

## ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS For the Period: December 2004 – November 2005

*This questionnaire on progress made by each Joint Technical Working Group is requested by the Secretariat of the Government-Donor Coordination Committee (GDCC). It should be completed and submitted to the Secretariat of the GDCC before **28 November 2005**. It will be used to prepare a summary progress report for the Fifth GDCC Meeting scheduled to be held on 12 December 2005. Please return the completed questionnaire to H.E. Mr. Chhieng Yanara at CDC/CRDB in both soft and hard copies.*

### TWG: FORESTRY & ENVIRONMENT

#### A. PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING TWG'S ACTION PLANS

1. In your TWG progress report for the Fourth Meeting of GDCC (15 September 2005), delays in implementing the following activities were reported. Has the TWG taken any corrective actions?

| Implementation of activities delayed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Corrective Actions Taken |        | If NO, please elaborate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | YES                      | NO     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Practical implementation of forest demarcation and demarcation of protected areas due to lack of support (guidance and materials).</li> <li>▪ Conduct studies of market and consumption.</li> <li>▪ Sustainably increase forestry incomes and environmental services in consistent with the real forestry potentials.</li> </ul> | ✓                        | ✓<br>✓ | Guideline for forest demarcation has been trained to local forestry administration, but lack of fund for support activities. Need some support, Implement continuously on year 2006<br>Need more support<br>Need some support, Implement continuously on year 2006 |

2. Progress in the implementation of TWG Action Plan activities scheduled for the period December 2004-November 2005.

| Scheduled Activities                                                                                                                                                                    | Implementation Status |                 |                                                                                 |                                                                       |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                         | On schedule           | Behind schedule | If behind schedule, reasons for delay                                           | TWG Recommendation                                                    |
| <b>i.</b> Formulate National Forest Management Plans and manage the forests based on the plan                                                                                           |                       | ✓               | Lack of capacity of local staff, lack of fund, especially map for triage office | Need more support, implement continuously on year 2006                |
| <b>ii.</b> Develop Management Plans for protected area                                                                                                                                  |                       | ✓               | Some protected areas have not plans due to lack of fund                         | Need more support                                                     |
| <b>iii.</b> Continue Forest Crime Monitoring and Reporting                                                                                                                              | ✓                     |                 |                                                                                 | Need more support, Implement continuously on year 2006                |
| <b>iv.</b> Studies domestic demand for forest products and potential export markets                                                                                                     |                       | ✓               | Translation of K hmer report was done, but new data is not available            | Need more support, implement continuously on year 2006                |
| <b>v.</b> Formulate National Community Forestry Program and develop community forestry                                                                                                  | ✓                     |                 |                                                                                 | Proceed to next of NCFP implementation, Need more support             |
| <b>vi.</b> Assess and test out partnership forestry in pilot communes as an alternative form of forest management and a mechanism for forest revenue to contribute to local development | ✓                     |                 |                                                                                 | Implement continuously on year 2006                                   |
| <b>vii.</b> Implement Overall Capacity Building Program                                                                                                                                 |                       | ✓               | Government budget is not enough to cover most of implementation                 | Need more support, reschedule and implement continuously on year 2006 |

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| viii. Tree planting for socio-economic purposes and environmental services by multiple stakeholders | ✓ |  |                                                             | Need to continue and encourage investment                           |
| ix. Capacity Building                                                                               | ✓ |  | Delay of preparation of phase II project                    | Implement continuously on year 2006                                 |
| x. Tree seed and forest gene conservation program                                                   | ✓ |  | Delay in institutionalization and limited government budget | Implement continuously on year 2006. Funding needed from June 2006. |
| xi. Forest concession management and control pilot project                                          | ✓ |  | Terminated project in July 2005                             |                                                                     |

3. Please provide information on the following:

- Total costs of planned activities for 2005:... Estimated 15 mill \$.....
- **Total** resources mobilized in 2005: Ref. below... far below what was needed.....
- Funding development partners (names and amounts): .....
- **Forestry Administration:** DANIDA/CTSP: 426,000\$; DANIDA/Kbal Chhay: 700,000\$; JICA: 152,000\$; WB/LIL: ? - In addition multiple NGOs with various objectives.
- **MoE:** DANIDA/EMCZ: 1,241.667 \$; DANIDA/NCDP: 1,100,000\$; WB/Bmap: ?; Biodiversity project: ?; Park P roject? - In addition multiple NGOs with variouis objectives.
- In case of significant shortfall, please provide reasons:.....

4. Are there any other issues affecting the implementation of TWG Action Plan that the TWG would like to submit for GDCC's consideration?

