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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACF	Assistant Conservator of Forests
AIG	Alternative Income Growth
ATDP2	Agricultural Technology Development Program, Phase 2
BCCP	Bangladesh Center for Communication Programs
CBO	Community-based Organization
CEGIS	Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services
CF	Conservator of Forests
COP	Chief-of-Party
CS	Communication Specialist
CTO	Cognizant Technical Officer
DCCF	Deputy Chief Conservator of Forests
DFO	Divisional Forestry Officer
DPA	Development Project Assistance
DPP	Development Project Proforma (same as DPP)
ECA	Ecologically Critical Area
EDS	Enterprise Development Specialist
ESMS	Ecological & Social Monitoring Specialist
EWC	East West Center
FC	Field Coordinator
FD	Forest Department
FSP	Forestry Sector Project
GOB	Government of Bangladesh
IRG	International Resources Group
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
JOBS	USAID Project "Assisting Enterprises to Create Employment
LGCBS	Local Governance & Capacity-building Specialist
LGI	Local Governance Initiative
MACH	Managing Aquatic Systems through Community Husbandry
NPC	National Planning Commission
PAMS	Protected Area Management Specialist
PBSA	Participatory Benefits Sharing Agreement
PCP	Project Concept Paper
PP	Project Proforma
PRA	Participatory Rural Appraisal
RECOFTC	Regional Community Forestry Training Center
RIMS	Resource Information Monitoring System
RRA	Rapid Rural Appraisal
SF	Site Facilitator
SOAG	Strategic Objective Grant Agreement
UP	Union Parishad
USAID	US Agency for International Development

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HIGHLIGHTS AND ISSUES DURING THE QUARTER

This is the 1st Quarterly Report of the 3rd Year of the Nishorgo Support Project (NSP). The NSP submits regular progress status reports to USAID against major milestones and deliverables as included in the 3rd Annual Work Plan. This report will present some of the highlights of this past Quarter, identify a number of issues that need to be addressed, and review the status of progress towards the Results identified in the Year 3 Work Plan.

In our work plan, we said we would pay special attention to the following four "Core Themes" for year three of the NSP. In this period just ended, we have progressed against each of the themes.

Active Social Mobilization and Council/Committee Formation

Agreement was reached at the end of year 2 on the formation of representative Councils and Committees to lead co-management efforts at each site. This year we are working to ensure that these representative governing structures become real and active bodies at each of the five initial pilot PAs. During this period the following can be noted as highlights:

- Council lists of potential members were identified for four of five sites;
- Councils convened at four of five sites, excluding Satchuri
- West Bengal cross visit trip completed with 25 likely Council members from all five sites, during which they observed activities similar to co-management and shared experiences on Bangladesh co-management efforts;
- Site strategies being revised, based on initial drafts developed by field teams during SOAR workshop

Support to Re-Oriented of Forest Department at Field Level

We believe that the local Forest Department officials and staff are central to the success of the co-management effort. We are working to provide training and other opportunities to have a more respectful, active and accomplished professional experience at the field level. We are also working with communities to explain to them that they have a right and a responsibility to ensure that Foresters perform to the highest standards. During this period the following can be noted as highlights:

- Training plan for short-term training of field foresters associated with NSP sites has been sent to the FD NSP Coordinator for approval
- First of the training courses, for Range and Beat Officers prepared for first implementation in September
- Discussed and agreed that the NSP PAMS would prepare short versions of the draft management plans for the northern sites, with target completion date of end September.

Alternative Income Sources for Local Stakeholders

Without some offsetting income or incentive, it is difficult to imagine how local low income households can shift their dependence from the PAs to other revenue or income sources. We are thus moving in this third year to create these opportunities at field level. During this period, the following can be noted as highlights:

- Enterprise Development Officer at Cox's Bazar is developing a portfolio of production technologies
- A training of trainers on NSP awareness has been designed for group promoters and will help support later AIG activities
- Interviews with candidates for Dhaka-based Enterprise Development Specialist (EDS) completed, and final selection and negotiation in process
- Preparations made for meeting with Parjatan (Tourism) Corporation in September to discuss ecotourism opportunities for Nishorgo
- Planning begins for a "Teknaf Ecotourism Week" in December/January
- Field teams receive guidance on beginning to prepare monthly AIG matrix updates
- GTZ team travels to Chunati to assess energy improvement options
- NSP team meets with UNDP brick fields project team to explore options for changing kilning processes at major brickfields located in core areas.

