

Preparing REDD+ Readiness Roadmap in Cambodia

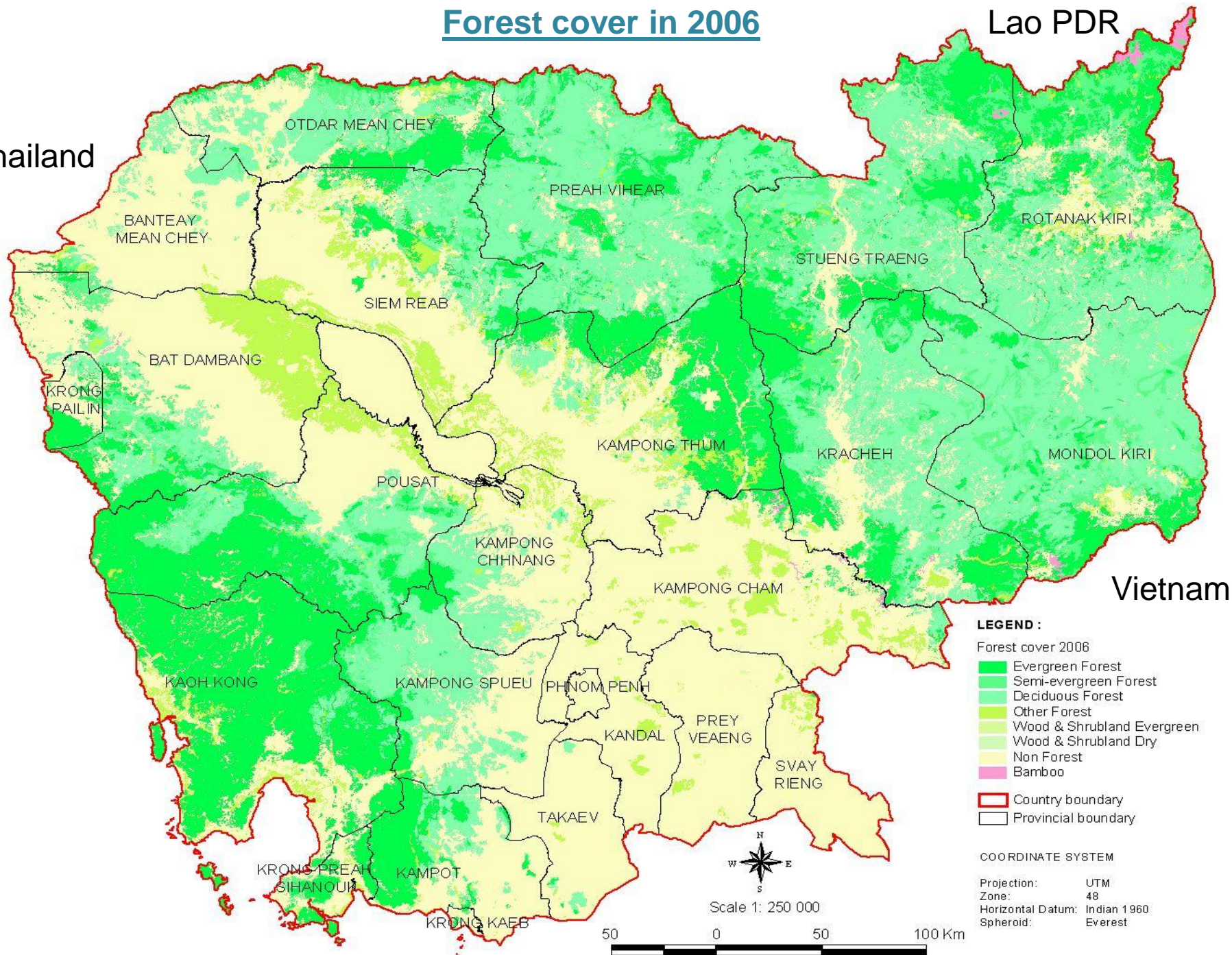


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Forest cover in 2006

Lao PDR

Thailand



Background to REDD+ in Cambodia

- High level of forest cover (59 % in 2006, 10.7 million ha)
- One of the highest rates of landuse change (0.75% deforestation rate/year, or 75,000 hectares/year)
- Protection Forest and Protected area: 25%
- Population: 14million, 80% rural
- Existing forest sector policies based on the new National Forest Programme (NFP), Protected Areas Law and Strategic Planning Framework for Fisheries
- Growing recognition of the role of community forests and protected forests in the NFP (2million ha)

