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**“Finalize PNG’s Draft
Protected Area Policy”**

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Milestone One requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed Work Plan; • Workshop design and program for stakeholders’ consultation and peer review including sample of invitation letter, published notice for the 4 regional stakeholders consultations, organize event, logistics and other arrangement; and • List of all policies, reports, other documents including documented comments from the previous consultations for the PA policy discussion paper

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List of terms and abbreviations

DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
GEF	Global Environment Facility
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature’
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization(s)
POWPA	Program of Work on Protected Areas
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity

Introduction

Objectives and scope of the consultancy

Background

The PNG Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) is embarking on designing a network of Protected Area sites that will constitute the National Protected Areas System, containing the country's unique biological diversity. DEC has declared protected areas based on the current legislations without an overall Protected Areas Policy framework. With the emerging threats and opportunities for the country's vast biodiversity values, a PA policy is now required which is consistent with the principles of sustainable development - meet human needs in the present and future generation while ensuring the sustainability of natural systems and the environment, economic growth, sociopolitical development and cultural diversity.

Therefore, under the auspices of a joint understanding between the PNG and Australian governments through the Kokoda Initiative¹ and UNDP/GEF (Global Environment Facility (GEF) through "*Community-based Forest and Coastal Conservation and Resource Management Project*", DEC in partnership with Australia's Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC) and United Nations Development Programme PNG Country Office, the DEC and UNDP sought consultants to review, update and finalize the draft Protected Area Policy for PNG.

Objectives of the assignment

The main objective of this assignment is to assist DEC to lead in the review, update and finalize the PNG's Protected Area Policy through a series of consultative processes.

Particularly, the PA Policy experts are expected to:

- Identify policy options for sustainable management of the terrestrial and marine protected areas that contribute to the maintenance of ecosystems and the sustainable provision of their services;
- Develop alternatives to improve the existing institutional arrangements for biodiversity conservation in the country;
- Provide policy recommendations to improve the current draft PA Policy to operationalise new biodiversity offsets and strengthen overall management of protected areas in PNG;
- Lead processes to facilitate discussions during the stakeholder review and consultation processes;
- Provide technical expertise in formulating the final text of PNG's Protected Area Policy.

Scope of Work

The consultants are expected to undertake the following tasks:

- Review the current draft Protected Area Policy in conjunction with other natural resource sector policies to determine linkages and synergies, and the alignment with national and international obligations and policies such as UN Convention on Biological Diversity, Vision 2050, PNG Development Strategic Plan 2010-2030 and Medium Term Development Strategy 2011-2015, and ensure the consistency with the guiding principles of the PNG Constitution

¹ <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/international-projects/kokoda/index.html>

- Review other relevant reports and materials to ensure the Protected Area Policy contributes to re-enforcing and promoting Sustainable Development in PNG;
- Meet with key policy and decision makers to discuss the options, limitation and opportunities to improve protected area management and its sustainable financing in the country;
- Review and provide advice on the efficacy of decision making mechanisms for the whole-of-government approach at the national, provincial, district and local level governments, in relation to the Protected Area policy;
- Review comments made during the previous consultations in the PA policy discussion paper to ensure views have been considered in the current version;
- Organize four (4) regional consultation meetings with communities and relevant stakeholders to ascertain their views on the roles of private sector, non-government organizations and civil society organisations in Protected Areas Management in PNG as reflected in the draft Protected Area Policy to be held in Port Moresby, Madang, Kokopo and Goroka;
- Provide detailed recommendations to DEC to improve and finalise PNG's draft PA Policy;
- Lead processes to facilitate discussions during the stakeholder review and consultation processes;
- Provide technical expertise to finalize the draft PNG Protected Area Policy including preparation of NEC submission;
- Provide other technical guidance and advice as required by DEC for the duration of Protected Area Policy review, validation and finalization.

Expected Outputs

The consultants are required to provide the following outputs:

- Protected Area Policy options paper that identifies strengths, weakness, opportunities and risks in relation to other sectoral policies, international and national conventions and the national Constitution
- Consolidated report of all stakeholder comments on the Draft Protected Area Policy;
- Revised Draft of the Protected Areas Policy for peer review;
- Final Draft PA Policy and NEC Submission Paper on behalf of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

Project context

In December 2011, DEC released a Discussion Paper for a Protected Area Policy for a National Protected Area System. Public submissions were called on the discussion paper and closed on 27 January 2012. Four official submissions were received and concerns were raised by stakeholders about the limited nature of the consultation period.

