

**PROGRESS REPORT
OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS
For the Period: December 2004 - May 2005**

*This progress report from each Joint Technical Working Group is requested by the Secretariat of the Government-Donor Coordination Committee (GDCC) before **31 May 2005**. It will be used to prepare a briefing note for the Third GDCC Meeting scheduled to be held in early June 2005. Please return the completed questionnaire to H.E. Mr. Chhieng Yanara at CDC/CRDB in both soft and hard copies.*

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG): FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) Where the TWG has prepared an Action Plan, the following activities were scheduled to be implemented for the period December 2004 - May 2005.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Activities
	i. Practical implementation of forest demarcation and demarcation of protected areas.
	ii. Formulate National Forest Management Plans and manage the forests based on the Plans
	iii. Develop Management plans for protected area
	iv. Continue Forest Crime Monitoring and Reporting, and SGS- Independent Monitor.
	v. Studies of domestic demand for forest products and potential export markets.
	vi. Sustainably increase forestry incomes and environmental services in consistent with the real forestry potentials
	vii. Formulate National Community Forestry Program and develop community forestry.
	viii. 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.
	ix. Implement Overall Capacity Building Program
	x. Studies of market and consumption conducted.
	xi. Tree planting for socio-economic purposes and environmental services by multiple stakeholders.
	xii. Capacity Building
	xiii. Tree Seed and Forest Gene Conservation Program
	xiv. Learning and Capacity Development
	xv. Forest concession Pilot Project
Reasons	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action Plan	

2) The TWG has implemented the activities in the Action Plan as scheduled.

	Activities (Please use the same number as in Q1)	Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	i. Practical implementation of forest demarcation and demarcation of protected areas(1.1.1).	Ongoing
	ii. Formulate National Forest Management Plans and manage the forests based on the Plans(1.1.2)	Ongoing
	iv. Continue Forest Crime Monitoring and Reporting, and SGS-Independent Monitor (1.2.1)	Ongoing till end of May 2005.
	v. Studies of domestic demand for forest products and potential export markets	FA report available for the next TWG meeting
	vii. Formulate National Community Forestry Program and develop community forestry (3.1.1)	Regional workshops held and draft NCFP under preparation.

	ix. Implement Overall Capacity Building Program (4.1.1)	2005 annual work plan prepared..
	xii. Capacity Building (6.1)	Phase II of CBFS Project expected to be signed and start soon..
	xiii. Tree seed and forest gene conservation program (6.2)	Ongoing
	xiv. Learning and capacity Development (6.3)	To be terminated in June 2005.
<input type="checkbox"/> No	Activities (Please use the same number as in Q1)	Reasons for Delay and Suggestions
	iii. Develop Management plans for protected area	No information
	xi. Tree planting for socio-economic purposes and environmental services by multiple stakeholders (5.1.2)	Some socio-economic plantings planned by various stakeholders. Still not planting season.
	vi. Sustainably increase forestry incomes and environmental services in consistent with the real forestry potentials	No funds available
	viii. 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.	No progress and no funds available
	x. Studies of market and consumption conducted.	No funds available
3) In implementing the activities as scheduled in the Action Plan, progress is judged by the TWG to be satisfactory.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Activities (Please use the same number as in Q1)	Comments
	i. Practical implementation of forest demarcation and demarcation of protected areas(1.1.1).	Just started, expected to take several years
	ii. Formulate National Forest Management Plans and manage the forests based on the Plans(1.1.2)	Just started.
	iii. Develop management plan for protected area	No information from MoE
	iv. Continue Forest Crime Monitoring and Reporting, and SGS-Independent Monitor (1.2.1)	Will terminate end of May
	v. Studies of domestic demand for forest products and potential export markets	FA Report available, but more studies might necessary
	vi. Sustainably increase forestry incomes and environmental services in consistent with the real forestry potentials	Not satisfactory
	vii. Formulate National Community Forestry Program and develop community forestry (3.1.1)	Expected to be completed in August
	viii. 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.	Not satisfactory
	ix. Implement Overall Capacity Building Program (4.1.1)	Monitoring will be done by donor and FA in July.
	xi. Tree planting for socio-economic purposes and environmental services by multiple stakeholders (5.1.2)	Not satisfactory
	xii. Capacity Building (6.1)	Ongoing pending approval of phase II.
	xiii. Tree seed and forest gene conservation program (6.2)	Ongoing terminates 2006
	xiv. Learning and capacity Development (6.3)	Terminating June 2005
<input type="checkbox"/> No	Activities (Please use the same number as in Q1)	Reasons and Suggestions

4) A number of Joint Monitoring Indicators (JMIs) were agreed to between the Royal Government of Cambodia and development partners in the 7th Consultative Group Meeting held in December 2004. Please indicate Joint Monitoring Indicator(s) that fall(s) within the mandate of the TWG.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Joint Monitoring Indicators
	i. 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.
	ii. 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.
	iii. 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).
	iv. 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.
<input type="checkbox"/> No	Comments
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5) Since the 7th Consultative Group Meeting held in December 2004, what progress has been made by the TWG towards achieving the targets of the Joint Monitoring Indicator(s) indicated in Q4 above?

JMIs (Please use the same number as in Q4)	Progress	Constraints	Suggestions
i. 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. (no new land concessions in 2005)	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 will be presented to the TWG at the next meeting.
ii. 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 (Information on forest concession review available at Public Affairs Unit of FA)		
iii. 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 (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-FE. SFMP review team by WB to be dispatched soon.
iv. 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	TWG-FE is not solely responsible for this benchmark. Concerned ministries are required to disclose information on	There are still difficulties in getting such information on development in forest areas.	FA will formally via the MAFF request the Ministry of National Defense

land or on protected areas and inconsistent with law governing management of these areas.	development plans in forest area.		for a list of military development zone within the permanent forest estate.
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6) Please indicate activities of the Action Plan of the TWG/Joint Monitoring Indicator(s) that are scheduled to be implemented during the next quarter (June-August 2005).

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	xiii. Tree Seed and Forest Gene Conservation Program
Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	

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