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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACF	Assistant Conservator of Forests
ADP	Annual Development Plan
BRAC	Building Resources Across Community (Former Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee)
CEGIS	Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services
CF	Conservator of Forests
COP	Chief-of-Party
CPG	Community Patrolling Group
CMC	Co-Management Committee
CTO	Cognizant Technical Officer
CWS	Chunati Wildlife Sanctuary
CWBMP	Coastal & Wetland Biodiversity Management Project
DCOP	Deputy Chief-of-Party
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
FD	Forest Department
FO	Field Organizer
FUG	Forest User Group
GRC	Grant Review Committee
GS	General Secretary
IRG	International Resources Group
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
LDF	Landscape Development Fund
LNP	Lawachara National Park
NSP	Nishorgo Support Project
PA	Protected Area
PD	Project Director
PMO	Participatory Monitoring Officer
RDRS	Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service
RKWS	Rema-Kalenga Wildlife Sanctuary
SBCP	Sundarbans Biodiversity Conservation Project
SF	Site Facilitator
T&GC	Training & Grant Coordinator
TGR	Teknaf Game Reserve
USAID	US Agency for International Development
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature

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CONTEXT & ISSUES

As per IRG's contract for the Nishorgo Support Project, quarterly progress reports are to be submitted against approved annual work plans. This is the 2nd progress report for the 5th year of the Project.

Progress has proceeded smoothly against work targets for the current year, with a couple of issues worthy of note. These include the following:

- At the level of pilot sites, the DFOs and other FD officers (particularly Range Officers) have often been less than willing to share information about the ADP process and about the budgets allocated to the FD to support site level PA management at those pilot sites. This reticence has slowed down the implementation speed of the ADPs slightly. However, the PD has weighed in as necessary to keep the work moving apace.
- In this same spirit of less than total transparency, it has in some cases been more difficult than usual to obtain information from field offices of the FD concerning illegal felling records and records on cases filed by the Department. This, too, is easing as the Conservator of Forests for Wildlife (the PD) weighs in with local officials.
- Reticence on the part of the Ministry of Environment to give a clear and unambiguous green light to starting field work in Modhupur National Park and landscape has slowed two of those Outcomes as envisaged in the work plan (the two include management planning and conflict mediation). Just at the end of this reporting period, a breakthrough has occurred – led by support from the Advisor and the Mission Director – that have opened the door to moving forward on the Modhupur work.

Apart from these issues, work has generally proceeded as planned. A summary description of the progress in the current period is included here below. Progress is reported against the Outcomes included in the final approved work plan for the year.

Priority #1: Enhance the Capacity and Authority of the Co-Management Governance Structure

Outcome 1.1 – CMCs play fundamental and active role in development and implementation of 2008/2009 PA Annual Development Plans

- Progress in Previous Period:
 - At beginning of this project year, eight ADP were fully engaged in preparation of the ADPs for each of the Pas. Thus far in the year, these CMCs are using the ADPs to closely track progress. However, some issues have arisen concerning the level to which the FD's DFOs are allocating funds per the FD commitment in the ADPs. This was being resolved at the end of the reporting period.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Continued vigilance will be maintained in tracking ADP implementation. The NSP has organized its reporting (see annexes 1 and 2 to this document) along the same organization structure as the ADPs.
 - In order to assess the capacity of the CMCs to implement ADPs and co-manage Pas, the Project will organize a "CMC Assessment" in January/February of 2008. This assessment will be conducted to review (1) the capacity for the CMCs as organization entities; (2) the view of the CMCs about the future of the Pas after the technical project has ended; (3) recommendations of the CMCs about how to modify the co-management approach to better serve the interests of sustainability. It is expected that this study and assessment will be led by Prof Niaz Ahmed Khan of Dhaka University.

Outcome 1.2 – CMCs are tracking 2007/2008 PA ADPs with monthly updates

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Monthly updates against all ADPs have been received in copy by the NSP office through end-October (November report forthcoming) and are being reviewed regularly.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Continue monitoring monthly updates.

Outcome 1.3 – Secretariats for each CMC are formed and actively functioning in support of the CMCs

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Pushing for more active role of our SFs in support of CMCs. In some cases, FOs should also support CMCs.
 - Capacity of Secretariats is increasing as Administrator cum Accountants from CMCs become more experienced. One lesson learned, however, is that the more junior of NSP's admin cum accountants were not sufficiently capable to support the Secretariat. More recent hires for that position have been more senior.
 - CMC Secretariats have become much more active on financial management since the LDF funds began being dispensed quickly in this last quarter.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:

- Continue supporting the Secretariats to take over more and more financial and administrative activities.
- With approval of entry fee process in the next period, the Secretariats will be further strained to manage and support the CMCs. The Project will be tracking this closely.

Outcome 1.4 – \$150,000 of Landscape Development Funds implemented successfully in way that raises the profile of CMC as assisting the communities of the area

- Progress in Previous Period
 - To date \$104,000 in grants have been approved by the Grants Review Committee and USAID.
 - Grant requests have submitted totaling an estimated \$40,000 and are undergoing initial review by the Training & Grants Coordinator.
 - The T&GC is regularly updating summary matrix concerning all grants.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Grants concerning tourist kiosques will get high priority in the upcoming period.
 - Also, two new grants will be developed jointly with the CMCs at Shilkali and Chunati to focus on buffer area plantations for CPG in the core areas of the two Pas. These two grants will receive the highest priority.

Outcome 1.5 – Federations representing poor, women and/or ethnic minorities enhance role of these groups while educating members on rights

- Progress in Previous Period
 - In North, Federations have been formed at all sites. Seven member committee have been selected, following RDRS procedures. From the Federation, one or two have been selected as observers in the CMC.
 - In South, the Federations have regular meeting at all sites. But south remains a little bit behind, in part due to fund constraints.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - For south, from next month, they will meet and select Executive Committees.
 - For north, Federation members are requesting to travel to RDRS areas to meet with Federation representatives in that area.

Outcome 1.6 – Federations of FUGs and CPGs are developed for active participation in CMC activities

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Organizational outreach work continued in the last period, with sessions highlighting rights of these CPG and FUG groups to benefits sharing from the PA management process.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Project will ensure that CPGs are the first priority for receipt of access to social forestry buffer plantations funded under ADPs.
 - We will ensure that the LNP Baligaon women's patrol group, for example, is fairly consulted and considered for social forestry plantations at/near their homes.

Outcome 1.7 – Tea estate owners and managers bordering northern PAs agree on and begin implementing plan for tea laborer forest theft problem

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Tea Manager from Surma Tea Estate now included in the Satchari CMC, while Fulbari Tea Estate Manager now included in the Lawachara CMC..
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - COP will continue to try to obtain broad-scale buy-in and support from the Tea Owners Association. This is particularly important in light of possible linkages for tourism and for improved fuel wood use from stoves and logging.

Outcome 1.8 – CMCs actively engaged in monitoring of both administrative and forest/social impact of Management Plan

- Progress in Previous Period
 - The CMCs have been engaged early in the season in completion of the Community Scorecard, with technical input from the ESMS and the regional PMOs. Report summarizing this input has been completed by the ESMS and presented back to the CMCs at a cross-visit meeting in Cox Bazar in November. This Community Scorecard will be refined and use again with the CMCs.
 - Approved ADPs are being tracked and monitored as a primary monitoring tool by the CMCs.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - CMCs to be again closely involved with the repeat of the bird survey transects in April/May of 2008. This is to be led by the CMC Monitoring Committees.

Outcome 1.9 – Boundary demarcation undertaken at all sites with pillar posting at selective spots

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Based on errors in many of the FD boundary maps, and the consequent risk of land tenure conflict exacerbation during the demarcation process, it has been decided to focus this year's resources on a proper and exhaustive demarcation at the Satchuri National Park. To this end, the Project has prepared the details required (geo-referenced points, specifications of boundary pillars, allocation in budget of SNP DFO, etc.) for the demarcation to be done this year.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - CMCs to go ahead with "soft" demarcation and boundary walks at their sites, as per the respective ADPs.
 - However, an exhaustive boundary demarcation of the SNP will be undertaken with Project support in the February/March period. Funding for the contractor will come from the FD budget, with NSP/IRG staff providing technical guidance.

Outcome 1.10 – Six of eight CMCs submit successful grant applications to new donor (other than LDF)

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Submissions have been made to Manosher Jonno, VSO, CARE, the NGO Foundation, the Arannayk Foundation, Save the Children USA and others.
 - Thus far, positive responses received from SCF/USA, who have committed to placing a pre-primary school (under SUCCEED Project) at the LNP site.

- Also, VSO has shown interest in placing a VSO volunteer to support the LNP CMC. This is still in discussion.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - COP to follow up with the VSO about provision of a Volunteer to the LNP CMC.
 - Follow up visits to be made to Manusher Jonno to assess possible linkages with that project.
 - Follow up with Arannayk Foundation also.

Outcome 1.11 – All eight CMCs have been registered with the Social Welfare Office of appropriate Upazila

- Progress in Previous Period
 - All submissions have been completed and made to the respective upazila Social Welfare Offices. All CMCs are now awaiting responses from the respective upazila offices.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Follow through to be conducted to obtain approvals and recognition.

