

Process Framework for Involuntary Restrictions

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CEPF Grant 110291

Rising Phoenix Co. Ltd.

Siamese Crocodile: icon for the restoration of the Sekong River

Siem Pang Wildlife Sanctuary, Stung Treng province, Cambodia

Grant Summary

1. Rising Phoenix Co. Ltd.
2. Siamese Crocodile: icon for the restoration of the Sekong River.
3. 110291
4. 180,000USD
5. 1st March 2020 to 30th April 2022
6. Cambodia
7. Document prepared on 10th March 2020

A. Project background

The project is working within Siem Pang Wildlife Sanctuary (SPW) (Siem Pang District, Stung Treng Province, Cambodia) with a focus on the Sekong River and its tributaries. The project aims to bring in sustainable management of fisheries along the waterways, to achieve ecological restoration that would allow the correct conditions for the reintroduction of the Siamese Crocodile.

The project will support three district approved Community Based Organisations (CBO's) that have already established no-fish zones outside of Siem Pang Wildlife Sanctuary, to transfer to Fisheries Administration (FiA) registered Community Fisheries. Rising Phoenix will support these three community groups to establish a working relationship with the Provincial Department of Environment rangers, as well as providing them training in patrolling, and increasing their knowledge on fisheries management and the value in their natural environment.

The project will also work with Kham Pourk Village to establish a CBO recognized by the district. Kham Pourk is the only village found inside Siem Pang Wildlife Sanctuary, and in February 2020 the Ministry of Environment Zoning Plan for Siem Pang Wildlife Sanctuary was put into law. This means that Kham Pourk village is now in a community zone, surrounded by a sustainable use zone. The remaining area is conservation or core zone, which limits the access and activities of local people. Rising Phoenix will work with the CBO for them to decide how best to manage their sustainable use zone, with a focus on the Okampa river that crossed through both the community & sustainable use zone. Rising phoenix will provide support for the CBO to work towards a sustainable harvest of natural resources including fish.

B. Participatory implementation

Membership of the CBO's is voluntary. The development of Kham Pourk CBO is led by the community and through a democratic process the community choose their structure, leaders and activities. Membership will be open to anybody who lives in the village.

Rising Phoenix will also recruit a team of Community Rangers that will work to support the conservation of Siem Pang Wildlife Sanctuary. Rising Phoenix will advertise the open positions in all the target villages of the Sanctuary. Applicants will go through a capacity assessment, before being recruited, trained and equipped. The community rangers will then work full time to support the management of Siem Pang Wildlife Sanctuary.

C. Criteria for eligibility of affected persons

There will be three types of affected people:

1. People that are currently breaking the Protected Area Law through practicing illegal and harmful natural resource extraction methods within SPWS.
2. People that will have restricted access to parts of the waterways within SPWS Kham Pourk community and sustainable use zone, through community managed no fish zones.
3. People who have a reduction in certain waterways they can access, but still have a large area of waterways that they can fish at.

D. Measures to assist the affected persons

A wide range of voluntary benefits are provided to the 7 target villages that surround SPWS. This includes an organic rice programme entitled 'Ibis Rice', domestic cattle & Buffalo vaccinations, Trapeang restoration, and domestic dog vaccinations. In addition the SPWS is a key employer in these communities, currently providing over 20 full time jobs, and additional seasonal work. There is ample opportunity for people (effected person type 1) that are currently practicing illegal activities to stop and gain the benefits provided by the Wildlife Sanctuary instead.

For members of Kham Pourk village (effected person type 2) that are effected by community chosen no-fish zones, will have the ability to become a member of the CBO, and be able to raise their objection to their peers, and be able to democratically vote on any changes. It is keen to note that having no fish zones within the sustainable use zone will help to maintain fish stocks, which will benefit this type of effected person in the long run, by allowing them to catch more fish.

In addition by becoming a member of the CBO, they will have regular meeting with the project team and partners. This will provide them with greater knowledge of the different livelihood support activities occurring and the opportunities for them to gain employment and to join interventions. This will be especially relevant for the community rangers, and seasonal work employment. They will also be made aware of the Ibis Rice intervention and be able to join that intervention as well.

For the effected person (type 3) that has a reduction in access to the waterways of SPWS, after a couple of year will feel the result of increased fish catch from these sustainable management. Although they may experience an initial annoyance from losing some of their fishing spots, they will automatically reap the benefits of increased fish catch.

A grievance mechanism will be provided for local communities and other relevant stakeholders with a means to raise a grievance with the grantee, the relevant Regional Implementation Team, the CEPF Secretariat or the World Bank

E. Conflict resolution and complaint mechanism.

Below is the Grievance mechanism that will be used to be made aware of any complaints, and then to resolve any issues.

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Grievance mechanism

To Whom It May Concern

This document provides a grievance mechanism in relation to the above named project.

Stakeholders will be informed of the objectives of the project and the existence of the grievance mechanism via a public notice posted outside the Rising Phoenix office Siem Pang in Khmer, Lao and English languages. Stakeholders will further be made aware of the objectives of the project and the existence of the grievance mechanism via notices available at project meetings and public announcements at village meetings in Khmer.

Rising Phoenix will share all grievances – and a proposed response – with the Regional Implementation Team and the CEPF Grant Director within 15 days. If the claimant is not satisfied following the response, they may submit the grievance directly to the CEPF Executive Director at cepfexecutive@conservation.org.

If the claimant is not satisfied with the response from the CEPF Executive Director, they may submit the grievance to the World Bank at the local World Bank office.

Any signboards and posters created as a project output will contain the contact information for Rising Phoenix and CEPF as provided below. Anyone wishing to communicate with the grantee and the CEPF Regional Implementation Team on matters relating to this project may do so via the following contact information:

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F. Implementation Arrangements

The project has four activities linked with the implementation of social safeguards for the project.

1. Project launch workshop held at the start of the project for all key local stakeholders to provide input into project.

A project launch workshop will be held at the start of the project. This will provide community members an opportunity to provide their input into the project. Rising Phoenix will consult with villagers in the participating villages on the draft framework in this launch workshop. This process will allow the finalization of the framework.

2. Project information and grievance mechanism is translated into a poster, printed and distributed across key villages of the project.

The Grievance mechanism will be translated into Khmer and Laos and printed in Poster format. This poster will then distributed and displayed in key location across the project target villages. This will allow the local communities to be aware of the grievance mechanism open to them.

3. Regular village forum & stakeholder forum is held to discuss any issues that may arise related to the project.

Village forums will occur each quarter at the target villages. This will provide an opportunity for local community members to raise any grievances they may have with the project. In addition at the start of these meetings attendance will be reminded of the grievance mechanism.

In addition every quarter a stakeholder meeting will be held at the district hall which brings together members from all the target villages as well as local government.

4. Safeguard monitored, analysed and reported to CEPF