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Korea-Cambodia REDD+ Joint Project

**Implementing Agency:
Forestry Administration**

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INTRODUCTION

Project Background

On 10th December 2014, the Forestry Administration (FA) of the Cambodia's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the Korea Forest Service (KFS) started to implement a project named Korea-Cambodia Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) Joint Project (KCRP) or (hereinafter referred to as Tumring REDD+ Project). This project is implemented in Kampong Thom province covering an area of 67,791.17 hectares and in the designated Project Accounting Area comprised of 41,195.00 hectares.

The Tumring REDD+ Project aims to contribute to the long-term greenhouse gas emission reduction from forestry sector and to enhance the livelihood of targeted forest-dependent communities in the project area. Specifically, the project seeks to: (1) generate Verified Carbon Units (VCUs); (2) improve livelihood of targeted community; (3) enhance capacity of different key stakeholders for effective REDD+ implementation; and (4) support the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) on REDD+ policy formulation.

KFS provides financial support while FA is the designated implementing agency. A certification under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) and CCB standard was sought by the project for its REDD+ VCUs. Over 30 years (2016-2046) of the project implementation, Tumring REDD+ Project expects to achieve a net annual emission reduction (NERs) of 385,333 tCO_{2e}, and 11,559,975 tCO_{2e} for 30-years project life.

For effective operation of the Tumring REDD+ Project, the FA established the Project Management Unit (PMU) inside FA Office in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The PMU is designed to ensure effective implementation of the Project.

The Tumring REDD+ Project's Partners

The Tumring REDD+ Project collaborates with the following partners:

The Wildlife Work Carbon (WWC), a project carbon developer, has assisted the FA in developing the Tumring REDD+ PDD, in providing technical trainings, and in facilitating the project's validation, verification, and registration.

The Kampong Thom Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (KT-PDAFF) is the project's technical partner that provides support to community forestry (CF) groups in enhancing their degraded agricultural land and in promoting agricultural productivity.

The Actions for Development (AFD), a registered national NGO, provides technical assistance, facilitates the establishment of an agricultural cooperative, and supports the project's operational plan and implementation that include capacity building and promoting agricultural trade market information toward freed deforestation.

The Kampong Thom Forestry Administration Cantonment and the Local FA Field Officer enable and implement forest law enforcement and legalization of CF groups and other forest uses inside the project area.

The local authority and the established 14 CF groups spearhead the implementation of the Project activities toward reducing deforestation and forest degradation in the project area.

Project Implementation Phases

Phase I was from 2015 to 2018. During this phase, the Project was successfully validated in September 2018 (<https://registry.verra.org/app/search/VCS>) by an independent, third party, the SCS Global Services. The Project provided support to the 14 CF groups. FA local officers (FIU) provided capacity building, increased awareness of local stakeholders, and improved livelihood of the participating communities by promoting agricultural trade, improving degraded agricultural lands, and enhancing agricultural productivities.

Phase II is from 2019 to 2021. To prepare for this phase, FA signed the amended Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with KFS in December 2018 to extend the period of project implementation. During this phase, the project aims to register the Project to VCS and CCB and conduct MRV to generate VCU. To achieve these objectives, the Project will: (1) facilitate project verification, (2) improve local livelihood, (3) build capacity and generate knowledge to inform the national government and the public, and (4) agree on the use of VCUs from the Project to meet the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) of both Countries (Cambodia and Republic of Korea).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS BASED ON THE PROJECT’S SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Objective1: Obtain forest carbon credits from the Korea-Cambodia Joint REDD+ project implementation

1.1. Preparation for Tumring REDD+ Project migrating to Verra Registry and review verification report

- The verification report was reviewed and accuracy checked by PMU and WWC. The S&A sent the verification report to Verra in June 2020 for technical review and accuracy checked. The PMU was informed by WWC, if there are no majors issues for Tumring REDD+ Project, the project credits will be issued by Verra in August 2020 (Annex I: Final verification report 2020).
- The PMU worked and procced necessary documents required by Verra to migrated Tumring REDD+ Project from Markit to new Verra Registry (<https://registry.verra.org/>).

