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**5<sup>th</sup> Minute of**  
**Measurement Reporting and Verification (MRV) Technical Team Meeting**  
Monday, March 20, 2014 at Imperial Garden Villa Hotel

<b>Participants from institutions</b>	
<p><i>Total: 06 participants</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Government: FA, MLUPC</li> <li>2. CG: FAO, JICA, CIYA</li> </ol>	
<b>Meeting Objective</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To discuss about National Forest Definition (NFI)</li> <li>2. To discuss about Base Map</li> </ol>	
<b>Meeting Result/Outputs (following the agenda)</b>	
<b>CG shared the experience</b>	<p>Mr. Mathieu VanRijn presented the past Cambodia's NFI. 3 key points were highlighted as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Forest Definition (International):</li> <li>- <b>UNFCCC Decision 11.CP19 (COP 19) 4.:</b> Also decides that national forest monitoring systems, with, if appropriate, subnational monitoring and reporting as an interim measure as referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 71 (c), and in decision 4/CP.15, paragraph 1(d) should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <b>Build upon existing systems</b>, as appropriate; Enable the assessment of <b>different types of forest in the country</b>, including</li> <li>(ii) Enable the assessment of <b>different types of forest in the country</b>, including natural forest, as defined by the Party;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• FAO/FRA, the Global Forest Definition: the minimum height is 5M, tree crown cover at least 10% and the minimum land surface of 0.5Ha.</li> <li>- Forest Definition (National) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forestry Law: Forest is the unit of natural environmental system or human made in the forms of wetlands, inundated forest or dry land which is covered the variety of plants regardless of self-growing or are planted including wildlife resources and other natural resources within the area. These resources are used</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>like NTFP or service provided by the forest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Forestry Programme: Forest is the unit of the natural environmental system or man made under the forms of wetlands, inundated forests or dry land which is covered by various plants regardless of self-growing or is planted heightening up to 5M on the ground exceeding 0.5Ha and has the tree leaf coverage more than 10%. Trees plantation such as rubber plantation like Acacia, Teak (Maisak), forest red gum (Bréng Kjolr) and other types of trees which its characteristics as earlier mentioned are classified as forest either.</li> </ul> <p>- Key considerations on the Forest Definition for REDD+ implementation</p> <p>MRV/REL TT proposed 3 points as proposal for decision to the decision makers and those were described as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable the assessment of <b>different types of forest in the country</b>, including natural forest, as defined by the Party; however, it cannot be used with the type of forest in South East Asia.</li> <li>• Unclear if in the past, the forest cover/land cover map production has used a forest definition of crown cover exceeding 20% (MoE, 2007).</li> <li>• <b>National Forest Programme:</b> "Forest" is the unit of the <b>natural ecosystem or plantation</b> in the forms of wetland, low land and dry land which covers by natural stands or plantation trees with a <b>height from 5 meters on an area at least 0.5 hectares with a canopy of more than 10 per cent</b>. The plantations such as rubber, oil palm, teak, acacia and eucalyptus and other kinds of trees which fall under the above criteria will also be classified as forests."</li> </ul> <p>- Shigeru Ono: briefly presented on "legal strategy of preparing base map" which essentially involved the conditions of forest definition used in the REDD+ programme implementation. The participants discussed thoroughly on the determining the timeframe of REL map development.</p>
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<b>Discussion</b>	<p><b>1. Forest Definition</b> REDD+ is the national programme, due to this reason, MRV TT members decided to have other institutions checked own definition in order to put in the new definition development to be used in the REDD+ programme.</p> <p><b>2. Base Map</b> Using the existing map data; however, harmonizing legends between different institutions. For identifying specific year for base map development; 1998, 2002, 2005/2010 and 2013/2014.</p>
<b>Suggestion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Forest definition for REDD+, it needs to wait for the responses from the MRV/REL TT members from the involving stakeholders prior to setting another technical team meeting.</li> <li>- Base map production, it should reach an agreement of fixing years 1998, 2002, 2005/2006, 2010 and 2013/2014. Besides, the harmonization is more on technical level that we are going to cooperate with FAO to organize training on technical classification on the coming April.</li> </ul>
<b>Next steps</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MRV TT will organize its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting on March 26, 2014 under the aim of continuing the discussion on draft MRV work plan.</li> </ul>