Establishment of Multi-Stakeholder Patrolling of PAs of High Risk Areas

Finally, we recognized that if our social processes move in the right direction while the forests are being cut down, then we will have failed. To address this concern, we are working to put in place multi-stakeholder patrolling of high priority forest areas. During this period the following can be noted as highlights:

- Patrolling guidelines proposal sent to the FD and discussed in detail with the FD staff. Focus of this first proposal is on Lawachara.
- Discussions with community groups at Lawachara proceed with special meetings at Dolubari, Maghuchara.
- Existing patrols at Shilkali are met with to determine options for further support.
- Field discussions continue on basis of draft patrolling guidelines.
- By the end of the period, initial patrols were operating in Lawachara and were under preparation at Rema-Kalenga. Satchuri's existing patrols were being strengthened.

Other Supporting Activities

A number of other activities are worthy of mention during the period:

- Drs. Anderson and Billah completed field work and submitted draft for their study on options for sustainable financing of PA management in Bangladesh.
- The bird survey of eight indicator species was completed and report under way. The survey was completed with extensive involvement of local people, particularly through involvement of ecoguides.
- Inception mission of East West Center to support Applied Research under the Project was completed, with participation of Dr. Jeff Fox from East West and Shimona Quazi from IRG
- Preparations completed to begin installation of Nishorgo Program offices in the confines of the Ban Bhaban complex of Forest Department at Mohakali.
- CEGIS has now completed the Phase I report on improving GIS databases, and has presented the report to FD for review and discussion
- NSP has provided some limited review and comment on the Wildlife Act revisions
- Work progressed on identifying options for management and monitoring of the RPA local currency resources to be allocated from USDA for Objectives 5 and 6 of the PP
- An IRG Consultant completed a report on options for channeling LDF Funds through as microfinance
- Preparations began with the Scouts for a PA-to-PA hike through the southern protected areas, as was done not long ago for the northern areas with the Scouts
- The Ecological and Social Monitoring Specialist has made considerable efforts during this period to obtain mouza (local) level data from the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) on poverty and household characteristics. It was not, however, possible to obtain sufficiently detailed data.
- Initial preparations began for an event in Srimongal some time in early 2006 that would highlight activities of MACH and Nishorgo in co-management, and serve to attract the interests of national and international donors to continue funding for the program activities in the future.

Issues

There are no major issues to be noted during the period. A number of issues, however, are worthy of mention:

- The continued presence of brickfields at all southern sites, however, poses a continued threat to the success of our project there.
- It remains urgent for the PP resources from PL-480 food monetization to be transferred to the Forest Department so that they can begin implementing PP Objectives 5 and 6 and, more importantly, perceive the project more closely as an "owned" effort.
- The potential use of LDF funds as microfinance remains an issue of debate and concern. At the beginning of this reporting period, the Project Coordinator at FD was in discussion with the Ministry about justification of the 10 percent proposed

interest rate that would be used if IRG's LDF would be used for microfinance. The Ministry had voiced concern about this rate, and requested a much lower rate, posing a potential problem for our NGOs and later the Councils that would manage a potential revolving fund.

- The inability of our ESMS to obtain sufficiently high resolution data on household characteristics and poverty in our areas is going to require a different approach to collecting such data. BBS has been unwilling to release data for us at the necessary mouza resolution, in spite of our having obtained request letters from the FD. This is generally slowing down our socioeconomic monitoring efforts.

