



PROGRAMME FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Progress Report as of May 15 th , 2010			
03-T-07	<i>Systematization and analysis of the contributions of the national parks and biological reserves to the economic and social development in Costa Rica, Benin, and Bhutan (Benin-Bhutan-Costa Rica)</i>		
Thematic area	Sustainable use of Biodiversity		
Partner countries	Costa Rica, Benin and Bhutan		
Lead organization	Centre for Economy Policy for the Sustainable Development (CINPE), National University, Costa Rica		
Partner organization	Nature Conservation Division, Department of Forest under the Ministry of Agriculture, Royal Government of Bhutan Centre Béninois pour l'Appui au Développement Economique et Sociale CEBEDES. Benin		
Budget	PSC	\$719.207,31	
	Counterpart	\$156.049,65	
Execution period	October 31st, 2008 – July 31st, 2010		
Work plan execution	The technical aspects are been developed according to the work plan even though some delays in the disbursement that have been management with other resources. The teams of the three countries are still working on the final documents and they will be ready on time.		
Percentage of advance	85% (Technical)		
Beneficiaries	Costa Rica: The National System of Conservation Areas (SINAC) from MINAE		
	Benin: Ministry for Environment, Ministry for Agriculture, Ministry for Economy		
	Bhutan: Nature Conservation Division under the Department of Forests, Ministry of Agriculture.		
Overall Objective	Specific Objectives	Expected outcomes	Outcomes of the activities realized
To systematize and analyze the socio-economic contribution -decentralized and centralized - of the national parks and biological reserves to the economic and social development of Costa Rica, Bhutan and Benin and recommend guidelines for policies of management in order to support the policy makers for the management of the national parks and biological reserves	1. To develop a methodology for the identification/description of the linkages between the protected areas and the socio-economic activities according to its scale of affectation and the degree of benefits perceived (economic, social and cultural preference) from the stakeholders to local, regional and national level, as well as for the documentary and empirical-primary analysis of the related socio-economic contributions to these linkages	1.1. Initial training of the Benin and Buthan teams in the methodological approach using in Costa Rica	Beninese and Bhutanese teams training in the methodological approach
		1.2. Technical report with the adjustments that could be necessities for apply to each country	Bhutan team, Benin team and Costa Rica team identified the adjustments necessary for the application of methodology
		1.3. Technical report with the results of the consultancy to the local experts about the methodology and make the necessary adjustments in each country.	Results of the workshops in which the methodological approach was validated in each country.
		1.4. First report with the methodological approach for each country.	Adapted methodology presented to local experts and necessary adjustments made.
	2. To identify and characterize in general form, based on the collected information and using the structured methodology, the national parks and the existing biological reserves in the country with respect to its main contributions to specific socio-economic activities	2.1. Identification and gathering in the National Ministry Environment and in other institutions of the existing information of the socioeconomics activities related to the national parks and biological reserves.	Information gathered on existing socio-economic activities related to national parks
		2.2. Systematization the economic, geographic and environmental information of relevance for the Biological contributions of the National Parks and Biological Reserves, according to the defined methodology.	Tables and summarizes information of the contributions of the National Parks and Biological Reserves in the three countries.



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		2.3. Elaboration of the second report with the benefits and main threats in the National Parks from economic activities and communities.	Document with the benefits and main threats in the national parks from economic activities and communities
	3. To develop case studies in some national parks and biological reserves on the three countries to refine the data collected in the first application of the methodology to national level. The most relevant socio-economic activities related with these parks and/or reserves will be characterized and analyzed	<p>Expected outcomes for this objective go from 3.1. to 3.12. Here we summarized in two.</p> <p>3.1.Characterization of the parks selected and most important interrelationships with communities and economic activities</p> <p>3.2. Information obtained in the selected national parks and biological reserves and with the conclusions and recommendations of policy for the management of national parks and biological reserves</p>	<p>Field Work for recognition of the National Parks selected.</p> <p>Elaboration of Interviews and surveys for each type of activity identified for each one of the case studies (For example: interviews for tourists, interviews for transportation service, interviews for key actors, interviews for researchers, interviews for students, and so on.</p> <p>Applying the surveys (100% of the work have been developed).</p> <p>Data Base with all the information of the National Parks (100% of the work have been developed).</p> <p>Updating the document for each national park.</p> <p>Draft document with the contributions of selected parks to social and economic development identified using the methodology matrix. Information for each of the nine selected parks gathered through stakeholder's workshop using adapted methodology matrix.</p>
	4. To analyze the information and to generate recommendations of economic policy applicable to the management of the national parks and biological reserves in Costa Rica, Bhutan and Benin	Informative document with some results of the research for the communities, enterprises, government and the rest of stakeholders related with the selected national parks	

