

## PROGRESS REPORT OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS For the 12th 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 **16 February 2008**. It will then be used to prepare a summary progress report for the 12th GDCC Meeting scheduled to be held on **04 March 2008**.*

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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 **October 2007 to February 2008** and provide an update on implementation status of these activities.

Scheduled Activities	Implementation Status			TWG Recommendations for GDCC consideration, if any
	On Schedule	Behind Schedule	If behind schedule, reasons for delay	
1. Facilitate a stronger joint planning framework for national sector planning and development of NFP.	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NFP Task Force was established and 3 meetings held</li> <li>- NFP main document is being formulated</li> <li>- NFP Facility launched</li> <li>- NFP web page established</li> </ul>	
2. Develop and implement National Forest Demarcation for maintaining 60% forest cover.	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FA: additional 214km forest boundary is demarcated</li> <li>- MOE: Additional 350 km of protected area boundaries are demarcated</li> <li>- JICA, UNDP: Posters to promote understanding of forest boundary were reprinted (3,000 copies) and distributed.</li> <li>- 47 local staff of FA trained on forest demarcation using GPS by the FWTC.</li> <li>- Extension on legal document for forest demarcation in Kampot and Kratie Provinces.</li> <li>- MoE: 16 Protected Areas (National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary) have been produced map and on ground boundary demarcation by putting landmark, and one is being done (Kulen Promtep Wildlife Sanctuary), and others 6 are being searching for support from partners.</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>	Need additional funds

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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 Seima and O Rang Districts in Monduliri (including parts of the Seima Biodiversity Conservation Area). Implementation is on schedule.</li> <li>UNDP/GEF: Over 500,000 ha of the Cardamom Mountain Phnom Aural and Phnom Samkos Wildlife Sanctuaries were demarcated, with some 180 boundary markers over 350 km. Demarcation involved MoE, DNCP, local communities, commune councils and provincial government (FA and Land Administration).</li> </ul>	
3. Develop and implement subprograms for the forestry sector streamlining all forestry elements according to the national forest program.		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Forest Programme Statement drafted</li> <li>- Draft of NFP document (without sub-programmes)</li> <li>- Subgroups within the NFP Task Force currently being established</li> </ul>	Need more fund
4. Develop and implement National Forest Management Plans.		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finished Forest Management Plans for four Annual Bidding Coupes in Kratie, Steung Treng, Ratanakiri and Odar Meanchey Provinces.</li> <li>- Support has been provided to develop Chaom Ksant and Chhep &amp; Chey Sen Division forest management plans, Preah Vihear</li> <li>- Preah Vihear Protected Forest: preparatory report summarizing available data has been finalized and will be used as a basis for the Management Plan.</li> <li>- Seima Biodiversity Conservation Area- drafting of the Management Plan is underway</li> </ul>	Need more budget
5. Analyze potential effects of different forest management regimes.		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A feasibility study has been completed for Commercial Community Forestry in an ex-concession area of high value forest (Monduliri / Kratie); Year 1 of implementation activities about to start pending signing of contracts.</li> <li>- Review of ABC FMPs on-going. Upscaling Community Forestry and pilots of Commercial Community Forestry and Partnership Forestry initiated. See No.15. below.</li> </ul>	Need additional funds
6. Forest cover changes assessment in selected Economic Land Concession.		✓	The assessment will start before end March 2008. TOR currently being finalized. Study will be subject to an independent international verification.	
7. Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting on Sustainable Forest Management in Asia GCP/Int./988/jpn/.	✓		Format for Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting on Sustainable Forest Management drafted.	
8. Continue forest and land crimes monitoring and reporting.	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FCMR unit is continuing, during this time 347 cases reported.</li> <li>- JSDF Grant TF055390 for Capacity Building for Sustainable Forest &amp; Land Management implemented. RECOFTC has</li> </ul>	Need additional funds

