

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

COUNTRY: Thailand

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1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- \$200K FCPF REDD Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) Grant Agreement signed in October 2009; this fund is fully disbursed as of June, 2013.
- R-PP submitted for consideration by FCPF PC at PC13 (March, 2013) following thorough TAP review.
- PC 14 (March 19-21, 2013) allocated funding to Thailand to move ahead with the preparation for readiness subject to Thailand submitting a revised R-PP by December 31, 2013, reflecting key issues outlined in an annex to the resolution including conducting regional and national dialogues with CSOs and Indigenous Peoples to ensure stakeholder inputs are incorporated into the revised R-PP.
- The Swiss Development Corporation (SDC) allocated US\$75,000 to support Resolution one of the Thailand R-PP. SDC used resources from their REDD+ capacity development program being implemented by RECOFTC to fund the regional and national dialogues. RECOFTC was only responsible for the financial management aspects.
- 4 Regional dialogues were organized during July 15 – 30, 2013 and the national dialogue was organized in Bangkok on September 5, 2013. There was strong collaboration between CSOs/IPs and DNP in the planning and delivery of the dialogues.
- CSO/IP working Group on REDD+ was formed in the four Regions and they were responsible for identifying the participants to attend the dialogues, providing inputs into the agenda, and facilitating the regional dialogues together with DNP staff. These Working Groups will continue to play a key role in REDD+ readiness.
- Currently, the draft R-PP is being finalized by incorporating inputs received from regional and national dialogues. The revised R-PP will be submitted to the National Climate Change Committee in November 2013 and then to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in early December for final approval
- Government of Thailand (GOT) submitted letter confirming dates for revised R-PP submission (December 2013) and Grant signing (May 2014).

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- Management arrangements are outlined in the Thailand RPP (see organogram Figure 1a-1 in the Thailand R-PP English Version Feb 24, 2013 page 18).
- A slight modification on the institutional arrangements for REDD+ Readiness (Figure 1a-2 in the Thailand R-PP Thai Version Aug 19, 2013 page 26) has been made based on a request from CSOs/IPs. The local forest-dependent communities/ethnic groups will not only work directly with the REDD+ Local Offices, but it will also work directly with the Office of REDD+ Task Force Secretariat.

3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- During the formulation phase, Thailand conducted information sharing and sensitization forums on REDD+ and the R-PP and conducted a stakeholder mapping exercise (for details see Thailand R-PP Version Feb 24 2013 Annex 1b-1). The R-PP document was translated into Thai and circulated prior to meetings. The early information sharing and dialogue process was designed to ensure that appropriate representatives of each of the stakeholder groups were invited in order to solicit their views on R-PP formulation (see also Thailand

R-PP Version Feb 24 2013 Table 1b-1). Some CSOs found GOT's stakeholder consultations and R-PP preparation lacking and requested additional National and Sub-national Dialogue during PC14. GOT agreed to conduct additional Dialogues subject to resources being made available and Switzerland offered during PC 14 to explore availability of financing for the additional dialogue. As noted above Swiss financing was allocated and dialogues at national and sub-national levels were organized.

- To provide an opportunity for CSOs/ local communities/ and stakeholders to fully participate in the dialogue process, 3 representatives selected by CSOs are appointed as focal points between GOT and CSOs/local communities to enhance effective communication and outreach on the R-PP development. They also serve as a focal point in reviewing the revised R-PP to ensure that comments received from the dialogues are fully incorporated.

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- To be undertaken once the grant agreement is signed. The preparation steps for Thailand's REDD Strategy outlined in the R-PP include: update driver analysis, economic analysis of strategy options, regional assessment of drivers contribution to overall emissions, prioritization of drivers based on their relative contribution to emissions, and implementation of a forest governance assessment. These activities are expected to be partially financed by FCPF with additional support coming from other Development Partners.

5. Implementation Framework

- Will be undertaken once the grant agreement is signed. The R-PP outlines the regulatory framework, institutional and financial arrangements to be followed.

6. SESA/Consultations

- SESA/consultations will be carried out during the Readiness phase and will include stakeholder analysis, description of the initial social and environmental situation of the forestry sector in Thailand, analysis of the possible impacts of different REDD+ strategy option scenarios, analysis of impacts of different REDD+ alternatives, and development of an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP).

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- Will be developed based on discussions between government and bilateral and multilateral development partners during project implementation.
- Main concerns from civil societies are on the definition of forest and baseline information to be used in designing the reference scenario.

8. MRV

- MRV activities are expected to be partially financed by FCPF with significant additional support coming from other Development Partners. GOT is exploring sources of assistance for building MRV capacity and developing MRV systems.

9. Other

- The formal R-PP Assessment Mission is tentatively planned in early next year. 2014