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5th Project Management Meeting

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15 June – Oct 2011

Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam
Rehabilitation and Sustainable Use of Peatland Forests in Southeast Asia





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COMPONENT SUB-OUTCOME 1:

**Capacity for implementation
of APMS enhanced**

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



Output 1.1: Coordinated Implementation of the APMS and NAPs supported

- Technical assistance to Malaysia, Indonesia, for the finalization of the NAP.
- Technical support and capacity building to assess peatlands

Training module disseminated to participating Countries from June to Oct either in hard/soft copy.

Technical Workshop on Best Management Practices (BMP) was held in Palangka Raya, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia with 30 participants on 15th-18th June 2011.





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Output 1.2: Regional programme for capacity building and raising awareness implemented

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Output 1.2: Regional programme for capacity building and raising awareness implemented

Participants from Indonesia (1) and Malaysia (2) were supported to attend the JST-JICA 3rd International Workshop on Wild Fire and Carbon Management in Peatland in Indonesia from 22-25 September in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia.

Oral and poster presentation of “Sustainable management of peatlands in Southeast Asia – the way forward” in the Wild Fire and Carbon Management Workshop in Central Kalimantan, 22-25 Sept 2011.



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➤ APMS Communication Plan adopted in the 2nd PSC meeting and printed in Jan 2011. Awareness and outreach activities to be guided by APMS Communication Plan.

➤ Peat portal – Change in layout and better coordination required. NC and NE to provide regular updates and photos

➤ Proposed Communication and Visibility guideline for the APFP project – pending for approval.



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➤ Articles on Regional TOT training and “Fighting Fires in RMFR” published in Peatland International (1/2011) Magazine and Malayan Naturalist (Vol. 65-1, Sept 2011) magazine.

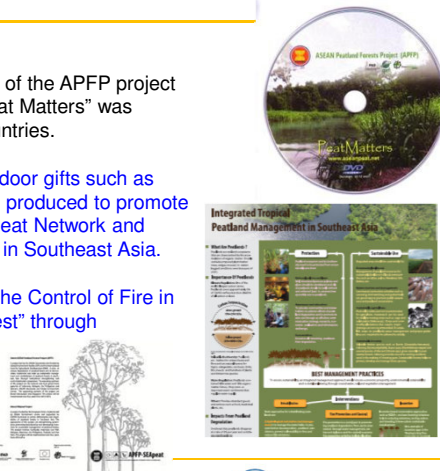


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➤ CD-Rom for the promotion of the APFP project and awareness raising – “Peat Matters” was distributed to the ASEAN countries.

➤ Awareness materials and door gifts such as pen, notebooks and lanyards produced to promote the project, Southeast Asia Peat Network and sustainable use of peatlands in Southeast Asia.

➤ Reprinting of “Manual for the Control of Fire in Peatlands and Peatland Forest” through WI- Indonesia - ongoing



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Output 1.3: Sustainable resource mobilisation mechanisms for peatland management in the region established

- Proposals being prepared for interested parties on options for carbon financing at two sites in Malaysia;
- Initiated collaborations with other partners in Riau, Sumatra,
- Agreement signed with Carbon Conservation for carbon assessment desk based work in Kampar, Riau.
- Permian Capital Ltd. expressed interest on carbon financing on NSPSF. Initial meetings and site visit on 26 Oct 2011.
- Consultant appointed for a desk review of financing/incentive options in peatlands management (Working group discussion).
- SEApeat project co-support APMS implementation and enhancement of activities on peatlands and climate change.



