

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS For the 11th GDCC Meeting

*This questionnaire on progress made by each Joint Technical Working Group is required by the Secretariat of the Government-Development Partner Coordination Committee (GDCC). It should be completed and submitted to the Secretariat of the GDCC before **21 September 2007**. It will then be used to prepare a summary progress report for the 11th GDCC Meeting scheduled to be held on **08 October 2007**.*

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TWG: FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENT

A. PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING TWG'S ACTION PLANS

- Please list below activities in the TWG Action Plans that were scheduled to be implemented during the period April to September 2007 and provide an update on implementation status of these activities.

Scheduled Activities	Implementation Status			
	On Schedule	Behind Schedule	If behind schedule, reasons for delay	TWG Recommendations for GDCC consideration, if any
1. Facilitate a stronger joint planning framework for national sector planning and development of NFP.		✓	NFP coordinator recruited early August 2007. Additional FAO financing secured.	
2. Develop and implement National Forest Demarcation for maintaining 60% forest cover.	✓	✓	FA: 170km boundary is demarcated - Forest cover fell to 59% of total land area in 2006 - Posters to promote understanding of forest boundary were printed (8,000copies) and distributed. - Training was provided to 57 local staff of FA on forest demarcation using GPS by the FWTC. - Procedures drafted for demarcation in Kampot and Kratie Provinces with WLFMO-FA. - Additional Danida-Dfid and World Bank financing secured. - MoE: 16 Protected Areas (National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary) have been produced map and on ground boundary demarcation by putting landmark, and the others 7 Protected Areas have not been done yet. - Procedures have been drafted with MoE for Kulen Promtep Wildlife Sanctuary (Preah Vihear), and have been approved by the Provincial Governor. Implementation is on schedule. - Procedures have been drafted with the FA for demarcation of the permanent forest estate in Chhep District in Preah Vihear (including parts of the Preah Vihear Protected Forest) and Keo	Need additional funds

			Seima and O Rang Districts in Mondulkiri (including parts of the Seima Biodiversity Conservation Area)	
3. Develop and implement subprograms for the forestry sector streamlining all forestry elements according to the national forest program.		✓	NFP coordinator with planned short-term TA from i.a. FLD-Denmark	Need more fund
4. Develop and implement National Forest Management Plans.		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest Management Plans prepared for four Annual Bidding Coupes in Kratie, Steung Treng, Ratanakiri and Odar Meanchey Provinces. - Support has been provided to development of Chaom Ksant and Chhep & Chey Sen division forest management plans. - Preah Vihear Protected Forest: preparatory report summarizing available data has been finalized and will be used as a basis for the Management Plan. - Seima Biodiversity Conservation Area- drafting of the Management Plan is underway 	Need more budget
5. Analyze potential effects of different forest management regimes.		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A feasibility study has been completed for Commercial Community Forestry in an ex-concession area of high value forest (Mondulkiri/Kratie); Year 1 of implementation activities about to start pending signing of contracts. - Review of ABC FMPs on-going. Upscaling Community Forestry and pilots of Commercial Community Forestry and Partnership Forestry initiated. See 15. below. 	Need additional funds
6. Forest cover changes assessment in selected Economic Land Concession.		✓	Data is being collected before finalizing draft TOR Capacity development of GIS/RS Unit on-going.	
7. Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting on Sustainable Forest Management in Asia GCP/Int./988/jpn/.	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited FAO funding secured - A seminar was organized by the FWTC with 29 participants of FA to promote understanding of C&I for sustainable forest management. 	
8. Continue forest and land crimes monitoring and reporting.	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FCMR Unit is continuing (899 reported cases in 2006). - Site-level Forest and Land crimes monitoring and reporting systems are in place in Seima Biodiversity Conservation Area (Mondulkiri), Preah Vihear Protected Forest and Kulen Promtep Wildlife Sanctuary (Preah Vihear), Integrated Farming and Biodiversity Areas (Kg. Thom/Siem Reap) and at Ang Trapeang Thmor. 	Need additional funds
9. Strengthening Capacity on Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in Cambodia.	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest Law Enforcement and Governance workshop, 13 September 2007 will develop new proposal. - Training courses for have taken place for law enforcement staff at three sites: Preah Vihear Protected Forest, Seima Biodiversity Conservation Area, Kulen Promtep Wildlife Sanctuary, plus equipment and infrastructure provision. 	Need more fund

