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Title of Activity:

Support to the development of the National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan.

Related Activities UN-REDD Workplan:

2.1C Support to the Development of a Protected Areas Strategy

Objectives of Activity:

To support the development of a National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan.

Brief Description:

The project aims to support the development of the National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan, in accordance with the Protected Area Law (2008) and in consultation with relevant stakeholders. GDANCP will take the ownership and leadership in the process. To achieve the project's objective the following key activities will be carried out:

1. Creation of a working group, led by GDANCP, to coordinate the development of the National Protected Areas Management Plan.
2. Undertake a stakeholder consultation (managed by GDANCP).
3. Assessment of Protected Area management approaches and their status and draw lessons learnt and good practices to support the development of the National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan (technical support from consultants under the coordination of GDANCP).

Key Outputs:

- Stakeholder engagement plan developed and implemented
- GDANCP working group to coordinate the development of the plan is formed and functioning
- Summary report outlining existing approaches, practices and lessons learnt on Protected Area management
- Summary report on Status of Protected Areas management developed
- Scope, outline , roadmap for the development of Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan developed
- National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan developed

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Support to the Development of a National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan (NPASMP)

1. Background

A future mechanism on REDD+ provides an opportunity for Cambodia to be rewarded for its efforts to protect and sustainably use its forests. The Royal Government of Cambodia has shown early support for the development of approaches to REDD+ with the approval of two pilot sites in 2008 and 2009. Over a period of 9 months in 2010 the interim REDD+ Taskforce of the RGC in consultation with stakeholder groups and with support from UNDP and FAO, prepared the Cambodia Readiness Plan Proposal on REDD+ (“Roadmap”). This document outlines how the country will become ‘REDD+ ready’.

The Cambodia UN-REDD National Programme forms part of this approach and has been specifically designed to support implementation of the Roadmap. The UN-REDD programme has four outcomes:

- National REDD+ Readiness Management arrangements and stakeholder consultation;
- National capacity-building towards development of the REDD+ strategy and implementation framework;
- Sub-National REDD+ capacity-building and demonstration; and
- Support to development of the Monitoring system.

The programme (which one? the road map or the UN REDD Cambodia) design looks to fully incorporate relevant line ministries and agencies with the Forestry Administration (FA), the General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection (GDANCP) and the Fisheries Administration (FiA) within the implementing structures. Other agencies and ministries are engaged within higher level decision making bodies as well as technical assessment and consultation processes. This approach marks the programme out as one of the most highly integrated UN-REDD programmes globally.

Protected Areas System

In 1993, His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk introduced a Royal Decree designating 23 areas, covering about 3.3 million ha (18.3 % of total land area), as protected areas. The current national protected areas system includes seven national parks, ten wildlife sanctuaries, three protected landscapes, three multiple use areas managed by the Ministry of Environment. These areas are governed by a variety of policy, including the Constitution of Cambodia (1993), the Protected Area Law (2008) and the Law on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Development (1996).

These regulations will be complemented by the National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan that will also act as an important tool to link REDD+ and protected area management at a national level.

Management of the Protected Area system

The management of the Protected Area system is mainly regulated by the Protected Area Law (PA Law 2008) and the Law on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Development (1996). The objectives of these laws are to ensure the management, conservation of biodiversity, and sustainable use of natural resources in protected areas. The GDANCP of MoE is the designed Ministry responsible for the planning and management of the protected areas system, their

supervision and coordination (Art. 4). In particular, it is the duty of GDANCP to develop strategic plans, action plans, and technical guidelines for managing the protected areas (Art. 5). In this regards the PA Law prescribes that a National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan (NPASMP) should be developed (Art 15). The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (MoE 2002), that was developed to meet the obligation of the international Convention on Biological diversity (CBD), also recognizes the need to “develop a management plan for protected and buffer zones in collaboration with local communities and relevant ministries” such as MoE, MAFF, MRD, MLMUPC and Mol (Objective and Priority Action 1.1.1).

National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan (NPASMP)

The NPASMP, as a regulatory instrument, will indicate how to implement the national protected area effectively. The NPASMP is expected to be a concise document of key focussed and detailed set of policy for defining the overall institutional arrangements and priority strategies that are required to design, manage and financing protected areas. This includes the definition of economic development and biodiversity conservation goals that are aimed to be achieved through Protected Areas and the provision of information for developing further guidelines and sub-decrees, sustainable funding arrangements, management planning and zoning, monitoring and reporting, and the further elaboration of a set of community protected areas.

2. Objective

To support the development of a National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan (NPASMP).

3. Overview of Activities

GDANCP will lead the process of developing the NPASMP, in accordance with the Protected Area Law (2008) and in consultation with relevant stakeholders. In order to achieve the project’s aim the following key activities will be carried out:

1. Creation of a working group, led by GDANCP, to coordinate the development of the National Protected Areas Management Plan.
2. Undertake stakeholder consultations (managed by GDANCP).
3. Assessment of Protected Area management approaches and their status and draw lessons learnt and good practices to support the development of the NPASMP (technical support from consultants under the coordination of GDANCP).

