



## CAMBODIA-MANGROVES FOR THE FUTURE (CAM-MFF) INITIATIVES

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### Minutes of the First Meeting on Cambodia-Mangroves for the Future

Venue: Cambodiana Hotel – Phnom Penh

Date: 15 June 2012

Time: 08:30-13:00

#### I. Summary of Minutes

The first meeting on Cambodia-Mangroves for the Future Initiatives was organized by the Ministry of Environment of the Royal Government of Cambodia in cooperation and financial support from IUCN-Cambodia on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2012 at the Cambodiana Hotel-Phnom Penh. The meeting was presided over by H.E Dr. Vann Monyneath, Deputy Director-General of National Committee for Management and Development of Cambodian Coastal Zones, Deputy Director-General of Technical Department of MoE and Director of ASOEN.

The main objectives of the meeting were

- To provide participants with information on Mangroves for the Future Initiatives;
- To establish Executive Board for MFF-Cambodia (EB-MFF-Cambodia);
- To review and approve the terms of reference for EB-MFF-Cambodia.

#### II. Participants

1. Mr. Kong Kimsreng Senior Programme Officer of IUCN-Cambodia
2. Ms. Nightingale Maeve Coordinator of Regional Coastal & Marine Programme  
IUCN Asia Regional Office, Ecosystem & Livelihoods Group
3. Mr. Am Phirum Deputy Director of Department of Agricultural Land Resources  
Management of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
4. Mr. Path Sok Deputy Director of Department of Land Conservation of  
Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and  
Construction
5. Ms. Y Lavy Deputy Director of Department of Wetlands and Coastal Zones  
Of Ministry of Environment
6. Mr. Ek Ratha Deputy Director of Department of Ministry of Tourism

- 7. Mr. Chan Sopheap                      Head of Office of Fisheries Administration
- 8. Mr. Im Sophanna                      Vice-head of Office of Department of Meteorology of Ministry Of Water Resources and Meteorology
- 9. Dr. Kim Bunnara                      Deputy Director of Department of Ministry of Tourism
- 10. Mr. Sreng Sophal                      Office head of Ministry of Environment
- 11. Mr. Thay Somany                      Coordinator for National Fisheries Resources-Based Livelihoods Project of Food and Agriculture Organization
- 12. Mr. Eam Dyna                          Research Officer of World Fish Center
- 13. Mr. Hoy Sereivathanak Reasy      Lecturer of Royal University of Phnom Penh
- 14. Mr. Om Savath                        Executive Director of Fisheries Action Coalition Team (FACT)
- 15. Mr. Lou Vanny                        Programme Officer of IUCN-Cambodia

**III. Agenda:**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Description of activities</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
08:00-08:30	Arrival of participants	Lou Vanny
08:30-08:50	Announcement of the agenda for meeting Objectives and expected outputs	Kong Kimsreng
08:50-09:05	Impression and welcome speech	Dr.Vann Monyneath
09:05-09:35	Presentation on MFF Initiatives	Ms. Maeve Nightingale
09:35-09:50	Group photos and Coffee breaks	
09:50-12:40	Plenary discussion on the formation of EB-MFF-Cambodia and its ToRs	
12:40-13:00	Wrap-up and closing	Dr.Vann Monyneath
13:00-13:30	Lunch at the hotel	

To begin with, Mr. Kong Kimsreng (IUCN-SPO) thanked all participants for attending the meeting and informed them of the main objectives of the organization of the meeting today. He said that it is the second stage of MFF’s general continued supports to 4 MFF outreach countries—Bangladesh, Cambodia, Myanmar and East Timor—to have them become full member countries of MFF initiatives.

Even though Cambodia was not stricken by the 2004 tsunami, it is also vulnerable to climate-related hazards and other events such as floods, windstorm, and underground water salination and seawater intrusion. It recognizes the significant roles coastal ecosystem plays in offering benefits to human being and balancing the environment and making a significant contribution to reducing other climate-related hazards. Cambodian can reap a lot of benefits from Mangroves for the Future

when it becomes a full member through knowledge sharing and lesson learned from the MFF which can make a significant contribution towards curbing and mitigating above-mentioned challenges.

