

# Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)

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Strengthening Sustainable Forest Management and Bio-energy Markets to Promote Environmental Sustainability and to Reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions in Cambodia

## Project Highlights

**Goal:** To strengthen national SFM policy, integrate community-based sustainable forest management into policy, planning and investment frameworks and create markets for sustainable bio-energy technologies that reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

### Objectives:

- Build capacity and policy development on the implementation of SFM and energy efficiency;
- Implement community-based sustainable forest management effectively and deliver concrete benefits to local communities;
- Strengthen demand and supply chain for energy efficient cook stoves.

This UNDP and GEF funded project focuses on sustainable management of forests and reducing carbon emissions.

**Beneficiaries:** Government agencies at both national and sub-national levels within four target provinces and local communities.

### Lessons Learned:

- Using training-in-action planning is a cost-effective approach for capacity building and development of management plan and business plan for community forests.
- Integration of community forests with commune through commune land-use planning (CLUP) process helps to establish access to the commune fund, thereby making it more sustainable.
- **Challenges:** There is low viability of forest-based businesses, and unless investment support is secured to enable self-financing generation for continuous management of the forests by community forestry, the sustainable management of forests could be jeopardized.

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The SFM Project plays a critical role in implementing priority actions as identified in the National Forest Programme related to sustainable forest resource management, conservation, and community-based forest management. The project has built capacity for the development of community forest, community protected areas management plans and business plans toward sustainable wood biomass supply and demand and livelihood improvement of local communities and for improved solid biomass fuel technology and dissemination, which is to account for GHG emissions reduction. The promising practice and lessons learned from this pilot implementation are to support to SFM national policy development.