- The long to medium term effect of a logging and transportation moratorium has to be evaluated in connection with, and for, sustainable forest management.
- Essential information for Natural Resource Management Planning is not being received by the TWG-F&E and TWG secretariat. This makes planning and coordination of the two sectors: Forestry and Environment unnecessary difficult. TWGs need to be in the centre of information flow.
- It is important that potential upcoming support, from donors and private organizations, is transparent and is thoroughly informed and discussed with the TWG for optimal coordination.

#### B. PROGRESS ON JOINT MONITORING INDICATORS

5. Are there any Joint Monitoring Indicators agreed at the 7<sup>th</sup> CG Meeting held in December 2004 that fall within the mandate of *this* TWG?

Yes  please list the indicators below

No  please go to Part C

- a) Maintain suspension/moratorium on logging, transport of logs (except those which have been already inventoried and for which royalties have been paid in full), and new economic land concessions pending completion of applicable review processes and/or a legal framework.
- b) Increase transparency of state management of natural resources through immediate public disclosure of existing contracts and compliance status (royalties and other key provisions) of contracts governing economic land concessions, mining concessions, fishing lots and continued disclosure of status of review of forest concessions.
- c) Application of sustainable management planning, including ESIA's, investor evaluations, consultation with local communities, public disclosure and comment period prior to entering into new contracts for private use/management of state managed natural resources (land, fisheries, forestry, and mines).
- d) RGC disclose the location and legal status and process for termination of mining concessions, Military Development Zones, economic land concession and other development arrangements situated on forest land or on protected areas and inconsistent with law governing management of these areas.

6. What progress has been made toward achieving the targets of the Joint Monitoring Indicators listed in Q5 above?

| Joint Monitoring Indicator                                                                                                                                                        | Progress                                                | Constraints                                                                                                                  | Recommendation                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>a) Maintain suspension/moratorium on logging, transport of logs (except those which have been already inventoried and for which royalties have been paid in full), and new</b> | <b>Met (TWG -F&amp;E concerns the bolded part only)</b> | Wood supply might not meet the increasing domestic demand due to the logging moratorium. FA informs that studies on domestic | The FA is considering to propose annual bidding system for forest. A proposal and procedure for bidding presented to the TWG-F&E meeting |

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| economic land concessions pending completion of applicable review processes and/or a legal framework.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                            | needs are under way.                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>b) Increase transparency of state management of natural resources through immediate public disclosure of existing contracts and compliance status (royalties and other key provisions) of contracts governing economic land concessions, mining concessions, fishing lots and <b>continued disclosure of status of review of forest concessions.</b></b> | <b>Met (TWG -F&amp;E concerns the bolded part only)<br/>Information on forest concession review available at Public Affairs Unit of FA</b>                 |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>c) Application of sustainable management planning, including ESIA's, investor evaluations, consultation with local communities, public disclosure and comment period prior to entering into new contracts for private use/management of state managed natural resources (land, fisheries, forestry, and mines).</b>                                      | <b>Met (TWG -F&amp;E concerns the bolded part only)<br/>(SFMPs of forest concession plans being reviewed according to procedures set under Sub-decree)</b> | Slow progress in the forest concession review process. But experiences have been discussed in the TWG F+E | On the basis of discussion and consensus in the TWG F+E is has been decided to prepare and commission and option paper for the various potential forest management systems, by 2006.    |
| <b>d) RGC disclose the location and legal status and process for termination of mining concessions, Military Development Zones, economic land concession and other development arrangements situated on forest land or on protected areas and inconsistent with law governing management of these areas.</b>                                                | TWG-F&E is not solely responsible for this benchmark. Concerned ministries are required to disclose information on development plans in forest area.       | There are still difficulties in getting such information on development in forest areas.                  | MAFF/FA requested the Ministry of National Defense for a list of military development zone and Ministry of Industry, min and energy for mining zone within the permanent forest estate. |

### C. TWG ACTION PLAN FOR 2006

7. Has the TWG prepared an action plan for 2006?

Yes  Please list the activities

No  If No, when is the action plan expected to be completed?

1. Develop and implement National Forest Programme
2. Practical implementation of forest demarcation and demarcation of protected areas
3. Formulate National Forest Management Plans and manage the forests based on the plan
4. Develop Management Plans for protected areas
5. Forest cover assessment for 2005
6. Studies domestic demand for forest products and potential export markets
7. Continue Forest and Land Crime Monitoring and Reporting
8. Define management options for sustainable forest management in Cambodia
9. Secure support and funding and implement the National Forest Gene Conservation Programs Action Plan 2006-2010
10. Implement National Community Forestry Program and develop community forestry
11. Assess and test out " Forest Partnership " in pilot communes as an alternative form of forest management and a mechanism for forest revenue to contribute to local development
12. Small scale family business based on forest products promoted
13. Implement Overall Capacity Building Program
14. Install web site for TWG-F&E

