

Process Framework for Involuntary Restrictions

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Fisheries Action Coalition Team (FACT)

***Strengthening Capacity of Community Fisheries to Manage Fisheries Resources
around Tonle Sap Lake, Cambodia.***

Kampong Thom and Pursat provinces (Tonle Sap)

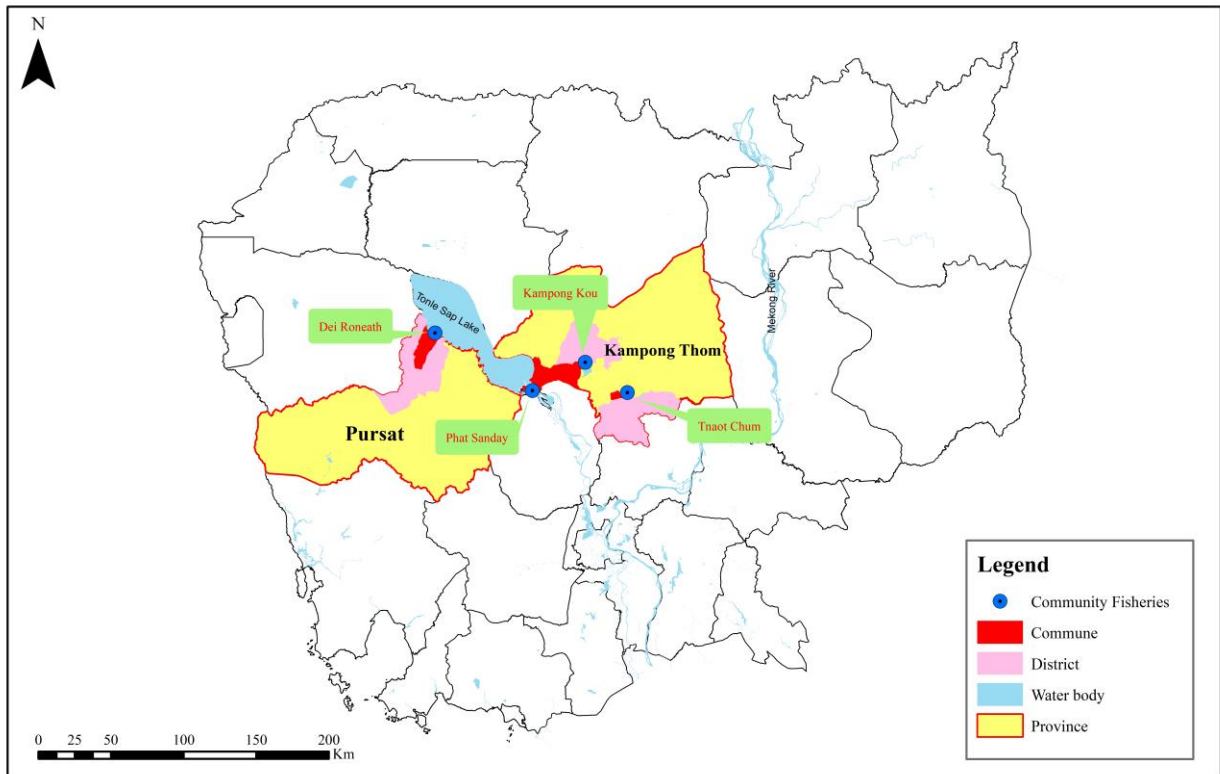
Grant Summary

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2. Grant title: Strengthening Capacity of Community Fisheries to Manage Fisheries Resources around Tonle Sap Lake, Cambodia.
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A. Project background

The prospective Project will strengthen the capacity of four focal community fisheries (CFis), including Samaky Kampong Kou, Thnoat Chum, and Phatsanday CFis were situated in Kampong Thom province and Dey Roneat CFi where situated in Pursat province at Tonle Sap Lake in order to sustainably manage and conserve the local fisheries resources at their respective Fish Conservation Area (FCA). The Project will also strengthen the capacity of the four focal CFis in order to advocate to the national government to allocate the annual commune budget to support the fisheries resources related activities in which carried out/managed by the CFis such as patrolling, fish attraction device construction, CFi committee capacity building, and diversification of income sources. Eventually, the Project will also work closely with National Fisheries Administration and Development Partners, in particular Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Cambodia to provide inputs for the amendment of Fisheries Law and Sub-Decree on Community Fisheries Management and ensure that the Law and Sub-Decree are adopted by National Assembly and Royal Government of Cambodia. Establishment and running of national Community Fisheries Network, clear provision of the types and length of fishing gears, diversification of income sources to support the activities of fisheries resources management and conservation in which carried by CFis are the main inputs in which the Project need to ensure that they are amended in the amended Law and Sub-Decree.

Targeted Community Fisheries in Kampong Thom and Pursat Provinces



The framework is developed to minimize the effect of restriction from the access to the local fisheries resources and the targeted communities are adequately and meaningfully consulted and invited to fully participate in the project implementation.

B. Participatory implementation

Capacity of committee and activists, including youths, of the fisheries resources of both men and women, of the focal CFIs will be significantly strengthened and they will be empowered to professionally participate in the project implementation as well as fisheries resources management and conservation in effective and sustainable manner.

The Project will also work closely with other concerned stakeholders, in particular Fisheries Administration at provincial, district and commune levels, local authorities, police, military police, and other development partners/NGO partners implementing their projects in both Kampong Thom and Pursat provinces via regular consultation, updating on the progress of project implementation, including lesson learned and challenges, and joint-patrol.

C. Criteria for eligibility of affected persons

- Poor fishers;
- Villagers in floating Koh Tapao village, one of the five villages in Phatsanday commune, whose village situated in the Fish Conservation Area;

- Fishers using large-scale fishing gears in which banned by Cambodia’s Fisheries Law and Sub-Decree on Community Fisheries;
- Fishers who always invade into the four focal Fish Conservation Area.

D. Measures to assist the affected persons

At beginning of the project implementation, FACT will conduct an assessment with the affected fishers as listed in C above, who directly access to and benefit from the focal FCAs in order to identify the exact number of the affected fishers and together address the issue in order to minimize the effects, finding other alternative livelihood options, example establishing and running eco-tourism service.

The Criteria for Eligibility of the affected fishers will be jointly developed and agreed by affected, local authorities, and Fisheries Administration at commune level (Sangkat Fisheries Administration) in order to make all key stakeholders, in particular the affected fishers satisfy with and happily apply it. The Criteria need to comply with Management Plans and Internal Rules/Regulation of each of the focal CFis, and importantly the existing laws/regulations of Cambodia too.

E. Conflict resolution and complaint mechanism.

FACT will establish recourse mechanism by providing detail contacts of FACT and donor CEPF for feedbacks and any key concerns/issues that would be raised by the affected fishers and other key stakeholders in relation to the project implementation:

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- CEPF:
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Any grievances received by FACT will be communicated to CEPF within 15 days, together with a plan for mitigating them.

F. Implementation Arrangements

- Meeting with committee of the focal CFis to consult on project implementation, including implementation strategy;

- Meeting with the affected fishers, local authorities and Fisheries Administration Officials to consult, develop and agree on the Criteria for Eligibility of Affected Fishers and other project implementation mechanism/strategy;
- Reviewing the existing legal documents (Management Plan, Internal Rules/Regulations) of the focal CFIs. Then, conducting re-election of the committees of the focal CFIs who are out of their mandates;
- Conducting regular meetings among the project staff, committee, local authorities and Fisheries Administration officials to report and update on the progress of project implementation, including lesson learned and challenges/issues in which there might b a need to urgently and collectively address;