

PART A : BASIC PROJECT INFORMATION

(Must be completed in all cases)

1. PROJECT NAME: **Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) in the productive, natural and forested landscape of Northern Region of Cambodia**
2. PROJECT DATES:
- PROJECT START: **7/27/2020**
- ESTIMATED COMPLETION: **6/26/2025**
3. TOTAL PROJECT COST: **\$3,540,320**
4. RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY: **Ministry of Environment**
- RESPONSIBLE UNIT: **Department of Biodiversity, the General Directorate of Policy and Strategy**
- អង្គភាពទទួលខុសត្រូវ: **នាយកដ្ឋានជីវៈចម្រុះនៃ អគ្គនាយកដ្ឋានគោលនយោបាយនិងយុទ្ធសាស្ត្រ**
5. PROJECT STATUS: **On Going**

DETAILED PROJECT INFORMATION

6. TYPE OF PROJECT: **Free-standing technical assistance**
7. SOURCE OF PROJECT FUNDING: **Grant**
8. THE POLICY AREA OF THE PENTAGON STRATEGY PHASE I THAT THIS PROJECT FALLS UNDER:V
Side 5. Ensuring Environmental Sustainability and Readiness for Responding to Climate Change, as well as Promotion of Green Economy
9. THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE PROJECT TO ACHIEVE THE ABOVE POLICY:

The INRM project is aligned with the strategic priorities and vision of the NBSAP to 2030 and its Implementation Framework. The project is aligned with the goals of the NBSAP including: (i) Goal 1: Identify the main causes of biodiversity loss; thereby reducing the pressure directly and preventing the decline of biodiversity in protected areas; (ii) Goal 2: Properly resolve conflicts between conservation and development; (iii) Goal 3: Conserve the system of protected areas containing typical ecosystems, and various ecosystems; (iv) Goal 4: Enhance biodiversity conservation and development at the level of ecosystems, species and genetic resources; and (v) Goal 7: Benefits from biodiversity and ecosystem services should be shared fairly and equitably with participation of local communities. In addition, the project will contribute to achieving the Aichi Targets, in particular Strategic Goal B (Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use), and Strategic Goal C (To improve the status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity). The project also contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) particularly Goal 2 (End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture); and Goal 15 (Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss). At the same time, the INRM project will contribute to the update of above NBSAP and the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

10. SUPPORT TO CAMBODIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPEMENT POLICY:

Does this Project support to the implementation of the Cambodia Industrial Development Policy?

No

11. SECTOR:

Environment and Conservation (includes Forestry sector)

12. PROJECT LOCATION: (Describe the location of the project and its components.)

Siem Reap, Preah Vihear, Kampong Thom,

13. PROJECT OBJECTIVE: (Describe the major purpose of the project.)

The project objective is to promote integrated landscape management for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, natural resources and ecosystem services in the northern part of Cambodia.

14. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Provide a description of the project and all its components.)

The INRM project was approved by GEF CEO in June 2020 and its official starting date was July 27th, 2020. It is a five-year project and its expected termination date is June 2025. INRM is being directly implemented by the MoE in close partnership with the UNDP Country Office and with various project partners both at national and sub-national levels. The project has a GEF budget of USD 3,340,320 and co-financing commitments amounting to USD 10,200,000 in which USD 200,000 is from UNDP and USD 10,000,000 is from the Royal Government of Cambodia. The INRM project is being implemented through three inter-related and mutually complementary Components as following:

Component 1: Systemic and institutional capacity for integrated landscape management;

Component 2: Effective management of Protected Areas and surrounding riparian and multiple use production landscapes in Northern Cambodia;

Component 3: Knowledge management, gender mainstreaming, learning and M&E.

15. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION: (Give reasons why this particular project is considered worthwhile.)

Increasing demand for forest, agricultural and wildlife products, crop land and agriculture monocultures, and infrastructure and transportation development has accelerated in recent years thereby, rapidly changing the landscape with consequential threats to biodiversity and ecosystem services. The project is thus aimed at addressing these multiple threats by harmonizing socio-economic development, sustainable management of land, forests, natural resources and biodiversity conservation through an integrated management approach, with water as a catalyst, in Northern Landscapes of Cambodia. To achieve these, actions will be taken to – strengthen policies and institutional capacity at the national and sub-national levels to ensure the integration of biodiversity and ecosystem services in sector and sub-national socio-economic development planning.

16. BENEFITS: (Who will benefit, directly and indirectly, from the project?)

The INRM project is intent to generate multiple landscape benefits including effective conservation of globally threatened species and high conservation forests, improve management of natural resources and ensure the maintenance of ecosystem services. It is aimed specifically at improving the management of protected areas and ensuring their financial sustainability, enhancing the productivity of production and agricultural lands and improving local livelihoods.

At the end of the project, i). at least 1,500 ha of CPAs and CFs under improved management as measured by updated management plans; revised MoAs that clearly define conservation commitments; monitoring systems in place to evaluate management effectiveness; communities trained in natural resources management actions; appropriate budgets allocated for implementation of management plans, etc; and ii). at least 5,000 persons composed of at least 30% women benefiting from improved natural resources management practices, improved livelihoods and small business development with 15% average increase in incomes from agricultural activities from average baseline in participating households.

