

Term of References

Preparatory work for the development of National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan (NPASMP)

Level	National Consultant – general support (Individual Contract)
Practice Area:	Protected Areas, REDD+ (Forests and Climate Change)
Duration:	120 days
Duty Station:	Phnom Penh
Activity:	2.1d

Background:

In 1993, His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk introduced a Royal Decree designating 23 areas, covering about 3.3 million ha (18.3 % of total land area), as protected areas. The current national protected areas system includes seven national parks, ten wildlife sanctuaries, three protected landscapes, three multiple use areas managed by the Ministry of Environment. These areas are governed by a variety of policy, including the Constitution of Cambodia (1993), the Protected Area Law (2008) and the Law on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Development (1996).

These regulations will be complemented by the National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan that will also act as an important tool to link REDD+ and protected area management at a national level. A future mechanism on REDD+ provides an opportunity for Cambodia to be rewarded for its efforts to protect and sustainably use its forests and can as such help to support the implementation of the National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan in particular when this leads to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and/or enhancing removals of greenhouse gasses from the restoration and establishment of new forests.

The management of the Protected Area system is mainly regulated by the Protected Area Law (PA Law 2008) and the Law on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Development (1996). The objectives of these laws are to ensure the management, conservation of biodiversity, and sustainable use of natural resources in protected areas. The GDANCP of MoE is the designed Ministry responsible for the planning and management of the protected areas system, their supervision and coordination (Art. 4). In particular, it is the duty of GDANCP to develop strategic plans, action plans, and technical guidelines for managing the protected areas (Art. 5). In this regards the PA Law prescribes that a National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan (NPASMP) should be developed (Art 15). The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (MoE 2002), that was developed to meet the obligation of the international Convention on Biological diversity (CBD), also recognizes the need to “develop a management plan for protected and buffer zones in collaboration with local communities and relevant ministries” such as MoE, MAFF, MRD, MLMUPC and MoI (Objective and Priority Action 1.1.1).

The NPASMP, as a regulatory instrument, will indicate how to implement the national protected area policies effectively. The NPASMP is expected to be a concise document of focused and detailed set of policies for defining the overall institutional arrangements and priority strategies that are required to design, manage and financing protected areas. This includes the definition of economic development and biodiversity conservation goals that are aimed to be achieved through Protected Areas and the provision of information for developing further guidelines and sub-decrees, sustainable funding arrangements, management planning and zoning, monitoring and reporting, and the further elaboration of a set of community protected areas.

The NPASMP should be seen in context of existing work on a framework document that will inform and guide the development of a National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan which currently is being developed. This framework will among other things seek to enhance coherence in the implementation of sectoral policies and plans, bearing in mind the ecosystem approach, the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, the Sustainable Development Goals (currently under development) and other international and regional agreements to which Cambodia is a party.

The work carried out under this assignment is to deliver two important assessments for the development of the NPASMP namely an assessment of existing approaches to Protected Area management and an assessment of current state of Protected Area management.

The work will be carried out by a team of one international consultant and two national consultants. One national consultant will focus on the role of communities and their livelihood opportunities in Protected Areas and one national consultant will focus on the general assessment of existing approaches to Protected Areas management and current status of Protected Area management.

This ToR is for the national consultant providing key support for the deliverables mentioned below.

Scope of Work

- Develop a work plan for the assignment in consultation with the two other consultants;
- Plan and conduct sub-regional stakeholder consultation meetings with local communities, park managers and involved NGOs in protected areas and produce workshop reports;
 - This will include developing concept note including agenda, presentation and a standard set of questions to be answered at each meeting in order to provide input to the two assessments on current management practices and current status of the protected area including the contribution to conservation goals, development and livelihood.
- Plan and undertake field visits to some Protected Areas in connection with the sub-national consultation meeting.
- Assist and work closely with the International Consultant to conduct an assessment of existing approaches to Protected Area management through a collation of existing initiatives and frameworks and associated capacity building strategies related to protected area management and conduct a SWOT analysis as part of the assessment in order to:
 - clarify objectives of the conservation, rehabilitation, prevention, suppression of illegal activities and sustainable use of natural resources and ecosystem within individual protected area (PA Law Art. 16.1), including monitoring systems;
 - suggest recommended actions for successful achievement of the protected area objectives (PA Law Art. 16.4);
 - suggest steps to implement management plans for priority protected areas (PA Law Art. 16.4);
 - suggest possibilities of financing Protected Area management (Payment of Ecosystem Services, REDD+ etc.)

