

GEF IEO Training for ECW Participants.

Case: Establishing Conservation Areas through Landscape Management Project¹.

The Western Plain landscape is a globally important repository of biodiversity. It is a habitat for over 40 species on the IUCN Red List, including six species listed as critically endangered. Wildlife and natural resources in the Western Plain landscape face a number of growing threats, ranging from small-scale incidents of hunting, land encroachment and clearance by local people, to large-scale commercial pressures such as mineral exploitation. The Project “Establishing Conservation Areas through Landscape Management” is designed to address these threats.

The overall project goal is “the effective conservation of key components of the Western Plain Landscape”. The project includes three components:

- 1) The introduction of biodiversity considerations into provincial level land use focusing on building the capacity of provincial departments and promoting policy measures to address the key threats;
- 2) The demonstration of specific mainstreaming interventions at the three key sites, including community land-use tenure, community contracts and incentives for biodiversity supportive land-use practices;
- 3) Strengthening capacity for biodiversity management in two protected areas, the Wildlife Sanctuary (under the remit of the Ministry of Environment) and the Protected Forest (under the remit of the Forestry Administration).

The project is planned for seven years and plans a series of activities under each component.

Component 1.

- Assist the provincial government in strengthening their legal framework to address key threats to the protected area.
- Train government officials and local community members in conservation planning processes
- Integrate project conservation plans into sectoral planning, including provincial government

Component 2

- Help in establishing community-based organizations (CBOs) in pre-selected communities
- Work with the Ministry of Environment to recognize Community Protection Areas (CPA), i.e. to provide tenure for existing residential and agricultural land
- Payment to communities for forest protection on premium agricultural products (agricultural products??)
- Direct payments for bird nest protection to communities

Component 3

- Providing support to management structures of the two protected areas, including staffing (salaries of local rangers), infrastructure (vehicles and monitoring equipment), and technical assistance with protected area management plans
- Site-based monitoring (key species, hunting and logging incidents)

¹ Based on GEF Project ID 1043

Instructions for the case study:

We are asking your group to think about major elements of GEF project monitoring and evaluation (M&E) as presented in today's session. Discuss the questions below and answer them using the provided case. You may refer to the presentation slides as necessary. Please write down the gist of your group's answers. You will have 30 minutes for this exercise, after which we will discuss the case in the plenary (30 minutes).

- 1) Develop the theory of change/logical framework for the project. What are the inputs? What are the activities? What are the expected outcomes and impact? What implementation indicators and results indicators would you use for this project?

- 2) How would Monitoring and Evaluation Plan look like? What baseline data would be necessary? What kind of monitoring and reporting activities would be used? Would the project include mid-term evaluation? When would terminal evaluation be conducted? Who would be responsible for M&E activities? What would be the budget allocation?

- 3) How would you address M&E through project implementation? Would you include any M&E training for project stakeholders?

- 4) Now the project is going to be completed. How would you design, manage, and report on the terminal evaluation?