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History of CCB Status	The Project received its validation on 30 November 2018. The Project completed its first verification (m ₁) on 30 November 2018. The Project completed its second verification (m ₂) on 27 August 2021
Gold Level Criteria	Gold Level Criteria: Climate and Biodiversity. The SCRP aims to generate exceptional benefits in the areas of climate and biodiversity under both the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) and Climate, Community and Biodiversity (CCB) standards. Climate: The Project prevented the emission of 3,841,272 tCO ₂ e during this monitoring period by stopping deforestation and forest degradation. This was achieved with training on improved agricultural methods, creating alternative income sources, creating new jobs and employment opportunities, and supporting improved environmental law enforcement across the landscape. Community members and project stakeholders were consulted during this period to determine

the Project's expected benefits, costs and risks to them, and to identify the indicators to be used to measure these impacts. An initial biodiversity assessment was performed within and a long-term biodiversity monitoring plan was established across the entire Project Area. Project activities include training on improved agricultural methods, eco-tourism programs, direct Project employment and strengthening of community organizations. These activities are focused on providing new income generating opportunities, apart from traditional ones, which resulted in resource extraction from the Project area. With a more diversified local economy, less reliant on small-scale agriculture resulting in extraction of natural resources, communities will be able to better adapt to the probable effects of climate change.

Biodiversity: The Project will protect critical habitat for 16 endangered and critically endangered species. This includes the Asian Elephant, the Sun Bear, Pileated gibbon, and the Hairy-nosed Otter. The primary Project activity is the protection of forests within the Project area, which will also serve to protect the native habitat of these species from fragmentation and destruction. With the protection of their habitat, they will be better protected from both anthropogenic and natural threats, such as poaching, human-wildlife conflict and drought. A significant Project activity that is already fully implemented and providing significant biodiversity benefits is a security and law enforcement program. This activity supports a team of 134 rangers and a 33-person community anti-poaching unit that patrol the Project area working to stop illegal activity. Other Project activities include training on improved agricultural methods, support for Eco-Tourism and participatory land use planning. These activities are aimed at reducing the primary drivers of deforestation that threaten the Project area, and therefore the Project's biodiversity. Further detail on climate, community and biodiversity benefits generated by the Project to date can be found in Sections 1, Section 3, Section 4 and Section 5 of this document.

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Acronyms

ACoGS	Avoided Conversion of Grasslands and Shrublands
AFOLU	Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use
APD	Avoided Planned Deforestation
APC	Avoided Planned Conversion
AUC	Avoided Unplanned Conversion
AUDD	Avoided Unplanned Deforestation and/or Degradation
BEM	Biomass Emission Model
CBET	Community-Based Ecotourism
CCB	Climate, Community and Biodiversity
ER	Emissions Reductions
FA	Forestry Administration, Cambodia
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization
FCPF	Forest Carbon Partnership Facility
FPIC	Free, Prior and Informed Consent
FRL	Forest Reference Level
FREL	Forest Reference Emissions Level
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GIS	Geographic Information System
HCV	High Conservation Value
IBA	Important Bird Area
MRR	Monitoring Report Requirements of the VM0009 VCS methodology
MRV	Measuring, Reporting and Verification
MOE	Ministry of Environment, Cambodia
NDC	Nationally Determined Contribution
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NPA	Natural Protected Area
NTFP	Non-Timber Forest Products
PA	Project Area
PAA	Project Accounting Area
PD	Project Description document jointly for the Verified Carbon Standard and Climate, Community and Biodiversity
REDD	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation
REDD+	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation, plus Conservation, Sustainable management of forests, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks
RGC	Royal Government of Cambodia

R-PP	Readiness Preparation Proposal
SCRP	Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UN REDD	United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries
VCS	Verified Carbon Standard
WA	Wildlife Alliance
WWC	Wildlife Works Carbon
ACoGS	Avoided Conversion of Grasslands and Shrublands
AFOLU	Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use
APD	Avoided Planned Deforestation
APC	Avoided Planned Conversion
AUC	Avoided Unplanned Conversion
AUDD	Avoided Unplanned Deforestation and/or Degradation
BEM	Biomass Emission Model
CCB	Climate, Community and Biodiversity
CEPF	Critical Ecosystem Protection Fund
DNA	Designated National Authority
ER	Emissions Reductions
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization
FCPF	Forest Carbon Partnership Facility
FPIC	Free, Prior and Informed Consent
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GR	Group Ranch
HCV	High Conservation Value

1 SUMMARY OF PROJECT BENEFITS

This section highlights some of this project's important benefits. Section 1.1 (Unique Project Benefits) should be aligned with a project's causal model and is specific to this project. Section 1.2 (Standardized Benefit Metrics) is the same quantifiable information for all CCB projects. This section does not replace the development of a project-specific causal model or the monitoring and reporting of all associated project-specific impacts (positive and negative) in Sections 2-5 of this document.

1.1 Unique Project Benefits

Outcome or Impact	Achievements during the Monitoring Period	Section Reference	Achievements during the Project Lifetime
1) Training on Agricultural Methods and Intensification	250 families trained	4.3.1	680 families trained
2) Community-based Eco-Tourism Development	Total: 1,853 tourists Chi Phat: 1,222 tourists in Chi Phat [1161 local and 61 international] Chhay Areng: 631 in Chhay Areng [607 local and 24 international] Chi Phat: \$29,612 in Chi Phat [\$24,483 Service provider and \$5,129 Community Operation fund] Chhay Areng: \$11,209.16 [\$8,156.01 Service provider and \$3053.15 Community Operation fund]	4.3.1	23,178 23,178 international and domestic tourist visits to Chi Phat and Chhay Areng This generated a total of \$USD 190,200.15 for the CBET fund and \$USD 801,945 for service providers.

1.2 Standardized Benefit Metrics

Category	Metric	Achievements during Current Monitoring Period M3	Section Reference	Achievements during the Project Lifetime
GHG emission reductions & removals	Net estimated emission removals in the project area, measured against the without-project scenario	0		0
	Net estimated emission reductions in the project area, measured against the without-project scenario	3,841,272 tCO ₂ e	3.2.4.5	27,627,236 tCO ₂ e
Forest ¹ cover	For REDD ² projects: Number of hectares of reduced forest loss in the project area measured against the without-project scenario	Not Applicable – Using national FREL		Not Applicable – Using national FREL
	For ARR ³ projects: Number of hectares of forest cover increased in the project area measured against the without-project scenario	Not Applicable		Not Applicable
Improved land management	Number of hectares of existing production forest land in which	Not Applicable		Not Applicable

¹ Land with woody vegetation that meets an internationally accepted definition (e.g., UNFCCC, FAO or IPCC) of what constitutes a forest, which includes threshold parameters, such as minimum forest area, tree height and level of crown cover, and may include mature, secondary, degraded and wetland forests (*VCS Program Definitions*)

² Reduced emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) - Activities that reduce GHG emissions by slowing or stopping conversion of forests to non-forest land and/or reduce the degradation of forest land where forest biomass is lost (*VCS Program Definitions*)

³ Afforestation, reforestation and revegetation (ARR) - Activities that increase carbon stocks in woody biomass (and in some cases soils) by establishing, increasing and/or restoring vegetative cover through the planting, sowing and/or human-assisted natural regeneration of woody vegetation (*VCS Program Definitions*)

Category	Metric	Achievements during Current Monitoring Period M3	Section Reference	Achievements during the Project Lifetime
	IFM ⁴ practices have occurred as a result of the project's activities, measured against the without-project scenario			
	Number of hectares of non-forest land in which improved land management has occurred as a result of the project's activities, measured against the without-project scenario	Not Applicable		Not Applicable
Training	Total number of community members who have improved skills and/or knowledge resulting from training provided as part of project activities	12 community members of Sovanna Baitong village trained on planting and care-taking of fruit trees. 27 Agriculture Mangers and CBET Managers trained on IGAs. 196 community service providers trained in tourism hospitality, nature guiding, housekeeping and cooking skills	4.3.1	1,152

⁴ Improved forest management (IFM) - Activities that change forest management practices and increase carbon stock on forest lands managed for wood products such as saw timber, pulpwood and fuelwood (*VCS Program Definitions*)

Category	Metric	Achievements during Current Monitoring Period M3	Section Reference	Achievements during the Project Lifetime
		72 women trained in financial literacy 10 people trained for biomass monitoring Total: 317 people		
	Number of female community members who have improved skills and/or knowledge resulting from training provided as part of project activities of project activities	175 CBE trainees are female 72 women trained in financial literacy 5 CADP trainees are female trained in fruit tree growing techniques and management of agriculture input store. Total: 252	4.3.1	~50% of CBET trainees.
Employment	Total number of people employed in of project activities, ⁵ expressed as number of full-time employees ⁶	48	4.3.1	215

⁵ Employed in project activities means people directly working on project activities in return for compensation (financial or otherwise), including employees, contracted workers, sub-contracted workers and community members that are paid to carry out project-related work.

⁶ Full time equivalency is calculated as the total number of hours worked (by full-time, part-time, temporary and/or seasonal staff) divided by the average number of hours worked in full-time jobs within the country, region or economic territory (adapted from UN System of National Accounts (1993) paragraphs 17.14[15.102];[17.28])

Category	Metric	Achievements during Current Monitoring Period M3	Section Reference	Achievements during the Project Lifetime
	Number of women employed in project activities, expressed as number of full-time employees	12	4.3.1	19
Livelihoods	Total number of people with improved livelihoods ⁷ or income generated as a result of project activities	2,979	4.3.1	10,291
	Number of women with improved livelihoods or income generated as a result of project activities	767	4.3.1	Approximately 50% of above
Health	Total number of people for whom health services were improved as a result of project activities, measured against the without-project scenario	95 families Total: 480 people	4.3.1	2,223 people
	Number of women for whom health services were improved as a result of project activities, measured against the without-project scenario	115	4.3.1	993 women
Education	Total number of people for whom access to, or quality of, education was improved as a result of project activities, measured against the without-project scenario	5 students received university scholarship for 4-year studies. 5,650 students and 397 community members	4.3.1	18 students applied to scholarships 5 students received scholarship 6,961 students and 3,221

⁷ Livelihoods are the capabilities, assets (including material and social resources) and activities required for a means of living (Krantz, Lasse, 2001. *The Sustainable Livelihood Approach to Poverty Reduction*. SIDA). Livelihood benefits may include benefits reported in the Employment metrics of this table.

Category	Metric	Achievements during Current Monitoring Period M3	Section Reference	Achievements during the Project Lifetime
		attended education events.		community members attended education events
	Number of women and girls for whom access to, or quality of, education was improved as a result of project activities, measured against the without-project scenario	1 student received university scholarship for 4-year studies. 3,057 students and 189 community members attended education events.	4.3.1	9 applicants to the scholarship fund are female. 3,836 students and 189 community members attended education events (59.42%)
Water	Total number of people who experienced increased water quality and/or improved access to drinking water as a result of project activities, measured against the without-project scenario	27,516 People Assuming entire landscape communities due to maintaining watersheds. Important to note that water accessibility inside the Project Zone is far greater than in the rest of the country where rapid deforestation has caused severe droughts since 2010 in at least 13 provinces, with depletion of	4.3.1	27,516 People Achievements in M3 is the same as that the over the project lifetime, as this figure represents the entire population of communities in the landscape. This figure in the M1 & M2 MRs should have also been 27,516, not 82,548, which

Category	Metric	Achievements during Current Monitoring Period M3	Section Reference	Achievements during the Project Lifetime
		underground water tables and drying up of surface streams.		represented the annual figure over a 3 year monitoring period.
	Number of women who experienced increased water quality and/or improved access to drinking water as a result of project activities, measured against the without-project scenario	~50% above = 13,758	4.3.1	~50% above = 13,758
Well-being	Total number of community members whose well-being ⁸ was improved as a result of project activities	13,345	4.3.1	13,345 Achievements in M3 is the same as that the over the project lifetime, as this figure represents the members of families actually served by the project. In previous monitoring periods, the value for this indicator (16,319) was determined using the total

⁸ Well-being is people's experience of the quality of their lives. Well-being benefits may include benefits reported in other metrics of this table (e.g. Training, Employment, Health, Education, Water, etc.), but could also include other benefits such as empowerment of community groups, strengthened legal rights to resources, conservation of access to areas of cultural significance, etc.

Category	Metric	Achievements during Current Monitoring Period M3	Section Reference	Achievements during the Project Lifetime
				population of villages served. Reporting the members of families actually served by the project for this indicator in M3 is considered to provide a more accurate representation.
	Number of women whose well-being was improved as a result of project activities	934	4.3.1	17,254
Biodiversity conservation	Change in the number of hectares significantly better managed by the project for biodiversity conservation, ⁹ measured against the without-project scenario	442,870.85	5.1	442,870.85
	Number of globally Critically Endangered or Endangered species ¹⁰ benefiting from reduced threats as a result of project activities, ¹¹ measured against the without-project scenario	16	5.1.4	16

⁹ Biodiversity conservation in this context means areas where specific management measures are being implemented as a part of project activities with an objective of enhancing biodiversity conservation.

¹⁰ Per IUCN's Red List of Threatened Species

¹¹ In the absence of direct population or occupancy measures, measurement of reduced threats may be used as evidence of benefit

2 GENERAL

2.1 Project Description

2.1.1 Implementation Description

The Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project activity has been fully implemented since the Project start date of January 1st, 2015. The primary activity is the reduction of carbon emissions from the Project Area by halting deforestation and forest degradation. This is achieved through a variety of measures undertaken by the Project Proponent. Please refer to the SCRP PD Section 2.1.11 for a complete list of proposed Project Activities as well as detailed descriptions. Project Activities that have been implemented during this monitoring period (m₃) are listed below. For more detailed on the implementation of each Project Activity see Section 4.3.

1. **Training on Agricultural Methods and Intensification**
2. **Community-based Eco-Tourism Development**
3. **Micro-finance**
4. **Participatory Land Use Planning**
5. **Strengthening Community Organizations**
6. **Enhanced Security and Law Enforcement**
7. **Sensitization and Awareness Raising**
8. **Community Scholarship Fund**
9. **Direct Employment and Training on Income Generating Activities (IGAs)**

These Project Activities are focused on actions that will reduce the surrounding communities' dependence on the resources of the Project Area, either by improving agricultural methods, creating new income-generating opportunities or otherwise addressing drivers of deforestation. During this monitoring period, these Project Activities all demonstrated good measures of success, with high levels of engagement from the Project communities and positive outcomes observed.

The total GHG reduction achieved by the SCRP during this m₃ monitoring period (January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021) is 3,841,272 tCO₂e. Non-permanence risk factors are monitored through the Project's climate monitoring and disturbance monitoring procedures, as described in Section 3.1.3. Potential leakage from the Project was monitored through the Project's leakage procedures. Activity-shifting leakage was monitored with the procedures described in Section 3.2.3.3. Potential Market leakage was determined using the procedures in Section 3.2.3.4.

2.1.2 Project Category and Activity Type

The Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project falls under the VCS sectoral scope 14: – Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Uses (AFOLU), under the categories Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD). Specifically, the Project falls under the REDD+ category Avoided Unplanned Deforestation (AUD). The Project is eligible under these categories by the definitions provided in the VCS Standard AFOLU requirements version 4.3 published 22 June 2022 by virtue of the fact that it prevents emissions that would have otherwise taken place through unplanned deforestation.

The SCRP is not a Grouped Project type under the VCS standard and the CCB Programmatic approach.

2.1.3 Project Proponent(s)

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2.1.4 Other Entities Involved in the Project

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2.1.5 Project Start Date (G1.9)

MR.2 The Project Start Date

The Project start date for the SCRP is 01 January 2015. Wildlife Alliance had already commenced REDD+ activities prior to this date. However, VCS AFOLU requirements limit historic start dates to 5 years before validation. The abovementioned date was therefore used as the start date for the SCRP.

2.1.6 Project Crediting Period (G1.9)

MR.3 The project crediting period start date, end date and length.

The Project lifetime is 30 years, commencing from the Project start date of 01 January 2015 and culminating on the Project end date of 31 December 2044. The crediting (GHG accounting) period is the same 30-year period as the Project lifetime.

2.1.7 Project Location

Maps containing the VM0009 methodology Monitoring Report requirements (MRRs) listed below are provided in the following appendices to this document. Appendix A – Map of the Project Area, Appendix B – Map of Topography (DEM based), Appendix B – Map of Roads and Infrastructure, as well as major rivers and streams, and Appendix B – Map of Land use/Vegetation Cover.

The geographic or physical boundaries of the project area must be clearly delineated using, at minimum, the following:

- Name of the project area (compartment or allotment number, local name)
- Digital maps of the area, including geographic coordinates of vertices
- Total land area
- Details of ownership, including user rights and/or land tenure information
- Topography
- Roads
- Major rivers and perennial streams
- Land use/vegetation type classification

MRR.1 A digital (GIS-based) map of the project area with at least the above minimum requirements for delineation of the geographic boundaries.

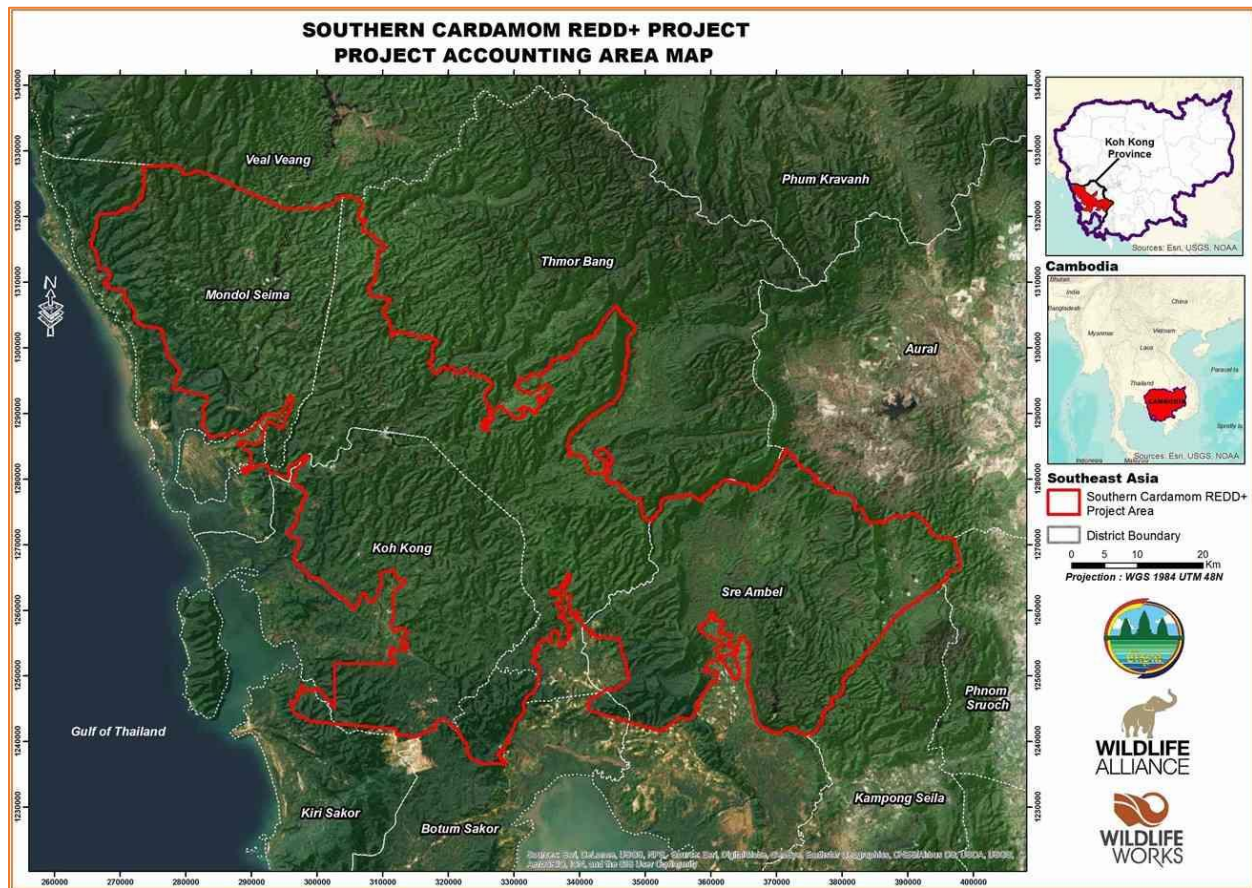


Figure 1: The Project Area of the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project. See Appendices for maps showing additional geographic / physical delineation requirements per VM0009.

MRR.6 A digital (GIS-based) map of the project accounting areas with at least the above minimum requirements for delineation of the geographic boundaries.

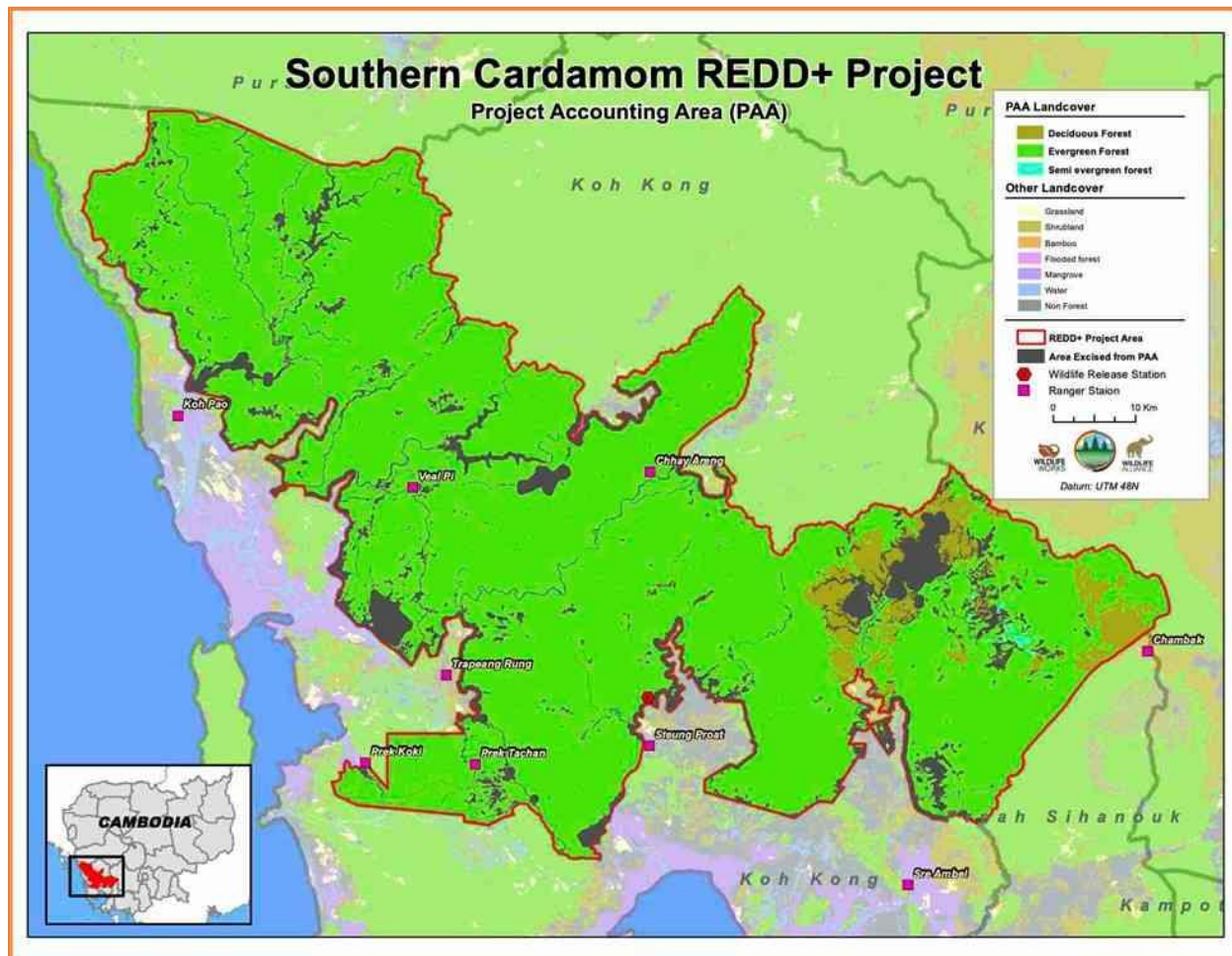


Figure 2: The Project Accounting Area of the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project. See Appendices for maps showing additional geographic / physical delineation requirements per VM0009.

2.1.8 Title and Reference of Methodology

The VCS methodology VM0009 Methodology for Avoided Ecosystem Conversion, v3.0 was applied to the SCRP. VM0009 quantifies greenhouse gas emission reductions generated from avoiding either planned or unplanned (or both) deforestation as well as protection from native grassland conversion as initiated by a variety of agents and drivers. For the assessment of additionality, the Project utilized the VCS “Tool for the Demonstration and Assessment of Additionality in VCS Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) Project Activities,” VT0001 Version 3.0. The VCS “AFOLU Non-Permanence Risk Tool,” V4.0 was used to determine the Project’s non-permanence risk and Project buffer withholding rate. In addition, the VCS Tool VMD 0037 Global Commodity Leakage Module: Production Approach (LM-P), V1.0 4 February 2014 was utilized to calculate market leakage resulting from the SCRP.

2.1.9 Other Programs (G5.9)

The SCRP was also validated under the Climate, Community, and Biodiversity (CCB) standard, Third Edition, Gold Level (April 2018). The Project also achieved validation and verification under Verra’s SD

Vista standard (April 2021). Outside of registration with the VCS, CCB & SD VISTa standards of Verra, the Project does not reduce GHG emissions from activities that are included in an emissions trading program or any other mechanisms that include GHG allowance trading. In the future, the Project may seek to generate additional environmental or social credits, but no efforts have been made to date.

2.1.10 Sustainable Development

The SCRP will touch upon seven sustainable development themes that the Royal Government of Cambodia has committed to attaining (Royal Government of Cambodia – Ministry of Environment, 2012). These themes and the provisions for reporting and monitoring are listed below. In addition, the SCRP will contribute to the 15 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). See Table 1 for the list of SDGs, and the underlying targets that the project contributes to. SCRP is also validated and verified under Verra's SD VISTa standard, so please refer to the SD VISTa Project Description (PD) and Monitoring Report (MR) for more detail on the Project's contribution to these SDGs.

Economic Growth and Development

Project stakeholders benefit from employment in the Project and from livelihood enhancement activities. These activities will work to improve local incomes and create the foundation for a low-carbon economy. The Project will last 30 years and employs local stakeholders in a variety of ways, including forest protection, supporting Project activities, improved agricultural yield from agricultural intensification, and as well livelihood enhancement from community-based eco-tourism.

Poverty and Equity

One of the RGC's goals for the SCRP is to lower poverty levels in rural areas. The SCRP will support poverty reduction by generating employment and supporting an increase in household incomes. The SCRP will work with impoverished communities and focus on providing employment and livelihood support to those neediest community members. Within the indigenous community of Chhay Areng, which is within the Project Zone, a community-based ecotourism program is under development. Women were consulted for, and included in, all Project activities.

Education

A critical component of creating economic development and stopping poverty is improving education. During the Social and Biodiversity Impact Assessment (SBIA), there were two types of educational support criteria requested by local leaders: agricultural education and primary and secondary education. The former will support farmers by increasing yields and facilitating sustainable farming. The SCRP will support the latter by supplementing teacher salaries and providing bursaries for local students to offset the cost of education to marginalized families.

Sustainable Forest and Land Use

The SCRP will support RGC's goal of maintaining forest cover at 60% by protecting approximately 445,000 ha of forest, improving law enforcement, and by supporting the development and improved management of community protected areas. It will also continue to conduct concerted action to halt illegal logging and deforestation.

Climate Change

REDD+ represents one the key components of RGC's climate change mitigation strategy. The SCRP will reduce forest emissions by approximately 3,613,445 tonnes tCO₂e/yr.

Agriculture and Food Security

The RGC's focus for developing sustainable agriculture is on increased yields and providing manufacturing facilities to allow local farmers to move up the supply chain. The SCRП will meet the goal of increased yields by providing local farmers with training in improved crop management and farming techniques.

All of Cambodia's sustainable development themes mentioned above, including economic growth and development, poverty and equity, education, sustainable forest and land-use, climate change, and agriculture and food security, will be monitored and reported on through the VCS and CCB monitoring, reporting and verification system, at a minimum of every 5 years.

Table 1: A summary of the SCRП's contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Row Number	Sustainable Development Goal	SDG Target Number	Estimated Project Contribution by the End of Project Lifetime
1)	Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere	1.3	The Project has strong policies in-place to ensure that no individual is discriminated against based on ethnicity, race, gender, disabilities or sexual orientation. The Project works to include women and those from minority groups in the project.
2)	Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere	1.4	The project is working to provide direct economic benefits to community members, assist in the creation of new income generating activities and has a microfinance program.
3)	Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere	1.5	The Project will increase the resilience of the community against climate, social and economic shocks and disasters by protecting the forest, diversifying their income generation away from small agriculture and forest resource extraction and providing instruction on improved agricultural methods and technologies.
4)	Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture	2.4	The project will provide training on improved agricultural methods and technologies to increase farm productivity and incomes.

