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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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SUMMARY OF PROGRESS AND ISSUES DURING THE 3RD QUARTER

This is the 3rd 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, two examples of which are included in Annex 5 to this report.

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 Year 3 work plan, we said we would pay special attention to the following four "Core Themes" for the NSP. In this period just ended, we have progressed against each of the themes in a number of ways.

Active Social Mobilization and Council/Committee Formation

The mobilization process has continued with the following areas of progress:

- With input the Project, the Forest Department has now prepared a request for issuance of a "Government Order (GO)" that would recognize the Councils and Committees of all five pilot PAs. This GO request has now been sent by the CCF to the MoEF for review and approval. This is a very significant milestone, and one without which the Councils are constrained in their being able to interact with the Forest Department on any issues concerning the PAs. The NSP's technical team prepared an MOU in the previous quarter, which was during this quarter refined and presented to the Steering Committee. It was on the basis of this refined MOU that the GO contents were prepared.
- During the quarter, a group of disaffected citizens near Rema Kalenga moved one day towards the Sanctuary, where they began illegally felling teak trees. Two of the fellers were shot and killed by the Forest Department, after which a period of great uncertainty and unrest followed. It was during this period that the FD contacted the Council and asked them to call an urgent meeting to defuse the tensions. Although it was judged unwise to call a large meeting at the time, a number of smaller meetings were held to restore order to the area. Most significant in this process was that the FD senior staff made clear their recognition of the social mobilization value of the Councils in asking it to mediate to defuse a crisis between the FD and local citizens.

- The second cross-visit of local stakeholders to West Bengal state of India was completed successfully during the period, with 24 local Council members from all five PAs accompanying 5 Range Officers and one Wildlife DFO on the trip, along with three members of the NSP Technical team. This trip has further assisted in making more dynamic the members of the various Councils. The trip also represented an extremely cost effective means of training stakeholders: the total cost per one person (including travel, per diem and training) for 6 days of international travel was under \$450.
- During the period, the Project's COP worked with the COP of the AED governance and rights project (Susan Ward) to revise and extend the rights package developed under the Zones of Good Governance initiative started last year. A revised working document entitled "Rights Reference Manual for Zones of Good Governance" was produced in February, along with a series of sample "Rights Reference Cards". This full package, along with the status of the work on governance, was presented to the USAID partners retreat in February.
- Revised and extended strategies for NSP social mobilization activities at all five sites have now been completed and circulated to partners at local and national level. These strategies mark the outcome of the process begun with the SOAR workshops nearly a year previously.
- On December 7th and 8th at the FD, a detailed discussion was held concerning the elements of the proposed MOU for establishing the Councils and Committees at all the PAs. On the basis of this meeting, work proceeded to identify the final constitution and MOU for the PA Councils.
- In the period from December 21st to 25th, the Project organized its second PA-to-PA hike with the Bangladesh Scouts. Again accompanied by Mr. Enam ul Haque, the hike raised awareness of local boys and girls around the two PAs, as well as national level through television and newspaper coverage.

Support to Re-Orientation of Forest Department at Field Level

We are working to support the Forest Department at the local level. To that end, the following can be noted as highlights:

- The series of training programs for FD field officers involved with Nishorgo is nearly completed, with one final FD Guard training course to be conducted in March.
- The poster form in English/Bangla of the "Code of Conduct" for Nishorgo Program staff at the FD has now been sent in poster form to the CCF for review, and the CCF has indicated that it should be posted in all FD offices.
- Five color copies of each of the LNP, TGR and CWS management plans, in final form, have been forwarded in multiple copies to the NSP Coordinator for final forwarding to field FD staff for review. This has occurred after the NSP has

provided extensive modifications to the earlier version of the management plans to put them in compliance with requests from the FD.

- The process of rectifying all FD and related LGED and other maps for the five protected areas has been completed during the period. The work has been done in close cooperation with the FD's RIMS unit, and has been led by the CEGIS technical team under a purchase order from NSP.
- A0 and A3 maps have been completed and annotated for RKWS, LNP and TGR and printed for use at the field level. These large maps represent the outcome of the nearly completed CEGIS-supported efforts to rectify all maps of the FD and merge them with other available databases for the Nishorgo sites. The maps were used in a number of USAID VIP briefings at the sites.
- Quickbird images have now been obtained by CEGIS for NSP for the Whykeong area of Teknaf Game Reserve. These images were obtained as a test of the management value of such high resolution images to decision-making and planning in one of the PAs. Ground truthing will follow in the next quarter, and these images will provide high resolution information about the Whykeong area (at 0.6m resolution).

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. During this period, the following can be noted as highlights:

- In late December, the Teknaf Ecotourism Week succeeded in raising awareness of the Reserve as a potential tourism site, especially for those staying in the Cox's Bazar area on holiday.
- Picking up on the awareness raised by the Teknaf Week, the Project began work with the DFO of Cox's Bazar South (who covers the TGR) to begin more detailed tourism planning within the reserve. The tourism planning team focused on the Mochoni area, not far from the pier that receives visitors from the St. Martin's Island. Initial reconnaissance and site proposals have been made for a range of tourism visitor infrastructure and services at the Mochoni complex, including elephant trails, a small pond, a visitor's booth or center, and hiking trails.
- At the northern sites, a group of five nature tour companies were brought on a cost-shared visit to see the three northern PAs and exchange ideas about opportunities for including these sites in future circuits for their tourists.
- After consultation and site visits, NSP's Enterprise Development Coordinator has prepared a detailed proposal for the expansion of the elephant ride ecotourism experience, with priority focus to be placed at the Teknaf and Chunati sites, and with subsequent attention to be placed on the Satchuri site. Based on this concept proposal, the EDS will follow up with FD officers in the next quarter to get the enterprise activities started.

- FD has requested during this period that the NSP technical team prepare a range of new "annotated hiking brochures" and trail signs that will make more interesting the nature experience of visitors to LNP and SNP. Work has begun on this effort.
- FD has also requested that AIG activities would be enhanced with the immediate placement of visitor receiving infrastructure at SNP and LNP. Such simple structures would help greatly in attracting people to the PAs and to orienting them upon arrival. The Project has to this end sent an architect to the two sites to develop simple plans for building such structures.
- At the beginning of the period, the State Minister for the Environment traveled to Bashkali to open an Energy Fair co-funded by NSP and GTZ at that site. The Fair included Grameen Shakti and many other energy related participants. It has also been agreed in the period that GTZ and NSP would again prepare another phase of expanded support in the area of alternative energy and energy use reduction. It was agreed by the Director of the PURE Project and by NSP that work would proceed next to the Bashkali side of the CWS and then to the Whykeong area within the TGR. With these areas completed, work will proceed to the north at the Satchuri site. In all cases the approach will be similar to that taken at the Chunati area of the CWS, where the Project worked with the GTZ to conduct first an energy fair and then followed with training about construction and use of improved stoves.
- AIG targets are receiving more and more attention, and work is proceeding at field level to achieve annual targets set out for field level AIG increases. (See Annexes and AIG matrices there for more information.)
- The NSP team has prepared a proposal for the USAID GATE Project for expanded support to gender integration and awareness relating to enterprisie activities.

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

We recognize that core forest areas must be protected, otherwise our social and economic efforts are in vain. During this period the following can be noted as highlights in this area of patrolling:

- It has been agreed during this period that all patrollers will be provided with non-monetary remuneration, with an emphasis on provision of support in the area of social forestry. Patrols are now under way at Rema, Lawachara, Satchuri, Teknaf and under organization at Chunati.
- At the request of the Minister, and with the support of the FD, the Project is working with the FD to catalogue the trees within the LNP.
- In early February, the Project prepared a booth and a new poster on the participatory monitoring approach using 8 bird species. The booth and poster

were shown at the Jahanginagar Bird Fair, and after the Fair, 2,000 copies of the bird poster were printed in A4 size for use as a flyer for youth and other interested bird lovers.

Support Activities: Policy, Planning and Research

- During the period, the project provided support to preparations for the 3rd NSP Steering Committee, which was held on February 26th at the MoEF. During this important meeting, a supportive green light was given to project activities and expansion plans. Another Steering Committee is to be scheduled for June.
- The final revisions of the Wildlife Act were completed by the NSP Coordinator and forwarded to the CCF for review.
- The East West Center Nishorgo applied research grants program has moved forward, with full research article packets being prepared for four different research institutions. Researchers are now working at their field research activities, and are sending periodic updates to the coordinators.

Support Activities: Communications

- A 30 minute movie/video was prepared by the Project based on film footage taken during a heated Council meeting at the Rema Kalenga Wildlife Sanctuary Council meeting. English subtitles were added to the film footage, and it served to be a useful means of educating a number of VIP visitors to the area. It will also be used in a wide range of other communication events, including the planned visit of VIPs to the Satchuri PA to take place in April/May.
- A new informational booklet has been printed in 1,000 copies on the Satchuri National Park, and is now available for use. Like the Teknaf booklet on which it is modeled, this Satchuri booklet includes history and context of the Park, as well as checklists of key species and other related information.
- The four part poster series on Nishorgo is now completed and agreed to by the CCF and the FD senior staff. The posters will be exhibited at the America Week in March, and will later be printed in 5,000 copies each on the occasion of the upcoming tree fair in June.
- Preparations for America Week now done, including the preparations of a new Nishorgo booth in 8'x8'. The booth will be used not only for the America Week, but also for other events.
- Three of the five new Site Status Reports are now completed and printed. Two others await printing. These brief sheets give updates on the status of AIG, social mobilization and a host of other activities under the Project.
- Preparations have continued for the architectural competition for the Nishorgo visitor center at LNP, with visits to cement companies to try and obtain

sponsorship, as well as firming up of commitments from the existing three sponsors and meetings with the IAB for coordination role.

- The Project provided a host of materials for youth, including games and quizzes, for the Bangladesh Scouts "3rd National Creativity Camp", which included some 450 young scouts between the ages of 16 and 21. Along with the packet of games and information, presentations were made by the NSP Coordinator of the FD and by the COP and Communications Specialist.
- A number of key articles and publications were released during the period, including a report on community patrolling in the Daily Star, inclusion of the same article in the PA Update Circular coming out of India, inclusion of the same in the RECOFTC bulletin, and a range of other articles covering such activities as the Energy Fair, the Scouts hike,

Other Supporting Activities

One other activity is worthy of mention during the period. Participatory monitoring will get a boost in the upcoming training and planning sessions for Committee members. During those sessions, the monitoring team, including those eco-guides who have participated so far, will explain the participatory monitoring process, including the tracking of 8 indicator bird species, the use of the community scorecard and the management scorecard.