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS AGAINST EXPECTED YEAR-END RESULTS FROM WORK PLAN

Expected Year End Result from Work Plan	Status at End of 1st Quarter
<i>Contract Component #1 & PP Objective #1: Develop a functional model for formalized co-management of Protected Areas</i>	
Participatory Management Plans for three PAs are agreed to by the FD and submitted to the MoEF for approval	Three have been drafted and sent to the FD. Still under discussion. Also, agreed that these three would have short-form versions prepared in English and Bangla.
Two additional Participatory Management Plans are completed and submitted to the FD	Initial drafts prepared.
Five Co-management Councils and Committees meet and begin doing business	Council membership and initial meetings held at four of five sites.
Illegal logging upward trends at LNP and SNP reversed	Community patrol guidelines prepared and initial patrol discussions under way at Lawachara and Shilkali at Teknaf.
Participatory bird surveys completed by communities with Bird Club at all five sites, and results discussed	Bird surveys were completed and reported on during this period.
Initial Council meetings highlight transparency as a necessary element of Council/Committee MOU	This issue has not yet been explicitly discussed in initial Council meetings.
<i>Contract Component #2 and PP Objective #2: Create alternative income generation opportunities for key local stakeholders associated with pilot co-managed Protected Areas</i>	
10 new local enterprise per site developed in areas of ecotourism, nursery, orchids, or export handicrafts	Preparations under way.
50 individuals per site begin income enhancing activities due to Project support	Work under way.
Heightened core zone patrolling also reduces degradation from commercial activity in the interface landscapes	Community patrol guidelines prepared and initial patrol discussions under way at Lawachara and Shilkali at Teknaf.
New production technologies training for 240 (120 for each region) user group members will be provided for involving them in AIGAs.	Preparations under way.
Partner Government agencies in the landscape work in Council to catalogue on-going and available activities/projects with potential synergy with PA conservation	Not yet begun.
<i>Contract Component #3 and (part of) PP Objective #3: Develop policies conducive to improved Protected Area management</i>	

Expected Year End Result from Work Plan	Status at End of 1st Quarter
Councils include local women, ethnic minorities, low income stakeholders and other often-marginalized groups	All initial Council meetings during the period have included women, ethnic minorities and low income stakeholder representatives.
Two options for extra-Revenue budget financing are explored and pursued	The Anderson/Billah report will set the groundwork to identify these options.
Councils/Committees will highlight conflict resolution role	Not yet explicitly discussed or addressed in councils.
Local FD officials will receive training in conflict resolution processes	FD training plan includes this as an element.
Support will be provided to re-drafting of the Wildlife Act	Some limited support has been provided by COP and PAMS, but provision of any further support would require a formal request from the FD.
At least one major new public-private partnership for conservation will be obtained	It is hoped that the newly conceived architectural competition may serve to meet this result.
Mechanisms for retaining financial benefits locally will be vetted and agreed upon	Not yet addressed.
Position paper is prepared and vetted giving Council/Committee authority to pre-approve forest management actions in interface landscape	Not yet addressed.
Two specific examples of such collaboration evident at year end	Not yet addressed.
The Satchuri National Park (proposed) will be gazetted as a new National Park officially	Gazetting has been proposed, but not yet acted upon.
One new area under consideration as new Protected Area	Not yet addressed, although there is discussion that Medha Kachopia is under consideration.
<i>Contract Component #4 and (part of) PP Objective #3: Build constituencies to further policy goals</i>	
Visitor number tracking systems will be put in place at all five PAs	Not yet in place.
Numbers of visitors to Satchuri, Teknaf and Lawachara will double by year end.	Not yet applicable.
Bangladesh Bird Club members, working with Nishorgo Clubs, will be active in organizing efforts to slow or halt brick fields at southern PAs	BBC has expressed an interest in doing something to slow brick fields expansion at southern sites, in light of the damage done by the brickfields to the bird habitat. Not action in the period, however.
Five or more international refereed publications or papers will be submitted during the year	None yet started.
Numerous training and orientation efforts will be executed during the year to explain	Numerous meetings have begun at local level on this.

