

## ***Baseline Report for***

### ***Indicator C10: Number of co-management organizations realizing improved revenue sharing.***

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Co-management is based on the principles of partnership, joint responsibility and accountability, and revenue sharing between the Govt. and the local community. As part of this collaboration, CMOs, communities have been sharing responsibility engaging in protection, conservation, restoration and management of biodiversity of the Protected Areas. To compensate for their support, and to encourage more participation, the Govt. has decided to share revenue earned from PAs as fee for use of eco-tourism infrastructures and facilities improvement as well as community development. CMOs can utilize the shared revenue to promote socio-economic well-being of the local stakeholders.

**Indicator definition:** Sustainable financing for co-management organizations is a significant issue for long-term functioning. In forest PAs there are particular challenges in establishing funding mechanisms, since the land is under the Forest Department and there are restrictions on generation of funds from it. Previous USG assistance projects, e.g. NSP and IPAC facilitated such processes whereby GOB established a mechanism of conservation financing in forest PAs with CMOs with a provision for 50% of entry fees collected to be shared to CMOs in some forest PAs.

**Outline of CREL Interventions:**In line with conservation financing for the CMOs, to sustain implementation of CMO plans to enhance resilience of communities and NR bases, CREL will facilitate both policy dimension (for retention of 50% revenue sharing at sources) as well as field implementation (of existing entry fee sharing guideline) in more protected areas of the country. The Project envisages facilitating the GOB agencies (Forest Department, Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) and Ministry of Finance) establishing more efficient revenue sharing arrangements with more CMOs. Sharing revenue eventually will exhibit ownership and commitment of Government agencies towards co-management for biodiversity conservation and linking this with incentives through community development funds in these areas.

**Baseline outlines:**By reviewing formal adoption (or absence) and actual practices of revenue sharing, CREL outlined baseline scenarios in each co-managed forest PA, along with gaps and shortcomings in existing systems. CREL aims to promote expansion and improvement of this revenue sharing mechanism in targeted forest PAs between government and the CMOs. This already exists in six PAs, but the systems and promptness of revenue sharing could be improved, and other PAs with significant numbers of visitors have the scope to introduce entry or user fees and establish revenue sharing with CMOs. Existing PAs, practicing revenue sharing (from Govt.) from entry fees are: Lawachara National Park, Satchari National Park, Rema-Kalenga Wildlife Sanctuary, Chunati Wildlife Sanctuary and Teknaf Wildlife Sanctuary since November 2009. However, in case of Chunati WS only Chunati CMC gets the revenue, not Jaldi CMC of the same Sanctuary; similarly, in Teknaf WS, out of three CMCs only Teknaf CMC gets the revenue from Govt.

**Process of Entry Fee Collection/Approval:**

- CMC will initiate discussion to start Entry fee collection and will apply to CCF through DFO with meeting minutes.
- CCF will issue a circular to this effect and authorize/instruct DFO to initiate fee collection process
- DFO will issue a memo to respective CMO to take initiative for the collection, recording and subsequent deposit of fees into Govt. Treasury
- Three-fold Money Receipt to be treated as entry ticket and is to be stored in the DFO Office.
- DFO is to maintain the records of store of entry tickets. Also, s/he is to submit stock of the entry tickets at the time of new requisition
- CMO Member Secretary (FD Range Officer) shall receive Receipt Books from DFO under requisition, and arrange for collection of fee with these receipts by CMO nominated counter clerk and gateman
- One part/ counterfoil will be left with the ticket counter clerk, visitors will get two parts. Gateman will receive one part from the visitors at the point of entering the PA compound, picnic spot, shooting site, parking
- Clerk shall prepare a scroll in duplicate on daily basis and submit the used receipt books for verification and certification by AAO (Accounts cum Admin Officer).
- AAO shall deposit the money to the MS on every other day and get duplicate scroll signed by the MS
- AAO shall give entry in the Cash Book maintained at CMO

