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# **DIR27S2\1061**

## **Strengthened livelihoods and conservation management in Virachey National Park, Cambodia**

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## Section 1 - Contact Details

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### PRIMARY APPLICANT DETAILS

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### GMS ORGANISATION

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Type	Organisation
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## Section 2 - Title, Dates & Budget Summary

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### Q3. Project title:

Strengthened livelihoods and conservation management in Virachey National Park, Cambodia

### What was your Stage 1 reference number? e.g. DIR27S1\100123

DIR27S1\1487

### Q4. Country(ies)

Which eligible host country(ies) will your project be working in? Where there are more than 4 countries that your project will be working in, please add more boxes using the selection option below.

Country 1

Cambodia

Country 2

*No Response*

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**Do you require more fields?** No**Q5. Project dates****Start date:**

01 July 2021

**End date:**

30 June 2024

**Duration (e.g. 2 years, 3 months):**

3 years

**Q6. Budget summary**

Year:	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total request
<b>Amount:</b>	£147,561.00	£154,731.00	£155,782.00	£39,170.00	<b>£</b> 497,244.00

**Q6a. Do you have matched funding arrangements?** Yes**What matched funding arrangements are proposed?**

Fauna & Flora International has confirmed USD [REDACTED] (c. £[REDACTED]) of internal funding to contribute to strengthened protected area management in Virachey National Park (NP). £[REDACTED] from Cool Earth will co-finance staff costs for the Livelihood Technical Advisor (confirmed) and a further £[REDACTED] has been requested from Cool Earth, that will also support the Livelihoods Technical Advisor.

**Q6b. Proposed (confirmed and unconfirmed) matched funding as % of total project cost (total cost is the Darwin request plus other funding required to run the project).** [REDACTED]

**Section 3 - Project Summary****Q7. Summary of project**

Please provide a brief summary of your project, its aims, and the key activities you plan on undertaking. Please note that if you are successful, this wording may be used by Defra in communications e.g. as a short description of the project on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

Please write this summary for a non-technical audience.

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## Section 4 - Darwin Objectives and Conventions

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### Q8. Objectives for the Darwin Initiative

**Please indicate which of the fund objectives (listed on p.8 of the guidance) you will be addressing.**

- To understand and support action to address linkages between biodiversity and human health
- To understand and tackle impacts of agriculture practices on biodiversity, livelihoods and climate
- To promote the responsible stewardship of natural assets
- Contributing towards reversing the increase in threats of extinction to the world's flora and fauna

### Q9. Biodiversity Conventions, Treaties and Agreements

**Q9a. Your project must support the commitments of one or more of the agreements listed below.**

**Please indicate which agreement(s) will be supported and describe which objectives your project will address.**

- Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs)

### Q9b. Biodiversity Conventions

**Please detail how your project will contribute to the aims of the agreement(s) your project is targeting. You should refer to Articles or Programmes of Work here.**

Through reducing forest pressure and fostering sustainable practices, the project aims to lessen the impact of communities and other actors on forest habitats, whilst developing robust and sustainable livelihoods, improving multi-dimensional well-being for indigenous communities. The project will therefore directly support CBD Strategic Goal B (Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use), targets 5 and 7, and C (Improve the status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity), target 11.

Through building capacity for Community Protected Area management, and using fully participatory processes for the zonation and management planning of Virachey National Park, the project will support CBD Strategic Goal E (Enhance implementation through participatory planning, knowledge management and capacity building), targets 18 and 19.

The project also aims to ensure that wider society, beginning with the most vulnerable communities, can benefit from healthy ecosystems and ecosystem services (Goal D: Enhance the benefits to all from biodiversity and ecosystem services), by working to reduce the direct pressure on biodiversity caused by land clearance for agriculture and through using climate-smart agriculture techniques (targets 14 and 15).

The project will work to ensure that community members are aware of the ecological value of the forest, and are equipped with sustainable agricultural techniques and practices to enable its protection (targets 1 and 7).

It will also directly contribute to Cambodia's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), including National Themes 1-2, 9, 12, 16, 19, 22 and 24.

In particular, the project will contribute to strengthening the knowledge of the national protected area system for decision-making, enhance management effectiveness and efficiency and strengthen the ongoing management of designated protected areas, and ensure equity in decision-making processes (under Theme 1).

It will significantly improve the knowledge of the threatened species' status and trends, factors threatening them and how to address these, under Theme 2, whilst strengthening the enabling environment for the implementation of actions for the conservation and sustainable use of animal and wildlife resources (Theme 12).

Furthermore, it will support and strengthen community-based initiatives that contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and apply traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use of biological diversity with the active involvement and effective participation of relevant indigenous ethnic minorities and local communities (Theme 16).

The project will contribute to the main objective of the UNFCCC to stabilise greenhouse gas concentrations, by helping safeguard one of Asia's largest remaining forests as a natural solution to climate change.

### **Q9c. Is any liaison proposed with the CBS / ABS / ITPGRFA / CITES / CMS / Ramsar / UNFCCC focal point in the host country?**

Yes

#### **If yes, please give details.**

We will liaise with Cambodia's CBD focal point to ensure that relevant information generated as part of the project is fed into Cambodia's national reporting to the CBD.

We will liaise with Cambodia's ABS focal point to develop the necessary data-sharing agreement, in compliance with the Nagoya Protocol, for the export of eDNA samples as part of the proposed biodiversity survey.

### **Q9d. Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs)**

#### **Please detail how your project will contribute to the Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs)**

The project will contribute to achieving the following Global Goals for Sustainable Development:

Goal 15 (Life on Land): by conducting biodiversity surveys, adapting the zonation of the park to conserve the most critical habitats and improving the park and community protected area management plans, the project will contribute to protecting and conserving biodiversity, valuable forest and natural habitat.

Goal 1 (No Poverty), Goal 2 (Zero Hunger), and Goal 3 (Good health and well-being): by supporting communities' livelihoods, the project will reduce food and income insecurity, thus improving beneficiaries' well-being.

Goal 5 (Gender Equality): by carrying out a gender analysis on the role of women and men in natural resources and livelihood management, the project's activities will be tailored according to the findings and a gender-responsive approach will be implemented, contributing to gender inequality reduction.

Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) and Goal 10 (Reduce Inequalities): by enhancing sustainable livelihoods, beneficiaries' income will increase, then the economic growth of Cambodia will be positively impacted and the inequalities between the poorest population (indigenous communities) and the rest of the population will be reduced.

Goal 13 (Climate Action): by delivering training on climate-smart agriculture, the project will contribute to climate change mitigation and help indigenous communities be more resilient to climate change.

