

Independent Forest Sector Review

Recommendation 14: *“We recommend the development of a common rationalised policy for forest under protection. All protection forests should be managed by a single authority.”*

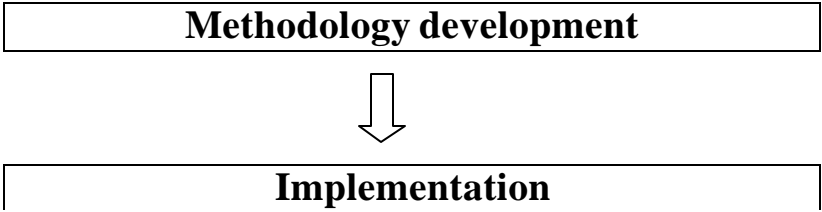
Recommendation 15: *“We recommend the rationalisation of the areas under protection, with the addition of new areas or sites that are of high significance, but are currently not protected, and the removal of degraded areas”.*

Recommendation 20 second part: *“Establish co-management arrangements for protected areas and partnership forestry in adjoining areas; and ensure the draft Protected Areas Legislation supports co-management.”*

Recommendations 23: *“We recommend that a major shift in focus for forestry, in terms of both silviculture and policy, in order to recognise and address the needs of multiple value forests. This is of more importance in terms of preserving forest cover and supporting forest livelihoods than addressing the problems of commercial concessions systems”*

Recommendation 24: *“We recommend that forest planning is developed around a landscape approach”.*

Rationalisation and reclassification of protected areas and protected forests



First draft outline for a preliminary study on rationalisation and reclassification.

Focus Area	Methodology for Rationalisation/reclassification of the protected areas and forests for conservation.
Objective	To develop a methodology for a nation-wide rationalised system for reclassification of protected areas and forests.
Outputs	An optimal and rational protected area system proposal covering both the MoE and the MAFF mandates.
Proposed activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review methodologies for use in the classification of areas valuable for biodiversity, forest gene conservation, flora and fauna habitats, from Cambodia and elsewhere. 2. Propose a methodology most suitable for the Cambodia context i.e. methodology that is scientific and institutional and financial sound and implementable. 3. Analyse the suitability of the recommended methodology under various likely scenarios taking essential factors (institutional matters, policies, legality, political and financial cost etc) into consideration and also analyse how barriers best can be handled and overcome. 4. Develop an action plan and budget for implementation of the recommended rationalisation and reclassification
Inputs	Int. consultant (4 man months). Local consultant (5 man months).
Support/Donor	
Indicators (tentative)	<p>Methodology proposed</p> <p>Scenarios developed</p> <p>Assessment of various factors influence on the on the under various scenarios implementation</p> <p>List of political, institutional, social and biological constraints.</p> <p>Paper assessing political support, constraints and will.</p> <p>Report and presentations covering the activities and outputs</p>
Institutional arrangement	This is a study that will potentially highly influence the existing structures and mandated and therefore it needs to be linked into Ministerial levels and their offices, and be reporting to the Council of Ministers and liaising with the TWG F + E and the two H.E. Ministers involved.
Timing	2005-6
Current status	<p>The Independent Forest Sector Review strongly recommends the rationalisation of the conservation system and bringing it under “one roof”.</p> <p>This proposed activity will provide an outline of how this can be achieved.</p>
Conditions	Before any work is carried out it must be assured that objectives are fully shared with top-government and that top government support will be provided. Next it should be clarified whether the actual rationalisation on practise can be carried out before resources are invested in this study.