10. Increase transparency by disclosure of sector information on the TWG webpage www.twgfe.org and publication.	✓		TWG-F&E website regularly updated	
11. Continue TWG-F&E Secretariat functions and adapt functions to make the TWG a focal point for aid coordination and planning.	✓		TWG-F&E Secretariat strengthened through improved financial accounting system, additional training funds.	
12. Implement and develop forest gene resource conservation to cover tree-populations in various eco-zones.	✓		ST TA from FLD-Denmark	Need more budget
13. Tree planting for socio-economic use, 10,000 ha.	✓		8,500ha planted (State and Private plantations)	Calling for more investment in tree planting.
14. CDM and forestry archives		✓	Forest definition is being processed to MAFF. Baselines need to be defined.	Need budget for developing project
15. Experimenting with post forest concession management models. (Development of Commercial Community Forestry in the Provinces of Monduliri and Kratie)		✓	A feasibility study completed for Commercial Community Forestry in an ex-concessions area of high value forest. Agreement with WCS pending MAFF approvals.	
16. Central Cardamom Protected Forest Conservation Program.	✓		<p>A. AFD-CI Signing Agreement for protecting CCPF.</p> <p>B. CI-FA. In order for conserving the value of CCPF and raising up local livelihood in and surrounding CCPF, CCP has adopted four main important components as following:</p> <p>1-<u>Law Enforcement</u>: Expanding ranger stations in CCPF. Establishing enforcement teams. Preparing enforcement operation plan. Setting up patrol system. Building up intelligence network. Recruiting and training local villagers to be conservation rangers.</p> <p>2-<u>Community Engagement</u>: Signing Conservation Incentive Agreement with local community. Setting up buffalo bank to support local community. Preparing PLUPs in Thmor Bang. Forest demarcation in Thmor Bang. Setting community rangering in Thmor Bang. Supporting health care post and outreach. Supporting local teachers and children to go school. Building up CNRMCs and providing capacity building to local people. Setting up community-based ecotourism project in Thmor Bang.</p> <p>3-<u>Research and Monitoring</u>: Conducting Biological, ecological and social study in CCPF. Enriching the capacity and knowledge of better comprehension of the suitable management plan of CCPF and for providing an opportunity to work cooperatively with other relevant agencies or research institutes. Setting up plots and transects to monitor biodiversity trend.</p> <p>4-<u>Information, Education and Communication component</u>: Producing education film on The Cardamoms: Cambodia's Last Wilderness Film. Conducting Participatory photography with local</p>	Need more fund

			<p>youths in Tmor Bang. Conducting Cambodia Environment Film Festival – 2007 for three days at environment film festival in Phnom Penh. The event was held at the French Cultural Centre (FCC). Conducting Buddhism, education and conservation in Thmor Bang and conducting media relations.</p> <p>C. CI-FA. Conducting survey in Prey Long which is to examine new models for concession management and specifically scope for the use of conservation concessions to balance development and conservation needs, and to understand the potential for Prey Long to serve as a test case for a Reduced Emissions through Avoided Deforestation (READ) project.</p> <p>D. CCPF management plan and CCPF guide book are underway and plan to finish first draft by Jan 08.</p>	
17. Upscale the community Forestry Program to more communities.	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreement with Community Forestry Office signed and supported by Danida-DfID - Additional financing from RECOFC, CFI, WWF, CBNRM-LI and others. 	
18. Develop and implement community based protected area management program.		✓	- 65 Community Protected Areas were established (recorded in 2006), and during 2007 have not yet been recorded.	Need more fund
19. Study on national and international demand of biomass and timber forest products: - Study on domestic and export demand for rubber wood, rice husk, wood chip - Study on national and provincial timber supply and demand in Cambodia	✓		Agreement with GERES	
		✓	Agreement with FITDO – delays in hiring national consultant.	
20. Improvement of sustainable management and utilization of NTFP in Cambodia.	✓		The project is funded by ITTO	Need more budget
21. Continued implementation of overall capacity building program and focus developing outcome monitoring.	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JICA Agreement: during April to September 2007, JICA CBFSII Project supported FWTC to organized various training courses(2 FMP, 5 silviculture and 2 others) for 310 trainees from FA, mainly from local offices. - Integrated outcome monitoring systems in place in both Seima Biodiversity Conservation Area and Preah Vihear Protected Forest, including annual assessments of forest cover using satellite imagery, wildlife populations, forest and wildlife crime and livelihood monitoring (Mondulkiri only). Land-use change and wildlife/forest crime monitoring in place at Integrated Farming and Biodiversity Areas and at Ang Trapeang Thmor. - Deforestation rates have average <0.5% over the past three years in the Preah Vihear Protected Forest (Preah Vihear province) 	Need more budget
22. Develop and implement forest and wildlife research program.		✓	- WCS: Forest and wildlife research programs are underway in Seima Biodiversity Conservation Area, Preah Vihear Protected	Need more fund