Goal 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions): by strengthening the capacity of the Cambodian Ministry of Environment and provincial government, the project will strengthen national institutions and improve the dialogue and collaboration between national and local authorities and indigenous communities.

## Section 5 - Lead Organisation Summary

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### Q10. Lead organisation summary

**Has your organisation been awarded a Darwin Initiative or IWT Challenge Fund award before (for the purposes of this question, being a partner does not count)?**

Yes

**If yes, please provide details of the most recent awards (up to 6 examples).**





Reference No	Project Leader	Title
27-010	Angelica Valdivia	Community-led stewardship and conservation of the Ometepe Island Biosphere Reserve
27-017	Kiran Mohanan	Community-led approaches to reforestation benefitting chimpanzees and livelihoods in Uganda
IWT081	Nay Myo Shwe	Enabling and promoting communities to tackle IWT in Southern Myanmar
IWT082	Fleur Scheele	Combating poaching and trafficking of Critically Endangered sturgeon





26-020	Jarkyn Samanchina	Securing wild tulips and pastoral communities in the Kyrgyz mountains
IWT072	Alison Gunn	Reducing demand for marine turtle products in Nicaragua

**Have you provided the requested signed audited/independently examined accounts? If you select "yes" you will be able to upload these. Note that this is not required from Government Agencies.**

Yes

**Please attach the requested signed audited/independently examined accounts.**

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## Section 6 - Project Partners

### Q11. Project partners

**Please list all the partners involved (including the Lead Organisation) and explain their roles and responsibilities in the project. Describe the extent of their involvement at all stages, including project development.**

**This section should illustrate the capacity of partners to be involved in the project. Please provide Letters of Support for the Lead Organisation and each partner or explain why this has not been included.**

**N.B: There is a file upload button at the bottom of this page for the upload of a cover letter (if applicable) and all letters of support.**

**Lead Organisation name:** Fauna & Flora International (FFI)

**Website address:** <https://www.fauna-flora.org/>

**Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):**

Fauna & Flora International (FFI) has worked in Cambodia since 1997, supporting the government's conservation work nationally. Our activities focus on community empowerment, food security, biodiversity monitoring, and protected area management, with the aim of conserving critical forest and globally-important species. Our Virachey programme began in 2018, with pioneering survey work on gibbons. MoE requested that FFI increases its scope of work in the park.

Within this project, FFI will lead on design and supervise the activities, supporting participating communities and partners. FFI will be responsible for technical direction; project, operational and financial management; data collection and analysis; impact monitoring that supports adaptive management; technical reporting; partner coordination; in-house expertise in project management, monitoring, biodiversity conservation, protected area planning, sustainable livelihoods and community engagement.

Site-based work will be implemented by specialists based in the provincial capital Ban Lung, with technical input from staff based in Phnom Penh. Additional technical support will be provided by FFI's specialist Agricultural Landscapes, Analytics and Livelihoods and Governance teams in the UK. The FFI Cambodia Programme will provide national government liaison, finance, HR, and operations support, with backstopping from our regional finance manager and senior staff in our Cambridge head office.

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**Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?**  Yes

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**Have you provided a cover letter to address your Stage 1 feedback?**  Yes

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**Do you have partners involved in the Project?**

Yes

**1. Partner Name:** Ministry of Environment (MoE) of Cambodia

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**Website address:** <https://www.moe.gov.kh/>

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**Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):**

MoE is responsible for the sustainable management of protected areas and the protection and conservation of biodiversity within their borders. FFI has worked under an MOU with MoE since 2012, and has cooperated with MoE since 2001.

MoE operates from their Provincial Departments of Environment (PDoE) offices in Ratanakiri's capital of Ban Lung and Stung Treng's capital of Stung Treng town, conducting monitoring and enforcement in Virachey through ranger stations. Rangers patrol regularly, but are understaffed, with just 50 rangers responsible for patrolling 338,057 ha of dense forest.

FFI has been working with PDoE in Virachey since 2018, and undertakes regular planning and review meetings with them. This level of cooperation will ensure the project makes a significant contribution to MoE's mission of leading and managing environmental protection, conserving biodiversity, utilizing natural resources properly and sustainably, sustaining long-term benefits for the people of Cambodia.

PDoE will facilitate information sharing between MoE rangers and village communities bordering on the NP. MoE will play a key role in providing all necessary authorisations, facilitating park rangers to undertake work inside the park, sharing data to support planning and biodiversity impact monitoring, and undertaking official tasks towards the generation of management and zonation plans.

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**Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?**  Yes

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**2. Partner Name:** Save Cambodia's Wildlife (SCW)

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**Website address:** [www.cambodiaswildlife.org](http://www.cambodiaswildlife.org)

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**Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):**

Save Cambodia's Wildlife (SCW) is a national NGO founded in 1999 and working for the conservation of natural resources in Cambodia. The focus of SCW's work is sustainable natural resource management, environmental education and sustainable livelihoods to address poaching, illegal logging and habitat degradation. With field offices in Ban Lung (Ratanakiri) and Siem Pang (Stung Treng), SWC has a strong presence around Virachey National Park, and extensive knowledge and experience of working with local communities and Community Protected Areas (CPAs).

SCW will supervise the activities to support the implementation of community engagement to better manage CPAs and take an active role in conservation stewardship. SCW, with support from FFI, will be in charge of implementing sustainable livelihoods activities within the project. They will be an important project partner as they have long-standing relations with such communities and previous experience in the target area in CPAs and livelihood support.

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**Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?**  Yes

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**3. Partner Name:** *No Response*

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**Website address:** *No Response*

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**Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):** *No Response*

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**Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?**  Yes  
 No

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**4. Partner Name:** *No Response*

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**Website address:** *No Response*

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**Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):** *No Response*

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**Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?**  Yes  
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**5. Partner Name:** *No Response*

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Website address: *No Response*

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Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project): *No Response*

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Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?  Yes  No

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6. Partner Name: *No Response*

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Website address: *No Response*

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Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project): *No Response*

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Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?  Yes  No


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If you require more space to enter details regarding Partners involved in the project, please use the text field below.

*No Response*


Please provide a cover letter responding to feedback received at Stage 1 if applicable and a combined PDF of all letters of support.


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## Section 7 - Project Staff

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### Q12. Project staff

Please identify the core staff on this project, their role and what % of their time they will be working on the project. Further information on who should be classified as core staff can be found in the guidance.

Please provide 1 page CVs for these staff, or a 1 page job description or Terms of Reference for roles yet to be filled. These should match the names and roles in the budget spreadsheet.

If your team is larger than 12 people please review if they are core staff, or whether you can merge roles (e.g. 'admin and finance support') below, but provide a full table based on this template in the pdf of CVs you provide.