Outcome 1.12 – CMCs have gained practical experience through cross site visits within the country

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Cross site visit of all Office Bearers of the eight CMCs was held at the BTRI in Srimongal in mid-November. Office Bearers came from across the country to share information about progress in co-management efforts. The sessions were productive and well received, and were also well attended by the FD.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - At least one additional cross-site visit of CMC members is planned for the April/May period as the planning year comes to an end.
 - One additional visit may be organized, as many CMC members (other than Office Bearers) are asking to learn about other sites where co-management is happening. These other visits may be for a larger number of CMC members, but only within the same region (north or south) where the pilot sites are found.

Priority #2: Consolidate Enterprises and Related Livelihood Improvements to Continue Post-Project

Outcome 2.1 – Seven Eco-Cottage B&Bs with common Nishorgo branding, marketing and commitment begin operation

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Five day training undertaken at the Bandarbands Guide Tours facility for all the owners and managers of the seven eco-cottages for this year's opening. The training sessions was assisted by co-trainers from the housing and hospitality staff of the Radisson Water Garden Hotel. Training was extremely well received.
 - Nishorgo Nandan at LNP is now open and receiving tourists.
 - Nishorgo Tarap Hill at RKWS is open and receiving tourists.

- Nishorgo Nirob at LNP is nearly complete. Four other Nishorgo Eco-Cottages are completing construction as the period comes to an end.
- All cottages have now been detailed in the www.nishorgo.org web, including details of what facilities are on offer at each of them.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Summary booklet to be prepared by the Community-based Tourism Specialist by end-January to help explain and market the Eco-Cottage – including photos, pricing, materials, etc. This has been included in draft form on the web, but needs to be extended with photos and additional information, and then marketed to Tour Operators.

Outcome 2.2 – Microfinance linkages (to Mukti, RDRS and BRAC) established in year 4 are expanded in year 5 (see table)

- Progress in Previous Period
 - RDRS has now mobilized its own microfinance staff and facilities at the Srimongal/Moulavibazar area, and has begun releasing microfinance funds to FUGs and other groups related to NSP. Total of 34 lakh already has been disbursed, which is nearly double the total annual targeted amount of 18 lakh.
 - In the south, a new MOU has been signed between the CMC at Teknaf and Mukti to provide microfinance for that area. Mukti is particularly active in the Hnilla area near Whykeong. Both the FD and the NSP were witnesses to this MOU.
 - BRAC Mela loans have to date not yet been drawn upon for enterprise work.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - With completion of 2 of the 7 eco-cottages, and the immanent completion of the rest, the time is right in early 2008 to re-engage BRAC Mela loan options. This will be done by inviting the BRAC key persons to the formal opening of the cottages ceremony in early 2008.
 - Other targets for this microfinance are included in the Annual Work Plan and summarized in the Annexes to this report.

Outcome 2.3 – As per Grameen Shakti – GTZ -- Nishorgo MOU, Grameen sells 4,500 new household improved chula and 2 new biogas plants based at Madrasa

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Household improved chula construction partnership with Grameen Shakti has not proceeded as efficiently as expected. In spite of an October meeting at Chunati at which constraints were identified and resolved, by the end of the reporting period, the rate of installation was still not proceeding according to plan. Accordingly, the targets have been reduced from a total of 4,500 stoves to a total of 1,500 for the year, with 1,000 from the south and 500 from the north..
 - Work with Grameen Shakti has, however, proceeded well concerning night waste biogas plants at madrassah near Chunati and Teknaf. GS has identified a new site in the Banshkali area, and have proposed to begin construction with the cessation of rains. At Teknaf, work will begin on the Hnilla Madrassah site also when rains end and the construction site dries up sufficiently.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Household chula targets of 1,500 to be achieved by end-January with GS. As possible, the project will work to meet additional chula targets with own

resources rather than via partnership with GS. Local young men and women who have already received training will be engaged to implement the remainder of the target, with support of NSP FOs and SFs.

- Banshkali biogas plant slated for completion at end-January, with Hnilla plant to be ready in mid- to late-February.

Outcome 2.4 – Locally owned and operated tourist stalls begin operation at four new sites

- Progress in Previous Period
 - At the beginning of the project year, two tourist stalls were operating at Satchuri and one new stall at Lawachara within the core zones.
 - In this reporting period, three new proposals have been received from CMCs at Teknaf/Mochoni, Satchuri and Chunati for newly designed tourist stalls at those Pas.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - All three of these stall proposals to be reviewed in January at next Grants Review Committee (GRC) meeting, and likely will be approved, perhaps with slight modification. Stall construction and operation to be completed before the end of the project year. Stalls are to generate significant income for the CMCs and are, where possible, to be allocated to CPGs or FUGs supporting conservation efforts.

Outcome 2.5 – Wholesale supply to CMCs of print and non-print sale items in hands of private operator

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Initial discussions held between COP and Director Admin on the process for identifying and selecting this contractor to manage (especially) non-print items (t-shirts, hats, pens, etc.).
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - In February, a single contractor will have been hired to provide the re-supply to all eight CMCs of major non-print items and (as appropriate) some print items. This contractor is to receive a time-limited concession supported by the FD and the NSP. The proposal and establishment of this concession arrangement is one of the major challenges over the coming month.

Outcome 2.6 – Existing and newly trained Eco-Guides are certified by panel of experts

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Refresher training conducted for all Eco-Guides from the north and south (total of 55 trainees). This training was done in preparation for the upcoming certification process.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Certification process to be conducted in January, with presence of FD staff, Tour Operator and the CMC on the certification panel for each PA. Once certified, each Eco-Guide will receive a color coded ID based on his/her performance on the certification process.

Outcome 2.7 – Tripura Gift Collection sees steady sales growth and southern ethnic minorities engaged in similar enterprise from Teknaf Game Reserve

- Progress in Previous Period

- Tripura Gift Collection kiosk began sales at the Radisson Water Garden Hotel at the beginning of the 5th year.
- Additional training was conducted for the women from Rema Kalenga and Satchuri areas to assist in boosting production. This was conducted in August and September. 78 participants took training in northern sites. Among them, around 50 weavers are actively participating in the income generation activities.
- The income from selling weaved cloths since beginning of the year was an estimated 214,000 Taka.
- Special sales have been organized for the US Embassy. Folk Bangladesh continues to market its product to potential domestic and foreign buyers. Meanwhile, the Tripura women have continued to sell cloth at site level to complement their sales directly to Folk Bangladesh. Total sales figures from the process are shown in the Annex.
- Sales of the Collection were begun in the US Commissary in late November, in preparation for the year end and holiday season.
- Full marketing information, including both the catalogue and the images of specific products, have been placed on the www.nishorgo.org website.
- In addition, 6 new products have been designed by Folk Bangladesh to add to the collection.
- In southern site, the Chakma women received training for weaving.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - The CMC has proposed to expand the training programs and include more Tipra women as trainees. The project plans to impart training to at least 20 more Tipra women at the northern sites and include them in the weaving network for Folk Bangladesh. NSP is also motivating all the trainees to consider weaving as an occupation to alleviate their poverty and improve living standard. In the northern 3 sites, NSP is working to bring in 90% of Tipra Households in the landscape area to join the weaving enterprise. An individual weaver's minimum monthly income from weaving is projected at Tk 3,000/-. With 75 producers taking part in weaving then their minimum monthly income would be 2,25,000.00.
 - Other focus of efforts for next period will be on working to assist Folk Bangladesh in finding corporate gift clients and in finding export opportunities for the products.
 - Other focus will be on ensuring that the Fair Trade Organization credentials (already established) of Folk Bangladesh's Tripura work are re-certified.
 - NSP will provide more training to Chakma women to improve their production quality. This Chakma group will be eventually linked with Folk Bangladesh. A total of 13 new Chakma women will be trained to this end.
 - To this end, a representative of Folk Bangladesh will need to travel soon to the southern Chakma areas to meet with the weavers there.
 - The greater vision is that we will move from Tipra gift collection banner to indigenous gift collection banner that would include producers from different indigenous groups within the landscape.

Outcome 2.8 – High-value and price tourist elephant rides implemented at three sites and generate significant revenue for CMC

- Progress in Previous Period

- Newly styled elephant rides now being conducted on established trails at LNP. New howdah has been designed and is functioning very well, based on approaches to howdah from the sub-region. Still, coordination issues between elephant operator (owner) and the CMC need to be resolved. In addition, few visitors are taking the longer (1 hour) elephant rides, and even the CMC continues to complain that the price of elephant rides is too high.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Elephant rides to begin at Satchuri following same model by end January, after discussion and approval by the CMC.

Outcome 2.9 – Management of picnic sites and ancillary services on payment basis by local beneficiaries implemented at minimum four sites

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Eco-Tourism Micro plans completed for six Nishorgo sites, and all include picnic tourism sites near (but outside) the PAs.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - First sites for which income is to be generated will be at LNP, where siting of picnic areas is most advanced. CMC to identify individuals to maintain the sites for a fee by end January.
 - Other sites to have allocated service individuals from the CMC by end February

Outcome 2.10 – Homestead tree and bamboo management implemented at all five Pas

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Training has been undertaken in the north on the utilization of bamboo products for production into baskets. This took place in month of July.
 - Southern work has also progressed, with training conducted on nursery propagation by the AIG expert in the northern team (Mr. Jalil). This training was conducted on 1st October at Chunati and soon after at Banshkali.
 - In addition, training on bamboo handicraft development was organized at the Khasia punji in this most recent period, with trainers coming from RDRS and from the Sylhet bamboo processing areas.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Continued extension work will educate households on how to plant and cultivate the new bamboo cultivars now readily available. Target for the year is 419 households. Via this exercise, the Project is putting in place the necessary awareness and capacity for future expansion of bamboo homestead based cultivation and processing.