Expected Year End Result from Work Plan	Status at End of 1st Quarter
conservation actions to local citizens	
Survey data shows that local percept of FD is beginning to improve	Relevant only at end of the year.
<i>Contract Component #5 and PP Objective #4: Strengthen the institutional systems and capacity of the Forest Department and key stakeholders</i>	
Management Scorecard values are set as baseline for all five initial pilot sites	Not yet completed.
Independent "consumer survey" of community perceptions of FD demonstrates improved FD performance at field level during the year	Relevant only at end of the year.
Community Scorecard values concerning Forest Dept local staff are set	Not yet completed.
PA system presentation in written and electronic materials shows as integrated PA system	Not yet addressed.
By year end, key ACFs in the Wildlife Circle are prepared to take over PA management of five pilots	By end of this period, one new ACF had been posted to Sylhet and another to Chunati with some responsibilities for PA management. More work remains.
Results to new surveys on economic costs and benefits, including poverty implications, of PA management are being used by senior policy makers and circulated in the press	Not yet addressed.
By year end, model is proposed for improvements to in-country training of Forest Officers in PA management	Not yet addressed. This is separate from the short-term training program for the FD.
Local communities at pilot sites will begin collecting a portion of PA visitor fees	Not yet addressed.
Proposal will be made to major donor for new funding round for PA management	Will be incorporated in the newly proposed Srimongal co-management event.
At least one PPP will be executed under the Nishorgo Conservation Partnerships program	Proposed under the architectural competition, now being planned.
Ten applied research case studies by Bangladeshi researchers are launched focusing on one of the six pilot PAs	Work under way with first visit of Dr. Jeff Fox of the East West Center under the EWC subcontract.
Base values of the Management Scorecard, the Community Scorecard and the five "Core" indicators are set	Management Scorecard base values set. Community Scorecard values not yet set.

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1: SELECT PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THE REPORTING PERIOD

NISHORGO PROGRESS REPORT

Current Update: 14 June 2005
Previous Update: 27 July 2005

TOP PRIORITIES

A. MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PA PATROLLING

1. FORMALIZE PATROLLING MODALITIES/ACTION PLAN

a. Status : A formal write up on patrolling guidelines has been sent to FD and discussed in detail with FD field staff. Relevant modalities for implementing community patrol in Lawachara were discussed with NSP staff, user groups/communities and FD field staff. Of the identified 4 sectors in Lawachara, the forest villagers of Magurchara and Lawachara will continue their patrolling as forest villagers. The user group at Dolubari (comprising 21 members of Muslim Para) has agreed to take community patrol in one sector – the details have been discussed with the user group and NSP staff on 25 July.

The existing community patrol at Shilkhali in Teknaf has been formalized by NSP staff.

b. Action : The community patrol as discussed at Dolubari will be finalized by NSP staff after consultation with local FD staff of Lawachara. The finalized guidelines will be repeated for the 4th identified sector of Lawachara by involving user group (s) of Baghmara/Baliganj.

A community patrol on the lines of Shilkhali will be established for the remaining patch of forest in Chunoti WS, near Chunoti Beat Office.

B. CONSTITUTION/CONVENE PA COUNCILS

2. CONSTITUTION OF PA COUCILS

a. Status : Draft lists for the PA co-management councils have been prepared for Lawachara and Rema-Kalenga after following due participatory processes.

b. Action : Draft lists for the other 3 PAs to be prepared by 20th August.

3. WEST BENGAL CROSS-VISIT

a. Status : A highly successful visit of a group of stakeholders including local stakholders, FD field staff and NSP staff to West Bengal has been completed. A number of follow up visits have been organized both in North and South.

b. Action : Mehrin to compile a report on the follow visits and help arrange CDs/photos.

C. ORIENTATION/SUPPORT TO LOCAL STAFF

4. PREPARE ACTION PLAN FOR TRAINING, ORIENTATION, CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FD FIELD STAFF MEMBERS

a. Status : A draft training plan for FD staff has been sent to FD for their vetting. DCCF, Training has been contacted for providing facilities from FD.

b. Action : Finalize the training plan in consultation with FD (Hashem) and develop training curriculum. Ram to coordinate with FD.