Name (First name, Surname)	Role	% time on project	1 page CV or job description attached?
Pablo Sinovas	<b>Project Leader</b>	15	Checked
Jeremy Parker	Project Supervisor	2	Checked
Julie Courret	Livelihood Technical Advisor	18	Checked
Se Sou	Project Coordinator	50	Checked


**Do you require more fields?**

Yes


Name (First name, Surname)	Role	% time on project	1 page CV or job description attached?
Phoeun Chhunheang	Biodiversity Coordinator	10	Checked
Phung Mak	Livelihoods Project Officer	100	Checked
TBC	Project Manager	100	Checked
TBC	Protected Area Specialist	50	Checked
TBC	Species Project Officer	100	Checked
<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>	0	Unchecked
<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>	0	Unchecked
<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>	0	Unchecked

**Please provide 1 page CVs (or job description if yet to be recruited) for the project staff listed above as a combined PDF.**

**Ensure the file is named clearly, consistent with the named individual and role above.**

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**Have you attached all project staff CVs?**

Yes

## Section 8 - Problem statement

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### Q13. Problem the project is trying to address

**Please describe the problem your project is trying to address in terms of biodiversity and its relationship with poverty. For example, what are the drivers of loss of biodiversity that the project will attempt to address? Why are they relevant, for whom? How did you identify these problems?**

**Please cite the evidence you are using to support your assessment of the problem (references can be listed in your additional attached PDF document which can be uploaded at the bottom of the next page).**

Virachey National Park (VNP) is Cambodia's remotest protected area and one of its largest, at 3,325 sq. km and one of only two ASEAN Heritage Parks in the country. Part of the Annamite range, it forms the core of a vast Cambodia-Lao PDR-Vietnam forest landscape, considered as one of the most biologically-important and endangered tropical forests in the world (1). A rapid assessment in 2007 found Virachey to contain an extremely high diversity and abundance of species – many globally threatened – including clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*), gaur (*Bos gaurus*), Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*), and Sunda pangolin (*Manis javanica*). In 2018, through a population study conducted by FFI, VNP was identified as the main stronghold of the Endangered northern yellow-cheeked crested gibbon (*Nomascus annamensis*), described as a separate species in 2010.

Despite its biodiversity value, transboundary importance and carbon sink function, Virachey has received little conservation attention to date and is far from secure, with licensed rubber plantations operating within its boundaries, and accelerating development activities leading to land encroachment and deforestation, accelerating on its periphery. This is exacerbated by inadequate management and growing pressure from external actors. These pressures are leading to irreparable habitat loss, pushing local people towards unsustainable practices, and possibly increasing the risk of zoonotic disease transfer due to increasing nature/human interaction.

The lack of zoning or management planning means that land use decisions disregard natural capital and those engaging in unsustainable/illegal activities do so with relative impunity. Whilst there are five Community Protected Areas (CPAs) designated to support sustainable resource management by local communities along the southern boundary of VNP, they require strengthened management and capacity to optimise their contribution to conservation and livelihoods.

VNP, extending over Ratanakiri and Steung Treng provinces, is home to indigenous peoples (IPs) including the Brao, and Kavet ethnic groups, living along the buffer zone. These indigenous communities are animist, speak local dialects and have poorly-known rituals and taboos on natural resources (1). Villages are comprised of fewer than 60 families who use collective, traditional law to determine land use.

IP's livelihoods in the area depend on fishing, swidden agriculture, rice cultivation, cashew nut, and non-timber forest products (NTFPs), including wild meat. Snaring is a known threat to wildlife. IPs typically suffer rice shortages 3 to 4 months per year. Malva nuts are collected from the forest and generate \$100/family per year on average, representing 35% of annual income (2). Their relatively high value attracts outsiders who use unsustainable collection practices, resulting in overall negative impact on the forest and IP's livelihoods.

This project will strengthen the management of VNP, including four CPAs (~15,600 ha), and support IPs to develop sustainable livelihoods, secure customary rights and cultural values, and increase their voice in management decision making. Consequently, biodiversity and indigenous communities will continue to

coexist in the landscape and become more resilient. The project catalyses MoE's growing commitment to Virachey's management and IPs' well-being, and responds to their request for support.

## Section 9 - Method, Change Expected, Gender & Exit Strategy

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### Q14. Methodology

**Describe the methods and approach you will use to achieve your intended Outcome and Impact. Provide information on:**

- How you have analysed historical and existing initiatives and are building on or taking work already done into account in project design. Please cite evidence where appropriate.
- The rationale for carrying out this work and a justification of your proposed methodology.
- How you will undertake the work (materials and methods).
- How you will manage the work (roles and responsibilities, project management tools, etc.).

The project will leverage FFI's substantial NTFP, agroforestry and agricultural expertise to pursue an integrated approach to conservation and livelihoods. It will employ participatory approaches to market development and evaluate impact on gender inequalities using multi-dimensional well-being assessments. It will draw on FFI's successful work supporting sustainable livelihoods amongst impoverished rural communities, including in Cambodia's Cardamom Mountains, where, with Darwin support, FFI trained farmers and facilitated market access to measurably improve food security and income, and reduce reliance on wild meat and other natural resources.

The project will benefit from SCW's experience in participatory livelihood strengthening and natural resource management, including climate-smart agriculture, poultry, and agroforestry. It will build on promising efforts by FAO on watershed management, smart-agriculture, and alternative livelihoods in communities close to the Vietnamese border. It will build on MoE guidance (2017) to support zonation and management planning; FFI and others' experience in PA management planning and zoning; and FFI's experience in supporting CPAs.

Under Output 1, we will work closely with MoE, local communities and other stakeholders in the development of a zonation and management plan for VNP. To ensure zonation and management are evidence-based, we will undertake a baseline biodiversity survey (1.1) at project start, to generate an inventory of megafauna, understand occupancy, and estimate population densities. We will survey different taxonomic groups through specialised methods, including a high-level botanical survey, and use environmental DNA (eDNA) to understand species diversity in rivers. The zonation process (1.2) will follow MoE guidelines, empowering indigenous community representatives to actively participate in consultations and ensure their perspectives, traditional land uses and concerns are appropriately incorporated. We will do this by facilitating consultations, supporting participation in workshops, encouraging gender-balanced representation, and promoting dialogue between IP representatives and MoE. We will work with MoE to facilitate the formal stages leading to a zonation map (1.3), ensuring that biodiversity values and the needs and rights of IPs are adequately protected.

Under Output 2, we will work with CPA committee members from four established CPAs to revise and strengthen existing CPA management plans (2.1). We will build on the trust SCW has built with CPA members, appoint community-level facilitators, and ensure CPA management plans take into account the biodiversity data, zoning and management processes under Output 1, and benefit from sustainable livelihood strategies under Output 3. We will build the capacity of CPA members of all genders, ages, and abilities (2.2) to underpin adequate, sustainable management, including a skills training package designed through a consultative process on capacity needs.