Cambodia's progress with REDD

- Two REDD pilot projects developed for the voluntary carbon market:
 - Oddar Meanchey Community Forests: Community Forestry
 - Seima Protection Forest: Most Indigenous people
- Decision 699 of the Council of Ministers, endorsed by H.E. Prime Minister on 26 May 2008, sets the basis for forest carbon sales by the Forestry Administration (FA)
- Sub-decree 188, 4 November 2008, RGC designated FA as the responsible agency for assessing national forest carbon stocks, and regulating forest carbon trading.

Why REDD Roadmap



- Royal Government of Cambodia supports REDD: Copenhagen Accord, REDD+ Partnership, FCPF, UN-REDD, Pilot Projects
- Need a plan/roadmap for how the Cambodian Government wants to move ahead with REDD Readiness
- A plan for how the REDD Readiness process will be managed and consulted on over the next 2-3 years
- The Roadmap is **NOT** a strategy or implementation plan for REDD, this would be developed during Step 2 over the next 2-3 years
- The Roadmap is similar to the R-PP formats of the FCPF
- Roadmap funded by UNDP and FAO
- **Key Point: Strong support by Ministries.**

How to prepare the Roadmap: Interim REDD Taskforce

- Multi-agency technical taskforce formed to lead the Roadmap development process. Taskforce formed in January 2010
- Membership:
 - Forestry Administration; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries [responsible for Permanent Forest Reserve, 7.7 million ha; designated responsible agency for forest carbon trading] (chair)
 - General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection; Ministry of Environment [responsible for Protected Areas, 3.1 million ha; reporting to UNFCCC]
 - Department of Geography, Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction [responsible for land cadastre and mapping]
 - NGOs: RECOFTC and CCI

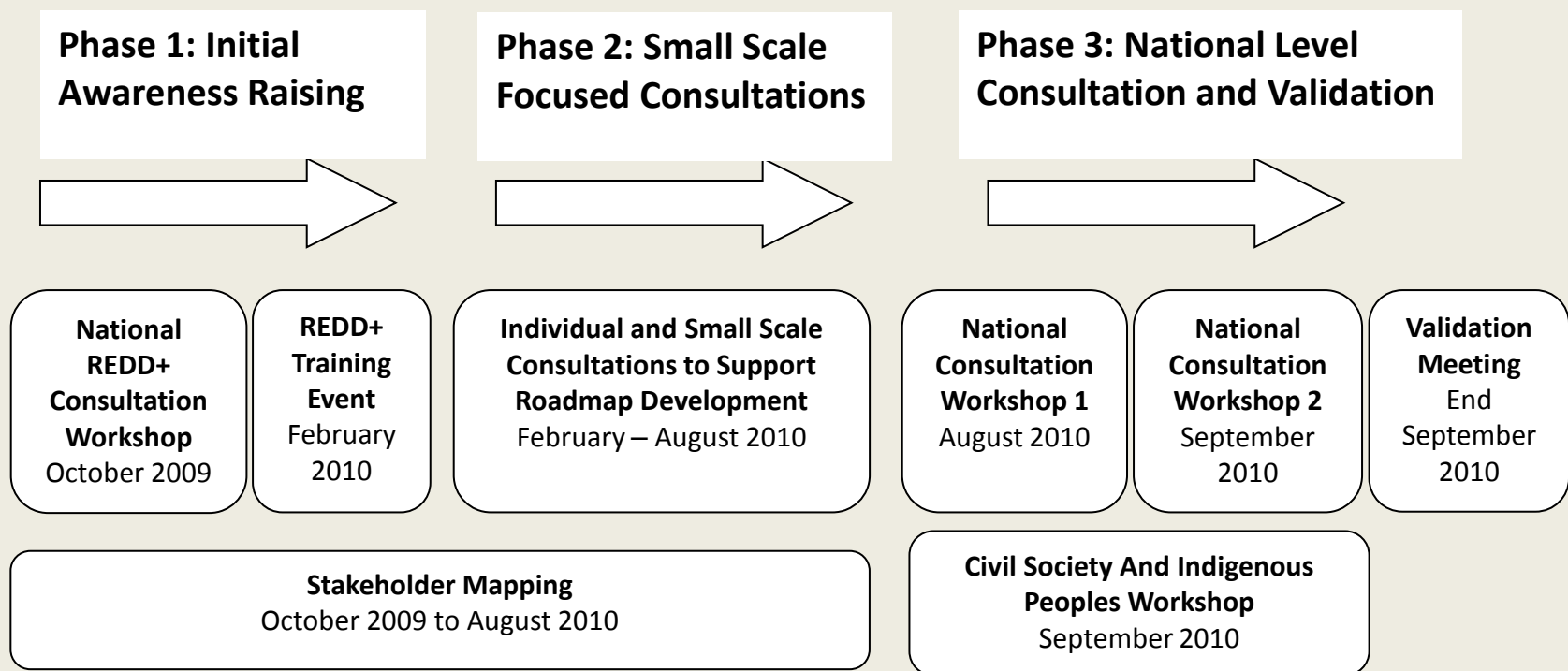
Key Point: - Building trust between institutions. WCS consultant play coordination role

