

# Training on REDD+ economic and spatial GIS tool development

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Economics and spatial analysis work is being carried out in order to support REDD+ planning under the Cambodia REDD+ National Program. A group of 15 participants from FiA, FA, GDANCP and NGOs received introductory training in the use of open source Quantum GIS, and worked with experts from the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) to test and further develop a GIS tool that combines

economic and spatial data. This training and working session was held in REDD Building Center/FA, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, over June 15-19, 2015.

The five-day session will make an important contribution to the development of the GIS tool, and result in an enhanced understanding of the costs and benefits from different REDD+ options and how these vary spatially. The project overall is also expected to improve capacity to produce, use and apply decision support tools in REDD+ planning, which is being implemented through collaboration between UNEP-WCMC and the Cambodia REDD+ National Programme.

The session in Phnom Penh comprised a series of presentations, discussion activities, quizzes, and practice, and it specifically focused on the use of Quantum GIS, the new GIS tool, and the development of workflows that will inform the further development of the tool, adapted to the Cambodian context. Through this training and working session, the participants had the opportunity to build their skills in spatial analysis to support their institutions in addressing multiple aspects in country REDD+ planning and implementation.

Following this, the Secretariat of the Cambodia REDD+ Taskforce will successfully complete the Web platform of National Forestry Monitoring System, which it will be activated within the website of Cambodia-redd.org in the upcoming months.