Priority #3: Build Capacity of Forest Department and CM Committees in PA Management

Outcome 3.1 – Six nature tourism micro-plans are developed in applied training course for CMC Member Secretaries and Forest Department and approved by CMCs

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Nature tourism training course completed in Chittagong at the Forest Academy in August. During this applied training, coordinated by the Training and Grants Coordinator with resource person Prof Bitapi Singha from the

Wildlife Institute of India, the course trained 21 ACFs broken into teams to prepare micro plans for the five basic Nishorgo sites plus Modhupur.

- By the end of the training session, the six draft micro-plans had been drafted and have subsequently been put into final digital form for review by the CMCs.
- Also, digital Bangla summary sheets have been prepared for all five micro-plans so that the plans could be discussed and reviewed in the CMC meetings.
- Of the eight CMCs, all eight have discussed and reviewed the proposed micro-plans, although in most cases it has not yet been done with sufficient detail and engagement.
- Key characteristics of the micro-plans were proposed for inclusion in digital maps during the training period. However, specific locations (for picnic sites, toilets, etc.) were not actually sited at geo-referenced points within each PA. Therefore, it is still necessary for this work to be done at each PA on the basis of the characteristics proposed during the training.
- Work is proceeding fastest at LNP, where maps have already been completed. However, these first maps for LNP need to be refined and finalized with CMC.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Maps including the specific characteristics from each micro-plan are to be prepared with support of Participatory Monitoring Officers (PMOs) of north and south, in consultation with the CMCs and local FD officers.
 - Maps to be finalized with CMC by end January.

Outcome 3.2 – Landscape restoration including regeneration plans are developed and begin being implemented for each site

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Memo from USAID CTO has suggested that in last years restoration and buffer plantings (1) site selection was not done according to clear restoration plans and (2) communities were not fully consulted on the selection process.
 - In preceding period, the DCOP/PAM Specialist began work on special restoration plan for Satchuri National Park. This is the first of five restoration plans that will be done during the year. First step was to identify those sections of the SNP PA and surrounding Reserve Forest that would be appropriate for different types of restoration work. At the end of the reporting period, the initial restoration plan maps had been completed.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Maps for SNP now to be validated by the FD and others. Then the DCOP to prepare full length restoration plans to be reviewed by CMCs.
 - At Satchuri, student/school groups will be invited to participate in assisting in implementation of the restoration plans as a means of getting “hands on” experience in supporting the Pas.

Outcome 3.3 – All community patrollers and Forest Guards follow one-day course to learn about new Patrolling Guidelines

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Northern and southern site “Training of Trainers” on this community patrolling has been completed. Total number

- Guidelines for community patrolling have been developed in draft form and are being edited by the LGCBS.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - After the Guidelines are reviewed and edited by the LGCBS, they will be given to the Graphics Coordinator to be placed in final graphical form. Then, as a last step, the final document will again be passed to the Forest Department for final review before printing and distribution to the CPG members throughout the Nishorgo pilot sites.

Outcome 3.4 – 2nd round of EWC applied research is completed and summary book of results is published

- Progress in Previous Period
 - 1st round book completed and printed.
 - 2nd round book preparations done during “WriteShop”. Draft chapters taken by the EWC team to be worked on and put in final form.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Formal launch of 1st round book needs to be undertaken, along with newspaper articles. Also, formal mailing and letter from PD to all authors is planned.
 - Text and tables from 2nd round book expected to be sent to NSP/Dhaka in February, after which the Graphics Coordinator of Nishorgo will put it in final form for printing.
 - Finished 2nd round book expected for mid-March 2008.

Outcome 3.5 – PA management “scorecard” is developed by FD implemented for the full PA system of the country

- Progress in Previous Period
 - The ESMS prepared detailed proposal for PA Scorecard process and content. Initial proposal was completed in 2005 based on models developed elsewhere by WWF and The Nature Conservancy. In the interim, it was not possible to advance in the use of the Scorecard, but the PD has taken leadership now to have it applied across not just Nishorgo pilot sites but the entire Protected Area system (including all 21 Pas of the country).
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Just as the period ended, the ESMS worked with the PD to prepare and send out a packet to a select list of responsible ACFs covering all the sites in the PA system. Each ACF was to complete and his/her PA Scorecard sheets for the designated PA. Early in the next period, each of these scorecard sheets should be completed and returned to the PD so that the ESMS can prepare a summary report on all the Pas.
 - Subsequently, the ESMS will prepare a summary book with two pages for each PA showing key statistics including not only Scorecard outputs but also key species, key map information and socio-economic information and staffing lists. These regularly-updated PA summary books are to become a key reference document for the FD.
 - Also, the ESMS will also propose outreach plan for publication of the “Nishorgo Protected Areas Scorecard” in newspapers and distribution to donors.

Outcome 3.6 – Lessons learned from co-management from neighboring countries are shared with key stakeholders

- Progress in Previous Period
 - The CTO/USAID was accompanied on his visit to the IUCN/Asia conservation meetings by the COP and the Communications and Outreach Coordinator. This four day visit allowed Nishorgo to draw lessons learned from what is happening on participatory PA management elsewhere in the region.
 - Cross visit to Nepal was arranged (as per minutes of the 5th Nishorgo Steering Committee) so that the Secretary Environment could visit PA co-management sites in Nepal. On two consecutive occasions, the dates for this visit had to be changed due to the busy schedule of the Secretary. In the end, after the last change of dates, it was no longer possible to execute the cross visit as planned.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - No special activities are planned for this Outcome in the remaining part of the year, unless the Secretary should reschedule his trip one more time.

Outcome 3.7 – Systematic efforts undertaken with FD to consolidate internal image of Nishorgo Program as FD's

- Progress in Previous Period
 - As agreed to at the end of this reporting period, the Project will place an effort on holding a special session for 1-2 days for all senior staff of the Department to engage them in a discussion and information dissemination process concerning Nishorgo's co-management work at the FD.
 - Part of this awareness and "image" process has been to raise the status of field staff members through use of a well designed and "friendly" looking uniform (under assumption that military-looking khaki uniforms of the past were decidedly not "friendly"). After extensive dialogue with the Department – going back 1.5 years – the final "look" of these new uniforms was finalized in this period. The uniforms would include not just the material, but also a joined logo of both the Forest Department and the Nishorgo Program, conveying the integration of the Nishorgo Program fully with the Department. With approval of the FD on this technical design of uniforms, ACF, Range Officers and Beat Officers received cloth material and patches and have been preparing their own uniforms as the reporting period ended.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Early in the next period, a session will be held for 1-2 days at which all Dhaka senior staff will learn about Nishorgo and reflect on what it has meant for co-management. Specifically, an estimated 70 senior staff members will hear in this session about lessons learned from participatory PA management from both the Sunderbans (SBCP) and the Nishorgo pilot sites. Based on these two experiences, the officers will develop their own proposals for how future FD participatory PA management should be carried out.
 - Also in the upcoming period it is expected that the FD will begin preparing and using their own new uniforms at all Nishorgo pilot sites.

Priority #4: Deepen support from civil society for securing a System of Protected Areas

Outcome 4.1 – Fund-raising completed and LNP Visitor Center constructed, including landscaping of surrounding site

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Fund raising booklet for Lawachara building is in penultimate draft form. Title of booklet is “Let’s Build a Community Owned Nature Interpretation Center at Lawachara National Park”. The booklet includes a main body of text and four slip sheets. At the end of the reporting period, comments were being received on the final draft booklet.
 - In addition, the proposed “Panel of Advisors” to the fund-raising process are being finalized and contacted.
 - Finally, considerable work transpired to coordinate with RDRS Bangladesh to prepare for account management of a special account that to which will be deposited the donations made by private donors.
 - Finally, order was made to Vitti Sthapathi Brindo (winners of the architectural competition) requesting them to complete full designs, plans and estimates for the building and for the surrounding landscaping.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Vitti to complete full designs plans and estimates by end-January.
 - RDRS special account in favor of fund-raising process to be opened.
 - First meeting of the Panel of Advisors.
 - Secure the donations for the five major corporate donation options in the booklet.
 - Upon securing 70% of all donations, hold high profile opening/launching ceremony and begin construction.

