

The Project Context

The State of Sabah's development has traditionally been (and will continue to be for the foreseeable future), dependant on the use of its natural resources. Industrial, agroindustrial and agricultural development in Sabah have all been closely connected to the exploitation of these natural resources, and primary products continue to be Sabah's major export revenue as well as its main employment provider. The continued exploitation of these resources has led to the emergence of environmental problems in Sabah (e.g. soil erosion, loss of biodiversity, haze, water pollution) that now warrant urgent attention.

The main idea of the project is to support the Government of Sabah in implementing the Conservation of the Environment Enactment, 1996 (CEE, 1996) through capacity building and human resource development in the newly established Environmental Conservation Department (ECD), which is part of the State Ministry of Tourism Development, Environment, Science and Technology (MTDEST).

The work of the ECD, and hence the logic for the existence of the proposed project itself, derives directly from this legislation - which has only very recently been passed; this legislation comprises the CEE, 1996 itself, and the amendment to this legislation establishing an Environmental Conservation Council (ECC) to which, *inter alia*, ECD reports, and the Prescribed Activities Order which details those types of activities to be covered by the legislation. The project provides the opportunity to support the governing environmental legislation of the State and, *inter alia*, to build upon and complement the work of the other DANCED projects (both on going and up coming) in the State and at Federal DOE level.

Project objectives and outputs

The overall objective of the project (i.e. the goal at which the project aims but which it does not itself achieve) is defined as 'sustainable environmental management in Sabah'. The immediate objective of the project (i.e. what the project should be able to deliver based on its proposed design) is defined as 'enhanced institutional and human resource capacity of the ECD and strengthened inter-departmental co-operation and commitment in the implementation and administration of the Conservation of Environment Enactment'.

To achieve the immediate objective of the project, the following outputs are required to be produced:

Area	Project Outputs
Planning	1. Sabah Environmental Indicator Report 1999 & 2002
	2. Proposal for a Sabah Environmental Policy
	3. Proposal for an overall Conservation Strategy, including inventory and environmental conservation recommendations for the 8th Malaysia Plan
	4. A Human Resource Plan for ECD, including an ECD 5-10 year Strategy
	5. A Review of the CEE, 1996
	6. A Research Strategy and research activities implemented
	7. An Environmental Planning Training Package implemented, incl. a study tour
EA	8. A General Handbook on EIA Policy and Procedures for Sabah
	9. Guidelines and Regulations for selected prescribed and non-prescribed activities
	10. A Manual on EIA Auditing Procedures and Techniques
	11. EIA Compliance Surveys
	12. Guidelines for environmental screening of land alienation and development
	13. An Environmental Assessment (EA) Training Package implemented
M&E	14. A Monitoring & Enforcement Strategy (M&E) and focused M&E activities implemented
	15. A Monitoring & Enforcement manual
	16. A M&E Training Package implemented
C&A	17. A Communication & Awareness (C&A) Strategy and focused C&A activities implemented
	18. Dissemination of Project Lessons Learned
	19. A C&A Training Package implemented
EIS	20. Establishment of a Management Information System (MIS)
	21. Establishment of a Departmental home-page
	22. Establishment of GIS
	23. An Environmental Information System (EIS) Training Package implemented
Admin.	24. An ISO 9000 certification
	25. An ECD environmental information resource centre
	26. An Administration Training Package implemented

KEY DATA

COUNTRY:	Malaysia		
Donor Country:	Denmark	Agency:	DANCED
Flow:	ODA Grant	Grant Element:	100%
DANCED Sector:	Capacity Building (CAP)		
Subsector:	Environment		
OECD sector:	Environmental Protection		
Title (in English):	Capacity Building of the Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Tourism Development, Environment, Science and Technology, Sabah		
Title (in Danish):	Institutionel opbygning af miljøafdelingen i ministeriet for turisme, miljø, forskning og teknologi		
Development Objective:	Sustainable Environmental Management in Sabah		
Immediate Objective:	Enhanced institutional and human resource capacity of the ECD and strengthened inter-departmental co-operation and commitment in the implementation and administration of the Conservation of Environment Enactment (1996)		
Executing Agency:	Ministry of Tourism Development, Environment, Science and Technology (MTDEST)		
Implementing Agency:	Environmental Conservation Department (ECD)		
Commencement Date:	September, 1999	Duration:	36 months
DANCED Contribution:	DKK '000 13,385 (including contingencies)		
Amount Tied:	0%	Amount Untied:	100%
Recipient Government Contribution:	DKK '000 1,980 (including contingencies)		
Co-financing:	None		
Investment Project:	No	Structural Adjustment:	No
Women in Development Indicator:	Not applicable	EIA:	Not carried out