We will apply our experience running successful community warden programmes in the Cardamom Mountains, working closely with CPA Committee members and designated community facilitators to identify and train community patrols (2.3). Patrols will remove threats such as snares, report threats such as illegal logging so law enforcement action can be coordinated, and record signs of threatened wildlife.

To improve target communities' values and recognition of PAs and CPAs, FFI and SCW will organise gender-responsive workshops on rules and regulations, including cultural values and scientific information (2.4). We will encourage youths to take an active role by supporting 4 youth eco-clubs through capacity building. These clubs will play an ambassador role, raising awareness within their own communities (2.5).

Under Output 3, FFI and SCW will conduct a holistic analysis of the socio-economic (3.2), gender role (3.1) and cultural (3.2) context that will inform work under Output 2. In consultation with target communities, we will select the most relevant livelihoods to support accordingly with various criteria: positive outcomes on conservation, existent local knowledge, agro-ecological conditions, and market demand (3.3). Training on climate-smart agriculture, poultry production and NTFP collection (3.4) adapted to local context will be developed using various farmer capacity building methods: theoretical and practical training, experimental plots to compare techniques, model farmers and collectors, alternative teaching material like videos in local dialects, and individual coaching. Trained community facilitators will provide regular technical support and monitoring to beneficiaries in their own communities. We will train farmers on financial literacy to improve general financial management, crop plan, NTFP collection plan, and thus incomes. To strengthen market systems, we will implement the methodology of participatory market system development to analyse the market system of selected NTFPs, poultry and agricultural commodities, with target communities (3.5). We will create commodity producer/collector groups and link them to the private sector to develop quality products, and sustainable and fair-trade opportunities. When relevant, we will establish micro-processing units managed by community-led social businesses that will receive technical, organisational and financial management support.

## **Q15. Raising awareness of the potential worth of biodiversity**

**If your project contains an element of communications, knowledge sharing and/or dissemination please provide a description of your intended audience, how you intend to engage them, what the expected products/materials will be and what you expect to achieve as a result.**

**For example, are you expecting to directly influence policy in your host country or is your project a community advocacy project to support better management of biodiversity?**

The results of the biodiversity survey will be disseminated at different levels:

- With local stakeholders, including MoE, local communities and other conservation actors to inform the park's zonation and management.
- With the general public nationally, through social media and national-level news stories, in order to generate a sense of pride and support for strengthened management of the NP.
- With national and international biodiversity and conservation experts through peer-reviewed publication of any findings of particular relevance.
- With a wider, international audience, through media stories, to catalyse increased attention and longer-term support for the NP.

Gender inclusive workshops organised in the target communities will raise awareness on values of natural resources and biodiversity and the importance of protecting it. In addition, 4 youth eco-clubs will promote biodiversity conservation and raise awareness within their own communities by organising campaigns and small events.

## Q16. Capacity building

**If your project will support capacity building at institutional or individual levels, please provide details of what form this will take and how this capacity will be secured for the future.**

To MoE and PDoE, we will provide training in biodiversity survey techniques, both as part of training sessions and through hands-on participation in the surveys. We will additionally strengthen the capacity of the relevant MoE and PDoE departments regarding technical aspects of PA zonation and management plan.

We will work closely with SCW as project partners, and in the process we will strengthen their capacity on project implementation and on further integration of wildlife conservation and PA management considerations into their wider work supporting community-based natural resource management and other livelihood activities.

The project will strengthen the capacity of CPA Committee members to produce, revise and implement CPA management plans. This will be done through participative training sessions and through active involvement of Committee members in the preparation of updated management plans. CPA community members will also be upskilled on forest patrol techniques, including use of GPS, SMART reporting and wildlife and wildlife tracks identification. Target communities will improve their knowledge on regulations and values of PAs, CPAs, natural habitat, and biodiversity.

The project will build capacity of indigenous communities on smart-climate agriculture techniques, chicken raising, sustainable NTFP harvesting practices, financial literacy, market system analysis, and business management. The training will be held in local languages and designed based on existent knowledge and practices, and identified needs. Cultural values and taboos will be studied to tailor the capacity building approach according to local beliefs and traditions. Moreover, gender roles will be acknowledged to involve the relevant household members, and adapt the content of the training and methodology.

## Q17. Gender equality

**All applicants must consider whether and how their project will contribute to reducing inequality between persons of different gender. Explain how your project will collect sex disaggregated data and what impact your project will have in promoting gender equality.**

FFI recognises that women and men interact with biodiversity and natural resources in different ways and thus have different skills, knowledge and perspectives. These differences influence how they affect – and are affected by – biodiversity loss, natural habitat degradation, and access to natural resources.

FFI believes it is important that women are not further disadvantaged by conservation initiatives, and recognises the growing body of evidence that gender equality leads to more effective and sustainable conservation. We therefore endeavour to ensure that all projects integrate gender, that women have equal access to project resources and information, equal participation, equal opportunities to benefit from project activities, and that our work supports systems that promote gender equality. This includes considering gender in all stages of the project cycle, including assessment, planning and design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation through collection of sex-disaggregated data to monitor gender-differentiated impacts, make adjustments where necessary to guarantee gender equity and reduce inequality. We will seek to address the barriers to female participation by ensuring the timing, location and format of activities are tailored to their needs. We will build the capacity of female stakeholders to voice their opinions and work with men to enable women's voices to be heard, ensure their concerns addressed, and their skills and knowledge utilised.



Through gender analysis undertaken during this project, we will further develop our understanding of context-specific gendered differences in knowledge and use of biodiversity and natural resources, appropriate livelihoods enhancement strategies, and decision-making process for community protected areas' management plans. The project recognises and endeavours to reflect intersectionality, e.g. the dual-marginalisation of indigenous women.

## Q18. Change expected

**Detail the expected changes this work will deliver. You should identify what will change and who will benefit a) in the short-term (i.e. during the life of the project) and b) in the long-term (after the project has ended).**

**Please describe the changes for biodiversity and for people in developing countries, and how they are linked. When talking about people, please remember to give details of who will benefit and the number of beneficiaries expected. The number of communities is insufficient detail – number of households should be the largest unit used. If possible, indicate the number of women who will be impacted.**

By project end, MoE and the conservation community have improved knowledge of Virachey NP's biodiversity and the links between its natural resources and IPs' livelihoods. A legally-defined, evidence-based, and enforceable management regime is in place for Virachey NP, including a zonation plan that ensures the protection of the park's threatened wildlife, wider biodiversity and carbon-sequestration values while safeguarding the rights of indigenous communities. Forest loss is reduced by 20% in the NP and buffer zone (compared to 2020 baseline).