A Draft Protected Area Policy for PNG was prepared by 5 May 2013.

It is the aim of the current project to review and revise this draft policy before its official release in the light of international experience, current government changes, stakeholder feedback and consideration of the interactions with other legislation, national and international policy, and development programs.

From preliminary consideration of the papers provided and other materials, the following points will be important in the implementation of this project and formulation of the revised draft policy.

- The role and scope of the policy and its relationship to other documents needs to be clearly spelt out in the document and during consultation, as it cannot fulfil all the expectations of all stakeholders.
- There is an overall commitment by the PNG government to establishing and effectively managing protected areas, which are included in the Papua New Guinea Vision 2050 (National Strategic Plan Taskforce, 2011)
- Protected areas on land and sea play a central role in conservation, but they must be relevant to the needs of the local and national community as a priority, as well as meeting international conservation obligations. They need to be considered in the overall context of sustainable management and development and of conservation across the whole landscape and seascape. Successful models appropriate for the PNG context need to be further developed and promoted. The full range of protected area categories and governance types (Dudley, 2008; Stolton et al., 2013) will be explored.
- While there have been failures and difficulties in the past, there are also positive features on which to build, including the fact that most people are still closely connected with nature, and that most of the country's lands and seas are still in good condition with extremely high biodiversity values.
- The roles of local communities, provincial and central governments, NGOS, private landholders, industry and international bodies are complex, but cooperation and coordination of all stakeholders is critical to ensure success of the protected area system. The draft policy should provide a mechanism of resolving some of the issues between the groups and clarifying a way forward
- Sustainable long-term financial and technical support with highly accountable governance is needed for support at central agency level as well as local community and protected area level.
- The consultants will be listening to a wide range of opinions and presenting options for consideration. During the consultation phase it is important that we are perceived as being unbiased and prepared to consider all suggestions.

Methodology for the assignment

Planned methods and timelines for the assignment

The consultants outlined their proposed methodology in the proposal. Figure One and Table One show the flow and brief content of activities to be undertaken.

The project will involve the review of existing PNG protected area policy documents, and the development of options for the finalisation of a protected area policy paper. International standards and the current threats and opportunities within PNG will be considered in the development of the paper. Key stakeholders will be consulted to develop a product that meets the needs of the PNG community.

Following consultation and peer review, the consultants will provide recommendations for the finalisation of the policy. However final acceptance by the PNG government is beyond the consultant's brief.