Outcome 4.2 – Targeted awareness and marketing campaigns conducted for Teknaf Game Reserve and Satchuri National Park

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Agreement was reached to conduct the first of these marketing campaigns for the Teknaf Game Reserve and the Teknaf peninsula. Discussions were held to organize a joint marketing and outreach campaign with the CWBM Project and the Arannayk Foundation, who is preparing to launch a new PA support project at Inani. However, after initial discussions, it became clear that CWBMP and Arannayk did not have any communities prepared to receive tourists and benefit from their visit. Thus, the marketing campaign was to be focused only on the Nishorgo nature tourism sites within the peninsula.
 - To the end of preparing for the Teknaf campaign, three new annotated hiking brochures were begun on different areas of the Teknaf GR. In addition, initial organizational meetings were held with tour operators in Cox Bazaar. Also, budgets for the overall promotional program were prepared.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - The Teknaf program is to be implemented at the end of 2007 and the beginning of 2008, with a focus on increasing nature tourist visits to Mochoni Nature Park, Kudum Goha and the Shilkali areas of TGR.

- Also, a Satchuri specific program will be planned in January 2008 and executed before end March 2008. This program also will highlight the Satchuri National Park to existing Dhaka and Sylhet tour operators.

Outcome 4.3 – Youth programs are undertaken at Madrasas and schools

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Field teams in north and south have continued forming youth “Nishorgo Clubs” and undertaking activities with them to raise awareness about the Pas. In this period, a wide range of youth-specific communications materials have been disseminated in meetings of these Cub members, including routine cards, book marks, pens, hats, stickers. These materials are marked with the Nishorgo logo and also with key conservation messages that are youth-appropriate.
 - At Dhaka, two important activities support youth outreach. First, Nishorgo jointly organized the launching of “Explore Bangladesh” with Guide Tours Bangladesh and the Banglalink mobile phone company. Under this program, financed privately by Banglalink, the partners visited 15 different universities to communicate the importance of responsible tourism and also the awareness of the country’s rich Protected Area network.
 - In addition, a youth program was directly conducted by the Project (working with support of Ms. Zareef Tamanna Matin) with visits to 4 additional schools. At each school in Dhaka, the Nishorgo movie was shown and a quiz was organized to raise awareness of the Protected Area system.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - By the end of 2007, the complete Explore Bangladesh program should have been completed.
 - At local level, work with madrasas and local schools will continue, with particular involvement of the Nishorgo Clubs.

Outcome 4.4 – Joint Nishorgo-Scouts program for Weekend Visitor Orientation is implemented at Lawachara, Satchuri and Teknaf

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Program worked well last year at LNP, and we want to extend it this year to other Pas. Already, initial requests have been made from the local CMCs at Teknaf/Mochoni, Lawachara and Satchuri for such visits to be made again this year by the young Scouts during weekends but at time of reporting, the Scouts had not yet started weekend visits.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Scout Weekend Visitation to be organized every weekend throughout the remainder of the tourist season at SNP, LNP and TGR (at least). Lines of communication and requests are to be conducted by the CMCs so that they can continue the dialogue after project completion.

Outcome 4.5 – Submit applications to four high profile international awards on behalf of the CMCs and the Forest Department (e.g. Ashden Award, etc.)

- Progress in Previous Period
 - The Public Private Partnership Specialist has completed a proposed priority list for such awards.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:

- From the list prepared by the PPP Specialist, four submissions will be prepared.
- One award is likely to be submitted to the Feyerabund Foundation highlighting the community solidarity work being supported by one of the CMC members at a site.

Outcome 4.6 – Minimum two new non-technical books about Protected Areas are completed, published and sold in bookstores

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Noted photographer Sirajul Hussein has completed all photographs and is now preparing the 64 page color book to assist in this goal of communicating to the general public about the presence of the Nishorgo pilot sites, the challenges faced there and the beauty of the sites. Intention is for this book to be sold in bookstores and by CMCs, in both cases to benefit the communities in landscapes of the Pas.
 - Discussions still in process with Prof Monirul H. Khan of Jahangirnagar University about preparation of a 2nd non-technical book to support outreach and communication efforts. This one is to be a sister publication of the Nishorgo “Visitor’s Guide to the Protected Areas of Bangladesh”. However, this sister publication will focus on the wildlife of the Protected Areas. As the reporting period ended, Prof Khan was in discussion with Nishorgo about the organization and look of the book.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Target date for completion and printing of the photo essay book by photographer Sirajul Hussein is March 1, 2008.
 - It is hoped that terms can be reached with Prof Khan for the “wildlife of the Protected Areas” book. The book would be completed, printed and available in bookstores by the end of May 2008.

Outcome 4.7 – Nishorgo’s 75 communication items (brochures, pamphlets, etc.) become managed and maintained by the Arannayk Foundation

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Objective of this Outcome is for all of Nishorgo’s many high quality written informational brochures to be managed by another institution that can take advantage of the communication benefits of reproducing them while providing the necessary technical know-how to do the job well. It was envisioned that the Arannayk Foundation would be one of the best candidate institutions to play this role.
 - In the reporting period, the Foundation financed reprinting of the first of Nishorgo’s booklets, this one being the Hoolock Gibbon photograph booklet prepared initially by Sirajul Hussein and Petra Osterberg. Arannayk’s logo and name were included in the back of the booklet.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - It is hoped in the next period that the Foundation will provide the necessary staff time and capabilities to begin managing all the remaining Nishorgo-produced booklets and pamphlets, including providing reprints as needed to the CMCs. The COP will liaise with both the ED of the Foundation and the CTO/USAID to this end.

Priority #5: Support passage or acceptance of critical policy or procedural changes affecting future co-management replication

Outcome 5.1 – Support provide for the revision of the Development Project Pro Forma (DPP)

- Progress in Previous Period
 - This has been high priority focus of work, especially for the Director, Administration and Finance of the Project, along with key members of the FD. This work has continued consistently through the reporting period.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Expect that the revised DPP will be completed in January and then submitted.

Outcome 5.2 – Sharing of benefits from entry fee is approved and management systems in place for their management

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Advisor Environment sent letter directly to the Advisor Finance, cc to Secretary Finance, requesting that approval be granted.
 - New Mission Director of USAID and the Advisor Environment/Forests held highly productive meeting at which it was agreed to proceed. Subsequently, a letter was sent by the Min. Finance to the Ministry of Environment and Forests requesting that the “modalities” of the entry fee system be specified by the Forest Department.
 - To that end, the Project contracted with Dr. Prof Harun ur Rashid of Dhaka University (a specialist in Government fiscal issues) to prepare a draft entry fee modalities proposal for discussion, based on meetings with the FD and with Project staff and others. That paper was in drafting stages at the end of this reporting period.
 - It has been widely commented during the initial entry fee preparation that the proposed entry fee levels for the Pas are quite “low” compared to other countries reviewed. In the interests of better understanding the proposed level of entry fees against the consumers’ “willingness to pay” for PA visitation, it was agreed that the leading economist Dr. Enam ul Haque of East West University would prepare and organize, under the IUCN subcontract to Nishorgo, a PA demand assessment. The assessment was conceived as a means of better setting what entry fees should and could be for the PA system with a view towards maximizing financial sustainability of the system and of the CMCs.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Modalities proposal to be completed by the Project with the support of Prof Dr. Harun ur Rashid, and then discussed and commented upon by the CMCs as well as a wide range of FD staff, including particularly the DFOs who are central to success of the entry fee sharing proposal.
 - Entry fee collection can and should begin even prior to final approval of the modalities paper by the Min of Finance, and the Project staff will work with the FD to see that this happens as early as possible.
 - Prof. Dr. Rashid has proposed the survey structure for an entry fee and PA tourism assessment, working under the Nishorgo IUCN subcontract. Field work and data collection for this survey should begin at the end of the calendar

year with surveys to be completed in mid-January and draft final report submitted in early March.

Outcome 5.3 – Removal of brick fields from immediate vicinity of Teknaf Game Reserve and Chunati Wildlife Sanctuary is being executed

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Project team worked with PD to prepare letter which was ultimately sent by the CCF to the Advisor and Secretary. The letter includes names, addresses and geo-referenced brick kiln sites for all brick kiln owners within 3 kilometer radius of our southern two PAs. This was subsequently forwarded to the DG/Dept of Environment. We understand that he has subsequently forwarded to all concerned District level staff. However, at the end of the reporting period, only one brick field had actually relocated from the site.
 - CMCs at Shilkhali, Teknaf and Chunati have all written letters directly to the Chief Advisor requesting that permits be ended for the brickfields.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - The PD and USAID will need to follow up again to try and ensure that the brick field permits are not operating.
 - The Project staff (Communications Coordinator) will begin to share information with the press about what brick fields are located within the banned 3km boundary area. In addition, this may need to be raised at next Project Steering Committee, if that is appropriate.

Outcome 5.4 – Buffer plantations are executed on behalf of patrolling and protection teams on borders of all Protected Areas

- Progress in Previous Period
 - In North and South, this year's buffer zone plantations sites have already been allocated in some cases to the CPG members. However, while the ADP allocations for north and south for buffer plantations are both targeted to CPG members as first priority recipients, the CMCs have not in a number of cases actually engaged the CPG members in discussion of these plantations. One good example is the LNP, where ADP allocation and then the LNP CMC minutes prioritize allocation of buffer plantations to CPG members, but the women patrollers of Baligaon had not – as of the reporting period – been engaged by the CMC in discussions of whether or not they would receive access to such plantations.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Continued monitoring and vigilance is required to ensure that buffer plantations are indeed allocated in this coming planting season as a first priority to the CPG members that are actually out protecting the forest. This will require vigilance by field teams and by the LGCBS as he visits CMC meetings throughout the country.