D. ENTERPRISE/AIG DEVELOPMENT

5. ENTERPRISE AT ALL SITES

a. Status : Enterprise Development Officer at Cox's Bazar is developing a portfolio of 5 production technologies for which small write ups are being prepared. Similarly NSP Srimongal is developing write ups on 5 production technologies.

b. Action : Mehrin to coordinate to have the write ups completed by 5 August.

6. ECO-TOURISM ACTIVITIES PREPARATION

a. Status : Enterprise Development Officer, Cox's Bazar has been asked to look after eco-tourism till a suitable person is hired. A number of suggestions have been made by him, in consultation with Mehrin, during his recent stay at our Dhaka office

b. Action : Mehrin to take follow up actions on the proposals.

7. ALTERNATIVE INCOME GENERATION

a. Status : A portfolio of feasible alternative income generation technologies has been identified. User Groups have been formed in the identified landscape zones around all the PAs. A TOT (Training of Trainers) on NSP awareness has been designed for Group Promoters and FOs and discussed with NSP staff.

b. Action : A TOT (Training of Trainers) on NSP awareness will be imparted to all Group Promoters and FOs (Hashem). Skill development training will be imparted out of Demonstration Training fund in order to initiate AIG activities for the user groups (NSP/Srimongal).

E. OTHER PRIORITY SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

7. PP APPROVAL AND ADP

a. Status : A draft PP was sent to FD and discussed in a DPEC meeting held on 23 July. It was decided to have revised PP prepared in old format. Accordingly a draft copy was sent to FD

b. Action : Khaled will help FD develop the required tables in old format.

8. COMPLETE PRODUCTION/INSTALLATION OF ROAD SIGNES, DOS/DON'T'S AND TRAIL SIGNS

a. Status : Trail and Park Signboards completed for all 5 sites

b. Action : Mehrin to coordinate for the completion of brochures and do's and don'ts signboards, PA trail brochures, etc..

9. COMPLETE 3RD YEAR WORK PLAN

a. Status : Draft 3rd Year Plan completed and sent for review.

b. Action : Finalize the plan after incorporating the comments received on the draft.

10. PA SUSTAINABLE FINANCE STRATEGY DEVELOPED

a. Status : Drs. Anderson and Billaha have completed their field works and developed a draft.

b. Action : Drs. To send their report that will be submitted to FD and USAID for their comments.

11. WILDLIFE ACT REVISION

a. Status : Draft Wildlife Act, as developed in consultation with FD, has been submitted to FD for their final comments.

b. Action : The final draft to be prepared after receiving comments from FD and then put on our website for inviting public comments. A draft Bangla version is to be prepared.

12. DEVELOP BASE MAPS FOR ALL NISHORGO SITES

a. Status : Design phase for all PAs complete after the field visit

b. Action : Draft report due by early August.

MINOR OR WRAP-UP ACTIVITIES

Immediate Launch of Field Site Reporting Based on Work Plan Categories (Done)

Produce Five Final Field Appraisal Reports based on LG and FD sessions (Done)

Nishorgo Banners Completed in Bangla (Done)

Sesame Street inclusion of Protected Areas and/or Nishorgo concepts

Ad Hoc Applied Research Support & Communications" Role (Met/discussed with
Azhar/Monoj for role of Molly Dalessandro/PCV)

NISHORGO TECHNICAL PROGRESS REPORT

Current Update: 6 September 2005

Previous Update: 23 August 2005

TOP PRIORITIES

CONSTITUTE & CONVENE PA COUNCILS

1. **Constitute PA Councils at all sites**
 - a. Status: In this period, Council meetings held at Chunati and on both sides of Teknaf. Animated discussions between FD and local stakeholders. Awareness raising at Lawachara and Rema continue.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Satchuri NP to convene Council meeting in early September -- date to be set by Shamsul in 11-12th Sept meetings at Satchuri.
2. **Follow up from West Bengal trip**
 - a. Status: Orientations take 5 VCDs of video delivered on 8/22. Photos and other items now available. Hashem/Mehrin have identified key parts of 8 available VCDs of the trip.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Summary draft note on the impact of this training to be prepared by Hashem.
 - ii. Shahriar to be given necessary hardware/software to begin preparing short movie on the visit.
 - iii. Shahriar to select clips for the movie, with input from Mehrin/Hashem.
3. **Revise Site Strategies for Each of Five Sites**
 - a. Status: Shamsul has discussed at Teknaf and Chunati sites, and with northern RDRS staff. Site strategies build upon the initial drafts done during SOAR workshop. Next step is to get further insights from field team to do revised draft. And, after that, we will go to stakeholder group input on strategy, a la PAPD.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Drafts for all five due end September.

