Stakeholder Engagement Plan

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Citizen Science and Social-Media for Community Fisheries

Tonle Sap Lake and Inundation Zone, Cambodia

<u>Grant Summary</u>
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8. **<u>Introduction:</u>** This section will briefly describe the project including design elements and potential social and environmental issues. Where possible, include maps of the project site and surrounding area.

Information technology is revolutionizing conservation. Smart phones allow people in the field to access remote sensing data in near real time. And citizen scientists can use smart phones to record and transmit monitoring data to scientists for rapid analysis. Smart phones are connecting civil society groups with one another and a wider audience through social media.

We plan on supporting up to 20 community fisheries (CFis) across the Tonle Sap Lake to use information technology in natural resource management. We will continue to strengthen the capacity of the nine CFis we currently support and use the lessons learnt there to train new communities in using information technology to detect and respond to threats, monitor CFi condition, and share achievements and challenges. By projects end we will aim to have these CFi's using the full suite of information technology resources within their communities. We will use information technology for:

Threat response

We will train communities in the use of two threat detection apps. The OroraTech app for wildfire detection and the Global Forest Watcher App to detect flooded forest deforestation. We will ensure that all partner CFis are equipped with fire suppression equipment and receive basic training in its use so that they can respond to any fires they detect.

Monitoring

We will train communities to use CI's Daily fish catch monitoring app and conduct SMART patrolling with the SMART patrol app. By conducting SMART patrols not only will communities collect monitoring data they will also detect, record and address illegal activity.

Communications

We will link the CFi's together into our Telegram group to facilitate communication between CFi's and with the CI team. We have found that directly linking CFi's facilitates peer-to-peer learning. We will also set up a Facebook page for each CFi and train them in its use to promote their activities, demonstrate success, and highlight problems to be solved. For communities to make best use of the data they collect we will collaboratively develop a system that can rapidly analyze and summarize their data as simple intuitive metrics. This feedback will assist local decision making by informing CFi management activities as they enact their management plans. Timely feedback will encourage CFi's to continue to use the technology and they can present the intuitive metrics to a wider audience via Facebook. These data will also be presented to decision-makers through the Fisheries Coordination Teams in Pursat and Kampong Thom. Fisheries Coordination Teams are a collaborative group which brings CFi representatives and local authorities at both the District and Provincial levels together to solve fisheries issues.

We see the project has having few adverse social and environmental issues. The project will be developing social media as a tool in natural resource management. We have not previously seen, nor do we expect, any adverse social issues in using the Telegram App for between CFi/CI communications. We

will manage and support the development of each CFi's Facebook page to ensure that only appropriate content is posted. Each page will be identified with a CFi, rather than an individual, providing a layer of protection CFi Committee members. As the core of the project is using technology to identify and respond to the twin environmental threats of wildfire and deforestation the impact will be positive. The monitoring and communications components are largely passive and thus has no foreseeable environmental impact.

9. **Summary of Previous Stakeholder Engagement Activities:** If the grantee has undertaken any activities to date, including information disclosure and/or consultation, provide the following details:
   • Type of information disclosed, in what form (e.g., oral, brochure, reports, posters, radio, etc.), and how it was disseminated;
   • The locations and dates of any meetings undertaken to date;
   • Individuals, groups, and/or organizations that have been consulted;
   • Key issues discussed and key concerns raised;
   • Grantee response to issues raised, including any commitments or follow-up actions; and
   • Process undertaken for documenting these activities and reporting back to stakeholders.

We have long term relationships with eleven of the twenty potential partner CFis. With these CFi's we have implemented all or part of our Families and Fisheries Resilience Building Model and in implementing Community Based Fire Management. We are currently working with nine CFi's on current projects. We have briefly discussed this project with them and received in principle support. This includes three CFis in or adjacent to the Boeng Chhmar KBA (Peam Bang, Doung Sdeong, Pov Veuy). We have identified eleven CFis within or adjacent to the Die Roneat / Bakan KBAs. We are currently supporting Tram Pae CFi, which along with six other CFi's are already part of the Pursat Fisheries Coordination Team.

