



## **MFF Small Grants Facility Stakeholders Workshop for Phase II Proponents**

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<b>Project Number/ Title:</b>	N/A
<b>Date of Workshop:</b>	September 29 - 30, 2011
<b>Participants:</b>	30 persons consisting of representatives from 11 CBOs/NGOs, NSC members, NC and PA's
<b>Location:</b>	Tai Muang district, Phang Nga province

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### **1. BACKGROUND OF THE WORKSHOP**

Spelled out in the Country Programme Strategy and long practiced by Thailand GEF SGP, the Stakeholders Workshop is an important mechanism to carry out granting activity. The workshop is a combination of orientation meeting, capacity-building process on GEF and its Small Grants Programme, and natural networking process. In essence, the workshop provides an opportunity to project proponents, members of National Steering Committee (NSC) and other stakeholders to share experience and lessons learnt that would result in upgraded and most responsive-to-GEF SGP concept papers/pre-proposals submitted earlier.

As the selected mechanism for implementing MFF/SGF in Thailand, the same procedure as practiced by GEF SGP and in the past Phase I of MFF/SGF, including convening the Stakeholders Workshop, was adopted. As to the workshop, it was planned with technical and institutional focus more on coastal and marine ecosystems.

As of June 30, 2011, 20 concept papers were received by the national coordinator. Of these, 16 concept papers proposed budget within US\$ 10,000 (written in Thai) while 4 proposed more but within US\$ 25,000 (written in English and requiring perusal by the NCB first). The total proposed budget is THB: 7,927,937 (US\$ 255,575) against the current allocation of US\$ 100,000.

On August 2, 2011, the NSC convened to the meeting to peruse those 21 concept papers. By consensus, 11 concept papers (total budget of about US\$ 131,984) appeared to be more eligible and of higher quality thus deserving further upgrading in the Stakeholders Workshop before final processes of recommendation and selection for funding.

### **2. WORKSHOP AT-A-GLANCE**

After a few greeting words from an MC, the NC gave a notification to the participants on procedure of grant process. He said that since the opening and call for proposal for Phase II MFF/SGF, 20 NGOs/CBOs had submitted concept papers for funding. Only 11 of these were pre-screened as most responsive to MFF/SGF thus deserving quality upgrading in the Stakeholders Workshop.

Brief introduction of UNDP Thailand's Small Grants Programme cluster by the NC gave a highlight of SGP increased country ownership through being grant delivery mechanism for Mangrove for the Future's Small Grants Facility and Water For People's Small Grants Programme.

The following session was for a more detailed presentation of MFF and MFF/SGF in which MFF strategy, MFF/SGF characteristics and relevant national strategy were shared and put forward for comments.



In order to make the proponents and their pre-proposals known among the participants, each one introduced himself with a brief description of his project and expectation.

In order to maximize experience sharing, participants were divided into 2 groups carrying out brainstorming activities, the themes of which consists of storytelling on

- (1) the past, present and future of younger generation of each community
- (2) the vision and how to realize the vision of each community

The two groups presented the results of brainstorming whose main issues arousing discussion from the audience were

- (1) limited participation and support from Tambol Administrative Organizations in ecosystems conservation
- (2) untoward infrastructure and coastal development (yacht port)

Three NSC members occupying the stage with five slides sharing “Concepts for Community Motivation”. This session was intended for stakeholders to revisit their existing capacity and resources so that “**What are being needed**” and “**What are being wanted**” in project development would be clearly differentiated. And on this basis, pre-existing facilities and resources would optimally be used.

The NC kept on with 10 additional slides, sharing the idea of project development by Result-Based-Management approach. The simple language was used with open opportunities for questions and comments from the floor. The RBM is intended for all stakeholders to gain insight on “**A Results Chain: Inputs - Activities – Outputs – Outcomes - Impact**”, with examples of results on environment, ecosystems, communities and wider publics. To ensure optimal understanding of RBM, the NC show pictures of three SGP back projects which displayed community in actions and subsequent results.

The final day of the workshop saw the presentation of the NC on how to estimate budget for each activity including management cost. In kind contribution estimate was also elaborated. With proposal formats distributed in both hard copy and CD, the NC led the participants, page-by-page to fill in as an exercise and precaution before returning home and work out with targeted population for more details and upgrading. Once completed, the upgraded proposals would be mailed to the NC within October 14, 2011, for further process of grant-making.

### 3. WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

No.	Name	Position	Agency/Organization
<b>NSC members and team</b>			
1	Dr. Komon Pragthong	Lead National Expert on Biodiversity, Land Degradation and International Water	FAO joint programme
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5	Ms. Anongnart Chuerchan-Ad	Loan Officer	Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives
6	Mr. Kritsada Sutthinoon	Head of Phang Nga Mangrove Research Center	Phang Nga Mangrove Research Center
7	Mr. Somsak Soonthornnawaphat	Senior Officer	IUCN
8	Mr. Poonsin Sreesangkom	National Coordinator	Environment Unit, UNDP
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15	Mr. Sithichoke Kagpatan	Project Representatives	Save Andaman Network Foundation
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17	Ms. Rattanaporn Chaengjaidee	Project Representatives	Phuket Women's Capacity Development Project
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#### 4. OBSERVATION FROM MFF/SGF TEAM

After the workshop, NSC members discussed the results. Every member all agreed that this workshop was carried out successfully. Overall increased capacity of participants was evinced. Community members from 11 locations across the target areas appeared to make new friends and forge a natural environment network. Majority of participants appeared at ease, let alone something more about MFF/SGF being learnt and used in the workshop process.

