

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

The project has entered its second year, and the newsletter will provide an overall view of the status of the project. However, for general information it can be noted that attention in the previous period has mainly been on:

- Pig farming regulations
- Structure plan for Sabah
- Attachment programmes
- ISO 9000
- Shortterm HRD plan for ECD
- Logging guidelines
- Hillslope guidelines
- Processing of EIA reports submitted to ECD
- Penampang Land Scheme Plan
- Policy papers on river mining and hillslopes.

The 3rd Project Steering Committee meeting was held in December, 2000.



The newsletter includes a list of technical reports, background papers, awareness materials and project documents prepared until now. Many of these reports are available from our homepage:

www.sabah.gov.my/ikas/programmes.

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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).

Overall Status

The project has now been ongoing for a little more than a year, and the status on the four approaches being used is as follows.

The four approaches for capacity building are being used in the ECD-CAB project:

- Organizational Development
- Training
- Networking
- Pilot projects and experiments.

Approach 1: Organizational Development (OD)

The plan for implementation of OD was:

- Linking project activities closely to the main tasks and responsibilities of the Department
- Using the six section areas in ECD to involve as many as possible
- Development of strategies, action plans, manuals, guidelines and working procedures.

The first year has to a high degree focused on the OD approach - and the production of outputs:

OD - General status

15 technical reports, 14 background papers, 17 awareness materials and 5 project reports have been produced, see also attachment to the newsletter. These includes manuals, guidelines, policies, working procedures, strategies, action plans for the six areas of the Department.

OD – The future

- Maintaining present momentum on the Environmental Assessment Area. This section has experienced a rapid increase in tasks and workload. Implement proactive monitoring programs and regulations for the Monitoring & Enforcement Area
- Creating environmental overviews of the environment for the Planning Area
- Production of specific awareness materials for the Communication & Awareness Area, since general

awareness activities has been transferred to the EAC (Environmental Action Committee)

- Initiating MIS and full scale implementation of GIS for the Environmental Information System
- Implementing ISO 9000 for the Administration Area.

Approach 2: Training

The plan for implementation of the training approach was to develop and implement tailor-made training packages based on the manuals, guidelines, and strategies developed by the project.

Training – General status

- A total of 41 training activities has been implemented. 13 tailor-made (ECD-CAB implemented) training activities were undertaken in the first year
- In the 2nd progress period staff received 120 days of ECD-CAB tailor-made training or 9 days per officer
- 26 formal external training activities in the first year. In the 2nd progress period staff received 168 days of formal training or 13 days per officer.

Training – The future

- Continued tailor-made training activities, like for example training in specific technical issues like water quality sampling, mapping, and in relation to implementation of attachment programs
- Continued participation in formal external training activities.

Approach 3: Networking

The plan for networking was:

- The 'Go slowly' approach, which meant not to implement more than the Department could sustain
- The 'Natural Opportunities' approach, which meant that networking activities should be linked to ongoing and relevant Department activities (and not primarily ECD-CAB activities).

Networking – General status

- 7 seminars/training activities with participants from other departments in the 2nd progress period (1 in the first period) (total 119 man-days)
- Seminars/consultations in the preparation of the EIA Handbook, 2 EIA guidelines, 2 Policies, the M&E manual

- Cooperation with the Regional Town and Country Planning Department in Land Scheme and Structure Plan planning
- Cooperation with Department of Drainage and Irrigation, WWFM and local consultants.

Networking – The future

- Cooperation with Natural Resource and Environment Board, Sarawak and Veterinary Services Department on development of pig farming regulations
- Cooperation with the Wildlife Department Capacity Building project
- Cooperation with Department of Agriculture and Forest Department on development of guidelines.

Approach 4: Pilot projects/experiments

The plan for the pilot, experimental approach was to implement (i) Pilot environmental activities, programmes, approaches, projects, etc. and (ii) Pilot C&A activities and campaigns.

Pilot projects/experiments – General status

This approach still has a relatively low priority (because the Department is new and relatively small it sometimes feels like everything right now is a experiment!).

Pilot projects/experiments – The future

We probably first have energy to launch something additional in later progress periods

Inputs and miscellaneous

Consultants used in the previous period include the CTA, Tony Greer, Mohammed Sinoh, Lim Peng Siong, Zaffeer Kiprawi, Beth Baikan, Gert Johansen, Darrel Leiking, WWF-M, PC Infosystems and Sri Computer.

The next newsletter will, as the earlier newsletters, provide detail on the progress and plan for each of the 26 outputs listed below.

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. February 2001

Name	Number	Status Aug/00	Area
Technical Reports			
Handbook for EIA in Sabah	Number 1	Final	EA
EIA guideline for River Sand & Stone Mining	Number 2	Final	EA
EIA guideline for Forestry	Number 3	Draft	EA
M&E Manual; Investigation, Adm. Enforcement & Prosecution.	Number 4	Final	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	Adm.
EIA Guideline for Construction on Hill slopes	Number 8	Final.	EA
EIA Guideline for Oil Palm Plantations	Number 9	Draft	EA
Penampang Land Scheme Plan	Number 10	Draft	Plan.
Hillslope Policy	Number 11	Draft	EA
River Stone and Sand Mining Policy	Number 12	Draft	EA
Environmental Indicator Report, 2000	Number 13	Under prep.	Plan.
Guideline for Local Authorities	Number 14	Under prep.	EA
State Structure Plan – Environmental input	Number 15	Under prep.	Plan.
Regulation for pig farming	Number 16	Under prep.	M&E
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 scooping note	Number 8	Final	EA
Draft Agreement of Environmental Conditions	Number 9	Final	EA
GIS concept paper	Number 10	Draft	EIS
Land application and development plan procedures in Sabah	Number 11	Draft	EA
Pig farming survey, Tuaran District	Number 12	Draft	M&E
A report on the State of the Environment in Sabah, 2000	Number 13	Final	Plan.
TOR for Livestock project	Number 14	Draft	M&E
Integrated Environmental Planning.. A regional perspective	Number 15	Final	Plan.
Sabah-Sarawak interstate cooperation	Number 16	Draft	M&E
Structure Plan - TOR	Number 17	Draft	Plan.
Capacity Building theory	Number 18	Draft.	ECD-CAB
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 Natural Resource Management Video	Number 9	Draft	C&A
ECD-CAB Newsletter No. 1	Number 10	Final	ECD-CAB

ECD-CAB Newsletter No. 2	Number 11	Final	ECD-CAB
ECD-CAB Newsletter No. 3	Number 12	Final	ECD-CAB
ECD-CAB Newsletter No. 4	Number 13	Final	ECD-CAB
Hillslope pamphlet	Number 14	Final	C&A
Painting for exhibitions	Number 15	Final.	C&A
3-D presentation	Number 16	Final	C&A
ECD-CAB Newsletter No. 5	Number 17	Final	ECD-CAB

Project Documents

Revised project Doc.	Number 1	Final	ECD-CAB
Inception Rep.	Number 2	Final	ECD-CAB
Procedures Manual	Number 3	Final	ECD-CAB
Progress report no. 1	Number 4	Final	ECD-CAB
Progress report no. 2	Number 5	Final	ECD-CAB