5)	Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages	3.8	Increase access to healthcare
6)	Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages	3.b	The Project supports the health financing and retention of health workforce through the building of health facilities and employment of health workers.
7)	Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all	4.1	Ensuring that all boys and girls complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education
8)	Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all	4.3	Ensuring equal access for all women and men to technical and tertiary education
9)	Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all	4.5	Eliminating gender disparities in education and ensuring equal access to all levels of education.
10)	Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls	5.5	Ensuring women's full and effective participation and equal opportunity for leadership
11)	Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls	5.a	Giving women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources
12)	Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	6.4	To increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity through protection of the project's watershed forests, mountains, wetlands, rivers, and lakes.
13)	Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	6.6	To protect the project's watershed forests, mountains, wetlands, rivers, and lakes.

14)	Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all	8.3	The Project will promote job creation, entrepreneurship and encourage the growth of micro- and small sized enterprises.
15)	Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all	8.9	The Project will devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products.
16)	Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation	9.3	The Project will increase the access of small-scale enterprises.
17)	Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation	9.4	Promote and develop sustainable agriculture and increased resource-use efficiency.
18)	Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries	10.3	Reduce inequality by empowering and promoting the social, economic and political inclusion of all.
19)	Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	11.3	Strengthen regional development planning in a participatory, integrated, and sustainable manner.
20)	Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	11.4	The project will strengthen the efforts to conserve the of the Southern Cardamoms region.
21)	Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns	12.2.	Ensure the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources within the project zone
22)	Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns	12.8	Ensure that local communities have the information and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature.
23)	Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns	12.a	Support the use of sustainable technologies for agriculture.
24)	Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns	12.b.	Develop sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products.

25)	Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	13.1	The Project will strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards by protecting the remaining forest area.
26)	Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	13.2	The Project will decrease an average of 3,580,834 tonnes CO2e per year.
	Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	13.a	Through the sale of REDD+ carbon credits' the Project will fund meaningful mitigation actions in the Project Zone.
27)	Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	15.1	Prevent deforestation in order to protect and conserve critically endangered biodiversity and their habitats, ranging from lowlands to montane forest habitats.
28)	Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	15.2	The Project will promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally.
29)	Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	15.4	The Project will ensure the conservation of mountain ecosystems, including their biodiversity, in order to enhance their capacity to provide benefits that are essential for sustainable development.
30)	Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	15.5	The Project will take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and, by 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species.

31)	Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	15.7	Prevent poaching and trafficking of endangered flora and fauna and increase the availability of alternative livelihoods.
32)	Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	15.a	The Project will mobilize and significantly increase financial resources from all sources to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity and ecosystems.
33)	Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	15.b	The Project will mobilize significant resources from all sources and at all levels to finance sustainable forest management and provide adequate incentives to developing countries to advance such management, including for conservation and reforestation.
34)	Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	15.c	The Project is supporting efforts to combat poaching and trafficking of protected species by increasing the capacity of local communities to pursue sustainable livelihood opportunities and has established anti-poaching patrols.
35)	Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels	16.4	Prevent poaching and trafficking of endangered flora and fauna, one facet of organized crime.
36)	Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all	16.b.	The project will provide all documentation, including monitoring reports, validations, and verifications to stakeholders in an open and

	and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels		transparent manner. At all times the project will uphold the principles of Free Prior and Informed Consent, anti-discrimination, equal opportunities, and workers' rights.
37)	Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development	17.3	Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development.
38)	Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development	17.5	Mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources.
39)	Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development	17.7	The Project will promote the development, transfer, dissemination and diffusion of environmentally sound technologies to a developing country.

2.2 Project Implementation Status

2.2.1 Implementation Schedule (G1.9)

Table 2: The Implementation schedule for the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project, showing key dates and milestones for the Project.

Date	Milestone(s) in the project's development and implementation
2002 – Present	<u>Forest Protection</u> : WA began supporting law enforcement activities in the Southern Cardamoms in 2002. This includes working with the RGC to develop a law enforcement strategy for the landscape and providing financial and technical support for all law enforcement operations. WA built two fully-equipped ranger stations in 2002, which has been increased to nine ranger stations as of 2017. As of 2021, there are 13 operational ranger stations, which are operated by WA.
2004 – Present	<u>Community Development</u> : WA conducted a participatory rural appraisal of the communities in the Southern Cardamom creating community agricultural programs for 200 families in 2004 and establishing community-based ecotourism in one community (Chi Phat) in 2008 and expanding to a second cluster of 8 villages (Chay Areng) in 2017.

2006 – Present	<u>Training on Agricultural Methods and Intensification:</u> WA initiated programs to train new and improved agricultural methods. These have been expanded since 2015 with the use of carbon revenue.
2008 – Present	<u>Community-based Eco-Tourism Development:</u> Eco-tourism activities were initiated in Chi Pat in 2008 and expanded to Chay Areng in 2017.
2010 – 2012	<u>REDD+ Project Exploration:</u> ONFI and WA conducted a preliminary carbon stock assessment, draft VCS PD writing.
April 2012 – August 2012	REDD+ Feasibility: WWC conducted a REDD+ feasibility study for the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project.
1 January 2015	Project start date
2015 – Present	<u>Enhanced Security and Law Enforcement:</u> Using carbon revenue WA has worked to add additional ranger forces and ranger stations throughout the Project Area beyond what was done previously. In 2019 and 2020, 2 new ranger stations were opened outside of the Project Area to help with enforcement. Also, in 2019 and 2020 civilians from the Project Zone have been trained as environmental rangers under the MOE. In 2021, 134 rangers supported by the Project were operational.
2015 – Present	<u>Project Implementation:</u> Attract investors and gain government approval for the Project – continue forest protection and community development activities.
2015 – Present	<u>Participatory Land-use Planning:</u> WA has worked with the RGC and provincial, district, and commune authorities since 2003 to develop clear spatial land-use plans for the region around the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project. This includes securing community land tenure across 11 communities, thereby helping to ensure community rights and assisting in the management of legal agricultural land.
2016 – Present	<u>Strengthening Community Organizations:</u> WA initiated activities designed to strengthen community organizations already present in the Project Zone.
2017 – Present	<u>Sensitization and Awareness Raising:</u> The Project has been holding continuous community meetings and events to raise awareness on the REDD+ project. Additionally, the project has distributed educational materials to help promote the project to Project Zone communities.
January 2017 – May 2017	Project carbon stock measurement.
July 2017 – August 2017	Proxy Area carbon stock measurement.
December 2017 – January 2018	Leakage Area Assessment.

2018 – Present	Micro-finance: WA initiated the micro-finance project activity working with 71 women from 7 villages who were organized into 6 groups in Areng Valley.
2018 – Present	Direct Employment and Training on Income Generating Activities (IGAs): The Project began its activities to increase its number of project employees and provide training on new alternative income generating activities. The Project is directly employing 32 community members and providing them with on-the-job trainings.
April – November 2018	Project VCS/CCB Validation and Verification.
May 2018	Project Registration
November 2018	First Project VCU issuance
November 2019 – March 2020	Second monitoring period forest inventory and monitoring
2020-Present	<u>Community Scholarship Fund</u> : A program to provide a scholarship for a 4-year bachelor's degree at the Royal University of Phnom Penh and Royal University of Agriculture was initiated. The Fund had 13 applicants from the Project Zone communities. 5 students were selected for the 2021 Scholarship.
01 January 2018 – 31 December 2020	Project 2 nd VCS/CCB Verification (M ₂)
01 January 2015 – 31 December 2020	Project SD VSta Validation and Verification
November 2021 – March 2022	Third monitoring period forest inventory and monitoring
01 January 2021 – 31 December 2020	Project 3 rd VCS/CCB Verification (M ₃)
01 January 2021 – 31 December 2020	Project SD VSta 2 nd Verification

2.2.2 Methodology Deviations

Activity-Shifting Leakage Area

The SCRPs deviates from VM0009 v3.0, Section 8.3.2.1 “Delineating the Activity-Shifting Leakage Area”. The delineation of the Activity-Shifting Leakage Area utilized the MOE forest cover 2015 map as its

primary landcover map. However, the map contained certain areas of “no-data” in areas of non-forest, which were filled in with the MOE 2010 forest cover map. In performing spot checks, we identified small areas that were determined to have been converted between 2010 and 2015 that cannot be delineated using said maps. The activity-shifting leakage area therefore does not technically conform to the criteria in the first paragraph of VM0009 v3.0, Section 8.3.2.1, which states “As of the project start date, the activity-shifting leakage area must be entirely unconverted (i.e., in a forest or native grassland state) ...”. The activity-shifting leakage area has been delineated to include these small identified areas of conversion, thus deviating from the criteria stated in Section 8.3.2.1 and, by extension, PDR.108, which requires proof that the activity-shifting leakage area is in an “entirely non-converted state”.

The activity-shifting leakage area’s purpose is to provide a boundary for the placement of leakage plots. The plots are required to be in unconverted areas. If a leakage plot is found to fall in a converted area, presumably due to an error in the land cover classification used to delineate the activity-shifting leakage area (errors of omission or commission are common in remote sensing, and no land cover map is 100% accurate), that plot is moved in a spatially random manner to an area that is unconverted. Small errors in land cover identification in the activity-shifting leakage area are therefore inconsequential to the calculation of emissions from activity-shifting leakage and, by extension, the deviation will not negatively impact the conservativeness of the quantification of GHG emission reductions or removals.

The deviation relates only to the activity-shifting leakage area, represented A_{ASL} , a variable available at validation. The deviation does not relate to any other part of the methodology, VM0009 v3.0.

Activity-Shifting Leakage Model

The SCRP deviates from VM0009 v.3.0, Section 8.3.2.2 “The Leakage Emissions Model.” This section describes the parametrization of the activity-shifting leakage model using equation [F.48]. This equation is dependent on the parameters α , β and θ , which are produced by the methodology’s baseline emissions model (BEM), and describe the logistic function that defines the Project’s baseline scenario. The SCRP elected to allocate Cambodia’s national Forest Reference Emission Level (FREL), as indicated in Section 6 of VM0009. As such, the Project does not calculate a BEM and therefore the parameters α , β and θ are not applicable. We modified equation [F.48] to utilize parameters from the national FREL in place of the BEM. Equation [F.48] appears in VM0009 as follows:

$$LEM_F(C_P, C_B, p_{L\ DEG}, \beta, \theta, t, x) = p_{L\ DEG}^{[m]} \times A_{AS} \times (C_P - C_B) - \frac{A_{AS} \times (C_P - C_B)}{1 + e^{\ln\left(\frac{1}{p_{L\ DEG}^{[m=0]}} - 1\right) - \beta t - \theta (x_0 - x)}}$$

The modified version of equation [F.48], used for the SCRP, is as follows:

$$LEM_F(C_P, C_B, p_{L\ DEG}, p_{L\ DEG}^{[m=0]}, E_{B\ ASF}^{[m]}) = \min \left\{ \left[(p_{L\ DEG}^{[m=0]} - p_{L\ DEG}^{[m]}) \times A_{ASL} \times (C_P - C_B) - E_{B\ ASF}^{[m]} \right], 0 \right\}$$

where:

$p_{L\ DEG}^{[m]}$ is the proportion of leakage due to degradation in forest at the end of the current monitoring period.

$p_{L\ DEG}^{[m=0]}$ is the proportion of leakage due to degradation prior to the first monitoring period.

A_{ASL} is the area of the Activity Shifting leakage area (ha).

$E_{B\ ASF}^{[m]}$ Is the baseline emissions for the activity-shifting leakage area. (t CO₂e)

C_p Is the Project's carbon stock at the end of the current monitoring period (t CO₂e / ha)

C_B Is the baseline carbon stock at the end of the current monitoring period (t CO₂e / ha)

β Is the effect of time on the cumulative proportion of forest conversion over time (unitless)

t Is time since Project start date (days)

θ Is the effect of certain co-variates on the cumulative proportion of forest conversion over time (unitless)

x_0 Is the covariate values as of the project start date (unitless)

x Is covariate values (unitless)

Additionally, as the Project uses the official Cambodian FREL for the project reference level, it likewise uses the FREL to determine a reference level for the activity-shifting leakage area. The reference level for the activity-shifting leakage area was allocated from the national FREL using the same data and methods as the project area reference level was. This is used then used for a new parameter $E_{B\ ASF}^{[m]}$. The calculations for the allocation of the reference level to the activity-shifting leakage area have been provided to the auditor in Annex 11 - SCRP Leakage Model M3. The following chart (Figure 3) represents the SCRP activity shifting leakage model modified for application of the national FREL.

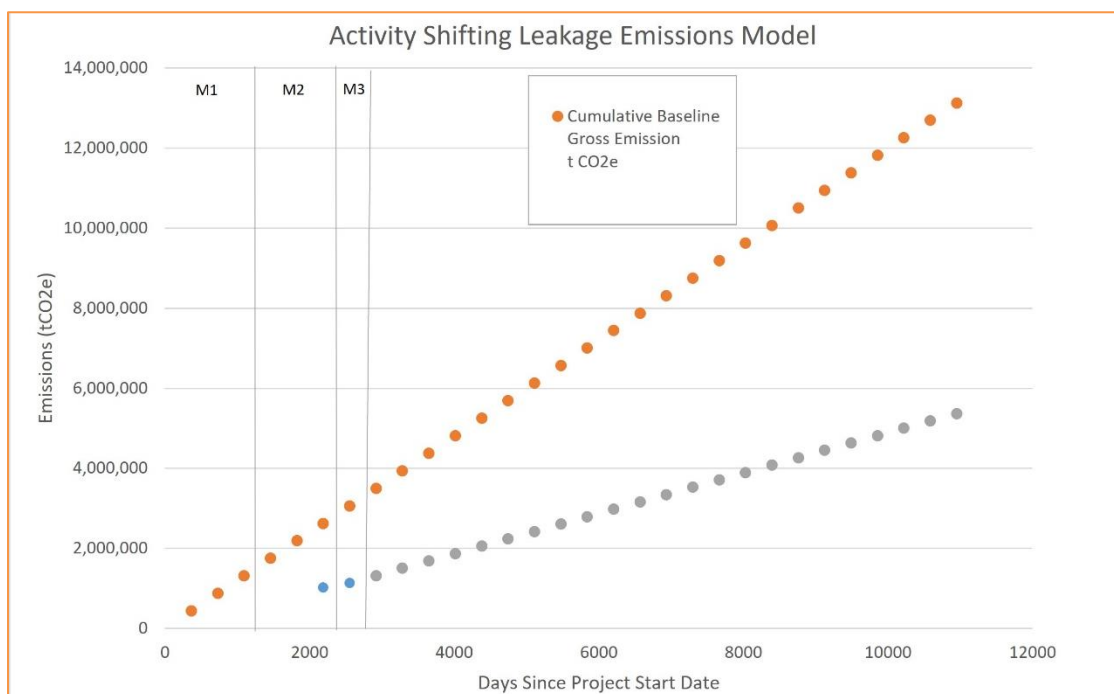


Figure 3: SCRP Activity Shifting Leakage model. The first emission measurement for m_3 (blue) is cumulative from the beginning of the project. All values following the current monitoring period (grey) are estimated

This deviation does not affect the conservativeness of the calculation of emissions from activity shifting leakage. The modified model follows the same theoretical basis as the original one from the methodology.

The major change results from modifying the logistic BEM model to a linear FREL. This necessitated removing several mathematical steps from the model, thereby ensuring consistency with the logistic BEM model and resulting in the simple equation shown above.

The deviation relates only to the activity-shifting leakage model and determination of emissions from activity-shifting leakage, represented by LEM_F . The deviation does not relate to any other part of the methodology, VM0009 v3.0.

Market Leakage Determination

The SCRP deviates from the VCS module VM0037 “Global Commodity Leakage Module: Production Approach” in several ways. These deviations have no material impact on the market leakage calculation. The first two deviations concern section 5.1.2. Due to limited data availability, a single year of baseline commodity yields have been used in place of an average of the annual commodity yield from each year of the historical reference period. While the single yield value used for each commodity may not be fully representative of the entire historical reference period, it is the best available data source for an accurate and applicable commodity yield. This is considered conservative, as the commodity yield value both determines the total quantity in tonnes of the commodity displaced by the project and the area of forest elsewhere in the country required to replace the displaced commodity production. Therefore, the actual value used for commodities yield has a negligible effect on the final quantification of market leakage from the Project.

For the commodity yield data on sawlogs, the yield has been presented in units of m^3/ha , instead of the units of t/ha as required by the module. This is a more standard presentation of a saw-log yield, and there is no quantitative impact on the calculation of leakage by this deviation. Additionally, in the determination of the yield for sawlogs, no growth rate for the yield was used. This was done because the yield for saw logs would not be expected to increase over time, as these are naturally occurring forests with no active management. Therefore, there is no effect of improved methods or technology which would lead to an increase in yields. These deviations have little to no effect on calculation of emissions from market leakage, as the module calculates leakage from commodities. As stated above with the commodity yield data, for the saw-log commodity, the same yield value is used to determine the total quantity of the commodity displaced and to then determine the amount of area required to replace the lost supply. Therefore, despite using these alternative units for the yield, the end calculation is mathematically identical as it would be if yield was converted from m^3/ha to tonnes/ha.

Lastly, in section 5.4, the module states that where a monitoring period covers multiple years, equation 14 should be employed for each year included in the period. We calculated a single leakage value that encompassed the monitoring period corresponding to one year. This deviation has no quantitative impact, and only deviates from the quantification method, where the parameter t in the market leakage module was set to the full monitoring period, calculating 1 value for market leakage covering the 3-year monitoring period. The module requires calculation of market leakage independently for each year in the monitoring period and then to sum the results. These two methods result in mathematically the same result if the exact same time period is used for each method.

Given the fact that the deviations described above are either immaterial to or have no impact on the quantitative market leakage results, the deviation can by extension be shown to have no effect on the conservativeness of the calculation of emissions from market leakage. The deviation relates only to the criteria and procedures for the monitoring or measurement of market leakage, represented by $E_{LME}^{[m]}$, one of the parameters monitored and calculated via equation [F.51]. The deviation does not relate to any other part of the methodology, VM0009 v3.0, or the market leakage module VMD0037.

2.2.3 Minor Changes to Project Description (Rules 3.5.6)

The SCRП does not have any minor changes to the Project Description document.

2.2.4 Project Description Deviations (Rules 3.5.7 – 3.5.10)

There has been one deviation from the SCRП PD v2. During the Project's development the monitoring frequency of most social and biodiversity monitoring indicators were revised so that they better aligned with the Project's existing data collection and management methods and systems. However, due to an oversight during the Project's joint validation and verification this revision was only made in the first monitoring report and not in the PD or social and biodiversity monitoring plan. The Project is continuing to utilize the monitoring frequency for each social and biodiversity indicator as shown in this first monitoring report for on-going monitoring. This deviation does not have any effect on the applicability of the methodology, additionality or appropriateness of the baseline scenario. There is no change in the number of indicators being monitored or to the language of the indicator, and the outcome of this deviation is that the frequency of monitoring has been changed from "annual" to the "monitoring period" for most social and biodiversity indicators.

2.2.5 Grouped Projects

The SCRП is not a grouped Project.

2.2.6 Risks to the Project (G1.10)

2.2.6.1 Human induced risks

1. *Slash and Burn / Unsustainable Agriculture*

The greatest human induced risk to the Project's benefits is continued deforestation. The Project Zone is undergoing large pressures for new agricultural land from both the expanding population and ongoing immigration into the area. Therefore, slash and burn agriculture is a primary risk to the SCRП benefits and thus the Project's sustainability.

Mitigation for this risk is through the Project Activities, mainly in the form of increased protection of the Project Area, creation of new income generating activities and through the promotion of improved agricultural methods as described in the Project Description Section 2.1.11.

2. *Charcoal Production and Illegal Logging*

There are extractive activities taking place in the Project Zone, including the production of charcoal and illegal logging. These represent additional deforestation and degradation threat in the SCRП Project Area and pose a significant risk to the Project's climate benefits. Law enforcement and community members patrol the Project Area constantly and permanently to halt such activities. We recognize, however, that these law enforcement units are limited because of the sheer vastness of the Project area. The SCRП therefore provides financial, political and human capacity support to maintain and enhance law enforcement. This is achieved by employing more rangers, increasing ranger motivation, and providing rangers with additional equipment, training and technology.

3. *Anthropogenic Fires*

Another human induced threat is frequent fires; these can occur multiple times a year in the area. Many are set intentionally with the goal of clearing trees and brush for agriculture, or some may be the unintentional result of illegal activity, such as charcoal production. SCRP staff monitor the Project Area for the occurrence of fire, and work to reduce the risk of fire. In addition, the Project aims to reduce illegal incursions of people into the Project Area, thus mitigating anthropogenic fire potential. The Project Proponent will monitor fire events and other potential contributions to reversals as part of their annual monitoring efforts and is required to report on and account for any major loss of carbon in the Project Area. It is the goal of the Project to work with communities to understand the value of the forest, thus decreasing their willingness to destroy their forest resources, as they begin to realize tangible carbon benefits.

2.2.6.2 Natural Risks

The Project Area is not generally susceptible to severe or destructive natural events. Possible natural risks are geologic events, pests or disease, flooding or fire. The area is not prone to geologic activity and this poses little to no risk to the Project. As the Project Area is a native and biodiverse ecosystem, the risk from pests or disease that result in significant emissions reversal is low. The primary mitigation for this risk is to maintain the standing forest and ensure through monitoring that the trees and ecosystem remain healthy and intact. There can be minor seasonal flooding from the annual monsoons. However, the species of this area are all adapted to the hydrological cycles and are not susceptible to monsoonal flooding. The Project Area is corrugated and there is a moderate risk of erosion or landslides. Due to forest protection activities, the risk of erosion or landslides is minimized. Fire has the most potential to cause damage to the forests of the Project Area. However, the risk of significant emissions from reversals is low. The evergreen and semi- evergreen forest types are of a dense, evergreen, moist forest type that is not prone to forest fires. There have been no catastrophic fires in forests of this type in this region. Therefore, natural events have low risks to the Project's benefits.

2.2.6.3 Political Risks

In all countries, there exists a slight risk of shifting legislation or the potential for new policies that could potentially affect natural resource management and/or land tenure. There have been cases in Cambodia where the RGC has allowed protected forest lands to be cleared for agricultural or development purposes. That said, the likelihood of such changes occurring is considered to be extremely small, especially given that the Project Area is currently under government ownership and under protective status (It is both a national park and wildlife sanctuary). As a highly visible international REDD+ Project, the likelihood that the RGC would allow the SCRP Project Area to be converted is low. Additionally, as the intent is to nest this Project into a future jurisdictional/national program, the Project's visibility will only increase as well as its importance to the RGC. During the m₃ monitoring period there were no changes to the ownership/ or land tenure of the Project Area or any changes in legislation or government policies that could potentially affect natural resource management and/or land tenure in the Project Area.

2.2.6.4 Policy risks

1. Risk of reversal

Risk of Project reversal due to community opposition is considered minimal, as they have openly and widely been consulted through numerous outreach and information-sharing meetings throughout Project development. As a Project governance policy, all stakeholders are always able

to seek further information or air grievances if desired. The Project will continue to engage the surrounding communities, provide education and support for community social services, and improved livelihood opportunities.

All these factors build and enhance community support for the Project, and include them as authentic stakeholders, thereby reducing the risk of opposition to the Project and its goals.

2. *Insufficient Revenues*

The majority of REDD+ credits are currently sold on the voluntary market, posing a risk to recurring, sustainable income flow. If credits are not sold, there will be no revenue, and thus no monetary support for the Project over its 30-year lifetime, save initial investment. Nevertheless, SCRP has demonstrated the ability to attract buyers. The Project has been developed as a cooperative effort between Wildlife Alliance and the Ministry of Environment. It is one of the largest Projects in Southeast Asia, making it an attractive Project to the greater Southeast Asian region. In addition, it is a vital forest resource to Cambodia, and is a critical watershed for the Gulf of Thailand, an important part of Cambodia's economy because of its contributions via hydroelectricity, tourism, and fisheries. SCRP will nest into the official Cambodian jurisdictional/national REDD+ scheme once the Prakas is officially published, allowing for larger credit sale volumes, on a recurring, sustainable basis, to sovereign nations and large multi-national buyers in the international market created by the Paris Accord. Therefore, the Project proponent maintains that the risk of insufficient revenues to the Project's benefits is low.

2.2.7 Benefit Permanence (G1.11)

The SCRP activities are designed to enhance the CCB benefits beyond the Project's Lifetime. Community activities are designed to transform local economies over the life of the Project. In this regard, the focus of the SCRP is to develop local business and income-generating activities that are critical components of a long-term low carbon economy. Project activities that meet this overarching objective focus on education, sustainable agriculture, community-based ecotourism and sustainable management of natural resources. These activities will reduce the necessity of community members to deforest and degrade the Project Area. During the Project Lifetime, this will be achieved, for example, by facilitating better education, through training farmers in sustainable agriculture, and creating long-term eco-tourism programs. These activities are outlined in more detail in the Project Description Section 2.1.11 and Section 4 of this document.

2.3 Stakeholder Engagement

2.3.1 Stakeholder Access to Project Documents (G3.1)

- The Project Office and Project Sub-Office maintains a full printed version of the PD and monitoring report in English for public viewing.
- The executive summary for the PD and monitoring report has been translated into Khmer is posted in public places in communities throughout the Project Zone.
- Project documents are available on the Verra project registry (<https://registry.verra.org/>)
- The full monitoring report version and the executive summary of monitoring report in English and Khmer version are made available on the Project webpage (<http://https://www.wildlifealliance.org/>) and official Wildlife Alliance Facebook page.

2.3.2 Dissemination of Summary Project Documents (G3.1)

- The executive summary for the monitoring report has been translated into Khmer and is posted in public places in communities throughout the Project Zone.
- The full monitoring report versions and the executive summary of the monitoring report in English and Khmer are made available on the Project webpage (<http://www.wildlifealliance.org/>) and official Wildlife Alliance Facebook page. Additionally, other Project information will be relayed through this page.
- In addition to the executive summary, a poster/flyer in Khmer advertising the Project, and providing a contact email address was posted in communities.
- A poster/notice in Khmer advertising the public comment period, and the validation and verification field visit was posted in communities throughout the Project Zone. It included details on how a comment to the CCB can be made.

2.3.3 Informational Meetings with Stakeholders (G3.1)

Information regarding the SCRP was communicated through a series of community meetings that took place in a culturally appropriate setting. Meetings were conducted by appointed FPIC officers and were called at public locations or usual places of gathering, such as houses of commune chiefs or village chiefs, pagodas and schools. The existing network of WA contacts across the Project Zone, particularly local government officials, were used to publicize the FPIC events and ensure representative community participation. In addition, two of the FPIC officers were from Project Zone communities and thus used their extensive networks to publicize the events. It is common in Cambodia to provide drinking water, food and partial travel support at formal meetings. These customs were adhered to at all community consultations. FPIC officers used posters to explain the concept of REDD+, climate change, Project activities and conflict resolutions as well as to bring across the Project's anticipated benefits, costs and risks. An open discussion and Q&A time followed the meetings, which often revolved around land tenure, customary use of timber and non-timber forest products, costs / benefits as well as risks and communities' concern with regard to implementation of the SCRP. All meetings were conducted in Khmer, ensuring that the information was communicated to, and understood by, the entire audience.

2.3.4 Community Costs, Risks, and Benefits (G3.2)

The SCRP has been designed through engagement of relevant communities and stakeholders and has involved them in decision-making and implementation from the outset. Collaboration amongst the Project Partners, with the goal of initiating a carbon-crediting project, began in 2012. The role of the Project Partners is central to the SCRP, due to their relationship with the communities. Communities are already familiar with the Project Partners and open communication channels were established prior to the start of the Project's design phase. The SCRP builds on these structures, which makes it possible to disseminate information to the communities in a quick and timely manner as well as to encourage their involvement in the Project. During 2017 when the project was being developed, the Project Partners conducted a Social and Biodiversity Impact Assessment (SBIA) and suite of community meetings focused on Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC). These meetings were the basis for which Project costs, risks and benefits to communities were communicated.

A Project Sub-Office was established in the Koh Kong MOE office branch in late 2017, and a REDD+ office was created. This office serves as an information hub for the SCRP and is open to all community

members and stakeholders. There they can find information about the Project and/or place comments or raise grievances. The primary communication method to stakeholders and communities is through the Project Partner's existing channels of communication to the respective communities in their area. Meetings are typically announced via phone or by informing the leader of a specific community group (e.g., women's groups, youth groups, etc.) in a timely fashion, who in turn communicate the information to the members of that group.

