



Cambodia Sustainable Landscape and Ecotourism Project (P165344)

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Implementing Agencies: Kingdom of Cambodia, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Rural Development

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 30-May-2019

Effectiveness Date: 17-Oct-2019

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 12-Dec-2022

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

Original Closing Date: 31-Dec-2025

Revised Closing Date: 31-Dec-2025

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Project Development Objective is to improve protected areas management, and to promote ecotourism opportunities and non-timber forest product value chains in the Cardamom Mountains-Tonle Sap landscape.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components Table

Name

Component 1: Strengthen Capacity for Protected Areas (PAs) Landscape Planning and Management:(Cost \$9.68 M)

Component 2. Strengthen Opportunities for Ecotourism and Non-Timber Forest Product (NTFP) Value Chains:(Cost \$18.09 M)

Component 3. Improve Access and Connectivity:(Cost \$23.86 M)

Component 4. Project Management, Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation:(Cost \$5.95 M)

Component 5:Contingent Emergency Response

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Despite some delays in the early stages of implementation and the adverse impact of Covid travel restrictions on the tourism sector, the project is expected to achieve its development objectives. Despite floods and COVID-19 restrictions, overall good progress has been made on the definition of the legal status of Community Protected Areas (CPAs) and zoning of protected areas (PAs) in the Cardamom Mountains. Other project activities related to the Cambodia Environmental Management Information System (CEMIS), non-timber forest products (NTFPs), and Community based ecotourism will need to be accelerated to stay on track with implementation. Once the procurement of some key contracts and services are completed, the pace of progress is expected to pick up substantially on (i) works and goods for infrastructure (ranger stations, ecotourism visitors'



centers, and hardware for CEMIS/smart ranger tools) and (ii) key consultancy activities and outputs such are the Destination Vision and Investment Plan (DVIP), design of rural roads, and UNDP/NGOs.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Macroeconomic	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Sector Strategies and Policies	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Technical Design of Project or Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Fiduciary	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Environment and Social	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Other	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Overall	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

To improve management of selected protected areas				
▶ Protected areas under improved management (Hectare(Ha), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,064,431.00
Date	30-May-2019	24-Aug-2020	01-Mar-2021	31-Dec-2025
Comments:	Work is ongoing to zone protected areas. TThe area counted as having improved management will be based on increases in the Management Effectiveness Training Tool (METT) scores for the corresponding PAs as well as meeting a minimum threshold score. The baseline METT survey is expected to be implemented in April 2021 by the MoE METT core team. Tools have been adapted to the Cambodian context and translated into Khmer. Plans to advance core zones and conservation zones are being prepared to be assessed by June 2021			



To promote ecotourism opportunities				
► Visitors in selected community-based ecotourism sites (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	128,000.00	128,000.00	128,000.00	219,500.00
Date	30-May-2019	24-Aug-2020	01-Mar-2021	31-Dec-2025
Comments:	Work is ongoing on ecotourism planning. MoE has finalized the selection of 15 community-based ecotourism sites, and the baseline number will be collected during the baseline assessment to be carried out in March 2021. The WB team is supporting the MoE in estimating an updated end target, based on recent developments due to COVID-19 travel restrictions and significant adverse impacts on the tourism sector. The target number will be recorded in the MoE M&E logframe, and updated in a formally revised results framework around the time of project mid-term review.			

To promote non-timber forest product value chains				
► Community groups with an increase of one or more on index of natural resources value addition (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Date	30-May-2019	24-Aug-2020	01-Mar-2021	31-Dec-2025
Comments:	Work is progressing on the NTFP and development of conservation compatible economic enterprises. Six value chains to be supported have been identified and activities will commence in June 2021. the technical assistance will be provided by NGOs and existing services providers. The World Bank team is supporting MoE and in the development of the index of natural resource value addition.			

To improve protected areas management, and to promote ecotourism opportunities and non-timber forest				
► Proportion of beneficiaries of BDS that are women (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Date	30-May-2019	24-Aug-2020	01-Mar-2021	31-Dec-2025
Comments:	BDS activities are being planned. The MoE Gender and Citizen Engagement consultant is now on board and is developing a training curriculum. A BDS Capacity Development Model for ecotourism/CBET is agreed between all stakeholders which includes the standardization and certification of ET / CBET capacity development of. MoE will hire a consultant to develop the BDS curriculum.			
► Targeted community members satisfied with benefits of the project (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00



Date	30-May-2019	24-Aug-2020	01-Mar-2021	31-Dec-2025
Comments:	A community satisfaction survey has not yet been undertaken given that the project is still in early implementation of services. The baseline assessment firm will develop such a survey in coordination with the MoE Gender and Citizen Engagement consultant, and the indicator measured through the baseline assessment.			

