



# Ten years of partnership for forestry and fisheries communities in Cambodia: experiences, lessons, and innovations

24 May 2022, Phnom Penh Hotel

## Introduction

Partnership for Forestry and Fisheries Community in Cambodia (PaFF) is a three-phase (November 2014 to June 2023) implemented by a consortium of four local and international organizations: Regional Community Forestry Training Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RECOFTC), Non-Timber Forest Products Exchange Programme Asia (NTFP-EP), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Culture and Environment Preservation Association (CEPA).

PaFF is funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) with cost contributions from program partners.

PaFF work in close collaboration with Forestry Administration (FA) and Fisheries Administration (FiA) of the Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), General Directorate of Local Community (GDLC) of the Ministry of Environment. At provincial level, the program team works directly with Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and Department of Environment, Provincial Department of Tourism. In addition, PaFF engage closely with the commune, district, and provincial authorities in target provinces (Kampong Thom, Preah Vihear, Kratie and Stung Treng province).

PaFF directly supports 155 Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) Groups – Community Forestry (CF), Community Fisheries (CFi), and Community Protected Area (CPA) – with a total membership of more than 30,172 households. Over the last ten years, PaFF has been strengthening target CBNRM groups in many aspects included formalizing their tenure right on natural resource, developing and implementing natural resource management plans, promoting their financing mechanisms, and contributing to generating income for their members. In addition, PaFF strengthens CBNRM networks (CF, CFi, and CPA) and engages in multiple stakeholder platforms and coordination committees at sub-national and national levels. These will contribute to promoting CBNRM as a local natural resource management mechanisms in line with legal and institutional frameworks of forestry and fisheries in Cambodia.

With this, it is important for PaFF to share lessons generated through this implementation with stakeholders in forestry and fisheries sector in Cambodia. The workshop on “**Ten years of partnership for forestry and fisheries communities in Cambodia: experiences, challenges, and innovations**” will be held on **24 May 2023** from **8:00am** to **5:00pm** at **Phnom Penh Hotel, Phnom Penh**.

## Objectives

The primary objective of this workshop will be to share results that PaFF has over the last ten years of its implementation. It will also provide opportunity for the PaFF team to reflect on the experiences, challenges and innovations that PaFF has made. Eventually the event will stimulate learning from the partnership for forestry and fisheries communities in Cambodia – namely from CF, CFi, and CPA.

## Participants

The workshop will bring together approximately **120 participants** who are representatives from Government Institutions at national and sub-national levels (Ministry of Agriculture forestry and Fisheries, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Finance, Sub-national authorities, Development Partners, International and Local Non-Governmental Organization, Private Sector, Academia, Community Forestry, Community Fisheries, and Community Protected Area.

## Tentative Program

Time	Activities	Facilitator
08:00 – 08:45	Registration of the participants with the presentation of Video of PaFF program	
08:45 – 09:30	Opening Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remarks by <b>Mr. Markus Buerli</b>, Director of Cooperation, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)</li> <li>- Remark by <b>Ms. Kaing Khim</b>, Deputy Director General of Fisheries Administration</li> <li>- Opening Remarks by <b>H.E. Dr. Keo Omaliss</b>, Director General of Forestry Administration</li> </ul>	Sorn Pisey
09.30 – 09.45	Coffee Break (video presentation)	
09:45 – 10.30	sharing results of Partnership for forestry and Fisheries communities in Cambodia	Tol Sokchea
10:30 – 12.00 parallel session	<b>CBNRM sustainable financing mechanism:</b> credit scheme and mini trust fund in CF, CFI and CPA	Luy Rasmey and Heng Da
	<b>Community engagement in law engagement in natural resource management:</b> community forestry, community fisheries, and community protected area patrolling	Phim Sopheap and Sim Bunthoeun
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch break	
13:30 – 15:00 parallel session	<b>CBNRM development:</b> contribution of CBNRM activities in livelihoods improvement and resource protection (agroforestry, community based enterprise, recreation forest, etc.)	Sim Buntheoun and Luy Rasmaey
	<b>CBNRM networks:</b> a mechanism for information sharing, empowerment and ensure inclusion of CBNRM members (CF network, CFI network, and CPA network)	Phim Sopheap and Heng Da
15.00 – 15.15	Coffee Break – with Videos presentations	Dy Vutheara
15.15 – 16.15	<b>Reflection of the partnership for forestry and fisheries community in Cambodia</b>	Hou Kalyan
15:50 – 16:50	Closing Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Key note by <b>Dr. David Ganz</b>, Executive Director, RECOFTC</li> <li>- Remark by <b>Ms. Camilla M Ottosson</b>, Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden</li> <li>- Closing remark by <b>H.E. Mom Thany</b>, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Environment</li> </ul>	Sorn Pisey