4. Details of Activities

Activity 1: creation of the GDANCP Workgroup on NPASMP

GDANCP will create a working group made by representatives with experience in protected areas and natural resource management. The working group will meet on a regular basis to discuss plans and approaches, review and provide guidance to develop the NPASMP. The working group will ensure that the Plan is compatible and consistent with other national plans and regulations such as the National Environment Action Plan, National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and the National Wetland Action Plan, as stated in the PA Law Art. 15. Provincial and municipal

departments and protected areas units that operate in each of the 23 protected areas will also be closely involved.

Representative from other line agencies, such as FA and FiA, will be invited to attend relevant meetings as observers to assure coordination with other existing regulations and approaches on other forms of land management (i.a. Forest Law, National Forest Programme, Community Forestry, Community Fisheries, ...).

Outputs:

- Regular meetings of the workgroup to provide guidance and review the development of the NPASMP.
- Sharing of information related to the management of protected areas to ensure compatibility and consistency with other national plans.

Activity 2: Undertake Stakeholder Consultations

The development of NPASMP will involve public consultations, as required by the PA Law Article 17, in order to ensure that the Plan is realistic, practical and receives broad-based ownership and support from within the RGC. These will happen through already existing platforms and ad-hoc meetings at several levels:

- Sub-national level:
 - Consultation meetings with representative of line ministries departments in provinces and districts (MoE, MAFF, NCDD-S)
 - Consultation meetings with local communities and indigenous people in protected areas
- National:
 - National consultation workshops with relevant stakeholders
 - bilateral meetings with MAFF, MoI, MRD, MLMUC, RGCAF, MoT, MoJ, ...
- Inter-sectoral groups:
 - REDD+ Taskforce (MAFF, MoE, MoI, MoEF, MIME, MLMUPC, MRD)
 - National Committee on Discussion, Recommendation, and Conflict Resolution for Protected Area Management (MoE, MAFF, MoI, RGCAF, MoT, MoJ, MLMUC, National Police, National Military Police, Council of Ministries) and its sub-committee at provincial and municipal level.

Activity 3: development of the NPASMP

GDANCP will lead the development of the NPASMP, with guidance and finalizations of draft documents produced with the technical support of consultants, and in consultation with key relevant stakeholders (as described under Activity 2). An assessment of existing Protected Area management practices, monitoring systems, and roles will be conducted to serve as background document on which the NPASMP will build upon. The detailed preparatory activities for the development the NPASMP are described in the following sections (activity 3.1-3.3).

Activity 3.1: Assessment of existing approaches to Protected Area management

Information on approaches and practices to manage Protected Area will be consolidated to identify key lessons learnt and best practices.

Outputs:

- Documentation of the current approaches and regulations to manage Protected Areas (PA) prepared and a SWOT analysis of Protected Areas management conducted, in order to:
 - clarify objectives of the conservation, rehabilitation, prevention, suppression of illegal activities and sustainable use of natural resources and ecosystem within individual protected area (PA Law Art. 16.1), including monitoring systems;
 - suggest recommended actions for successful achievement of the protected area objectives (PA Law Art. 16.4);
 - suggest steps to implement management plans for priority protected areas (PA Law Art. 16.4),
 - suggest possibilities of financing Protected Area management (Payment of Ecosystem Services, REDD+, Voluntary Carbon Market, ...)
 - PA and governance

Activity 3.2: Assessment of current status of Protected Area management

An assessment of the status of protected areas and sub-national practices to manage them will be undertaken prior to the development of the NPASMP. This report will be developed under the lead of GDANCP by the consultants.

Outputs:

- Conduct an assessment of:
 - the current status of natural resources and ecosystems within each zone including flora and fauna species, genetic resources and socio-cultural aspects (PA Law Art. 16.2),
 - the contribution of each protected area to achieving biodiversity and natural resources protection and conservation (PA Law Art 16.3), as well as the role of PA in rural poverty reduction and economic development
 - increase the understanding of the role of communities and stakeholders in PA management
 - Assessment of the impact of the ELCs in creating socio-economic opportunities for local people and the control of land encroachment in PA
 - Self-help groups

Activity 3.3: Development of a National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan (NPASMP)

The plan will build on PA strategic framework supported by HARVEST¹ with the inclusion of key details activities, monitoring framework, implementation arrangements and resources mobilization strategies.

Outputs:

- Development of a NPASMP that includes the aspects described above, in accordance with the PA Law (Art. 16), and complemented by:
 - A strategy on resources mobilization and a proposal to mobilize the funds and implement the key priorities actions

¹ Helping Address Rural Vulnerabilities and Ecosystem Stability (HARVEST) is a five-year (December 2010-December 2015) integrated food security and climate change program supported by USAID.