Issues

Generally, the Project is progressing according to the plan and targets in the contract and subsequent work plans. However, a number of implementation issues are to be resolved for NSP's more effective implementation. These issues include the following:

- **Local Currency:** It remains essential for the FD to receive their allocation of resources from the Treasury under the NSP. Without these resources, it may be difficult to sustain FD buy-in to the project. It is also urgent for the modalities of use of this money to be
- **Wildlife Policy and Wildlife Act:** There is talk that the Wildlife Policy as proposed some eight months ago is still slowly making its way through towards the Cabinet for approval. We have made extensive comments on this policy, most of which were not followed. With approval of the policy, there is the risk of a disjunction between the Policy and the Act as drafted with technical input from the NSP. This will require attention in the coming quarter.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS AGAINST EXPECTED YEAR-END RESULTS FROM YEAR 3 WORK PLAN

Expected Year End Result from Work Plan	Status at End of 2nd 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	The three initial plans have now been submitted to the FD for final review.
Two additional Participatory Management Plans are completed and submitted to the FD	Two additional plans have been submitted to the FD for final review.
Five Co-management Councils and Committees meet and begin doing business	All five Committees have met and are now doing functional business.
Illegal logging upward trends at LNP and SNP reversed	Illegal logging has been slowed to a halt at both sites.
Participatory bird surveys completed by communities with Bird Club at all five sites, and results discussed	Bird survey under way at northern sites, and scheduled for southern sites.
Initial Council meetings highlight transparency as a necessary element of Council/Committee MOU	This issue has now been discussed at all Committees.
<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	Work is 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	Impact of core zone patrolling on the surrounding landscape not yet clear.
New production technologies training for 240 (120 for each region) user group members will be provided for involving them in AIGAs.	Work 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>	
Councils include local women, ethnic minorities, low income stakeholders and	Councils continue to include women, minorities and low income groups as key

Expected Year End Result from Work Plan	Status at End of 2nd Quarter
other often-marginalized groups	stakeholders, formally recognized by the Councils.
Two options for extra-Revenue budget financing are explored and pursued	This has now been discussed, and a GO on extra revenue financing options is being developed.
Councils/Committees will highlight conflict resolution role	This role is being highlighted every day.
Local FD officials will receive training in conflict resolution processes	Done in all FD training courses.
Support will be provided to re-drafting of the Wildlife Act	Support still being provided in this area, but in limited fashion.
At least one major new public-private partnership for conservation will be obtained	Three private donors have committed to support the national architectural competition.
Mechanisms for retaining financial benefits locally will be vetted and agreed upon	GO under preparation by NSP and FD.
Position paper is prepared and vetted giving Council/Committee authority to pre-approve forest management actions in interface landscape	Not yet explicitly addressed, although the spirit of the draft MOU suggests this authority.
Two specific examples of such collaboration evident at year end	Not yet achieved.
The Satchuri National Park (proposed) will be gazetted as a new National Park officially	Completed
One new area under consideration as new Protected Area	Not yet addressed.
<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	Planned for early March.
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	Not yet pursued.
Five or more international refereed publications or papers will be submitted during the year	On track to achieve this result.
Numerous training and orientation efforts will be executed during the year to explain conservation actions to local citizens	On track to meet this.
Survey data shows that local percept of FD is beginning to improve	Surveys not yet completed.
<i>Contract Component #5 and PP Objective #4: Strengthen the institutional systems and capacity of the Forest Department and key stakeholders</i>	

Expected Year End Result from Work Plan	Status at End of 2nd Quarter
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, but will be in planned PA document being prepared for Tree Fair.
By year end, key ACFs in the Wildlife Circle are prepared to take over PA management of five pilots	Progress continuing in posting of ACFs to the sites. New DFO now posted to the Wildlife Circle for the Sylhet Division.
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	Outcome of the Billah/Anderson report not yet formally discussed in workshop.
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, although this proposal has been included in the draft GO.
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, and in new proposal from CCF to prepare a proposal for GEF funding.
At least one PPP will be executed under the Nishorgo Conservation Partnerships program	Progress has been considerable towards this via architectural competition process PPP.
Ten applied research case studies by Bangladeshi researchers are launched focusing on one of the six pilot PAs	All researchers are under way now with their research works.
Base values of the Management Scorecard, the Community Scorecard and the five "Core" indicators are set	Management Scorecard base values set.

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1: PROGRESS REPORT, NORTHERN SITES, END-FEBRUARY 2006

(This is the summary monthly progress report for the three northern NSP sites. This is the last of such reports issued during the quarter. These reports have been started in this format at about mid-year, and are thus only being included now. Earlier reporting against site activities was neither as regular nor as consolidated as this report.)

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TOP PRIORITIES

I. Social Mobilization and Improved Local Governance

1. Develop collaborative management structure

a. Status

During the month of February, three Co-Management Council meetings were held respectively at Lawachara National Park area on 5th February, Sathchari National Park at 13th February and Rema Kalenga on 14th February. At Lawachara UNO Kamalganj Upazila, at Sathchari DFO Sylhet Division and in Rema Kalenga UNO Chunarughat Chaired the Co-Management Council meetings. Besides, in these meetings CF central circle, CF WL&NCD and National Coordinator NSP, DFO Sylhet Division, SDFO, ACF's, Range and Beat Officers were present.

The main agenda of those meetings are to form Co-Management Committees. After thorough discussion in a democratic process the council members in each site formed their Co-management Committee consisting of 15-19 members with portfolio of one Chairman, one Vice-Chairman and one Treasurer. Member Secretary SDFO/ACF has been selected from the Forest Department by virtue of his position from each site.

Before the Co-management Council meeting commencement the newly declared Sathchari National Park is being inaugurated by CF central circle and CF WL&NCD where DFO Sylhet Division, FD officials, Council members, local elites, NSP officials and other local people were present.

b. Actions

The next Co-management Committee meeting at Lawachara will be held at Lawachara Shyamoli Rest House on 8th March. Other two sites Co-management committee meetings date have not yet been finalized. LG&CBS is requested to finalize the date and inform us well ahead.

Next Co-management Council meeting of LNP will be held at Srimangal Forest Office on 15th May 2006. Other two sites Co-management Council meetings date have not yet been finalized. LG&CBS is requested to finalize the date and inform us well ahead.

2. Promote broad based social mobilization, including women and ethnic minorities

a. Status

Peoples Theater and Folk song team have been formed & trained at our three sites. Musical Instrument have also been provided to the teams and stage show have been performed at our three sites on biodiversity conservation where FD officials Local Government's, Government officials, local elites and all other stake holders enjoyed and highly appreciated the NSP mobilization program. Besides, all PA sites school awareness program, international mother language day observations were held and the Nishorgo Club members coordinated and as well participated in these programs. This has created significant impact in our local community. A part from this at Rema Kalenga a day long work shop were held at Nalmukh High School on biodiversity conservation taking local Mosque Imams and School Teachers where 25 number participants participated.

b. Actions

More Peoples Theater and folk song display and school awareness program will be organized at the respective sites on biodiversity conservation and to stop illegal tree filling. Trail hiking of 100 Imams sponsored by Asia Foundation will be held at Lawachara National Park on 13th February. Respective Site Facilitator, COO & EDO has been instructed to cooperate and coordinate the all concern to make the program successful.

Regarding Nishorgo Club COS, NSP Dhaka is kindly requested to send the guide lines on its functions and NSP support.

II. Enhanced Esteem, Importance and Performance of Forest Department

3. Develop strong collaboration between FD and NSP

a. Status

During the month of February an unit level coordination meeting were held at NSP Srimangal with NSP staffs where ACF wild life Moulvibazar and Habiganj participated and discussed about our on going NSP activities and on strengthening coordination. Besides, at our site level SDFO, ACF, RO & BO are also taking part at the site level staff meeting, Co-management Council meeting, Community Patrolling meeting, Visitors program and mass mobilization program.

For better coordination and communication the monthly progress and planning reports is being sent to DFO Sylhet Division as per monthly coordination meeting's decision held in NSP, Dhaka.

b. Actions

In the next month unit level coordination meeting will be organized with FD officials and NSP senior staffs at Srimangal. In mass mobilization programs, meetings and other activities FD officials will be invited. Site Facilitators have been instructed to ensure their participants in all our program activities.

For better coordination and communication the monthly progress and planning reports will be sent to DFO Sylhet Division in every month from now on.

4. Build capacity of staff members of FD

a. Status

Forest Department officials have gone to West Bengal, India trip in order to gather experiences on Co-management and forest protection. NSP staffs are always providing support regarding NSP intervention. In regards to this 20 Forest Guards have been trained at

BTRI Srimangal from 15-16 February, on concept of NSP activities and Co-management Council. This has created a good impact to them and made the concept clear about Co-management, Community patrolling and other NSP activities.

b. Actions

In the coming month more Forest Guards will be provided with training to build capacity of staff members of FD. Training Coordinator NSP is requested to coordinate with FD officials and confirm the date with participant list well ahead to us for our convenient.

5. Develop positive image of FD

a. Status

In all our NSP program activities, we are trying to involve the FD officials and highlighting them to the communities. In this regards, we have keeping close communication with FD officials and inform our various program activities as well inviting them to participate. Now in most cases, SDFO, RO or BO is attending in our program. We are also highlighting the activities of Forest Department in the local newspaper and National dailies.

b. Actions

More community based Mobilization Program in cooperation with the FD officials on Forest protection/ conservation will be chalked out in the coming months which definitely will create positive image of Forest Departments. More positive news, case studies will be published in the local newspaper, National dailies and Nishorgo News Bulletin. COO & COS are requested to take necessary steps on this matters.

III. Economic Alternatives for Local Households

6. Promote AIG for poor households

a. Status

During this month a quarterly training plan on AIGA, Enterprise Development and Communication has been prepared and sent to NSP Dhaka. Two training on livestock sector has been postponed due to sudden serious illness of COO/Trainer.

b. Actions

More 137 beneficiaries will be provided AIGA training in the month of March. Respective SF, MF&GO, COO, EDO and AIGO have been instructed to provide necessary follow up on their respective training activities.

7. Support forest regeneration and social forestry

a. Status

Total 15 Nursery Farmers are now engaged to produce Saplings at our three sites. We are expecting around 2.5 lacks saplings will be produced for the coming season in order to support buffer zone, Core zone and homestead /social forestry plantation. Alternative Income Generation Officer is providing necessary follow up and taking necessary measures for successful implementation.

Teak enumeration program at Lawachara National Park is going on with the support of 4 patrol groups those who are engaged in forest protection.

b. Actions.

AIGO and respective SF have been instructed to provide necessary follow up to ensure the Nursery Development Program successful for supporting forest regeneration and social forestry.

