



# Workshop on Identifying Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Cambodia

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## Background

Cambodia's REDD+ Roadmap although not formerly adopted by the Cambodian government, lists further research on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, and designing and implementing strategies to address drivers from outside the forestry sector as key measures to implement the national REDD+ strategy and also lists 'Drivers Analysis' as the first activity in Component 3 on 'Cambodia REDD+ Strategy Development.'

The Parties to the UNFCCC noted at COP19 in November 2013 the complexity of the problem, different national circumstances and the multiple drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and that livelihoods may be dependent on activities related to drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and that addressing these drivers may have an economic cost and implications for domestic resources and decided to:

- 1) Reaffirm the importance of addressing drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in the context of the development and implementation of national strategies and action plans by developing country Parties;
- 2) Recognize that drivers of deforestation and forest degradation have many causes, and that actions to address these drivers are unique to countries' national circumstances, capacities and capabilities;
- 3) Encourage Parties, organizations and the private sector to take action to reduce the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation;
- 4) Encourage all Parties, relevant organizations, and the private sector and other stakeholders, to continue their work to address drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and to share the results of their work on this matter, including via the web platform on the UNFCCC website and
- 5) Encourage developing country Parties to take note of the information from on-going and existing work on addressing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation by developing country Parties and relevant organizations and stakeholders.

Furthermore the COP19 decision on REDD+ MRV requests developing country Parties seeking to obtain and receive payments for results-based actions, to also submit information on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation resulting in emissions and the means to address these when submitting data and information through the biennial update reports.

In this context, work on drivers in Cambodia to date has been undertaken for a range geographical area and at different scales and using different methods. A macro-level assessment of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation was conducted during the initial stages of REDD+ readiness and a related list of drivers appears in the Cambodia REDD Roadmap (Broadhead and Izquierdo, 2010; Forestry Administration 2010). Drivers assessment have also been undertaken as a part of VCS project preparations in Oddar Meanchey, Seima, Prey Lang and by Poffenberger (2009) and Grogan *et al* (2009) in Oddar Meanchey and the Southern

Cardamoms respectively. More recently Michinaka *et al.* (2013) published an econometric assessment of factors affecting forest area change in Cambodia. These studies focused primarily on identifying drivers of deforestation but did not include the additional steps necessary to develop and implement policies to actually address drivers at different scales, nor provided comprehensive assessment of drivers of forest degradation.

A similar situation exists in many countries in the ASEAN region and to help fill the gap the ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network on Forest and Climate Change (ARKN-FCC) with participation from the Forestry Administration has developed a *Decision Support Tool on Identifying and Addressing Drivers of Deforestation*. The tool is aimed at assisting REDD+ Taskforces and committees in mobilizing processes to comprehensively review drivers and develop measures to address drivers through consultative processes.

## Objectives

Based on the ARKN-FCC Decision Support Tool on Identifying and Addressing Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation, and work planned in Cambodia by UN-REDD, CAM-REDD and others, this proposal aims to support a meeting to:

1. Present the ARKN-FCC Decision Support Tool;
2. Present and collate information on work completed on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in Cambodia;
3. Plan a process to assess drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in Cambodia and to develop options to address drivers.

## Agenda

8:00-08:30	Registration	Winrock International: SFB/LEAF Ms. Chin Sokhuntheavy
08.30-08.35	National Anthem	MC: Mr. Limchhun Hour
08:35-08:50	Welcome remark	Mr. Brad Arsenault, Environmental Officer, USAID Cambodia
08:50-09:15	Opening remark	H.E. Chea Sam Ang Deputy Director General Forestry Administration
09:15-09:40	COP decisions on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and reporting to the UNFCCC.	Mr. Peter Iversen, Technical Specialist, REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat
09:40-10:00	ARKN-FCC Decision Support Tool on Identifying and Addressing Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation	Dr. Jeremy Broadhead, LEAF Policy Advisor
10.00-10:15	Coffee/tea	
10:15-10:40	UN-REDD presentation on study on current knowledge on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation	Mr. Chhun Delux, National Consultant

10:40-11:10	Presentation of results from study on factors affecting forest area changes in Cambodia: An econometric approach.	Dr. Tetsuya Michinaka, Jica expert
11.10-12.00	Q&A Group arrangement and announcement	MC
12:00-13:00	Lunch	Ms. Heang Thy
13:00-14:40	Group Discussion :  Question 1. What are the main drivers of deforestations and forest degradation? and what is the source of information?  Question 2. Can you specify the direct and indirect drivers?  Question 3. What is the trend of drives? Is the trend with each driver is increasing or decreasing?	Facilitator:  Group 1: Mr. Pheakkdey Nguon /Dr. Jeremy Broadhead  Group 2: Mr. Delux Chhun/ Mathieu Van Rijn  Group 3: Mr. Kamal Uy/ Mr. Peter Iversen  Group 4: Ms. Heang Thy/Dr. Tetsuya Michinaka
14:40-15:00	Coffee/tea	
15:00-15:45	Presentation of results from discussion groups	Group representative
15:45-16:30	Discussion on steps to quantify drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, and to develop policies and measures to address drivers of deforestation and forest degradation	Mr. Delux Chhun/ Mr. Mathieu Van Rijn
16:30-17:00	Timeline development (Plenary) and wrap up	Dr. Jeremy Broadhead

## Outputs

1. Overview of currently available materials on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in Cambodia
2. Outline of additional work needed to assess drivers of deforestation and degradation in Cambodia;
3. Steps necessary in developing policies and measures to address drivers of deforestation and degradation in Cambodia
4. A timeline for a process to develop policies and measures