			<p>established presence in Kratie for its Participatory Forest &amp; Land Monitoring sub-component.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>	
9. Strengthening Capacity on Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in Cambodia.	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Project proposal on Forest Law Enforcement and Governance is submitted to ITTO for support.</li> <li>- Training courses 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.</li> </ul>	Need more fund
10. Increase transparency by disclosure of sector information on the TWG webpage <a href="http://www.twgfe.org">www.twgfe.org</a> 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.	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitating in development of work plan 2008 for forest and environment subcomponent of NRMLP, and develop TWG-F&amp;E work plan and budget for 2008.</li> <li>- Collect information on the progress activities</li> <li>- Forestry and Carbon Offsets workshops/training conducted. CD Rom of background materials provided.</li> </ul>	
12. Implement and develop forest gene resource conservation to cover tree-populations in various eco-zones.	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Surveyed 16 community forestry sites. Three tree seed sources established within two community sites in Kampong Cham</li> <li>- Field based training for app. 35 students from RUA and PNSA and FA officers in field experiments</li> <li>- Guides prepared on (1) Preparation of extension material, (2) Seed Quality, (3) Field Experiments, (4) Preparation of Training courses, (5) Thinning. Awaiting approval.</li> <li>- Partnership trials on combined plantings of rubber tree and native trees jointly with Kompong Cham Rubber Research Stn.</li> <li>- Seven training courses on seed collection for communities, commune representatives and forest officers.</li> <li>- 300 CD-Rom produced representing numerous of extension publications for communities within tree growing.</li> <li>- Field based training for 15 plantation officers in joint forest management, participatory approaches etc.</li> </ul>	
13. Tree planting for socio-economic use, 10,000 ha.	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 9,219 ha planted (State and Private plantations)</li> <li>- Produced seedling and distributed to local people amount 5.2 million seedlings</li> </ul>	Calling for more investment in tree planting.
14. Capacity building on the forestry REDD (Reduced Emissions from Deforestation	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Project by FA in collaboration with CFI to pilot carbon offsets for</li> </ul>	Complementary funding

and Degradation) and CDM issues.			Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD) in Oddar Meanchey Province endorsed by TWG-F&E. - Training workshop on potential national strategies for forests to reduce green house gas emission was organized.	being sought.
15. Experimenting with post forest concession management models. (Development of Commercial Community Forestry in the Provinces of Monduliri and Kratie)	✓		- Commercial Community Forestry in an ex-concessions area of high value forest: Agreement with WCS signed and project underway. - A feasibility study completed for Commercial Community Forestry in an ex-concessions area of high value forest. Implementation jointly with WCS now underway.	
16. Central Cardamom Protected Forest Conservation Program.	✓		A. AFD-CI Signing Agreement for protecting CCPF. 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:  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.  2- <u>Community Engagement</u> : Singing 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 rangers 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.  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.  4- <u>Information, Education and Communication component</u> : Producing education film on The Cardamoms: Cambodia's Last Wilderness Film. Conducting Participatory photography with local youths in Tmor Bang. Conducting Cambodia Environment Film Festival – 2007 for three. Conducting Buddhism, education and conservation in Thmor Bang and conducting media relations.	Need more fund

			<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 REDD project.</p> <p>D. CCPF management plan and CCPF guidebook are underway and plan to finish first draft by Jan 08.</p>	
<p>17. Upscale the community Forestry Program to more communities.</p>	<p>✓</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Community Forestry Coordination Committee (NCFPCC) meeting regularly and undertaking project to develop NCFP work plan and proposals for additional funding.</li> <li>- Facilitated with Siem Reap FA Cantonment - the first 10 official CF Agreements signed in November 2007. 1540 participants joined this ceremony.</li> <li>- NCFP-CC visited 2 CF sites in Kampong Cham province (Tulsambo CF locate in Trapangpring commune, Tambe district and Dongkdaong CF locate in Kork commune, Punhakrek district) to study about their issues and requirement.</li> <li>- Organized training on Surveying and Demarcation of CF areas using a GPS and GIS. This training have been participated from 17 include staffs of project at national level and local level</li> <li>- Drafted the Concept on Partnership Forestry include identify the definition, objectives, problem, roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders and structure of Partnership Forestry.</li> <li>- FA/Danida – Upscaling Community Forestry in five provinces (Siem Reap, Oddor Mean Chhey, Bantey Meanchey, Kampong Cham and Kampong Speu)</li> <li>- FA/CFI/Danida – Development of Community Forestry training service packages</li> <li>- JSDF Grant TF055390 for Capacity Building for Sustainable Forest &amp; Land Management implemented. RECOFTC has established presence in 5 provinces (Kampot, Pursat, K. Thom, Kratie and Ratanakiri) for its sub-component to support FA cantonments formalize both existing and new CFs.</li> <li>- Oxfam-GB is supporting CF development in 7 provinces (Pursat, Kratie, Kampong Chhnang, Preah Vihear, Oddar Meanchey, Kampong Speu, and Stung Treng).</li> <li>- JICA: 2 Community Forestry sites in Kg. Trach, Kg. Chhnang are supported for livelihoods and formalization.</li> <li>- EC UNDP Small Grants Programme for Operations to Promote Tropical Forests established or strengthened existing community-based forest resource management initiatives</li> </ul>	<p>Ampong Cham</p>