ORIENT & TRAIN LOCAL FD STAFF

4. **Prepare detailed training action plan/content for local FD officials**
 - a. Status: Draft submitted to the NSP PD and DCCF/Training for review
 - b. Action: This action completed. In future months, individual courses as proposed will be approved by FD/Project Director.
5. **Implement Range/Beat Officer 3-day Intensive Courses for all sites**
 - a. Status: Range/Beat Officer training course now well-developed, with specialized modules. Senior FD staff to serve as Resource Persons. First 1/2 of northern FD Range/Beat Officers to do training at BTRI 26-28th

September. First 1/2 of southern FD Range/Beat Officers to do training at Cox's Bazar 2-4 October.

- b. Actions
 - i. Logistics to be completed by Khaled with Tariqul/Goutom.
 - ii. Concerning 1st course at Srimongal 26-28 September
 1. Azhar to clarify whether Anne Williams to attend
 - iii. Set dates for 2nd northern course
 - iv. Proceed with actions for Cox's Bazar course 2-4 October
 1. Resource Persons to be set from FD.
 - v. Hashem to prepare ideas for Monoj on new Code of Conduct for Officers
6. Design and make new "Nishorgo" uniforms for FD staff
 - a. Status: Mehrin met with designers.
 - b. Actions: Mehrin to prepare simple ideas for presentation to FD by 20 Sept.
7. Develop local FD/community procedures for receiving tourists
 - a. Status: Nasim has proposed young Env'l Studies grad for this. Monoj has proposed FD leadership by Odut Bhuiya.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Nasim to prepare TOR of work to be done under this area.
 - ii. Nasim to bring candidate to NSP for meetings, and get CV. Philip/Nasim to agree on candidate.
 - iii. Nasim to coordinate follow on meeting with FD's Bhuiya and Monoj.
8. Prepare Simplified Versions of Northern Management Plans for Local FD/stakeholder awareness
 - a. Status: Agreed that Ram would prepare short versions (~10 pages), with subsequent involvement of Hashem and Lutfun/NSP-North.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Ram to prepare short format (~10 pages)
 - ii. Short format will then go to Nasim (for maps) and Lutfun/RDRS (?) (for translation and conversion into Bangla and local orientation format.
 - iii. Target end September to have short format completed and mid October for first orientation sessions with local Groups.

ENTERPRISE/AIG DEVELOPMENT

9. Prepare immediately for restoration/rehabilitation plantations and wildlife improvements in landscape
 - a. Status: As per Monoj, meetings to be held at all sites -- facilitated by NSP and led by FD -- before end September. Recommendations to be compiled and sent during October, with work to start in November.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Tariqul/Goutom to set dates for meetings and discussions with community groups..
10. Hire Enterprise Development Specialist in Dhaka

- a. Status: Interviews with short-list candidates completed. Selection down to two finalists.
- b. Actions:
 - i. Khaled to get financial/cost data, and then Committee to finalize selection for discussion with Monoj.
 - ii. Upon startup, the new EDS will immediately begin working with Tauhidul (EDO/Cox's Bazar) and RDRS EDO to plan strategy in Dhaka.
 - iii. Need RDRS EDO selected asap to join this team.

11. Prepare for Increased Ecotourism at all sites

- a. Status:
 - i. Date set for September 26th for Parjatan meeting with Tour Operators and the FD and EcoGuides, etc.
- b. Actions:
 - i. Mehrin to coordinate materials/PowerPoint/movie preparation, with Monoj and FD
 - ii. Monoj to advise on attendance of CCF.
 - iii. Philip/Monoj to prepare presentations with Mehrin.
 - iv. Begin planning for "Teknaf Game Reserve Ecotourism Week" in January, 2006. Touhidul to do planning on this while in Dhaka for the Parjatan meetings.