1.1. Preparation for Tumring REDD+ Credits issuance and for the 2nd project verification

- The PMU prepared a statement to publicly announcement of the project verified credit issue, and at the same time, PMU being prepared for the upcoming discussion on the benefit sharing of TRP verified credit (Annex II: Draft press release),
- Furthermore, with technical support from WWC and inputs from S&A, the PMU has finalized the Social, Biodiversity, and Carbon Databased (SBCD), this data being used for 2nd project verification in 2021.

1.2. Preparation for Tumring REDD+ benefit sharing mechanism:

The PUM is working closely with KFS to set a mechanism aims to mänge and share Tumring REDD+ credit. As part of the progress, five times Zoom calls were conducted, the calls were aimed to collect inputs, lesson learn and feedback from difference stakeholders toward the designing of benefit sharing model for Tumring REDD+ Project. The KFS will work close with PMU to develop a draft version of the Tumring REDD+ BSM.

Table 1: Five times Zoom call with different stakeholders, which were organized by KFS

No	Date	Topics for discussion
1	03 June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose of the call and future plan - Portion negotiation between two governments VS developing a benefit sharing model
2	04 June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Propose benefit sharing mechanism in Draft- REDD+ nesting Praka of Cambodia by Dr. Dona Lee

3	10 June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Case study 1. Benefit sharing model of Southern Cardamom, WWC - Case study 2. Benefit sharing model of Keo Seima REDD+ Project, PMU - Sharing the study results with relevant officials
4	17 June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding Cost and Benefit from the Implementation of REDD+ Project Case: Tumring REDD+ Project by PMU - Sharing the draft of benefit sharing model with relevant officials and get feedback - Design benefit sharing model if decided to so
5	24 June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharing feedback - Revision of benefit sharing model if necessary - Plan on the 5th PBC meeting

Objective2: Improve the livelihood of the forest dwellers, enforce the Forest Law, and protect the forest within the target Tumring REDD+ Project Area (Strategy#2)

To contribute to the implementation of Strategy#2 of the 30-Year Work Plan, the Project is supporting 14 community forestry (CF) groups, forest law enforcement unit of the local FA (FIU), and Sandan Forest Enforcement Team to conduct regular forest patrol, crack-down incidental case, and collection biodiversity raw data. In this quarter, the enforcement teams achieved the following results:

2.1. Forest Law Enforcement Unit (FIU)

The group of FIUs joint collaboration and conducted forest patrol and in all project targeted areas, and HFC zone, each FIU lead by one local FA with supporting from the field armed forces. In this quarter, the three FIUs confiscated illegal tools/equipment as below:

Table 2: Results of the Forest Law enforcement in quarter2 of 2020

Month	Physical result of the forest law enforcement (FA and CF)
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - take back 05 forest land parcels inside HFC - made one contract warning with illegal land encroachment - 07 chainsaws confiscated - 1 electrical fishing stick
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 02 chainsaws confiscated - 2.610 m3 of sawn wood confiscated
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 03 chainsaws confiscated - take back 01 forest land parcel at Prey Khum Sochet CF

* Note: Details on illegal/confiscated tools and woods were recorded in the Project database system to report the results of the project implementation to donor, government, and project validator/verifier.

2.2. Community Forestry Patrol Teams

Aside from the FIU's implementation, the 14 CF patrol teams regularly conduct forest-patrolling activities inside their designated CF areas. During this 2nd quarter, the CFMCs of the 14 CF groups conducted 87 patrol times, with participation from 445 members (17 women).