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

1. Strengthen Capacity for Protected Area Landscape Planning and Management				
▶ 1.1 Cloud-based geospatial platform for integrating data and information for PAs planning and enforcement operational (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
Date	30-May-2019	24-Aug-2020	24-Aug-2020	31-Dec-2025
Comments:	Work is progressing, though slower than anticipated. UNDP will provide TA on the development of the CEMIS framework and the development of the geospatial platform (decision support system).			
▶ 1.2 Protected Areas enforcement strategy operational (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
Date	30-May-2019	24-Aug-2020	01-Mar-2021	31-Dec-2025
Comments:	The MoE PIU is developing a law enforcement action plan that will help guide how law enforcement activities will be undertaken including training and capacity development. - Zoning started on the following Pas: Samkos, Aural, Central Cardamom and South Cardamom - CPA development: 5 CPA were developed but only 4 received Prakas from MoE todate. They are Anlong Svay, Phnom Torpchieng, Toeuk Thleak Chrak Laeang, Prey Thom Popel. However, Kork Meanty PA has requested to enlarge the area of 296 ha in addition to the existing area.			
▶ 1.3 Share of targeted communities using innovative technologies in PAs monitoring (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Date	30-May-2019	24-Aug-2020	01-Mar-2021	31-Dec-2025
Comments:	No communities have yet been engaged in PA monitoring, as PA management plans are currently being developed.			
▶ 1.4 Protected Areas management plans adopted (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00
Date	30-May-2019	24-Aug-2020	01-Mar-2021	31-Dec-2025
Comments:	Protected areas management planning is underway. A consultant is being recruited to support this activity further.			
► 1.5. Share of targeted CPAs with at least one woman in the CPA management committee (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	16.00	16.00	16.00	50.00
Date	30-May-2019	24-Aug-2020	01-Mar-2021	31-Dec-2025
Comments:	The Gender and Citizen Engagement Consultant is developing training and awareness raising activities to advance on this indicator. Thus far, progress has been made on CPA development of (number of women/number of committee members): Anlong Svay: 1/11; Phnom Torpchieng: 4/11, Toeuk Thlak Chrak Laeang: 6/20, Prey Thom Popel: 2/9			

2. Strengthen Opportunities for Ecotourism and NTFP Value Chains

► 2.1 Potential tourist sites in selected PAs with infrastructure operational (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Date	30-May-2019	24-Aug-2020	01-Mar-2021	31-Dec-2025
Comments:	Work on ecotourism planning is expected to commence in the second half of FY21, with the hiring of a firm to lead the planning, as well as an engineer and architect. The ecotourism plans will guide the development of ecotourism infrastructure.			

► 2.2 New tourism enterprises with sufficient capacity (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	30-May-2019	24-Aug-2020	01-Mar-2021	31-Dec-2025
Comments:	The project has started Started with training on book keeping and reporting on the 15 CBETs. Identified 3 CBETs for improving the access road, i.e. Kork Meanty (Chreav), Toeunk Thlak Chrak Laeang, and Prey Thom Popel. A BDS Capacity Development Model for ecotourism/CBET is being developed, which includes the standardization and certification of ET / CBET capacity development. The BDS curriculum will be developed through a consultancy under MoE.			

► 2.3 NTFP value chains improved with new infrastructure, technology, and market access (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
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Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00
Date	30-May-2019	24-Aug-2020	01-Mar-2021	31-Dec-2025
Comments:	Work is progressing on the NTFP and development of conservation compatible economic enterprises. . Six value chains to be supported have been identified and activities will commence in 2021.			

3. Improve Access and Connectivity

► 3.1 Average travel time to potential tourism sites in selected PAs (Hours, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	6.00	6.00	6.00	2.00
Date	30-May-2019	24-Aug-2020	01-Mar-2021	31-Dec-2025
Comments:	Work is underway by MRD PIU to identify the first phase of road segments for rehabilitation under the project. When identified, the MRD team will undertake assessments including travel time on road segments. Methodology for measuring average travel time will be developed by MRD.			