He also added that in order to become a full member of MFF, Cambodia has to meet the following two main criteria:

1. To establish an Executive Board for MFF-Cambodia (EB-MFF-Cambodia)
2. To develop and approve National Action and Strategic Plan for MFF-Cambodia (NSAP-MFF-Cambodia)

H.E Dr. Vann Monyneath raised the result of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting held at Maldives in terms of Cambodia's requirement and needs to enter the membership of Mangroves for the Future Initiatives to reap benefits from it. He also informed the participants that there have so far been 8 full members of MFF—India, Indonesia, Maldives, Schyelles, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Pakistan and Vietnam.

He strongly supported and agreed to the development of an Executive Board for MFF-Cambodia through the coordination and financial support from IUCN-Cambodia office. That's why today's meeting was organized by the Ministry of Environment in close cooperation with IUCN-Cambodia to discuss the formation of the executive board in a bid to make review and comments on the draft National Action and Strategic Plan for MFF, a required document for Cambodia eligible to become a full member of MFF. Afterwards, he also requested Ms. Nightingale Maeve to make a presentation on MFF.

### Presentation

A presentation on Mangroves for the Future Initiatives was made by Ms. Nightingale Maeve—Coordinator of Regional Coastal & Marine Programme of IUCN Asia Regional Office, Ecosystem & Livelihoods Group.

Key elements of the presentation were:

- Background of MFF
- What is Mangroves for the Future?
- MFF vision, objectives and approaches
- MFF is not only about mangroves but inclusive of all coastal ecosystems
- Where MFF works
- Financial supports for MFF initiatives
- From strategy to action: 15 Programmes of Work
- Projects to support local people through the provision of small and medium grants
- Best practices and lessons learned from MFF projects
- Current profile of Outreach Cambodia in terms of MFF (Cambodia and MFF)
- Approaches to becoming a full member of MFF (Creation of MFF-EB and NSAP)

## IV Plenary Discussion

The Chair thanked Ms. Maeve for her presentation in which he noted that the full member countries of MFF have reaped a lot of benefits for development of coastal resources and the improvement of local people's livelihoods in their own countries.

The meeting focused mainly on the following key points:

- Title: changing from a national working group for MFF-Cambodia to **Executive Board for MFF-Cambodia (EB-MFF-Cambodia)**
- Terms of Reference of EB-MFF-Cambodia
- Administrative procedures for requesting formal recognition and approval of the **EB-MFF-Cambodia** from the ministry of environment/national committee for management and development of Cambodian coastal zones

All of the participants supported and agreed to the formation of EB-MFF-Cambodia.

## Comments

Following the presentation a discussion was held on the terms of reference of **EB-MFF-Cambodia** with contributions from a number of participants.

A full table of detailed comments and a revised version of the ToR are provided in Annex 1 for review.

## Membership

Comments focused on:

- The need to include more institutions concerned within the MFF-EB such as Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy and Council for Development of Cambodia (raised by Mr. Chan Sopheap of FiA, Ek Ratha of MoT and Kim Bunnara of MoT)

## V. Decisions and Actions

- Established “**Executive Board for MFF-Cambodia (EB-MFF-Cambodia)**”
- Will include more relevant institutions such as Mol, MIME, MWA and CDC into the composition of EB-MFF-Cambodia
- Terms of Reference of EB-MFF-Cambodia were revised based on comments from the meeting
- Participants will be invited to comment on the documents within 3 days after receiving them at which point any further comments would be incorporated.
- ICUN-Cambodia Office was requested to be an Executive Secretariat for EB-MFF-Cambodia
- A brief on the result of the first meeting on MFF will be prepared by the Chair to be submitted to Senior Minister of Environment of Royal Government of Cambodia for review and formal recognition and approval of the establishment of EB-MFF-Cambodia.

The meeting ended with familiarity and solidarity at 13:00

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Minutes seen and approved by:

H.E. Dr. Vann Monyneath  
Chair of the Meeting