Mr. Dhrubo is requested to ensure necessary follow-up on teak enumeration program at Lawachara National Park.

8. Identify alternative energy sources for local households**a. Status**

For alternative energy sources for local households especially in the all ethnic community has demanded improved Chula. For that reason training required from NSP Dhaka, EDO conducted with Mr. Nasim Aziz to forward the training .Local stakeholders feel the demand of Charcoal Sticks for cooking. It should be improved by planning and guidelines from NSP Dhaka.

b. Actions

EDO is requested to take necessary steps in consultation with EDS and NACOM immediately.

9. Facilitate development of eco-tourism and other enterprises**a. Status**

A reconnaissance plan for Eco-tourism spot development at LNP and SNP have been completed by an Architect from Dhaka along with NSP staff and SDFO Moulvibazer. Follow-up meeting with our tour guide on Eco-tourism development activities is going on. EDS has visited Satchari and other places and will give report about possibilities of Eco-tourism. Our EDO is requested to keep close contact with EDS.

b. Actions

Eco-Tourism development and income flows workshop for co management committee will be held at NSP Srimangal in the coming month of March. More 10 numbers Eco-tour guide will be trained in collaboration with EDS, EDO and COO. A trip arranged for the tour operators of Dhaka on 9th-10th March to orient them about the facilities available at Satchari and Lawachara National Park. EDO also link to arrange Elephant riding in SNP and Cycle riding in LNP.

IV. Protection of the Landscape, especially the PA Core**10. Establish systems to ensure that PA is respected and conserved****a. Status**

During the month of February at Rema Kalenga three community patrolling groups have been formed at Ranigone, Gazipur and Mirashi and is being approved by FD officials in the Co-management Council meeting. A coordination meeting was held at Lawachara National Park where RO, BO, Camp Officer and NSP staff were present. Community patrolling is ongoing successfully in the PA for protection and conservation of forest.

b. Actions

More community patrolling coordination meeting will be held in the coming months at LNP, SNP and RKWS. All Site Facilitators have been instructed to materialize community patrolling in consultation with FD officials, Co-management Council members and UP Chairmen/Members accordingly.

V. Local Participation in Impact Monitoring

11. Engage local stakeholders in monitoring impacts of NSP interventions

a. Status

Local participation in impact monitoring is not yet started but right now we are observing impact monitoring through Co-Management Councils where our progress on bio-diversity conservation is quite satisfactory.

b. Actions

NACOM and COS, NSP Dhaka is kindly requested to develop format and mechanism for impact monitoring system immediately so that we can we can measure our qualitative and quantitative progress on different activities.

ANNEX 2: ALTERNATIVE INCOME GENERATION (AIG) MATRIX, NORTHERN SITES, END-FEBRUARY 2006

Relevant AIGA	NSP Demonstration fund allocated			# of Participants Trained/Oriented current month			# of Participants Trained/Oriented up to last month			# of Participants Train/Orient during next month		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Eco-Tour Guiding	-	-	-				5	1	6	3	1	4
Nursery	12,000	16,000	28,000				3	4	7	2	2	4
Fish Culture	24,000	12,000	36,000				6	3	9	6	2	8
Poultry Rearing										3	4	7
Beef Fattening	15,000	105,000	120,000	1	7	8	3	21	24	5	3	8
Home Gardening	6,000	40,000	40,000				3	20	23	1	5	6
Pig Rearing	-	-	-					-	-		8	8
Project-linked PBSA participants	-	-	-				14		14	-	-	-
Participatory Patrolling	90,000	-	90,000				40		40	-	-	-
	147,000	173,000	314,000	1	7	8	74	49	123	20	25	45
Eco-Tour Guiding	-	-	-	-			4		4	3	1	4
Nursery	8,000	12,000	20,000	-			2	3	5	2	3	5
Fish Culture	16,000		16,000				4		4	4	2	6
Poultry Rearing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7
Milch Cow & Beef Fattening	-	90,000	90,000		4	4		18	18	-	4	4
Home Gardening	4,000	28,000	32,000	-		-	2	14	16	2	6	8
Pig Rearing										-	4	4
Project-linked PBSA participants										-	-	-
Participatory Patrolling										-	-	-
	28,000	118,000	122,000		4	4	8	35	43	11	27	38
Eco-Tour Guiding	-	-	-				5		5	3	1	4
Nursery	16,000	28,000	44,000				4	7	11	4	2	6
Fish Culture		24,000	24,000					6	6	5	1	6
Poultry Rearing	-	-	-	-		-	-		-	3	4	7
Milch Cow & Beef Fattening		100,000	100,000	-	8	8		20	20	5	3	8
Home Gardening	24,000	20,000	44,000	-	-	-	12	10	22	2	6	8
Pig Rearing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	8
Project-linked PBSA participants	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	18	-	-	-
Participatory Patrolling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	40,000	172,000	212,000	-	8	8	39	43	82	24	23	47
	430,000	938,000	1,332,000	2	38	40	246	254	500	55	75	130

Relevant AIGA	NSP Demonstration fund disbursed up to last month			NSP Demonstration fund disbursed in current month			NSP fund to be given Participants the next month		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Eco-Tour Guiding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nursery	8,810	8,122	16,932	810	4,122	4,932	-	-	-
Fish Culture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poultry Rearing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beef Fattening	10,000	20,000	30,000	-	-	-	10,000	25,000	35,000
Home Gardening	1,500	8,500	10,000	-	-	-	4,000	6,000	10,000
Pig Rearing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Project-linked PBSA participants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Participatory Patrolling	420,000	-	420,000	90,000	-	90,000	90,000	-	90,000
	-	-	476,932	-	-	94,932	-	-	135,000
Eco-Tour Guiding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nursery	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	4,000
Fish Culture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poultry Rearing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milch Cow & Beef Fattening	-	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
Home Gardening	1,000	3,000	4,000	-	-	-	2,000	5,000	7,000
Pig Rearing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Project-linked PBSA participants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Participatory Patrolling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5,000	28,000	33,000	-	-	-	4,000	37,000	41,000
Eco-Tour Guiding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nursery	5,000	6,660	11,660	8,005	-	2,332	-	5,000	5,000
Fish Culture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poultry Rearing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milch Cow & Beef Fattening	-	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
Home Gardening	5,000	6,660	11,660	1,605	213	1,818	3,000	2,000	5,000
Pig Rearing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Project-linked PBSA participants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Participatory Patrolling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	10,000	38,320	48,320	9,610	213	4,150	3,000	37,000	40,000
	470,310	169,262	1,116,504	110,030	4,548	198,164	118,000	179,000	432,000

ANNEX 3: PROGRESS REPORT, SOUTHERN SITES, END-FEBRUARY 2006

(This is the summary monthly progress report for the three northern NSP sites. This is the last of such reports issued during the quarter. These reports have been started in this format at about mid-year, and are thus only being included now. Earlier reporting against site activities was neither as regular nor as consolidated as this report.)

Current update: 28 February 2006
Previous up date: 30 January 2006

Top Priorities for the month march 2006

1. AIGA demonstration Support.
2. Local Youth Awareness on NISHORGO
3. Community Patrolling at Banpukur Area
4. Formation of Co-management Committee

I. Social Mobilization and Improved Local Governance

1. Develop collaborative management structure

a. Status:

- i. Regular meeting of co-management council is going on.
- ii. Draft constitution of co-management council & committee has been discussed with the members. And comments of CC members on CC constitution already send at NSP Dhaka.
- iii. Due to *Biswa Estama* meeting of Jan06 has been postponed.
- iv. Members of co-management council are participating site base various NISHORGO activities.

v.

b. Actions:

- i. Next meeting will be on Chunoti RO-16.03.2006, Shilkhali RO - 15.03.2006 & Whykong - 18.03.2006
- ii. Co management committee would be formed during next meeting.
- iii. Respective RC/SF will do the needful for proper arrangement of meeting and as per suggestions Dr. K. S. Huda- LGCBS, NSP/IRG-Dhaka
- iv.

2. Promote broad based social mobilization, including women and ethnic minorities

a. Status:

- i. 03 Nishorgo Awareness Program for Young People accomplished (Chunoti - 2 & Baharchara - 1)
- ii. Education Center specified for arrangement of Nishorgo Awareness Program for Young People
- iii. Monthly Meeting of Nishorgo Club is continued.
- iv. Chunoti # User group formed: 29 (Male-09, Female: 20)
- v. Chunoti # User Group Member: 532 (Male: 135, Female: 397)
- vi. Teknaf # User group formed: 40 (Male-27, Female: 13)
- vii. Teknaf # User Group Member: 889 (Male: 627, Female: 262)

- viii. User Group member & local stakeholder are participating site base various NISHORGO activities.
- ix. -----

b. Actions:

- i. Nishorgo Awareness Program for Young People (Mainly Student of Secondary & College level).
- ii. Students of Secondary & College level will get priority regarding Nishorgo Awareness.
- iii. RC, SFs, EDO, TCBO & COO will do the needful for accomplish the program in a successful way.
- iv. Biswajit already prepared a document on NISHORGO Program for Young People; this paper may be distributed along with copy of NISHORGO Booklet among the student during orientation session.
- v. We need *Khata/Writing Pad on Nishorgo Activities* from NSP- Dhaka Office. It was discussed with Ms. Mehrin A Mahbub, Communications Specialist.

II. Enhanced Esteem, Importance and Performance of Forest Department

3. Develop strong collaboration between FD and NSP

a. Status:

- i. Site Strategy of TGR & CWS already sends at related FD offices except Jaldi Range.
- ii. Coordination & Collaboration with continued.
- iii. A special meeting organized at Chunoti Range Office on 18.02.2006 Headed by Md. Ali, ACF.
- iv. A Forest Patrolling Group has been formed consist of 20 member with the involvement of local community.
- v. Forest Patrolling Group has been started patrolling with local FD Guard.
- vi. All activities has been implementing under collaboration between FD & NSP.
- vii. FD officials are very much cooperative to implement NSP activities.
- viii. Routine communication with local FD office continued.
- ix. FD official from Divisional Office & all Range Offices gave a tremendous support for arrangement the Scouts Hiking Program.
- x. Meeting of Co management council regularly arranged at Chunoti Range Office.

b. Actions:

- i. Follow-up monthly meeting would be arranged at related RO.
- ii. Patrolling kids (Torchlight, Gum Boot, Rain Coat, dress etc.) will be provided to the FPG at Chunati & Shilkhali.
- iii. 3 rechargeable torch-light will be given on 16.03.2005 at period of co management Council meeting - Hanif will do the needful for purchase this.
- iv. Coming every program would be implemented collaboration with FD; Local NSP staffs mainly SF will do the needful for this purpose.
- v. Program on Nishorgo Awareness for Young People with in the PA would be finalized discussion with local FD. SF will do the needful.
- vi. -----

4. Build capacity of staff members of FD:

a. Status:

- i. Training Course on *Co-management Approach on Protected Areas* for Forest Guard accomplished on 26-27 February 2006 at Zila Parisad Conference Room, Cox's Bazar.
- ii. 14 Forest Guard participated the course.
- iii. An orientation course on NISHORGO Awareness (*Making Protected Area Co-management Happen*) for Range Officer, Deputy Range Officer & Beat Officer has

accomplished successfully on November 20-22, 2005 at Zila Parisad Conference Room, Cox's Bazar.