Taskforce activities

- Meetings: Twice a month
- January-February 2010: training and discussions
- February-August 2010: Background papers and legal study; carbon benefit; forest policy and governance; REL and MRV by Winrock International; prepared to inform REDD Roadmap process
- February-July 2010: Initial discussions with stakeholders around the Roadmap drafting process
- May-July 2010: Drafting the Roadmap
- August-September 2010: Consultation on the Roadmap drafts

Key point: Time is very constraints. Need to use all resources available

Consultation and Participation process



- **National Consultations (Phase 3):**
 - >360 participants
 - 8 Government line agencies – 11 Donor Agencies – 11 News Agencies
 - 36 National and International NGOs – 4 Private Sector, Universities
 - 9 Civil Society or Indigenous Peoples organisations or networks
 - Community forestry and Indigenous peoples from 16 provinces

Key points for consultation:

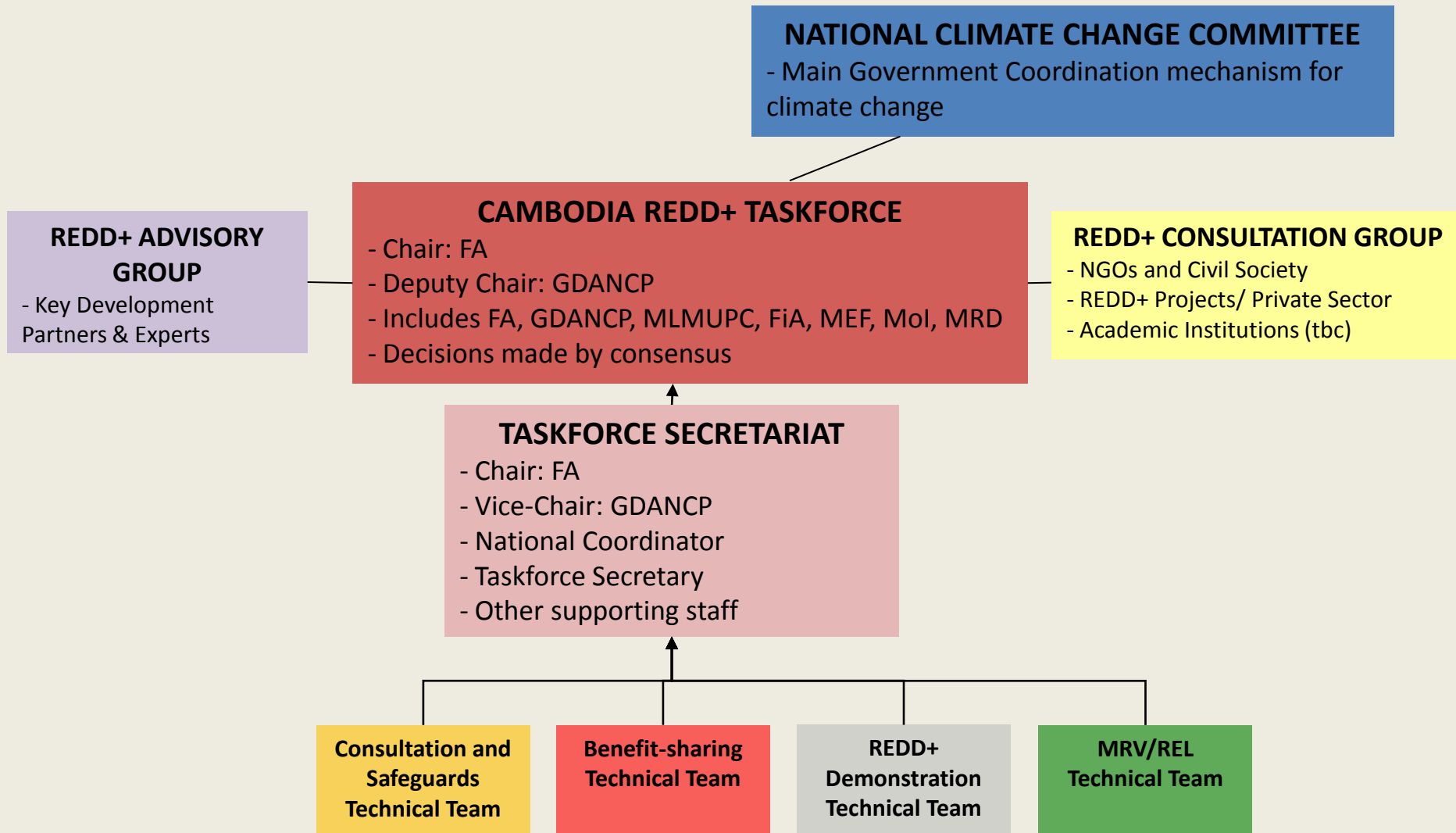
- Listen to them for consultation planning (Choice of how to do)
- Engage them as early as possible (role of NGOs network)
- Response to all questions and comments (building trust)



REDD+ Readiness Roadmap

- A national plan for how the Cambodian Government and stakeholders will move ahead with REDD+ Readiness, approved by all stakeholders
- 2-3 years
- 6 components
- Budget: 4.4m (UN-REDD, UNDP, FAO)
- Expected implementation: Early 2011

Section 1: coordination and management of REDD readiness activities



Section 2: Stakeholder consultation and participation

- How stakeholders – Government agencies, local people, civil society – will be consulted and engaged with through implementation of the Roadmap, and how local stakeholders will be engaged in the process.



Section 3: Development and selection of REDD+ strategies

- Identify drivers of deforestation and forest degradation
- Development of strategy to address deforestation and forest degradation



Section 4: Implementation Framework

- Existing policy, programmes and coordination
- Pilot project- sub-national implementation
- Co-benefit including SESA and benefit sharing
- Further legal requirement for REDD implementation



Section 5: Development of Forest Reference Emission Level

Principles for establishing REL :

- REL: National and sub-national
- Historical data: forest cover change(1998-2010?), forest carbon stocks
- National circumstance: Socio-economic, sustainable development, reference scenario.



Section 6: Monitoring System

MRV

- Measuring: Remote sensing and ground data
- Reporting: Consistent to GHG reporting to UNFCCC
- Verification: Third party checking under UNFCCC