400 indigenous households, 1,600 people, 20% of total households in target area, demonstrate improvements in livelihood indicators (above 2021 baseline), including as related to the use of climate-smart agriculture techniques; increased and more equitable market access; annual agricultural income from existing land holdings; revitalisation of traditional sustainable resource use practices that respect and utilise cultural values and indigenous knowledge; improved gender equality through economic empowerment and women's participation in decision-making at household and community levels, including in NP and CPA management; and improved communication and cooperation between IPs (including CPA Committees) and government agencies, including MoE and district officials.

In the long-term, Virachey NP retains its biodiversity and carbon-storage values, with no species extirpated and wildlife populations recovering. The park serves as a national model for conservation and community-led sustainable management. Economic Land Concessions inside the park are halted and unsustainable hunting and logging are significantly reduced. CPAs operate sustainably and serve as a model for indigenous community-led PA management. Target households enjoy improved living standards, including food and income security, better health and education. IPs' socio-cultural, land and access rights are respected, protected and fulfilled, including exclusive rights to NTFPs and sacred forest sites. Forest cover around Brao and Kavet indigenous villages remains significantly higher than the national average for rural areas.

## Q19. Pathway to change

**Please outline your project's expected pathway to change. This should be an overview of the overall project logic and outline how you expect your Outputs to contribute towards your overall Outcome and, longer term, your expected Impact.**

Cambodia's MoE has expressed a desire to better manage Virachey NP and has called for technical support

to do so. Such political will presents a unique window of opportunity to influence both short- and long-term conservation and sustainable development of the area.

As a result of this project, foundations for stronger management of Virachey NP will be established, including zonation and a management plan for the protected area that respects, and is informed by, the knowledge, needs and customary rights of indigenous communities. By putting in place the plans necessary to govern the management of the protected area, the project will mitigate against the risks of habitat degradation and unsustainable use of natural resources.

Indigenous communities will be an integral part of the enhanced management regime, benefitting the multi-dimensional well-being of both women and men. By strengthening the management and legal standing of CPAs, and by supporting the development of sustainable livelihoods around the park, the project will contribute to poverty alleviation amongst the local indigenous communities, secure their rights to traditional and sustainable resource use, and mitigate risks currently created by growing, perverse incentives that pose a major threat to Virachey's communities, forests and wildlife.

## **Q20. Exit Strategy**

**State how the project will reach a stable and sustainable end point, and explain how the outcomes will be sustained, either through a continuation of activities, funding and support from other sources or because the activities will be mainstreamed in to "business as usual".**

**Where individuals receive advanced training, for example, what will happen should that individual leave?**

The park's zonation and management plan, and the biodiversity baselines generated, will be valid beyond EOP.





FFI is committed to strengthening and developing capacity of communities and national NGOs. By training CPA members in CPA management and implementation and building their capacity to engage in relevant decision-making processes, and strengthening SCW's capacity to continue and scale-up their work locally, outcomes will be sustained with limited external support. At EOP, FFI will continue its conservation-based policy and research work in the area, scaling-up according to lessons learnt from this project, and providing support to SCW where needed.

The revitalisation of sustainable NTFP harvesting and adoption of climate-smart agricultural techniques will be reinforced by increased yields and improved market access. The livelihood benefits witnessed as a result (within the life of the project and beyond), will provide long-term commitment amongst CPA members to continue these activities and sustainably manage the CPAs. Given the political will for a participatory zonation and management plan, once achieved, this will provide a solid foundation and lasting legacy for the sustainable management of Virachey National Park.

FFI is fundraising from different sources to provide a long-term and scaled-up package of co-management support for VNP to MoE.

**If necessary, please provide supporting documentation e.g. maps, diagrams, references etc., as a PDF using the File Upload below:**

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## Section 10 - Budget and Funding

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### Q21. Budget

Please complete the appropriate Excel spreadsheet, which provides the Budget for this application. Some of the questions earlier and below refer to the information in this spreadsheet. Note that there are different templates for projects requesting over and under £100,000 from the Darwin budget.





- [Budget form for projects under £100,000](#)
- [Budget form for projects over £100,000](#)

Please refer to the Finance for Darwin/IWT Guidance for more information.

**N.B.:** Please state all costs by financial year (1 April to 31 March) and in GBP. The Darwin Initiative cannot agree any increase in grants once awarded.

Please upload your completed Darwin Budget Form Excel spreadsheet using the field below.

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### Q22. Funding

**Q22a. Is this a new initiative or a development of existing work (funded through any source)?**

- Development of existing work

**Please provide details:**

FFI has conducted the first meaningful biodiversity research in VNP in a decade through its population study on the recently-described, Endangered northern yellow-cheeked crested gibbon (*Nomascus annamensis*) in 2018, which identified the national park as the species' global stronghold. The results of this work catalysed the government's call for support to implement the activities proposed as part of this project, particularly the zonation and management plan to take the needs of this species into account.

Livelihood interventions in VNP and support to the Community Protected Areas have been conducted by SCW, whose work is contributing to poverty reduction and a more sustainable use of natural resources by IPs. The project's sustainable livelihood and CPA management activities will build on and further strengthen this work. They will also build on previous, related work by FAO in Ratanakiri's Ta Veang district.

FFI has directed ██████ USD of internally-managed funding to lay the foundations for this work, including consultations with the Ministry of Environment and initiation of the biodiversity survey. The British Embassy also provided seed funding through FCDO of ██████ GBP to initiate preliminary research on the biodiversity survey in Virachey in early 2021.

**Q22b. Are you aware of any other individuals/organisations/projects carrying out or applying for funding for similar work?**

Yes

**Please give details explaining similarities and differences. Explain how your work will be additional to this work and what attempts have been/will be made to co-operate with and learn lessons from such work for mutual benefits.**

FFI has also submitted an application to IWTCF for a transboundary project which includes Virachey (IWTR7S\1139). Whilst very different proposals, the projects would both include livelihood support activities for communities surrounding Virachey National Park. However, the IWTCF would be supporting those communities most affected by illegal wildlife trade, with a focus on communities closer to the Vietnam border, and particularly on addressing IWT. This proposal will be working to provide livelihood and management support within the CPAs.

