

Capacity Building of the Environmental Conservation Department (ECD-CAB)

The project has entered its 9th month. In the first six months a number of handbooks, guidelines, manuals and other environmental tools were developed. This development work continues, but now we have entered the stage of implementation – how to use the EIA Handbook in the daily administration of the EIA procedures in Sabah and how to use the tools for training and networking purposes.

News since the last newsletter include: The 2nd Project Steering Committee meeting was held in July, the indicator report and structure plan has been initiated, policy papers linked to the guidelines have been drafted, a Sabah-Sarawak cooperation project has been planned.



The newsletter includes a list of Technical reports, background papers and awareness materials prepared until now. These reports are available from our homepage: www.sabah.gov.my/jkas/programmes.

Please contact us if you need more information or have special interest in some of our activities. Yabi Yangkat, Project Director, (088-238130) and Carsten Hollaender Laugesen, CTA, (016 832 6766).

NEWSLETTER

Environmental Planning

The preparation of environmental input to the

Penampang Land Scheme Plan will be undertaken in October and November, supported by international and local consultants. A network group consisting of ECD, Penampang Municipality and Town and Regional Country Planning Department have been established

The short-term **human resource development plan** is near completion, and will be submitted in October.

The preparation of the **environmental indicator report** was initiated. Ms Flory Siambun, WWF, has supported the department in the collection of data. It is foreseen that the Indicator Report will be linked to the preparation of the environmental input for **the Structure Plan for Sabah**, which will be undertaken in collaboration with the Town and Regional Country Planning Department. A revised TOR is under preparation.

It was decided to postpone the international **study tour** to next year. Instead regional study tours might be planned for the coming period.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

The **EIA Handbook** has been finalised and will soon be available as hardcopy.

The **Guideline for River Sand and Stone Mining** has been finalised. Furthermore, a draft **River Sand and Stone Mining Policy** and accompanying **pamphlet** has been prepared. These 3 documents have provided a focus for an internal training session and will soon be distributed for discussion with all relevant authorities and associations.

A second draft of the **Guideline for Forest Activities** is under preparation, and when finished will be used for internal training and distributed for discussion with all relevant authorities and associations.

The first draft of the **Guidelines for Oil Palm Plantations** has been finalised.

The 3rd draft of the **Construction on hill slopes** has been finalised, and a draft **Construction on hill slopes policy** and accompanying **pamphlet** is under preparation. When finalised these 3 documents will be disseminated to all relevant stakeholders.

An **EIA guideline for Local Authorities** is under preparation. The guideline will include for example legal requirements for EIA, guidelines for submission of

Development Plans and land applications and recommended environmental mitigations measures to be used by the Local Authorities.

Monitoring and Enforcement

An **Environmental Investigation, Administrative Enforcement and Prosecution Manual** has been drafted, and is presently being used for training purposes within the Department. Following this the Manual will be disseminated for discussion with relevant stakeholders.

A **M&E training package** - based on the draft Manual and the M&E Strategy & Action Plan - has been prepared and is under implementation. A two-day **interdepartmental workshop on Negotiation and Communication** has been implemented.

A **Sabah-Sarawak cooperation project** has been planned. The aim of the project is - to develop **Regulations of Waste from Pig Farms**. In Sabah the project will be implemented in coordination with the Veterinary Department. The project will include seminar, study tour and work shops.

The **Monitoring & Enforcement Strategy** is presently being reviewed and will be finalised in the coming period.

Communication & Awareness

An **ECD presentation folder, pamphlet and poster and an ECD-CAB pamphlet** is under production.

The production of an **Environmental Video** has been initiated and will be finalised in the coming period.

A **Clean the Moyog River Awareness Campaign** has been supported. The campaign is undertaken in cooperation with Penampang Junior Chamber and Daily Express. Posters, stickers, school competitions, news coverage, forums and river cruise are example of activities undertaken in the campaign.

Environmental Information Systems (EIS)

The **ECD Homepage** has been launched and is now regularly updated by the Department.

IT infrastructure has been established. Training has been provided for all staff in internal e-mailing and internet. The

Departments initial requirement for the **Management Information System** (MIS) has been analyzed and documented, and a local consultant will be contracted in the coming period

GIS training has been provided for a number of ECD staff in the previous period (3 days a week for 1 month in KK and course participation in KL), and GIS will be applied for preparation of the environmental input to the Penampang Land Scheme Plan in the coming period.

Administration

The **ISO documentation** materials will be submitted to SIRIM by October.