Project Partners are kept up to date with regular communication and dissemination of Project documentation. Community members are encouraged to pay a visit to these headquarters to access Project material. The Project Office constructed seven signboards that were installed at strategic points around the Project Area and Project Zone for Project information and notices to be posted on. The SBIA community meetings took place August 15-17 and August 23-25, 2017 in the MOE offices, Koh Kong province. In addition, community FPIC meetings took place in two phases between August and October 2017 (24 meetings) and December 2017 and March 2018 (27 meetings). Awareness raising on the Southern Cardamom REDD+ activities was conducted in 85 meetings in 29 villages (3 meetings/village) of 10 communes and 4 districts of Koh Kong Province of the monitoring period 2021. In 2021, 397 community members and 5,650 students were reached through sensitization and awareness raising events, school visits and community night shows. Education materials were also distributed with 6,720 posters, 6,047 books and 6,514 pens. Overall, 51 meetings were held attended by more than 2,500 community members from the Project Zone throughout the FPIC campaign. Significant time was given between the initial SBIA stakeholder consultation and deadlines for formal Project decisions.

During this third monitoring period, 63 community meetings were conducted with all the 29 beneficiary communities. The meetings were held in two rounds, with the first taking place between January 30, 2021 – February 10, 2021, and the second between November 20, 2021 to February 28, 2022. A portion of the meetings in this second round were held after the close of the M3 monitoring period, due to delays caused by the COVID pandemic. Although the second round of community meetings wasn't completed until February 2022, after the close of the third monitoring period, the full set of these meetings are still considered relevant to M3, and are therefore being including in this M3 MR.

From these two rounds of community meeting, there was a total of 2,196 participants (35 participants/community on average) of which 1,294 participants are women. Each participant is a representative of his/her household. These M3 community meetings had been planned to take place 3 months earlier. However due to the preventive measures against the Covid-19 pandemic taken by the government who placed restrictions on public gathering, the meetings were therefore not all completed by the end of December 2021, the end of the monitoring period. From these meetings, 95 comments were recorded of which 43% of them involve with infrastructure construction when 22% are land tenure related and only a few involve education, health and forest protection. All of the comments received were compiled, analyzed and submitted to the CEO of WA. Details for all SBIA consultation and FPIC meetings to date, including dates, locations and number of meeting attendants, are provided in Section 2.3.7.

2.3.5 Information to Stakeholder on Verification Process (G3.3)

- The Project's monitoring report executive summary, including Project information and Project benefits has been translated into Khmer and is posted in public places in communities throughout the Project Zone.
- During community meetings held by Project staff as part of the Project outreach process the verification process was described.

- A poster/notice in Khmer advertising the Project's public comment period and the verification field visit was posted in communities throughout the Project Zone. It included details on how a comment to the CCB can be made.
- In addition to the executive summary and the public comment period advertisement, a poster/flyer in Khmer advertising the Project, and providing a contact email address was posted in communities.
- The full monitoring report and the executive summary of the monitoring report in English and Khmer version are made available on the Project webpage (<http://https://www.wildlifealliance.org/>) and official Wildlife Alliance Facebook page.

2.3.6 Site Visit Information and Opportunities to Communicate with Auditor (G3.3)

The Project Proponent has actively communicated to community members and stakeholders about the start of the Public Comment Period and the methods with which they can submit comments on the Project as well as how to view full Project documentation. This was accomplished by communicating the Project - Public Comment Period and Verification field visit dates to previously identified stakeholders, community leaders, leaders of faith-based communities and public officials. They were then requested to pass that information onto their communities.

The Project partner will arrange for community meetings with all stakeholders during the verification site visit. During these meetings the auditor will be able to independently inquire with stakeholders regarding FPIC and SIA consultations.

2.3.7 Stakeholder Consultation (G3.4)

The process of community and stakeholder identification was conducted through a series of key informant / expert interviews, workshop discussions, an analysis of rights and a literature review. Through these methods it was possible to obtain a well-informed and comprehensive understanding of all communities and community groups in the Project Area. Consultations with each group were integral to the Project design, in particular during the SIA training and workshop with the Project Proponent, local government officials and local community decision makers.

The SIA training and workshop utilized the theory of change logic to hypothesize how the SCRP intends to achieve its objectives. Through the SIA training and workshop the Project Proponent, local government officials and key community leaders created a roadmap of how the SCRP plans to get from Point A (project activities) to Point Z (project impacts). First, the participants created a project vision statement. They then identified and prioritized the Project's focal issues, from which they created a problem statement and vision statement for each focal issue. With these problem and vision statements they created a problem flow and results chain diagram for each focal issue. Next the participants conducted a risk analysis and negative impact assessment for each focal issue, and finally a theory of change statement. Once these items were created for each issue, a list of mitigating activities and indicators were created for the life of the Project. This process, described above, demonstrates how key community members and Project stakeholders were involved in each step of the Project's design process.

Key informants

Key informants are of particular value for providing inside information for the area and its communities due to the fact that they have been based in the area for decades, and therefore possess substantial local knowledge and experience. Key informants consulted include:

- Mr. Jeff Silverman: REDD+ Technical Advisor for the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and who has been working in the area of REDD+ for more than 10 years. Jeff has been presented his successful experience in providing technical expertise to the successful Keo Seima REDD+ Project in Cambodia.
- Mr. Hort Sokun: Rainforest Technical Manager for the Wildlife Alliance (WA) and who has been working in the Southern Cardamom since 2001. Sokun has conducted community development activities with all Project stakeholders.
- Mr. Chhun Delux: Chief of Forest and Climate Change Office at the Forestry Administration, Mr. Chhun Delux, one of the most experienced REDD+ practitioners for the Royal Government of Cambodia, provides his technical expertise as forest policy and community engagement expert to the SCRP.

Table 3: Key informant interviews that conducted during project development.

Key Informant	Position	Date
Mr. Jeff Silverman	REDD+ Technical Advisor	2/14/17
Mr. Hort Sokun	Southern Cardamom Community Engagement Specialist	2/18/17
Mr. Chhun Delux	Chief Forest and Climate Change Office	2/18/17

Focus group discussion at SBIA training

SBIA workshops were held from August 15-17 and August 23-25, 2017 at the MOE district office in Koh Kong. A total number of 73 local government staff and local decision makers from the SCRP attended. During this workshop, discussion focused on the agents and drivers of deforestation, as well as on the community and community groups. Through the expert knowledge provided by the local government officers and decision makers in these discussions, a comprehensive list of the categories of people expected to be affected by the Project were identified. This provided valuable background information for subsequent investigations and research.

Analysis of rights

An analysis of user rights helped provide a straightforward insight into which communities, community groups and stakeholders are present in the area. The analysis focused on customary rights and land ownership. The Project Area is comprised of government owned protected area, but communities have rights to communal land in the Project Zone. This process aided in identifying communities and stakeholders. This analysis was carried out using expert knowledge and drew on Wildlife Works' experience in other REDD+ Project development.

Literature review

To provide a listing of all potential stakeholders in the SCRP a comprehensive review of the literature, including academic papers, published reports and any available open-source Internet resources was completed. This process provided further insight into local dynamics, cultural migration, and historic government land policy. These resources provided both specific information on local stakeholders in the Project and general guidance for identifying and describing stakeholders in REDD+ Projects.

Identified community groups and other stakeholders

Through the process listed above, community groups and other stakeholders were identified for the Project. Table 4 outlines their current impact on the land, the effects of the Project on these activities and the relationships with other stakeholders. This allows the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project to understand the complexities within the social structure and generates insight into potential conflict areas, which in turn indicates where special care is needed and helps to more precisely target project activities.

Table 4: The Other Stakeholders in the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project.

Stakeholder or stakeholder sub-group	Current impact/ activities in landscape	Effect of the Project on their activities	Relationship with other stakeholders (Partnership/conflict)
Agriculturalists	Land conversion, cultivation and irrigation	No further land conversion allowed, loss of potential agricultural land	Potential conflict with Landless-migrants due to livestock and land incursions
Charcoal producers	Extraction of wood for charcoal making, often from protected areas	Prohibition of charcoal making in the Project Area, loss of income generating activities, increased law enforcement and potential prosecution	Conflict between charcoal burners and MOE and rangers if illegally trespassing into Protected Forest.
Firewood gatherers	Collection of firewood (sometimes obtained through intrusion into state permanent reserve)	Regulated collection of firewood. Prohibition of collection above subsistence use in the Protected Forest	No conflict besides that resulting from overuse. MOE dos does not allow firewood collection in protected forests.
Subsistence hunters	Intrusion into state permanent reserve forests, killing of wildlife, igniting anthropogenic fires	Greater law enforcement and abatement of hunting activities, persecution.	Potential conflict between hunters and MOE and ranger teams
Women	In charge of firewood collection, increasingly involved in charcoal production	Regulation of firewood collection, stopping of charcoal production potentially leading to some loss of income	Underrepresentation in decision-making, which could lead to conflicts
Youth	Providing assistance for extractive activities, transportation of charcoal bags	Stopping of illegally produced charcoal therefore reducing demand for transportation, preventing intrusion into the state permanent reserve forest	Potential conflict between youth and ranger teams. Underrepresentation in decision-making due to seniority being main precedent for involvement

Landless – Migrants	Living on land without secure land titles, often practicing subsistence agriculture	Cooperation to engage in agricultural training activities, though legal titles needed	Potential conflict between landless and rightful landowners, such as the RGC.
Local authority (district and commune, villages)	Provide intervention and assistance to community forestry	Cooperation with MOE to ensure protection and sustainable use of forest and forestland security	Differences with MOE on the proposed community protected areas in the Project zone.
Police and military	Cooperate with MOE to crack down on forest illegal activities	Secure maintenance of forest resource	Potential conflicts with loggers and land grabbers

Stakeholder Involvement

FPIC Activities

Information regarding the SCRP was communicated through a series of community meetings that took place in a culturally appropriate setting. Meetings were conducted by appointed FPIC officers, and were called at public locations, such as village public buildings and schools. It is common in Cambodia to provide tea and food at formal meetings, and this custom was also adhered to. FPIC officers used posters to explain the concept of REDD+, climate change, Project activities and conflict resolutions and bring across the Project's anticipated benefits as well as costs / risks. An open discussion and Q&A followed, which often revolved around costs / benefits, as well as risks and communities' concerns about Project implementation. FPIC officers presented in Khmer, ensuring that the information was communicated to, and understood by, the entire audience.

Round one community FPIC meetings took place from August to October 2017. 24 meetings were held within the round. During that period, a half day meeting was held in each targeted village. Significant time was given between the initial consultation and the second round of consultations. Round two occurred from December 19, 2017 to March 2, 2018 with an additional 27 meetings held in 27 of the 29 targeted villages. At this second round, one full day was allotted to each targeted village with a half day meeting and a half day posting and disseminating awareness materials.

Details for round 1 and round 2 FPIC meetings, including the dates, locations and number of attendants, are provided in Table 5. Significant time was given between the initial consultation and any deadlines for decisions.

During the period 2018-2020 (m₂) additional FPIC meetings were held so as to maintain communication between the project and communities and to ensure that communities are fully informed about the Project. Please see Table 6 for the list of meetings held during m₂.

Additional meetings were held during the current monitoring period (m₃). Please see Table 7 for the list of meeting held during m₃. Additionally, please refer to Sections 2.3.8, 2.3.9, and 2.3.10 for a summary of

outputs/results (comments, complaints, approvals of the FPIC, etc.), and how they have been considered in the project implementation.

Table 5: Location, date and attendance of FPIC meetings held during the project development for the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project.

Location	Commune	District	Date	Place	Participants Total Female	
m ₁ First Consultation						
Chumnoab	Chumnoab	Thmor Bang	1-Aug-17	Villager's house	21	10
Chrak Russey	Chumnoab	Thmor Bang	1-Aug-17	Public school	30	16
Pralay	Pralay	Thmor Bang	2-Aug-17	Village chief's house	42	19
Samrang	Pralay	Thmor Bang	2-Aug-17	Village chief's house	30	13
Toap Khlay	Pralay	Thmor Bang	3-Aug-17	Commune Chief's house	30	13
Chamnar	Pralay	Thmor Bang	3-Aug-17	Public school	33	19
Koh	Thmor Donpov	Thmor Bang	4-Aug-17	Pagoda	55	30
Prek Svay	Thmor Donpov	Thmor Bang	4-Aug-17	Commune hall	58	31
Kokir Chrum	Ruessey	Thmor Bang	6-Aug-17	District hall	128	53
Pur Beung Chhay Reab	Dang Peng	Sre Ambel	7-Sep-17	Public school	131	54
Pur Beung Kamlot	Dang Peng	Sre Ambel	7-Sep-17	Pagoda	95	54
Bakangrout	Dang Peng	Sre Ambel	9-Sep-17	Public school	54	17
Kandoal	Kandoal	Botum Sakor	12-Sep-17	Pagoda	93	46
Chi Meal	Angdoun Teuk	Botum Sakor	13-Sep-17	Commune hall	36	9
Chi Phat	Chi Phat	Thmor Bang	13-Sep-17	Commune hall	146	94
Veal Taphou	Trapeng Rung	Koh Kong	14-Sep-17	Commune hall	51	21

Location	Commune	District	Date	Place	Participants Total Female	
Trapeang Rung	Trapeng Rung	Koh Kong	14-Sep-17	Public school	38	26
Anlong Vak	Tatai Krom	Koh Kong	15-Sep-17	Pagoda	90	58
O'som	O'som	Veal Veng	27-Sep-17		75	26
Kien Chongruk	O'som	Veal Veng	27-Sep-17	Public school	40	15
Romiang Sar	Tasai	Aural	3-Oct-17	Community Hall	54	26
Tainng Bampong-Roleak	Tasai	Aural	3-Oct-17	Community Hall	44	30
Dei Tumneab	Trapenng Runng	Koh Kong	4-Oct-17	Pagoda	29	16
Krang Chek	Chambak	Phnom Sruoch	5-Oct-17	Pagoda	53	29
First consultation sub-total					1,216	603

Location	Commune	District	Date	Place	Participants Total Female	
m ₁ Second Consultation						
Chumnoab	Chumnoab	Thmor Bang	23-Dec - 17	Villager's house	22	10
Chrak Russey	Chumnoab	Thmor Bang	23-Dec-17	Village chief's house	28	15
Pralay	Pralay	Thmor Bang	22-Dec-17	Village chief's house	47	30
Samraong	Pralay	Thmor Bang	21-Dec-17	Pubic school	36	20
Toap Khlay	Pralay	Thmor Bang	20-Dec-17	Commune Chief's house	24	10
Chamnar	Pralay	Thmor Bang	19-Dec-17	Public school	38	24
Koh	Thmor Donpov	Thmor Bang	25-Dec-17	Pagoda	41	20

Location	Commune	District	Date	Place	Participants Total Female	
Prek Svay	Thmor Donpov	Thmor Bang	25-Dec-17	Commune hall	42	23
Kokir Chrum	Ruessey	Thmor Bang	27-Dec-17	Pagoda	39	19
Pur Beung Chhay Reab	Dang Peng	Sre Ambel	27-Feb-18	Public school	73	39
Pur Beung Kamlot	Dang Peng	Sre Ambel	28-Feb-18	Pagoda	47	22
Bakangrout	Dang Peng	Sre Ambel	2-March-18	Public school		
Sovann Baitong	Kandoal	Botum Sakor	30-Jan-18	Public School	126	78
Chi Meal	Angdoun Teuk	Botum Sakor	31-Jan-18	Commune hall	37	25
Chorm Sla	Chi Phat	Thmor Bang	1-Feb-18	Community hall	46	32
Kamlot	Chi Phat	Thmor Bang	2-Feb-18	Village Chief's house	57	31
Teuk Laak	Chi Phat	Thmor Bang	2-Feb-18	Pagoda	18	4
Veal Taphou	Trapeng Rung	Koh Kong	7-Feb-18	Commune hall	29	9
Trapeang Rung	Trapeng Rung	Koh Kong	8-Feb-18	Public school	27	17
Anlong Vak	Tatai Krom	Koh Kong	22-Feb-18	Pagoda	21	14
Kaoh Andaet	Tatai Krom	Koh Kong	23-Feb-18	Pagoda	33	17
O'som	O'som	Veal Veng	17-Jan-18	Community hall	36	15
Kien Chongruk	O'som	Veal Veng	18-Jan-18	Public school	62	34
Romiang Sar	Tasai	Aural	24-Jan-18	Community Hall	52	30
Tainng Bampong-Roleak	Tasai	Aural	25-Jan-18	Community Hall	59	31
Dei Tumneab	Trapenng Runng	Koh Kong	9-Feb-18	Pagoda	26	10

Location	Commune	District	Date	Place	Participants Total Female	
Krang Chek	Chambak	Phnom Sruoch	26-Jan-18	Pagoda	64	49
Second consultation sub-total					1,130	628
Consultation Grand Total					2,586	1,353

Table 6: Location, date and attendance of FPIC meetings held during m₂ (2018-2020) for the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project.

Location	Commune	District	Date	Place	Participants Total	Female
m2 Consultation						
Chumnoab	Chumnoab	Thmor Bang	14-Jan-2020	Commune council member's house	33	21
Chrak Russey	Chumnoab	Thmor Bang	13-Jan-2020	Village chief's house	34	21
Pralay	Pralay	Thmor Bang	10-Jan-2020	Village chief's house	31	15
Samraong	Pralay	Thmor Bang	11-Jan-2020	Village chief's house	28	15
Toap Khlay	Pralay	Thmor Bang	9-Jan-2020	Commune council member's house	28	15
Chamnar	Pralay	Thmor Bang	8-Jan-2020	Village chief's house	33	16
Koh	Thmor Donpov	Thmor Bang	17-Feb-2020	Pagoda	32	25
Prek Svay	Thmor Donpov	Thmor Bang	17-Feb-2020	Commune hall	38	25
Kokir Chrum	Ruessey	Thmor Bang	20-Feb-2020	school	30	23
Pur Beung Chhay Reab	Dang Peng	Sre Ambel	19 Dec-2019	Pagoda	107	43
Pur Beung Kamlot	Dang Peng	Sre Ambel	20 Dec-2019	Pagoda	26	6

Location	Commune	District	Date	Place	Participants	
					Total	Female
Bakangrout	Dang Peng	Sre Ambel	13-Feb-2020	Pagoda	48	27
Sovann Baitong	Kandoal	Botum Sakor	16-Mar-2020	Villager's house	70	47
Chi Meal	Angdoun Teuk	Botum Sakor	13-Mar-2020	Deputy village chief's house	44	32
Chi Meal (Damnak Tarin)	Angdoun Teuk	Botum Sakor	18-Mar-2020	Villager's house	14	8
Chorm Sla	Chi Phat	Thmor Bang	5-Mar-2020	Village Chief's house	43	30
Kamlot	Chi Phat	Thmor Bang	6-Mar-2020	Village Chief's house	43	30
Teuk Laak	Chi Phat	Thmor Bang	11-Mar-2020	Pagoda	21	12
Chi Phat	Chi Phat	Thmor Bang	10-Mar-2020	Villager's house	24	15
Tuek Laak (Siem Krom)	Chi Phat	Thmor Bang	11-Mar-2020	Village chief's house	13	5
Trapang Chher Trav	Ruessey Chrum	Thmor Bang	24-Feb-2020	Villager's house	33	27
O'som	O'som	Veal Veng	4-Dec-2019	Community hall	50	24
Kien Chongruk	O'som	Veal Veng	6-Dec-2019	Deputy village chief's house	45	21
Chhaylouk	O'som	Veal Veng	7-Dec-2019	Villager's house	32	18
Consultation Total					893	513

Table 7: Location, date and attendance of FPIC meetings held during m₃ (2021) for the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project. Please note M3 meetings were delayed into 2022 due to covid, but are still considered applicable to m₃.

Location	Commune	District	Date	Place	Participants Total Female	
M ₃ Consultation						
Koh	Thmor Donpov	Thmor Bang	2/1/2021	Ou Chhean Sovan Pagoda	44	34
Prek Svay	Thmor Donpov	Thmor Bang	2/1/2021	Thmor Donpov Commune Hall	46	37
Trapang Chher Trav	Thmor Bang	Thmor Bang	2/3/2021	Village chief's house	32	22
Kokir Chrum	Thmor Bang	Thmor Bang	2/4/2021	Village member's house	23	16
Chamnar	Pralay	Thmor Bang	2/5/2021	Village chief's house	44	35
Pralay	Pralay	Thmor Bang	2/6/2021	Village chief's house	49	31
Samraong	Pralay	Thmor Bang	2/8/2021	Go to the villager's house	47	30
Toap Klay	Pralay	Thmor Bang	2/9/2021	Village chief's house	37	23
Chumnoab	Chumnoab	Thmor Bang	2/9/2021	Chumnoab Commune Hall	38	25
Chrak Russey	Chumnoab	Thmor Bang	2/10/2021	Chumnoab Commune Hall	33	26
Pur Boeng (Komlot)	Dorng Peng	Sre Ambel	2/11/2021	Srong Sat Pagoda	27	16
Pur Boeng (Chhay reab)	Dorng Peng	Sre Ambel	2/10/2021	Chhay Reab Pagoda	80	28
Bak Angrout	Dorng Peng	Sre Ambel	2/10/2021	Tob Chen Pagoda	58	30

Location	Commune	District	Date	Place	Participants Total Female	
Koh Andet	Ta Tai Krom	Koh Kong	2/5/2021	Koh Andet Pagoda	27	12
Anlong Vak	Ta Tai Krom	Koh Kong	2/5/2021	Ta Tai CBET	15	8
Dey Tomneab	Tropeang Rong	Koh Kong	2/6/2021	Tropeang Rong Pagoda	31	16
Dey Tomneab (Veal tapou)	Tropeang Rong	Koh Kong	2/6/2021	Village chief's house	33	8
Tropeang Rong	Tropeang Rong	Koh Kong	2/8/2021	Villager's house	28	15
O'Som	O'Som	Veal Veng	2/2/2021	Commune Hall	41	26
Chhay louk	O'Som	Veal Veng	2/2/2021	Deputy Village Chief's house	32	26
Kien Chungruk	O'Som	Veal Veng	2/3/2021	Primary School	50	27
Krang Chek	Chambak	Phnom Srouch	2/1/2021	Village Office	62	39
Ramieng Sa	Ta Sal	Aoral	2/1/2021	Villager's house	64	39
Kamlot	Chi Phat	Thmor Bang	2/2/2021	Go to the villager's house	46	32
Cham Slar	Chi Phat	Thmor Bang	2/2/2021	Kindergarten school	49	40
Chi Phat	Chi Phat	Thmor Bang	2/3/2021	Go to the villager's house	44	29
Teuk L'ark	Chi Phat	Thmor Bang	2/3/2021	Teuk L'ark Pagoda	28	17
Sovanna Baitang	Komdoul	Botum Sakor	2/4/2021	Villager's house	53	39
Chi Meal	Andong Teuk	Botum Sakor	2/4/2021	Villager's house	58	50

Location	Commune	District	Date	Place	Participants Total Female	
Koh	Thmor Donpov	Thmor Bang	1/27/2022	Koh Primary School	25	14
Prek Svay	Thmor Donpov	Thmor Bang	1/28/2022	Thmor Donpov Commune Hall	41	24
Trapang Chher Trav	Thmor Bang	Thmor Bang	1/6/2022	Russey Chrum Commune Hall	7	4
Consultation Total					2196	1294

2.3.8 Continued Consultation and Adaptive Management (G3.4)

The adaptive management plan for the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project is outlined in the PD Section 4.4.1. Please refer to this section for a detailed explanation on the iterative processes the SCRP is using throughout the life of the Project. An example of the projects participatory process is the Project's work with Sovanna Baitong. Over a 12-month period the Project had a participatory planning process involving 280 families of landless farmers in the SCRP Project Zone from 3 Districts and 4 Villages. These families had been dependent on forest resources for their livelihood without access to education or healthcare. They asked for assistance in moving from their historical livelihood of shifting cultivation, to a sedentary agricultural system allowing them to stay in one place. Lastly, they asked for access to healthcare, education and farm inputs. As a result of the participatory planning process, the project activities for this community were designed based on the families requests to gain tenure to their land, healthcare, education and assistance on agricultural methods, inputs and crop varieties. Please see Section 2.3.7 for updated results on how communication and consultation about the project has continued between the SCRP and communities and other stakeholders. Please refer to Section 2.3.9 for a detailed description of the processes used to consider this input and how this communication and consultation has influenced the project through adaptive management.

One example of how project design has been affected by stakeholder input is the road project implemented in Pour Bang. Wildlife Alliance conducted a socio-economic survey and discussed infrastructure plans with Pour Bang village chief and the Commune Council. They found that the most urgent need to improve livelihoods was the completion of the road from Pour Bang Village to Sre Ambel Town and the 26 concrete culverts to enable villagers to bring their agriculture products to Sre Ambel Market. In addition, a bridge across the river to Pur Bang Village, a secondary school and health center were identified as essential infrastructure needed by the community. Wildlife Alliance also found that the road, bridge, school and health center are for the public benefit and was part of Dong Peng commune development plan before the financial support was disbursed. Construction of the bridge, secondary school and health center will be implemented in future monitoring periods.

2.3.9 Stakeholder Consultation Channels (G3.5)

The Project held a significant number of community meetings and workshops during the Project development process. The SCRP PD Sections 2.1.8 and 2.3.3 list the community meetings and workshops that were held for all Project stakeholders at project development. A complete report of the SBIA workshops and community meetings held during the project development, including pictures and meeting results have been provided to the verifier. During this monitoring period (m3) stakeholder consultations continued with public meetings held throughout the project communities (Table 7). These meetings are open to all and advertised by the project's community outreach staff using the dominant methods of communication for the area. At these meetings stakeholders are informed of the project, are provided information on the project benefits and opportunities available to them through the project activities and can provide comments, suggestions or complaints to project staff. This is generally through Facebook messenger, word of mouth and phone calls. Stakeholders additionally provide consultation to the project directly through anonymous or signed comments in suggestion boxes that are placed in 5 locations in the project zone, responses received through Facebook comment, Facebook messenger or other digital methods, and personal communications to project staff, either directly or through community leaders, political leaders, or faith leaders. Project information is also communicated to the project stakeholders by providing copies of this monitoring report at various locations in the project zone and digitally on the project website and on the Project Facebook page. A summary of this monitoring report containing the project's monitoring results and other key information is translated into Khmer and posted throughout the project zone and on the Project's website and Facebook site. It's important to note, that M3 meetings were delayed into 2022 due to Covid, but are still considered applicable to the current monitoring period.

2.3.10 Stakeholder Participation in Decision-Making and Implementation (G3.6)

To ensure effective participation of SCRP communities, it was important to hold meetings and workshops at times and periods when stakeholders could attend. As such, all meetings and workshops were held during the day and at times when other work did not interfere with full community participation. Invitations were extended to community leaders, local government officials and commune leaders within a respectful timeframe and so each stakeholder could respond, including via written invitations and phone calls. All communication was conducted in Khmer, a universally spoken language in Cambodia, thus fully enabling participants and promoting their participation.

WA has incorporated gender equality and sensitivity into their existing stakeholder participation and decision-making practices and strives to ensure gender equality is represented in stakeholder participation. Women were consulted and are included in all project activities. All capacity building activities in the local communities in the Project Zone will be open to all villagers, including women and vulnerable populations. The SCRP operates a strict non-discrimination policy such that women and vulnerable groups of people will receive equal chances regardless of the type of work. Equal opportunity is also extended to all capacity building activities (CBA). All employees and any interested local community members, including women and vulnerable populations shall be allowed to join any CBA which includes agricultural training and other technical skills, English language, cooking and hospitality training for Community Based Ecotourism service providers to improve the livelihood of their families and community. It is acknowledged that in the Cambodian traditional family structure, women are responsible for caring for their children, which may restrict their ability and willingness to travel away from home for certain activities. However, based on participation records from the SBIA workshops and FPIC meetings,

women represented 37% and 50% (53% for M3 specifically) respectively of participating attendees. In addition, 61% of CBET members are women.

2.3.11 Anti-Discrimination Assurance (G3.7)

The SCRP is committed to fair treatment of, and equal opportunity for, all Project stakeholders, community members and employees. Neither the Project, nor any agent of the Project, will discriminate against any person for any reason, including, but not limited to, gender, religion, nationality, tribe, or sexual identity. The Project has established an equal opportunity policy that ensures no engagement in, or complicity with, any form of discrimination. The SCRP is committed to providing a workplace and programs that are safe and free from all sexual harassment or unwelcome sexual advances. The Project has drafted a document outlining a sexual harassment policy, defining sexual harassment and describing the recourse that any employee who feels that they have suffered sexual harassment should take. Additionally, the Project has established a grievance system that provides all Project employees, stakeholders, community members and participants with a recourse method, in the event that any discriminatory action or sexual harassment does occur.

