

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report
(due 31 October 2010)

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Project Title	“Scaling-up sustainable conservation through ecotourism and community-based monitoring”
Country(ies)	Cambodia
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Collaborator(s)	WWF Cambodia
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1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – September) against the agreed baseline timetable for the project (if your project has started less than 6 months ago, please report on the period since start up).

Activity	Year 1				Year 2				Project Progress
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1.1 Review the initial implementation of MOMs at community level as basis for developing annual work plan for the MOMS team									Done. Reported in year 1
1.2 MOMS champions identified, trained and supported									Done. Reported in year 1 Monitoring of MOMS on going
1.3 Train MOMS team on monitoring natural resource use including NTFPs									Done. Reported in year 1 Training on new NTFP form will be completed in November
1.4 Update MOMS books to include additional natural resource uses									Done. Reported in year 1
1.5 Regular meeting among MOMS team to share learning (6-monthly meetings)									Done. Reported in year 1 Next six monthly meeting will be conducted in December
1.6 Update information in all the 3D model maps produced in previous project									Done. Reported in year 1
1.7 Train Eastern Plains Landscape GIS staff on digitizing information from the 3D model maps									Done. Reported in year 1
1.8 Train CBO members on community GIS									Pending due to availability of trainer. Will commence next year.
1.9 Digitize baseline and updated information from the 3D model maps									Pending due to availability of trainer on digitizing information from 3D map. Will commence next year.
1.10 Develop a mechanism for regular feedback and processing of the monitoring results, and encourage integration into commune development planning processes (6-monthly)									Ongoing. CBOs participated in the commune investment planning with the CET staff facilitation

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meetings)									
2.1 Develop and implement a monthly environmental education programme of activities (including maintenance of environmental information centres) for the eco clubs and schools									<p>Ongoing</p> <p>There are currently 7 eco -clubs (4 are new with funding from Darwin) and total membership of 238.</p> <p>Three environmental centres are being maintained and the team is planning to organize a contest among eco clubs.</p> <p>The team also conducted additional training to 10 Primary school teachers on environmental education with the following specific topics: a) general introduction to environmental education, b) Water cycle, c) climate change impacts on agriculture, d) water conservation, e) Environmental pollution, f) renewable energy</p>
2.2 Facilitate the development of environmental education work plans of the extension committees of the various CBOs/associations (Every 3 months)									<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Team conducted follow up training to 16 female Bunong local educators in Busra and Dakdam on providing environmental education</p>
2.3 Monitoring of the action plans developed after environmental education activities									<p>On going</p>
2.4 Continue coaching and mentoring local community educators and teachers on facilitation and training skills									<p>On going, additional activities includes follow up training to local educators (see 2.2)</p>
2.5 Provide support to and further expand the Eco-club network (Quarterly)									Ongoing (see progress in Activity 2.1)
3.1 Assess the training needs and capacity of the project staff in training skills									Done. Reported in year 1
3.2 Develop and implement training skills programme for project staff									Done. Reported in year 1
3.3 Organize training workshops for local community educators and CBO officers									Done. Reported in year 1
4.1 Training on community tourism management for commune council and community-based organizations (CBOs)									Delayed due to late approval from the Department of Tourism, however following the Indonesia study tour he approved the training. The team will implement this in December.
4.2 Financial management training									Done. Reported in year 1
4.3 Facilitate set up of tourism initiatives									Done. Reported in year 1
4.4 Develop benefit sharing mechanism for community-based ecotourism initiatives in Dei Ey and Krang The communes									Done. Reported in year 1
4.5 Conduct guide training									Done. Reported in year 1 Training for another group in December
4.6 Conduct training in hospitality, catering, hygiene									Done. Reported in year 1 Training for another group in December
5.1 Training on (Provincial) tourism planning for WEMB members (incl. tourism impact monitoring)									Same as case in 4.1
5.2 Develop expanded ecotourism plan for Mondulkiri as part of Eastern Plains landscape									Cancelled. Justification reported in Year 1 annual report
5.3 Support operation of Wildlife Ecotourism Management Board WEMB									Done. Reported in year 1

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5.4 Set up tourism infrastructure for PPWS									Constructed community centre in Sre Thas village in PPWS where bikers can stay overnight and visit the Phnong village. The centre will also serve as an information centre for the community and visitors.
5.5 Study tour to successful ecotourism project in the region to exchange best practices and lessons learned									Done. See attached summary report of the study tour
5.6 Attend network meetings and workshops in the region to increase knowledge and skills on ecotourism									No meeting attended within the reporting period

2. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments that the project has encountered over the last 6 months. Explain what impact these could have on the project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.

Department of Tourism (DoT) delayed training on tourism development planning. We planned to complement the project of DoT on capacity building funded by JICA but they decided to delay until next year. The DoT Director approved the training in late Oct. and that they will note this in their future activities to avoid overlaps or duplication of trainings/activities

Resignation of Ecotourism Team Leader – CET Adviser took up community related ecotourism work; budget for the salary of the Ecotourism Team Leader realigned for CET Adviser and CET staff. Currently looking for new Ecotourism Team Leader to be on board Jan 11.

Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

No.

Discussed with the DI Secretariat: nø/yes, in..... (month/yr)

Changes to the project schedule/workplan: nø/yes, in.....(month/yr)

3. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?

None

If you were asked to provide a response to this year's annual report review with your next half year report, please attach your response to this document.

Please note: Any planned modifications to your project schedule/workplan or budget should not be discussed in this report but raised with the Darwin Secretariat directly.

Please send your **completed form email** to Eilidh Young, Darwin Initiative M&E Programme at Darwin-Projects@ectf-ed.org.uk . The report should be between 1-2 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message eg Subject: 14-075 Darwin Half Year Report**

Photo Documentation



Left: Community members working together to construct the community information center; Right: The semi-finished centre in Sre Thas village. Sre Thas Village is one of the stop overs for mountain bikers coming from Dei Eiy.



Top Photos: (Left) participants experience the panoramic walk around the village – one of the tour packages being offered by the community which also includes visits to farms, irrigation systems, and nearby waterfalls. (Right) participants visiting traditional village of the Sasa people (one of the indigenous communities dwelling within the Rinjani National Park).

Photos below: Participants having a meeting with the village leaders, park officers, local guides, elders, and tour organizers in Rinjani National Park.