A number of publications for the **resource centre** have been purchased.

Inputs and miscellaneous

Consultants used in the previous period include the CTA, Tony Greer, Flory Siambun, Mohammed Sinoh, Lim Peng Siong, Zaffeer Kiprawi, Beth Baikan, PC Chang and Sri Computer.

Project Outputs – overview

Planning:

1. Sabah Environmental Indicator Report 1999 & 2002
2. Proposal for a Sabah Environmental Policy
3. Proposal for an overall Conservation Strategy
4. A Human Resource-Plan for ECD
5. A Review of the CEE, 1996
6. A Research Strategy and Activities implemented
7. An Environmental Planning Training Package implemented, incl. a study tour

Environmental Assessment:

8. A General EIA Handbook on Policy & Procedures
9. Guidelines and *Regulations* for selected prescribed and non-prescribed activities
10. A Manual on EIA Auditing
11. EIA Compliance Survey
12. Guidelines for environmental screening of land alienation & development plans
13. An EA Training Package implemented

Monitoring & Enforcement:

14. A Monitoring & Enforcement Strategy and focused M&E activities implemented
15. A Monitoring & Enforcement Manual
16. A M&E Training Package implemented

Communication & Awareness:

17. A Communication & Awareness Strategy and focused C&A activities implemented
18. Dissemination of Project Lessons Learned
19. A C&A Training Package implemented

Environmental Information Systems:

20. Establishment of a MIS
21. Establishment of a Departmental home-page
22. Establishment of GIS
23. An EIS Training Package implemented

Administration:

24. An ISO 9000 certification
25. An environmental information resource centre
26. An Organisational Development Training Package.

Overview of materials prepared. August 2000

Name	Number	Status Aug/00	Area
Technical Reports			
Handbook for EIA in Sabah	Number 1	Final draft	EA
EIA guideline for River Sand & Stone Mining	Number 2	Final draft	EA
EIA guideline for Forestry	Number 3	Draft	EA
M&E Manual; Investigation, Adm. Enforcement & Prosecution.	Number 4	Draft	M&E
C&A Strategy & Action Plan	Number 5	Draft	C&A
M&E Strategy and Action Plan	Number 6	Draft	M&E
ISO 9000 Manual	Number 7	Final draft	Adm.
EIA Guideline for Oil Palm Plantations	Number 8	Under prep.	EA
EIA Guideline for Construction on Hill slopes	Number 9	Under prep.	EA
River Stone and Sand Mining Policy	Number 10	Under prep.	EA
Rules for Livestock farming	Number 11	Under prep.	M&E
Environmental Indicator Report, 2000	Number 12	Under prep.	Plan.
Background papers			
Environmental guidelines; case Penampang District	Number 1	Final	Plan.
EIA and forestry activities	Number 2	Final	EA
Study tour	Number 3	Draft	Plan.
M&E Training package	Number 4	Final	M&E
8 th Malaysian Plan Submissions	Number 5	Final	Plan.
Research methodology for Gravity Feed System	Number 6	Final	Plan.
Short term HRD Plan	Number 7	Draft	Plan.
Draft Standard TOR, CV and scoping note	Number 8	Final	EA
Draft Agreement of Environmental Conditions	Number 9	Final	EA
GIS concept paper	Number 10	Draft	EIS
A report on the State of the Environment in Sabah, 2000	Number 11	Final	Plan.
Guidelines for Local Authorities	Number 12	Under prep.	EA
Awareness materials			
Homepage	Number 1	Final	EIS
Homepage pamphlet	Number 2	Final	C&A
River Sand & Stone Mining pamphlet	Number 3	Final	C&A
ECD holder	Number 4	Final	C&A
ECD pamphlet	Number 5	Final	C&A
ECD CD-rom	Number 6	Final	C&A
ECD-CAB pamphlet	Number 7	Final	ECD-CAB
ECD Cap & Vest	Number 8	Final	C&A
ECD Video	Number 9	Draft	C&A
ECD Name cards	Number 10	Final	C&A
Natural Resource Management Video	Number 11	Under prep.	C&A
ECD-CAB Newsletters	Dec1, Feb2, May3	Final	ECD-CAB
Project Documents			
Revised project Doc.	Number 1	Final	ECD-CAB
Inception Rep.	Number 2	Final	ECD-CAB
Proc. Manual	Number 3	Final	ECD-CAB
Progress report no. 1	Number 4	Final	ECD-CAB