**Q23. Co-financing**

**Are you proposing co-financing?**

Yes

**Q23a. Secured**

**Provide details of all funding successfully levered (and identified in the Budget) towards the costs of the project, including any income from other public bodies, private sponsorship, donations, trusts, fees or trading activity, as well as any your own organisation(s) will be committing.**

Donor Organisation	Amount	Currency code	Comments
Lucille Foundation	██████	USD	Seed funding to initiate biodiversity survey and zonation of VNP.
Cool Earth	██████	GBP	Co-funding to cover the cost of the livelihood technical advisor based in Cambodia.
<i>No Response</i>	0	<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>No Response</i>	0	<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>

**Q23b. Unsecured**

Provide details of any co-financing where an application has been submitted, or that you intend applying for during the course of the project. This could include co-financing from the private sector, charitable organisations or other public sector schemes. This should also include any additional funds required where a donor has not yet been identified.

Date applied for	Donor Organisation	Amount	Currency Code	Comments
22 May 2020	Cool Earth	██████	GBP	Co-funding to cover the cost of the livelihood technical advisor based in Cambodia. Cool Earth will confirm their support for 2022 and 2023 mid-2021.
No Response	No Response	0	No Response	No Response
No Response	No Response	0	No Response	No Response
No Response	No Response	0	No Response	No Response

**Do you require more fields?**

No

## Section 11 - Open Access and Financial Risk Management

### Q24. Outputs of the project and Open Access

**Please describe the project's open access plan and detail any specific funds you are seeking from Darwin to fund this.**

FFI's communications team will share major project news and developments through media releases and other targeted and appropriate channels. FFI has a dedicated webpage for Cambodia which will be updated with information generated throughout this project. FFI is able to host resources here and in the 'documents' section of the FFI website, where project outputs can be shared and tagged as 'open access'. Documentation will be a critical part of the project. We will use this information to develop robust case studies and learning materials that can be shared with the Darwin initiative, and shared throughout FFI and with partners that are working on similar issues. Further appropriate audiences and communication channels will be identified for further dissemination of this work.

All data generated will be made available to Cambodia's Ministry of Environment. The biodiversity report will be made available to all relevant stakeholders, with all data, except for any sensitive location data that could endanger species further, made open access. In the contingency that publications are produced, data shall be made open access.

## Q25. Financial Risk Management

**This question considers the financial risks to the project. Explain how you have considered the risks and threats that may be relevant to the successful financial delivery of this project. This includes risks such as fraud or bribery, but may also include the risk of fluctuating foreign exchange and internal financial processes such as storage of financial data.**

FFI has a zero-tolerance approach to bribery. FFI's anti-bribery policy is compliant with the Bribery Act (2010) and applies to all Members of Council, employees, volunteers, contractors, partners, and any other person associated with FFI. FFI bribery procedures address the following: direct and facilitation payments; payments under duress; gifts and hospitality; procurement; conflicts of interest; whistle-blowing, et al.

All aspects of this project will be governed by FFI's strict financial management systems, which assure a complete accounting of all financial resources and use of time on a real-time basis and summarized in regular financial performance reports.

Risk specific to this project includes partners' financial management capacity. FFI requires signed sub-grant agreements, with agreed financial and narrative reporting requirements, in order to transfer funding to partners. Further tranches of funding are only released once previous tranches have been fully reported and reconciled.

## Q26. Capital items

**If you plan to purchase capital items with Darwin funding, please indicate what you anticipate will happen to the items following project end. If you are requesting more than 10% capital costs, please provide your justification here.**

The purchased biodiversity survey equipment will be handed over to local partners. Along with the capacity that will be built as part of this project, this will facilitate the continued, locally-led monitoring of biodiversity in Virachey National Park.

## Q27. Value for Money

**Please describe why you consider your application to be good value for money including justification of why the measures you will adopt will secure value for money.**

The project represents good value for money as it operates through existing infrastructure and staff resource within FFI in Cambodia. The project relies mainly on local staff (who have significant existing expertise) as well as SCW staff, reducing the need for flights and travel costs of international staff. Further recruits are planned within country to provide the extra capacity needed for this project, and are expected to be retained long-term, which will provide further capacity for biodiversity conservation, protected area management and sustainable livelihood strengthening in Cambodia. FFI will primarily use its extensive in-house expertise, which is cheaper than consultants. In cases where consultants represent better value, i.e. where very targeted, specialist input is required, such as on specific taxonomic groups, they will be selected based on their competitiveness and on the local capacity retention potential. We are able to share costs such as rent, vehicle operations and support staff positions with other FFI projects operating in

parallel in Cambodia.

The project will build on existing seed funding, maximising the value for money offered.

Ministry of Environment staff will be involved in the biodiversity survey and in management plan development, building capacity nationally and providing a basis for long-term biodiversity monitoring and effective protected area management. Whilst regular monitoring and adaptive management will ensure that the project is responsive and that funds are used efficiently.

## Section 12 - Ethics and Safeguarding

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### Q28. Ethics

**Outline your approach to meeting Darwin's key principles for ethics as outlined in the guidance note. Additionally, are there any human rights and/or international humanitarian law risks in relation to your project? If there are, have you carried out an assessment of the impact of those risks, and of measures that may be taken in order to mitigate them?**

FFI seeks to ensure our activities do not disadvantage poor, vulnerable or marginalised, natural resource-dependent women and men, and wherever possible to conserve biodiversity in ways that enhance human wellbeing and social equity. FFI has committed to respect human rights, promote their protection and realisation within our conservation programmes, and support the governance systems that can secure those rights.

Our social safeguards system comprises positions (on FPIC/stakeholder engagement, displacement/resource access restrictions, rangers, gender), and associated planning, implementation and compliance mechanisms. We will assess the potential impacts of the project on different local stakeholders and take measures to mitigate negative – and maximise positive – impacts.

Community stakeholder engagement will follow FPIC principles including comprehensive documentation to evidence how the concerns, knowledge, rights and needs, particularly of vulnerable people, are addressed.

We will support appropriate law enforcement agencies to manage conflict and apply legitimate regulations fairly. We will develop and provide training on rights-compliant codes of conduct/standard operating procedures for community and state rangers. We will implement a locally appropriate, accessible and transparent Grievance Mechanism.

### Q29. Corruption

**This question specifically considers corruption. Explain how you have considered any risk of corruption that may affect the success of this project, and how you plan to manage this. This may include financial corruption, but may also deal with gifts or inducements, or other types of dishonesty or deceit.**

FFI has an organisational anti-corruption policy which this project will follow, along with regulations in national law for Cambodia. This will be applied to all funds employed for project implementation, over which we have an established system of financial oversight. The project will ensure transparent flow of information to increase accountability.

FFI Cambodia will also implement a grievance mechanism, which will allow for any irregularities of misuse of funds to be reported independently and anonymously by direct beneficiaries or other stakeholders.