2.3.12 Grievances (G3.8)

There were no grievances raised during this monitoring period. However, as set out in the PD, the SCRP has a feedback and grievance redress policy and process for resolving complaints in an efficient, fair, and accessible manner. Community members and project stakeholders are encouraged to submit grievances, comments or feedback to the Project Office through several channels. The primary method for communication is through the Project Office or Sub-office which is located at the Ministry of Environment branch office in Koh Kong town, the MOE Ranger stations located throughout the Project Zone and the Community Based Ecotourism offices in Chi Phat and Areng. In addition, the MOE/WA has published an email address, phone number and Facebook page that project Stakeholders can use to make comments or voice grievances. The full grievance policy is outlined in the document “Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project Grievance Redress Mechanism” made available to the verifier.

2.3.13 Worker Training (G3.9)

The SCRP considers local employment a priority and local sourcing is strongly encouraged at all levels of the Project, from casual workers up to management positions. The SCRP recognizes that local hiring, especially women, marginalized and vulnerable community members, is a major benefit to the implementation and operation of the Project due to the knowledge and familiarity local people possess of the landscape, its communities and its biodiversity. Their involvement will also ensure the sustainability and continuity of the Project throughout the Project’s Lifetime and beyond. To date, 1,152 community members have been trained in ecotourism management and hospitality and guiding skills in Chi Phat and Chay Arieng. While 430 families have been trained in sustainable agriculture techniques. In addition, 450 forest rangers have been trained in law enforcement, health and safety, patrolling, and legal skills whilst 24 community members from the Project Zone have been trained in biomass inventory for the Carbon plots.

The Project is designed to focus on the employment and training of local people, with a focus on women and marginalized and vulnerable community members, with a goal to increase local participation in the Project and build local capacity, knowledge and a robust skills base. This includes hiring local community members as rangers to monitor their community forests for illegal activities, with special attention paid to the hiring of women and/or vulnerable and marginalized community members. The SCRP advertises

open positions broadly, with special attention paid to the recruitment of villagers and youth living in the Project Zone. Women are highly encouraged to apply for these positions. The Project has a policy of providing priority in the hiring process will be given to women who are qualified and willing to commit to a period of work with the Project.

MOE/WA will train local community members in the latest monitoring techniques, data collection methods, and laws in order to conduct effective enforcement. Training will be conducted on an ad-hoc basis as turnover happens to the community-rangers in order to maintain a pool of trained local rangers. Local community members will also be hired and trained to support and manage other activities including IGAs, agricultural intensification, and biodiversity monitoring. In all positions, informal training will happen for each position and local community members will have first priority on being hired.

The primary training of the sampling team occurred January 17th through 23rd 2017. The training was conducted by WWC team members Jeremy Freund, VP of Carbon Development, and Brian Williams, Director of Asia. All members of the plot sampling team and several key Project management staff, including Thomas Grey and Romica Grosu of WA, were present for this training. The training consisted of both classroom and field components and included the training in the biomass sampling and proxy area sampling SOPs, general field procedures, methods for proper equipment use, and field safety procedures. Further training and technical support was provided to the field sampling team specifically on the biomass plot sampling process via email and phone calls. A second field-based training of the plot sampling team was held by WWC's Brian Williams on December 2nd through 3rd, 2017. All members of the plot sampling team and several key Project management staff, including Thomas Grey and Romica Grosu of WA, were present for this training. This training focused on the leakage plot measurement SOPs and field equipment use. Additionally, as with the biomass lot sampling process, with the other field sampling throughout the Project development process WWC provided on-going technical support to the plot sampling team on ad-hoc basis through email and telephone calls when questions arose, or additional expertise was required. For the m₂ biomass and leakage plot data collection 2 additional trainings were held. The first was held April 24-29th 2019 and was focused on refreshing and retraining the plot sampling team. A second training was held April 18-19, 2020 and was focused on the refreshing and retraining on the leakage plot sampling SOP. Both trainings were led by the SCRP biomass inventory manager Romica Grosu and held on-site in the Project Area.

During this third monitoring period, biomass inventory training was held from 3 – 7 December 2021. The training covered the SCRP Forest Inventory SOP and its implementation for the biomass plot sampling on the SCRP. 10 biomass inventory team members participated in the training, 4 of which were existing team members, while 6 were new members to the team. In addition, the same 10 members of the biomass inventory team were trained on the leakage plot sampling procedures. Supporting documentation on this training activity has been made available to the verifier.

In addition, other training activities involving local community members implemented during M3 included planting and care of fruit trees, CBET Managers training on IGAs, tourism hospitality, nature guiding, housekeeping and cooking skills and financial literacy. The number of individuals participating in these various training activities are summarized in the Standardized Benefit Metrics table found in section 1.2 of the MR.

Educating communities and employees in different areas related to the carbon Project will also be on-going. Capacity building on aspects revolving around carbon measurement, accounting, climate change and carbon offsets will continue to take place in the form of meetings, workshops or training days. To date, the primary training on REDD+ Project management and carbon measurement has been focused

on WA staff and management based in Koh Kong town. It is anticipated that future training will no longer be needed by external experts but will be carried out by locally sourced employees who were trained in the initial stages of the Project.

2.3.14 Community Employment Opportunities (G3.10)

The SCRP PD Section 2.3.13 describes the measures that the Project has implemented to ensure that the communities are provided with equal opportunity for employment with the Project. The auditor was provided with evidence on-site during the verification field visit demonstrating the Project's hiring process and compliance with this rule. Please see Section 2.3.13 and Section 4.3.1.1 for a detailed description of activities and processes implemented to ensure all community members were given a fair chance to be trained for and to fill positions for during m3.

2.3.15 Relevant Laws and Regulations Related to Worker's Rights (G3.11)

The Labor Law, 1997, amended 2007

This law provides regulations on the relationship between employees and employers, and the socio-legal rights and obligations resulting from a labor relationship. All people engaged in work in Cambodia, including Cambodian citizens and foreign nationals, are subject to the regulations of the Labor Law (Peng et al., 2012).

In addition to the Labor Law in Cambodia there are several international legal standards that cover labor rights in Cambodia, this includes 13 International Labor Organization conventions that Cambodia has ratified (Peng et al. 2012). Also, there are many government labor regulations, including royal decrees, sub-decrees, prakas, decisions, circulars, and notices that have been issued by the Royal Government of Cambodia, and particularly by the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training. The Project Proponent will ensure that any relevant international convention or government regulation is fully followed.

WA confirms that they have and continue to, over the duration of the monitoring period, strictly and fully respect the Labor Law of the Kingdom of Cambodia, under the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training. During the recruitment and selection process for new employees, all workers are informed about their rights. All employees, including part-time workers of WA receive orientation of WA's HR Policy Manual which covers all HR related aspects, including Labour Laws. A copy of the HR Policy Manual has been made available to the verifier.

2.3.16 Occupational Safety Assessment (G3.12)

The SCRP abides by all relevant Cambodian worker's rights laws and regulations. Workers will be informed about their rights at the point of their employment during the employee orientation. Additionally, as described in the Health and Safety plan, during the employee orientation workers will be informed about the potential safety risks of their job and of methods to mitigate the risks. A hard copy of the relevant laws will be kept at the Project Office and any worker is free to consult these any time during working hours.

The SCRP ensures that workers' health and safety are protected to the best of the Project's ability at all times and across all sites. Risks are identified, mitigation strategies produced, and appropriate measures adopted to minimize any risks.

Given the nature of the Project and its geographical surroundings, it is recognized that certain occupations inherently present a risk to the health and safety of workers, in particular occupations that require spending long periods walking in difficult environments. These include, though not exclusively, plot samplers and forest protection rangers, who are faced with challenging terrain as well as the risk of encountering illegal logger, illegal forest land clearer, and wildlife hunter. In addition, forest fires may also pose a safety risk if they spread rapidly and unexpectedly. The Project has created a comprehensive Health and Safety Plan that ensures that all workers' health and safety is protected, and that all workers are fully informed about workplace risks and safe practices to mitigate those risks. These include training in safe working practices, first aid training for some staff members as well as the enforcement of requirements for safe handling of equipment and other materials. This Health and Safety Plan additionally provides a comprehensive list of the measures that will be taken to inform employees of their rights, to assign roles and responsibilities to supervisors and workers and provide a safe workplace culture. This document will be revisited regularly and revised as needed to ensure that it contains current information and includes all job categories and potential risks. A copy of the plan has been provided to the verifier and will be kept at the Project Office and be readily available for any consultation. In addition, SCRP will set up a Health and Safety Fund from the revenue from the sale of SCRP credits. The fund will be used to compensate Project workers for an accident during their working hours/work mission. The SCRP will ensure a detailed orientation of newly recruited employees so that they are fully aware of their rights as well as responsibilities. All law enforcement rangers and full-time WA Project staff will be provided with full health and life insurance.

WA confirms that they have and continue to, over the duration of the monitoring period, inform workers about job related risk, and take steps to mitigate these risks where possible. During the recruitment and selection process for new employees, all workers are informed about job related risk, and during the probationary period workers receive on-the-job training and are given the opportunity to understand and become familiar with the potential risk their job entails. To mitigate work related risks, WA provides on-the-job training to new employees, provides appropriate and adequate work equipment suited for the specific job, and also provides health insurance to employees. As part of the orientation process received by all new WA employees, workers are informed on work related risk and safe working practices are given according to the WA Health and Safety Plan. Ongoing training activities are implemented which cover various health and safety related topics. For example, SCRP field staff received training on first aid and patrol safety, patrol strategy and technique, rescue and care for snared wildlife, guidance on identifying venomous snake and snake bite response, and conflict resolution for apprehending poachers and illegal loggers.

2.4 Management Capacity

2.4.1 Required Technical Skills (G4.2)

The key technical skills required to implement the SCRP are an understanding of the science of remote sensing, biomass sampling, and conservation biology, experience implementing community and livelihood development programs, effective forest protection enforcement and monitoring and overall Project management.

The Royal Government of Cambodia's MOE is the lead agency in protected area management and biodiversity conservation. Its staff is trained in Project management, the science of remote sensing, biomass sampling and conservation biology. They have the human resources to support these areas of the SCRP.

Wildlife Alliance is a leader in forest and biodiversity protection as well as community development. Its staff is highly trained in Project management, the science of remote sensing, biomass sampling and conservation biology. They have the human resources to support these areas of the SCRP.

Wildlife Works Carbon is one of the leaders in REDD+ Project development. It has staff experienced in REDD+ Project design and implementation. It created and currently manages the first REDD+ Project under the VCS standard. It has the skills to support all REDD+ activities, remote sensing, biomass sampling, biodiversity sampling, Project management and forest protection.

The team of the MOE, Wildlife Alliance and Wildlife Works Carbon, has the skills and resources to successfully implement the SCRP.

2.4.2 Management Team Experience (G4.2)

Dr. Tom Gray – Director of Science – Wildlife Alliance – SCRP Project Lead

Dr. Tom Gray is a conservation biologist based in South East Asia since 2005. Graduate of the bird-watching mecca that is the University of East Anglia he first came to Cambodia to undertake PhD work on the conservation and ecology of Bengal Florican in the Tonle Sap grasslands. He subsequently led the species and protected area work of WWF Greater Mekong managing conservation research Projects and mentoring local students in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, and Myanmar. He joined Wildlife Alliance in June 2016. He has authored more than 40 peer-reviewed publications on the status and conservation needs of the regions threatened mammals and birds and is a member of the IUCN Species Survival Commission.

Mr. Brian Williams – Director of Asia – Wildlife Works Carbon – SCRP Project Lead

Mr. Brian Williams is an experienced conservationist that has been working in Asia since 1997. With a master's in Environmental Studies from San José State University, Mr. Williams founded Red Panda Network, an organization dedicated to protecting red pandas in the wild. He transferred lessons learned from this experience into the development and management of REDD+ Projects in India, Cambodia, Indonesia, and Nepal.

In addition to these managers there is a strong Project team with a wealth of land management and carbon Project experience that will support Project management and implementation.

Wildlife Alliance

Mr. Romica Gruso – GIS/Monitoring Manager – Wildlife Alliance – SCRP Monitoring Manager

A former French Legioner, Mr. Gruso supports carbon monitoring and forest protection. Mr. Gruso has 14 years' experience working in the Southern Cardamom and understands how to work with local communities. He understands the need for following protocols and how to implement protocols with community members.

Mr. Sokun Hort – Community Engagement Manager – Wildlife Alliance – SCRP Community Engagement lead

Having worked in the region for the last 10 years, Mr. Hort understand the nuances of local communities and government officials. He will be supporting all community engagement activities for the SCRP.

Wildlife Works

Mr. Jeremy Freund – VP Carbon Development – Wildlife Works Carbon – SCRP MRV

Mr. Freund is a global leader in REDD+ Project and program development with over 10 years' experience in international conservation. He co-wrote VCS methodology VM0009, one of the first and most widely used VCS REDD+ methodologies. He has led Wildlife Works in the most validations and verification under the VCS/CCB standard and will lead SCRP monitoring, reporting and verification efforts. Mr. Freund has a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering from CU Boulder and a Masters in Geography from UC Santa Barbara where he focused on remote sensing for agriculture and food security.

Mr. Simon Bird – Director of Forest Science – Wildlife Works Carbon - SCRP MRV

Simon has been working in the forest ecology and environmental conservation industry for over 10 years. Simon has a B.S. in Environmental Science and a M.S. in Soil Science from the University of Vermont. Simon works in the Carbon Development department at Wildlife Works Carbon's Burlington, Vermont office. There, he assists with the development of REDD+ Projects, including validation and verification and monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) for existing REDD+ Projects. Simon's duties include overseeing biomass sampling methods and protocols, forest modeling, and technical writing and reporting for both the VCS and CCB standards. Simon has additionally participated in the revision process of VCS REDD methodology VM0009.

2.4.3 Project Management Partnerships/Team Development (G4.2)

All relevant project management experience is present in the current SCRP partners.

2.4.4 Financial Health of Implementing Organization(s) (G4.3)

The Project Proponent is the Royal Government of Cambodia's Ministry of Environment, which is a government supported administrative unit. The development of the Project has been primarily supported by fundraising from Wildlife Alliance. Additionally, MOE receives an annual budget support from the central government. The Project Proponent is also supported by Wildlife Works in the development of the Project. Wildlife Works is experienced at marketing and sales of REDD+ credits in the global market. It has used this applied experience to make conservative estimates for expected annual credit sales for the SCRP.

Moreover, the Project Proponent, Wildlife Alliance and Wildlife Works' combined REDD+ Project development experience (5 successful prior VCS/CCB validated & verified Projects) contributed to the creation of a detailed financial model for the development and management of the SCRP. Predicted credit sales and an accurate estimated annual budget demonstrate sufficient cash flow from predicted contracted sales to sustain the Project through the end of the crediting period. The Project Proponent has already received grants to fund Project design and start-up costs. Documents supporting these investments will be produced for the Project auditor to review.

2.4.5 Avoidance of Corruption and Other Unethical Behavior (G4.3)

To provide avoidance of corruption, a separate limited liability corporation has been created by MOE and WA to manage the funds of the Project. This company, called the Cardamom Carbon Company (CCC), is based in the United States and under the management authority of Wildlife Alliance. There are two agreements, the CCC Agency of Delegation Agreement and Southern Cardamom Project Agreement, that outline Project benefit sharing and ensure transparent financial transactions of the Project. These documents were shared with the validator and shared upon request with the verifier.

2.4.6 Commercially Sensitive Information (Rules 3.5.13 – 3.5.14)

Some information required by the VCS and/or CCB standards is confidential or sensitive in nature and cannot be released publicly by the Royal Government of Cambodia. This information has been supplied freely to the VVB as annexes to this PD document, but will not be included in the public versions of the PD. All efforts have been made by the Project Proponent to make as much information freely available to the public as conceivably possible. All necessary supporting information shall be provided to the validator but may not be distributed publicly.

2.5 Legal Status and Property Rights

2.5.1 Recognition of Property Rights (G5.1)

Under Order 001 all land in the Project Zone has been titled and all property clearly delineated. As such, the Project works with communities to clarify property zones and demarcate boundaries between separate property types. This is an important Project activity that avoid land tenure conflicts. During the current m3 monitoring period, the zoning and demarcation activities have continued, so that the land for local communities is clearly delineated. 9 land use planning meetings have been conducted with participation and support from local authorities. 411 demarcation posts were installed along 63 kilometers of the community land boundaries in Tatai Leu and Russey Chrum communes. Section 4.3.1.1 provides greater detail of the Project's achievements in participatory land use planning.

2.5.2 Free, Prior and Informed Consent (G5.2)

The Project has not, and will not encroach uninvited on private property, community property or government property. Therefore, appropriate restitution or compensation has not been applicable. Land tenure of the Project Area is outlined in the SCRP PD Section 2.5. Furthermore, Section 2.3 of the SCRP PD, as well as Section 2.3.7 of this MR outline the comprehensive procedure of FPIC activities which ensures that all stakeholders and communities are consulted.

2.5.3 Property Right Protection (G5.3)

The Project does not require involuntary removal or relocation of communities or any activities important for their livelihood and culture.

2.5.4 Identification of Illegal Activity (G5.4)

The Project Area is comprised of two protected areas under the jurisdiction of the MOE, and as such is protected from deforestation activities. Under the Cambodian Land Law and Forestry Law the forest should be protected from resource extraction or conversion to other land uses. However, these activities are commonly observed to be occurring, including illegal logging, charcoal production, poaching for meat, and conversion of forestland through slash and burn to agricultural land. These activities are all illegal under current law, and despite the MOE's best efforts at controlling them to date, they are still widely and openly occurring.

All of the above listed illegal activities could have negative effects on the SCRP's climate and biodiversity goals. The SCRP has included expanding the ranger force, strengthening community organizations, agricultural intensification, microfinance, strengthening forest land use planning and secure forest land tenure, eco-charcoal and income generating activities, such as the resin enterprise as well as deforestation-free commodities in the Project design to reduce the occurrence of these illegal activities.

This will include firstly increased protections for the PA, and enforcement of the PA boundary against these illegal incursions. Additionally, increased efforts at confiscations of chainsaws and other logging equipment being used illegally with-in the PA will reduce the illegal activity. The strengthening of community organizations will give local organizations the ability to protect community lands and stop the flow of migrants into the PA. By conducting training on agricultural intensification, providing micro-finance, and supporting local businesses the goal is to generate alternative income to abate illegal activities with-in the PA. The aim is that the diversification of incomes will overtime shift the local economy from one of unsustainable to sustainable use.

2.5.5 Ongoing Disputes (G5.5)

There are some minor conflicts or disputes in the SCRP Project Zone between the communities. Some communities have had minor conflicts or disputes over the land, territory or resources in the Project Area during the last 20 years, all based on uncertain land tenure rights. This has been especially true in the Project community of Teuk Laak. Additionally, illegal land clearing and intrusion by outsiders has, and continues to, occur causing some levels of conflicts between specific local individuals and MOE.

The Project has committed to working with these communities to identify the boundaries of their lands, and to assist them in acquiring official tenure to them. One of the Project Activities (Section 2.2) that has been implemented is specifically targeted at helping these communities do this. These activities are designed to enable communities to gain the evidence needed to prove ownership of their lands and gain tenure, therefore there is no potential for the Project to prejudice any decision or outcome of a dispute through its activities. As the determination of land tenure and resolution of any disputes over tenure is made by the relevant RGC land registry ministry in accordance with national and local laws.

Refer to section 4.3.1.1 (4) of the MR for additional information on the Participatory Land Use Planning activities carried out by the SCRP, including land-use planning activities implemented during M₃. In addition, supporting documentation on the 9 Participatory Land Use Planning Meetings held during the third monitoring period were made available to the verifier.

2.5.6 National and Local Laws (G5.6)

The SCRP meets all local, national and international laws that are relevant to this Project. These laws include the aforementioned Employment laws, as well the additional laws outlined below.

Law on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Management (1996)

The Objective of this law is to protect and upgrade the environment quality and public health by means of prevention, reduction and control of pollution; to assess the environmental impacts of all proposed Projects prior to the issuance of decision by the Royal Government; to ensure the rational and sustainable preservation, development, management and the use of the natural resources of the Kingdom of Cambodia; to encourage and provide possibility to public to participate in the protection of environment and the management of the natural resources.

The mechanism for implementing this law is through the National Environmental Plan.

The Land Law (2002)

The Land Law classifies the different types of property and ownership rights in Cambodia: (1) State Public Property, (2) State Private Property, and (3) Private property:

1. State Public Property: According to the Articles 15 & 16 of this law, State Public Property is land

held by the State which carries a public interest use. State Public Property includes properties of a natural origin, such as the Permanent Forest Reserve. State Public Property cannot be sold or transferred to other legal entities, although it may be subject to rights of occupancy or use that are temporary in nature (such as a logging concession in the Permanent Forest Reserve).

2. State Private Property: Under Article 17, State Private Property is land that is owned by the State or public entities that do not have a public interest use (i.e., owned by the state or public entity, but does not fit the definition of State Public Property as mentioned above). In addition, State Private Property can be described as excess or idle land that is held by the State or public entities. State Private Property may actually be sold or transferred to other legal entities, such as use for social or economic land concessions.
3. Private Property: Private property is property owned by natural persons or legal entities other than the State or public entities. Private property can be owned by individuals, collectives or business organizations/associations.

The Forestry Law (2002)

The Forestry Law is an important sector-specific law that defines the management framework for harvesting, use, development, conservation, and protection of forests in Cambodia. It aims to ensure sustainable forest management and customary user rights of forest resources for indigenous and local communities. Reaffirming the Constitution, the Forestry Law provides that all forests (referred to as the Permanent Forest Estate), belong to the State, noting that there is currently a lack of proper demarcation of Cambodia's forest estate. The Permanent Forest Estate is divided as follows:

Permanent Forest Reserves are State Public Property and fall under the jurisdiction of the Forestry Administration (FA) which is housed the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF). According to the Forestry Law, the Permanent Forest Estate is defined as all forested land within the Kingdom of Cambodia. Generally, all categories of forests fall within the definition of the Permanent Forest Reserves - including forests that occur on private lands, flooded forests, wetland forests and mangrove forests. However, while all these forests are under the jurisdiction of the FA, wetland and mangrove forests outside the Protected Areas (PA) are under the jurisdiction of the Fisheries Administration (FA) of the MAFF. Permanent Forest Reserves consist of three sub-categories:

1. Production Forests,
2. Protection Forests and
3. Conversion Forests. Production Forests are forests that are managed primarily for the sustainable production of timber and non-timber forest products. In these forests, protection is a secondary objective.

The Production Forests include Forest Concessions and Community Forests. Areas under Production Forests include those forests where harvesting is permitted (e.g., annual bidding coupes for domestic wood supply), degraded forests, forests to be rehabilitated, and forests reserved for regeneration or plantation. The government may grant an area of production forest, not under use, to a forest concession through public bidding consistent with the National Forest Management Plan and after consultation with concerned ministries, local authorities and communities. However, from January 2002, the RGC issued a Declaration on the Suspension of Forest Concession Logging in the country. Community forests are forests owned by the state that have been allocated to communities under a 15-year renewable agreement. The primary goal of community forests is to protect and rehabilitate forests and to enhance

the sustainable use of forest resources by local communities.

Private Forests are those that are individually owned, and these forests are managed by the owners for a range of benefits. The owners have the free will to utilize these forests the way they deem fit and in addition, forest carbon in private forests belongs to the owners. Land within the Permanent Forest Estate can also be zoned as a Protected Area. Protected Areas fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Environment (MOE); applicable law includes the Protected Area Act 2008 and the Environmental Protection and Natural Resource Management Law 1996.

Protected Area Law (2008)

Provides the Ministry of Environment the authority to manage all protected areas in Cambodia. It lists the type of protected areas under MOE's purview as:

1. National Park
2. Wildlife sanctuary
3. Protected landscape
4. Multiple use area
5. Ramsar site
6. Biosphere reserve
7. Natural heritage site
8. Marine park

It also states that protected areas shall be defined by a sub-decree. The law and the process by which protected areas can be created or altered.

The Cambodian Community Forestry Sub-Decree (2003)

The National Forestry Program aims to register 1000 community forestry groups nationally and cover two million hectares by 2030. To achieve this target the government adopted various guidelines and policies to support the development of community forests such as the community forestry sub-decree, community forestry guideline, and national community forestry program.

Declaration on Classification and List of Wildlife Species NO: 020 PR.MAFF (2007)

This declaration lists and classifies all wild species in Cambodia. The decree groups species into three main categories, endangered, rare and common. The decree also declares that all wild species are technically owned by the State and are protected under this provision.

Code of Criminal Procedure adopted by COM

The purpose of the criminal code is to define the rule of law in Cambodia. It distinguishes what is a criminal and civil action and set the rule of law in Cambodia. The Project Proponent uses it to enforce protection of forests in the SCRP.

3 CLIMATE

3.1 Monitoring GHG Emission Reductions and Removals

3.1.1 Data and Parameters Available at Validation

Data Unit / Parameter:	RL
Data unit:	Percent
Description:	The deforestation rate for Cambodia
Source of data:	Reference area and historic reference period
Value applied:	2.38
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	Data source is the Royal Government of Cambodia Ministry of Environment submission to the UNFCCC technical committee (Ministry of Environment, 2016)
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Based on Cambodian national forest reference emission level (FREL) data.

Data Unit / Parameter:	α
Data unit:	unitless
Description:	Effect of time on the cumulative proportion of conversion over time for the Project Accounting Area
Source of data:	Reference area and historic reference period
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	Time and place in which the logistic model is fit
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not Used

Data Unit / Parameter:	β
Data unit:	unitless
Description:	Effect of time on the cumulative proportion of conversion over time for the Project Accounting Area
Source of data:	Reference area and historic reference period
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	Time and place in which the logistic model is fit
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario

Any comment:	Parameter not Used
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Data Unit / Parameter:	γ
Data unit:	days
Description:	Time shift from beginning of historic reference period to project start date
Source of data:	Historic reference period
Value applied:	
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	Time in which the logistic model is fit.
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not Used

Data Unit / Parameter:	θ
Data unit:	unitless
Description:	Effect of certain covariates on the cumulative proportion of conversion over time
Source of data:	Reference area and historic reference period
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	Time and place in which the logistic model is fit
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	λ_{soc}
Data unit:	proportion (unitless)
Description:	Exponential soil carbon decay parameter
Source of data:	Value from the literature. Davidson, E., and Ackerman, I. 1993. Changes in soil carbon inventories following cultivation of previously untilled soils. Biogeochemistry, 20(3), 161-193.
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	Soil carbon is not an included carbon pool.
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not Used

Data Unit / Parameter:	$\hat{\sigma}_{EM}$
Data unit:	standard deviation (unitless)
Description:	The estimated standard deviation of the state observations used to fit the logistic function for the Project Accounting Area BEM
Source of data:	Remote sensing image interpretation
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	As the BEM is not used for the determination of the baseline scenario this parameter cannot be calculated.
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not Used

Data Unit / Parameter:	$\mathcal{B}$
Data unit:	set
Description:	The set of all selected carbon pools in biomass. Is a subset of $\mathcal{C}$
Source of data:	PD
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 and the SCRPs standard operating procedures “Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory” and “Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area”. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. These measurements were established at validation.
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$\mathcal{C}$
Data unit:	set
Description:	The set of all selected carbon pools
Source of data:	Monitoring records
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 and the SCRPs standard operating procedures “Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory” and “Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area”. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	J
Data unit:	set
Description:	The set of all observations of conversion. When superscripted with a monitoring period, the conversion observations are taken for leakage analysis.
Source of data:	Remote sensing image interpretation or field observations in the leakage area.
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	N/A
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Any comment:	Parameter not Used as the BEM is not used, and leakage monitoring does not utilize remote sensing methods.

Data Unit / Parameter:	M
Data unit:	set
Description:	The set of all monitoring periods
Source of data:	Monitoring records
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	N/A
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	T
Data unit:	ha
Description:	The set of all species/categories of livestock
Source of data:	Monitoring records
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	N/A
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline emissions
Any comment:	Parameter not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	A_{PAA}
Data unit:	ha
Description:	Area of Project Accounting Area

Source of data:	GIS analysis prior to sampling
Value applied:	442,870.85
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. Measurements were established at validation.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	A_{PX}
Data unit:	ha
Description:	Area of proxy area for the Project Accounting Area
Source of data:	GIS analysis prior to sampling
Value applied:	27,717.7
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. Measurements were established at validation.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	A_{ASL}
Data unit:	ha
Description:	Area of the Activity Shifting Leakage Area
Source of data:	GIS analysis prior to sampling
Value applied:	43,883
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 and the SCRP's standard operating procedure Annex 05 - Standard Operating Procedure_Densimeter Forest Leakage. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. Measurements were established at validation.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Any comment:	Immaterial to measurement of emissions from activity-shifting leakage.