12. Further extend Alternative Income Generation technologies

- a. Status: Agreed to prepare summary reporting matrix for all AIG by site.
- b. Actions:
 - i. Philip to send "AIG Matrix" format to regional offices by Thursday 7th Sept.
 - ii. Goutom/Tariqul to complete with details by site and send to Dhaka on/before Monday, 12th September
 - iii. Philip to compile for distribution at 13th Coordination meeting.

13. Continue GTZ (PURE Project) support to energy enterprise development at southern sites

- a. Status: GTZ travel schedule to Chunati finalized with Nasim and Dr. Khaleq.
- b. Actions
 - i. Nasim to travel to Chunati in September to work with Nazrul and Shaufiq to do joint activities.

14. Link with USAID-supported brick technology intervention in dialogue with brickfield owners

- a. Status: Meeting of brickfield owners from Chunati met at Cox's Bazar with UNDP, NSP, Teri and FD on 2 September to discuss brickfields issues. Then, met at UNDP on 5 September with USAID and GEF brickfields project, along with TERI consultants. Discussed options for follow on. Agreed that NSP would like to engage brickfield owners, but want to be sure they move their operations away from the Protected Areas. Agreed to wait for TERI report upon which follow on will be discussed.
- b. Action: Await TERI/UNDP report.

IMPLEMENT MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PA PATROLLING

15. Formalize Patrolling Guidelines/Modalities

- a. Status: Adaptations on May draft Patrolling Modalities being done at all sites.
- b. Action: Field testing to continue on basis of draft Guidelines.

16. Joint Patrols with FD Underway at all Northern PAs

- a. Status: Patrols operating at LNP, in preparation at Rema Kalenga, trying to strengthen existing patrols at SNP; Teknaf under way at Shilkali (only one for now); Chunati organizing for Sadghar beat garjan forest.
- b. Action:
 - i. Continue organization.
 - ii. NSP to provide logistical support for gumboots, etc.

17. Improved technological tracking?

- a. Status: Option of using webcams and other technologies at LNP is under discussion with FD and team. Met with Nazrul on this.
- b. Action: Awaiting technological options list from Nazrul.

OTHER SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

18. Marking & Cataloguing of Trees at Lawachara

- a. Status: As per the Minister, FD is planning to undertake an inventory of trees at Lawachara, under which field FD officials are to catalogue status of forest, including some numbering of the trees. Project will not be directly involved, except as necessary to support FD with some logistics.
- b. Actions:
 - i. Proj Director to advise on status of planning.

19. Further key supporting actions from the Ministry of Environment and Forests (key actions include approval of PP, declaration of Satchuri as NP, support to Wildlife Act, etc.)

- a. Status: No activity.
- b. Actions:
 - i. USAID's Anne Williams and Azhar to meet with and brief Secretary in early September.
 - ii. Plan for next Steering Committee.

20. EastWest Center applied research support work starting with Dr. Fox

- a. Status: Inception mission completed by Dr. Fox and S. Quazi. Draft research agenda prepared. Grant competition terms completed and submitted to FD for review/comments.
- b. Actions:
 - i. Philip to discuss modalities with CCF.
 - ii. Newspaper advert needed, or direct advert at campus sites.
 - iii. PD to draft elements of research policy for review/discussion by FD
 - iv. Advertisement to be posted calling for initial pre-proposals. Preproposal review meeting set for Univ of Chittagong in early October.

