

Seima Protection Forest REDD Demonstration Project

Progress Report 2013, Quarter 2 (30 June 2013) End of Project

Progress summary

We are pleased to report that the contracted activities have been completed successfully and have contributed significantly to the overall progress of the demonstration project. The main outputs, listed overleaf, have been compiled and submitted along with this summary report. The key outputs are:

- completion of the Project Document and submission to validators
- translation of an overview of the Project Document for awareness raising and training
- analyses of the options for design of benefit-share and financial management systems and initiation of consultations, production of policy brief
- development, implementation and reporting on a system to monitor the social co-benefits of the REDD project; production of policy brief
- development and documentation of systems to address land encroachment and land conflict

Project overview

Project Site	Seima Protection Forest Core Area (Mondulkiri Province)
Proponent	Wildlife Conservation Society Cambodia Program (WCS) WCS is an international conservation NGO that has partnered with the FA since 2002 in the management of the Seima Protection Forest, and since 2008 in the development of REDD activities there.
Cooperating Organizations	Forestry Administration (contact person Mr Men Soriyun, Deputy Director, Department of Wildlife and Biodiversity)
Project Dates	1 January 2012 – 30 June 2013 (18 months)
Project Objective	The project will increase the effectiveness of climate change mitigation efforts by completing critical stages in the design and implementation of a site-based REDD project and providing lessons for the design of mechanisms nationally.
Brief Project Description	<p>WCS is providing technical assistance to the FA to develop a site-based REDD project in the Core Area of the Seima Protection Forest. It is a designated national REDD demonstration site. REDD project development is well advanced with validation of the underlying project design expected to begin early in 2012.</p> <p>The small grant proposed here aims to develop and implement three key aspects of the project (benefit-share mechanisms, monitoring of social co-benefits and approaches to dealing with illegal land encroachment). It also includes a component that will increase the availability to national stakeholders of lessons learned so far, by the translation and dissemination of key technical reports on the process.</p>

Progress in relation to outputs

Items in italics are submitted with this report as main deliverables.

Outcome	Progress
Outcome 1.0: Development of benefit-sharing mechanisms	
Output 1.1 Design of a national-level benefit-sharing mechanism for the Seima site	<i>Options paper</i> on design of conservation trust funds submitted to government. Consultations initiated within government on structures for the Seima project.
Output 1.2 Design of the local benefit-sharing mechanism for Seima	<i>Options paper</i> on design of benefit-share measures at local level submitted to government.
Output 1.3: Policy briefs on design of benefit-share mechanisms	<i>Policy brief</i> written.
Outcome 2.0: Development of approaches to dealing with illegal land encroachment	
Output 2.1 Improvements to land encroachment monitoring systems across the project site	<i>Technical report on land encroachment monitoring systems</i> completed.
Output 2.2 Development and implementation of a strategy to resolve illegal land encroachment in the Sre Khtum Commune hotspot	Extensive field activities completed, in the context of indigenous community land titling, forest estate demarcation and the accelerated national land-titling programme in forest areas.
Outcome 3.0: Development of system for monitoring social benefits	
Output 3.1: Implementation of a monitoring system for social co-benefits	<i>Preliminary report</i> on system design submitted. <i>Final report</i> on survey implementation, results and lessons for next phase submitted.
Output 3.2: Policy brief on monitoring social benefits and impact	<i>Policy brief</i> written.
Outcome 4.0: Documentation/dissemination of procedures for the Seima project in Khmer and completion of the Project Document	
Output 4.1: Translation of key technical documents relating to the Seima project	Detailed <i>powerpoint summary</i> of the Project Document completed and translated.
Output 4.2: Dissemination of the documents	Powerpoint summary disseminated to key stakeholders in government.
Output 4.3: Completion of the Project Document	<i>PD finalised</i> and submitted to validators for review.