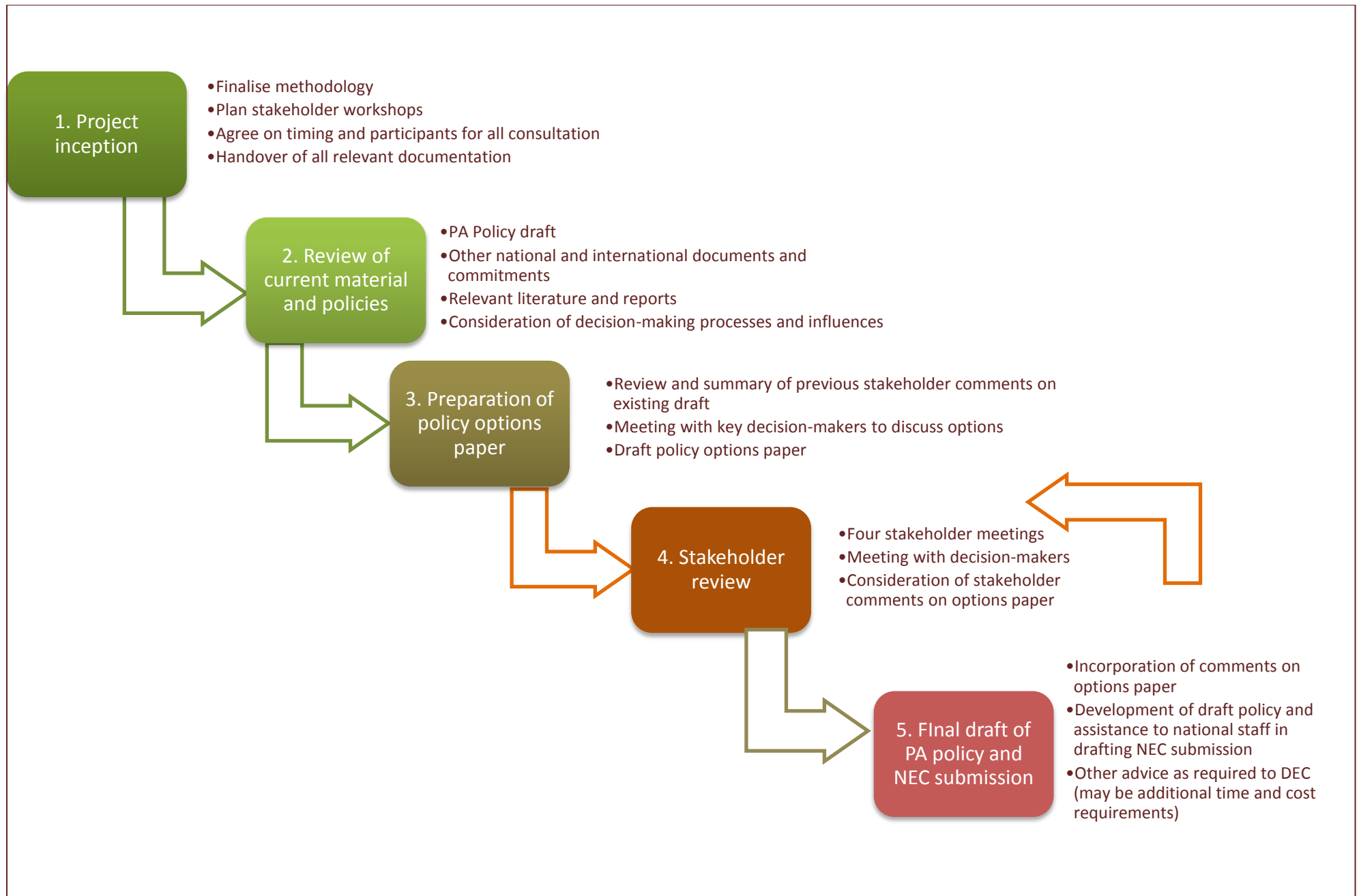


Figure 1: Project flowchart – proposed by applicant

Table 1: Proposals for achieving this project’s objectives including a clear time-frame for the activities (as approved in contract acceptance documentation)

Notes

- 1) Phase 1 and 2 have been altered slightly to match new timeframe, but time allocations have not changed.
- 2) This timeline is dependent on timely availability of PNG staff and stakeholders for consultation. Additional costs will be incurred if it is necessary for the consultants to stay in Port Moresby for additional days or to schedule an additional trip due to non-availability of key staff or stakeholders at critical times
- 3) Prolonged discussions, negotiations and differences of opinion among the stakeholders and client groups are to be expected in a project of this magnitude, and are likely to delay the project and to increase the work time required of the consultant. Due to the extremely tight budget, there is no scope for additional drafts or meetings and these would need to be negotiated at extra cost.

Phase	Tasks	Deliverables and <i>specified outputs (italics)</i>	Proposed schedule and time	Notes
1) Project inception	Step 1 Project initiation Conduct the project initiation meetings to finalise tasks and methodology for this project.	Project initiation discussions conducted (email and skype). Inception Report including detailed work plan	3 days (completed)	Further planning discussions to be held in Port Moresby. 11-15 November 2013
	Step 2 Workshop planning Develop a plan and materials for the four regional stakeholder consultations specified: Port Moresby, Madang, Kokopo and Goroka	Workshop design and program. Materials including invitations and agenda.	3 days (completed) Workshop design included in this inception report, but may be adjusted after discussions and as workshops progress	Proposed workshop design and materials have been developed by consultants and will be discussed with PNG staff during week 11-15 November. Detailed logistical arrangements (accommodation, attendees, food etc) to be responsibility of UNDP/DEC staff in Port Moresby in consultation with consultant.
	Step3 Collation of relevant material	List of relevant policies and reports (included in inception report).	2 days (completed) List of materials is included in Annex 4 but will be added to before the final report	PNG reports and other materials have been provided to consultant and further literature research conducted. Consultant has sourced international agreements and other materials.
2) Review of current policies and materials	Step 4 Review current draft PA Policy Review the current draft Protected Area Policy in conjunction with other natural resource sector policies to determine linkages and synergies, and the alignment with national and international obligations and policies. Review other relevant reports and materials to ensure the Protected Area		1 day	Phase two has begun and will be completed after the first meetings in PNG