21. Organize/implement national architectural competition for buildings in Protected Areas
- a. Status: Focusing on going to architectural faculty of major university, such as BUET.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. PD to draft concept piece.
 - ii. Mehrin to set up meeting at BUET.
 - iii. MD/Arannayk to consider
 - iv. Need private financing -- will try and get from Lafarge Cement.
22. Develop public-private partnership for patrolling with support from Grameen
- a. Status: Discussed with FD and with NSP team.
 - b. Action: Philip/Mehrin to pursue with Grameen.
23. Build new Nishorgo Program offices at Ban Bhaban 1st floor
- a. Status: Ready to begin work.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Khaled to finalize PO with A&M, and Philip to sign.
 - ii. NSP/A&M to begin preparatory works by 16th.
24. Develop base maps for all Nishorgo sites
- a. Status: CEGIS now completed Phase 1 draft of Purchase Order and presented it to FD for review/discussion. Minutes prepared including proposed purchase of Remote Sensing data. Ishtiaque and others participated. Agreed that cost issues/options will be further covered in final report.
 - b. Actions: Await final report from CEGIS, due 8th September.
 - i. Must finalize Minutes and circulate for signature (Nasim)
 - ii. CEGIS to submit final report this Thursday
 - iii. IRG to begin movement to purchase data
 - iv. CEGIS begins Phase 2 work on/about September 15th.
25. PA Sustainable finance strategy developed
- a. Status: Dr. Billah and Dr. Glen Anderson draft completed and submitted on September 6th.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. FD and USAID to review and comment upon draft.
 - ii. Philip to meet with Dr. Billah on 12th September to plan for BDS workshop before Ramadan.
26. Wildlife Act revised
- a. Status: Proposed revision now with CF/Wildlife. Review meeting already held at FD.
 - b. Actions: FD to consider/review whether it should be forwarded to MOEF for comment.
27. Finalize Terms/Modalities of Local Currency Account for FD
- a. Status: NSP prepares budget and TOR for this for discussion. Philip discussing modalities with IRG/DC.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. USAID/FD to review TOR.

28. Finalize all issues on Landscape Development Fund (LDF) Microfinance & Grants Components
- a. Status: Janet work is now done on microfinance component.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Shamsul to complete all Forms and then integrate final document on microfinance.
 - ii. As soon as MF component done, Philip to take to RCO for clearance.
 - iii. Janet finding models of grants component, which will follow in a "Part 2" of the LDF Policy and Guidelines
 - iv. Shamsul to prepare note on justification of 10% interest rate for Monoj (?).
29. Prepare for PA-to-PA Scouts hike in the southern sites
- a. Status: Discussed and agreed upon with Scouts.
 - b. Actions: Mehrin to follow up with Mihir/etc, to start planning dates.
30. Collect additional poverty data at mouza level for PAs from BBS to finalize socio-economic report
- a. Status: Nasim dates set and went to BBS for data.
 - b. Actions: Nasim to follow up and obtain data.
31. Begin preparations for "Encounter in Srimongal" meeting on co-management for March, 2006
- a. Status: No action this period.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Dee, Monoj, Azhar, Shamsul, Philip to meet upon Dee's return on/about September 15th.
 - ii. Shamsul to prepare 3 page note on concept.
 - iii. Shamsul to line up BRAC
 - iv. Azhar to line up Proshika
 - v. Shamsul/Azhar to line up Dr. Younous
32. Compliance with Overall USAID Training Reporting Requirements
- a. Status: Alia has asked for update on all training reporting.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Hashem with Shamsul and Khaled to prepare updated report through end May reporting period.
 - ii. Hashem to prepare information, including from NSP/North and NSP/South, to get ready for end-August report.
33. Nishorgo Impact Summary Presentation
- a. Status: Senior officials may request report on precise field impacts of the NSP during past two years.
 - b. Action: Philip to draft such a report for consideration by Proj Director.

MINOR OR WRAP UP ITEMS

- Mehrin to have MOU with Scouts signed
- Finalize briefing packages/scripts for all sites

PENDING

- USAID RCO actions
- IUCN approval
- Approval of 3rd year work plan by USAID (and FD?)

MOVEMENTS OF DHAKA STAFF

- Shamsul and Moti Roy to northern sites from 8-12th September.
- Dr.. Khaleq (GTZ/PURE) to visit southern sites, accompanied by Shaufiq, to identify opportunitiees and plan for GTZ/NSP collaboration on energy, from 11th to 18th September.
- Ram on leave to India 14th-24th September.