			Forest, Kulen Promtep Wildlife Sanctuary, Ang Trapeang Thmor Sarus Crane Reserve, Prek Toal core area of the Tonle Sap and the Integrated Farming and Biodiversity Areas in the Tonle Sap floodplain. These programs concentrate on understanding species status and population trends, species ecology and breeding sites, forest habitats and monitoring forest cover change. Species-specific programs particularly concentrate on nesting large water-birds, the Bengal Florican, Yellow-cheeked Crested Gibbons, Black-shanked Douc Langur and Green Peafowl.	
23. Organize an annual TWG technical discussion seminar.		✓	Theme, venue and dates to be finalized	
24. Support to one 2 years-training on GIS, at AIT	✓		- One senior FA officer supported. - Capacity building of six additional FA staff from GIS/RS Unit	
25. Promote awareness of legal accessibility to products from forest and protected areas and the development of joint management options (Project of the forest extension framework for local community and relevant stakeholders).		✓	- FA: The agreement for implementing the project signed on 30 August 07. - MoE: 5 Protected Areas have management plan and some NGOs help promote awareness raising to local community regarding environmental law and concept of protected area management	Need more fund
26. Support to national and international dialogues.	✓		Improved access to international and regional policy dialogue inc. UNFF, Forestry & Climate-Sydney and RECOFC "Forestry & Poverty" conference	
27. Strengthening capacity of communities to involve in natural resource management.	✓	✓	- FA: One project of forestry extension is signed on 30 August 2007 - JICA CBFS Project continued support for two selected Forestry Community sites in Kg. Chhnang Cantonment, especially for income generating activities. - MoE: NGOs have support to local communities for training, study tour, workshop, and networking to some Protected Areas	Need more fund

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

a. Insufficient funds to cover the TWG-F&E Action Plan 2007.

b. Information sharing among forestry stakeholders to TWG-F&E Secretariat needs attention and improvement esp. wrt NGO (national and international) support to the sector

c. More donors back-up and financial attention through TWG-F&E window is required.

B. PROGRESS ON JOINT MONITORING INDICATORS

3. If there are any [Joint Monitoring Indicator\(s\)](#) agreed at the 1st CDCF in June 2007 that fall within the mandate of *this* TWG, please list the JMIs below and indicate progress that has been made toward achieving the JMI targets. Please take care to indicate if resource needs or appropriate timeframes still need to be identified.