- iv. This training increased positive attitude & capacity of FD Officials
- v.

c. Actions:

- i. Second Course will be arranged on 13-14 March 2006.
- ii. This Course will be organized at our NSP Office at Cox's Bazar due to unavailability of Zilla Parisad Hall Room.
- iii. -----

5. Develop Positive image of FD:

a. Status:

- i. 05 Forest Ranger (Forest Range Officer -Shilkhali, Chunati, Jaldi, Banskhali Eco Park & Other one from Chittagong) returned from West Bengal Exposure visit successfully.
- ii. They learnt a lot about PA management through FPC & EDC.
- iii. Image of FD to the local community gradually increasing.
- iv. Local people mainly member of co-management council gradually understand the situation and participating the various program on NSP activities.

d. Actions:

- i. Experience sharing meeting will be arranged in presence of WB Trip member.
- ii. SF will do the needful for implement the NSP activities collaboration with FD

III. Economic Alternatives for Local Households:

6. Promote AIG for poor households

a. Status:

- i. A Nursery Development Training Course from 31/1-2/2, 2006 arranged at site office. Local Upzila Agriculture Officer, EDO & TCBO conducted the course.
- ii. 14 Male & 01 Female participated the course. 07 Male & 01 Female received nursery development materials from NSP Office as demonstration support.
- iii. AIGA (Vegetable Gardening) demonstration materials distributed among 165 members.
- iv. Up to February 2006 195 SH received AIGA demonstration support. Total amount BDT. 115,110/-
- v. AIGA regularly followed-up by Site & Regional NSP Staffs and follow-up report is available as per decision.
- vi. AIGA program will get top priority for the month March 2006.

b. Action

- i. AIGA program will get top priority for the month March-May 2006.
- ii. Proper document must preserve at Site office & one set must be submitted at regional office, Cox's Bazar - Related - SF.
- iii. Orientation, technical support & followed up by EDO. Proper document must preserve at Site office & one set must be submitted at regional office, Cox's Bazar.
- iv. An exclusive AIGA Training & Demonstration Support Plan # April - May 2006 will be prepared by march06. Hanif & Gope & Related SF.

7. Support forest regeneration and social forestry:

a. Status:

- i. Chunati WS # Planned for 10 (Ten) hectares Enrichment Plantations in Core Areas.
- ii. Chunati WS # Planned for 10 (Ten) hectares Buffer Plantations in Core Areas.
- iii. Teknaf GR # Planned for 10 (Ten) hectares Enrichment Plantations in Core Areas.
- iv. Teknaf GR # Planned for 10 (Ten) hectares Buffer Plantations in Core Areas.
- v. Teknaf GR # Natural Waterbody development in Raikhonh Beat.

b. Actions:

- i. It is discussed with DFO; Cox's Bazar and nursery development program will be taken up for the support of above activities.
- ii. NSP Site team will support & co-operate the FD for implementation of this plan.
- iii. RC will follow-up the matter accordingly.

8. Identify alternative energy sources for local households:

a. Status:

- i. Trainees have established & using 160 Improved Oven & another 20 structured have been established.
- ii. An amount of Tk.10,000/- has been approved by CODEC (refundable) to support for purchase improved oven materials for those participants; who are unable to purchase improved oven materials at this period. Nazmul is responsible for the money.
- iii. Visit & Follow-up report of Dr. Khalequzzaman, GTZ-PURE has been sent at site office. It was good report & we have learnt a lot from his suggestions & feedback.

b. Actions:

- i. Initiative has been taken for installing more improve oven at Chunoti. Nazmul & his team will do the needful.
- ii. People of Banskhali & Chunoti are very much interested regarding Improved Oven installation.
- iii. A training course on *Improved Oven* would be arranged at Banskhali first week of April 06. New Site Office at Banskhali has been open on & from 08.03.2006.
- iv. SF & TCBO will submit a monthly follow-up report separately on alternative improved oven activities at Chunoti to the RC by the end of every month.
- v. Alternative Energy Fair – Teknaf will be organized at Whykong on 10-12 April 2006 at Teknaf. It will be discussed & finalized with Dr. Khalequzzaman, GTZ-PURE
- vi. A training course on improved oven making & installation will be arranged after fair.

9. Facilitate development of eco-tourism and other enterprises:

a. Status:

- i. A team from Grameen Phone-Dhaka visited on 28.01.2006 at Kudum Cave & Shilkhali Garjan Forest.
- ii. A 3-member team from BTV visited Kudum Cave on 03.01.2006.
- iii. This is circulated home & abroad through newspaper. This program created positive attitude among the people.
- iv. Local People are very much interested about this program; such kinds of program would be taken for promoting eco-tourism.

b. Actions:

- i. Initiative would be continued to bring visitor with in the PA.
- ii. Such kinds of program would be taken for promoting eco-tourism.
- iii. We need the VDO CD on NISHORGO, which is recently made by Mr. Enamul Hoque.

IV. Protection of the Landscape, especially the PA Core:

10. Establish systems to ensure that PA is respected and conserved

a. Status:

- i. Informal forest protection committee is functioning for Shilkhali Garjan Forests by 03 Patrolling groups; each group consists of 36 members.
- ii. The monitoring patch of forest under **Bonpukur** Area identified.
- iii. FPG & FD continued patrolling in this area.
- iv.

b. Actions:

- i. Review the performance of patrolling more patrolling aid may be given to the Shilkhali Patrolling Group.
- ii. NSP – South decided to support (AIGA Demonstration & Patrolling Aid) the member of Forest Patrolling Group.
- iii. **FPG asking for ID Card** from FD. It is very necessary for the Community Forest Patrolling Group Member. It is also discussed with COP-NSP/IRG, Dhaka.
- iv. The member of patrolling should be increased at least 35. Nazmul will do the needful discussion with local FD.
- v. Patrolling aid for patrolling team at Chunoti may be provided by NSP through FD.
- vi. A Forest Protection Committee will be formed around Kudum Cave area. SF –Sourav Mahmud – Whykong will do the needful discussion with local forest villagers & FD Officials.
- vii. Monthly meeting with PC should be continued. SF – Baran Barua will do the needful.

V. Local Participation in Impact Monitoring:

11. Engage local stakeholders in monitoring impacts of NSP interventions

a. Status:

- i. Local SH already monitoring & giving comment on NSP intervention informally & formally (During co management council meeting).
- ii. Team from NACOM started their periodical monitoring from 24.01.2006
- iii. -----

b. Actions:

- i. This process may be formalized, structured & documented.
- ii. Periodical meeting/workshop may be arranged with local SH.
- iii. Tree (Garjan Tree) marking at Banpukur are has been accomplished by March 2006. Shafique & Nazmul will do the needful

Cross Cutting Issues:

- New Site Office at Banshkhali has been opened from March 2006. New Site Facilitator, Mr. S. M. Jafarullah Shamsul with two new Field Organizer already joined at the site office after a five days primary orientation.
- New Site Facilitator, Sourav Mahmud already joined at the Whykong site office after a five days primary orientation.
- New Site Office at Baharchara has been opened from March 2006. New Site Facilitator, Baran Barua already joined at the site office after a five days primary orientation
- Specific Action Plan # March –May 2005 for Banskhali would be finalized. Goutam, Hanif & Jafarullah Shamsul.
- 26th March, The Independent Day will be observed all the 04 sites. Rrgional Team & Related Sites Team will do the needful.
- 04 CC member from Chunoti (Mr. Aman Ullah & Mr. Nurul Absar), 02 CC members from TGR (Mr. Zahed Hossain – UP Member, Whykong & Mr. M. Saifullah – UP Chairman – Baharchara) and 02 local elites from Banshkhali (Mr. Akther Hossain – Chairman, Shilkupa UP & Mr. Khaladur Rahman) return from a successful West Bengal Trip.
- Experience sharing meeting will be arranged participation with the member of WB Trip.

- Unfortunately Mr. Almgir Kabir – Chairman, Puichari UP, Banskali & Mr. Nurul Hassan – Local Elites could not go for West Bengal Trip due to different entry boarder Haridaspur/Benapole instead of Changrabandha. It was a mistake of Asst. Indian HC, Visa Section, Chittagong. It was a matter of great sorrow that this mistake was found out at Burimari on the morning 23.02.2006. Then it was not possible to go through Haridaspur/Benapole from Burimari within that period. Mr. Almgir Kabir & Nurul Hossain returned Chittgong from Burimari. It was really a strong feedback for us also. They may get priority if such trip is organized in future.
- A special meeting on NSP activities would be arranged at Banskali on 19th March 2006 with local FD Official and local elites. NSP Officials of Dhaka will present at the meeting. Hanif & Jafarullah Shamsul will do the needful. Goutam will communicate with member of WB Trip.
- American Week will be arranged on 14-16, March 2006 at Hotel Agrabad, Chittagong. Goutam, Bishwajit & Chinmoyee will report to Merin A. Mahbub, Communication Specialist on 13.03.2006 at Hotel Agrabad for preparation and others program.