Table 3: Results of the implementation of the Community Forest Patrol Groups

No.	Community Forestry Name	April			May			June		
		# of patrol	# of CFMC	F	#of patrol	# of CFMC	F	# of patrol	# of CFMC	F
1	O' Kranhak	1	6	0	1	3	0	1	2	0
2	Tatey	1	6	0	1	6	0	3	23	3
3	Kbal Dauntey	2	11	0	7	28	0	3	21	0

4	O' Kranhoung	3	13	0	5	27	1	3	11	0
5	O' Dasco	1	5	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
6	Prey Hongchamtit	2	8	2	1	3	0	0	0	0
7	Lbos Sral	1	9	0	2	12	0	1	6	0
8	O' bosleav	1	5	0	2	8	0	3	13	0
9	Sre Pring	4	28	3	4	29	3	2	12	0
10	Rum Chek	1	4	0	1	4	0	2	14	0
11	Choam Smarch	4	17	0	1	3	0	2	10	0
12	O' Thmor	2	7	0	1	13	0	1	5	0
13	Neak Tala	1	6	0	2	6	0	1	4	0
14	Sochet	2	12	3	3	15	2	5	25	0
	Total	26	137	8	32	162	6	27	146	3

As result of the CF patrol, the CF patrol confiscated illegal forest tools/equipment as shown in Table4, the CF patrol groups had requested patrol materials from the project for its mission in raining season.

Table 4: Illegal forest tools and equipment confiscated by CF patrol teams

No.	Community Forestry Name	Case	Confiscated tools
1	Sochet	1 case	- confiscated 02 handed tractors and made warning letter with fine 75 USD for supporting CF patrol
2	O' bosleav	1 case	- confiscated 10 logged
3	Choam Smarch	2 case	- 02 ox-cart confiscated and sent to Tumring FA triage
4	O' Thmor	1 case	- confiscated 02 handed tractos confi and sent to Tumring FA triage
5	O' Kranhoung	1 case	- confiscated 02 handed tractos and sent to Tumring FA triage - made warining letter for stoping forest land clearing with 06 families
6	Kbal Dauntey	1 case	- conficated 01 chansaw and sent to Mean Rith commune cheif

2.3. Sandan Forest Law Enforcement Team, with additional support to the CF patrol teams and FIU, the project has support Sandan Forest Law unit, the unit was led by the Sandan District governor. This units not only provide support on forest enforcement but also provide support to CF on land registration, conflict resolving, and associated with legal supports to CF and forest land registration. As result, in this quarter, the unit with close collaboration with FIU and CF conducted and resolved forest land conflict between CFMCs of O's Bosleave CF and community members. They facilitated to develop an agreement between CFMCs, and CF members not to expand clearing of CF land area and allowable for CFMC to register the O's Bosleave CF land.

2.4. Increasing effectiveness forest land use planning and enforcement forest land tenure right security,

to contribute to the implementation of Strategy#1 of the 30-Year Work Plan, the project is supporting 14 community forestry (CF) groups to get these CFs registered as state land with the Ministry of Land Management Urban Planning and Construction (MLMUPC). For a piloting of CF registration, the PMU selected O's Bosleave CFs as model CFs for its first registration. The PMU contracted KT-Land Management Urban Planning and Construction Provincial Department (KT-LMUPC) to facilitate the process of O's Bosleave. To get CF revived CF hard title, there are five steps for CF registration with KT-LMUPC.

2.5. In May, the PMU conducted a meeting with the community-based resin group enterprise members (O' Dascor), the meeting aimed to check progress of the community on resin harvesting and

challenges associated with selling raw resin. As result, the PMU will contact two resin buying companies and lobby them to purchase resin from O's Dascor CF.

- 2.6.** In June 2020, the PMU conducted a meeting with community based-micro grant in Kbal Dauntey CF, participated by 12 members (05 women). Resulted, by 24 June 2020, the group has capital of 800,000,0.00 Riel (USD 2000), the group earned an interest of 1,700,000.00 (USD330). In accordance with the rule of this saving group, the group will contribute proportion of fund to support community forestry patrol team.
- 2.7.** Solar System Charging Center for Home Battery, the SSCCHB is operating under the management of Soheat CF, Por Ro village. By June, 2020, the SSCCHB has provide service to 2057 home based-batteries and earned USD 659.25. To promote SSCCHB, the community assistants have been promoted and disseminated the important of using SSCCHB to community members and associated information to forest conservation
- 2.8.** In April 2020, with support from the project, AFD staffs conduct meeting with two ACs (Tumring and Meanrith AC), the meeting aimed to (1) follow progress on the implementation of ACs action plans, (2) identified challenge and address outstanding issues.