Outcome 5.5 – Carbon offset project for Chunati generates financing via the CMC for community benefit and reforestation/rehabilitation

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Draft complete report has been finished by a team led by Ram, and including the BFRI and FD staff, as well as field staff of NSP technical team.

- Report has been forwarded to many interested parties (NSU, WWF, IRG, Salahdin Imam and others) for review and comment.
- Specific inquiry sent to IRG/DC to enable the Dhaka team to take advantage of technical assistance of IRG/DC team for reviewing and advising on the sale of carbon credits.
- Project has signed MOU with the banker Mr. Salahdin Imam to assist in marketing of the Project. Priority targets for marketing will be with multi-nationals present in Bangladesh that may gain from this non-CDM offset opportunity.
- Mr. Imam has requested some additional clarifications to the document.
- COP and DCOP have held considerable discussions with Mr. Imam and others on the proper modalities for field implementation of the carbon offset project.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Modifications to be made to the Chunati document so that it can be presented formally to various banks (some have already been identified).
 - Conservation International standards on biodiversity will be followed for the revisions.
 - FD to be further informed and engaged on the process of directing offset resources to the CMC, including a presentation by Mr. Imam.
 - Initial agreement will be reached with one of the buyers interested in the project.

Outcome 5.6 – Models for buffer plantations are implemented by CMCs that allow for modified benefits sharing arrangements

- Progress in Previous Period
 - This issue is more relevant and urgent at the southern two Pas, where vast amounts of core zone are deforested and one essential part of ensuring their restoration is allocating buffer zone plantations in ways that restore the forest in the long run and meet local needs in the short to medium run.
 - Historically, all plantations undertaken within the boundaries of Protected Areas have been implemented 100% by the Forest Department, with no outside involvement and no benefits sharing modalities. Even in Reserve Forest land, where benefits sharing social forestry plantations have been allowed, the Forest Department has been the sole implementer of such plantations.
 - The future reforestation of the large southern Protected Areas, however, requires that there be a greater degree of involvement of the local poor and other local non-Government partners in plantation and benefits sharing work.
 - To that end, the idea has been proposed that private operators working on behalf of the poor (in this case the CMCs) might make a proposal to directly implement benefits sharing plantations in core areas of the Pas. These plantations are to include both short- and long-rotation species, with the short-rotation species to be removed as benefits at the end of the 10 year rotation and roughly 400 long-rotation species to remain on the plantation areas permanently.
 - To that end also, it was recognized in the previous period that maps would need to be prepared showing the priority areas for such plantations within the Teknaf and Chunati Pas. Those maps were begun in the reporting period, including field trips to the two southern Pas by the ESMS.

- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Complete the priority “core area” maps for the southern two Pas.
 - Work with CMCs to prepare LDF proposals (one for Teknaf and one for Chunati) on which these benefits sharing plantations would be undertaken in the designated zones. An estimated 100 hectares in each area to be planted by selected CPGs in May period.

Outcome 5.7 – Wildlife and crop damage insurance scheme is implemented at selected southern sites

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Variety of possibilities for wildlife and crop damage insurance have been developed. One offer from Delta Life Insurance offers a 10 taka premium for possible 1,000 taka payout on annual basis. American Life Insurance Company still reviewing the proposal and will yet get back to the Project.
 - Key issue remaining is who exactly should be ensured, whether just the CPG members or all the people with homes in an affected area.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Finalize agreement and cost for wildlife insurance.
 - Launch the wildlife/crop damage insurance first at Chunati (where risk of damage is highest) and then at Teknaf.

Priority #6: Ensure that all construction and restoration works under RPA meet high environmental, aesthetic and engineering standards

Outcome 6.1 – Provide regular monitoring reports of all RPA progress, highlight any discrepancies and contribute to high quality service delivery

- Progress in Previous Period
 - 1st and 2nd quarterly reports completed on both NSP Component #5 (including all construction monitoring) and Component #2 (including habitat restoration and forest plantations) have been completed and submitted to FD and USAID.
 - These formal reports were compiled from a series of periodic reports received from Vitti (on visitor center construction), Module (on all other construction) and NACOM (for forest plantation work) in the 1st and 2nd quarter. These are forwarded to USAID immediately upon receipt and are subsequently compiled and forwarded in formal documents on quarterly basis.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Monitoring and associated reporting to continue as in previous period.
 - Additionally two new processes will be added during this next period. First, IRG monitoring contractors (Vitti, Module and NACOM) will provide written reports of observations immediately upon observation to the relevant DFOs, with cc to PD/FD and COP/NSP. Also, prior to any work beginning by contractors selected by the FD’s DFOs, IRG’s monitoring contractors and USAID will be invited to sit in an orientation and planning session with those building contractors.

Outcome 6.2 – Ensure that environmentally-friendly designs, plans and estimates are completed for all new construction in the PAs

- Progress in Previous Period
 - PD has requested that all new adaptations of the existing designs for visitor centers and other buildings be done as soon as is possible, so that they can be contracted out within the designated DPP year (08/09).
 - Contract with Vitti completed for them to provide both detailed designs, plans and estimates and landscaping proposal for the future LNP Visitor Center.
 - Contract modified with Module to do the same
 - Site soil tests have been undertaken for Chunati
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Designs for all remaining Module buildings to be completed by February 15th, 2008.
 - Site plans completed with Module assistance to be ready by February 15th, 2008.
 - Vitti LNP building designs to be completed by January 15, 2008.
 - Vitti CWS building designs to be completed by February 15th, 2008.

Outcome 6.3 – Provide targeted support to visitor facilities as required to enhance income earning possibilities in ways consistent with conservation

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Under LDF, a number of grant requests are being developed that will call for building of a small sales kiosk inside the Pas at which local stakeholders can sell tourist products. Design of this simple kiosk was done with input from Module architects in the reporting period and is both environmentally friendly, consistent with other FD buildings in the Pas and aesthetically pleasing.
 - Three CMCs have prepared LDF grant requests including these small construction activities to facilitate income earning possibilities from tourists within the core zones. These three were approved at end of the reporting period.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - These three tourist sale shops under LDF need to be urgently constructed at the target sites.
 - Community-based Nature Tourism consultant to identify entrepreneurial or community groups associated with patrolling or other protection efforts to be involved in operation of the proposed tourist shops, as appropriate. Main objective is to generate revenue for livelihoods, and it may be more effective to do this by auctioning off the concession for PA store to highest bidder, with revenue to go to the CMC, rather than giving the store to an inexperienced CPG member or group. This to be decided by field staff in consultation with the CMCs.
 - PD needs to check on the exact sitting of the proposed tourist stalls to be built under LDF funding.

Outcome 6.4 – Ensure that the Vitti Nishorgo “Illustrated Guidelines for Small Scale Construction” are followed by FD and CMC for all new construction works

- Progress in Previous Period
 - These Guidelines were used for ACF micro plan training for tourism, and were subsequently sent out to all 21 ACFs with a letter from the PD about their use.

- PD subsequently circulated copies of all these Guidelines to all concerned DFOs with instructions that they should be considered the official building guidelines for all small scale construction financed by Nishorgo.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Continued monitoring is required to ensure that these guidelines will be followed.
 - Future meetings of DFOs and other senior staff should highlight that the small scale guidelines are now the official building/construction guidelines of the FD for such activities.

Priority #7: Replicate start-up phase of co-management approach at one additional Protected Area (Modhupur National Park and landscape)

Outcome 7.1 – Base maps for use in management planning and conflict resolution are generated from satellite data for Modhupur area

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Team finalized and contract signed with CEGIS to complete this work under Purchase Order.
 - ESMS and PMP/DCOP and CEGIS team have made visits to the Modhupur site to assess needs. One major need is the lack of clear boundaries from FD to the proposed/gazetted Park. ESMS has prepared a memo detailing these issues, and need for resolution.
 - Boundaries issues resolved with CF/Central Circle and field work proceeded to completion.
 - Field visits completed, and draft report produced by the CEGIS team with support of the ESMS. Corrections proposed to the report by the PD and the NSP team.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Final output from the CEGIS mapping process to be produced, including both the report and the necessary maps for conflict and framework management planning needs. These maps will include time series of loss of Sal forests over 40+ year time span.

Outcome 7.2 – New participatory management plans for Modhupur National Park and its landscape are completed

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Awaiting development on conflict mediation work. Project cannot yet proceed until issue is clarified with the Government, as the Government-created Modhupur Committee is still deliberating and thus active.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Obtain clear and unambiguous support from the MoEF to pursue this dialogue and framework management planning process at Modhupur.

Outcome 7.3 – Technical and organizational support is provide to conflict resolution process at Modhupur National Park and landscape

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Met with Ronald Halder as possible mediator. Met to discuss process with Rizwana Hasan (BELA). Discussed options for mediation with FD, and

- identified three possible participants and general agreement about conflict mediation team strategy.
 - Met with Raja Devashish Roy to discuss possibilities for role in mediation. He has not shown interest in being a central coordinator of mediation process, but has expressed interest in assisting where possible.
 - Met also with Mr. Muyeed Chowdhury to discuss possible support to the process, and he has indicated availability to support in whatever way possible.
 - Paper has been prepared by COP outlining issues and challenges for proceeding at Modhupur.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - As with framework management planning process, need formalized green light from the MoEF to proceed with this work. NSP will work with USAID and FD to try and secure clear mandate from the MoEF to pursue this work. Some delay is occurring in the absence of this official green light to proceed from the MoEF.
 - Technical approach paper, covering all three NSP-supported proposed activities, needs to be modified as per feedback from the FD and others.

