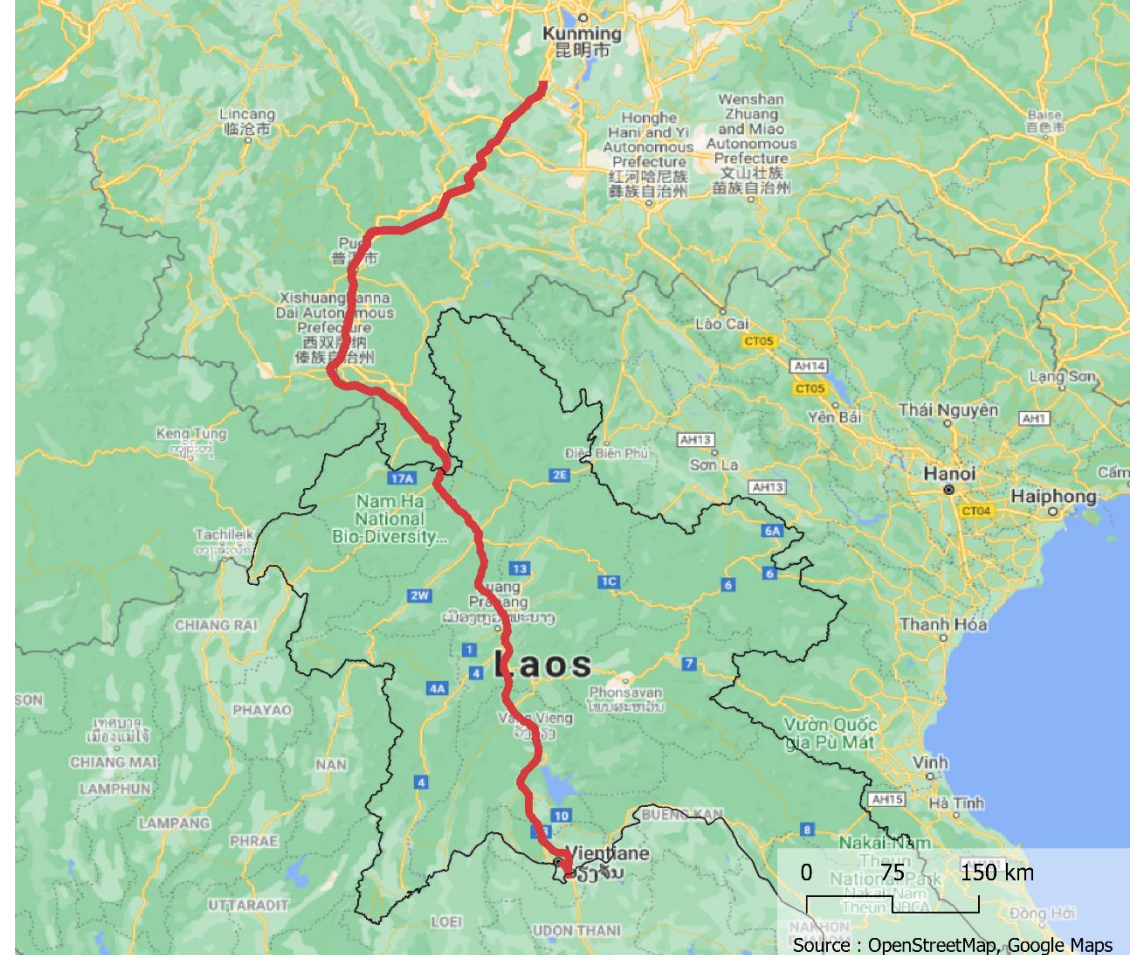


Project name :	Laos-China Railway
Sector :	Transport
Subsector :	Rail
Type :	High-speed train
Delivery date :	October 2021
Investments :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$350 million in December 2015 • \$1580 million in September 2016 • \$4170 million in October 2018 <p>Made by China Railway Engineering</p>
Transaction party :	none
Method of identification :	Analysis of official documents and matching press articles

This high-speed train portion is part of the Kunming-Singapore railway project. It is the first BRI project finished and it has been operational since December 2021 and the train currently runs between Kunming and Vientiane (414 km). It is built along a BOT economic model with 50 years of exploitation and 20 years in option. The construction of this railway line was a technological challenge in view of the complexity of the mountainous Lao territory. There are no less than 75 tunnels and 167 bridges. In order to understand the difficult terrain the Chinese construction companies used Beidou Satellite System and infrared scanning technologies.



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