## Q30. Safeguarding

Projects funded through the Darwin Initiative must fully protect vulnerable people all of the time, wherever they work. In order to provide assurance of this, projects are required to have appropriate safeguarding policies in place. Please confirm the lead organisation has the following policies in place and that these can be available on request:

We have a safeguarding policy, which includes a statement of our commitment to safeguarding and a zero tolerance statement on bullying, harassment and sexual exploitation and abuse	Checked
We have attached a copy of our safeguarding policy to this application (file upload below)	Checked
We keep a detailed register of safeguarding issues raised and how they were dealt with	Checked
We have clear investigation and disciplinary procedures to use when allegations and complaints are made, and have clear processes in place for when a disclosure is made	Checked
We share our safeguarding policy with downstream partners	Checked
We have a whistle-blowing policy which protects whistle blowers from reprisals and includes clear processes for dealing with concerns raised	Checked
We have a Code of Conduct for staff and volunteers that sets out clear expectations of behaviours - inside and outside the work place - and make clear what will happen in the event of non-compliance or breach of these standards	Checked

**Please outline how you will implement your policies in practice and ensure that downstream partners apply the same standards as the lead organisation.**

FFI is committed to ensuring that its conservation activities do not disadvantage or undermine poor, vulnerable or marginalised people who are dependent upon or live adjacent to natural resources, and wherever possible will seek to conserve biodiversity in ways that enhance local well-being and social equity.





FFI has a suite of policies and procedures concerning core values and ethical behaviour, including safeguarding, anti-harassment and whistle blowing, rangers and human rights, as well as an employee handbook.

The responsibility to abide by safeguarding, anti-harassment and equal opportunities policies and procedures, is shared downstream to consultants and partners as contractual obligations in sub-grant and consultancy contracts.

All project staff, FFI and SCW, will be trained on FFI policies and procedures that will be clearly explained by the administration and finance team to each team member.

**Please upload the lead organisation's Safeguarding Policy as a PDF**



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## Section 13 - Logical Framework

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### Q31. Logical Framework





Darwin Initiative projects will be required to monitor (and report against) their progress towards their expected Outputs and Outcome. This section sets out the expected Outputs and Outcome of your project, how you expect to measure progress against these and how we can verify this.

- [Stage 2 Logframe Template](#)

Please complete your full logframe in the separate Word template and upload as a PDF using the file upload below. Copy your Impact, Outcome and Output statements and your activities below - these should be the same as in your uploaded logframe.

### Please upload your logframe as a PDF document.

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### Impact:

VNP biodiversity and cultural values are safeguarded, enabling the recovery of depleted wildlife populations and securing the future of the northern yellow-cheeked gibbon, alongside enduring livelihood improvement amongst indigenous communities.

### Outcome:

Forest cover in Virachey National Park is preserved through strengthened park and CPA management, and through the adoption of resilient and sustainable livelihoods, providing improved well-being for indigenous communities.

### Project Outputs

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#### Output 1:

1. Zonation and management plan developed and being implemented for Virachey National Park.

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#### Output 2:

2. Revised CPA management plans established and implemented by indigenous communities.

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#### Output 3:

3. Resilient and sustainable livelihoods strategies adopted by women and men in target households in indigenous communities.

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**Output 4:**

*No Response*

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**Output 5:**

*No Response*

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**Do you require more Output fields?**

**It is advised to have less than 6 Outputs since this level of detail can be provided at the Activity level.**

No

**Activities**

**Each activity is numbered according to the Output that it will contribute towards, for example, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 are contributing to Output 1.**

1.1 Conduct targeted biodiversity surveys, with participation from IPs, of wildlife and key habitats to provide the knowledge for an evidence-based zonation and management plan (Y1).

1.2 Disseminate results of biodiversity surveys to raise awareness and galvanise a sense of pride nationally, and to augment political will (Y1-Y2).

1.3 Conduct participatory zonation consultations with MoE, IPs and other stakeholders, to inform a zoning of VNP that fulfils conservation needs and IPs' sustainable resource use rights (Y1-Y2).

1.4 Develop an evidence-based management plan in partnership with MoE, following best practice guidance and with input from indigenous communities (Y2-Y3).

2.1 Assess current CPA management practices, customary institutions, land tenure and resource use needs within four CPAs in Ratanakiri Province (Y1).

2.2 Strengthen technical and organisational capacities of existing CPA Committees to update, implement and monitor existing management plans, and to engage in relevant decision-making (Y1-Y2).

2.3 Support the revision and monitoring of CPA management plans to ensure effectiveness and equitable distribution of risks/costs/benefits (Y2).

2.4 Train and support CPA members to conduct monthly forest community patrols to record, remove and discourage threats to wildlife, in line with CPA management plans (Y2-Y3).

2.5 Deliver two gender-inclusive workshops per year per target community within CPAs on regulations in protected areas including cultural and scientific contextual components (Y1-Y3).

2.6 Support 4 youth eco-clubs to take an active role in conservation stewardship within their communities through capacity building and local awareness events (Y1-Y3).

3.1 Analyse and monitor gendered aspects of natural resource use, disaggregating roles in livelihoods and community decision-making processes to ensure gender-responsive project delivery (Y1).

3.2 Analyse community socio-economic status and assess traditional and current agricultural and

NTFP/wildmeat harvesting practices, and cultural values (Y1).

3.3 With IPs, identify and evaluate strategies based on conservation goals, agro-ecological conditions, traditional practices, existing skills/interests, and market demand based on market system analysis (Y1).

3.4 Deliver technical training and develop capacity for indigenous producers for climate-smart agriculture, poultry, and revitalisation of sustainable traditional NTFP harvesting (Y1-Y3).

3.5 Improve market access for selected agricultural and NTFP goods through better linkage between target communities and private sector and development of processing unit if feasible (Y1-Y3).

## Section 14 - Implementation Timetable

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### Q32. Provide a project implementation timetable that shows the key milestones in project activities

**Provide a project implementation timetable that shows the key milestones in project activities. Complete the Excel spreadsheet template as appropriate to describe the intended workplan for your project.**


[Implementation Timetable Template](#)

**Please add/remove columns to reflect the length of your project. For each activity (add/remove rows as appropriate) indicate the number of months it will last, and fill/shade only the quarters in which an activity will be carried out. The workplan can span multiple pages if necessary.**

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## Section 15 - Monitoring and Evaluation

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### Q33. Monitoring and evaluation (M&E)

**Describe, referring to the Indicators above, how the progress of the project will be monitored and evaluated, making reference to who is responsible for the project's M&E.**

**Darwin Initiative projects are expected to be adaptive and you should detail how the monitoring and evaluation will feed into the delivery of the project including its management. M&E is expected to be built into the project and not an 'add' on. It is as important to measure for negative impacts as it is for positive impact. Additionally, please indicate an approximate budget and level of effort (person days) to be spent on M&E (see [Finance Guidance for Darwin/IWT](#)).**

Ffi adheres to the principles of adaptive management for its conservation actions, which includes planning,

implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and adaptation. As a key component of this project cycle, FFI has in place a rigorous Monitoring & Evaluation and reporting system, that will be applied to the proposed project. For each anticipated Conservation Outcome, the project will measure progress against identified indicators and implementation milestones. At regular intervals, project management and staff, along with relevant partners, will review implementation progress to assess the effectiveness of activities, FFI's efficiency in implementation, and to update the project work plan as needed. FFI will also regularly produce reports as part of its organisation-wide project management cycle, including midterm and final reporting in accordance with the guidelines. Financial management, monitoring and reporting will be conducted with several layers of oversight. FFI's accounts are audited annually and our years of on-the-ground experience have consistently supported our ability to cost activities precisely.