**Entry fee rates**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Rates</b>
Adult/ Per person	Tk.20
Student and minor / per person	Tk.10
Foreigner	Equivalent BDT of \$ 5 (U.S. Dollar)
Bus, Jeep, microbus parking	Tk.25
Shooting (Film/Drama) spot/per day	Tk.6,000
Picnic spot/per person	Tk.10

**Protected areas earned revenue sharing during last three year**

<b>Protected areas</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Visitor #</b>	<b>Entry fee (Tk)</b>
Lawachara NP	Oct/10-Sept/11	105,901	2,312,140
	Oct/11-Sept/12	114,026	2,632,085
	Oct/12-Sept/13	96,383	2,330,330
Satchari NP	Oct/10-Sept/11	46,864	843,605
	Oct/11-Sept/12	53,270	961,855
	Oct/12-Sept/13	59,140	1,072,050
Rema-Kalenga WS	Oct/10-Sept/11	437	18,915
	Oct/11-Sept/12	498	17,480
	Oct/12-Sept/13	433	12,090
Chunati WS	Oct/10-Sept/11	429	6,235
	Oct/11-Sept/12	443	5,100
	Oct/12-Sept/13	228	1,785
Teknaf WS	Oct/10-Sept/11	1,879	41,640
	Oct/11-Sept/12	1,317	37,155
	Oct/12-Sept/13	642	22,380
Hail Haor	Oct/10-Sept/11	1,186	32,565
	Oct/11-Sept/12	2,462	49,135
	Oct/12-Sept/13	2,873	71,445

**Amount (Tk.) of visitors' entry fee collection and revenue shared to the CMOs.**

PA	Duration	Total revenue (Tk) earned	CMC received (against 50%)	% of revenue shared
Lawachara NP	November'09- June'10	1,453,080	240,000.00	17%
Lawachara NP	July'10-June'11	2,257,725	725,199.50	32%
Lawachara NP	July'11-June'12	2,606,525	718,834.50	28%
Lawachara NP	July'12- June'13	2,240,840	1,073,395.00	48%
Lawachara NP	July'13- November'13	914,990		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,473,160</b>	<b>2,757,429.00</b>	
Satchari NP	November'09- June'10	385,550.00	70,000.00	18%
Satchari NP	July'10-June'11	757,455.00	191,937.50	25%
Satchari NP	July'11-June'12	920,120.00	241,165.00	26%
Satchari NP	July'12- June'13	1,061,350.00	465,764.92	44%
Satchari NP	July'13- November'13			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,124,475.00</b>	<b>968,867.42</b>	
Rema-Kalenga WS	November'09- June'10	7,380.00	16,000.00	217%
Rema-Kalenga WS	July'10-June'11	4,435.00	8,000.00	180%
Rema-Kalenga WS	July'11-June'12	31,460.00	10,000.00	32%
Rema-Kalenga WS	July'12- June'13	11,550.00	5,000.00	43%
Rema-Kalenga WS	July'13- November'13			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>54,825.00</b>	<b>39,000.00</b>	

**Project targets:** CREL plans to work with Forest Department to expand revenue sharing mechanism in other protected areas while policy works will continue to expedite the process of revenue sharing at source. A CMO will be counted once Government has formalized a system for collecting visitor or other use fees along with a system for sharing that revenue with the CMO, or has taken steps to improve the process of transferring funds to the CMO, or has formalized a system for locally retention of funds by the CMO.

CREL aims to promote this with 15 CMOs and sets out year targets as below:

TARGETS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	LOP
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**CREL interventions in line with revenue sharing process.**