Since January 2022 we have opened discussions with these CFis to partner with them on this project and in implementing the Families and Fisheries Resilience Building Project. These discussions are in their early stages, and we are in the process of developing detailed actions derived from them.

10. **Project Stakeholders:** This section will list the key stakeholder groups who will be informed and consulted about the project. These should include persons or groups who:
    • Are directly and/or indirectly affected by the project or have "interests" in the project that determine them as stakeholders; and
    • Have the potential to influence project outcomes (examples of potential stakeholders are affected communities, local organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and government authorities. Stakeholders can also include politicians, companies, labor unions, academics, religious groups, national social and environmental public sector agencies, and the media).

    • CFi Committees from
       o Doun Sdaeung;
       o Pov Veouy Sen Chey;
       o Boeng Prasan;
       o Anlong Reang;
       o Kampong Prak;
       o Srey Chek;
       o Ou Ta Prok;
       o Peam Bang;
       o Spean Krong;

- o Reang Til;
- o Cha Rous;
- o Khoam Samnoh;
- o Jen Tay;
- o Doung Chhrum;
- o Ruessei Ta Mann;
- o Tram Pae;
- o Dei Roneat;
- o Cham Res;
- o Thlea Ampil Thmey;
- o Robong Romeas;
- o Preak Kra.
- • National level Fisheries Administration officials (Dept of Fisheries Conservation)
- • Provincial and District Fisheries Administration and Ministry of Environment officials;
- • Wildlife Conservation Society (re SMART patrol data);
- • Wonders of the Mekong.

11. **Stakeholder Engagement Program:** This section will summarize the purpose and goals of the program. Briefly describe what information will be disclosed, in what formats, and the types of methods that will be used to communicate this information to each of the identified groups of stakeholders. Methods used may vary according to target audience, for example:
    - • Newspapers, posters, radio, television;
    - • Information centers and exhibitions or other visual displays; and
    - • Brochures, leaflets, posters, non-technical summary documents and reports.

The goal of this project is to train communities in using a suite of information technology tools to detect threats to the flooded forest, monitor fish, wildlife and illegal activity and communicate their results to decision makers and the wider community.

CI Greater Mekong has extensive experience in stakeholder engagement on the Tone Sap Lake and throughout Cambodia. As this project involves building the capacity of Community Fisheries (CFi) we will primarily engage with the CFi Committee. We will initially meet with the CFi Committee to discuss the project, seek their active participation, and reach an agreement to be involved. Once the CFi Committee has agreed to be involved we will inform the commune chief, village chief, and local officials from the Fisheries Administration Cantonment of the project and seek their approval and feedback.

During the project we will keep in close contact with each CFi's committee and local authorities as their participation in vital to its success. We will also brief a wider audience through the Fisheries Coordination Team (FCT) mechanism.

Engaging and strengthening the FCT mechanism also increases stakeholder engagement. The FCT links communities with the Government at the sub-national level. The FCT is an official group led by the Provincial Governor that helps solve fisheries conservation issues raised by the stakeholders. It comprises CFi Committee and local community representatives and provides a platform through which fisheries conservation issues can be discussed and resolved with various levels of government, including the Commune, District and Provincial Governments. This multi-stakeholder mechanism engages members to meet regularly and come up with an action plan, and roles and responsibilities for resolving issues, to which members are held accountable.

The project will engage the wider community through the development and operation of CFi Facebook pages.

12. **Consultation methods:** This section will describe the methods that will be used to consult with each of the stakeholder groups identified in previous sections. Methods used may vary according to target audience, for example:
- Interviews with stakeholder representatives and key informants;
- Surveys, polls, and questionnaires;
- Public meetings, workshops, and/or focus groups with a specific group;
- Participatory methods; and
- Other traditional mechanisms for consultation and decision-making.

Consultation will take the following forms
- in person meetings between CI project staff and CFi Committee members and their nominated representatives;
- in person meetings with government officials to explain and obtain support for project activities;
- Explain project progress to government officials and CFi representatives (including non-participating CFis) at Kampong Thom and Pursat District and Provincial level Fisheries Action Team meetings;
- As we often deal with communities with low levels of literacy our approach to stakeholder engagement is highly visual and uses illustrations and direct spoken communication rather than written literature.