ANNEX 4: ALTERNATIVE INCOME GENERATION (AIG) MATRIX, SOUTHERN SITES, END-FEBRUARY 2006

Site Name	Summary Status: Group Formed	Relevant IGA	Cumulative Demonstration Funds Already Expended			People Already Trained			People To Be Trained This Month		
			M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Teknaf Game Reserve	Group:	Eco-Guiding	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-
	Male # 27	Nursery Development	22,146	-	22,146	7	-	7	-	-	-
	Female # 13	Fish Culture/Pond Culture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total: 40	Poultry Rearing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Milch Cow & Beef Fattening	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	20
	Member:	Home Gardening/Vegetable Gardening	17,176	13,040	30,216	64	46	110	-	-	-
	Male # 627	Grocery/Small Trading	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Female # 262	Pre-Project FSP PBSA participants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total: 889	Rikshaw/Van	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total # A	40/889		39,322	13,040	52,362	77	46	123	20	-	20
Chunati Wildlife Sanctuary	Group:	Eco-Guiding	-	-	-	8	-	8	-	-	-
	Male # 09	Nursery Development	25,837	3,691	29,528	8	1	9	-	-	-
	Female # 20	Fish Culture/Pond Culture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total: 29	Poultry Rearing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Milch Cow & Beef Fattening	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	20
	Member:	Home Gardening/Vegetable Gardening	8,908	24,312	33,220	17	38	55	-	-	-
	Male # 135	Grocery/Small Trading	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Female # 397	Pre-Project FSP PBSA participants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total: 532	Rikshaw/Van	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total # B	29/532		34,745	28,003	62,748	33	39	72	20	-	20
Total NSP South	Group:	Eco-Guiding	-	-	-	14	-	14	-	-	-
	Male # 36	Nursery Development	47,983	3,691	51,674	15	1	16	-	-	-
	Female # 33	Fish Culture/Pond Culture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total: 69	Poultry Rearing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Milch Cow & Beef Fattening	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	40
	Member:	Home Gardening/Vegetable Gardening	26,084	37,352	63,436	81	84	165	-	-	-
	Male # 762	Grocery/Small Trading	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Female # 669	Pre-Project FSP PBSA participants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total: 1421	Rikshaw/Van	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G. Total # A+B	69/1421		74,067	41,043	115,110	110	85	195	40	-	40

Site Name	Summary Status: Group Formed	Relevant IGA	People Already Doing AIG			People To Start AIG This Month			Total # People To Be Doing AIG By May 31, 2006		
			M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Teknaf Game Reserve	Group:	Eco-Guiding	6	-	6	-	-	-	6	-	6
	Male # 27	Nursery Development	6	-	6	-	-	-	8	-	8
	Female # 13	Fish Culture/Pond Culture	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	5	15
	Total: 40	Poultry Rearing	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	20	40
		Milch Cow & Beef Fattening	-	-	-	20	-	20	50	20	70
	Member:	Home Gardening/Vegetable Gardening	64	46	110	-	-	-	84	66	150
	Male # 627	Grocery/Small Trading	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10
	Female # 262	Pre-Project FSP PBSA participants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total: 889	Rikshaw/Van	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	15
		Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total # A	40/889		76	46	122	20	-	20	203	111	314
Chunati Wildlife Sanctuary	Group:	Eco-Guiding	8	-	8	-	-	-	8	-	8
	Male # 09	Nursery Development	7	1	8	-	-	-	10	1	11
	Female # 20	Fish Culture/Pond Culture	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	20
	Total: 29	Poultry Rearing	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	15	35
		Milch Cow & Beef Fattening	-	-	-	20	-	20	35	15	50
	Member:	Home Gardening/Vegetable Gardening	17	38	55	-	-	-	37	58	95
	Male # 135	Grocery/Small Trading	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10
	Female # 397	Pre-Project FSP PBSA participants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total: 532	Rikshaw/Van	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	20
		Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total # B	29/532		32	39	71	20	-	20	150	99	249
Total NSP South	Group:	Eco-Guiding	14	-	14	-	-	-	14	-	14
	Male # 36	Nursery Development	13	1	14	-	-	-	18	1	19
	Female # 33	Fish Culture/Pond Culture	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	15	35
	Total: 69	Poultry Rearing	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	35	75
		Milch Cow & Beef Fattening	-	-	-	40	-	40	85	35	120
	Member:	Home Gardening/Vegetable Gardening	81	84	165	-	-	-	121	124	245
	Male # 762	Grocery/Small Trading	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	20
	Female # 669	Pre-Project FSP PBSA participants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total: 1421	Rikshaw/Van	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	-	35
		Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G. Total # A+B	69/1421		108	85	193	40	-	40	353	210	563

ANNEX 5: SELECT SUBMITTED NISHORGO PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THE 3RD QUARTER

NISHORGO PROGRESS AND PLANNING REPORT

Current Update: 28 November 2005

Previous Update: 15 November 2005

TOP PRIORITIES

- I. CONSTITUTE & CONVENE PA COUNCILS
 - II. ORIENT & TRAIN LOCAL FD STAFF
 - III. DEVELOP ENTERPRISE & AIG
 - IV. IMPLEMENT MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PA PATROLLING
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I. CONSTITUTE & CONVENE PA COUNCILS

1. Strengthen Councils and Form PA Co-Mgmt Committees
 - a. Status: This process fully under way.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Council and Committee formation and experiences to be primary subject of 1 day session with senior FD staff on Dec 7th
 - ii. (Also, see detailed milestones in the Council/Committee Technical Team 6-month Plan.)
2. Undertake 2nd West Bengal Trip for Local Stakeholders
 - a. Status: Number of participants finalized from NSP side. Agreed that all eight Range Officers from NSP sites will go.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Participants from stakeholders to be selected.
 - ii. Check on PP allowable limits for stakeholder "cross-visit" and discuss with Monoj
 - iii. Clarify contract terms with Nabarun in West Bengal.
 - iv. Identify filming team to accompany travelers.
3. Revise Site Strategies for Each of Five Sites
 - a. Status: Strategies revised during mid year planning into new six month Site Actions Plans.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Shamsul to provide narrative strategy addition to each site by mid-December.
 - ii. Site Action Plans to be reviewed, finalized and returned to field by Dec 1.
4. Engage Tea Estates in the Council and Site Level Activities

- a. Status: Awaiting date for next meeting of Tea Estate Owners Association at next meeting.
 - b. Action: No action, except continuing to check in with Nasim on next Tea Owners meeting.
5. Mobilize Complementary GOB and NGO Support to Councils
- a. Status: Discussed in mid year planning that now is time to start bringing in other GOB Departments and major NGOs to support co-management process, and particularly Council.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Consider for inclusion in next Steering Committee
 - ii. Consider meeting/briefing in Dhaka for concerned Departments and NGOs

II. *ORIENT & TRAIN LOCAL FD STAFF*

6. Implement Series of Training Programs for field FD Staff.
- a. Status: 2nd Range/Beat Officer training completed.
 - b. Actions: Continue with next courses, as per training plan.
7. Design and make new "Nishorgo" uniforms for FD staff
- a. Status: Mehrin has spoken to tailor, who is making two demo shirts.
 - b. Action: Mehrin to make 2 demos of this green shirt for use in marketing with private apparel companies.
8. Develop local FD/community procedures for receiving tourists
- a. Status: Recommendations submitted to Monoj by Mehrin.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Ram to follow up with Tariqul to ensure NSP contribution. Likely NSP/North contributions to include: Temporary meeting area; Repaired toilets; Installation of road signs
 - ii. Monoj actions on preparing the area for the VIP tours.
9. Prepare Simplified Versions of 3 Northern Management Plans
- a. Status: Translations done and copied for circulation.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Need FD staff member to lead prep of one of the Mgmt Plans for presentation to local stakeholders (Modinul Hasan??). Mehrin, Lutfun and Nasim to support FD staff member designated by Monoj in preparation of briefing packet.

III. *DEVELOP ENTERPRISE & AIG*

10. Prepare immediately for **restoration/rehabilitation plantations** and wildlife improvements in landscape
- a. Status: Plans prepared for three types of land at all five sites, and discussed for both north and south. Budget identified and ready.
 - b. Actions: Ram to oversee next steps.

11. Formalize Enterprise Development Team in Dhaka and Field Staffs
 - a. Status: Done. Two EDOs and EDS now in place. EDS and one EDO now working at Teknaf to get prepared for the Teknaf Ecotourism Week.
12. Support Increase in Ecotourism at NSP sites
 - a. Status: Under way with focus on Teknaf Week as highest priority next step.
 - b. Action: (See Teknaf Week below for more info.)
 - i. Asif S to organize first field visit of the Operators to Teknaf. (Tom of Economist to be included).
 - ii. Re consultancy on Ecotourism Specialist to three sites to work with communities on enterprise development.
 1. Identify best consultant for the work.
 2. Philip/Khaled to ensure approval.
 3. Asif Shams to discuss and finalize schedule with consultant for immediate beginning of work.
13. Undertake Teknaf Game Reserve Ecotourism Week in December
 - a. Status: Discussed with Council, and with FD. Asif has left to Cox Bazar to begin planning. Agreed with CWBiodiversity Project to provide Ecotourism people to support process.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Most urgent action is field prep, which is now being done by Asif, Goutom and others at field level.
14. Further extend Alternative Income Generation (AIG) technologies and **Reporting in AIG Matrix**
 - a. Status: Revised Matrices sent in for November.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Nasim to revise format for AIG data collection.
15. Expand GTZ (PURE Project) partnership to reduce fuel wood consumption at southern sites
 - a. Status: Agreed to move with GTZ on Energy Fair and then 3 month intensive plan.
 - b. Actions
 - i. Implement Alternative Energy Fair set for 3-5 December. Mehrin lead from Dhaka. Goutom/Nazmul to coordinate from south.
 1. Budget approval high priority
 - ii. 3 month plan to be circulated by Nasim and agreed to.
16. Link with USAID-supported brick technology intervention in dialogue with brickfield owners
 - a. Status: No action since last report.
 - b. Action: Philip/Nasim to get meeting organized by Mamun Khan with Shaufiqul of the GEF Project to coordinate our activities with theirs.

IV. IMPLEMENT MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PA PATROLLING

17. Joint Patrols with FD Underway at all Northern PAs

- a. Status: Patrols operating at LNP and Teknaf. Patrol uniforms being used at LNP.
- b. Action:
 - i. Additional patrol modalities to be discussed.

18. Marking & Cataloguing of Trees at Lawachara

- a. Status: FD sent letter to NSP asking for funding. Nishorgo to approve, subject to labor coming from key stakeholders.
- b. Actions: Ram/Monoj to agree with DFO/Sylhet on modalities for getting it done. NSP is ready.

V. *OTHER SUPPORT ACTIVITIES*

Policy, Planning, Data and Research

19. Finalize all issues on Landscape Development Fund (LDF)

- a. Status: Philip completed review of Grants manuals from Senegal, Guatemala and Madagascar.
- b. Action:
 - i. Philip to complete grants section (Component 2) and forward formally to USAID for clearance by Mission Director October 17th.

20. Vetting of Participatory NSP Management Plans by the MoEF

- a. Status: Three Mgmt Plans presented to FD on two occasions, and refined accordingly.
- b. Action:
 - i. Present final Draft Mgmt Plan for northern sites to DCF/ACF training on 7th 8th December.
 - ii. Discuss next steps with Monoj

21. General Policy Actions with MoEF (prepare PP, declare Satchuri as NP, move on Wildlife Act, etc.)

- a. Status: Wildlife Act and Policy discussed with JS/Admin and with NPC.
- b. Actions:
 - i. General communication strategy and "Informal PA Working Group" to be discussed with Azhar and NPC/Monoj.
 - ii. Review list of priorities for USAID support with Monoj.
 - iii. Set date for next **Steering Committee** with NPC.
 - iv. Wildlife and Protected Areas Act:
 - 1. Will also discuss Public Consultation process with IPSU/FD/NSP

22. Hold NSP Mid-Year Progress & Planning Meeting at NSP/Dhaka, November 13-17

- a. Status: Done.
- b. Action: Philip to complete editing/finalizing of Tech Team Plans and Site Plans for next six months and return to field.