This should be done through:

- Review and collation of existing policy, regulations and plans related to protected area functions and management;
- Review of existing sub-national approaches and practices related to PA management including through stakeholder consultation meetings with local communities in protected areas;

- Review of international plans and guidelines related to PA management;
 - Collation of existing initiatives and frameworks and associated capacity building strategies related to protected area management.
- Assist and work closely with the International Consultant to conduct the assessments of the current status of natural resources and ecosystems within each zone of the protected areas and of current status of Protected Area management;
 - This will include the current status of natural resources and ecosystems within each zone including flora and fauna species, genetic resources and socio-cultural aspects (PA Law Art. 16.2), the contribution of each protected area to achieving biodiversity and natural resources protection and conservation (PA Law Art 16.3), and be done through:
 - Literature and inventory data review;
 - Review the lessons learned and best practices observed at sub-national level and as pilot projects through stakeholder consultation meetings with local communities in protected areas.
 - Assist and work closely with the International Consultant in the development of the synthesis report outlining existing approaches, practices and lessons learnt on Protected Area management including considerations on improved linkages between protected areas planning and management and other forms of land and forest management, including REDD+;
 - Provide technical support and inputs to the working group supporting the development of the NPASMP;
 - Support the organization of a national consultation meeting to present and discuss findings from the joined work delivered by the consultation team;
 - Provide technical support and inputs to the working group developing the NPASMP as required.

The consultant is expected to work in close coordination with the two other consultants and national partners, and is expected to participate in the sub-regional stakeholder consultation meetings.

Expected Outputs and Deliverables:

- An assessment of the existing approaches to Protected Area management;
- An assessment of the current status of Protected Area management;
- Synthesis report outlining existing approaches, practices and lessons learnt on Protected Area management ;
- Improved linkages between protected areas planning and management and REDD+;

Supervision, teamwork and administrative support:

The Consultant will report to the UN-REDD National Programme Director and on day-to-day basis will be supervised by DDG, GDANCP and the REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat.

Monitoring and Progress Control

The Consultant will be accountable for timely and quality outputs and report monthly to the REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat on progress compared to the work plan.

Payment milestones

The Consultant will be paid on a lump sum basis under the following installments

- (20 %) 1st payment, upon satisfactory submission of a work plan for the assignment
- (30 %) 2nd payment, upon satisfactory submission of an assessment of the existing approaches to Protected Area management
- (30 %) 3rd payment, upon the satisfactory submission of the report on the an assessment of the current status of Protected Area management;
- (20 %) 4th payment , upon the satisfactory submission of the joint synthesis report outlining existing approaches, practices and lessons learnt on Protected Area management

N	Deliverables/Outputs	Estimated Duration to Complete	Target Due Dates	Review and Approvals Required
1	Work plan for the assignment	5	1 March	UN-REDD NPD
2	Assessment of the role of communities in the existing approaches to Protected Area management	45	25 May	UN-REDD NPD
3	Assessment of the current status of Protected Area management through an assessment of the role of each protected area in rural poverty reduction and economic development	45	15 August	UN-REDD NPD
4	Organization of a national consultation meeting to present and discuss findings from the joined work delivered by the consultation team	8	29 August	UN-REDD NPD
5	Joint synthesis report outlining existing approaches, practices and lessons learnt on Protected Area management	7	15 September	UN-REDD NPD
6	Support to the development of the National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan	20	10 November	UN-REDD NPD
	Total	120		

Application

Applicants are requested to send CV, together with a letter of interest to REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat by either mail (N. 40, PreahNorodom Blvd. SangkatPhsarKandal 2, Khan Daun Penh, Cambodia) or e-mail ([redd.secretariat@cambodia-redd.org](mailto:red.d.secretariat@cambodia-redd.org)).

Competence Requirements

Evaluation criteria	Obtainable score
Relevant education and number of years experiences as required by the ToR	20 points
Substantial and diverse experience in management of natural resources, protected areas strategies or programs	30 points
Prior experience in awareness raising and stakeholder engagement	30 points
Sound knowledge of disciplines relevant to international development work and climate change	20 points
Total	100 points

This ToR is approved by 

Signature 

National Programme Director

Date of signing 18-02-2014

Developed by:

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Date of signing 18 February 2014