17. FEASIBILITY STUDY

Is a Feasibility Study for the project required? **No**

If YES, has it been carried out? **Not yet**

18. SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENT IMPACT: (Briefly describe the effects of the project, if any, on the people and the surrounding environment. Will the project assist in alleviating poverty?)

The Long-Term Impact of the project is:

1. the reduction of direct threats on critical species, ecosystems, and ecosystem services through the promotion of sustainable water management, sustainable agriculture, forestry, ecotourism and other economic practices in and around the biological landscape;

2. the improvement of planning, regulatory, enforcement and monitoring for enhancing natural resources management; and

3. the effective management of and reduced threats to globally significant biodiversity, including globally significant ecosystems and species in Cambodia's biological landscape.

19. CLIMATE CHANGE

a. Is any activity or output of the project related to Climate Change? **Yes**

If Yes, please indicate **Both**

b. How is the project relevant to Climate Change?

Please select a Climate Change related sector of the project and fill up the contribution of the climate change related expenditure compared to the total project cost.

Climate Change-Related Sector	Percentage	Climate Change Relevance
11. Biodiversity and conservation	30	Low

20. DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Is any activity or output of the project related to Disaster Risk Reduction? **Yes**

21. GENDER ANALYSIS: (How does the project affect the roles of the men and women in the project area? Will women be actively involved in the implementation of the project?)

The project is actively seeking the support from the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Women's Affairs (MoWA) to ensure that gender equality is central to the definition of policies, legislation, guidelines and practices relating to INRM in the country. All documents produced through the project are being reviewed to ensure that gender aspects are well integrated and that such new policies and plans are adequately benefit women. In addition, at the national level the project is providing equal opportunity to both male and female policy makers, decision makers, and managers of the central institutions to participate in matters relating to INRM. At provincial level, the women are being encouraged to participate in discussions relating to INRM matters and in participating in training, awareness raising and education activities.

22. CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT: (Does the Ministry have the skills and experience required to implement the project?)

Based on existing GEF policies, UNDP is the Implementing Agency for this project: responsible for overall project supervision and technical backstopping to ensure consistency with GEF, procedures, and monitoring effectiveness in delivery of the project outcomes. The Royal Government of Cambodia's Ministry of Environment (MoE) is the project Executing Agency responsible for the 'on the ground' project implementation in accordance with the objectives, outputs and activities outlined in the project document. The Ministry of Environment as the executing agency for the project has jurisdiction over the protected areas covered by the Law on Protected Areas and is also National Focal Point for GEF, CBD, Ramsar Convention, and UNFCCC in Cambodia.

The project's management structure is based on strong government ownership, and aligned to the existing government institutional arrangements, to ensure sustainability and replication of project outcomes.

23. STATUS OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION: (Provide a brief update on the progress of the project to date. Discuss any major problems causing delays in project implementation.)

This project is progress well with the achievements in 2023 as following:

- 1. The project Midterm Review (MTR) has been completed**
- 2. The updated of gender mainstreaming in biodiversity conservation into land use management**
- 3. Completed the water capacity/availability in PKNP, Angkor PL, KPWS, Stung Siem Reap, Stung Staung, and Stung Sen**
- 4. Completed the baseline of agroecology commodities and farmers' need for promoting market linkages at Phnom Kulen National Park.**

24. PROJECT PRIORITY: (Please indicates the priority ranking of the project decided by the ministry/agency.)

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25. DONOR INVOLVEMENT: (Provide any information on current or potential donor involvement in the project.)

This INRM project is financially supported by GEF with a great amount of co-financing from the Royal Government of Cambodia and UNDP.

PART B : PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING SOURCES
(In US\$'000)

INVESTMENT COST	2023		2024 Budget	2025 Estimate	2026 Estimate	2027 Estimate	3yr Total 2025-2027	Recurrent Cost Est.
	Budget	Actual						
Operational Expenditure	214.3	144.4	281.7	133.7	0.0	0.0	133.7	0.0
Salaries	130.3	106.1	122.5	73.4	0.0	0.0	73.4	0.0
Materials + Admin	55.6	30.1	104.3	46.0	0.0	0.0	46.0	0.0
Other	28.4	8.2	54.9	14.3	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0
Capital Expenditure	479.5	231.5	1,369.8	294.2	0.0	0.0	294.2	0.0
Construction	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Consultancy (i.e. TA) + Admin	143.5	72.0	242.4	95.2	0.0	0.0	95.2	0.0
Equipment+ Furniture	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Training	46.5	5.9	84.3	38.4	0.0	0.0	38.4	0.0
Other	289.5	153.6	1,039.7	160.6	0.0	0.0	160.6	0.0
TOTAL COST	693.8	375.9	1,651.5	427.9	0.0	0.0	427.9	0.0
FUNDING SOURCES	2023		2024 Budget	2025 Estimate	2026 Estimate	2027 Estimate	3yr Total 2025-2027	
	Budget	Actual						
Project Revenue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Government Funding	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Cash Input	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other Resources	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Donor Funding	693.8	375.9	1,651.5	427.9	0.0	0.0	427.9	
Global Environment Facility	693.8	375.9	1,651.5	427.9	0.0	0.0	427.9	
TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDING	693.8	375.9	1,651.5	427.9	0.0	0.0	427.9	
FUNDING REQUIRED	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
(Total Cost - Funding Available)								

**Seen and Approved by
Minister**

(Signature)

Date :