Priority #8: Consolidate, organize and make widely available the lessons learned, information and data gathered during the Nishorgo Support Project

Outcome 8.1 – Comprehensive database of all outputs or deliverable of the project is made available in digital form, including collected relevant reference material

- Progress in Previous Period
 - 90% of all digital files and hard copy deliverables have been organized in a single comprehensive list and digital database. As reporting period ended, final documents were being cross checked and added in preparation to burn comprehensive DVD with all outputs
 - Complete submission of all documents relevant for the DEC has been made in both digital and paper form to the CTO
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Publish and circulate the Nishorgo comprehensive deliverables list
 - Produce end-of-Project comprehensive DVD/CD with all deliverables in digital form

Outcome 8.2 – Nishorgo web site becomes widely consulted source of information not only on the Project but for nature tourists interested in visiting Bangladesh’s Protected Areas

- Progress in Previous Period
 - Initial web report on visitation to www.nishorgo.org shows that predominance of visitors to the site are from abroad, with many of them coming from universities.
 - Negotiation took place and was completed during this period to generate more detailed web usage data for www.nishorgo.org. The Project has contracted with service provider to supply this detailed report starting in December 2008.
 - Many changes have been made to the web site in this period, including addition of:
 - New section on Nature Tourism services

- New section on the Tripura Gift Collection
 - Uploaded book by FD and East West Center from 1st round applied research case studies
 - Uploaded book in Bangla as well as English of the PA Visitor's Guide
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Detailed reporting on website usage will begin in the coming period, including download amounts, source of visiting users and related data.
 - Additional changes are being planned for the site to make it more consulted during this period. Major changes in coming period include:
 - Addition of new section entitled "Pursuit of Highest Quality Architecture and Building under Nishorgo". This section will include (among other things):
 - All the "Small Scale Construction Guidelines" items prepared by Vitti Sthapathi Brindo
 - All the models for the LNP Visitor Center submitted during the national architectural competition
 - A section on fund-raising for the LNP Community Owned Nature Interpretation Center, appealing to Bangladeshi expatriates in particular and sharing information transparently about how the fund-raising process is proceeding.
 - Additional information, including photographs of all the new Nishorgo Eco-Cottages, will also be included.

Outcome 8.3 – Prepare and publish summary volume book on "Status and Challenges of PA Management in Bangladesh"

- Progress in Previous Period
 - The systematic work to bring together all manner of technical deliverables produced under the project is preparatory work required for completion of this book on "Status and Challenges of PA Management".
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Work will begin with an Editor's planning meeting for a full day, including the Project Director, the COP, the CTO and the DCOP. Subsequently, a 2nd day's work will focus on working with chapter authors to outline individual chapters. This work is expected in January or February, 2008, with chapter preparation to take place immediately afterwards.

Outcome 8.4 – Properly implement all close-out procedures to make information and materials of Project available as required

- Progress in Previous Period: Close out processes have not yet begun, but will begin next period.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Implement inventory transfer of all items
 - Close out project accounts
 - It is proposed that IRG's Home Office Project Manager visit the project to consult on these closeout issues (and other items, including especially preparation of PA Lessons Learned monograph) at end February, 2008.

Outcome 8.5 – Implement and re-measure forest quality indicators and social benefits assessments that allow for final report on Project impact

- Progress in Previous Period
 - This is to be a repeat and extension of the various indicator surveys that have been used as baselines for social and environmental indicators. It is planned for the 3rd and 4th quarters of this year.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Updates to baseline data on the following indicators will be conducted:
 - Population density of 8 indicator bird species at 5 pilot sites
 - Status of illegal felling of trees at five pilot sites
 - Basal area measures along transects at five pilot sites
 - New photographs taken from geo-referenced photo points during the baseline surveys
 - Revenue generation and income of NSP beneficiaries at pilot sites
 - Additional summary information on economic activities at the pilot sites

Additional Support Activities

In this same period, a number of additional activities were undertaken that – while not directly foreseen in the Annual Work Plan “Outcomes” list – were nevertheless judged both important and relevant given the overall objectives of the Project. These included the following:

Comments on the Draft Ecologically Critical Area (ECA) Rules Circulated by the Coastal and Wetland Biodiversity Management (CWBMP) Project

- Progress in Previous Period
 - These draft Rules were circulated in September to the Forest Department. Because the draft Rules as written pose a threat to the way in which the Forest Department is pursuing PA management improvements, and represent what would be a setback to improvements in PA management both inside and outside FD Pas, it was deemed appropriate to prepare a response to the draft. This response was prepared by the Project staff jointly with the Project Director. After final vetting, the FD has forwarded a copy of these comments to the appropriate authority. Since the time of that submission, the Department has not yet been informed of any further attempts to revise the Rules.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - No more work will be conducted on this unless requested by the FD.

Continued Modifications to the Revision of the Wildlife Act 1974

- Progress in Previous Period
 - In year 4 of the Project, a lawyer from BELA was asked to prepare a set of modifications to the Wildlife Act 1974 based on requested changes from the FD and new principles and approaches being piloted by the Project. In addition, the 4th Steering Committee of the Project explicitly requested that a modification of the Act be prepared by the Project. After the Act lay dormant for the latter part of the 4th project year, it was resurrected early in this Project year when a request from the Ministry of Environment came through asking that the Act be prepared in such a way that it would be submitted only as an

“amendment” to the earlier Act. To that end, the same lawyer from BELA was again contacted and she prepared the text of the old (original) and new (revised) text side by side on the same sheet of paper. That work completed.

- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - In light of the concern that the proposed amendments may be seen as too many, the COP will work with the same lawyer from BELA to prepare a new version that includes less extensive changes to the existing Act.

Begin all Reporting on Training via USAID TrainNet Web-based Software

- Progress in Previous Period
 - USAID made request that all training should henceforth be entered directly into USAID database named TrainNet. COP attended part of an orientation session on this.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Some additional training by NSP staff responsible for training will be undertaken and all training will begin being entered in this system.

Series of Daily Star Opinion Pieces on Forests and Conservation, Poverty and Policy

- Progress in Previous Period
 - In light of open debate being encouraged by the Caretaker Government, the Project Director and COP discussed the importance of setting out a number of policy framework constraints of central importance to future conservation work. To that end, a series of three Opinion pieces were prepared jointly by the COP and the PD and published in the Daily Star’s Point-Counterpoint editorial section.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - No additional action expected in this area.

Continued Effort to Get LGED Road Committed for the Chunarughat Kalenga Section

- Progress in Previous Period
 - This road is a vital link between the RKWS forest and the In light of open debate being encouraged by the Caretaker Government, the Project Director and COP discussed the importance of setting out a number of policy framework constraints of central importance to future conservation work. To that end, a series of three Opinion pieces were prepared jointly by the COP and the PD and published in the Daily Star’s Point-Counterpoint editorial section.
- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - No additional action expected in this area.

Identification of Environmentalist Students to Assist in Preparation of Interpretive Exhibits at the Three Soon-to-Open Visitor Interpretation Centers

- Progress in Previous Period
 - It has become clear that neither the NSP IRG team nor the FD has included budget and planning to prepare interpretive exhibits for the new Visitors’ Centers being completed at Nishorgo pilot sites. Nishorgo has opened up a dialogue with two different University groups (from the North-South University and International University of Bangladesh (IUB)) to provide some small support so that they can prepare such exhibits.

- Proposed Activities through May 30, 2008:
 - Reach an agreement with one or both of the university student groups and support them in preparing interpretive exhibits for the three highest priority sites (Teknaf, Satchari and Lawachara).