Phase	Tasks	Deliverables and <i>specified outputs (italics)</i>	Proposed schedule and time	Notes
	Policy contributes to re-enforcing and promoting Sustainable Development in PNG.			
	Step 5 Stakeholder input review Review comments made during the previous consultations in the PA policy discussion paper to ensure views have been considered in the current version.		2 days	A table has been prepared to summarise comments on previous discussion paper
3) Protected Area Policy Options Paper development	Step 6 Meet with key policy and decision makers Meet with key policy and decision makers to discuss the options, limitation and opportunities to improve protected area management and its sustainable financing in the country	Meeting notes and documentation	4 days Port Moresby (2 consultants x 2 days)	UNDP has been facilitating arrangement of meetings. First meetings 11-15 November. Timing is critical to ensure best use of Port Moresby visit and minimise travel expenses.
	Step 7 Review decision making mechanisms Review and provide advice on the efficacy of decision making mechanisms for the whole-of-government approach at the national, provincial, district and local level governments, in relation to the Protected Area policy	Meeting notes and documentation	2 days Port Moresby (2 consultants x 1 day)	
	Step 8 Protected Area Options Paper Incorporate information gleaned from steps 3 to 7 to develop a Protected Area Options Paper	Final Protected Area Policy options paper that identifies strengths, weakness, opportunities and risks in relation to other sectoral policies, international and national conventions and the national Constitution Includes a review of the current draft PA and SWOT analysis related to PA from other sectors;	4 days	

Phase	Tasks	Deliverables and <i>specified outputs (italics)</i>	Proposed schedule and time	Notes
		Options for Biodiversity Offsets Scheme captured in the PA Policy		
4) Stakeholder review and consultation	Step 9 Stakeholder meetings Conduct four stakeholder meetings. Discuss options paper with decision-makers in Port Moresby	Meeting notes	10 days (2 consultants x 4 days plus 1 day travel allowance) stakeholder meetings. 2 days (2x1) for meetings with decision-makers in Port Moresby	Attendance by two consultants necessary to facilitate present materials and take notes. Allows some time for travel but in reality travel time may be longer. Timing of meetings is critical to ensure all can be completed efficiently to avoid extra costs.
	Step 10 Consolidate and document all stakeholder comments	Consolidated report of all stakeholder comments on the Draft Protected Area Policy	2 days	
5) Protected Area Policy and NEC submission	Step 11 Draft revised Protected Areas Policy Provide detailed recommendations and technical advice to DEC to improve and finalise PNG's draft PA Policy	Revised Draft of the Protected Areas Policy for peer review	3 days	
	Peer review of draft policy		<i>Not included in consultant duties. Timeline for peer review unclear</i>	DEC to organise peer review and to provide advice on which comments should be accepted
	Step 12 Finalise draft policy and submission paper	Final Draft PA Policy and NEC Submission Paper on behalf of the Department of Environment and Conservation	2 days	An additional trip to Port Moresby may be desirable at this stage but has NOT been included in the budget
	Step 13 Provide other technical guidance and advice as required by DEC for the duration of Protected Area Policy review, validation and finalization	Not specified		Would need to be incidental to duties above: additional time required would need to be additional to the contract.

Plan for stakeholder meetings

Regional consultation workshops

The ToR states that the purpose of the consultation meetings is to “ascertain [stakeholder] views on the roles of private sector, non-government organizations and civil society organisations in Protected Areas Management in PNG as reflected in the draft Protected Area Policy” (p.2).

Stakeholders:

This will include customary landholders, representatives from government (national, provincial and local-level), non-government organisations, sectoral agencies and community organisations.

Administration:

Stakeholders will be invited to attend one of four regional workshops (Port Moresby, Goroka, Madang, and Kokopo). Government, NGO and industry sectors will be invited by letter. A draft letter is included in Annex 2. Community members will be advised by means of advertisements in local newspapers and relevant online sites (e.g. government, NGO, industry and community sites). A draft advertisement is included in Annex 3.

Objectives:

The key objectives of the workshops are to:

- Ensure meeting participants share a basic understanding of protected areas, including their values, international categories and obligations, current status in PNG and management requirements
- Enable stakeholders to identify their vision of PNG into the future and consider a role for protected areas in this future vision
- Provide opportunity for stakeholders to identify the preferred roles and responsibilities of non-government organisations, customary landholders and industry in the management of protected areas
- Facilitate the completion of a more comprehensive survey of stakeholder perspectives relating to the value of protected areas, their management and financing.