Biodiversity data will be recorded systematically by FFI staff as part of biodiversity surveys. The process of zonation will be thoroughly documented. A work plan for the zonation and management plan development will be agreed with MoE and available as a document against which to track progress. Discussions as part of zoning and management plan working group meetings, as well as consultation workshops, will be recorded in meeting minutes, with emphasis on participation by, and input from, IPs. Participant lists will be produced for all meetings.

Community-level work M&E will consist of several tools: a well-being assessment, socio-economic analysis, gender analysis, beneficiary income measurement, KAP survey and participatory evaluation of the project. Qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis will be supervised by FFI with support from SWC. To understand current needs for livelihood support, a socio-economic analysis will be conducted at the beginning of the project, as a baseline to measure impact against. In addition, a gender analysis at project start will help us to understand the role of women and men in livelihoods and natural resource management and the impact on gender inequality reduction will be evaluated through the well-being assessment. Moreover, a KAP survey will inform the project about the cultural values of natural resources for the various target indigenous communities at project start and project end. Throughout implementation, data on beneficiaries' incomes and farming production will be collected annually: project start (baseline), end Y1, end Y2, and end Y3. These data enable FFI and SWC to measure the impact of the intervention on target communities. FFI and SWC will organise annual workshops with participatory evaluation of the project within target communities to assess the activities, implementation and project impact. The findings will enable us to review the activities, approach, and methodology by adaptive management through continuous learning. At project end, a well-being assessment will measure the impact of the project and gauge the achievements of the indicators linked to the Outcome and Outputs 2 and 3.

<b>Total project budget for M&amp;E in GBP (this may include Staff, Travel and Subsistence costs)</b>	£ [REDACTED]
<b>Number of days planned for M&amp;E</b>	250
<b>Percentage of total project budget set aside for M&amp;E (%)</b>	[REDACTED]

## Section 16 - FCDO Notifications

### Q34. FCDO Notifications

**Please state whether there are sensitivities that the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office will need to be aware of should they want to publicise the project's success in the Darwin competition**

**in the host country.**

No

**Please indicate whether you have contacted your Foreign Ministry or the local embassy or High Commission (or equivalent) directly to discuss security issues (see [Guidance Notes](#)) and attach details of any advice you have received from them.**

Yes (no written advice)

**Please attach details of any advice you have received.**

*No Response*

## Section 17 - Certification

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### Q35. Certification

**On behalf of the**

Trustees

**of**

Fauna & Flora International

**I apply for a grant of**

£497,245.00

**I certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the statements made by us in this application are true and the information provided is correct. I am aware that this application form will form the basis of the project schedule should this application be successful.**

(This form should be signed by an individual authorised by the applicant institution to submit applications and sign contracts on their behalf.)

- I have enclosed CVs for key project personnel, letters of support, budget and project implementation timetable (uploaded at appropriate points in application).
- Our last two sets of signed audited/independently verified accounts and annual report are also enclosed.

Checked

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**Name** Matt Walpole

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**Position in the organisation** Senior Conservation Director, Regional Programmes

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**Signature (please upload e-signature)**

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## Section 18 - Submission Checklist

### Checklist for submission

	<b>Check</b>
<b>I have read the Guidance, including "Guidance Notes for Applicants" and "Finance Guidance".</b>	Checked
<b>I have read, and can meet, the current Terms and Conditions for this fund.</b>	Checked
<b>I have provided actual start and end dates for the project.</b>	Checked
<b>I have provided my budget based on UK government financial years i.e. 1 April – 31 March and in GBP.</b>	Checked
<b>I have checked that our budget is complete, correctly adds up and I have included the correct final total at the start of the application.</b>	Checked
<b>The application been signed by a suitably authorised individual (clear electronic or scanned signatures are acceptable).</b>	Checked
<b>I have included a 1 page CV or job description for all the key project personnel identified at Question 12, including the Project Leader, or provided an explanation of why not.</b>	Checked
<b>I have included a letter of support from the the Lead Organisation and main partner organisation(s) identified at Question 11, or an explanation of why not.</b>	Checked
<b>I have included a cover letter from the Lead Organisation, outlining how any feedback received at Stage 1 has been addressed where relevant.</b>	Checked
<b>I have included a copy of the lead organisation's safeguarding policy, which covers the criteria listed in Question 30.</b>	Checked
<b>I have been in contact with the FCDO in the project country/ies and have included any evidence of this. If not, I have provided an explanation of why not.</b>	Checked
<b>I have included a signed copy of the last 2 annual report and accounts for the Lead Organisation, or provided an explanation if not.</b>	Checked
<b>I have checked the Darwin website immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates.</b>	Checked
<b>I have read and understood the Privacy Notice on GOV.UK.</b>	Checked

**We would like to keep in touch!**

**Please check this box if you would be happy for the lead applicant (Flexi-Grant Account Holder) and project leader (if different) to be added to our mailing list. Through our mailing list we share updates on upcoming and current application rounds under the Darwin Initiative and our sister grant scheme, the IWT Challenge Fund. We also provide occasional updates on other UK Government activities related to biodiversity conservation and share our quarterly project newsletter. You are free to unsubscribe at any time.**

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#### **Data protection and use of personal data**

Information supplied in this application form, including personal data, will be used by Defra as set out in the latest copy of the Privacy Notice for Darwin, Darwin Plus and the Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund available [here](#). This Privacy Notice must be provided to all individuals whose personal data is supplied in the application form. Some information, but not personal data, may be used when publicising the Darwin Initiative including project details (usually title, lead organisation, location, and total grant value) on the GOV.UK and other websites.

Information relating to the project or its results may also be released on request, including under the 2004 Environmental Information Regulations and the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, Defra will not permit any unwarranted breach of confidentiality nor will we act in contravention of our obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679).