Data Unit / Parameter:	c_{Lp}
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e/ha
Description:	Carbon stocks in project leakage area
Source of data:	Leakage area sampling
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	N/A
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Any comment:	Parameter not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	f_{LSi}
Data unit:	kg CH ₄ head ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹
Description:	Emission factor for the defined livestock population, <i>i</i>
Source of data:	IPCC default values
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	Obtained directly from IPCC default values
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline emissions
Any comment:	Parameter not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	m
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e/ha
Description:	Average carbon in merchantable trees cut each year as a result of legally-sanctioned commercial logging
Source of data:	Timber harvest plans or measurement of carbon stocks in merchantable trees in the Project Accounting Area.
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	Should use the most accurate of the two data sources if both are available
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline emissions
Any comment:	Parameter not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	n_d
Data unit:	unitless
Description:	Number of spatial points in the Forest Project Accounting Area reference area
Source of data:	Remote sensing image interpretation
Value applied:	N/A

Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	N/A
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not used as BEM was not used.

Data Unit / Parameter:	o_i
Data unit:	unitless
Description:	State observation for the i^{th} sample point in the Project Accounting Area reference area
Source of data:	Remote sensing image interpretation
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	N/A
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Any comment:	Parameter not used as BEM was not used.

Data Unit / Parameter:	P_{LME}
Data unit:	unitless
Description:	Portion of leakage related to market
Source of data:	VCS methodology VM0009 Section 8.3.3
Value applied:	0.67
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. Measurements established at validation.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	q
Data unit:	days
Description:	Lag between start of degradation and conversion
Source of data:	Expert knowledge, results from the PRA or reports from peer-reviewed literature
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	Commonly accepted methods in the social sciences, choice determined and justified by Project Proponent

Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	r_{CFb}
Data unit:	unitless
Description:	Carbon fraction of biomass for burned wood or herbaceous material b
Source of data:	Literature estimates or direct measurement
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	No burning of wood or herbaceous material in project
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Any comment:	Parameter not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	r_{RS}
Data unit:	unitless
Description:	Expansion factor for above-ground biomass to below-ground biomass (root/shoot ratio)
Source of data:	IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, 2006, Volume 4: Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use, Chapter 4: Forest Land, Table 4.4
Value applied:	0.37
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	IPCC default value for Tropical rainforest
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	r_U
Data unit:	unitless
Description:	Onset proportion of conversion immediately adjacent to project area
Source of data:	GIS analysis and image interpretation
Value applied:	19.06%
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 section 6.17 and the SCRPs standard operating procedures. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. Measurements established at validation.
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	t
Data unit:	days
Description:	Time since project start date
Source of data:	Monitoring records
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	N/A
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	t_i
Data unit:	days
Description:	The point in time of the observation made at point i
Source of data:	Remote sensing image interpretation
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	N/A
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	t_{PA}
Data unit:	days
Description:	Time prior to the Project Start Date when the primary agent began commercial logging in the Project Accounting Area.
Source of data:	Harvest plans prepared for the Project Accounting Area, or by public record
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	N/A
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	t_m
Data unit:	days
Description:	Length of project or logging in baseline scenario
Source of data:	PD
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of	N/A

measurement methods and procedures applied:	
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	t_{PL}
Data unit:	days
Description:	Length of project crediting period
Source of data:	PD
Value applied:	10,957
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 section 6 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. Measurement established at validation.
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	t_{PAI}
Data unit:	days
Description:	Number of days after the project start date for the start of a project activity instance in a grouped project
Source of data:	PD
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	N/A
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	t_{SA}
Data unit:	days
Description:	Arrival of secondary agents after start of commercial logging
Source of data:	Participatory rural appraisal, or expert knowledge
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	Should use the most accurate of the data sources if both are available
Purpose of Data:	N/A
Any comment:	Parameter not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	w_i
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Data unit:	unitless
Description:	weight applied to the i^{th} sample point in the Project Accounting Area reference area
Source of data:	Remote sensing image interpretation
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	N/A
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not used as BEM not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	x
Data unit:	unitless
Description:	Covariate values
Source of data:	Participatory Rural Appraisal, analysis of public records, and/or expert interpretation of inventory data or remotely sensed imagery
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	Should use the most accurate of the data sources if both are available
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not used as BEM not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	x_i
Data unit:	geographic coordinates
Description:	Latitude of the i^{th} sample point
Source of data:	Remote sensing image interpretation
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	N/A
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not used as BEM not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	x_o
Data unit:	unitless
Description:	Covariate values as of the project start date
Source of data:	Participatory Rural Appraisal, analysis of public records, and/or expert interpretation of inventory data or remotely sensed imagery
Value applied:	

Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	Should use the most accurate of the data sources if both are available
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not used as BEM not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	x_{SA}
Data unit:	unitless
Description:	Covariate values as of the arrival of the secondary agents
Source of data:	Participatory Rural Appraisal, analysis of public records, and/or expert interpretation of inventory data or remotely sensed imagery
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	Should use the most accurate of the data sources if both are available
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not used as BEM not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	y_i
Data unit:	geographic coordinates
Description:	Longitude of the i^{th} sample point
Source of data:	Remote sensing image interpretation
Value applied:	N/A
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	N/A
Purpose of Data:	Determination of baseline scenario
Any comment:	Parameter not used as BEM not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	$y_{j,t}$
Data unit:	Tonne / ha
Description:	Yield for non-aromatic rice
Source of data:	literature
Value applied:	3.117
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was calculated using data from the World Bank and Royal Government of Cambodia. Wildlife Works was responsible for gathering this parameter from the literature. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the underlying data and calculations.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage

Any comment:	
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Data Unit / Parameter:	$y_{j,t}$
Data unit:	Tonne / ha
Description:	Yield for maize
Source of data:	Cambodian Agriculture in Transition: Opportunities and Risks. Economic and Sector Work, Report no 96308-KH
Value applied:	4.414
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was calculated using data from the World Bank and Royal Government of Cambodia. Wildlife Works was responsible for gathering this parameter from the literature. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the underlying data and calculations.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$y_{j,t}$
Data unit:	Tonne / ha
Description:	Yield for pumpkins (value for vegetables used)
Source of data:	Cambodian Agriculture in Transition: Opportunities and Risks. Economic and Sector Work, Report no 96308-KH
Value applied:	7.597
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was calculated using data from the World Bank and Royal Government of Cambodia. Wildlife Works was responsible for gathering this parameter from the literature. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the underlying data and calculations.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$y_{j,t}$
Data unit:	m ³ / ha
Description:	Yield for sawlog
Source of data:	Forest Degradation in Cambodia: An Assessment of Monitoring Options in the Central Cardamom Protected Forest. Halperin and Turner (2013)
Value applied:	525
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was calculated using data from the World Bank and Royal Government of Cambodia. Wildlife Works was responsible for gathering this parameter from the literature. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the underlying data and calculations.

Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	<i>H</i>
Data unit:	Number
Description:	Number of historical reference years
Source of data:	Jurisdictional program description or based on data availability
Value applied:	1
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	The project's historical reference period is 2006-2014. The commodity yield data sources were limited to that of 2012 and 2013. Justification of the accuracy and conservativeness of this data has been provided to the auditor.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	<i>r_j</i>
Data unit:	%
Description:	Annual percent increase in yield
Source of data:	VCS VMD0037 Global Commodity Leakage Module: Production Approach
Value applied:	2.5
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter is the default value for the annual percent increase in yield for a country. Wildlife Works was responsible for gathering this parameter from the literature. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the underlying data and calculations.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	<i>PD_j</i>
Data unit:	%
Description:	Percent of area where deforestation was avoided that would have been used for production of non-aromatic rice
Source of data:	Census of Agriculture in Cambodia 2013, National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Planning in Collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Value applied:	95
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was calculated using data from the World Bank and Royal Government of Cambodia. Wildlife Works was responsible for gathering this parameter from the literature. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the underlying data and calculations.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage

Any comment:	
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Data Unit / Parameter:	<i>PD_j</i>
Data unit:	%
Description:	Percent of area where deforestation was avoided that would have been used for production of maize.
Source of data:	Census of Agriculture in Cambodia 2013, National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Planning in Collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Value applied:	3
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was calculated using data from the World Bank and Royal Government of Cambodia. Wildlife Works was responsible for gathering this parameter from the literature. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the underlying data and calculations.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	<i>PD_j</i>
Data unit:	%
Description:	Percent of area where deforestation was avoided that would have been used for production of pumpkins.
Source of data:	Census of Agriculture in Cambodia 2013, National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Planning in Collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Value applied:	2
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was calculated using data from the World Bank and Royal Government of Cambodia. Wildlife Works was responsible for gathering this parameter from the literature. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the underlying data and calculations.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	<i>PD_j</i>
Data unit:	%
Description:	Percent of area where deforestation was avoided that would have been used for production of sawlogs.
Source of data:	Census of Agriculture in Cambodia 2013, National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Planning in Collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Value applied:	100

Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was calculated using data from the World Bank and Royal Government of Cambodia. Wildlife Works was responsible for gathering this parameter from the literature. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the underlying data and calculations.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	IS
Data unit:	%
Description:	Proportion of leakage resulting in increased supply outside the jurisdiction
Source of data:	VCS Global Leakage Module VMD0037 Default value
Value applied:	75
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter is the default value as required by the VCS Global Leakage module VMD0037. For background information on the default value see Appendix 2.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	NL
Data unit:	%
Description:	Proportion of increased supply coming from new land brought into production
Source of data:	VCS Global Leakage Module VMD0037 Default value
Value applied:	40
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter is the default value as required by the VCS Global Leakage module VMD0037. For background information on the default value see Appendix 2.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	NLD
Data unit:	%
Description:	Proportion of new land brought into agricultural production resulting in deforestation
Source of data:	VCS Global Leakage Module VMD0037 Default value
Value applied:	100
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter is the default value as required by the VCS Global Leakage module VMD0037. For background information on the default value see Appendix 2.

Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	d_d
Data unit:	ha
Description:	Cambodia area of deforestation 2006-2014
Source of data:	Data source is the Royal Government of Cambodia Ministry of Environment submission to the UNFCCC technical committee (Ministry of Environment, 2016)
Value applied:	2,313,554
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was calculated using data from the Royal Government of Cambodia. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the underlying data and calculations.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage
Any comment:	In the m2 MR, the value for this parameter was incorrectly reported as reported as 2,319,087 ha. The Total Deforested Area in Cambodia (2006-2014) was miscalculated in the previous monitoring period (m2). Previously, the value was determined by calculating the difference between the total non-forested area in 2006 and the total non-forested area in 2014. It has since been corrected to calculate the difference between total forested area in 2006 and total forested area in 2014. No downstream calculations were affected because of this correction as the deforestation rate (%) was previously calculated correctly.

Data Unit / Parameter:	g_d
Data unit:	ha
Description:	Global deforestation 2006-2014
Source of data:	FAOSTAT, Food and Agriculture Organization
Value applied:	104,036,361.40
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was calculated using data from the FAO Stat data service. Wildlife Works was responsible for gathering this parameter from the online database. All measurements were made from the period 2006 to 2014. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the underlying data and calculations.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	d_{cs}
Data unit:	Tonnes C
Description:	Cambodia at-risk carbon stock

Source of data:	Data source is the Royal Government of Cambodia Ministry of Environment submission to the UNFCCC technical committee (Ministry of Environment, 2016)
Value applied:	193,796,061.55
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was calculated using data from the Royal Government of Cambodia. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the underlying data and calculations.
Purpose of Data:	Calculation of leakage
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	g_{cs}
Data Unit	Tonnes C
Description:	Global at-risk carbon stock
Source of data:	FAOSTAT, Food and Agriculture Organization
Value applied:	8,638,799,429.73
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	This parameter was calculated using data from the FAO Stat data service. Wildlife Works was responsible for gathering this parameter from the online database. All measurements were made from the period 1961 to 2018. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the underlying data and calculations.
Purpose of Data:	This parameter was calculated using data from the FAO Stat data service. Wildlife Works was responsible for gathering this parameter from the online database. All measurements were made from the period 2006 to 2014. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the of the underlying data and calculations.
Any comment:	Calculation of leakage
Description:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	R_d
Description:	ha
Source of data:	Cambodia area in other REDD+ Projects
Value applied:	The relevant Project Documents for each REDD+ project
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	N/A
Purpose of Data:	N/A
Any comment:	Calculation of leakage
Description:	Parameter not used. Conservative default value from VMD00037 used.

Data Unit / Parameter:	R_{cs}
Description:	ha
Source of data:	Cambodia carbon stock in other REDD+ Projects
Value applied:	The relevant Project Documents for each REDD+ project
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied:	N/A
Purpose of Data:	N/A
Any comment:	Calculation of leakage
Description:	Parameter not used. Conservative default value from VMD00037 used.

3.1.2 Data and Parameters Monitored

MRR.85 List of parameters from Appendix H, their values and the time last measured.

MRR.86 Quality assurance and quality control measures employed for each.

MRR.87 Description of the accuracy of each.

Data Unit / Parameter:	$w^{[m]}$
Data unit:	set
Description:	The set of all burned wood or herbaceous material
Source of data:	Monitoring records
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	N/A
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of project emissions
Calculation method:	N/A
Any comment:	Parameter not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	$A_{B \Delta PAA}^{[m]}$
Data unit:	ha
Description:	Area of avoided conversion
Source of data:	Generated from equation

Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.3.3.4
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of project emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.52]
Any comment:	Parameter not used as BEM not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	$A_{P1}^{[m=0]}$
Data unit:	ha
Description:	Area of Project Accounting Area stratum 1 prior to first verification event – Evergreen Forest
Source of data:	GIS analysis prior to sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 section 6.2. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. Measurements were made prior to the first verification event. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the limits of Arc GIS software and quality of the shapefiles.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	First monitoring period
Value applied:	424,910.65
Monitoring equipment:	Computer with ArcGIS software
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 and the VCS standard. This includes a review of the GIS products and visual assessments of the accuracy of the shapefiles.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	GIS analysis
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$A_{P2}^{[m=0]}$
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Data unit:	ha
Description:	Area of Project Accounting Area stratum 2 prior to first verification event – Deciduous Forest
Source of data:	GIS analysis prior to sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 section 6.2. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. Measurements were made prior to the first verification event. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the limits of Arc GIS software and quality of the shapefiles.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	First monitoring period
Value applied:	17,792.63
Monitoring equipment:	Computer with ArcGIS software
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 and the VCS standard. This includes a review of the GIS products and visual assessments of the accuracy of the shapefiles.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	GIS analysis
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$A_{P3}^{[m=0]}$
Data unit:	ha
Description:	Area of Project Accounting Area stratum 3 prior to first verification event – Out Area
Source of data:	GIS analysis prior to sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 section 6.2. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. Measurements were made prior to the first verification event. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the limits of Arc GIS software and quality of the shapefiles.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	First monitoring period
Value applied:	167.56

Monitoring equipment:	Computer with ArcGIS software
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 and the VCS standard. This includes a review of the GIS products and visual assessments of the accuracy of the shapefiles.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	GIS analysis
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$B_b^{[m]}$
Data unit:	tonnes
Description:	Biomass in burned wood or herbaceous material b
Source of data:	Measurements of biomass
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	Scale
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Summation
Any comment:	Parameter not used as there is no biomass burning in Project

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_B^{[m]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e/ha
Description:	Baseline carbon stocks at the end of the current monitoring period for the Project Accounting Area
Source of data:	Proxy Area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Section 6.4 and Appendix B.4 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was

	responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	1.61
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equations [F.2],[F.3],[F.4],[F.5],[F.6],[F.7],[F.57]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{B\ BGB}^{[m]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Carbon not decayed in BGB at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Proxy area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 v3 Section 8.1.4
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.16]
Any comment:	Parameter omitted due to superseding of BEM by national FREL

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{B\ DW}^{[m]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e

Description:	Carbon not decayed in DW at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Proxy area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 v3 Section 8.1.3
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.16]
Any comment:	Carbon pool not included

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{B SOC}^{[m]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Carbon not decayed in SOC at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Proxy area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.1.5
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	[F.16]
Any comment:	Carbon pool not included

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{B WP}^{[m]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Carbon not decayed in WP at the end of the current monitoring period

Source of data:	Proxy area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Appendix C
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [C.1], [F.16]
Any comment:	Carbon pool not included

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{B\ AGMT}^{[m]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e/ha
Description:	Baseline carbon stocks in above-ground merchantable trees at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Proxy area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2.1
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Weighted per ha average. Equations: [F.37],[F.38],[F.39],[F.40]
Any comment:	Carbon pool not included

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{B\ BGMT}^{[m]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e/ha
Description:	Baseline carbon stocks in below-ground merchantable trees at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Proxy area sampling

Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2.1
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Weighted per ha average. Equations: [F.37],[F.38],[F.39],[F.40]
Any comment:	Carbon pool not included

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{P\ AGMT}^{[m=0]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Project carbon stocks in above-ground merchantable trees at project start
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2.1
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	At project start
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Summation across plots. Equation [F.1]
Any comment:	Carbon pool not included

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{P\ BGMT}^{[m=0]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Project carbon stocks in below-ground merchantable trees at project start
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling

Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2.3
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	At project start
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Summation across plots. Equation: [F.1]
Any comment:	Carbon pool not included

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{Bb}^{[m]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Baseline scenario average carbon stock in selected carbon pools
Source of data:	Proxy area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.1.5 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022 Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	See Annex 06 – Carbon Inventory – Proxy Area
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions

Calculation method:	Equations [F.18] and [F.24]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{B\ BM}^{[m]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Baseline carbon stocks in biomass at the end of the current monitoring period for the Project Accounting Area
Source of data:	Proxy area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.1.1.1 and Appendix B.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	1.61
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equations: [F.19],[F.20],[F.21],[F.24],[F.52]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{B\ SOC}^{[m]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e/ha
Description:	Baseline soil carbon stocks at the end of the current monitoring period for the Forest Project Accounting Area
Source of data:	Proxy area sampling

Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2.6
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equations: [F.25],[F.27],[F.28]
Any comment:	Carbon pool not included in the Project

Data Unit / Parameter:	$c_p^{[m]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Project carbon stocks at the end of the current monitoring period for the Forest Project Accounting Area
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.1.5 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	422.65
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions

Calculation method:	Equations: [B.33],[F.41],[F.57]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_P^{[m-1]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Project carbon stocks at the beginning of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Prior monitoring period
Value applied:	421.14
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equations: [B.33],[F.41]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_P^{[m=0]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Project carbon stocks prior to first verification event for the Project Accounting Area
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling

Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made prior to the first verification event. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Prior monitoring period
Value applied:	425.31
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.7]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{P1BM}^{[m=0]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Project carbon stocks in biomass in Project Accounting Area stratum 1 at Project start – Evergreen Forest
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made prior to the first verification event. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.

Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Prior to first monitoring event
Value applied:	431.2
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation: [F.24]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{P2BM}^{[m=0]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Project carbon stocks in biomass in Project Accounting Area stratum 2 at Project start – Deciduous Forest
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made prior to the first verification event. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Prior to first monitoring event
Value applied:	285.38
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5%

	of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Average of plot measurements in a given stratum. Equations: [F.24]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{P\ 3\ BM}^{[m=0]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Project carbon stocks in biomass in Project Accounting Area stratum 3 at Project start – Out Area
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Prior to first monitoring event
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Average of plot measurements in a given stratum. Equations: [F.24]
Any comment:	Strata was added in M2.

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{P\ 1}^{[m-1]}$
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Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Project carbon stocks in biomass in Project Accounting Area stratum 1 at end of prior monitoring period – Evergreen Forest
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	20% of biomass plots are remeasured annually
Value applied:	427.16
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QA/QC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.23]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{P\ 2\ BM}^{[m-1]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Project carbon stocks in biomass in Project Accounting Area stratum 2 at the end of the prior monitoring period – Deciduous Forest
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling

Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Prior to first monitoring event
Value applied:	277.24
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Average of plot measurements in a given stratum. Equations: [F.19],[F.20],[F.21],[F.52]23]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{P3BM}^{[m-1]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Project carbon stocks in biomass in Project Accounting Area stratum 3 at the end of the prior monitoring period – Out Area
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level

	achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Prior to first monitoring event
Value applied:	0
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Average of plot measurements in a given stratum. Equations: [F.19],[F.20],[F.21],[F.52]23]
Any comment:	Strata was added in M2.

Data Unit / Parameter:	$c_{P1}^{[m=3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Project carbon stocks in biomass in Project Accounting Area stratum 1 at end of the current monitoring period – Evergreen Forest
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2 and the SCRPs standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	20% of biomass plots are remeasured annually
Value applied:	428.87
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14

QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.23]

Data Unit / Parameter:	$c_{P2}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Project carbon stocks in biomass in Project Accounting Area stratum 1 at end of current monitoring period – Deciduous Forest
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	20% of biomass plots are remeasured annually
Value applied:	274.03
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions.
Calculation method:	Average of plot measurements in a given stratum [F.23]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$c_{P3}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Project carbon stocks in biomass in Project Accounting Area stratum 1 at end of current monitoring period – Out Area
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	20% of biomass plots are remeasured annually
Value applied:	0
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Average of plot measurements in a given stratum [F.23]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$c_{P\ AGMT}^{[m=0]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Project carbon stocks in above-ground merchantable trees prior to first verification event
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling

Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Appendix B.2.1
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Prior to first monitoring event
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Average of plot measurements in a given stratum
Any comment:	Carbon pool not included

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{PBM}^{[m=0]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Project carbon stocks in biomass prior to first verification event
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2 and the SCRPs standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made prior to the first verification event. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Prior to first monitoring event
Value applied:	188,359,161.76
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions

Calculation method:	Equations: [F.19], [F.20], [F.21], [F.52]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$c_{Pb}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Average carbon in biomass in the project accounting area
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	422.65
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equations [F.17]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$c_{P soc}^{[m=0]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e/ha
Description:	Project soil carbon stocks prior to first verification event in the Forest Project Accounting Area
Source of data:	Project Accounting Area sampling

Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Appendix B.2.6
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	At Project Start
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of project emissions
Calculation method:	Average of plot measurements in a given stratum. Equations: [F.25],[F.27],[F.28]
Any comment:	Carbon pool not included in Project

Data Unit / Parameter:	$C_{P\Delta WP}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Project carbon stocks in wood products at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Project accounting area sampling
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Appendix C
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equations: [C.2], [F.41]
Any comment:	Carbon pool not included in Project

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{\Delta GER}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	GERs for the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Area measurements
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section

	8.4.1 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	4,271,282
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QA/QC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of GER calculations, monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equations: [F.55], [F.57]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{\Delta GER}^{[m-1]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	GERs for monitoring period ($m - 1$)
Source of data:	Equation [F.54], measurements in the PAA and Proxy Area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.4.1 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Prior monitoring period
Value applied:	13,164,122

Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of GER calculations, monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.54]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{\Delta NER}^{[m-1]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	NERs for monitoring period ($m - 1$)
Source of data:	Equation [F.56], measurements in the PAA and Proxy Area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.4.3 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	prior monitoring period
Value applied:	11,838,830
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of NER calculations, monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation F.56
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_B^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative baseline emissions at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Equation [F.15], measurements in the PAA and Proxy Area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.1 and the SCRPs standard operating procedures “Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory” and “Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area”. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	31,071,237
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, “QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6” This includes a review of calculations, monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.15]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_B^{[m-1]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative baseline emissions at the beginning of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Equation [F.15], measurements in the PAA and Proxy Area

Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.1 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Prior monitoring period
Value applied:	26,637,710
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of calculations, monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.15]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{B\Delta}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Change in baseline emissions
Source of data:	Proxy area measurement
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.1 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.

Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	4,433,527
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of calculations, monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equations: [F.9],[F.10],[F.14],[F.53],[F.57]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{B \Delta BGB}^{[m-1]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Change in baseline emissions from below-ground biomass during monitoring period (m-1)
Source of data:	Monitoring the proxy area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Appendix B.2.3
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Prior monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.32]
Any comment:	Parameter not used as BGB decay models are not used.

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{B \Delta DW}^{[m-1]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Baseline emissions from dead wood from monitoring period (m-1)
Source of data:	Measurements in the proxy area

Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Appendix B.2.4 and B.2.5
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Prior monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.36]
Any comment:	Parameter not used as carbon pool is not included

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{B \Delta SOC}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Baseline change in emissions from soil carbon
Source of data:	Measurements in the proxy area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.1.2.1, 8.1.2.2, 8.1.2.3 and Appendix B.2.6
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equations: [F.15], [F.33]
Any comment:	Parameter not used as carbon pool is not included

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{B \Delta SOC}^{[m-1]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Baseline emissions from soil carbon in monitoring period (m-1)
Source of data:	Measurements in the proxy area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.1.2.1, 8.1.2.2, 8.1.2.3 and Appendix B.2.6

Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.15], [F.33]
Any comment:	Parameter not used as carbon pool is not included

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{B\ AGMT}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative baseline emissions from above-ground commercial trees at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Measurements in the proxy area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.1.6.1, 8.1.6.2, 8.1.6.3
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equations: [F.34], [F.51]
Any comment:	Parameter not used as BEM is not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{B\ BGB}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative baseline emissions from below-ground biomass at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Measurements in the proxy area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.1.4
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A

Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.31]
Any comment:	Parameter not used as BEM is not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{B\ BGB}^{[m-1]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative baseline emissions from below-ground biomass at the beginning of the current monitoring period (m-1)
Source of data:	Measurements in the proxy area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.1.4
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.31]
Any comment:	Parameter not used as BEM is not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{B\ BM}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative baseline emissions from biomass at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Measurements in the proxy area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.1.1, 8.1.1.5.1 This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.1.1 and 8.1.1.5.1, and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All

	measurements were made during 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	31,071,237
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QA/QC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of calculations, monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equations: [F.16], [F.30], [F.52]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{B\ DW}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative baseline emissions from dead wood at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Measurements in the proxy area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.1.3
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.35]
Any comment:	Parameter not used as carbon pool is not included

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{B\ DW}^{[m-1]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative baseline emissions from dead wood at the beginning of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Measurements in the proxy area

Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.1.3
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.35]
Any comment:	Parameter not used as carbon pool is not included

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{B\text{ soc}}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative baseline emissions from soil carbon at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Measurements in the proxy area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.1.2.1, 8.1.2.2, 8.1.2.3
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equations: [F.16], [F.26]
Any comment:	Parameter not used as carbon pool is not included

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{B\text{ soc}}^{[m-1]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative baseline emissions from soil carbon at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Measurements in the proxy area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.1.2.1, 8.1.2.2, 8.1.2.3
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period

Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.26]
Any comment:	Parameter not used as carbon pool is not included

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{BAS}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative baseline emissions from activity-shifting leakage
Source of data:	Royal Government of Cambodia Ministry of Environment submission to the UNFCCC technical committee (Ministry of Environment, 2016)
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.3.2, and B.2.9. This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.3.2, and B.2.9., and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Leakage". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	3,075,152
Monitoring equipment:	Computer
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of calculations, monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured for comparison to initial sampling.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of leakage
Calculation method:	Section 3.2.3.2
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{BA}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e

Description:	Cumulative emissions allocated to the buffer account at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Monitoring records
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.4.4 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between in 2021. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	3,093,780
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of calculations, monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.55]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_L^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative emissions from leakage at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Measurements in the leakage area(s)
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.3, the SCRP's standard operating procedure "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Densimeter Forest Leakage" or the VCS tool Global Commodity Leakage Module: Production Approach VMD0037. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is

	associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	216,786
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of calculations, monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured for comparison to initial sampling.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of leakage
Calculation method:	Equation [F.44]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_L^{[m-1]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative emissions from leakage at the beginning of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Measurements in the leakage area(s)
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.3, the SCRP's standard operating procedure "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Densimeter Forest Leakage" or the VCS tool Global Commodity Leakage Module: Production Approach VMD0037. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between 2018 and 2020. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Prior monitoring period
Value applied:	187,975.5
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of calculations, monitoring records for

	errors and 5% of plots being remeasured for comparison to initial sampling.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of leakage
Calculation method:	Equation [F.44]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{L\Delta}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Change in emissions due to leakage
Source of data:	Measurements in the leakage area(s) and calculations
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.3, the SCRP's standard operating procedure "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Densimeter Forest Leakage" or the VCS tool Global Commodity Leakage Module: Production Approach VMD0037. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	28,811
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of calculations, monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured for comparison to initial sampling. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of leakage
Calculation method:	Equation [F.53]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{LASF}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e

Description:	Cumulative emissions from activity-shifting leakage at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Measurements in the activity-shifting leakage area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.3 and the SCRP's standard operating procedure "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Densiometer Forest Leakage". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	0
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.3 and the SCRP's standard operating procedure "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Densiometer Forest Leakage". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between 2022.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of leakage
Calculation method:	Equation [F.45]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{L\ ASG}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative emissions from activity-shifting leakage in native grassland strata at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Measurements in the activity-shifting leakage area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	N/A
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	N/A

QA/QC procedures to be applied:	N/A
Purpose of data:	Calculation of leakage
Calculation method:	Equations: [F.44], [F.45]
Any comment:	Parameter not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{LME}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative emissions from market leakage at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Global Commodity Leakage Module: Production Approach VMD0037
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.3, the SCRP's standard operating procedure "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Densimeter Forest Leakage" or the VCS tool Global Commodity Leakage Module: Production Approach VMD0037. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	216,786
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QA/QC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of calculations and monitoring records.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of leakage
Calculation method:	Equation [F.45]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{P\Delta}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e

Description:	Change in project emissions
Source of data:	Monitoring records for Forest Fire, Burning, logging, wood products, and natural disturbance events
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between m ₂ and m ₃ . Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	133,435
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of calculations monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of project emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.53]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{P \Delta BRN}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative Project emissions due to burning at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Monitoring plots in the project
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 section 8.2.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between m ₂ and m ₃ . Accuracy level

	achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	0
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of calculations, monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of project emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.41]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{P\Delta LS}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative project emissions due to livestock grazing within the Project Area.
Source of data:	Monitoring in the Project Area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.2.4
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of project emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.43]
Any comment:	No livestock grazing in Project Area.

