

Draft Minutes of the LPAC Meeting

Pilot Project to Rehabilitate the Phetchaburi Coastal Zone (Sustainable Land Use Management and Ecosystem Development in Phetchaburi Province) In Association with Blue Carbon Society Association

9:30- 12:00 a.m. on 27 March 2019

Phayoon Meeting Room 8th Floor

Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, Chaengwattana Government Center

The meeting Participants:

Department of Marine and Coastal Resources

1. Mr. Pinsak Suraswadi Deputy-Director of DMCR
2. Mr. Tanuwong Saengtien Marine and Coastal Resources Management Specialist
3. Ms. Saowaluck Winyunantakul Director of International Relation Unit
4. Ms. Suhathai Praisankul Director of the Secretary of DMCR Board Unit
5. Ms. Poonsri Wantongchai Director of Planning and Strategy Unit
6. Mr. Chatri Maknuan Director of Mangrove Forest Research and Technology Unit
7. Mr. Traitip Promtong Director of Mangrove Forest Conservation and Reservation Unit
8. Mr. Ratchai Pornpa Director of Prevention and Suppression
9. Mr. Siripong Detpopra Representative to Director of Mangrove Forest- Resources Conservation Office 4
10. Mr. Chatnarin Chatchawongwan Director of Mangrove Forest Development Office 6 (Phetchaburi)
11. Ms. Atitaya Srimaksuk Forest Scholar
12. Ms. Sadabporn Punbuatoom Forest Scholar
13. Ms. Yameera Nanla Forest Scholar
14. Ms. Supaporn Chaturapismajan Forest Scholar
15. Ms. Manatcha Rattanadamrongpinyo Forest Scholar
16. Ms. Pakhawadi Yoksit Forest Scholar

Blue Carbon Society

17. Ms. Kotchakorn Rattanama RISC
18. Mr. Kanin Kaewin BCS
19. Ms. Wenika Somboonwong BCS
20. Mr. Santi Sombatwichatorn Urban Action
21. Mr. Pakin Mienmanus Urban Action
22. Ms. Pichapun Chayapaisitporn Urban Action
23. Dr. Sirinat Sanpuang Urban Action
24. Dr. Wit Soontornnan Urban Action

UNDP

25. Ms. Lovita Ramguttee Resident Representative a.i.
26. Mr. Saengroj Srisawaskraisorn Team Leader & Programme Specialist
27. Ms. Napaporn Yuberik Programme Analyst

28. Ms. Niran Nirannoot	BIOFIN Project Manager
29. Ms. Wanida Srichai	Consultant
30. Mr. Thanawat Wachiratongkum	Research and Information Assistant
31. Ms. Phornthira Sripattanatadakoon	Interpreter

Meeting begins 9.30 a.m.

The Chairman, Mr. Pinsak Surasawadee, the Deputy Director of DMCR opened the Meeting with welcome remarks to the BCS and UNDP.

1: Introduction

Mrs. Poonsri Wanthongchai, the meeting secretariat reported that the objective of the meeting was to review the project document that was jointly developed by UNDP and the Blue Carbon Society Association and invited UNDP to do the presentation.

2: Project Background

The meeting acknowledged the report by Ms. Napaporn Yuberk from UNDP on the following project background and project redesign following the project site selection visit on 24 January 2019.

- On 16 May 2018, the Blue Carbon Society Association (BCS) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) visited the DMCR to discuss about the pilot project on integration of biodiversity conservation and utilization. The project objective is to research on the improvement of deteriorated soil quality and mangrove reforestation on the 55 rais of confiscated mangrove forest plot having deteriorated soil quality. In principle, the DMCR agreed to be an implementing partner and requested UNDP-BCS to proceed with the project preparation and draft the Memorandum of Understanding for further consultation with the concerned agencies.
- Following the investigation of the project site proposed by the Office of Mangrove Forest Conservation on 24 January 2019, BCS and UNDP had a mutual concern on lack of justification for research work due to the salinity of the site is within the tolerable limit for normal mangrove plants survival. The BCS-UNDP working group shared a common opinion that the project should be redesigned to meet a challenging sustainability goals.
- BCS-UNDP in consultation with the Director of the Marine and Coastal Resource Administration Office Unit 4 then developed an alternative plan (plan B) for the pilot project to prepare “The Provincial Master Plan for Coastal Resources Management for Phetchaburi” with community engagement that BCS-UNDP have expertise to contribute.
- BCS would contribute USD 350,000 for project expense for UNDP to manage the project.