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Output 1.4: Regional Technical support and country guidance provided

- Technical coordination and management of country and regional components, including technical expert input and monitoring of country components and overall project. Coordination with ASEC and provided guidance to countries on withdrawal requests, project bank account, implementation arrangements.
In: Riau, 10-12 August 2011;
Malaysia, August, September, October 2011
- Input provided to ASEAN and sub-regional meetings on project progress and further collaboration.
- Project review meeting
- Tele-conference with ASEC, IFAD and RPEA, 19 Oct - cancelled



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COMPONENT SUB-OUTCOME 2:

Protection and sustainable management of peatlands enhanced



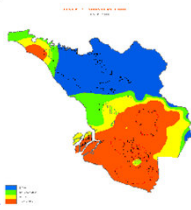
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Output 2.1: Mechanisms for effective regional prediction and monitoring of peat fires strengthened



Meetings held with MMD and stakeholders to develop the Fire Prediction System and pilot test at NSPSF, Malaysia. FDRS map has been generated and maps are available from www.met.gov.my. Verification process by key stakeholders completed on 30th Sept and initial analysis shown that the FDRS codes are sufficiently accurate for operational use – still need further testing and improvement.

FDRS workshop held in Indonesia from 28 – 29 Sept 2011. Outcome has been positive.



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Output 2.2: Regional priorities for peatland biodiversity conservation identified

- Peatlands in Southeast Asia – A Profile Printed in Feb 2011 and distributed.
- Peatland Biodiversity Management Toolbox is available in soft copy and e-book format.
- First draft of peat directory to promote peatland conservation will be discussed in the working group discussion.



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Output 2.3: Regional collaboration on peatland carbon storage and climate vulnerability in the region stimulated

- Inputs given to IPCC workshop on revised Guideline for Peatland GHG emissions in March 2011
- Application for side event in UNFCCC COP 17 in South Africa was not successful
- Continuous follow-up with countries and potential partners on development of possible carbon projects



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COMPONENT SUB-OUTCOME 3:
Best management practices
from demonstration sites
disseminated



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Output 3.1: A multi-country network of demonstration sites and sharing experience established

- Data on possible demonstration sites is being compiled. First draft to be discussed in the working group discussion.
- Technical workshop and visit to BMP sites in Central Kalimantan 15-18 June 2011.
- SEA Peat Network database and online application form available from www.aseanpeat.net. – require NCs and NEs to promote the network widely



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COMPONENT SUB-OUTCOME 4:

Plantation sector actively
contributing to peatland
management



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Output 4.1: Guidelines for responsible management of existing oil palm and forest plantations on peatlands developed and tested

- Project team members participated in several meetings of the RSPO GHG working group and Peatland Working Group including the RSPO meeting. Etc. [Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 22-24 Aug & 26-27 Sept](#);
- Project team members leading in drafting the 'Guidelines for Rehabilitation of Peatland Areas' as an output for PLWG – ongoing
- Project team members are involved in the preparation of [BMP Guidelines of existing oil palm cultivation on Peatlands](#) which is scheduled to be finalized in RT9 in Nov 2011
- Guidance provided to Sime Darby Berhad in Sept and Oct 2011 to enhance sustainability of plantation on peatland in Selangor, Malaysia.
- Initial consultation with Forest Plantation companies on development of guidelines for forest plantations on peatlands.



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SUB-OUTCOME 5:
PROJECT MANAGEMENT



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Outcome 5.2 Project governance mechanism overseen and guided and effectively coordinated, monitored and evaluated

- The RPEA was involved in the finalisation of the Semi-Annual Progress Report (Jan – June 2010)
- Preparation of PIR report (July 2010 – June 2011)
- Preparation of progress update for the 12th TWG and 12th MSC Meetings in Bangkok
- Facilitation of Study Tour of Philippine Component to Malaysia (States of Selangor and Sabah)
- Follow up on withdrawal applications by Philippines and Malaysia
- Preparation of 3rd PSC, 5th PMM, working group discussion on incentive options and peat directory in Nov 2011. Venue: Ho Chi Minh City.



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Constraints and Proposed Actions

- Withdrawal application by Philippine component – fund transfer to country activities delayed. RPEA has to provide backup support.
- Delay in submitting reports and account statements by countries according to schedule. Different format/incomplete information slow down the report compilation process.
- National arrangement contributed to the delay of implementing of the countries activity - affecting the schedule of the project implementation
- Slow progress in country component affects joint activities. The regional component work plans and activities need to be adaptive that can be adjusted accordingly based on the progress of the country components.



Thank you