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_{P\Delta SF}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative Project emissions due to the use of synthetic fertilizers within the Project Area.
Source of data:	Monitoring in the Project Area

Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.2.5
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of project emissions
Calculation method:	CDM A/R methodological tool Estimation of direct and indirect (e.g. leaching and runoff) nitrous oxide emission from nitrogen fertilization. Equation [F.53]
Any comment:	No synthetic fertilizer used in Project Area

Data Unit / Parameter:	$E_U^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Cumulative confidence deduction at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	N/A
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Section 8.4.1.1 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	0
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of calculations, monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.55]

Any comment:	
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Data Unit / Parameter:	$n_{LS i}$
Data unit:	count
Description:	The number of head of livestock species/ category in the Project Area
Source of data:	Monitoring in the Project Area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.2.4
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Use of literature or expert knowledge. Equation [43]
Any comment:	Parameter not used, no livestock in Project Area

Data Unit / Parameter:	$p_{L DEG}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	proportion (unitless)
Description:	Portion of leakage due to degradation in forest at the end of the current monitoring period
Source of data:	Monitoring in the leakage area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Section 8.3.2.3 and B2.9, and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Densiometer Forest Leakage". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	0.94
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14

QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of leakage
Calculation method:	Summation across leakage plots. Equations: [F.46], [F.47], [F.48], [F.49]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$p_{L\ DEG}^{[m=0]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	proportion (unitless)
Source of data:	Portion of leakage due to degradation prior to first verification event
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Section 8.3.2.3 and B2.9, and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Densiometer Forest Leakage". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made prior to the first verification event. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	At project start
Value applied:	1.01
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of leakage
Calculation method:	Summation across leakage plots. Equation [F.48]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$p_{L\ CON\ G}^{[m=0]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	proportion (unitless)
Source of data:	Portion of leakage due to native grasslands prior to first verification event
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Section 8.3.2.4, and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Densiometer Forest Leakage". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurements, which were all made prior to the first verification event. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	N/A
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of leakage
Calculation method:	Summation across leakage plots. Equations: [F.47], [F.49]
Any comment:	Parameter not used.

Data Unit / Parameter:	$p_{L\ CON\ G}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	proportion (unitless)
Source of data:	Portion of leakage due to native grasslands at the end of the current monitoring period.
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Section 8.3.2.4, and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Densiometer Forest Leakage". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurements, which were all made in 2021. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations

Frequency of monitoring/recording:	N/A
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of leakage
Calculation method:	Summation across leakage plots. Equations: [F.47], [F.49]
Any comment:	Parameter not used.

Data Unit / Parameter:	$p_{L\ CON\ G}^{[m-1]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	proportion (unitless)
Source of data:	Portion of leakage due to native grasslands at the end of the previous monitoring period.
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Section 8.3.2.4, and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Densimeter Forest Leakage". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurements, which were all made between 2018-2021. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	N/A
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	Equipment list in Annex 14
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of leakage
Calculation method:	Summation across leakage plots. Equations: [F.47], [F.49]
Any comment:	Parameter not used.

Data Unit / Parameter:	$p_{SL}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	proportion (unitless)

Description:	Proportion of AGMT that is not merchantable and goes into slash estimated from inventory
Source of data:	Estimated from inventory
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 8.1.6.3
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Conservatively used volume of a cone. Equation [F.34]
Any comment:	Parameter not used, no commercial logging in Project area

Data Unit / Parameter:	$t^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	days
Description:	Time from project start date to end of current monitoring period
Source of data:	Monitoring records
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between project start date and 2021. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	2555
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of calculations, monitoring records for errors.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions

Calculation method:	Subtraction. Equations: [F.19], [F.20], [F.24], [F.21], [F.25], [F.27], [F.28], [F.32], [F.33], [F.36], [F.37], [F.38], [F.39], [F.40]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$t^{[m-1]}$
Data unit:	days
Description:	Time from project start date to beginning of current monitoring period
Source of data:	Monitoring records
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.2 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made between project start date and 2021. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	2191
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of calculations, monitoring records for errors.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Subtraction. Equations: [F.10], [F.36]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$U_B^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Total uncertainty in proxy area carbon stock estimate
Source of data:	Equation [B.34] and field measurements in the Proxy Area
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009

	v3 Appendix B.1.5 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	1.06
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QAQC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [B.57]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$U_{EM}^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Total uncertainty in Baseline Emissions Models for the Project Accounting Area
Source of data:	N/A
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	VCS Methodology VM0009 Section 6.8.10
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.57]
Any comment:	Parameter not used as BEM not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	$U_P^{[m3]}$
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Data unit:	tCO ₂ e / ha
Description:	Total uncertainty in the Project Accounting Area carbon stock estimate
Source of data:	Field measurements in the PAA
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was measured in accordance of the VCS standard and AFOLU guidance, using the procedures outlined in the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 Appendix B.1.5 and the SCRP's standard operating procedures "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom - Forest Inventory" and "Standard Operating Procedure Cardamom – Proxy Area". Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the field measurements and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	15.37
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QA/QC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 section B.5 and are outlined in the document, "QA_QC Procedure Cardamom v1.6" This includes a review of monitoring records for errors and 5% of plots being remeasured and compared to initial sample with a t-test.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equation [F.57]
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	$WC_{Pi}^{[m=0]}$
Data unit:	tCO ₂ e
Description:	Weighted average carbon stocks for biomass or SOC in the project for the set of selected strata
Source of data:	Biomass inventory
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	Inventory or GIS
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	N/A

QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equations: [F.29], [F.24]
Any comment:	Parameter is not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	$x^{[m3]}$
Data unit:	varies
Description:	Covariate values
Source of data:	Participatory Rural Appraisal, analysis of public records, and/or expert interpretation of inventory data or remotely sensed imagery
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	N/A
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	N/A
Monitoring equipment:	N/A
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	Review of monitoring records
Purpose of data:	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method:	Equations: [F.19], [F.20], [F.21], [F.24], [F.25], [F.27], [F.28], [F.37], [F.38], [F.39], [F.40]
Any comment:	Parameter is not used

Data Unit / Parameter:	d_t
Data unit:	ha
Description:	Area of avoided deforestation for monitoring period.
Source of data:	Data source is the Royal Government of Cambodia Ministry of Environment submission to the UNFCCC technical committee (Ministry of Environment, 2016)
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	This parameter was calculated using data from the Royal Government of Cambodia. Wildlife Works was responsible for the measurement. All measurements were made in 2021 and 2022. Accuracy level achieved is good, and is associated with the quality of the underlying data and calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	Every monitoring period
Value applied:	10,530

Monitoring equipment:	Computer
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QA/QC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 and the VCS standard. This includes a review of the calculations and data used.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of leakage
Calculation method:	equation
Any comment:	

Data Unit / Parameter:	LM
Data unit:	tonnes
Description:	Leakage mitigation achieved by the jurisdictional program in terms of production of a given commodity
Source of data:	Agricultural production data from leakage mitigation projects implemented by the jurisdictional program or data on the reduction in the production demanded as generated by the jurisdictional program.
Description of measurement methods and procedures to be applied:	A jurisdictional program should measure the volume of production through agricultural records.
Frequency of monitoring/recording:	The data may be monitored once at the end of the monitoring period but should be reported on an annual basis.
Value applied:	0
Monitoring equipment:	Computer
QA/QC procedures to be applied:	QA/QC procedures are in line with the requirements of VM0009 v3 and the VCS standard. This includes a review of the calculations and data used.
Purpose of data:	Calculation of leakage
Calculation method:	Value from literature
Any comment:	Leakage mitigation is conservatively excluded

3.1.3 Monitoring Plan

A plan has been developed to monitor the SCRP's impact on its climate related objectives, namely the reduction in the emissions of tCO₂e by reducing deforestation in the Project Area. The primary objective of the monitoring plan is to ensure accurate estimates of carbon stocks and carbon emission reductions from the REDD+ Project over the crediting period of the Project. The climate monitoring plan includes three primary monitoring activities that will be performed throughout the lifetime of the SCRP. These activities, and their frequency are shown in Table 8.

Table 8: The three primary monitoring activities, the frequency that they will be performed and the method to be used.

Activity	Frequency	Method
Forest Patrols and Perimeter Observation	Annually	Patrol teams inspect perimeter of project area via ground-based assessments and by air with a helicopter.
Plot Measurements	Bi-Annually	Sampling teams visit a portion of plots in project and proxy areas
Identification of significant disturbance	Once every 2-3 years or after major disturbance event	Periodic inspection of aerial imagery or videography, with ground inspection when necessary

Descriptions of these monitoring activities are described in Annex 2 – Climate Monitoring Plan. In addition to these three primary Project monitoring activities several additional monitoring activities will happen at informal frequencies during the Project Partners' general operations. This includes regular forest ranger patrols through the Project Area, and outreaches to the communities. Additionally, 2 times per month aerial patrolling is performed by helicopter. These additional monitoring activities will serve to identify many instances of encroachment or tree harvesting that may occur in the Project Area. The monitoring plan is meant as a guide to maintain consistency during monitoring, and also includes training and internal audit procedures for quality control. It is meant as a working document to be revised as needed during the course of the Project. When revisions are necessary they should be noted as monitoring deviations in the subsequent monitoring report prepared for a VCS and CCB verification event.

MRR.88 Documentation of training for field crews.

A primary training event for the field crews was held January 16 – 23, 2017 in the Project Area. WWC staff members Jeremy Freund and Brain Williams led this training. During the training all field crew members were instructed in the biomass sample plot SOP, the proper usage of all equipment, and in best practices for the safe and successful field data collection. A secondary on-site training was held December 2-3, 2017, by Brian Williams specifically on the leakage area data collection SOP. In addition to these two on-site trainings, continuous support and training was provided by WWC staff by email and phone calls to answer any questions by the field team and to address any issues that arose.

For the m₂ biomass and leakage plot data collection 2 additional trainings were held. The first was held April 24-29th 2019 and was focused on refreshing and retraining the plot sampling team. A second training was held April 18-19, 2020 and was focused on the refreshing and retraining on the leakage plot sampling SOP. Both trainings were led by the SCRPP biomass inventory manager Romica Grosu and held on-site in the Project Area.

During this third monitoring period, biomass inventory training was held from 3 – 7 December 2021. The training covered the SCRPP Forest Inventory SOP and its implementation for the biomass plot sampling on the SCRPP. 10 biomass inventory team members participated in the training, 4 of which were existing

team members, while 6 were new members to the team. In addition, the same 10 members of the biomass inventory team were trained on the leakage plot sampling procedures. Supporting documentation on this training activity has been made available to the verifier.

MRR.90 Documentation of data quality assessment such as a check cruise and plots of the data such as diameter distributions by strata or plot.

Please refer to 'Annex 07 – QA_QC Procedure Cardamoms' for the quality control standard operating procedure that the Project uses to assess data measurement quality and thoroughness. In accordance with the QC SOP, 5% of the biomass inventory plots are randomly selected. These QC plots were re-measured by a different plot sample team than originally measured the plot as close in time to the original plots as possible to avoid any errors due to natural regeneration/growth, although it is widely understood that some natural variation will occur between these two measurement events. The team that remeasures the plot does not have access to the data sheet from the initial plot measurement, nor should have discussed any element of the plot with the team that performed the initial measurement. The plots cover all strata present in the Project Area. Table 9 displays the results of the paired T-Test, which showed no significant difference was found.

Table 9: Results of the QAQC analysis

Paired T-Test	QC Basis	Inventory Basis
1% of Estimated Mean (tCO₂e)	4.0092	4.0791
Estimated Mean of Paired Differences (tCO₂e)	-6.6484	-6.6484
Standard Error of Paired Differences (tCO₂e)	10.1908	10.1908
Difference between 1% and Paired Difference (tCO₂e)	-10.6577	-10.7275
t Statistic	-1.0458	-1.0527
Degrees of Freedom	7	7
p Value (1 - alpha)	0.8348	0.8363
H0: No difference between 1% and Paired Difference at 90% Level	True	True
H1: Difference greater than or equal to 1% and Paired Difference at 90% Level	False	False

If the T-Test fails, the plot monitoring team lead and VP Carbon Development shall identify any systematic errors in the data that is resulting in the overserved differences. If a systematic error resulting from either the field or the data transcription is identified the VP of Carbon Development shall rectify or account for the systematic errors using the following options:

- If the systematic error stems from field measurement, determine the difference between the average carbon stocks of the QC plot set from the average carbon stocks of the original plot set. Subtract this difference from the overall average of carbon stocks used to determine credit generation as a global QC discount. If this approach is selected, it then becomes important for Wildlife Works to rectify the systematic error over the course of future biomass measurements/plot re- measurements to avoid future global QC discounts.

OR

b. If the systematic error stems from field measurement, rectify the error by retaking all measurements on effected plots in the original inventory. An example would be if it was determined that all multi-trunk trees' circumference was calculated too low to the ground. In this case, the effected plots would be only those containing multi-trunk trees. Recalculate the overall average carbon stocks used to quantify credit generation based on updated and correct measurements.

c. If the systematic error stems from desk procedures, rectify the error and recalculate the overall average carbon stocks used to quantify credit generation based on updated and correct values. Examples of desk-level error rectification are changing/upgrading software, manually updating erroneous values or modifying data entry forms to include dropdown menus if not already employed.

If the t-test fails and no systematic errors (as described in step 4) are identified, apply a global QC discount as described in step a above.

If systematic errors are discovered, the VP Carbon Development will perform further team training and/or amend relevant procedures before the field measurements are taken or recorded during the next monitoring period. If further training is required, it shall be performed within 3 months of the verification event.

MRR.91 Maps of a stratification (if any) and references to plot allocation.

Please refer to Figure 2 for a map of the Project Accounting Area forest stratification, and to Figure 4 for a map of the biomass sample plot locations.

MRR.92 List of plot GPS coordinates.

Please refer to Annex 02, the Climate Monitoring Plan, for a comprehensive list of all sample plots and their GPS coordinates.

MRR.93 Description of plot sizes and layout (such as the use of nests and their sizes) for each carbon pool.

A permanent circular nested plot design was used for the biomass sample plots. The tree plot radius for this Project is 15 meters, which is a 0.07 ha plot area. The minimum diameter for considering an individual plant as a tree for the Project is 10 cm diameter at 1.3 m above the ground (DBH). All smaller woody plants are considered shrubs. The shrub plot radius for the Project is 5 meters.

Table 10: The radii used for the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project tree and shrub plots

Area	Plot Radius
<i>Tree Plots</i>	
All Plots	15 meters
<i>Shrub Plots</i>	
All Plots	5 meters

MRR.94 If applicable, a detailed description of the process used to develop allometric equations, to include:

- a. Sample size
- b. Distribution (e.g., diameter) of the sample
- c. Model fitting procedure
- d. Model selection

This MRR is not applicable to the SCRP. As described in Section 6, new allometric equations were not developed for the Project.

MRR. 95 The estimated carbon stock, standard error of the total for each stock, and the sample size for each stratum in the area selected.

Table 11: The estimated carbon stock, error and number of plots for each forest strata in the Project Area.

Stratum	Carbon Stock (t CO ₂ e / ha)	Error (t CO ₂ e / ha)	Number of Plots
Evergreen Forest	428.87	15.97	197
Deciduous Forest	274.03	27.28	53
Project Area	422.65	15.37	250

MRR. 97 Deviations from the measurement methods set out in Appendix B or the monitoring plan, per current VCS requirement.

There were no deviations from the Methodology Appendix B or from the Project Climate Monitoring Plan in Annex 02.

MRR.98 The frequency of monitoring for each plot for all plots – all plots should be measured for the first verification. All leakage plots should be measured every verification, and all proxy and project accounting area plots at least every five years, or after a significant event that changes stocks.

100 Project biomass plots (40% of the total) and Leakage Area sample plots were measured for this monitoring period. For the frequency of monitoring for all of these plots please refer to the Climate Monitoring Plan in Annex 02.

3.1.4 Dissemination of Monitoring Plan and Results (CL4.2)

The Climate Monitoring Plan has been established and accepted by the Project Proponent. The monitoring plan was made available for public review at the SCRP Project Office, and has been made available to each Commune in the Project Zone communities. The full results of the climate monitoring are included in this project Monitoring Report, which is made publicly available in the Project Area by having a hard copy available for review at the Project Office and on the VCS registry, and the Wildlife Alliances website. The monitoring results have been further communicated to the communities and other stakeholders (including the Government and Local Authorities) using diverse methods including presentations, reports, and orally during community awareness and sensitization meetings, and when SBIA workshops are held. Additionally, a monitoring report summary has been written and provided to communities throughout the Project Area in English and Khmer.

3.2 Quantification of GHG Emission Reductions and Removals

3.2.1 Baseline Emissions

Table 12 below summarizes without-Project (baseline) carbon emissions and corresponding deductions for leakage and risk of reversal buffer. As the SCRP opted to use Cambodia's national FREL submission to the UNFCCC, a summary of equations is provided below. A more complete justification is provided in the Royal Government of Cambodia's Initial Forest Reference Level under the UNFCCC Framework (MoE, 2016). This document also provides submission information for the reader to reproduce the reference level calculation.

During a conversation with Verra concerning the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project and other WWC projects and how to address their project baselines in light of anticipated new VCS requirements on the determination of a project's baseline. The SCRP project's validated baseline utilizes an allocation of the Cambodian national FREL to the project area, as submitted too and accepted by the UN FCCC. At this meeting, Verra advised us to not update either the SCRP baseline or reference level and to maintain the use of the validated baseline until Verra has more certainty in their new approach to project baselines. The SCRP's next baseline reassessment is due in 2024; therefore, there is no requirement to reassess the baseline at this time.

Table 12: Baseline carbon emissions and deductions for the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project.

Component	First monitoring period (m ₁) t CO ₂ e	Second monitoring period (m ₂) t CO ₂ e	Third monitoring period (m ₃) t CO ₂ e	Total to date t CO ₂ e
Gross NERs (t CO₂e)	13,384,794	13,252,916	4,433,527	31,071,237
10% buffer tonnes to VCS (t CO₂e)	1,338,479	1,325,292	430,009	3,093,780
Activity Shifting Leakage Deduction	0	0	0	0
Market Leakage Deduction	99,181	88,795	28,811	216,786
Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO₂e)	11,947,133	11,838,830	3,841,272	27,627,236

MRR.10 Calculations of current baseline emissions $E_{BA}^{[m3]}$ as of the current monitoring period.

Table 12 above shows the calculation of baseline emissions for the current baseline emissions. These are calculated as a yearly allotment of total emissions pro-rated for the monitoring period length. Please see MRR. 12 for the calculation of current baseline emissions of the SCRP.

MRR.11 Calculations of baseline emissions $E_{BA}^{[m-1]}$ from prior monitoring periods.

Table 12 above shows the calculation of baseline emissions for the baseline emissions from the previous monitoring period. These are calculated as a yearly allotment of total emissions pro-rated for the monitoring period length.

M₁:

Baseline emissions $E_{B\Delta}^{[m1]}$ for m₁ for the SCRCP was calculated using equation [F.15]:

$$E_{B\Delta}^{[m1]} = E_B^{[m1]} - E_B^{[m0]}$$

Where;

$E_B^{[m1]}$ = Cumulative baseline emissions from biomass at the end of monitoring period (m₁); Included in RGC's national FREL. Yearly baseline emissions pro-rated for the current monitoring period; t CO₂e

$E_B^{[m0]}$ = Baseline emissions from biomass at monitoring period (m₀). Included in RGC's national FREL. Yearly baseline emissions pro-rated for the current monitoring period; t CO₂e

$E_{B\Delta}^{[m1]}$ = Change in baseline emissions (m₁); t CO₂e

$$13,384,794 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e} = 13,384,794 - 0$$

M₂:

Baseline emissions $E_{B\Delta}^{[m2]}$ for m₂ for the SCRCP was calculated using equation [F.15]:

$$E_{B\Delta}^{[m2]} = E_B^{[m2]} - E_B^{[m2-1]}$$

Where;

$E_B^{[m2]}$ = Cumulative baseline emissions from biomass at the end of monitoring period (m₂); Included in RGC's national FREL. Yearly baseline emissions pro-rated for the current monitoring period; t CO₂e

$E_B^{[m2-1]}$ = Cumulative baseline emissions from biomass from the previous monitoring period (m₁). Included in RGC's national FREL. Yearly baseline emissions pro-rated for the current monitoring period; t CO₂e

$E_{B\Delta}^{[m2]}$ = Change in baseline emissions; t CO₂e

$$13,252,916 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e} = 26,637,710 - 13,384,794$$

MRR.12 Calculations of cumulative baseline emissions for each selected pool ($E_{B\text{BM}}^{[m]}$ and $E_{B\text{SOC}}^{[m]}$ and undecayed carbon ($C_{B\text{BGB}}^{[m]}$, $C_{B\text{DW}}^{[m]}$, $C_{B\text{SOC}}^{[m]}$ and $C_{B\text{WP}}^{[m]}$), as of the current monitoring period.

Current baseline emissions for the SCRCP are calculated using equation [F.15]:

$$E_{B\Delta}^{[m3]} = E_B^{[m3]} - E_B^{[m3-1]}$$

Where;

$E_B^{[m3]}$ = Cumulative baseline emissions from biomass at the end of the current monitoring period; Included in RGC's national FREL. Yearly baseline emissions pro-rated for the current monitoring period; t CO₂e

$E_B^{[m3-1]}$ = Cumulative baseline emissions from biomass from the previous monitoring period. Included in RGC's national FREL. Yearly baseline emissions pro-rated for the current monitoring period; t CO₂e

$E_{B\Delta}^{[m3]}$ = Change in baseline emissions; t CO₂e

$$4,433,527 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e} = 31,071,237 - 26,637,710$$

Equation [F.16] is utilized to calculate the cumulative baseline emissions at the end of the current monitoring period m₃:

$$E_B^{[m3]} = E_{BM}^{[m3]} + E_{B\text{ SOC}}^{[m3]} - C_{B\text{ SOC}}^{[m3]} - C_{B\text{ BGB}}^{[m3]} - C_{B\text{ DW}}^{[m3]} - C_{B\text{ WP}}^{[m3]}$$

where:

$E_{BM}^{[m3]}$ = Cumulative baseline emissions from biomass; t CO₂e

$E_{B\text{ SOC}}^{[m3]}$ = Cumulative emissions from soil organic carbon; t CO₂e

$C_{B\text{ SOC}}^{[m3]}$ = Carbon not decayed in soil organic carbon (SOC) at the end of the current monitoring period; t CO₂e

$C_{B\text{ BGB}}^{[m3]}$ = Carbon not decayed in belowground biomass (BGB) at the end of the current monitoring period; t CO₂e

$C_{B\text{ DW}}^{[m3]}$ = Carbon not decayed in deadwood (DW) at the end of the current monitoring period; t CO₂e

$C_{B\text{ WP}}^{[m3]}$ = Carbon not decayed in long-lived wood products (WP) at the end of the current monitoring period; t CO₂e

Per the communique received from Verra on 27 February 2018, WWC was instructed to omit the 10-year decay model for belowground biomass due to the fact that the national FREL does not observe this decay model. By extension, the additional decay models listed in the AFOLU requirements, including those for soil organic carbon, deadwood and long-lived wood products are also omitted, as these models are applicable to a Project scale, and similarly not employed in Cambodia's national FREL calculation:

Variable	Units	Description	Value applied	Comments
$E_{BM}^{[m]}$	tCO ₂ e	Total baseline emissions from biomass (BGB + AGB)	4,433,527	Included in RGC's national FREL. Yearly baseline emissions pro-rated for the current monitoring period (m3)
$E_{B\text{ SOC}}^{[m]}$	tCO ₂ e	Baseline emissions from soil organic carbon	0	Carbon pool not included in RGC's national FREL

$C_{B\ SOC}^{[m]}$	tCO ₂ e	Carbon <i>not decayed</i> in soil organic carbon	0	Carbon pool not included in RGC's national FREL
$C_{B\ BGB}^{[m]}$	tCO ₂ e	Carbon <i>not decayed</i> in belowground biomass	0	VCS decay model superseded by use of national FREL, which does not employ a decay model for BGB.
$C_{B\ DW}^{[m]}$	tCO ₂ e	Carbon <i>not decayed</i> in deadwood	0	VCS decay model superseded by use of national FREL, which does not employ a decay model for dead wood. Pool conservatively omitted from SCRP.
$C_{B\ WP}^{[m]}$	tCO ₂ e	Carbon <i>not decayed</i> in long-lived wood products	0	VCS carbon storage for long-lived wood products model superseded by use of national FREL, which does not employ a carbon storage model for long-lived wood products.

Cumulative baseline emissions are then calculated as follows:

$$E_B^{[m3]} = (4,433,527 + 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0) tCO_2e = 4,433,527 \ tCO_2e \quad [F.16]$$

$$E_{B\Delta}^{[m3]} = E_B^{[m3]} = 4,433,527 \ tCO_2e \quad [F.15]$$

3.2.1.1 Calculating Baseline Emissions from Biomass

Historical emission estimates were developed based on the national FRL activity data from 2006 to 2014. Annual CO₂ Emissions and Removals (tCO₂e / year) are calculated by the following equation;

$$\Delta C_B = \frac{(C_{t_2} - C_{t_1})}{(t_2 - t_1)}$$

$$\Delta CO_2 = \Delta C_B \times \frac{44}{12}$$

where;

ΔC_B = Annual change in carbon stocks in biomass (the sum of above-ground and below-ground biomass) in land remaining in the same category (e.g., Forest Land Remaining Forest Land), tonnes C yr⁻¹

C_{t_2} = Total carbon in biomass for each land sub-category at time t_2 ; tonnes C

C_{t_1} = Total carbon in biomass for each land sub-category at time t_1 ; tonnes C

C_t (Total Emission) = Activity Data (A) × Emission Factor (EF)

$\frac{44}{12}$ = Molecular weight ratio of carbon dioxide to carbon (IPCC, 2006)

MRR.13 Calculations of cumulative baseline emissions from biomass $E_{B\ BM}^{[m3]}$ for the current monitoring period.

Cumulative baseline emissions for the current monitoring period are calculated using the following equation from section 3.2.4.3 of the PD:

$$E_{B\ BM}^{[m3]} = RL \times \left((c_{p\ BM}^{[m3]} - C_{B\ BM}^{[m3]}) \times A_{PAA} \right) \times \left(\frac{t^{[m3]} - t^{[m3-1]}}{365} \right)$$

where

RL = The national Cambodian deforestation rate per year (%/yr)

$c_{p\ BM}^{[m3]}$ = Average Project carbon stock in biomass at the end of the current monitoring period (tCO₂e/ha)

$C_{B\ BM}^{[m3]}$ = Average baseline carbon stock in biomass at the end of the current monitoring period (tCO₂e/ha)

A_{PAA} = Area of the Project Accounting Area (ha)

$t^{[m3]}$ = Current monitoring period end date (days)

$t^{[m3-1]}$ = Current monitoring period start date (days)

Cumulative baseline emissions for the current monitoring period are then calculated as follows:

$$E_{B\ BM}^{[m3]} = 2.38 \frac{\%}{yr} \times \left(\left(422.65 \frac{tCO_2e}{ha} - 1.61 \frac{tCO_2e}{ha} \right) \times 442,871 ha \right) \times \left(\frac{2555 - 2190}{365} \right)$$

$$E_{B\ BM}^{[m3]} = 4,433,527 tCO_2e$$

MRR.14 Calculations of cumulative baseline emissions from biomass $E_{B\ BM}^{[m]}$ for all prior monitoring periods.