3. Project Review and Consideration.

Project Presentation by BCS representative

- The tangible output of the project is located in the 216 rais area of the Urban Forest Park to illustrate how the rehabilitation of conserved mangrove forest can contribute to the socio-economic development for local community benefits. This is in line with the project objective in developing the public-private-civil society partnership in the integrated management of ecosystem.
- The project will encompass 2 components:
 1. The 3-year Socioeconomic and Environmental Development planning of the mangrove conservation and sustainable utilization to deliver a Community Engaged Sustainable Land Use Management and Ecosystem Development Master Plan. The Master Plan will be for the entire mangrove forest in Phetchaburi covering the conserved mangrove forest under the responsibility of the DMCR as well as their corridors.
 2. The showcase of the Master Plan in the selected site for ecotourism development, nursery ground for marine animals, wastewater treatment and learning center

Project Background Information by Mr. Siripong, Representative to Director of Mangrove Forest Conservation Office 4

- The mangrove forest in Phetchaburi is awaiting the Ministerial announcement to proclaim 9,630 rais as the conserved mangrove forest by virtue of section 18.
- There are 1,800 rais of confiscated deteriorated land as well as 2 areas designated as the urban forest parks in Laem Phukbia and Bang Taboon.
- In Bang Taboon site, a draft appointment of the working group was prepared to engage local government administration and local stakeholders for an integrated mangrove forest management.
- Through coordination with BCS and UNDP, the Master Plan on Sustainable Land Use Management and Ecosystem Development in Phetchaburi Province would enhance local DMCR work in the long run. The overall project boundary covers the entire area under section 18, the residence free confiscated land in need of rehabilitation and the bird watching areas.

Project Component Comments by the Chairman

- The Master Plan with showcase to model evolving success in mangrove forest management for sustainable livelihood of the project are very much appreciated.
- Due consideration should be paid to the following actual development success indicators for the goals of DMCR in engaging local community in the actual mangrove forest management according to section 16 of the DMCR's Act B.E. 2558;

1. income distribution,
 2. increase in local community income,
 3. application of local knowledge, and appropriate innovation,
 4. economy with no local livelihood disruption.
- The Master Plan will strengthen the needed correlating mechanism of the provincial working group per section 12 of the DMCR's Act in the preparation of the provincial budget plan within 3-year period. This would serve as a model for future implementation.
 - The project boundary beyond 9,630 rais to management socio economic dimension in the income distribution to the neighboring mangrove communities is endorsed.
 - It is desirable to include project component details on. where and how to do the mangrove rehabilitation.
 - The timeline for success model should run parallel to the Master Plan to activate local enthusiasm in project participation.

Comments on MOU by Ms. Saowaluck.

- The issue was raised for the meeting consideration on the binding of government offices in preparing annual plan and budgeting according to the Master Plan which would require the cabinet approval prior to the signing of the MOU as stipulated in section 4(7) of the related Act B.E. 2548.
- The Master Plan if considered as a non binding document, the MOU shall be prepared with reference to the following 7 categories.
 1. Non contractual nature
 2. Under the responsibility of the Department Level
 3. Non Policy Related
 4. Non Budgetary binding over the normal budget approval process of the Parliament
 5. Implementable under the existing law or regulation
 6. Approved by the line Ministry
 7. Endorsed by the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs
- Hence, UNDP and the DMCR are to prepare the MOU/MOA for submission to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for consideration.
- It is likely that the Master Plan is in line with category 4 that requires no Cabinet approval.

Agreement by BCS and UNDP

- BCS and UNDP agreed to include the mangrove rehabilitation research in the project and modify the project document for submission to DMCR further review in details after the amendment.

4. Meeting Resolution

The meeting initially endorsed the proposed project framework and requested the BCS and UNDP to coordinate with the Mangrove Forest Resources Conservation office in adding the detail information on Mangrove Forest Rehabilitation Research Component to the project component and prepare MOU in Thai and English.

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