

Safeguards Technical Team

Developing policy on REDD+ Safeguards



Team Highlights

Goal: To support the assessment of and development of approaches to safeguards and multiple benefits within the Cambodia REDD+ programme.

Objectives:

- Undertaking/commissioning assessments of existing international and national approaches to safeguards;
- Undertaking/commissioning assessments of potential REDD+ co-benefits;
- Developing proposals for elements of a national approach to REDD+ safeguards and multiple benefits;
- Designing a consultative process on those elements, building on existing consultative mechanisms for REDD+ in Cambodia.

The Safeguards Technical Team undertakes work on **Safeguards and Multiple Benefits**.

Beneficiaries: The programme builds capacities of government agencies and non-governmental stakeholders.

Lessons Learned:

- Clarifying land tenure is an important strategy for REDD+ but requires time, and financial and human resources;
- Raising expectations about REDD+ payments can be risky as it may discourage communities to engage in REDD+ unless substantial financial incentives are provided soon;
- Further work is needed on FPIC in order to raise awareness amongst all community members about REDD+;
- Further work is required to monitor the impacts of REDD+ on ecosystems, biodiversity, and especially the communities.

Challenges: Propose a draft national approach to safeguards that is closely aligned with the UNFCCC and other globally proposed safeguards while considering national circumstances and existing legal frameworks.

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The Safeguards Technical Team is made up of representatives from FA and FiA (MAFF), GDANCP (MoE), MME, MLMUC, Mol, and CG. It was established in early 2014, and has held three meetings to date, to assist in the review of gaps in safeguards related to REDD+ in Cambodia.