Cumulative baseline emissions for the previous monitoring period (m_1) was calculated using the following equation from section 3.2.4.3 of the PD:

$$E_{B\ BM}^{[m1]} = RL \times \left((c_{p\ BM}^{[m1]} - C_{B\ BM}^{[m1]}) \times A_{PAA} \right) \times \left(\frac{t^{[m1]} - t^{[m1-1]}}{365} \right)$$

Where;

$$E_{B\ BM}^{[m1]} = 2.38 \frac{\%}{yr} \times \left(\left(421.14 \frac{tCO_2e}{ha} - 1.61 \frac{tCO_2e}{ha} \right) \times 442,871 ha \right) \times (2 years)$$

$$E_{B\ BM}^{[m1]} = 13,384,794 tCO_2e$$

Cumulative baseline emissions for the previous monitoring period (m_2) was calculated using the following equation from section 3.2.4.3 of the PD:

$$E_{B\ BM}^{[m2]} = RL \times \left((C_{p\ BM}^{[m2]} - C_{B\ BM}^{[m2]}) \times A_{PAA} \right) \times \left(\frac{t^{[m2]} - t^{[m2-1]}}{365} \right)$$

Where;

$$E_{B\ BM}^{[m2]} = 2.38 \frac{\%}{yr} \times \left(\left(421.14 \frac{tCO_2e}{ha} - 1.61 \frac{tCO_2e}{ha} \right) \times 442,871\ ha \right) \times (3\ years)$$

$$E_{B\ BM}^{[m2]} = 13,252,916\ tCO_2e$$

3.2.1.2 Calculating Carbon Not Decayed in DW

The SCRP does not include planned forest harvesting in the baseline scenario. Therefore, the deadwood carbon pool has been conservatively excluded from Project carbon accounting. The MRR.21, MRR.22, MRR.23, MRR.24 and MRR.25 are not applicable to the Project.

3.2.1.3 Calculating Carbon Not Decayed in BGB

The BGB pool was not included in the national FREL submission to the UNFCCC (MoE, 2016).

MRR.26 An estimate of carbon stored in non-decayed BGB for the current monitoring period.

This MRR is not applicable because a jurisdictional reference level has been applied to the SCRP.

MRR.27 An estimate of cumulative baseline emissions from BGB for the current monitoring period.

The BGB pool was not included in the national FREL submission to the UNFCCC (MoE, 2016).

MRR.28 Calculations of cumulative baseline emissions from BGB for all prior monitoring periods.

Cumulative emissions for BGB is listed in the MoE, 2016 UNFCCC document, available to the auditor upon request.

3.2.1.4 Calculating Carbon Not Decayed in SOC

The SOC pool was not included in the national FREL submission to the UNFCCC (MoE, 2016).

MRR.29 An estimate of carbon stored in non-decayed SOC for the current monitoring period.

This MRR is not applicable because the SOC pool was not included in Cambodia's national FREL submission to the UNFCCC.

3.2.2 Project Emissions

3.2.2.1 Calculating Emissions from Changes in Project Stocks (G1.4)

Carbon stocks have been estimated using the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) methodology VM0009 'Methodology for Avoided Ecosystem Conversion' v3.0, which was originally validated with VCS in January 2011, with version 2 validated in 2012. A third major revision was conducted to include the AFOLU (Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Uses) category Avoided Conversion of Grasslands and

Shrublands (ACoGS). Version 3.0 of VM0009 was successfully validated in June 2014 under the VCS double approval process.

According to the methodology, Project plots must be re-measured at a minimum every five years. As such, 100% of the biomass plots for the SCRPs shall be measured every 5 years. The SCRPs plan to follow a monitoring plan that on average measures 20% of the biomass plots each year. Circumstantial deviations from this schedule may be deemed necessary, while still achieving 100% measurement within 5 years. The Royal Government of Cambodia has not included Soil Organic Carbon (SOC) as a carbon pool for the national FREL submitted to the UNFCCC (MoE, 2016). As such, the SOC pool has been omitted in the calculation of Project stocks.

Biomass plot locations are depicted below in Figure 4. Changes in Project carbon stocks are calculated as the difference in Project stocks in each stratum in the PAA between the current and prior monitoring periods, as determined from in-situ measurement of biomass plots:

$$A_{PAA} \left(c_p^{[m]} - c_p^{[m-1]} \right)$$

Carbon stocks that are lost to burning, wood products, and leakage are accounted for using the procedures and equations listed below.

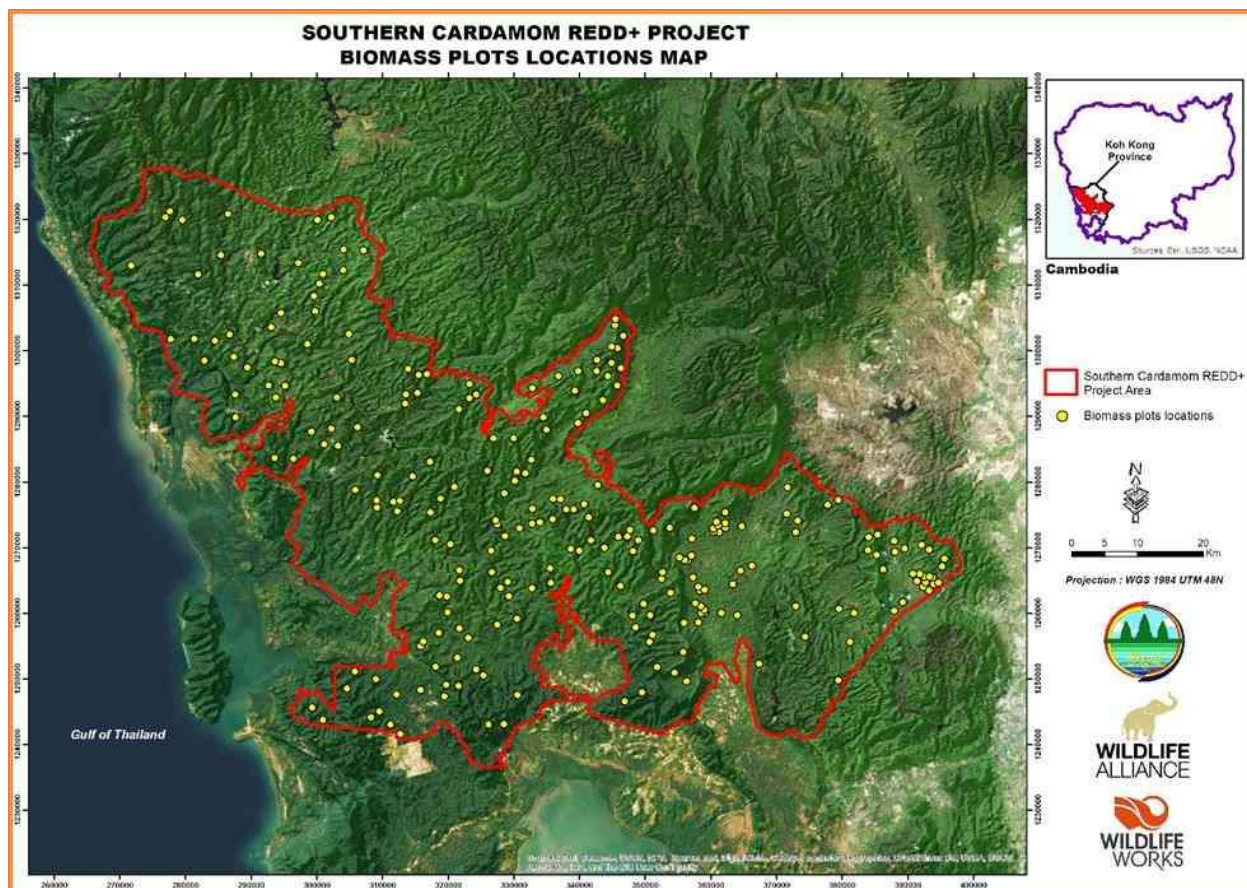


Figure 4: Biomass sample plot locations in the Southern Cardamon REDD+ Project

Table 13 depicts currently measured above- and below-ground biomass carbon stocks by land cover stratum. Results below have been calculated using the methods of carbon accounting detailed in the VCS Methodology VM0009 and the corresponding VCS / CCB PD.

Table 13: A summary of current carbon stocks within the Project Accounting Area

Stratum	Area (ha)	Mean carbon stock (t CO ₂ e / ha)	Standard error (t CO ₂ e / ha)	Mean dbh (cm)	Average height (m)
Evergreen forest	424,911	428.87	15.97	19.28	10.24
Deciduous forest	17,793	274.03	27.29	18.55	8.24
Out area	168	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

3.2.2.2 Calculating Emissions from Burning

Currently, no planned Project Activities involve the burning of biomass burning in any manner. As such, emissions from burning are not currently included in carbon accounting. However, if future Project Activities should include this emission type, project emissions from burning of biomass shall be calculated using equation [F.42] of the VM0009 methodology v3.0.

MRR. 34 A table of events when woody or herbaceous biomass was burned during the monitoring period, showing the weight of woody or herbaceous biomass in tonnes and the date consumed.

As noted above there is no planned Project Activities that involve the burning of biomass. Therefore, this MRR is not applicable to the Project.

3.2.2.3 Calculating Emissions From Disturbances

During the m3 monitoring period forest loss from small-scale anthropogenic disturbances exceeded the de minimis value of forest loss as defined by the project's disturbance monitoring plan (250 ha). Analysis performed following the requirements of the disturbance monitoring SOP found a total of 311 ha to have been cleared during 2021. As such, the resulting emission from the deforestation was calculated and removed from project baseline emissions for m3.

To accurately capture and account for emissions from deforestation, the project utilized a combination of regionally-produced shapefiles by project staff containing perimeters of cleared areas detected on the ground, GLAD deforestation alerts for the monitoring period (specifically the alert21 raster layer)¹², and

¹² <http://glad-forest-alert.appspot.com/>

satellite imagery from the beginning and end of the monitoring period to capture small-scale natural and anthropogenic disturbances within the project accounting area.

Multiple criteria were used to determine whether an area was cleared or not. First, only GLAD deforestation alerts that had a confidence level of 3, which is considered a “confirmed loss” by the platform, and confidence level 2 (nominal confidence) were extracted for analysis from the original alert imagery. Areas smaller than 0.5 ha were removed from this layer. The resulting layer was used to cross-validate the regionally produced shapefile. Areas of overlap were used as indicators to compare to additional satellite imagery from the beginning and the end of the monitoring period. Care was taken to ensure the appropriate satellite index was used. Areas that met the above criteria were then summed. The final map was then derived and used to calculate the change areas across the entire project area and in the Project accounting area (PAA);(Figure 5).

Emissions Calculation

Emissions for the m₃ monitoring period within the PAA were calculated by multiplying the activity data depicted below in Table 14 by the Project emission factors. Table 14 below shows calculation of emissions for m₃.

Table 14: Emissions Calculations

Stratum	Area (ha)	Emission Factors (t CO ₂ e/ ha)	Project Emission (t CO ₂ e)
Evergreen Forest	311.13	427.0	133,435
Deciduous Forest	0	272.4	0
Out	0.5	0	0
Total	311.63	420.8	133,435

MRR. 32 A map of the boundaries of any significant disturbance in the Project accounting areas during the monitoring period.

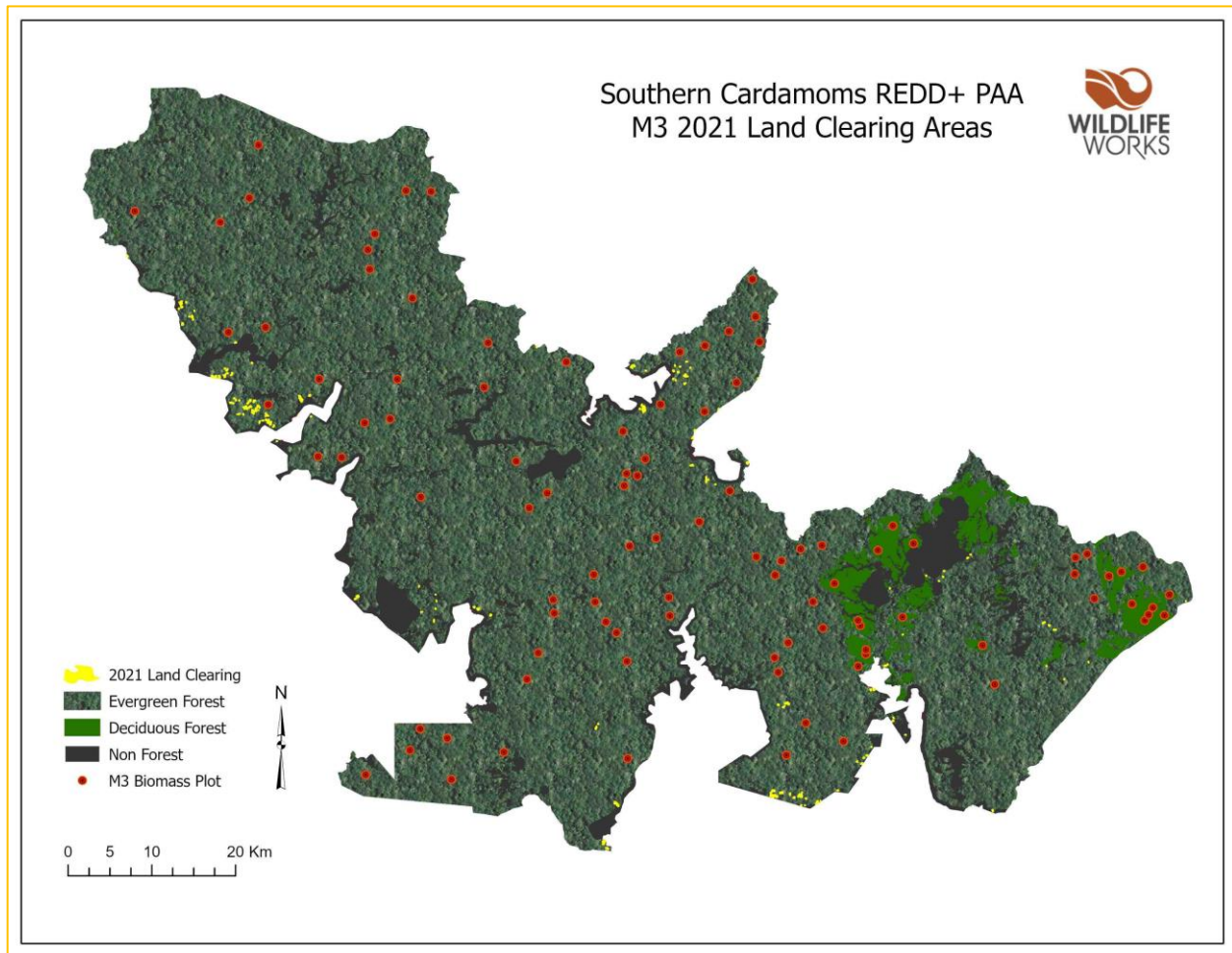


Figure 5: SCRP PAA 2021 Land Clearings

MRR. 33 Evidence that plots were installed into these disturbed areas and were measured per section 9.

As documented in above there was deforestation in the Project Area that met the criteria of “significant disturbance” as described in the Disturbance Monitoring Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) during this m₃ monitoring period. This deforestation was identified and mapped using remote sensing methods as directed by the SOP, and as such the areas are not contiguous and highly dispersed. To determine the resulting emission from this disturbance the emission factor for each forest strata in the PAA was used and multiplied by the area of each forest strata deforested. This is the most conservative method for determining the project emission as it assumes the complete loss of all forest to the baseline condition.

3.2.2.4 Determining Carbon Stored in WP

As the SCRP is utilizing the Cambodian national FREL for the Project's baseline, the carbon pool of WP is not included so as to ensure consistency between the carbon accounting of the Project and the national FREL. Therefore, MRR.30, MRR.31, MRR.35, MRR.36 and MRR.37 are not applicable to the Project.

3.2.2.5 Calculating GHG Emissions from Livestock Grazing

There is no grazing of livestock in the Project Area. Therefore MRR.38, MRR.39 and MRR.40 are not applicable to the Project.

3.2.2.6 Calculating N2O Emissions from the Use of Synthetic Fertilizers

MRR. 41 A report of record of the quantity of synthetic fertilizer applications in the Project Area.

MRR. 42 Emissions released due to use of synthetic fertilizer $E_p^{[m]} \Delta SF$

MRR.43 Calculations to determine $E_p^{[m]} \Delta SF$

No inputs such as any fertilizers, chemical pesticides, biological control agents are intended to be used for the Project, or in the Project Area. These MRRs are not applicable to the Project.

3.2.3 Leakage

3.2.3.1 Leakage Mitigation Strategies (CL2.2.)

MRR.44 A description of project activities that have been implemented since the project start date and the estimated effects of these activities on leakage mitigation

The status of the Project Activities is described in full detail in Section 4.3.1. Activities were designed to mitigate deforestation and human-wildlife conflict as well as to enhance livelihoods throughout the Project Zone. They therefore by design serve to mitigate leakage and uphold Project permanence. Please see section 4.3.1 for the status of each Project Activity during the current monitoring period and monitored values of the effect of each activity.

MRR.45 List of mitigation activities to reduce demand for forgone goods and services.

MRR.46 Quantities for the reduction or replacement of goods and services if they are used in section 8.3.3.4 of the methodology VM0009.

MRR.47 Methods for measuring the reduction or replacement of goods and services

During this monitoring period no leakage mitigation activities were included that were designed to directly reduce the demand for forgone goods or services from the Project Area. These MRRs are not applicable to the Project at this time.

3.2.3.2 Activity-Shifting Leakage (CL2.1.)

3.2.3.2.1 Change to the Activity-Shifting Leakage Area

There were no changes or revisions to the activity-shifting leakage area as described in the PD section 3.2.3.1.1.

Therefore MRR.50-55 are not applicable to the SCRP at this monitoring period.

3.2.3.2.2 Estimating emissions from the activity-shifting leakage area.

MRR.48 Calculated cumulative emissions from activity-shifting leakage for the current monitoring period and supporting calculations.

The cumulative emissions from activity-shifting leakage for the current monitoring period are 0 t CO₂e. Please see Annex 11 SCRP Leakage Model M3 for the data and calculations. Section 3.2.3.3.2 below shows the parameterization of the activity-shifting leakage model.

MRR.49 Calculated cumulative emissions from activity-shifting leakage for the prior monitoring periods .

Not applicable. As this was the Project's third monitoring period and there were no emissions from activity-shifting leakage in the prior monitoring period (m₂).

3.2.3.3 The Leakage Emissions Model

Activity shifting leakage is estimated by empirical, in-situ observation of sample points in the activity shifting leakage areas for evidence of conversion and forest degradation. The sample plot observations are used to estimate the cumulative emissions from activity-shifting leakage for each monitoring period with equation [F.46] from VM0009 v3.0 using the Leakage Emissions Model (LEM). The LEM is normally parameterized using equation [F.48], utilizing the (α , β and θ) parameters from the BEM (VM0009 section 6.8). This is done when the BEM is applied at the Project level. Because the SCRP uses a nationally submitted FREL, the project cannot calculate the α , β and θ parameters. As described in Section 2.2.2 the Project has modified the leakage emissions model (LEM) from equation [F.48] in VM0009 to determine emissions from measured degradation in the activity-shifting leakage area and the carbon stock off this area. Additionally, as the Project is using the official Cambodian FREL for the project reference level, it has as well used the Cambodian FREL to determine a reference level for the activity-shifting leakage area. The reference level for the activity-shifting leakage area was allocated from the national FREL using the same data and methods as the project area reference level was. The calculations for the allocation of the reference level to the activity-shifting leakage area have been provided to the auditor in Annex 11 – SCRP Leakage Model M3.

The measured emissions from the activity-shifting leakage area are then compared to the reference level for the activity-shifting leakage area, using the modified equation [F.48], with any emissions above the reference level assumed to be the result of activity-shifting leakage.

3.2.3.3.1 Sampling Conversion and Forest Degradation to Build the Leakage Model

Conversion and forest degradation is sampled in the activity shifting leakage area by empirical, in-situ observation of sample plots. The sample design utilized is a simple random sample of 36 forest leakage area plots within the activity-shifting leakage area. Please see Appendix D for maps delineating the activity- shifting leakage area and the sample plot locations. The procedures used for locating and sampling the activity shifting leakage Areas are found in the document 'Standard Operating Procedure Activity-Shifting Leakage Area'. Plot teams visited each leakage plot a priori to confirm that each plot begins in a non-converted state and that its location is appropriate with respect to the agents and drivers in the Project baseline scenario. The plots were measured for this m₃ monitoring period between December 2021 and April 2022.

3.2.3.3.2 Fitting the Leakage Model

The Leakage Emissions Model is dictated by the VCS methodology VM0009 v3 equation [F.48] for a forested PAA. As described in section 2.2.2 this equation has been modified since the Project is utilizing the Cambodian FREL for the project reference level in place of the BEM. This model estimates cumulative carbon emissions from activity shifting leakage based on field measurements in the leakage area and the reference level for the activity-shifting leakage area.

Where the modified equation [F.48] is:

$$LEM_F(C_P, C_B, p_{L\ DEG}^{[m=0]}, p_{L\ DEG}^{[m3]}, E_{B\ ASF}^{[m3]}) = (p_{L\ DEG}^{[m=0]} - p_{L\ DEG}^{[m3]}) \times A_{ASL} \times (C_P - C_B) - E_{B\ ASF}^{[m3]}$$

Where;

$p_{L\ DEG}^{[m3]}$ = the proportion of leakage due to degradation in forest at the end of the current monitoring period.

$p_{L\ DEG}^{[m=0]}$ = the proportion of leakage due to degradation prior to the first monitoring period.

A_{ASL} = the area of the Activity Shifting leakage area (ha).

$E_{B\ ASF}^{[m3]}$ = the baseline emissions for the activity-shifting leakage area. (t CO₂e)

C_P = the Project's carbon stock at the end of the current monitoring period (t CO₂e / ha)

C_B = the baseline carbon stock at the end of the current monitoring period (t CO₂e / ha)

The parameter $p_{L\ DEG}^{[m]}$ is estimated at least once every five years from measurements taken in-situ within the PAA. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) used for estimating these parameters is depicted in Annex 05 – Standard Operating Procedure_Densiometer Forest Leakage.

If at the end of a monitoring period the result of the $LEM_F^{[m3-1]}$ from the prior monitoring period is higher than the reference level, $E_{B\ ASF}^{[m3-1]}$, for the activity-shifting leakage for the current monitoring period, then the result of the $LEM_F^{[m3-1]}$ will be used for the parameter $E_{B\ ASF}^{[m3]}$ in place of the reference level.

If applicable, emissions resulting from activity-shifting leakage are then calculated with equation [F.46].

$$E_{L\ ASF}^{[m3]} = LEM(C_P^{[m3]}, C_B^{[m3]}, p_{L\ Deg}^{[m3]}, E_{B\ ASF}^{[m3]})$$

Where;

$E_{L\ ASF}^{[m3]}$ = Cumulative emissions from activity-shifting leakage in forested areas (t CO₂e);

$C_P^{[m3]}$ = the Project's carbon stock at the end of the current monitoring period (t CO₂e / ha);

$C_B^{[m3]}$ = the baseline carbon stock at the end of the current monitoring period (t CO₂e / ha);

$p_{L\ Deg}^{[m3]}$ = the proportion of leakage due to degradation in forest at the end of the current monitoring period;

$E_{B\ ASF}^{[m3]}$ = the baseline emissions for the activity-shifting leakage area (t CO₂e);

Equation [F.46] is not used as the result of the $LEM_F^{[m3-1]}$ from the prior monitoring period is not higher than the reference level, $E_{BASF}^{[m3-1]}$, for the activity-shifting leakage for the current monitoring period. Equations [F.47] and [F.49] are not used since the project does not contain a ACoGS (avoided conversion of grassland & shrubland) component.

MRR.56 The estimated value $p_{LDEG}^{[m3]}$ for the current monitoring period and supporting calculations.

The calculated value of $p_{LDEG}^{[m3]}$ for the SCRP is 0.94. This is calculated based on the guidance of Section 8.3.2.3 and B.9 in the methodology VM0009 v3.

$$z = \frac{1}{\sum_{k \in S} A_k} \sum_{k \in S} \frac{A_k}{n_k} \sum_{j \in p_k} y_{j,k}$$

Where;

z =the estimated average in the sampled area, for carbon this is c and for degradation this is p_{LDEG}

A_k =the area of stratum k

n_k =the number of plots in stratum k

$y_{j,k}$ =a quantity estimated for or measured on plot j in stratum k

P_k =the set of all plots in stratum k

S =the set of all strata

When simplified;

$$0.94 = \frac{77.57}{82.11}$$

The leakage plot data and supporting calculations can be seen in Annex 11 – SCRP Leakage Model M3.

MRR.57 The calculated value $p_{LDEG}^{[m=0]}$ calculated for the first monitoring period.

The calculated value of $p_{LDEG}^{[m=0]}$ for the SCRP is 1.01. This is calculated based on the guidance of Section 8.3.2.3 and B.9 in the methodology VM0009 v3.

Where;

$$1.01 = \frac{82.64}{82.11}$$

The leakage plot data and supporting calculations can be seen in Annex 11 – SCRP Leakage Model M3.

MRR.58 The estimated value $p_{LCON}^{[m=3]}$ for the current monitoring period and supporting calculations.

There is no ACoGS (avoided conversion of grassland & shrubland) component for the SCRP. Therefore, this MRR does not apply.

MRR.59 The calculated value $p_{LCON}^{[m=0]}$ calculated for the first monitoring period.

There is no ACoGS (avoided conversion of grassland & shrubland) component for the SCRP. Therefore, this MRR does not apply.

3.2.3.4 Market Leakage (CL3.1.)

Market leakage can occur if a Project reduces the supply of market goods, such as timber, relative to the baseline. As described in the PD Section 2.1.11, the most likely baseline scenario is conversion of forest to agriculture. This agriculture is primarily subsistence, with little production remaining beyond household consumption. Food security is a serious issue, discussed in the PD Section 4.1.1, throughout the Project Zone. Without the Project there would be increasing demand for land and continued low productivity of agricultural production, crop failures from droughts, fluctuation of crop price and few alternatives for income generating activities available to local communities. Given that the agents and drivers generally practice commercial farming, the Project may result in a net reduction in agricultural production.

MRR.60 The selected approach to determining emissions from market leakage.

The VCS Tool, VMD0037 Global Commodity Leakage Module: Production Approach (LM-P) was used to determine the market effects leakage resulting from the SCRP. This tool estimates the amount of commodity production potentially impacted by the Project and calculates a global commodity leakage deduction expressed as a percentage. The tool uses the area of the Project and common crops grown in the region and the stock of harvestable timber present to estimate a potential forgone commodity production caused by the Project Activity. The Tool achieves this by using the planted area of the primary agricultural crops in the jurisdiction in which the Project Area is located and the timber stock present in the Project Area in relation to the quantity of timber produced nationally to determine the potential of forgone production that may cause an increased supply elsewhere in the country through the deforestation of land. This tool was parameterized using a variety of data sources. This includes Project information included in this report for Project Area and carbon stocks. Public data sources were used to determine the total area of forest and agricultural land in Cambodia, primary crops in Koh Kong province, their yield, and the total area in which these crops are planted within Koh Kong province, and nationally. Data on the primary crops grown in Koh Kong province, and the total area planted of these crops Koh Kong province and nationally was obtained from The Census of Agriculture in Cambodia 2013 (NIS, 2015). The crop yield values for the primary crops grown in Koh Kong province were obtained from the report Cambodian Agriculture in Transition: Opportunities and Risks (World Bank, 2015). The quantity of timber in the Project Area was determined from the Project's forest inventory. Values for the volume of timber harvested in Cambodia were obtained from the FAO Forest Resource Assessment for Cambodia and FAOSTAT (FAO, 2015 and FAOSTAT, 2018).

MRR.61 Estimated cumulative emissions from market leakage for the current monitoring period $E_{LME}^{[m]}$ and supporting calculations.

The calculated market leakage value for the current monitoring period (m_3) is 0.67%. This rate would result in estimated total emissions from market leakage during the current monitoring period of 28,811 tCO₂e. The market leakage rate has been calculated in the document Annex 12 – SCRP_Market Leakage Tool M3 and the estimated cumulative emissions from market leakage was calculated in the document Annex 10 - Cardamoms RL M3 . Both of these documents have been provided to the auditor for review.

The calculated market leakage value for the current monitoring period (m_3) of the SCRP is calculated using equation [F.51]:

$$E_{LME}^{[m3]} = p_{LME} E_B^{[m]}$$

Where;

$E_{LME}^{[m3]}$ = Cumulative emissions from activity-shifting leakage from market at the end of the current monitoring period; tCO₂e

p_{LME} = Market Discount Factors by Proportion of Merchantable Biomass

$E_B^{[m3]}$ = Cumulative baseline emissions at the end of the current monitoring period; tCO₂e

Where;

$$28,811 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e} = 0.67 * 4,300,092$$

MRR.62 Calculated cumulative emissions from market leakage for the prior monitoring periods

$E_{LME}^{[m]}$

The calculated market leakage value for the previous monitoring period (m_2) was 0.67% and 0.74% for m_1 . This rate resulted in estimated cumulative emissions from market leakage during the prior monitoring periods of 88,795 tCO₂e (m_2) and 99,181 tCO₂e (m_1). The estimated cumulative emissions from market leakage was calculated in the document Annex 10 - Cardamoms RL M3 . This document has been provided to the auditor for review.

