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