SL	Protected areas	Revenue sharing Status	Priority Action for CREL	Responsible organization
01	Kaptai CMC Kaptai, NP EST: 23 August 2009	Progress so far: CMC applied to DFO for revenue sharing and accordingly CCF advised to initiate entry fee; Ticket price is agreed upon by the Department as Adult (Tk. 20, Minor 10, Foreigner 5USD)  Ticket was printed  Existing situation/Problem: CMC is allowed to collect entry fee from one picnic spot last year for few days.	CMO will again write to FD for initiating the entry fee collection at main entry gate. CREL need to facilitate FD and CMC for implementing smooth revenue generation.	CREL Dhaka Office, FD, CODEC
02	Karnafuly CMC Kaptai, NP EST: 23 August, 2009	Kaptai NP approval can use Karnafuly CMC for introducing entry fee at Karnafuly Range.	CMC would Discuss and finalize with FD.  Some facilities will require.	CREL Dhaka Office, FD, CODEC
03	Khadimnagar NP EST: 19 October, 2009	CCF instructed DFO for entry fee collection. CMO not received MEMO form DFO for initiating entry fee.	CMO will take agenda in the regular meeting on this issue. Basic infrastructure is required for establishing entry fee.	CREL Dhaka Office, FD, CNRS
04	Himchari NP EST: 7 July 2010	This year Govt. collecting entry fee directly and revenue not shared.	CMC will apply to CCF via DFO for taking responsibility of entry fee collection. Upon approval of CCF, CMC can start entry collection.	CREL Dhaka, FD, NACOM
05	Sundarbans (WS and RF) EST: 4 Feb 2010; 12 Apr2010; 17 Aug 2011; 13 Dec 2011.	Revenue Collecting by FD and not shared with CMC	Revenue Sharing modality Finalization  Consultation for engaging CMC for collection entry fee.	CREL DHAKA, FD, Ministry of Finance
06	Dokhola CMC Modhupur NP	Revenue Collecting by FD and not shared with CMC	Consultation for engaging CMC for collection entry fee.  CMC can apply to CCF via DFO for	CREL Dhaka, FD, CNRS

	EST: 27 Dec 2010		taking responsibility of entry fee collection. Upon approval of CCF, CMC can start entry collection.	
07	Rasulpur CMC Modhupur NP EST: 14 Mar 2011	Revenue Collecting by FD and not shared with CMC	Consultation for engaging CMC for collection entry fee.  CMC can apply to CCF via DFO for taking responsibility of entry fee collection. Upon approval of CCF, CMC can start entry collection.	CREL Dhaka, FD, CNRS
08	Fashiakhali WS EST: 23 Dec 2009	No revenue collection system exist	Revenue sharing system may be developed in consultation with FD and require infrastructure development to attract tourists	CREL Dhaka, FD, CODEC
09	Medhakachapia NP EST: 17 November 2009	No revenue collection system exist	Revenue sharing system may be developed in consultation with FD and require infrastructure development to attract tourists	CREL Dhaka, FD, CODEC
10	Lawachara NP EST: 10 September, 2005	Revenue collection ongoing since Nov'09. Govt fiscal year basis 50% revenue been shared with CMC. Park seems to be overcrowded and a carrying capacity analysed.	Improve visitor management respecting biodiversity conservation.	CNRS, FD
11	Satchari NP EST: 24 September, 2005	Revenue collection ongoing since Nov'09. Govt fiscal year basis 50% revenue been shared with CMC. Park seems to be increasing no of tourist and a carrying capacity analysed.	Improve visitor management respecting biodiversity conservation.	CNRS, FD
12	Remakalenga WS EST: 25 Sep, 2005	Revenue collection ongoing since Nov'09. Govt fiscal year basis 50% revenue been shared with CMC. The sanctuary has fewer tourists.	CREL can work on promoting as nature tourist destination.	CNRS, FD
13	Chunati WS EST: 24 August 2005 & 10 August	Revenue collection ongoing since Nov'09. Govt fiscal year basis 50% revenue been shared with CMC. The sanctuary has fewer tourists.	CREL can work on promoting as nature tourist destination.	CNRS, FD

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14	Teknaf WS EST: 29 August 2005,06 August 2006,27 September 2006	Revenue collection ongoing since Nov'09. Govt fiscal year basis 50% revenue been shared with CMC. The sanctuary has fewer tourists.	CREL can work on promoting as nature tourist destination.	CNRS, FD
15	Hail Hoar	RMO collecting entry fee and using for natural resource improvement	CREL can work on promoting as nature tourist destination specially bird watching destination	CNRS, FD