

Community Engagement in REDD+ in Cambodia

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Main Activities

- Biodiversity Monitoring
- Community based forest Patrols
- Awareness raising
- National election processes
- Tenure Security
- Key Challenges:
 - Developing Sub-national safeguards.
 - Capacity building at this level.



Lessons Learned will stem from:

- Lessons learned coming from

National Level

- Establishment of REDD+ Secretariat
- **REDD+ CSO Network**

Sub-National Level

- **Sub-national level of representation is needed.**

Project Level

- **Oddar Meanchey Community Forestry**
- **Seima Protected Forest**



Local Community Participation in Safeguards.

- Local communities can help to measure forest carbon stock and gather social and environmental data for REDD+ project design and development



Biomass Inventory



Oddar Meanchey CF REDD+ Biomass Inventory

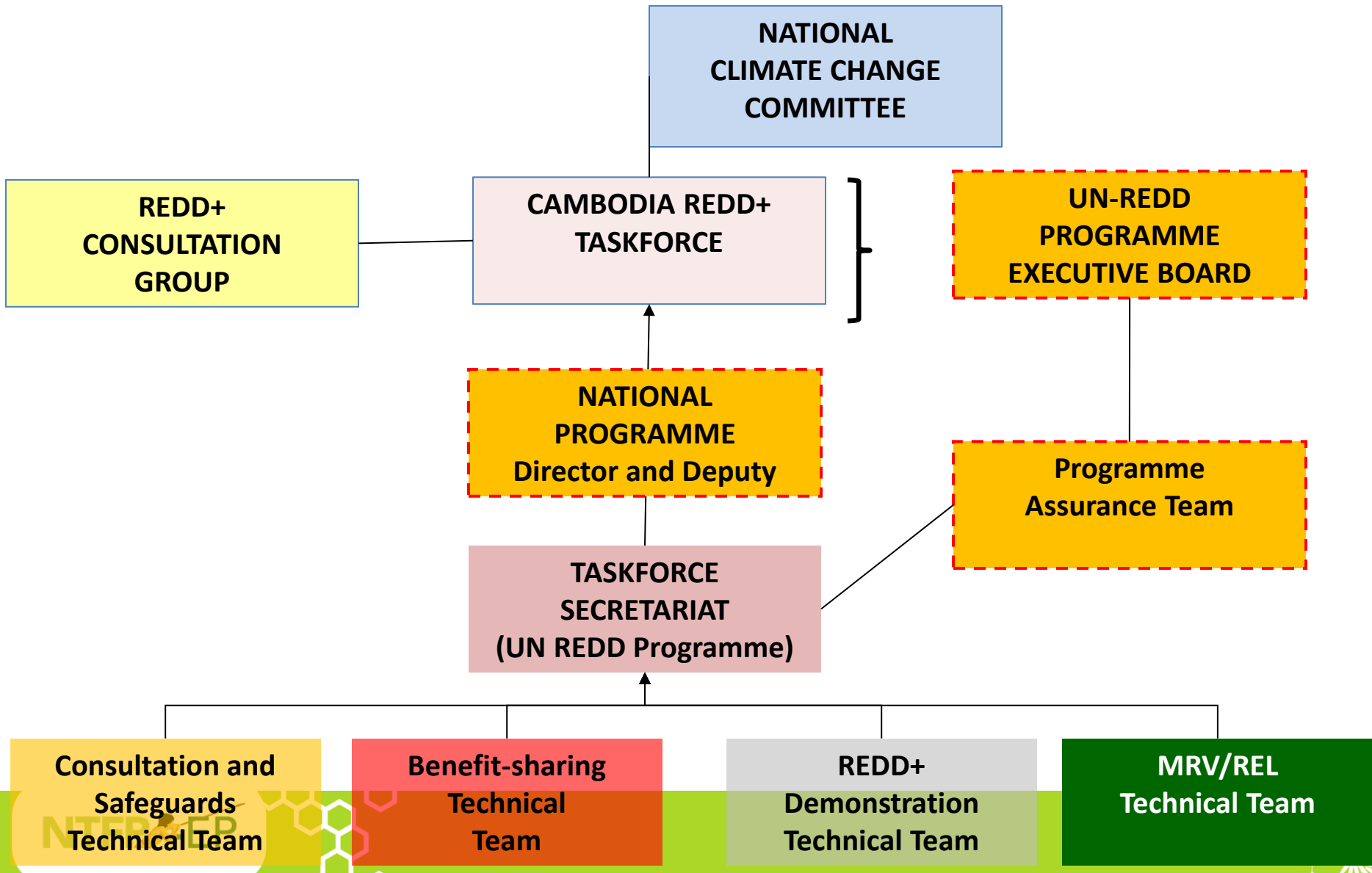
- Local volunteers were trained in biomass inventory techniques
- They were assisted by local and International scientists including representatives from the Forestry Administration of Cambodia.