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

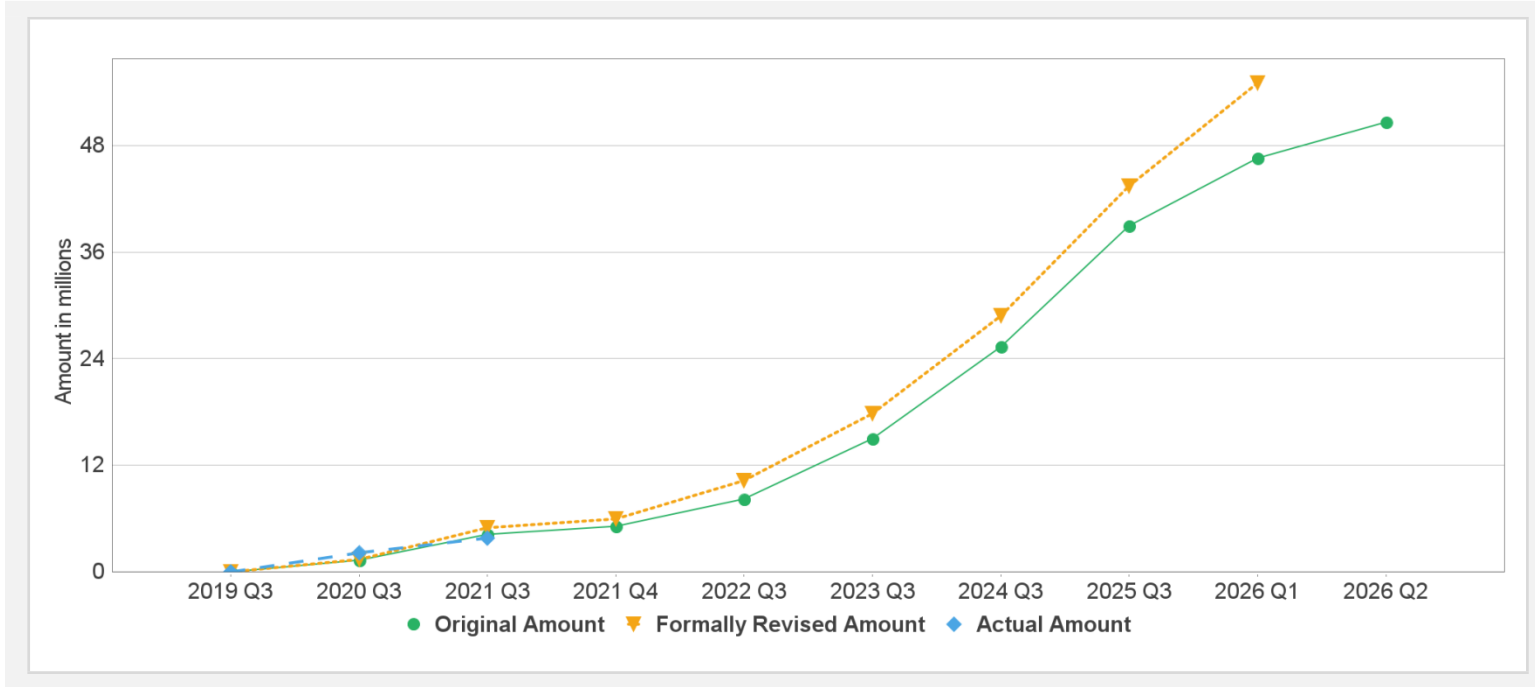
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P165344	IDA-64330	Effective	USD	50.66	50.66	0.00	3.75	48.56	7.2%
P172351	TF-B2422	Effective	--	4.42	4.42	0.00	0.00	4.42	0%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P165344	IDA-64330	Effective	30-May-2019	16-Aug-2019	17-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2025	31-Dec-2025
P172351	TF-B2422	Effective	06-May-2020	21-Jul-2020	21-Jul-2020	31-Dec-2025	31-Dec-2025

Cumulative Disbursements



PBC Disbursement

PBC ID	PBC Type	Description	Coc	PBC Amount	Achievement Status	Disbursed amount in Coc	Disbursement % for PBC

Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

P172351-AF Cambodia Sustainable Landscape and Ecotourism Project