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Korea-Cambodia REDD+ Joint Project

**Implementing Agency:
Forestry Administration**

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I. Introduction

The Forest Administration (FA) signed a MOU with Korea Forest Service (KFS) on 10th December 2014 to implement the project namely Korea-Cambodia Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) Joint Project (KCRP). The project is implementing within 4 years (2015-2018) which covers an area of 70, 042 hectares in Kampong Thom province. The FA is a project implementation agency with financial support from the KFS, the Wildlife Works Carbon (WWC) is a project carbon developer. The project aims to contribute to the long term greenhouse gas emission reduction from forestry sector and enhances livelihood of targeted forest-depended community in the project area through the implementation REDD+ program. The project seeks to certify under VCS and CCBA standard for issuing its REDD+ verified credits.

Report Timeframe

This is a quarterly report (01 April – 30 June 2017), the report was consolidated from individual project specialist 's report and field project semi-report. The project specialists' reports are available up on request.

II. Progress on the Project Management, Administration, and Stakeholder coordination

- On 04 May, the PMU conducted a coordination meeting with the Kampong Thom Forestry Administration Cantonment, 14 participants attended the meeting which represented from the local FA officers, the deputy head of provincial department of Environment, and deputy head of provincial department of agriculture. The meeting aimed to provide an update on the process of the project over the year of 2016, highlight key challenges and seek for solutions, moreover, the meeting also increased collaboration between the local FA and the provincial department of Environment to implement the strategy to address drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in the project area. The official minute is available at the project filing system.
- At the same date in the afternoon session, the PMU conducted a coordination meeting with conservation project and the NGOs partners which are working in Kampong Thom. The meeting aimed (1) to present the progress made over the year of 2016 and (2) seek for more collaborations among partners who are working in the same area on forest conservation and livelihood activities. The meeting participated by the representative from Project 2KR, Winrock International, Mlub baitong, and AFD. Each NGOs presented their work program and achievements, and identified an area of program that possible for collaboration with the Tumring REDD+ project.

III. Results against project specific objectives

Objective1: Obtain forest carbon credits from the Korea-Cambodia Joint REDD+ implementation. Through the project implementation process, the project aims to bring REDD+ credits to the volunteer carbon market and it is subjected to be certified under CCBA and VCS standard.

VCS&CCB PDD Validation

- The *Tumring-REDD+ PDD-Version-18 April 2017* was developed by the Forestry Administration and the Wildlife Work Carbon (WWC). The PDD had been submitted to the validator on 22 May 2017. Currently, the Tumring PDD is posting on the project webpage, and VCS&CCB pipeline¹. The PDD will be finalized once the public comment period finished and the finding from the validator issued to the

¹ http://vcsprojectdatabase.org/#/pipeline_details/PL1689

project proponent, it is expected the finding from the validator will be release in the third week of July 2017, the PMU with support from WWC will spend amount of time to respond to the comments/questions/clarifications to be submitted by the validation, it is also expected that the completion of the validation's CARs (corrective action request) will be finished by late of August 2017.

- The PMU facilitated the SCS staffs, Dr. Letty Brown and Mss So Malay (project validator) to conduct stakeholders meeting at the national level and facilitated field visit. The validation took place from 14 to 22 June 2017.
- National stakeholders meeting:
 - Validator conducted an interview with the PMU members, Dr. Keo Maliss Deputy Director of the Forestry Administration, Mr. Leng Chinvin, deputy department of GIS of the MoE, and Korea Mekong Project's team. The national stakeholders meeting mainly focused on how project to be nested into national REDD+ system, the procedure and methodology used for Cambodia FREL constructing, and how project benefits to biodiversity, livelihood of the local community and conserve forest.
 - On 16 June 2017, the validator conducted an interview with KCRP national advisor (Mr. Chhun Delux), the interview was focus on: (1) project financing analysis and project break event point, (2) strategy designed to address divers of deforestation and forest degradation, (3) clarification on tenure issue under the project support, and (4) the designing biodiversity indicator.
- The field validation conducted from 16 to 22 June 2017, the validator separated into two groups, one group was responsible for collecting information related to the community which is led by Mrs. So Malay, and Dr. Letty Brown was responsible for cross-check with PSPs and oversee the community component.

Table1: Permanence Sample Plot validated by the validator

Project Area	SPSs Name
Project Accounting Area	EF08, EF67, EF13, EF12, EF33*, EF107, DF03, DF02, and SF04
Leakage Area	TL16, TL17, and TL09
Proxy Area	TPX22, and TPX08
Total	14 PSPs

Note: * The plots that the validator and biomass team member could not find the rebar (plot center point) during the validation.