			through 40 community forestry, 18 community protected area, 2 community based ecotourism and 5 participatory land use planning sites. Seventeen funded projects included 165 villages across 14 provinces. Over 31,500 households are estimated to have directly or indirectly benefited. 572 women held leadership positions in funded initiatives, supported by a dialogue on women's leadership. Televised documentaries on the initiative raised community awareness and workshops allowed participants to share experiences and review project implementation and impact.	
18. Develop and implement community based protected area management program.		✓	65 Community Protected Areas were established and one has an official agreement with DNCP/MoE, and many of them are recognized and received technical support from DNCP/MoE	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	✓		UNDP/Thematic Trust Fund: A comprehensive baseline study on rural energy, with a focus on wood fuel, has been completed in Kampong Speu and Svey Rieng Provinces. The report is due for release in the first quarter 2008. The study includes national level projections on rural energy fuel demand. - The assessment of the rubber wood commodity chain is in good progress. State plantations and brick factories have been surveyed. A survey of the sawmills still needs to be done. , Garment factories and bakeries will be surveyed in February - The assessment of the rice husk commodity chain is delayed. Rice mills and brick factories have been surveyed already but noodles, alcohol, stoves and salt refiners still need to be interviewed. This will probably be completed in February. - The wood chips sector is very opaque. Free access to information is one indicator of Government's transparency. A field survey of about 30 identified ELCs and exporters will be conducted with relevant stakeholders to check the achievement in tree planting since the establishment of contracts between concessionaires and MAFF.	
	✓		Information and data on timber and supply in region No. 5 (Kg.Thom, SiemReap, Battambang) were collected.	
20. Improvement of sustainable management and utilization of NTFP in Cambodia.	✓	✓	- Ethno-Botany International Consultant was employed. - PRA report on NTFPs use and trade in each of target areas were developed. - NTFPs herbarium collection methods were trained to staff of project and local communities in each of four target areas. - 400 NTFPs herbarium was collected and are drying for identification of species	Need more budget (50.000US\$ for continue)

21. Continued implementation of overall capacity building program and focus developing outcome monitoring.	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JICA: Organized 2 silvicultural training, 2 Forest Management Planning training and English training for FA staff. Total trainees of 117 from FA.</li> <li>- JSDF Grant TF055390 for Capacity Building for Sustainable Forest &amp; Land Management implemented RECOFTC has commenced the Training of Trainers for CF development from 6 provinces (Kampot, Pursat, K. Thom, Kratie, Ratanakiri and K. Chhnang [funded by JICA]) and from the CFO.</li> </ul>	Need more budget
22. Develop and implement forest and wildlife research program.		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WCS: Forest and wildlife research programs are underway in Seima Biodiversity Conservation Area, Preah Vihear Protected 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.</li> </ul>	Need more fund
23. Organize an annual TWG technical discussion seminar.	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theme, venue and dates to be finalized. Provisionally, a two-day workshop to review demarcation processes undertaken by i.a. FA, FiA, MoE, MoI, MoP and MLMUPC. Provisionally scheduled for period mid-April to mid-May 2008.</li> </ul>	
24. Support to one 2 years-training on GIS, at AIT	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One senior FA officer is studying at AIT.</li> <li>- One additional candidate to begin GIS training in September 2008.</li> </ul>	
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).		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conducted 9 Forestry extension training courses attended by 355 participants.</li> <li>- Prepared FA Magazine year 2007 for publication with the amount of 1500 copies.</li> <li>- Drafted 4 kinds forestry extension material (Poster).</li> <li>- MoE: 5 Protected Areas have management plan and some NGOs partners help promote awareness raising to local community regarding environmental law and concept of protected area management. The other PAs need more support from NGOs partners.</li> <li>- Extensive training and community organising work around Seima Biodiversity conservation Area (PLUP and Indigenous Communal Land Registration), Preah Vihear Protected Forest (PLUP, Zoning and Ecotourism), Kulen Promtep Wildlife</li> </ul>	Need more fund