Approach:

The workshop structure will ensure that all participants have the opportunity to work in small groups and have their views heard. It is important to create an atmosphere of trust, where all participants can be confident that their viewpoints can be expressed freely. Participants will have an opportunity to ask various government, non-government and industry representatives to respond to their individual questions concerning protected areas. The facilitation will ensure that minority views are heard, that some groups do not dominate and that everyone has an equal voice.

There will be four main sessions within the workshop and each will have a set of specific outcomes.

Section 1:

- Participants are welcomed and provided with a Workshop Pack (including workshop schedule, Fact Sheet, contact information). They will be asked to provide brief background information on the organisation or community that they represent.
- Participants are asked to identify the key questions that they would like answered during the workshop. This ensures that the workshop will address the needs of the participants as well as achieve the specific objectives identified in the ToR.
- As it is important to understand the perspectives of the participants in relation to their environment, they will be asked to undertake a visioning activity to describe or draw their community's future in 20 years' time. The text and images will be collated to provide a strong visual representation of how the participants want to see their community and country in the near future.

Section 2:

- Representatives from the national and provincial governments and UNDP will be invited to form an expert panel to respond to the participant's questions regarding protected areas within PNG. It is anticipated that the national government representative will address issues related to national protected area obligations (e.g. Constitution, Convention on Biodiversity and Vision 2050), the UNDP representative will address international perspectives on protected areas including their categorisation, management and case study examples of effective community managed protected areas, and the provincial government representative will respond to specific questions relating to the current status and issues related to protected areas in the relevant province in which the workshop is conducted.
- Participants will then be invited to take part in group discussions about the benefits and challenges associated with protected areas. They will then be asked to collate the findings so that a broad cross-section of views is taken into account. The benefits and challenges will be collated and a number of 'stories' about protected areas will be highlighted.

Section 3:

- The stages in the establishment of a protected area system will be explained by the government and UNDP representatives and a summary of this information will be included in the Participant Fact Sheet.
- Based on the participants' vision, understanding of the role of protected areas, their benefits and challenges, and how they are established and managed, they will be asked to consider the various roles of non-government organisations, customary landholders and industry in relation to protected areas in PNG.

Section 4:

- This will include a collation of the ideas presented in the last phase of Section 3.
- Participants' questions will be revisited to ensure that they either have been answered or provided with follow-up details.
- The issue of a landscape approach to protected area establishment and management will be discussed to examine the role of protected areas in relation to other important landuses within PNG.

- Participants who identify as customary landholders will be invited to complete a four page survey that explores a range of other issues (e.g. values of protected areas, roles and responsibilities and financing). This will enable some quantitative analysis of responses and ensure that all voices are recorded. A small prize will be offered to one participant who responds to the survey. This will be completed before participants leave the workshop.
- Other participants will be invited to complete a slightly different online survey concerning protected areas. They will be emailed with the details of the survey and asked to respond online, at their convenience.

Objectives of meetings

Time	Activity	Details	Who	Outcomes
Session 1: 9-11am Introduction and visioning				
8.30-9.00am	Registration	Sign in with name, organisation, contact details (postal and/or email); attach name tag; distribute information pack; ask participant to sit at a table and form a group.	Ann & Greg	List of participants, organisations & contact details.
9.00-9.15am	Welcome and introduction	A & G introduce themselves (brief background); explain purpose of workshop; brief project background.	A & G	Participants informed of purpose
9.15-9.40am	Participants introduced	At each table participants identify their name, organisation/community. One member from each table reports back to workshop on the general representation. Write down one big question you had when you decided to come to this workshop (write on post-it sticker and display on a wall).	G	Participants aware of the diversity within the whole group & organisations represented. List of concerns expressed by participants. Questions collated into themes (for reflection at the end of the workshop).
9.40-10.30am	Visioning	At your table, imagine 20 years into the future. You are in a canoe travelling along your coastline or up a river, or walking across your land. Explain in words/pictures what you would like to see in your customary land in 20 years' time. (Prompt e.g. fish, birds, trees, gardens, clean water, schools, roads etc). Post your table's story/images on the wall and Greg will ask a representative from a few tables to talk about their stories. Photo taken of story boards. Greg collates visions (on flip chart).	G	Visions for the future in relation to the participants' land and seascapes. Collection of multiple stories and images on participants' environmental aspirations.
Morning break 10.30-11.00am				
Session 2: 11-1pm Information and current state of play				