- A part of the validation activities, the validator conducted community meeting household interview, and conducted village observation that aimed to validate community information were written in the draft Tumring REDD+ PDD. In total, the validator visited 13 villages (09 community forestry).

Table:2: community forest/villages visited by the validator

Date	Community Forestry	Village visited by the validator
15 June	Cham Smach Community Forestry	Tum Ar
16 June	Khum Sochet	Pou Rong, Ansar
	O' Dasco	Sam aong
17 June	Tatey	Kanti
	O' Kranhak	Tbong Teuk
18 June	Villages situated 5km around PA	Svay
19 June	Villages situated 5km around PA	Tbeng Chas
20 June	Sre Pring	Srae Pring
	O' Kranhoung	Chaom Svay
21 June	Lbos Sral	Rangkhnab
	Prey Hongchamtet	Trapeang Tralach
22 June	Visited	Trapeang Tim (Kampub Ambil sub-FA station).
	Villages situated 5km around PA	

- On 22 June 2017, the validator provided a wrap up meeting with the PMU members and WWC staffs, and field biomass inventory team. The meeting was conducted at the Kampong Ambil Forestry Administration sub-station. The lead validator debriefed the primary finding the to team, in general the validation process went smoothly, and there were no any serious issues that result in the failure of the Tumring REDD+ validation. However, the validator presented some finding relate to biomass inventory such as (1) the way that the biomass team members measured the tree which has big buttress, which is the measurement of this kind of tree was not mentioned in the Biomass SOP, this measurement of the big buttress by the field which will be led to the over estimation of the carbon biomass, (2) the validator need the definition of the semi evergreen forest and aggregate data of the semi-evergreen forest to estimate forest cover change, and (3) the SOP didn't mention the tree which grow over the termite nest which is led to the confusing of the biomass team in measuring the 1.3 meter. In additional to the PSPs cross-check the validator also mentioned some PSPs were effected by heavy degradation (logging) and firewood collection. For the community component, the validator mentioned the village that situated within 5 km around the project area were not aware of the project activities, and the project goal but those community members were told by the neighboring villages. The validator found that there are some awareness raising materials available in the village where those villages were directed support from the project, and many of community forestry management committee (CFMCs) and CF members aware of the project activities and the PMUs members and project field implement unit.

Objective2: Increase livelihood of forest dwellers within target Korea-Cambodia Joint REDD+ implementation site. The project will improve livelihood of forest depended communities who are living inside and adjacent the REDD+ project site.

- The Tumring REDD+ provides regularly support to the forest law enforcement unite (FIU), the FIU regularly submit enforcement report to the PMU against the payment. In addition to the strengthening of forest law enforcement, the KCRP supported mobile law enforcement team which conducted intensive patrol by collaboration with FIU and Kampong thom FA Cantonment. Furthermore, the Tumring REDD+ project provide regular support to the 14-community forestry patrol groups, the form of support covers food, gasoline, and forest patrol materials to the community forestry patrol groups. As result, in this quarterly the CF patrol groups and the FIU achieved the result below:

Table 3: Results of the implementation of forest law enforcement by the FIU

Month	Physical result of the forest law enforcement (FA and CF)
April 2017	Confiscated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 chainsaws (in which 01 confiscated by the O's Dascor CF) • 05 buffalo-carts (FIU) • 07 Axes/ Machetes (FIU) • 7.64m³ logged (FIU) • 04 charcoal kilns were destroyed (FIU) • 56.14 hectares of illegal forest land cleared were took-back/confiscated (FIU)
May 2017	Confiscated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 05 chainsaws (one chainsaw was confiscated by O's Kronhoung CF, the chainsaw was given to the ranger of the Prey Long Wildlife Sanctuary) • 01 ox/buffalo-cart (O's Kronhak CF) • 0.79m³ logged (O Kronhak CF) • 1.2 m³ sawn-wood (O's Kronhoung CF)
June 2017	Confiscated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 chainsaws (01 chainsaw was confiscated by the Kbal Don Tai CF, and 02 chainsaws were confiscated by the O's dascor CF, and 04 chainsaws

were confiscated by the Khum Sochet CF)

- 06 hand-tractors (FIU)
 - 01 Truck (FIU)
 - 08 Axes/ machetes (FIU)
 - 21.133 m³ sawn wood
 - 01 offender was arrested by the O's bosleav CF (the offender was released after no intervention from local FA)
 - 2 banned forest land clearing agreements were developed with offender in Khum Sochet CF
 - 07 hectares of illegal land was took back to O's Thmor CF (FIU and O'sThmor CF).
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* Note: all the detail illegal confiscated tools/materials were recorded in the project database system for the purpose of reporting the results of the project implementation to donor, governments and project validator/verifier.