ANNEXES:

ANNEX 1: STATUS OF ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST WORK PLAN AND SITE-LEVEL ADP TARGETS – NORTHERN SITES

5th year Annual Target & Achievement Nishorgo Support Project Sreemangal, Moulvibazar

Activities	Target June 07 - May 08			Total	Achievement UP to June - Nov. 07			Total	Remarks
	LNP	SNP	RKWS		LNP	SNP	RKWS		
1. Habitat conservation activities									
1.1 Boundary Demarcation				0				0	FD will carry out
1.1.1 Sign Board	10	40	20	70	0	1	2	3	FD will carry out
1.1.2 Boundary Pillar	15	100	20	135	0	0	0	0	FD will carry out
1.2 Group formation		5	3	8		5	3	8	"
1.3.1 Council Meeting	2	2	2	6	0	0	0	0	
1.3.2 Committee meeting	12	12	12	36	6	6	6	18	
1.4.1 Protection against illicit falling, encroachment, forest fire & cattle grazing				0				0	
1.4.2 Patrolling group formation	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	
1.4.3 Awareness campaign: peoples theater & folk song	12		6	18	4	3	3	10	
1.5 Mobile phone distribution	5	3	4	12	5	3	4	12	
1.6.1 Conservation Award for FD		5	4	9		0	0	0	
1.6.2 Conservation Award For local communities		5	6	11		0	0	0	
1.7 Forest related conflict mitigation	12	6	6	24	2	4	2	8	

2.0 Forest management activities				0				0	
2.1 Core zone management				0				0	FD will carry out
2.1.1 Plantation of specific species of trees	5	10	20	35	0	0	0	0	FD will carry out
2.1.2 Teak coppice management	20	30	80	130		0	0	0	FD will carry out
2.1.3 Enrichment plantation	30	30	40	100	0	0	0	0	FD will carry out
2.1.4 Renovation of water bodies	4	4	3	11	1	2	0	3	FD will carry out
2.2 Landscape management adjacent to core zone				0				0	FD will carry out
2.2.1 Buffer plantation	42	100	50	192	0	0	0	0	FD will carry out
2.2.2 Woodlot plantation through group members	100		70	170	0		0	0	FD will carry out
2.3 Strip plantation [KM]	10	15	15	40		0	0	0	
2.4 Communication with tea estate owners		1	0	1		1	0	1	
3.Livelihood activities				0				0	
3.1 Training on different AIGAs	250	368	135	753	110	26	143	279	
4. Facilities development activities				0				0	FD will carry out
4.1 RO / BO office renovation			3	3			0	0	FD will carry out
4.2 ACF / RO/ BO / FG / Mali quater making		2	13	15		0	0	0	FD will carry out
4.3 Animal recovery shed		0	1	1			0	0	FD will carry out
5. Tourist management activities				0				0	
5.1 Interpretation center	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	
5.2 Nature trail development	2	1	3	6	1	1	0	2	
5.3 Construction of wooden bridges on nature trail	2	4	0	6	2	4	0	6	
5.4 Toilet / rest room	2	2	7	11	0	2	0	2	
5.5 Thrash cane		9	6	15		0	0	0	
5.6 Eco-guide selection & training	6	6	4	16	0	0	0	0	
5.7 Communication (print & electronic media)				0				20	
5.8 Nishorgo club	2	6		8	2	2		4	
6. Exposure Visit of FD	2	2	2	6	2	1	2	5	
6.1 Training of ACF	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	

				0				0
LDF activities				0				0
Strip plantation [KM]	12	9	25	46	12	9	25	46
Retaining Wall	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Stair	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Wooden Bridge	0	0	4	4	0	0	4	4
Other Activities [Out of ADP]				0				0
Eco-Cottage	2	1	1	4	2	1	1	4
Elephant / Horse Riding	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1
Ethnic Cloth production & marketing	42	16	22	80	42	16	22	80
Improved Oven	225	170	130	525	225	118	130	473
Tourist Shop	1	2	0	3	1	2	0	3
Grant Distribution to trained FOG & CPG Members	250000	200000	300000	750000	120000	19405	80000	219405
Microfinance Disbursement [Through RDRS]	2614000	401500	400000	3415500	1070000	731000	0	1801000
CMC Registration from Social welfare Department	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3
Tubwell Instalation		1		1		1		1
Arrange Exposure Visit for CMC				1				1
Sapling Distributaion				0	25000	10000	29000	64000
Tipra Cloth Sales to Folk Bangladesh				0	48300	7600	8300	64200
In house / direct sales of Tipra cloth				0	112000	32300	5700	150000
Sales of information center				0	48028	8945		56973
No. of visitor groups visited through NSP				0	20[1000]	8[200]	5[50]	33[1250]
Group Federation Formed	2	2	2	6	2	3	1	6

ANNEX 2: STATUS OF ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST WORK PLAN AND SITE-LEVEL ADP TARGETS – SOUTHERN SITES

5th Year Annual Target & Achievement of Annual Development Plan [ADP]

1 June 2007 - 31 May 2008

(Quantitative Report)

Nishorgo Support Project

CODEC, Chittagong

SL	Activities	Target # June 07 - May 08							Total Target	Achievement # June 07 - Nov 07							Total Ach'nt	Remarks
		Chunati - CWS	Jaldi - CWS	Total CWS	W'kong - TGR	Shilkhali - TGR	Teknaf - TGR	Total TGR		Chunati - CWS	Jaldi - CWS	Total CWS	W'kong - TGR	Shilkhali - TGR	Teknaf - TGR	Total TGR		
1	Habitat Conservation Activities:																	
1.1	Boundary Demarcation																	
1.1.1	Sign Board Installation	16	20	36	6	9	5	20	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	FD will carry out
1.1.2	Boundary Pillar Installation	16	20	36	10	20	10	40	76	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	3	do
1.2	Awareness/Motivation Program/Miking against illicit falling, encroachment, forest fire & cattle grazing	10	5	15	12	48	3	63	78	4	2	6	5	5	6	16	22	
1.3.1	Council Meeting of CMC	2	2	4	2	2	2	6	10	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	
1.3.2	Committee meeting of CMC	12	12	24	12	12	12	36	60	6	5	11	6	6	5	17	28	
1.3.3	Mobile phone distribution for CMC/CPG member	4	4	8	4	5	4	13	21	4	4	8	4	5	4	13	21	

1.4	Conservation Award for Best CPG Member	10	5	15	9	12	10	31	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1.5	Forest related conflict mitigation through CMC	10	20	30	12	12	12	36	66	3	3	6	5	3	5	13	19	
1.6	New Community Patrolling Group Formation	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2	Forest Management Activities:																	
2.1	Core Zone Management																	
2.1.1	Plantation of specific species/Enrichment plantation	25	48	73	10	50	40	100	173	30	31	61	0	0	0	0	61	FD will carry out
2.1.2	Teak Copies management	50	0	50		0	50	50	100	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	10	do
2.1.3	Micro Watershed works	15	20	35	10	20	50	80	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	do
2.1.4	Renovation of water bodies	4	4	8	3	4	5	12	20	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	do
2.1.5	Plantation of Medicinal Species	0	0	0	5	0	10	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	do
2.1.6	Buffer plantation	10	0	10	0	0		0	10	15	15	30	71.5	0	0	71.5	101.5	do
2.1.7	Habitat Dev. Plantation (Grass & Others)/F & F	10	20	0	15	30	20	65	65	47	32	79	0	32.65	0	32.65	111.65	do
2.2	Landscape Management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	do
2.2.1	Woodlot plantation through group members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	do
2.2.2	Strip plantation [KM]	10	0	10	5	5	10	20	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	do
2.2.3	Fast Growing Species Plantation	0	45	45	50	0	50	100	145	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	do
2.2.4	Participatory Bufferzone Plantation	0	0	0	40	0	0	40	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	do
2.2.5	Plantation Management	60	0	60	50	100	100	250	310	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	do
2.2.6	Seedling Distribution for Homestead Plantation	20000	50000	70000	20000	0	0	20000	90000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	do
3	Livelihood Activities:																	
3.1	Training on different AIGAs	500	0	500	140	30	0	170	670	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	12	

3.2	Weaving Training for Ethnic Community	0	0	0	30	0	0	30	30	0	0	0	17	0	0	17	17	
3.3	Vegetable Gardening Seeds Support - CPG/FUG	500	200	700	500	0	0	500	1200	0	0	0	0	135	0	135	135	
3.4	AIG Support for CPG Member/Family Member	0	123	123	45	40	57	142	265	0	93	93	29	37	38	104	197	
3.5	Seedling Distribution among CPG/FUG/NC Member	1000	0	1000	15000	20000	0	3500 0	3600 0	780	0	780	4000	0	0	4000	4780	
3.6	ICS Installation	0	0	0	0	500	0	500	500	0	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	
4	Facilities Development Activities:																	
4.1	RO / BO office renovation	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	FD will carry out
4.2	ACF / RO/ BO / FG / Mali quater making	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	do
4.3	Boundary Wall/Fencing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	do
4.4	FD Office Stationeries/Instruments	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	do
4.5	Field Survey Instruments	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4.6	Public Toilet	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	FD will carry out
5	Tourist Management Activities:											0						
5.1	Nature Interpretation Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	FD will carry out
5.2	Nature Trail Development/Repair	2	1	3	3	1	3	7	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	do
5.3	Place Identification for Nature Campaign	5	0	5	3	2	2	7	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	do
5.4	Construction of Wooden bridges on Nature Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	do
5.5	Toilet / Rest room	3	3	6	5	3	2	10	16	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	do
5.6	Thrash Cane/Dust Bean	6	4	10	0	15	6	21	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5.7	Eco-guide Selection & Training	4	10	14	8	10	5	23	37	3	0	3	6	4	5	15	18	
5.8	Communication (print & electronic media)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