13. **Other Engagement Activities:** This section will describe any other engagement activities that will be undertaken, including participatory processes, joint decision-making, and/or partnerships undertaken with local communities, NGOs, or other project stakeholders. Examples include benefit-sharing programs, community development initiatives, resettlement and development programs, and/or training and microfinance programs.

NA

14. **Timetable:** This section will provide a schedule outlining dates and locations when various stakeholder engagement activities, including consultation, disclosure, and partnerships will take place and the date by which such activities will be incorporated into project design.

Activity	Start Date	End Date
Discuss the project with up to twenty CFi Committees and reach an agreement with them to implement the project.	1 Jul 2022	1 Sept 2022
Discuss project with National level Fisheries Administration officials and determine most appropriate contact regarding sharing SMART patrol data	1 Jul 2022	1 Sept 2022
Discuss project with the Wildlife Conservation Society regarding sharing SMART patrol data	1 Jul 2022	1 Sept 2022
Discuss the project with local authorities (village chief, commune chief, FiA Cantonment)	1 August 2022	30 Oct 2022
Present project concept at Provincial level FCT meetings	1 Jul 2022	31 Dec 2022
Present project concept at District level FCT meetings	1 Jul 2022	31 Dec 2022
Present project results at Provincial level FCT meetings	1 Jan 2022	30 Jun 2024
Present project results at District level FCT meetings	1 Jan 2022	30 Jun 2024
Discuss the development of CFi Facebook pages with Wonders of the	1 Jun	1 Sept

15. **Resources and Responsibilities:** This section will indicate what staff and resources will be devoted to managing and implementing the Stakeholder Engagement Plan. Who within the project team will be responsible for carrying out these activities? What budget has been allocated toward these activities?

    This Stakeholder Management plan is embedded within the project activities and will be implemented as an integral part of the programme. Overall responsibility will be held by the project manager, but the entire team will implement these activities. No specific budget has been allocated for the plan.

16. **Grievance mechanism**: All projects that trigger a safeguard must provide local communities and other relevant stakeholders with a means to raise a grievance with the grantee, the relevant Regional Implementation Team, or the CEPF Secretariat.

    We will provide written details of the following grievance mechanism to each of the project stakeholders at the beginning of the project and remind them of its existence at six monthly intervals. We will produce and Khmer translation upon confirmation of this project being funded.

    Grievance Mechanism for the CEPF Funded project *Citizen Science and Social-Media for Community Fisheries*.
    Should you have any serious problems with the content or implementation of Conservation International's *Citizen Science and Social-Media for Community Fisheries* project you may raise your concerns as detailed in this grievance mechanism (document). Stakeholders will be informed of the objectives of the project through a range of activities including face to face meetings and training activities. This document will be presented at each training session held by the project and copies made available for dissemination. It will also be presented directly to the [NAME OF VILLAGE] village chief, [NAME OF COMMUNE] Commune Chief and [NAME OF CFi] CFi Cheif each of whom will retain a copy for further reference.

    Should you have a grievance with the project please initially contact to Phone: +855 97 88 55 114 or via email: ethicsCambodia@conservation.org. To raise your issues. If you do not feel comfortable doing so, please raise any issues directly with the village chief who will forward them onto CI.

    We will share all grievances – and a proposed response – with the Regional Implementation Team (IUCN Cambodia Program, Room 592, 5th Floor, Phnom Penh Center, St. Sothearos, Sangkat Tonle Bassac, Phnom Penh, Tel. +855 12 703 033, Email: CEPF-Indoburma@iucn.org) 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 or by surface mail.

17. **Monitoring and Reporting:** This section will describe any plans to involve project stakeholders (including affected communities) or third-party monitors in the monitoring of project impacts and mitigation programs. Describe how and when the results of stakeholder engagement activities will be reported back to affected stakeholders as well as broader stakeholder groups.

    We have no plans to specifically monitor and report on stakeholder engagement activities for this project.