- On 14 June 2017, in addition to the effort made by community in addressing an issue of deforestation, the O 's Boleve community forestry management committee facilitated in addressing an issue on overlapping the CF and private land boundary. Under coordination by FIU, head of mobile law enforcement and Kampong thom FA Cantonment, the problem has been solved.
- The Tumring REDD+ project supported 6 GPSs to CF within project area in order to strengthening forest patrol. The 6 CF are Kbal Dauntey CF, O'Kranhoung CF, Neak Tala CF, O' Thmar CF, Rumchek CF and Chaom Smach CF.
- *Livelihood Program Development*, in this quarter, the PMU conducted a conclusion on decision to support the livelihood program to targeted community forestry. After conducted server with CFMC, and community members, and NGOs partners. The PMU members consent over the livelihood investment plan, the livelihood projects are selected based on the criteria set that include (1) aim to improve income of the local community especially provide direct benefits to the participated community of Tumring REDD+ project, (2) activities that do not harm to the forest and natural resources, while increasing attention to the forest and biodiversity conservation, (3) fit to the need of the community members, and (4) cost effective and sustainability. (Annex VI : Tumring Livelihood Idea Note-2017)

Objective 3: enhance capacity of key different stakeholders to effective REDD+ implementation. The project will improve capacity of targeted communities and government stakeholders

- The PMU with support from the WWC prepared a grievance mechanism documents, finalized the announcement of PDD public comment periods, and a summary of Tumring REDD+ PDD in both English and Khmer language, these materials were developed and used for again awareness and informed community members about project and validation process.
- 21-30 May 2017, the technical advisor and community engagement specialist conducted a meeting 14 community forestry management committee, the meeting aimed to early inform the CFMC to be well prepared for the project validation, while visited the CMFC, the PMU also distributed awareness raising materials, validation announcement page, posted PDD public comment periods, reminded CFMC the key project themes, and progress of achievement. A part of this activity, 1700 copy of project summary, 1100 copied of grievance mechanism, 2000 copied of the announcement of the PDD public comment periods, and 450 booklets titled Forest and Live were distributed to 14 community forestry (cover 17 villages).
- On 23 to 26 May 2017, the community engagement specialist met the commune chiefs of Tumring and Sochet to inform about the objective of the distribution of validation materials and informed him about the validation of the project especially

present of the project validators in Tumring and Sochet communes in conducting meetings and interviewed with community forestry management committees and villagers associated with the Tumring REDD+ project and Free, Prior informed and Consent.

Table4: Community Forestry Management Committee (CFMC) visited

Community Forestry Name	Village & commune	Date	CFMCF
O' Thmar	Roneam village, Tumring	23 May 2017	08
Neak Tala	Sra Laosrong village, Tumring	23 May 2017	04
Srepring CF	Srepring village, Sochet	24 May 2017	07
Rumchek CF	Rumchek village, Sochet	24 May 2017	08
Chaom Smach CF	Tum Ar village, Tunring	25 May 2017	06
O's bosleav CF	Ronteah village, Tumring	25 May 2017	08
Sochet CF	Pou ROUNG village, Sochet	26 May 2017	12
O's Dasco	Sam Aong village, Mean Rith	26 May 2017	04
O'Kranhoung CF	Choam Svay village, Mean Rith	27 May 2017	05
Kbal Dauntey CF	Boeng village, Mean Rith	27 May 2017	12
O' Kranhak CF	Tboungteuk village, Mean Rith	28 May 2017	07
Tatey CF	Kanti village, Mean Rith	28 May 2017	02
Lbos Sral CF	Rang Khnai village, Mean Rith	29 May 2017	09
Prey Hongchamtet CF	Trapeang Tralach village, Mean Rith	29 May 2017	03
Total			95

- In the following action to gain knowledge and inform the validation process, the Kbal Don Tei CFMC, Sre Pring CMFC, and Khum Socheat CFMC conducted internal meeting among its members to disseminate the information about the project validation. For the three meetings, there were 90 community members participated, and the CFMC had posted and distributed the project validation announcement to each household of the CF members.

IV. Project Planning and Budgeting

- The PMU drafted the 30 Workplan and conducted an analysis of project break-event point (Annex II)
- The PMU developed Budget and Work-plan for Q3/Y3 (July-Sep 2017) which align with the four-year work programs of the project. The Q3/Y3 work plan will be attached.