Investor Disclosure and Spatial Transparency: Bridging the Accountability Gap?

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**SPATIAL TRANSPARENCY**

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**DISCLOSURE TO INVESTORS**

What data do **companies** give their **investors** about where and how they are spending their money?
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Chinese gov. spending on opium poppy replacement agribusiness in Myanmar & Laos

Government of China: XSB Prefecture Commerce Department

State land lease & concession locations* inventoried 2007-2011 by NLMA/MONRE with GIZ support

Government of Laos: National Statistics Department

Economic land concession locations** (from MAFF or Royal Gazette)

Civil Society: Open Development Cambodia (ODC)

Oil palm concessions from Ministry of Forestry

Civil society: World Resources Institute (WRI)
Agricultural and tree plantation concessions

Economic Land Concessions (ELCs)

Based on data from Decide-Info Laos (http://decide.la) and OpenDevelopmentCambodia.net
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- Three concrete proposals
  - Clarify public’s legal right to know about who, what, where, when.
  - Gazetting of public resource concessions?
  - Greater spatial disclosure to investors?