Time	Activity	Details	Who	Outcomes
11-11.45am	Information session, Panel discussion	<p>Representatives from below form a panel, who respond to questions from the floor (response time limited by G):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government rep – PA obligations (e.g. constitution, Convention on Biodiversity, Vision 2050 etc) • UNDP rep – international perspective on PAs, categories, good examples etc. • Provincial govt rep – what’s happening at provincial level in relation to PAs? 	G DEC, UNDP, Provincial Govt	Informed of international and national PA framework and categories. Opportunity for participants to ask questions.
11.45-1.0pm	Protected areas in your community	<p>We will look at the benefits and challenges associated with PAs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the benefits of having PAs in PNG – for the community, the country, and the world? For those with PAS in your community now you may be able to give concrete examples of success stories. Put your ideas/images on the green paper and pin on the wall. • What are the challenges or what is not working well with PAs and why? Put your ideas/images on the pink paper and pin on the wall. <p>During the lunch break participants and G&A will look at responses and organise them into themes.</p>	G	Identification of PAs issues. List of factors that contribute to effective PA outcomes.
Lunch 1.00-1.45pm				
Session 3: 1.45-3.00pm Course assessment – topic definition				
1.45–3.00pm	Organisational /community roles	<p>Previous theme (contd) – Greg facilitates discussion and collates themes (flip chart).</p> <p>Stages in establishing a PA system explained by government and UNDP representatives (e.g. community consultation, assessment, selection, gazettal, management, financing, monitoring and evaluation). (15 minutes) (key steps outlined on participants’ Fact Sheet) I would like you to think about all the stages that might be involved in setting up a PA system in PNG. I then want you to think about what you would expect from each of the following groups in setting this up in your community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-government organisations (e.g. The Nature Conservancy, WWF) • Customary landholders • Industry (e.g. mining, logging companies). <p>Write down your expectations of these groups on 3 separate pieces of paper. We will start with the NGOs. Post sheet on the wall. Selected tables will be asked to explain the role and responsibilities. Greg will collate the</p>	G Govt UNDP	List of participant expectations on the roles of NGOs, customary landholders and industry/private sector.

Time	Activity	Details	Who	Outcomes
		responses (on flip chart). Continue for customary landholders and industry groups.		
Afternoon break 3.00-3.15pm				
Session 4: 3.15am – 4.15pm Consolidation, review and workshop evaluation				
3.15-4.00	Q&A	Allow spill-over time from previous activity. Revisit participant questions and reflect on whether these have been answered. Address the question of balance in relation to potentially competing land uses across the landscape e.g. how can communities have PAs, logging, mining, plantation agriculture and other activities in their customary lands? Give further information on who can provide answers to questions that are out of the scope of the workshop.	G Govt UNDP Provincial govt	Participant questions answered (where appropriate). Alternative information sources provided.
4.00-4.15pm	Complete survey and workshop evaluation	Distribute PA survey to community representatives. Advise government and NGO representatives of the location of the online survey and inform them that they will be emailed to participate in the survey. Distribute workshop evaluation form.	G & A	Completed hard copy survey (manual data entry into Survey Monkey & analysis). Govt and NGO representatives invited via email to complete the online survey. Workshop evaluation information.

Peer review of the revised draft policy and production of proposed final policy

The revised draft policy will be produced in collaboration with Dec and UNDP to reflect the Government's policy and directions.

After the production of the revised draft policy, it will be sent by DEC/ UNDP to agreed people and organisations for peer review. A short timeframe will be nominated for feedback to be provided. DEC/UNDP will collate the peer review comments and send these to the consultants with advice on their preferred response to the comments.

The consultants will then incorporate feedback received into a proposed final draft policy, which will be presented to DEC/UNDP for final approval and forwarding to the National Executive Council (NEC).

Further changes after this point, for example due to changes in policy or directions from DEC, the Minister or NEC, are not within the limited timeframe of this project, and may require additional time.

Annex 1: List of stakeholder submissions received

The following submissions on the Discussion Paper have been provided to the consultants. A full analysis of their content and of their incorporation into the draft policy will be included in the stakeholder report.