Objective 3: Enhance the capacity of the different key stakeholders for effective REDD+ implementation and increase stakeholder participation in reducing deforestation and forest degradation in the Tumring REDD+ Project Area (Strategy #4)

- 3.1** The REDD+ Specialist and Community Facilitator of the PMU conducted quarterly meetings with all 14 CF Management Committees (CFMCs). In total, there were 445 participants (17 of them were women) in the meetings. The meetings focused on the discussion of newly emerged challenges associated with illegal activities that happened and are happening inside the CF areas, submission to the PMU the forest patrol report by each of the CFMC, and approval of the CF work plan for implementation in the next quarter.

Table 5: CFMC's meetings with the PMU members

No.	Community Forestry Name	Village & commune	Date	CFMC	Women
1	Choam Smarch	Tum Or village, Tumring	22/04/2020	7	3
2	Rum Chek	Rum Chek village, Sochet	24/04/2020	7	1
3	O' bosleav	Run The village, Tumring	25/04/2020	7	0
4	Sochet	Sochet Commune	23/04/2020	9	4
5	Sre Pring	Sre Pring village, Sochet	23/04/2020	7	0
6	Neak Tala	SroLaosroang village, Tumring	24/04/2020	9	0
7	O' Thmor	Rorneam village, Tumring	22/04/2020	4	0
8	Prey Hongchamtit	Trapeang Tralach village, Mean Rith	26/04/2020	15	5
9	O' Kranhoung	Choam Svay village, Mean Righ	26/04/2020	5	1
10	O' Dasco CF	Sam Oang village, Mean Rith	28/04/2020	9	0
11	Lbos Sral	Rang Khai village, Mean Rith	25/04/2020	6	0
12	O' Kranhak	Tboung Toeuk village, Mean Rith	28/04/2020	4	0
13	Tatey	Kanti village, Mean Rith	27/04/2020	6	2
14	Kbal Dauntey	Beung village, Mean Rith	27/04/2020	6	0
15	Choam Smarch	Tum Or village, Tumring	24/05-2020	8	0
16	O' bosleav	Run The village, Tumring	26/05/2020	6	0
17	O' Thmor	Rorneam village, Tumring	27/05/2020	7	0
18	Neak Tala	SroLaosroang village, Tumring	25/05/2020	9	0

19	Lbos Sral	Rang Khai village, Mean Rith	26/05/2020	6	0
20	Prey Hongchamtit	Trapeang Tralach village, Mean Rith	28/05/2020	13	6
21	O' Dasco CF	Sam Oang village, Mean Rith	28/05/2020	7	0
22	Sre Pring	Sre Pring village, Sochet	30/05/2020	7	0
23	Rum Chek	Rum Chek village, Sochet	24/05/2020	7	0
24	Sochet	Sochet Commune	30/05/2020	12	3
25	O' Kranhoung	Choam Svay village, Mean Righ	29/05/2020	6	0
26	O' Kranhak	Tboung Toeuk village, Mean Rith	26/05/2020	7	1
27	Tatey	Kanti village, Mean Rith	27/05/2020	7	1
28	Kbal Dauntey	Beung village, Mean Rith	25/05/2020	9	4
29	Choam Smarch	Tum Or village, Tumring	22/06/2020	8	1
30	Rum Chek	Rum Chek village, Sochet	25/06/2020	6	0
31	O' bosleav	Run The village, Tumring	23/06/2020	6	0
32	Sochet	Sochet Commune	26/06/2020	8	3
33	Sre Pring	Sre Pring village, Sochet	26/06/2020	8	0
34	Neak Tala	SroLaosroang village, Tumring	25/06/2020	10	0
35	O' Thmor	Rorneam village, Tumring	25/06/2020	8	0
36	Prey Hongchamtit	Trapeang Tralach village, Mean Rith	0	0	0
37	O' Kranhoung	Choam Svay village, Mean Righ	23/06/2020	7	1
38	O' Dasco CF	Sam Oang village, Mean Rith	22/06/2020	8	1
39	Lbos Sral	Rang Khai village, Mean Rith	24/06/2020	7	1
40	O' Kranhak	Tboung Toeuk village, Mean Rith	22/06/2020	6	1
41	Tatey	Kanti village, Mean Rith	23/06/2020	5	0
42	Kbal Dauntey	Beung village, Mean Rith	24/06/2020	7	1
		Total		306	40