Photo Gallery



Training session in Bhutan



Visit to Jigme Dorji National Park, Bhutan



Coordination meeting



Training session in Benin



Visit to Lama forest, Zogbodomey, Benin



Visit to Braulio Carrillo National Park, CR



Workshop on Methodology of Cluster-Chains
for National Parks and Biological Reserves
(NPBR)



Meeting with the National Mechanism CEPED, Benin

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Meetings for planning sessions of field work in Bhutan



Testing the surveys for Cordyceps collectors, Bhutan



Case study. BUMDELING WILDLIFE SANCTUARY.
Bhutan.



Case study JIGME DORJI NATIONAL PARK, Bhutan



JIGME SINGYE WANGCHUCK Case study
NATIONAL PARK, Bhutan



Field survey team members of Shershong Range, Bhutan.



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Rincon de la Vieja Workshop for Validation of the case study march 25th 2010. Costa Rica



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Visit of Palo Verde National Park three teams: Benin, Bhutan, and Costa Rica. Costa Rica. April 6th, 2010.



Coordination Meeting Costa Rica, benin, Bhutan, Costa Rica. Costa Rica April 7th, 2010,

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Workshop preliminary finding of the Pendjari case study. February n10th 2010.



Presentation of the preliminary results of the project at the SSA meeting. Houston Texas from march 31 to April 3th



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Meeting with the President of the National University of the team of three countries. April 7, 2010.



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Outcome Indicators

Chart 2B. Outcomes						
OTHER INDICATORS						
Code	Indicators	Benin	Bhutan	Costa Rica	Total	Comments
A50	Number of initiatives generated through the experience of the project execution	0	0	0	0	This is going to be clearer at the end of the project
C28	Improved access to knowledge / information on sustainable tourism	0	0	4	4	Information in the documents, national and case studies

Outputs Indicators

Chart 1C. Outputs						
INDICATORS RELATED TO PEOPLE BENEFICIATED AND TRAINED						
Code	Indicators	Benin	Bhutan	Costa Rica	TOTAL	Comments
A42	Number of people trained	35	84	12	131	Inside Bhutan: 65 people for field work. Outside Bhutan: 29 people participated in meetings and trainings. In Costa Rica, 12 people for field work.
A48	Number of participants at needs assessments workshops	28	280	48	356	In Bhutan, 11 workshops. In Costa Rica, 5 workshops.



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Code	Indicators	Benin	Bhutan	Costa Rica	Total	Comments
A7	Number of communities benefited/participating in the project	50	15	11	76	Bhutanese case are villages inside the national parks; in Benin, riparian communities, in Costa Rica local communities (districts)
A20	Number of governmental-academic partnerships	2	2	3	7	Reciprocal and country specific
A26	Number of international experiences exchange events	2	5	5	12	Reciprocal trips to Benin, Bhutan and Costa Rica
A29	Number of online project web page	1				Project website developed by CINPE, information and photos from Bhutan and Benin contributed.
A31	Number of data providers (Organizations)	1	0	26	27	Public and Private Organizations
A32	Number of methodologies for national, regional and local decision making adapted	2	2	2	6	1 general and 1 case study in each country
A49	Number of organizations at needs assessments workshops	1	20	19	40	Public and Private Organizations
A63	Number of participations on international conferences	1	1	2	2	SSSA Meeting, USA and Mexico
A64	Number of participations on national conferences	1	1	4	6	Case study level conference
F20	Number of publications on socio-economical and environmental issues related to national parks	4	4	4	12	National level and case study reports