Household Surveys & Participatory Rural Appraisals



National / Sub-National Elections



REDD+ Consultation Group



**Two
representatives
from each of the
nine stakeholder
groups.**

Elections to the Consultation Group



Community Forest Patrols

- *CF Patrol volunteers were trained in GPS tracking systems, allowing them to keep track illegal logging routes, illegal hunting activities and land clearings.*

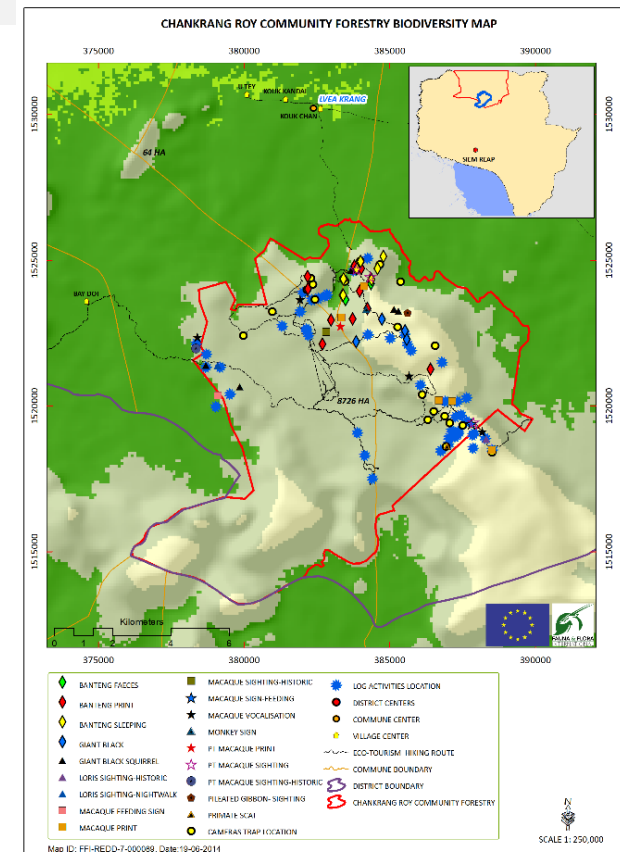


- *The training took two days and included a mock trial where FFI staff were dressed as illegal loggers and local CF Patrol groups had to find them.*

Community Forest Patrol training

Global Positioning Systems (GPS):- Training

- GPS has had many benefits for CF Patrols:
 - It helps keep CF Patrol groups within the boundaries of the CF and makes arrest easier to conduct.
 - It also plays a key role in monitoring animal movements.
- It also helps monitor patterns in illegal logging. The picture to the right with blue dots are areas where the biodiversity team and CF Patrol groups have encountered illegal logging activities.



Biodiversity Monitoring



- Community Patrol Groups were formed once Biodiversity, Patrolling and GPS training activities were completed.
- CF Patrol groups were also trained in report writing.
- FFI provides support for food allowances and patrol equipment (Camera's etc).



CF Patrols

Community Patrols – Field Activities

- CF Groups are often accompanied by local authorities such as the Military, Police or Gendemarie. Local villagers feel safer with local authorities because offenders sometimes have weapons of their own.
 - This partnership has also helped strengthen ties between local authorities and local communities.
- There are currently two patrol groups. One from Kok Chan village in the North and the second from Baidot village in the West.
- Patrolling activities have been a success due to the support of the District Governor and FA authorities and the commitment of local patrol teams.



Community Patrols - Reporting

Date (s)	Activity	Patrol group /Station
23 rd &24 th /1/2014	<p>23/24-Jan-14: Patrolled from Bai Dot village into CF site and illegal acts detected.</p> <p><u>Actions taken:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Confiscated 0.40m3 of housing timber (UTM 382100/1519952) 3 ox- carts released *Produced 3 non re-offended contracts of transport the timber (attached with report) *Found foot print of banteng (UTM 382813/1519655) and a dead of small deer (hunter shot, UTM 380217/1519625) 	Bai Dot
6 th & 8 th /2/2014	<p>6/8-Feb-14: Patrolled from Bai Dot village into CF site and illegal acts detected.</p> <p><u>Actions taken:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Destroyed 241 slabs of housing timber (UMT 381724/1519879, 381772/1519940, 381898/1519906, 381990/1520244, 383872/1519278); 8 round logs for housing timber which did not destroyed (chainsaw needed, UTM 381995/1520066, 382076/1520802, 382639/1519591) and 2 camps *Released 2 tortoises and a king cobra (UTM 383143/1519940) *Produced a non-re-offended contract of wild life hunting (attached with report) 	Bai Dot
17 th & 18 th /2/2014	<p>17/18-Feb-14: Patrolled from Kok Chann village into CF site and illegal acts detected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Found round logs of timber for housing, need chainsaw to destroyed (UTM 382606/152157, 383368/1520921, 383396/1520794, 386323/1519085) *Found a footprint of monkey (UTM 383906/1519254) 	Kok Chann

CF Patrols – Illegal Activities

Illegal Activities.

- *When offenders are caught conducting illegal activities, their equipment (traps, weapons) are often confiscated and they're required to sign a "non-re-offender" contract.*



- *In the case of illegal logging, the wood is often burned to deter loggers from logging again.*

Biodiversity Monitoring

Biodiversity Monitoring

- Community Patrol groups have also become skilled in identifying local wildlife through feces identification.
- The following pictures are an example of illegal hunters who were caught by the Patrol group and hence had to set the turtle free.



Tenure Security



- Boundary demarcation
- CFMC Elections
- Improved forest Governance
- Awareness raising



Thank You