23. Collect additional poverty data at mouza level for PAs from BBS to finalize socio-economic report

- a. Status: Nasim not able to get necessary data from BBS, even with generous support from Mostain Billah.
 - b. Actions: Need new strategy; perhaps via another donor funded project in BBS.
24. EastWest Center applied research support work to start
- a. Status: Submissions made by ~10 researchers. Jeff Fox dates proposed for February trip.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Continue receiving submissions.
 - ii. Prepare booklist for reading.
25. Build new Nishorgo Program offices at Ban Bhaban 1st floor
- a. Status: Opening held on 28 Nov with CCF an senior FD staff.
26. Develop base maps for all Nishorgo sites
- a. Status: Field work ground truthing done at all sites except sitakunda.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Submission of rectified digital data to be made to FD by end December.
 - ii. TOR for RS data to be discussed/finalized by Nasim et al
 - iii. RS data from LISS for all five sites and Quickbird for Whykeong to be obtained in January/February and submitted to NSP in May.
27. PA Sustainable finance strategy developed
- a. Status: Philip drafted workshop proposal to be hosted by MoEF. Agreed to by Mostain.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Review proposal with Monoj and then CCF.
 - ii. Send to JS/Dev for date setting.
 - iii. Philip to edit report ahead of presentations.

Communication Activities

28. Prepare 1st Visitor Information Booklet -- for Teknaf
- a. Status: Nasim drafted text of booklet.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Philip to review/edit text.
 - ii. Shahriar to prepare mockup.
29. Improve Communication to/with FD National and Local staff
- a. Status: A number of information/communication gaps have arisen between the NSP and the FD, particularly concerning scheduled activities.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Boards of upcoming activities to be placed in all Site offices and in regional offices.
 - ii. Newsletters to be distributed to all local FD staff
 - iii. Philip/Ram to begin 1/2 presence at FD, for 3 days a week, each week, to work in new Nishorgo Program office.

- iv. Nasim to begin working at the FD NP offices.
30. Complete and Print 1 page Visitor Information Brochures for All Five Sites
 - a. Status: Lawachara model completed.
 - b. Action: All five to be completed by early December by Shahriar.
 31. Prepare Series of Nishorgo Posters
 - a. Status: 1st poster drafted on "Nishorgo and Nature".
 - b. Action: Complete and print first poster for Energy Fair. Then follow with second poster on "Nishorgo and Poverty Alleviation".
 32. Ensure publication of News Articles and coverage on Community Patrolling Activities
 - a. Status: Daily Start report postponed.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Mehrin to link Daily Star article to next RECOFTC e-newsletter
 - ii. Mehrin to submit fortnightly news to Indian PA Update Magazine
 - iii. Mehrin to take 7-10 journalists to Lawachara and then Satchuri on/about November 24th/25th.
 33. Completion of Site Status Reports
 - a. Status: These two page reports were planned for periodic update. Final text sent to Philip for final review for LNP site.
 - b. Action: First two reports (on LNP and RKWS) to come out by November 17th.
 34. 3rd Nishorgo Khobor released
 - a. Status: Done.
 35. Update/Extend e-Khobor newsletter Distribution List
 - a. Status: Done, although may have been some glitches in sending them out.
 - b. Action: Shahriar to check with Nazrul to be sure no glitches. Mehrin to check with select recipients to be sure they received it.
 36. Implement Widely Publicized Dialogue on Appropriate Bangla Words for "Protected Areas"
 - a. Status: Awaiting meeting with Wildlife Trust and Prof Rashid.
 - b. Action: Philip to follow up with Prof Rashid and develop proposed plan of action.
 37. Develop public-private partnership for patrolling with support from Grameen or other communication company
 - a. Status: IUCN has met with Grameen.
 - b. Action: Follow up with Grameen (Mehrin to identify).
 38. Begin IUCN "Coalition" Partnership under Subcontract
 - a. Status: Agreed tentatively on participation in first Round Table on PPP
 - b. Action:
 - i. Philip to finalize/explain terms with IUCN , and then IUCN to sign subcontract

- ii. IUCN to submit first budget for Round Table
- 39. Prepare for PA-to-PA Bangladesh Scouts hike for December
 - a. Status: Agreed to go ahead with Scouts hike.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Mehrin to follow up with Scouts on details and go to field for preparatory work.
- 40. Plan for VIP Trips to Sites in December
 - a. Status: Agreed with Secretary/MoEF and two JS's that this trip would be done first for the MoEF staff. Target date is now December 10th. Mehrin has completed 1 page concept.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Circulate 1st VIP trip to MoEF
 - ii. Finalize 2nd VIP trip with women (Nazratan)
- 41. PPP: National Photo Competition
 - a. Status: Design completed and budget set. HP contacted, and others. Drik ready to be host.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Contact additional funding sources for private contributions.
- 42. PPP: National Round Table with Private Sector on Conservation
 - a. Status: Agreed that this be invited round table for January to be co-hosted by IUCN and FD.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Prepare for January event with letter from CCF to Secr/MoEF as host.
 - ii. Meet and discuss with IUCN.
- 43. PPP: Implement architectural competition for Nishorgo Visitor Interpretation Centers
 - a. Status: Commitments from Bay and AMK Steel.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Follow up with Partex and Mirpur.
 - ii. Nazratan to iron out details of the competition, including procurement issues, with IAB and FD (and Khaled)
- 44. Begin preparations for "Encounter/Rally in Srimongal" meeting on co-management for March, 2006
 - a. Status: Philip revised concept and circulated, based on last meeting.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Follow up meeting set for Wednesday.
- 45. Compliance with USAID/DEC Report submission requirements
 - a. Status: Zareef revising 1st document.
 - b. Action: Zareef to complete by December 5.
- 46. Generic NSP Briefing Package Prepared for All Sites
 - a. Status: NSP/North prepared various briefings.
 - b. Action

- i. Mehrin to prepare general elements of site briefing for review. Should include PowerPoint key elements Maps (Nasim) Cloth posters Video clips as relevant on DVD (for TV showing) Physical items (eg stoves, dhaincha, nursery bags, etc.)

47. ID Cards Completed for NSP Staff at All sites

- a. Status: Done.

48. Incorporation of Nishorgo Ideas in new Bangla Sesame Street

- a. Status: No action, except that we are on standby to bring Sesame Street cameramen to our sites for filming.

MINOR OR WRAP UP ITEMS

- Mehrin to have MOU with Scouts signed
- Continue meeting monthly site reporting and AIG reporting targets.
- Begin sending regularly calendar to the field

PENDING

- USAID/RCO actions -- awaiting IRG revisions to budget mode
- Response from MSU on their proposed multi-country research plan covering Chunati and Teknaf.
- Receipt of IUCN/USFWS elephant studies from IUCN??

MOVEMENTS OF DHAKA STAFF

- (Now being captured in separate file to be attached.)

NISHORGO PROGRESS AND PLANNING REPORT

Current Update: 13 March 2006

Previous Update: 20 February 2006

SIX SPECIFIC PRIORITY TARGETS FOR MAY 2006

1. We will be Able to Clearly Explain Co-Management at Site Level
2. We will see that All 5 Committees are Formed
3. We will Ensure that the Council members Can Explain Co-Management and the Draft Management Plans
4. We will Raise Local Youth Awareness of Nishorgo in Landscape to +75%
5. Local FD will acknowledge that we are working closely with them
6. Extensive Tree Planting will be Under Way in 3 zones

STRATEGIC INTERVENTION AREAS

- I. *SOCIAL MOBILIZATION AND IMPROVED LOCAL GOVERNANCE OF PA*
- II. *ENHANCED ESTEEM, IMPORTANCE AND PERFORMANCE OF FOREST DEPARTMENT*
- III. *ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES FOR LOCAL HOUSEHOLDS*
- IV. *PROTECTION OF THE LANDSCAPE, ESPECIALLY THE PA CORE*
- V. *LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN MONITORING IMPACT*

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I. *SOCIAL MOBILIZATION AND IMPROVED LOCAL GOVERNANCE OF PA*

49. Assist in Preparation/Revision of Govt Order (GO) to Formalize Council/Committee for PAs (Decision of 3rd Steering Committee)
 - a. Status: GO has been drafted and submitted to the FD for review and discussion.
 - b. Action: Pending any feedback from the FD or MoEF.
50. At Rema-Kalenga, Mobilize Stakeholders at Union Parishad Level to Respond to Recent Logging-related Deaths
 - a. Status: Meeting of Union level Council members and other UP members set for April 5th.
 - b. Action: Dr. Huda to prepare for meeting with Tariqul/Shamsudeen.
51. Assist Newly Formed Committees to Manage Financial Resources
 - a. Status: Meetings of three new northern Committees set for April 3rd, 4th and 6th.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Dr. Huda to prepare training and orientation program exclusively for the Committees at each site.

- ii. Hashem to contact MACH to obtain, as relevant, financial management training modules used with MACH Fisheries Committees.
- iii. Hashem also to contact the Democratic Local Governance Project to obtain financial management training modules used with UPs.

52. Orient Councils Further to Key Issues

- a. Status: Training agenda for 2.5-day Council orientation/planning sessions now finalized. Input to be sought for 4th year project activities. One session per site. First session scheduled for early April.
- b. Action: Plan for 1st session.

53. Undertake 2nd West Bengal Trip for Local Stakeholders

- a. Status: Trip completed successfully. Debriefing at NSP offices upon return of 29 travellers made clear the awareness raising had been very successful. Safiq working on compiling video footage into short movie for use at sites.
- b. Action:
 - i. Safiq to finish VCD of 35 minutes by 15th March.
 - ii. Mehrin to oversee copying VCDs for sending to field by 20th March.
 - iii. Regional Coordinators to ensure that VCDs available for communication sessions at site level, to share lessons learned.

54. Engage Tea Estates in the Council and Site Level Activities

- a. Status: No action.
- b. Action: Shamsul to follow up with Nasim on next Tea Owners meeting.

55. Mobilize Complementary GOB and NGO Support to Councils

- a. Status: Local GOB technical experts (in Min Livestock, Min Agri) being included as trainers and resource persons at northern sites.
- b. Action:
 - i. Continue inclusion at site level training.
 - ii. Discuss and act in Council meetings.