Sub No	First name	Last name	Position	Organisation	Email or contact	Address
1	David	Sode	CEO	PNG Sustainable Development Program Ltd	dsode@pngsdp.com	PO Box 1786 Port Moresby, NCD Papua New Guinea
2	David	Postle	Scientific Officer/OIC	Environment and Climate Change	(675) 9709349	PO Box 37 Lorengau Manus Province 641 Papua New Guinea
3	David	McLachlan-Karr	Resident Representative	UNDP	3212877 carol.flore@undp.org	P.O. Box 1041 Port Moresby, NCD Papua New Guinea
4	Peter	Dam	Representative	NGOs	Peter.c.dam@gmail.com	

Annex 2: Invitation letter to stakeholder meeting

Note: this draft can be amended as necessary depending on the stakeholder group.

[Insert Sender Address]

[insert logo]

[Insert Recipient Address]

[Insert Date]

Subject: Your chance to comment on PNG's Protected Areas Policy

Dear [insert name]

Papua New Guinea is a country with many and varied resources – timber, minerals, oil, gas, agricultural areas and habitat for native plants and animals.

The PNG Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) is responsible for conserving the environment and wants to establish a country-wide network of Protected Areas, both on land and in the sea, to benefit current and future generations of Papua New Guineas. A number of options have been identified by the PNG government and you are encouraged to comment on these.

Protected Areas Solutions has been asked by the United Nations Development Program and PNG Government to hold four consultation meetings (Port Moresby, Madang, Kokopo and Goroka).

The purpose of these meetings is to hear what the community and other stakeholders think about how Protected Areas should be managed in PNG.

We welcome your participation and look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas on a new Protected Area Policy for PNG.

The details of the consultation meeting to be held in [insert place] are provided below.

Date: [insert date of meeting]

Venue: [insert venue and address]

Time: [insert start and finish times]

RSVP: [insert name] by [insert date]

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided at the meeting.

Sincerely

[insert name]

[insert contact details – phone, fax, email]

Annex 3: Public notice for stakeholder meeting

Note: this draft can be amended as necessary depending on the stakeholder group. Location of the workshop and the placement of the advertisement (newspaper, posters etc).

Conservation Protected Areas in Papua New Guinea

Let's hear your ideas

PNG is a resource rich country. It has forests, minerals, cropping land and habitat for many plants and animals. To ensure our communities can grow crops, hunt and fish in the future, it is important to conserve some of our forests and seas.

The PNG Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) is designing a system of Protected Areas across the whole country to conserve our important wildlife and its habitats. This will benefit local communities and all communities across PNG.

We would like to hear your ideas and thoughts about how this can happen.

We will be running 4 regional meetings and you are invited to attend one of these:

Port Moresby

[insert Date
Place
Address
Time]

Madang

[insert Date
Place
Address
Time]

Kokopo

[insert date
Place
Address
Time]

Goroka

[insert date
Place
Address
Time]

If you intend to participate, we need to know if you are coming. Please RSVP to [insert person, contact details and date]

Annex 4: List of relevant reports and papers

Note: this list is also available as an endnote file if desired. The list will be added to during the project and a copy will be provided with the final report.

PNG Government, NGO and international body reports concerning PNG's protected areas

Alcorn, J.B. ed., 1993. Papua New Guinea Conservation Needs Assessment Vol. 1. Biodiversity Support Program, Government of Papua New Guinea, Department of Environment and Conservation, Corporate Press Inc, Landover, Maryland.

Beehler, B.M. ed., 1993. Papua New Guinea Conservation Needs Assessment. Volume 2,. Biodiversity Support Program, Government of Papua New Guinea, Department of Environment and Conservation, Corporate Press Inc, Washington DC.

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Kula, G.R., John, M., Geoff, L,M,. (2009), Review of the Extent of Mainstreaming of Protected Areas into National and Provincial Strategic Documents(pages 11-44); and Legislation and Institution gaps and barrier (pages 45 -58) (DEC unpublished report).

National Strategic Plan Taskforce, 2011, Papua New Guinea Vision 2050. Independent State of Papua New Guinea

Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program, 2012. YUS Landscape Plan 2013-2015. Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program, Lae, Papua New Guinea.

Wickham, F., J. Kinch, D. Mitchell, M. Bongro, R. Alphonse, G. Sissiou, G. Maru, G. Kula and S. Nicholls (2010). National Capacity Self-Assessment Project: Assessing the Capacity of Papua New Guinea to Implement the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Global Environment Facility through

the United Nations Development Program, Papua New Guinea Department of Environment and Conservation.

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