

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS For the Period: June 2005 - August 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 **31 August 2005**. It will be used to prepare a summary progress report for the fourth GDCC Meeting scheduled to be held on 15 September 2005. Please return the completed questionnaire to H.E. Mr. Chhieng Yanara at CDC/CRDB in both soft and hard copies.*

TWG-FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENT (TWG-F&E)

A. PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING TWG-F&E'S ACTION PLANS

1. In TWG-F&E progress report for the Third Meeting of GDCC (14 June 2005), delays in implementing the following activities were reported. Has the TWG-F&E taken any corrective actions?

Implementation of activities delayed	Corrective Actions Taken		If NO, please elaborate
	YES	NO	
Lack of funds to implement the following four activities : ▪ Sustainably increase forestry incomes and environmental services in consistent with real forestry potentials.....		✓	Need more support
▪ Assess and test out Partnership Forestry in pilot communes as an alternative form of forest management and mechanism for forest revenue to contribute to local development.....		✓	Need more support
▪ Studies of market and consumption conducted.....	✓		Some study done. More needs to be done.
▪ Develop Management plans for protected areas.....		✓	Need more support

2. Implementation status of TWG-F&E Action Plan activities scheduled for the period June-August 2005.

Scheduled Activities	Implementation Status			
	On Schedule	Behind Schedule	If behind schedule, reasons for delay	TWG-F&E Recommendation
i Practical implementation of forest demarcation and demarcation of protected areas.		✓	Need some support (Guidance & Materials)	
ii Formulate National Forest Management Plans and manage the forests based on the Plans.	✓			
iv Continue Forest Crime Monitoring and Reporting, and SGS independent monitor.	✓		Ongoing on unspent loan funds from the Concession Pilot Project	
vii Formulate National Community Forestry Program and develop community forestry	✓			
ix Implement Overall Capacity Building Program	✓			
x Studies of market and consumption conducted		✓	Some study done. More needs to be done.	Requests for donor support, especially on CDM program
xi Tree planting for socio-economic purpose and environmental services by multiple stakeholders	✓		Need acceleration	
xii Capacity Building	✓			
xiii Tree Seed and Forest Gene Conservation Program	✓			

3. Are there any other issues affecting the implementation of TWG-F&E Action Plan that it 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

4. Is (are) there any Joint Monitoring Indicator(s) agreed at the 7th CG Meeting held in December 2004 that fall within the mandate of *this* TWG-F&E?

Yes please list the indicators below

No please go to Q#6

- 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.

5. What progress has been made toward achieving the targets of the Joint Monitoring Indicator(s) listed in Q#4 above?

Joint Monitoring Indicator	Progress	Constraints	Recommendation
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.	Met (TWG -F&E concerns the bolded part only)	Wood supply might not meet the increasing domestic demand due to the logging moratorium. FA informs that studies on domestic needs are under way.	The FA is considering to propose annual bidding system for forest. A proposal presented to the TWG-F&E meeting on 29 August 2005.
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.	Met (TWG -F&E concerns the bolded part only) Information on forest concession review available at Public Affairs Unit of FA		
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).	Met (TWG -F&E concerns the bolded part only) (SFMPs of forest concession plans being reviewed according to procedures set under Sub -decree)	Very slow progress in the forest concession review process	Matter discussed at TWG-F&E. SFMP review team by WB dispatch.
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.	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.	FA has formally via MAFF requested the Ministry of National Defense for a list of military development zone within the permanent forest estate.