			Sanctuary (PLUP, Zoning, Ecotourism), Ang Trapeang Thmor Crane Sanctuary (Zoning) and Integrated Farming and Biodiversity Areas (K Thom/Siem Reap) extension and community organizing.	
26. Support to national and international dialogues.	✓		Supported one senior FA staff to attend 43rd Session of the international tropical timber council.	
27. Strengthening capacity of communities to involve in natural resource management.	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Danida – Upscaling Community Forestry</li> <li>- JSDF Grant TF055390 RECOFTC has commenced the Training of Trainers for CF development from 6 provinces (Kampot, Pursat, K. Thom, Kratie, Ratanakiri and K. Chhnang [funded by JICA]) and from the CFO.</li> <li>- MoE: NGOs partners have support to local communities for training, study tour, workshop, and networking to some Protected Areas.</li> <li>- Extensive training and community organizing work around Seima Biodiversity conservation Area (PLUP and Indigenous Communal Land Registration), Preah Vihear Protected Forest (PLUP, Zoning and Ecotourism), Kulen Promtep Wildlife Sanctuary (PLUP, Zoning, Ecotourism), Ang Trapeang Thmor Crane Sanctuary (Zoning) and Integrated Farming and Biodiversity Areas (K Thom/Siem Reap) extension/organization.</li> <li>- JICA CBFS Project continued support for two selected forestry community sites in Kg. Chhnang Cantonment, especially for income generating activities and formalization.</li> </ul>	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. with reference to NGO (national and international) support to the sector
- c. Additional financing-commitments from Development Partners through TWG-F&E window are 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?
9.1 Implement all provisions of the sub-decree		- 58 valid companies are registered in the Log book	Access to information at provincial	Improvement of communication,

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.		(update). - 1 of 5 consulted ELCs is cancel. - 1 other of the 5 consulted agreed to reduce to 3,000 ha. - 3 another ELCs were negotiated and agreed to reduce to 10,000ha. - 14 ELC companies were reviewed and they follow the instruction.	level writ proposed/approved ELCs of less than 1.000 hectares	understanding and law enforcement among local authorities and technical institutions
9.2 Rapid implementation across Cambodia of forest demarcation in accordance with the sub-decree No. 53, dated 1 April 2005.	2006-2015	- Total forest boundary demarcated 384Km. - MoE: 16 Protected Areas (National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary) have produced map and on the ground boundary demarcation, to date, one is being done (Kulen Promtep Wildlife Sanctuary), and others 6 are being searching for support from partners.	Some local authorities are not much interested in the forest demarcation	Need more budgets and full support from local authorities.

### 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-NZ Aid  Draft 'Strategic Partnership Framework for Natural Resource Management' (World Bank) circulated for comments in TWG-F&E meeting.  Pilot Performance Management Incentive Programme under development for national, Inspectorate, Cantonment and Division levels	
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 <sup>th</sup> 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.	

#### D. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

5. 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, WB.
- Remaining gap: 7,940,600 USD.

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

7. Has your TWG submitted a request for support to CDC/CRDB? (provision of training for TWG-F&E Sec. staff ) Yes

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