- A capacity building plan to support the implementation of the National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan

5. Expected Outcomes

It is anticipated that the outcomes from the above activities will help result in the following outcomes:

- Improved information sharing and coordination between stakeholders involved in protected areas and land management
- Increased understanding of the roles and values of Protected Areas in the achievement of socio-economic development goals.
- Summary report outlining existing approaches, practices and lessons learnt on Protected Area management
- Improved linkages between protected areas planning and management and other forms of land and forest management, including REDD+
- Formulation of the National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan

6. Roles and Responsibilities

- The **GDANCP** will lead and coordinate the process of developing the National Protected Area Strategic Management Plan by managing the stakeholder consultations, setting up the working group, recruitment of consultants and providing inputs to documents and reports produced.
- The **REDD+ Taskforce** will serve as a forum for collecting feedbacks from line ministries and share information on the progress made.
- The **REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat** will be responsible for the disbursement of payments related to the implementation of the stakeholder consultations activities. The Secretariat will provide guidance on financial aspects to ensure that it is properly managed.
- **UNDP** (under the framework of the UN-REDD Programme) will be responsible for supporting the recruitment of the consultants and the disbursement of their payments subject to satisfactory performance that will be determined in consultation with the GDANCP. UNDP will also provide project assurance in order to ensure that the project's outputs meet UNDP quality standards.

7. Time frame

It is anticipated that work will start in November 2012 and will continue for 15 months until January 2014.

#	Activity	Description	Months
1	Creation of the GDANCP Working group on NPASMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GDANCP representatives to be member of the NPASMP team - Consultation and information of the planned activities to key MoE staff at sub-national level - Coordination and participation to consultation meetings with stakeholders and government agencies at sub-national levels 	Nov 2012

2	Undertake Stakeholder Consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of stakeholders on the basis of themes to be developed - Key informant interviews and small group discussions based on themes to be developed - Inform on progress of the work 	Nov. 2012- Jan. 2013
3	3.1 Assessment of existing approaches to Protected Area management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and collation of existing policy, regulations and plans related to protected area functions and management (e.g. PA Law, BPAMP, ...) - Review of existing sub-national approaches and practices related to PA management - Review of international plans and guidelines related to PA management - Collation of existing initiatives and frameworks and associated capacity building strategies related to protected area management 	Nov.- Feb. 2013
	3.2 Assessment of current status of Protected Area management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature and inventory data review - Field assessment in consultation with local communities and authorities - Review the lessons learned and best practices observed at sub-national level and in as pilot projects 	Jan 2013- June 2013
	3.3 Development of a National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan (NPASMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of an outline of the NPASAP with themes to be developed in the NPASAP, - Drafting of chapters by themes - Integration of feedback from stakeholders consultations and other consultations - Review and finalization of draft NPASAP 	Jan 2013- January 2014

8. Estimated budget

The budget presented in the table below includes the figures for the overall implementation of the project. **The budget has been prepared in collaboration with the GDANCP representatives in the REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat.**

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	KEY ACTIVITIES	BUDGET DESCRIPTION	TIMEFRAME					AMOUNT IN US\$	DONOR		BUDGET NOTE
			Q4 12	Q1 13	Q2 13	Q3 13	Q4 13	Total Budget	UN-REDD	to be requested	
DELIVERABLE 1 GDANCP Workgroup established	Activity 1. creation of the GDANCP Workgroup on NPASMP	Travel and Meetings		X	X	X	X	10,704.00	10,704.00	-	DSA for Workgroup attending sub-regional meetings (31.5 USD) and travel allowance (12 provinces + 12 PP=24 meetings)
		Workshops & Conference		X	X	X	X	2,400.00	2,400.00	-	water & stationary, meetings conducted at provincial offices
Total - Activity 1							13,104.00	13,104.00	-		
DELIVERABLE 2 Stakeholder Consultations undertaken	Activity 2. Undertake Stakeholder Consultations	Travel and Meetings		X	X	X	X	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	Sub-national meetings with local communities in protected areas (24)
		Workshops & Conference		X	X	X	X	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	Refreshment and stationary
		Travel and Meetings		X	X		X	29,340.00	16,000.00	13,340.00	National Consultation Workshops (3)
		Workshops & Conference		X	X		X	8,280.00	5,000.00	3,280.00	Venue (4 star hotel) for National Workshops
Total - Activity 2							44,820.00	21,000.00	19,820.00		
DELIVERABLE 3 National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan developed	Activity 3. Development of the NPASMP	International Consultants	X		X		X	97,350.00	30,000.00	47,350.00	International Consultant (7 months), including travel
		Local Consultants	X	X	X	X	X	30,000.00	50,000.00	-	National Consultant (15 months), including travel
Total - Activity 3							127,350.00	80,000.00	47,350.00		
DELIVERABLE 4 Administration	Activity 4. Project Management related costs	Misc	X	X	X	X	X	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	Services (job advertisement, procurement)
		Training					X	1,000.00		1,000.00	Capacity building
		Travel and Meetings		X		X	X	1,720.00		1,720.00	UNDP oversight (DSA, driver, fuel)
Total - Activity 4							3,720.00	1,000.00	2,720.00		
Grand Total							188,994.00	115,104.00	73,890.00		

Total Budget	UN-REDD	to be requested
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