

## Dr Madaline Healey

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Dr Healey studied a Bachelor of Agricultural Science before stepping into a PhD and then landing in Laos as a volunteer entomologist and now mentor in the Crawford Fund's Laos program. Running since 2009, the program is focused on supporting a team of young Australian volunteers to improve crop and soil health, biosecurity, food safety, weed control and, ultimately, food security. Madaline works at the University of the Sunshine Coast focusing on integrated pest management, biological control and forest biosecurity. She is a member of the RAID Network and of the Crawford Fund Qld Committee. She is involved in two ACIAR projects: one with researchers and stakeholders in the Mekong countries to improve the tools and technologies available for good forestry biosecurity practices in the region; and the other in Ethiopia to quickly assess a devastating new threat wiping out an acacia species that has become integral to community life. Her interests are trees, veggies and all things bug like as she completes a Masters in Global Development at RMIT.

