

INFORM ABOUT FA CRACKDOWN ON FOREST ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

1-Key achievement:

-270 cases of forestry offenses was crackdown included 6,188 m³ of mix species wood 2,249 of poles; 33 loading cars; 01 loading boat; and 02 long chainsaw machines. At the same time, Forestry Administration have compiled the 270 cases files to provincial and municipal courts which accused namely to 113 persons and 14 persons arrested to provincial courts.

-Following the orders number 01 of the Royal Government of Cambodia, Forestry Administration is an assistant to National Committee and Sub-national provincial and municipal committee to prevent, eliminate and crackdown the forest clearance and forestland encroachment having conducted the forestland statistic from year 2004 to 2009, totally 507,106 hectares, conducting actual crackdown and seizing of 42,164 hectares following the court procedure and issued 295 warranties to seize the forestland back for the state property covered on 246,672 hectares.

-Following the orders number 02 of the Royal Government of Cambodia, Forestry Administration having conducted statistic of the chainsaws totally 11,010 pcs and seized 4,116 pcs. The previous seized chainsaws were celebrated for destroying at four Forestry Administration inspectorates in Kompong Thom, Phnom Penh municipal, Kraie and Koh Kong provinces under honourable of Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of National Land Conflict Resolution Authority **H.E Bin Chhin**, and Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the council for Rehabilitation, Development, Agriculture and Rural, **H.E Yem Chaily**.

2-Challenges:

With the achievement above, Forestry Administration have faced some keys as following;

-Difficult to search the illegal cases due to some offenders have buried wood and dropped into the water.

-Some wood owners have illegally stock having hesitated to admit fault and agree to pay the fine.

-Some evidences of forestry offenses that forestry competence have suppressed, impounded and confiscated in the remote areas and difficult in finding the transportation means to bring evidences to security place.

- Lack of budget and insufficient means for transporting the evidences to security place.

3- Conclusion:

Totally, the Forestry Law, recommendations and orders of **Samdech Techo Hun Sen**, Prime Minister became a light for Forestry Administration to implement the forest management and Forestry Law Enforcement and firmly support and cooperate from all stakeholder. All forestry illegal activities have been prevented and suppressed on time that have minimised the forestry offences, especially the cutting and transporting of illegal luxury wood have been rooting out the offenses and some offenders were arrested and sentence according to the law that stable in forest management for achieving the sustainable forest management and development.