Xayaburi Dam Stopped on Mekong;
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Due to major concerns about the transboundary impacts and lack of research on the social, economic, and environmental impact governments from Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam have called for and halted the construction of the Xayaburi Dam whilst Lao has urged construction to proceed.

The dam has received loud protest from civilian, government, and even the private sector in regards to the amount of damage it would cause if built. Beyond destroying large swaths of land and affecting up to 202,000 people directly, 2,100 who would have to locate, the Xayaburi dam threatens to destroy up to 41 fish species and affect 23 out of a hundred migratory fish. Not only would this be an ecological disaster, but an economic one as well do to the negative effect on fishing and the reduction of food that is relied upon by millions in the basin.

Though protest has been loud and successful up to this point on every level from transnational to local, it remains important to remember that the Xayaburi is only 1 of 11 large dam projects proposed on the Mekong so the policy battle is far from over.