56. Zones of Good Governance activities on Rights

- a. Status: Philip, working with Susan of AED, presented ZOGG to USAID partners. Package of long- and short-form rights submitted. Philip circulated the package one last time to partners for final comment.
- b. Action: Philip and Susan (of AED) now to finalize and send for field testing by NSP and other staff.

II. ENHANCED ESTEEM, IMPORTANCE AND PERFORMANCE OF FOREST DEPARTMENT

57. Implement Series of Training Programs for Field FD Staff.

- a. Status: Local FD staff training to be completed on 29th March with final Guard training course.
- b. Actions: Complete remaining Guard training course.

58. Improve Communication to/with FD National and Local staff
- a. Status: Some materials have been transferred. Nasim now working at the FD daily. Philip and Ram also have begun working there.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Tariqul/Goutom to send monthly summaries by email to concerned DFOs.
 - ii. Mehrin, with Bishwajit and Lutfun, to conduct informal audit of status of information dissemination to the FD at field level.
59. Organize Year End Nishorgo/FD Review and Planning Sessions for May
- a. Status: Proposed dates have been set.
 - b. Action: Review with Monoj.
60. Support Dissemination of "Code of Conduct" for Nishorgo Program staff at FD
- a. Status: Code of Conduct sent in poster form in Bangla to CCF for review, with request for dissemination to Nishorgo offices.
 - b. Action: Hashem to dialogue with FD and provide copies for all field Nishorgo offices to Monoj, for forwarding as appropriate from FD.
61. Participatory Management Plans Submitted to the MoEF for Approval
- a. Status: Five color copies of each of the LNP, TGR and CWS Management Plans have been forwarded to the FD/Monoj for circulation and final comment before being forwarded to the MoEF.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Shahriar to complete final formatting and send the remaining SNP and RKWS Management Plans in five copies each to Monoj.
62. Design and ensure production of "Nishorgo" uniforms for FD staff
- a. Status: Final uniform has been prepared and agreed to by Monoj. Philip has identified textile maker who has offered to make the uniforms at no cost.
 - b. Action: Philip to follow up with textile company.
63. Print Multiple A0 and A3 Maps for All Nishorgo Sites for use by FD and others
- a. Status: A0 and A3 maps completed and annotated for RKWS, LNP and TGR on time for visits by USAID VIPs. Initial copies sent to the field for review. Boundary confusion remains for northern sites, and needs to be resolved by Ishtiaq/DFO, Nasim and Ruhul at future date.
 - b. Action: Full expanded set of A0 and A3 maps to be printed for all five sites and sent to the field by Nasim before 22nd March.
64. Produce Land Use Maps from High Resolution (0.6m) QuickBird Satellite Image of Whykeong Area
- a. Status: QuickBird image obtained.
 - b. Action: Ground truthing planned with CEGIS for 20th-27th at Whykeong.
65. Implement Visitor Tracking System for LNP and SNP Immediately
- a. Status: Urgent action to get data for remainder of this tourist season, as we hear about new "traffic jams" in LNP and SNP.
 - b. Action: Asif to propose ideas to Nasim, who will package questionnaire and liaise with Tariqul about putting it in place by this weekend, 17th-18th March.

III. ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES FOR LOCAL HOUSEHOLDS

66. Increase Rate of AIG Implementation at all Sites
- Status: Agreed that northern and southern teams will increase targets beyond what was included in the Annual Work Plan.
 - Action: New and increased May 31st 2006 targets to be included in March AIG matrices of north and south.
67. Support FD tree planting under social forestry in all buffer area
- Status: At ADP session at FD on 12th March, three DFOs agreed to send in proposals and budgets for buffer area activities for this year.
 - Actions:
 - Await specific proposals from DFOs.
 - Assess whether sufficient trees available from community nurseries to meet DFO needs (Ram with Regional Coordinators).
68. Implement tree planting AIG in homestead gardens
- Status: Under way, as per AIG matrices.
 - Action: May 31st targets to be included in March AIG matrices of north and south.
69. Develop Plan for Tourism Expansion and Management at Teknaf
- Status: Preparatory maps completed for field work with DFO/Ishtiaq, Ram and Asif, using GPS.
 - Action: Field work to be conducted March 17th-21st, with Ram to draft report subsequently.
70. Initiate Elephant Ride Enterprise at Teknaf, Chunati and Satchuri
- Status: Mahout at Satchuri very interested. FD's elephants from the BFIDC ready to initiate the enterprise.
 - Action: Asif to forward proposal to Monoj, and then follow up with the BFIDC.
71. Prepare Welcome Signboards, Informational Signboards and New Hiking Brochures/Signs
- Status: This is the request of the FD's DFO, and CF/Central Circle, fully supported by NSP. Nasim has completed planning for all three new services for Satchuri and Lawachara with GPS readings.
 - Action: Draft of all three items for these two PAs to be completed by Nasim and forwarded to Philip by March 25th.
72. Design Eco-friendly "Welcome Booth/Kiosque", New Toilets, Covered Sitting Areas and Benches for Satchuri and Lawachara
- Status: Again a request of the FD. Architect has been to both sites and is making plans based on specifications and discussions with FD.
 - Action: Proposal due on Sunday, March 19th, from the architect and will then be forwarded to the FD's CF/Central and DFO.

73. Prepare for Export/National Handicraft Enterprise Expansion
- a. Status: FD has urged NSP to focus on two principle areas: in short run take advantage of rattan/bamboo and cane already existing in the Reserves near the PAs; and in the longer-run focus on planting economically viable medicinal plant species in buffer areas. Will also focus on women at Rema Kalenga WS for cloth making and sale.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Asif to follow up with Hasan to identify 6-7 priority medicinal plant species for the buffer areas, and forward that list to Ram/Monoj.
 - ii. Asif to get status data on bamboo/cane/rattan stock in our five PA buffer areas
 - iii. Asif to meet with Dhaka sellers and exporters to identify interested buyers and set strategy.
 - iv. Asif to identify retail outlet options for RKWS women for cloth sales, using Nishorgo label.
74. Identify 1 Guest House per PA for Enterprise Development
- a. Status: One option identified at Lawachara. Asif has proposed model for other sites, and select Tour Operators have shown interest.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Asif to refine proposal to put in place structures/guest houses within 5 months
 - ii. Tariqul/Goutom to identify candidates for other sites, with Pasha/Gope to assist.
75. NSP North to Move on Ponds for Khasia at LNP
- a. Status: Discussed with NSP North team and Khasia.
 - b. Action: Jalil to research options and inform Tariqul.
76. Expand GTZ (PURE Project) partnership to reduce fuel wood consumption
- a. Status: Philip, Dr. Khaleq, Nasim and Otto met to discuss. Agreed that NSP would prepare proposal for next phase of training and communication at southern sites as well as Satchuri.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Nasim to field input from Goutom and Tariqul and submit proposal to Philip for forwarding to the GTZ people. Proposal to include new entrepreneur training at Bashkali, Whykeong and Satchuri, as well as Energy Fairs at Whykeong and Satchuri.
77. Link with USAID-supported brick technology intervention with brickfield owners
- a. Status: No action this past period.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Awaiting further feedback from GEF Project.
 - ii. Need to follow up with meeting of USAID, UNDP and GEF on this.
78. Link Gender Activities to USAID GATE Project
- a. Status: Proposal submitted by NSP to USAID for review.
 - b. Action: Pending USAID response on proposal.

79. Identify Peace Corps for English-language Training for Eco-Guides
- a. Status: Discussed at coordination meeting.
 - b. Action: Mehrin to take the issue up with Peace Corps Dhaka and will also call Todd, Peace Corps in Cox's Bazar.

IV. PROTECTION OF THE LANDSCAPE, ESPECIALLY THE PA CORE

80. Patrols at Site Level
- a. Status: Agreed to provide patrollers with non-monetary remuneration, preferably via participation in social forestry. Patrols under way at Rema, Lawachara, Satchuri, Teknaf (Shilkali) and Chunati.
 - b. Action:
 - i. New patrol to be undertaken at Kudum Goha area at Teknaf.
 - ii. Patrollers to start receiving AIG opportunities.
81. Marking & Cataloguing of Trees at Lawachara
- a. Status: Work now under way on the southern side of the PA.
 - b. Action: Awaiting completion.
82. Track Status of Puichara Chora LGED Lake/Dam Development at Chunati WS
- a. Status: USAID has raised this issue with the ADB for discussion and clarification.
 - b. Action: Awaiting response from USAID.

V. LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN MONITORING IMPACT

83. Involvement of Bangladesh Scouts in Impact Monitoring
- a. Status: No action on this, as we are awaiting date to be set by the Scouts for us to begin training their local members in bird monitoring, alongside our young students.
 - b. Action: Mehrin to follow up with the Scouts to set a date.
84. Improve/Extend Participatory Impact Monitoring
- a. Status: Modules on participatory monitoring included in the Council Orientation/Planning Sessions.
 - b. Action: Nasim (or Dhrubo/Safiq) to take Council members to field for bird observation during orientation sessions. EcoGuides will continue to be involved.
85. FD & Wildlife Trust Co-Hosted Event on Birds as Indicators of Forest Health
- a. Status: No action on this.
 - b. Action: Tentative date set for July.
86. Summarize Illegal Felling Data for all Northern Sites, to Show Trends
- a. Status: Nasim and Dhrubo working on this.
 - b. Action: Due March 25th.

VI. OTHER SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Policy, Planning, ,Data and Research

87. Prepare for Steering Committee on February 26th (Sunday)
 - a. Status: Done. Minutes finalized by FD and sent to MoEF.
 - b. Actions: No more actions now, except executing the major actions for the next six months (see end of this report) and Decisions of the meeting.

88. Prepare for USAID evaluation of SO6 (NSP and MACH), scheduled for March
 - a. Status: Team likely to start in DC from March 27th and in Dhaka from April 2nd, for three weeks.
 - b. Actions: Await further dates for planning.

89. Get approval of LDF Grants Fund for Committees
 - a. Status: No action this period.
 - b. Action: Submit to USAID after final review and feedback on small grant sizes.

90. Proposal to GEF for new Project for FD
 - a. Status: No action this period.
 - b. Action: Philip to draft, with input from Ruhul.

91. Wildlife Act Revision
 - a. Status: Revised Act completed by Monoj and forwarded to CCF.
 - b. Actions: Awaiting feedback from CCF and MoEF.

92. RPA Modalities
 - a. Status: Still awaiting GO from Treasury to transfer money to the FD.
 - b. Action: Need clarification from USAID on how it will be organized.