5.9	Nishorgo Club	2	2	4	3	3	4	10	14	4	4	8	4	3	4	11	19		
5.1	Tourist Spot Butification	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	FD will carry out
6	Research, Monitoring & Skill Development Activities:																		
6.1	Research			0				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6.2	Training on Forest Health Monitoring for CMC Mem.	10	0	10	9	10	0	19	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6.3	Training on Sicio Economic Monitoring for CMC Mem.	6	3	9	10	0	0	10	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6.4	West Bengal Visit for FD Staff (Ranger/Forester)	2	2	4	2	2	2	6	10	2	2	4	1	2	2	5	9		
6.5	Exposure/Exchange Visit for CMC Member	10	30	40	20	23	30	73	113	9	8	17	5	5	4	14	31		
6.6	Training on Plant & Bamboo Mang'nt for CPG/FUG	37	100	137	60	0	0	60	197	0	60	60	37	0	0	37	97		
	LDF Activities:																	Amount in BDT	
A.	Strip plantation [Km]	10	0	10	7	3	0	10	20	10	0	10	7	3	0	10	20	386,900	
B.	# Lake Renovation	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	446,000	
C.	# Nishorgo Library	0	3	3	4	2	5	11	14	0	3	3	4	2	5	11	14	1,312,700	
D.	# Rural Inf. Reconstruction	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
E.	# Fishing Net/Gear for CPG Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
F.	# Tourist Stall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	TOTAL LDF Grant Disbursed Amount in BDT																	2,145,600	
	Other Activities-Cumulative [Other than ADP]									Up to 30 November 2007 (Cumulative)									
a.	# Forest User Group [FUG]			0				0	0	38	28	66	35	25	42	102	168		
b.	# Member of Forest User Group [FUG]			0				0	0	925	749	1674	1010	570	1542	3122	4796		

c.	# Community Patrolling Group [CPG]			0			0	0	5	5	10	3	7	5	15	25	Male-24, Female-1
d.	# Member of Community Patrolling Group			0			0	0	188	187	375	126	273	196	595	970	
e.	# Member of AIG Support Receiver - FUG			0			0	0	526	304	830	567	418	759	1744	2574	
f.	# Member of AIG Support Receiver - CPG			0			0	0	188	157	345	110	143	125	378	723	
g.	# AIG Support for Hardcore Poor (Woman)			0			0	0	30	0	30	30	8	38	76	106	
h.	AIG Support as Grant for CPG Member ('000)			0			0	0	882	542	1424	457	608	437	1502	2926	
I.	AIG Support as Grant for FUG Member/Other SH ('000)			0			0	0	350	122	472	308	180	294	782	1254	
j.	# Microfinance Linkage [Through local MFI]			0			0	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BRAC, MUKTI, ASA, Grameen Bank
k.	# Discussion on ZOGG at FUG-CPG Biweekly Meeting			0			0	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
l.	# CMC Registration from Social welfare Department			0			0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	3	Documents Submit
m.	# FUG Federation Formation			0			0	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	5	
n.	# Eco Cottage			0			0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	3	
o.	# ICS Installation (NSP + Grameen Shakti)			0			0	0	804	473	1277	241	100	260	601	1878	NSP-1378, GS-500
p.	# Biogas Plant Installation			0			0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	
q.	# Trained Eco-tour Guide			0			0	0	8	8	16	8	8	7	23	39	
r.	# Trained Eco Rikshsw Puller			0			0	0	24	60	84	0	0	32	32	116	
s.	# CPG Orientation on Joint Patrolling - Course			0			0	0	5	3	8	3	7	5	15	23	
t.	# Training on different AIG			0			0	0	856	471	1327	425	351	724	1500	2827	
u.	# Training for FUG Promoters			0			0	0	21	19	40	25	20	25	70	110	
v.	# NSP Communication Materials Support for NC			0			0	0	89	149	238	163	100	200	463	701	

	Member																	
w.	# PA Visit by Religious Leader through Asia Foundation			0				0	0	100	0	100	0	0	55	55	155	
x.	# Program ith IUCN			0				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	45	45	
y.	# Haiking Program with Scouts & NC Member			0				0	0	3	0	3	2	1	1	4	7	
z.	# Prg. News Published in Local/National News Paper			0				0	0			0				0	72	Jun-Nov07

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ANNEX 3: SUMMARY STATUS MATRIX OF THE LDF GRANTS FUND AS OF NOVEMBER 30TH, 2007

Landscape Development Fund Grants Program, Nishorgo Support Project: Northern Region Status Matrix: LDF Grants – November 30, 2007

SI	Fields	Site	Milestones	USAID Grants
1	Entrance Road Repairing in Satchari Tipra Bosti Through Making Bamboo Made Stair - Grant # LDF:1 (SNP)	Satchari	GRC approval: 27 Mar USAID approval: 23 Apr Agreement signed: 28 Apr Money (FOG) Requested: 16 May & Approval: 17 May	34,000
2	Strip Plantations on 9 km Roads Under Paikpara & Dewargach UP of Chunarughat Upazila to Reduce Forest Dependency & Generate New Forest Resources - Grant # LDF:2 (SNP)	Satchari	GRC approval: 27 Mar USAID approval: 23 Apr Agreement signed: 28 Apr Advance Requested: 16 May Initial Advance Approval: 17 May Second Advance Approval: 13 Dec	202,365
3	Strip Plantations on 12 km Roads Under Kamalganj UP to Reduce Forest Dependency & Generate New Forest Resources - Grant # LDF:3 (LNP)	Lawachara	GRC approval: 27 Mar USAID approval: 23 Apr Agreement signed: 28 Apr Advance Requested: 16 May Initial Advance approval: 17 May 2 nd Advance Approval: 13 Dec	269,820
4	Earth Work for Filling up Ditch Created on Road and Construction of a Retaining Wall Through Community Participation - Grant # LDF:4 (LNP)	Lawachara	GRC approval: 27 Mar USAID approval: 23 Apr Agreement signed: 28 Apr Advance Requested: 20 May Initial Advance approval: 20 May 2 nd & Final Advance Request: 09 Dec	574,077
5	Strip Plantation on 25 km road in RKWS Landscape Area, Chunarughat through Community Participation - Grant # LDF:6 (RKWS)	Rema- Kalenga	GRC approval: 10 Apr USAID approval: 23 Apr Agreement signed: 28 Apr Advance requested: 16 May Initial Advance approval: 17 May 2 nd Advance Approval:	562,125
6	Construction of a Wooden Bridge from Chanbari to Debrabari Tipra Bosti Road at Rema/Kalenga WS by Community Participation - Grant # LDF:9 (RKWS)	Rema- Kalenga	GRC (conditional) approval: 27 Mar Fulfillment of Conditions: 22 May USAID approval: 23 May Agreement signed: 29 May Advance requested: 26 June 2007 Advance approval: 02 July 2007	908,312
A. SUB TOTAL				2,550,699

**Landscape Development Fund Grants Program, Nishorgo Support Project: Southern Region
Status Matrix: LDF Grants – November 30, 2007**

SI	Fields	Site	Milestones	USAID Grants
1	Renovation of Lake Aiming to Create Alternative Income Through Fish Culture for Mochoni Community Patrollers - Grant # LDF:5 (TGR-T)	Teknaf	GRC approval: 19 Apr USAID approval: 23 Apr Agreement signed: 28 Apr Advance requested: 16 May Advance approval: 17 May	446,000
2	Three Nishorgo Libraries- Grant # LDF:7 (CWS)	Banskhali	GRC (conditional) approval: 27 Mar Fulfillment of Conditions: 20 May USAID approval: 23 May Agreement signed: 29 May Advance requested: 01 July Advance approval: 02 July	333,200
3	Rural Infrastructure Development Program Around CWS - Grant # LDF:8 (CWS)	Chunoti	GRC (conditional) approval: 27 Mar Fulfillment of Conditions: 20 May USAID approval: 23 May Agreement signed: 29 May Advance requested: 10 June Advance approval: 18 June	356,012
4	7 km Strip Plantation on Whykhong Union Parishad Roads to Reduce Forest Dependency and Generate New Forest Resources - Grant # LDF:10 (TGR-W)	Whykheong	First Stage Review: 5 Apr Reviewed Budget Received: 20 May USAID approval: 31 May Agreement signed: 6 June Advance requested: 2 July Advance approval: 7 July	175,000
5	3 km Road Side Plantation to Meet Fuel wood & Timber to Local Stakeholders of Baharchara Union Parishad - Grant # LDF:11 (TGR-B)	Baharchara	First Stage Review: 5 Apr Reviewed Budget Received: 20 May USAID approval: 31 May Agreement signed: 6 June Advance requested: 19 June Advance approval: 19 June	78,000
6	10 km CMC Participatory Forestry Project - Grant # LDF:12 (CWS)	Chunoti	First Stage Review: 5 Apr Reviewed Budget Received: 20 May USAID approval: 31 May Agreement signed: 6 June Advance requested: 17 June Advance approval: 17 June 2nd & Final Advance Approval: 10 Dec	231,000
7	Two Environmental Libraries - Grant # LDF:13 (TGR-B)	Baharchara	First Stage Review: 5 Apr USAID approval: 31 May Agreement signed: 6 June Advance requested: 19 June Advance approval: 19 June	237,000
8	Five Nishorgo Libraries - Grant # LDF:14 (TGR-T)	Teknaf	First Stage Review: 5 Apr USAID approval: 6 June Agreement signed: 6 June Advance requested: 4 July Advance approval: 9 July	606,000
9	Four Nishorgo Libraries - Grant # LDF:15 (TGR-W)	Whykheong	First Stage Review: 5 Apr USAID approval: 31 May Agreement signed: 6 June Advance requested: 7 June Advance approval: 18 June	474,000
B. SUB TOTAL				2,936,212
GRANT TOTAL (A+B)				5,486,911