3.2. On 26 May 2020, the PMU members conducted a meeting with head of Kampong Thom Department of Environment, the meeting focusd on:

- a. CKRP Project Manager, Mr. Delux, highlighted an over on progress on project implementation, and challenges faced. The PMU also raised key issues related to the tasks of KT-P.MOE. The issue were : (1) an overlapping forest patrol area between CFMCs and rangers of MoE's ranger, (2) issue on the traditional use of timber for household construction of local community, some of them were banned from MoE's rangers, (3) miscommunication between FIU and MoE's rangers conducting forest law enforcement in HFC, (4) planning for CFs land registration as state land (14 CF sites), (5) planning for converting HCF site to others management purposes (i.e CF or CPA)., and issue on building MoE ranger's outpost on CF-or FA's territory.
- b. Results of discussion:
 - a. The chief of P-MoE was informed and updated on Tumring REDD+ Project's progress and planning.
 - b. The chief of P-MoE agreed to provide close collaboration between field rangers and FIU and community patrol teams on forest law enforcement. He expressed the support of the project to facilitate FA and P. MLUPC to register community forest areas as state land. He expressed his support to cover HCF to community based-forest management in the future.
 - c. He requested project to provide financial support to ranger to conduct regular forest patrol regularly, and requested project to support reforestation activities to restore confiscated illegal deforested area.

3.2.08 June, the PMU conducted a meeting with KT-PMAFF and KT-LMUPC, participated by 12 participants, the meeting was held at KT-LMUPC office and chaired by the head of KT-LMUPC. The meeting was conducted aimed to discuss and finding consent between KT-PMAFF and KT-LMUPC on the procedure to register all targeted community forestry area of Tumring REDD+ Project as state land. As result, KT-PMAFF agreed to develop official letter for 12 CFs registration to be submitted to

KT-LMUPC for official registration, both parties agree on the timeframe for 10 CFs registration. The registration process will be supported by Tumring REDD+ Project.

- 3.3. In May 2020, the PMU members and AFD staffs, the team conducted a meeting with two AC members to collect raw data and developed an information brief on “*Reducing Deforestation through Agriculture Cooperative: The case of Samaki Meanrith*” (please find the linked: <http://www.tumringredd.org/report-and-publication/>)
- 3.4. In the same quarter, June 2020, the PMU members, FA local, AFD staffs conducted field data collection from 70 targeted community members who received support from the project (*Kbal Doun Krey, O’Kranhak and Prey Ta Tey CF*) on improving degraded agriculture land and enhance productions of agriculture products. Based on raw data collected, the PMU developed an information brief on “*Improving agricultural productivity to reduce forestlands clearing: Impact assessment in Kbal Doun Krey, O’Kranhak and Prey Ta Tey Community Forest Areas* “. (Annex: Draft-information brief)
- 3.5. The PMUs have written and issued a quarterly project newsletter, so far. The newsletters were designed to share information with the national and international readers about the progress of the Tumring REDD+ project implementation.
- 3.6. For the Tumring REDD+ project webpage development, the PMU has regularly updated the project webpage, uploaded the project documents and quarterly newsletters, and designed new key elements of the webpage (See the link www.tumringredd.org) to make it reader-friendly.

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