93. Implement East West Center applied research grants
 - a. Status: All research article copies sent to participating institutions, along with CD., at request of the CCF. Financial grants to students to conduct research now operational, and research under way at all sites.
 - b. Action: Reservations to be done by Zareef/Shimona for July/August writing workshop

94. PA Sustainable finance strategy finalized
 - a. Status: No action this period.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Send to JS/Dev for date setting.
 - ii. Philip to edit report ahead of presentations.

95. Prepare for Exchange -Visit by Government Officials to Learn from PA Co-Management in Malaysia and Indonesia
 - a. Status: No action this period.

- b. Actions: Philip/Bob to follow up as high priority item. USAID to assist in making contact with USAID/Jakarta.

96. Prepare Analysis on Status of Co-Management Developments Under Nishorgo

- a. Status: Discussed with Azhar that Shamsul/Bob should prepare articles or presentations for wide publication about development and status of Nishorgo's social development work under co-management. Request made to Bob/Shamsul to reflect upon target journals and meetings.
- b. Actions: Expecting TOR and ideas from Bob/Shamsul.

Communication Activities

97. Complete Inexpensive 1-page Visitor Information Brochures for All Five Sites

- a. Status: Lawachara model completed but not yet printed.
- b. Action: Three of these brochures (LNP, SNP and TGR) to be printed in 2000 copies by March by Mehrin/Shahriar. Two remaining brochures to be completed and printed soon afterwards.

98. Prepare Brief Clip of Rema Kalenga Council meeting with English subtitles

- a. Status: Done by Asif, and used to brief USAID VIPs.
- b. Action: Archive the footage, and use elsewhere.

99. Make New Brochure on ALL the PAs, for Use at Brcko Mela and Other Events

- a. Status: This will be needed for Brcko Mela, but also for many other events. This is one step in moving towards a view of an integrated system of Protected Areas.
- b. Action:
 - i. Discuss/decide who will write first draft of this.

100. Prepare Color Informational Booklet for Satchuri and then Lawachara (in style of Teknaf booklet)

- a. Status: Satchuri now printed. Lawachara drafted. Philip has reviewed and approved.
- b. Action:
 - i. Monoj to receive and review Lawachara final draft, then Shahriar/Mehrin to send it to press.
 - ii. Nasim to prepare booklet for Chunati and Rema Kalenga.

101. Plan for Nishorgo Presence in June "Brcko Mela" (Tree Fair)

- a. Status: Monoj will be Communications coordinator. CCF has asked for presence at the Fair. Nishorgo will certainly have Program booth present. Basic Nishorgo materials to be ready for circulation.
- b. Action:
 - i. Must discuss with Monoj and FD about what kind of other presence should be there.

102. Assist Enam Ul Haque's to Complete Movie on "Nishorgo"

- a. Status: 1st version of movie reviewed by Mehrin/Philip. Enam working on edits.

- b. Action:
 - i. Nasim to send map images.
 - ii. Enam to edit film version and view with NSP team.

- 103. Complete and Print Nishorgo Poster Series
 - a. Status: All four now finalized. Will be shown at American Week.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Print full series, in 5,000 each poster, for the Bricko Mela.
 - ii. Make limited frame special series for Mission Director, and Ministers.

- 104. Test/Audit Field Level Communication Message
 - a. Status: FD/CF has indicated that our message at community level may need to be sharpened and clarified.
 - b. Action: Mehrin to work with Bishwajit and Lutfun to assess through interactions with groups that have received theater/communication events.

- 105. Orientation Visit to Satchuri by the MOEF/Steering Committee (this is a Decision of the 3rd Steering Committee)
 - a. Status: MOEF changed the dates to match with the Secretary.
 - b. Action: Philip to call MOEF for new dates.

- 106. Prepare for Presence at America Week March 14-16 in Chittagong
 - a. Status: All preparations now done, including new Nishorgo Program booth and invitations to the FD for key events with Ambassador, USAID Mission Director, etc.
 - b. Action: Execute the event.

- 107. Completion of Five Initial 2 page Site Status Reports
 - a. Status: Three Site Status Reports now fully completed and printed, for Lawachara, Satchuri and Rema Kalenga. Teknaf and Chunati drafted but final edits not done.
 - b. Action: Philip to do final edits. Shahriar to print and forward for making coopies.

- 108. Implement Widely Publicized Dialogue on Appropriate Bangla Words for "Protected Areas"
 - a. Status: Although delayed, it is agreed by Mehrin/Philip that this should proceed, with focus on well-educated university level students.
 - b. Action: Philip to meet with Prof H. Rashid (NSU) to discuss modalities.

- 109. Prepare Communication Materials for the Youth at Our Sites
 - a. Status: Agreed to develop package of cards, pens, paper pads, games, hats, etc. for the youth at all sites. Philip sent key messages to Mehrin for inclusion in these materials.
 - b. Action: Mehrin to coordinate immediately.

- 110. Begin IUCN "Coalition" Partnership under Subcontract
 - a. Status: Repeat attempts to ask IUCN to get things started not yet responded to.
 - b. Action: Await IUCN proposal.

111. Create Navigable and Documented Archive of Photos/Movies from All NSP Sites
- a. Status: No progress on this item.
 - b. Action: Shahriar to organize under Mehrin's guidance. Biswajit and Lutfun to integrate regional photographs/images, with annotation.
112. PPP: Implement architectural competition for Nishorgo Visitor Interpretation Centers
- a. Status: Now Emirates (as of last Thursday) has also dropped out, so we still need a cement company, and will try Holcim. Concept proposed to the Steering Committee and the Secretary, with no objections.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Philip/Mehrin to lock up Holcim
 - ii. Mehrin to obtain environmental statement from each of the sponsors.
 - iii. 1st notice for competition to be circulated in March
113. PPP: National Round Table with Private Sector on Conservation
- a. Status: No action this period. Arannayk Foundation interested to take more active leadership role. Information sent to ED from Nishorgo about concept and planned activities.
 - b. Action: Awaiting opportunity to support AF, as appropriate.
114. PPP: National Photo Competition on Nishorgo
- a. Status: No action this period. Dhaka Bank interested. DRIK has now formalized their agreement to be the coordinator, which is very good news. Ambassador Noor Hussein agreed to be on jury.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Firm up major sponsor role with Dhaka Bank or substitute.
 - ii. Package to go to the MOEF once funding is complete.
115. PPP: Patrolling with Develop public-private partnership for patrolling
- a. Status: Philip/Mehrin have now revised the description of this package. Mehrin discussed again with Monoj.
 - b. Action: Philip to request Secr to submit to Grameen.
116. PPP: Develop National Scouts PA-focused Program for Private-sector Financing
- a. Status: Discussed with the Scouts, but they would like to call a seminar/workshop of Scouts, with Nishorgo, to discuss.
 - b. Action: Mehrin to follow up with Scouts.
117. PPP: Provide Support to Bangladesh Scouts "3rd National Creativity Camp"
- a. Status: Multiple Nishorgo materials made available for training sessions at this Camp. USAID, COP and Mehrin, along with Monoj/FD, present at large gathering of all the young people.
 - b. Action:
 - i. Mehrin to get photos from Dipu.
118. PPP: Provide Input to Special Edition of "Prokriti Photo and Wildlife" Magazine on "Our Protected Forest Areas"

- a. Status: No action this period, although the Ambassador went to northern sites to photo things there.
 - b. Action: Philp to follow up with the Ambassador.
119. PPP: Prepare for "Co-Management Week in Srimongal " for May, 2006
- a. Status: USAID has given green light, as has MoEF and MOF. All bids by event management firms submitted.
 - b. Actions:
 - i. Urgent item now to organize follow up meeting and set invitations.
 - ii. Final date needs to be set by USAID/MoEF.
 - iii. Foreign dignitaries to be contacted informally.
 - iv. Proposals from event managers to be reviewed.
120. Compliance with USAID/DEC Report submission requirements
- a. Status: No action this period.
 - b. Action: Mehrin to clarify any needs/guidance prior to February 27th USAID partners meeting.
121. Incorporation of Nishorgo Ideas in new Bangla Sesame Street
- a. Status: No developments.
 - b. Action: Philip to follow up with Fuad.

MINOR OR WRAP UP ITEMS

- Upload calendar bi-weekly to the website (Shahriar and Zareef)
- Zareef, under Mehrin guidance, to prepare full packet of all documents for the FD office as per Monoj request.
- New business cards to be developed following USAID guidelines for branding.
- Tariqul/Goutom to send in mobile phones of all FD staff at local level and all NSP staff. Zareef to collect.

PENDING

- USAID final approval of Work Plan

MOVEMENTS OF DHAKA STAFF

- Hashem in Cox Bazar for Guard training, 12th-15th
- Shamsul in Cox Bazar for Guard training, then Council/Committee meetings, through 17th
- Mehrin in Chittagong through 17th for America Week
- Ram in Cox Bazar for Guard training, then to Teknaf with Safiq/Ishtiaq for Tourism Planning, returning 22nd
- Nasim out to the field for the QuickBird ground truthing from 20th to 27th.

PROJECT TARGETS FOR AUGUST 26th, AS PRESENTED TO 3RD STEERING COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 26th

1. *Councils/Committees will be formalized and recognized by Government under GO*
2. *Committees will formalize and begin financial management*
3. *Participatory Management Plans for all five sites submitted for approval to the MoEF*
4. *Participatory monitoring of birds will be executed in April/May 2006*
5. *User Groups to double in number*
6. *Forestry Sector Project social forestry activities to be allocated to patrol group members as income generation alternative*
7. *Number of trained "Eco-Guides" to double in number*
8. *Home gardens, poultry rearing, and nursery to increase by 50 percent*
9. *Elephant ride enterprise begins at Teknaf and Chunati*
10. *Enterprise-level training production begins using "Nishorgo label"*
11. *RPA activities commence*
12. *Community income generation options from PA begin being implemented*
13. *Scouts partnership deepens through active Scout involvement at local level in participatory bird monitoring*
14. *Under partnership with IUCN, members of IUCN to be taken to visit Nishorgo sites*
15. *Training of Guards at NSP sites to be completed*
16. *Training sessions for all Committees completed*
17. *Options for financing from GEF supported*
18. *Temporary Visitor Kiosques designed and built at four sites*
19. *New toilets built at four sites*
20. *Minimum 2 new trails identified at all sites*
21. *New site booklets completed for Lawachara and Chunati, to complement Teknaf/Satchuri booklets*
22. *Short 1 page brochures completed for all five sites*
24. *Informational signboards (2 per site) completed for all five sites*
25. *Welcome sign boards completed for all five sites*
26. *Satellite data will be added to rectified GIS database for all sites, and all overlay mismatches to be clarified*
27. *Enrichment plantations in core zone under way at all five sites*
28. *200 hectares buffer zone plantations under way, all linked with core zone conservation*