Joint Monitoring Indicator	Timeframe	What is the current implementation status?	What are the constraints that you are experiencing, if any?	What recommendations do you have, for GDCC consideration to resolve the identified constraints?
<p>9.1 Implement all provisions of the sub-decree on ELCs, including establishing and making log book of ELCs, including those issued at provincial level, and review a minimum of 5 economic land concessions over 100,000 hectares, taking appropriate action consistent with Chapter 6 of the Sub-decree on ELCs.</p>	<p>- TOR of forest cover changes of selected ELCs to be finalized by end October 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 53 valid companies are registered in the Log book. - 5 among 8 companies which have ELCs more than 10,000 ha are being consulted for deduction to 10,000ha. - 14 ELC companies are being review and reminded. - 7 ELCs are canceled (total land: 67,010ha). - Additional georeferenced data being collected 	<p>Access to information at provincial level wrt proposed/approved ELCs of less than 1.000 hectares</p>	<p>Improvement of communication, understanding and law enforcement among local authorities and technical institutions</p>
<p>9.2 Rapid implementation across Cambodia of forest demarcation in accordance with the sub-decree No. 53, dated 1 April 2005.</p>	<p>2006-2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 170Km of forest boundary is demarcated - Forest cover fell to 59% of total land area in 2006 - Procedures drafted for demarcation in Kampot and Kratie Provinces with WLFMO-FA. - Additional Danida-Dfid and World Bank financing secured. - MoE: 16 Protected Areas (National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary) have been produced map and on ground boundary demarcation by putting landmark, and the others 7 Protected Areas have not been done yet 	<p>Some local authorities are not much interested in the forest demarcation</p>	<p>Need more budgets and full support from local authorities.</p>

C. IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE ACTION PLAN ON HARMONIZATION, ALIGNMENT AND RESULTS

4. What are the main actions have you taken to implement the Harmonization, Alignment, and Results Action Plan? What are the constraints that you are experiencing, if any? What recommendations do you have, for GDCC consideration to resolve any identified constraints?

Relevant section and sub-section of the H-A-R Action Plan	Action Taken	Constraints and/or recommendations for GDCC discussion
B.1.a.1. Development partners review their country assistance strategies and policies to align their assistance with NSDP priorities and sector development plans	Natural Resource Management and Livelihoods Programme (NRMLP) 2006-2010 supported by Danida/DfiD Multi-Donor Livelihoods Facility aligned to NSDP. Draft 'Strategic Partnership Framework for Natural Resource Management' (World Bank) circulated for comments and consulted in TWG-F&E meeting.	- Participation of Government staff in implementing the program is limited due to limited capacity and low governmental salary.
B.2.d.2. Implement the agreed strategy	Any strategy has been developed based upon identification of parallel PIU/PMU in forestry sector.	
B.3.a.1. All sector plans and development programs/projects includes an assessment of the existing capacity gaps and a capacity development plan to fill gaps to achieve targeted development results.	Overall capacity building program of the forestry sector was formulated under the participation of many stakeholders and evaluation of all relevant programs/projects.	
B.3.a.2. Each sector TWG prepares and implements a capacity development program for their sector ministry/agency to fill identified capacity gaps.	Overall capacity building program of the forestry sector has been implemented with inviting most of stakeholders of their participation.	
C.1.a.2. Each TWG prepares a plan to increase delegated cooperation within their sector/thematic area.	TWG-F&E Website provides opportunities to exchange information of donor's delegation/mission each other. 11 th TWG-F&E agreed to principle of establishing Task Forces on specific themes or priority actions e.g. NFP, MAR Project etc	
C.1.b.1. Each TWG prepares a calendar of field missions diagnostic review and duties planned by donors participating in the sector/thematic area of the TWG	TWG-F&E Website provides opportunities to exchange information of donor's delegation/mission, and it is alternate schedule sheet of missions.	

5. Has your TWG had a dedicated discussion on the "[Guideline on the Role and Functioning of the TWGs](#)"? Yes

6. If "Yes", has this led to the adoption of new approaches or work practices? Yes

D. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

7. Please provide details of your TWG's resource mobilisation efforts since the June 2007 CDCF meeting (including identified resource needs, actual commitments and source of funds, and remaining gaps) and the extent to which these resource mobilisation efforts are linked to an Action Plan or sector programme that includes a budget framework for programming resources and activities within the domain of the TWG.

- Resource needed for Action Plan 2007: 10,967,500 USD
- Actual commitment: 3,026,900 USD, funded by: DANIDA-DFID, JICA, ITTO, AFD, FAO.
- Remaining gap: 7,940,600 USD.

8. Does the TWG have sufficient resources to manage the workload identified in its Annual Workplan? No

9. New Development Partner Lead Facilitator was elected after an e-mail ballot and a meeting held on 19 September 2007: Dr. Andrew Wardell, Counsellor-Development, Danida-Phnom Penh.

REPORT ENDORSED BY:

TWG CHAIR(S): _____ LEAD DONOR COORDINATOR(S): _____
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