The calculated market leakage value for the previous monitoring periods of the SCRP is calculated using equation [F.45] and multiplying the result by three to account for the three years within the monitoring periods:

m_1 ;

$$99,181 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e} = (0.74 * 33,060) * 3$$

The calculated market leakage value for the current monitoring period (m_2) of the SCRP is calculated using equation [F.45] and multiplying the result by three to account for the three years within the monitoring period:

m_2 ;

$$88,795 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e} = (0.67 * 29,598) * 3$$

MRR.63 Provide location-by-location evidence that management plans and land-use designations of all areas under the Project proponent's control within the country have not changed as a result of the Project. For entities with a conservation mission, provide evidence of the organization's policy not to change the land use of other owned and managed lands, and evidence of compliance with such a policy.

The Project proponent, the Royal Government of Cambodia's Ministry of Environment (MOE), is the government entity that is authorized to manage all protected areas in the country (Protected Area Law 2008; Royal Decree on the Establishment and Designation of Protected Areas, 1993). According to the above-mentioned laws, the mandate for MOE is to manage protected areas in the country and to stop deforestation and degradation in protected areas. The implementation of the SCRP has not changed the land-use of other protected areas in the country. MOE's forest protection policy has not changed since its establishment. In fact, the number of protected areas under MOE's jurisdiction has increased since the implementation of the Project. In 2016, all protected forests that were under the management of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forests (MAFF) were transferred to MOE (Sub-Decree No 69 RGC – transfer of lands from MAFF to MOE;

<https://opendevelopmentcambodia.net/announcements/establishment-of-18-natural-protected-areas-under-the-management-of-ministry-of-environment/> visited September 12, 2018), an example of this is the former Southern Cardamom Protected Forest that in turn became Southern Cardamom National Park (Sub-decree No 89 RGC – Creation of SC National Park).

3.2.4 Net GHG Emission Reductions and Removals

3.2.4.1 Determining Reversals

MRR.72 A description of the reversal including which pools contributed to the reversal and reasons for its occurrence.

There have been no reversals in the SCRP.

3.2.4.2 Determining Reversals as a Result of Baseline Re-evaluation

MRR.73 A description of the reversal including a summary of new data obtained in the reference area.

There have been no reversals in the SCRP. The next baseline re-evaluation will be 10 years after the Project Start date, in 2025.

3.2.4.3 Quantifying Net Emission Reductions for a PAA

3.2.4.3.1 Determining Deductions for Uncertainty

MRR.68 The confidence deduction and estimated standard errors used to determine the confidence deduction.

In accordance with VM0009 v3.0, section 8.4.1.1, the confidence deduction is determined by linearly combining weighted uncertainties (standard errors) from the Project accounting area, proxy area and the baseline emission model (BEM). However, because the SCRP uses a nationally submitted FREL, the total uncertainty in the BEM does not exist and is therefore set to zero in equation [F.57]. Per VCS AFOLU Requirements, if the total combined error is above 15%, a deduction is applied as the difference between the calculated combined error and 15%. Otherwise, the confidence deduction is zero. The calculated uncertainties used for the determination of the confidence deduction were:

- Uncertainty in carbon stock estimates in the Project accounting area, ($U_p^{[m=3]}$): 6,805,968 tCO₂e
- Uncertainty in carbon stock estimates in the proxy area, ($U_B^{[m=3]}$): 29,359 tCO₂e
- Uncertainty in the baseline emissions model (BEM), ($U_{EM}^{[m=3]}$): 0 tCO₂e

The calculated carbon stocks for the Project accounting area and proxy area are:

- Total measured carbon stock in the project accounting area, ($C_p^{[m=3]}$): 422.65 tCO₂e/ha
- Total measured carbon stock in the proxy area, ($C_B^{[m=3]}$): 1.61 tCO₂e/ha

Baseline emissions for the current monitoring period are:

- Change in baseline emissions, ($E_{B\Delta}^{[m=3]}$): 4,433,527 tCO₂e

For the current monitoring period (m_3), the confidence deduction, as per VM0009 v3.0 equation [F.57] is:
Cumulative confidence deduction, $E_U^{[m=3]}$: **0 tCO₂e**

MRR.69 Reference to calculations used to determine the confidence deduction.

The cumulative confidence deduction, $E_U^{[m=3]}$, was calculated using VM0009 v3.0 equation [F.57]:

$$E_U^{[m=3]} = E_{B\Delta}^{[m=3]} \left[\frac{1.64}{E_{B\Delta}^{[m=3]} + A_{PAA} \times c_P^{[m=3]} + A_{PX} \times c_B^{[m=3]}} \times \sqrt{\left(U_{EM}^{[m=3]}\right)^2 + \left(U_P^{[m=3]}\right)^2 + \left(U_B^{[m=3]}\right)^2} - 0.15 \right]$$

Where;

$c_P^{[m=3]}$ is total measured carbon stock in the Project Accounting Area;

$c_B^{[m=3]}$ is total Proxy Area carbon stock;

$E_{B\Delta}^{[m=3]}$ is change in baseline emissions;

$U_{EM}^{[m=3]}$ is the total uncertainty for the baseline emissions model (BEM), set to zero;

$U_P^{[m=3]}$ is the total uncertainty in the Project Accounting Area;

$U_B^{[m=3]}$ is the total uncertainty in the Proxy Area;

A_{PAA} is the area of the Project Accounting Area;

A_{PX} is the area of the Proxy Area.

Where;

-406,733 tCO₂e

$$= 4,433,527 \left[\frac{1.64}{4,433,527 + 442,871 \times 187,107,754.7 + 27,717.7 \times 47,122} \times \sqrt{(0)^2 + (6,805,968)^2 + (29,359)^2} - 0.15 \right]$$

3.2.4.3.2 Quantifying Gross Emission Reductions for a PAA

MRR.65 Quantified GERs for the current monitoring period including references to calculations.

For complete calculations on net emission reductions please see the file in Annex 10 – Cardamoms RL M3.

Gross emission reductions are calculated for the single PAA in the SCRIP using equation [F.53].

$$E_{\Delta GER}^{[m3]} = E_{B\Delta}^{[m3]} - E_{P\Delta}^{[m3]} - E_{L\Delta}^{[m3]} - E_U^{[m3]}$$

Where;

$E_{\Delta GER}^{[m3]}$ =GERs for the current monitoring period

$E_{B\Delta}^{[m3]}$ =Change in baseline emissions

$E_{P\Delta}^{[m3]}$ =Change in project emissions

$E_{L\Delta}^{[m3]}$ =Change in emissions due to leakage

$E_U^{[m3]}$ = Confidence deduction

GERs for the monitoring period were then calculated as:

$$4,271,282 \text{ tCO}_2 \text{ e} = 4,433,527 - 133,435 - 28,811 - 0$$

MRR.66 Quantified GERs for the prior monitoring period including references to calculations.

Gross emission reductions for all prior monitoring periods are calculated for the single PAA in the SCRP using equation [F.53].

$$E_{\Delta GER}^{[m]} = E_{B\Delta}^{[m]} - E_{P\Delta}^{[m]} - E_{L\Delta}^{[m]} - E_U^{[m]}$$

GERs for the prior monitoring period were then calculated as:

M₁:

$$E_{\Delta GER}^{[m1]} = 13,384,794 - 0 - 99,181 - 0$$

For: $E_{\Delta GER}^{[m1]} = 13,285,613 \text{ tCO}_2 \text{ e}$

M₂:

$$E_{\Delta GER}^{[m2]} = 13,252,916 - 0 - 88,795 - 0$$

For: $E_{\Delta GER}^{[m2]} = 13,164,122 \text{ tCO}_2 \text{ e}$

MRR.67 A graph of GERs by monitoring period for all monitoring periods to date.

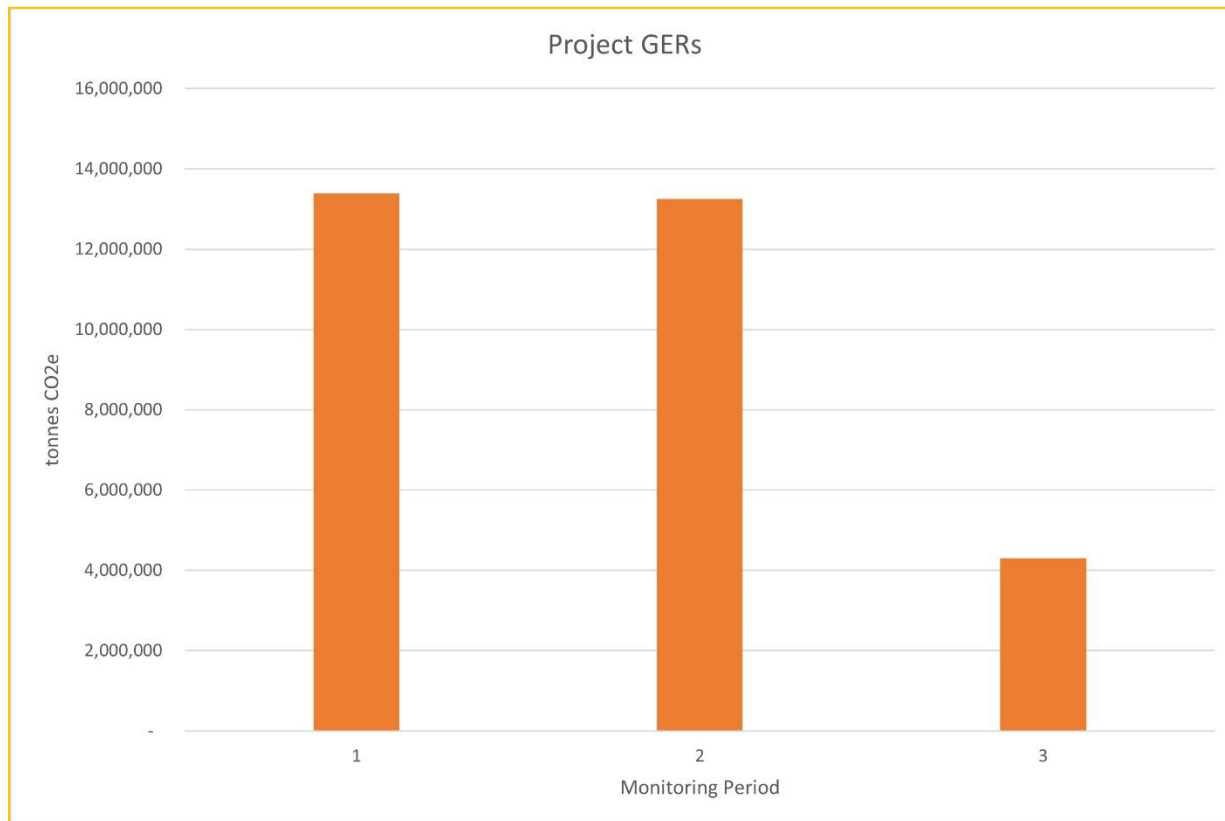


Figure 6: A graph showing the total GERs for this monitoring period (m₃).

3.2.4.3.3 Determining Buffer Account Allocation

MRR.77 Reference to the VCS requirements used to determine the buffer account allocation.

The buffer account allocation for the first monitoring period of the Project was calculated according to the VCS requirements as stated in the VCS Standard Version 4.2, VCS Registration and Issuance Process Version 4.2, and the VCS Non-Permanence Risk Tool Version 4.0. Please refer to Annex 13 – Non-Permanence Risk Report M3 for the determination of the buffer allocation amount. Please refer to Annex 10 – Cardamoms RL M3 for the calculation of the total number of credits to be allocated to the VCS buffer pool. The Project's risk rating for the m₃ monitoring period is 10%.

MRR.78 Reference to calculations used to determine the buffer account allocation.

Calculations for the buffer account allocation can be found in Annex 13 – Non-permanence Risk Report M3. The Project's buffer account contribution for the m₃ monitoring period is 430,009 tCO₂e.

3.2.4.3.4 Net Emission Reductions for a PAA

MRR.74 Quantified NERs for the current monitoring period including references to calculations.

Annual net emission reductions (NERs) for the Project are calculated for each PAA by subtracting the VCS buffer pool allocation from GERs using equation [F.55] from the methodology VM0009 v3.0:

$$E_{\Delta NER}^{[m]} = E_{\Delta GER}^{[m]} - E_{BA}^{[m]}$$

Where;

$E_{\Delta NER}^{[m3]}$ = NERs for the monitoring period; tCO₂e

$E_{\Delta GER}^{[m3]}$ = GERs for the monitoring period; tCO₂e

$E_{BA}^{[m3]}$ = Cumulative emissions allocated to the buffer account at the end of the current monitoring period; tCO₂e

Where;

$$3,841,272 \text{ tCO}_2\text{e} = 4,271,282 - 430,009$$

NERs for the current monitoring period (m₃) are **3,841,272 tCO₂e**. Calculations can be found in Annex 10 – Cardamoms RL M3

MRR.75 Quantified NERs for the prior monitoring periods.

Annual net emission reductions (NERs) for all prior monitoring periods were calculated using equation [F.55] from the methodology VM0009 v3.0. Calculations can be found in Annex 10 – Cardamoms RL M3 and below:

M₁:

$$E_{\Delta NER}^{[m1]} = 13,285,613 \text{ tCO}_e - 1,338,479 \text{ tCO}_e = 11,947,133 \text{ tCO}_e$$

M₂:

$$E_{\Delta NER}^{[m2]} = 13,164,122 \text{ tCO}_e - 1,325,292 \text{ tCO}_e = 11,838,830 \text{ tCO}_e$$

MRR. 76 A graph of NERs by monitoring period for all monitoring periods to date.

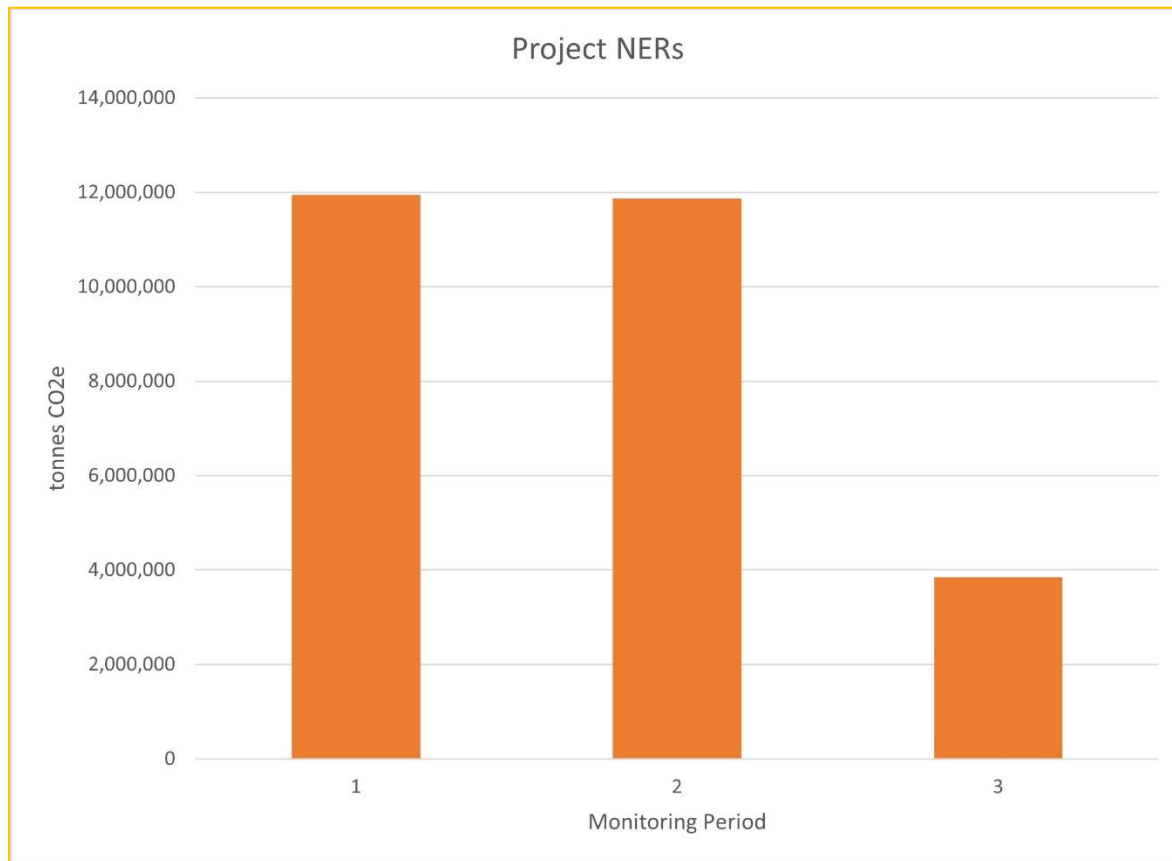


Figure 7: A graph showing the total NERs for this monitoring period (m=3).

3.2.4.4 Quantifying Net Emission Reductions Across PAAs (CL1.1)

MRR.79 Quantified NERs for the current monitoring period including references to calculations.

As there is one PAA for the SCRP, this MRR does not apply.

MRR.80 Quantified NERs for the prior monitoring period.

As there is one PAA for the SCRP, this MRR does not apply.

MRR.81 A graph of NERs by monitoring period for all monitoring periods to date.

As there is one PAA for the SCRP, this MRR does not apply.

3.2.4.5 Ex-Ante Estimation of NERs (CL1.2 & 1.4)

MRR.82 Quantified NERs by vintage year for the current monitoring period including references to calculations.

The quantified NERs by vintage were calculated in an external workbook in Annex 10. This workbook was provided to the auditor during the verification. The Cambodian FREL, which the SCRP is utilizing for the Project's baseline, is presented as an annual value. Therefore, there are no further calculations needed to quantify the NERs as annual vintages from a monitoring period total.

Table 15: The GHG reductions, Project Emissions, Leakage Emissions and Net Emission Reductions (NERs) for the monitoring period, specified by vintage.

Year	Baseline emissions (tCO ₂ e)	Project emissions or removals (tCO ₂ e)	Leakage emissions (tCO ₂ e)	Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO ₂ e)
2021	4,433,527	133,435	28,811	3,841,272
Total	4,433,527	133,435	28,811	3,841,272

3.2.4.6 Evaluating Project Performance

MRR.83 Comparison of NERs presented for verification relative to NERs from ex-ante estimates.

PDR.118 in Section 3.2.4.12 of the SCRP PD lists the NER ex-ante estimate for the m₂ monitoring period of 2018-2020 as 3,946,277 tCO₂e per year for a total of 11,838,830 tCO₂e for the monitoring period. The NERs presented for verification of the m₃ monitoring period as seen in Table 15 are 3,841,272 tCO₂e.

MRR.84 Description of the cause and effect of deviations from ex-ante estimates.

The cause of the minor reduction in NERs as presented for verification in this report and those presented as ex-ante estimates in the PD as documented in MRR.83 is the updating of the measured forest carbon stock. During the m₃ period 40% of the forest inventory plots were remeasured as required by the project climate monitoring plan. The remeasured plots resulted in a minor reduction in the modeled forest carbon stock due to natural variation in the plots. There were no areas of conversion or degradation detected in the inventory plots to cause this reduction. The effect of this minor reduction in the quantity of NERs in comparison to the ex-ante estimates is a small reduction in issued VCUs and therefore potential project revenue. This effect is viewed as minor and will not result in any changes in project budgets or management.

3.3 Optional Criterion: Climate Change Adaptation Benefits

3.3.1 Demonstrate that current or anticipated climate changes are having or are likely to have an impact on the well-being of communities and/or biodiversity in the project zone (GL1.3.)

As was documented in the PD Section 3.4.2, the anticipated impacts of climate change on the communities and biodiversity of the Project zone are expected to negatively affect their well-being. For the communities of the Project zone these impacts will include increased flood risk and a reduction in agricultural productivity. For biodiversity, the increased flood risk and change in rainfall regimes will result in a reduction in access to food and water sources, and a limitation of suitable habitat.

Due to the limited alternative sources of income and barriers to learning to the implementation of new and improved agricultural methods the communities of the Project zone have limited adaptive capacity. It is expected that these impacts hold true for the communities living in the Project Zone and would therefore severely impact the communities' well-being. This indicates a pressing need to focus on adaptation and climate change mitigation measures.

For the biodiversity in the Project zone, due to the limited extent of remaining forest in Cambodia, and its fragmented nature, there is low resilience in the native communities to either migrate or adapt to changing climates.

3.3.2 Describe measures needed and taken to assist Communities and/or biodiversity to adapt to the probable impacts of climate change based on the causal model that explains how the project activities will achieve the project's predicted adaptation benefits (GL1.4, V3: GL1.3.).

Table 16 describes the expected climate changes in the Project zone, their effect on the communities or biodiversity and the Project's adaptive strategy. The Project is also employing adaptive management; therefore, as new climate change risks and/or effects are identified during the Project's lifetime new adaptive strategies will be developed and implemented. The Project's casual model is shown in the PD Sections 2.1.11. These results chains demonstrate the how the Project activities will achieve the Project's stated adaptation benefits.

Table 16: Project climate change adaptation Benefits

Climate change risks	Potential effects	Potential mitigative/adaptive strategies
More intense and longer droughts	Low land productivity or complete crop failure, less pasture for livestock and wildlife, more severe fires	Reduce dependence on livestock and land through alternative IGAs, promote cultivation of drought resistant crops, improve storage facilities and management of crops, water harvesting and water storage, raise awareness of danger of fires
Increased flood risk	Destruction of agricultural crops and development	Conservation of the forest in the Project Area will increase water eco-system services, reducing flood risk. Improved agricultural techniques will help crops survive flooding.
Low capacity of local populations to adapt to frequent natural disasters	Increase in periods of food insecurity, potential increase in disease and deaths with continuing very low health standards, potential for increasing inter-community conflict	Increase support of local institutional structures including the norms and rules of governance to help develop adaptive strategies, increase literacy levels, diversification of livelihood activities and income generation Projects, involve women to a greater degree in decision making processes, increase general participation in decision making at the local level
Decreased biodiversity, loss of forest cover to drought, temperature change	Reduction in species, more species at risk	Help to maintain intact and interconnected ecosystems through protection of ecosystems, ensure landscape connectivity to allow migration, regeneration activities using indigenous, drought- resistant trees

3.3.3 Activities and/or processes implemented for Adaptation (GL1.3)

Please refer to Section 2.1.1 for a detailed description of the Project's implementation status. This section will include a brief overview of implemented project activities and how they specifically assist communities or biodiversity adapt to climate change.

Communities

The implemented activities to assist communities with the adaptation to probable impacts of climate change includes the direct employment by the Project and training on new income generating activities and training on new and improved agricultural methods. Both activities will help mitigate for the communities the most probable impacts of climate change, notably reduction in agricultural yield due to climatic changes and loss of income and damage from flooding.

Biodiversity

The most primary and most vital Project activity for to assist biodiversity is the protection of the Project area from deforestation and degradation. Through the maintenance of the native forest condition in a unfragmented state, it will provide the forest ecosystem with the greatest resilience against the most probable impacts of climate change. This will provide the biodiversity with continued food and water sources in a sustainable fashion, and a stable habitat.

4 COMMUNITY

4.1 Net Positive Community Impacts

4.1.1 Community Impacts (CM2.1)

Community Group	Community in general – present and future
Impact	Enhanced ecosystem goods and services and improved livelihoods through better education, health and food security
Type of Benefit/Cost/Risk	Actual direct benefit
Change in Well-being	Improvement in livelihoods including education, health and food security. In 2021, trainings on agriculture intensification in Savanna Baitong have focused on (1) high-value fruit tree (durian, longan, rambutan, avocados and jackfruit) orchard cultivation, such as creation of high soil rows and drainage channels to avoid rot during the wet season, organic soil enrichment, irrigation, fertilization, pest control, tree pruning and grass clearing; and (2) vegetable cultivation with modern agriculture methods that were demonstrated in the Demonstration Plot next to the Community Nursery. Farmers from neighboring villages have visited and learned from the Demo Plot, which has encouraged them to buy new tools from Savanna Baitong Agriculture Store.

Community Group	Youth and women
Impact	Availability of jobs, alternative IGAs and education including CBET development
Type of Benefit/Cost/Risk	Predicted direct benefit
Change in Well-being	Major impact on communities and households, including youth and women groups. In 2021, the Project provided training

	events to 196 people who are service providers involved in the Chi Phat (103, 42 of which are women) and Chhay Areng (93, 33 of which are women) Community-Based Ecotourism (CBET). These trainings were on tourism hospitality, nature guiding, cooking skills and sanitation. In addition, the Project provides ongoing, on-the-job development, coaching and capacity building through mentoring and support.
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Community Group	General Community
Impact	Capacity building and social capital development
Type of Benefit/Cost/Risk	Actual direct benefit
Change in Well-being	Major impact on communities and households, including youth and women groups. In 2021, Wildlife Alliance has helped the 8 villages of Chhay Areng Valley to build their own organization, the Stung Areng Community-Based Eco-tourism (STAR CBET), which received legal registration with the Ministry of Interior in 2016. The next step in April 2019 was to secure land rights for the 8 villages to protect their ecotourism destinations from predatory outside tour operators, by helping the communities to create 3 Community Protected Areas (CPAs) in the 3 communes of the valley, Chumnoab, Pralay and Thmor Donpov. To-date, the CPA Committees have been elected and endorsed by the Commune Councils.

Community Group	Poachers and illegal loggers
Impact	Alternative sources of income
Type of Benefit/Cost/Risk	Predicted direct or indirect benefit
Change in Well-being	Potential loss of livelihood sources balanced by direct and indirect gains through REDD+ Project activities including sustainable agriculture, or ecotourism, or development of small family-scale businesses. For example, in 2019 and 2020, the Project started to train civilians to become Southern Cardamom REDD+ rangers, as environmental ranger Agents under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Environment Provincial Department. To date, there are 134 rangers employed and trained by the project. Their on-the-job training has included Protected Area Law and legal procedures, rescue of wildlife caught in snares or transported by poachers, emergency wildlife care, patrol techniques, use of GPS, equipment maintenance, first aid and crime scene analysis and documentation.

4.1.1.1 Result Chain Diagrams (CM1.1)

Please refer to the section below, 7.1.1.2 for Table 18 displaying the result chains produced by the SBIA Working Groups. Additionally, please refer to SCRP PD Section 2.1.11 for detailed result chains utilizing the Theory of Change procedure.

Theory of Change Statements

Based on the extensive experience of the Project proponent in working on biodiversity conservation and community Projects in the SCRP landscape, a literature review, and from information obtained from the SIA workshops held, we applied the theory of change approach to justify our Project rationale and to produce indicators for the CCB monitoring plan. The theory of change is a hypothesis about how a Project intends to achieve its stated objectives, or a roadmap of how it plans to get from Project activities to Project impacts (Richards & Panfil, 2011). As such, we developed a theory of change for each Focal Issues.

The assumptions we make about the cause-and-effect relationships were made explicit in the Result Chain diagrams developed by community members during the SIA workshops, from which the theories of change statements are based. Indicators were developed for key results and assumptions; monitoring of assumptions was included to enable us identify points of deviation early enough. In other words, the indicators outlined in the Monitoring Plan (see Section 4.3) will enable measuring progress towards achieving the desired Project activity outcomes and impacts from Project activities and strategies.

- *Focal Issue 1: Poor Community Livelihoods:* IF there are adequate and functional health facilities, IF education is improved through better facilities and access through bursary schemes, and IF there is improved food security from sustainable intensified agriculture, THEN the communities will have higher incomes and improved livelihoods.
- *Focal Issue 2: Forest Destruction and Land Encroachment:* IF participatory land use planning is conducted and land tenure security strengthened, IF immigration and land allocations are strictly controlled, and IF the Community Protected Area (CPA) is developed following proper processes, THEN land grabbing, illegal logging and NTFP collection will be strictly controlled and the forest well preserved.
- *Focal Issue 3: Wildlife Poaching:* IF community-based eco-tourism is developed, IF the sensitization and awareness-raising is conducted among communities around the Project area, and IF security and law enforcement are strengthened, THEN the both poaching and demand in wildlife and bush-meat will decline as will habitat loss, thereby leading to improved wildlife populations in the SCRP.

4.1.1.2 Risks and negative impact analysis (CM2.1.)

Some of the key risks identified included Human-induced risks including logging and charcoal production, fires encroachment for agriculture and settlement. Other were natural, political and policy (including carbon markets-related) risks which were all considered minimal (please refer to the SCRP PD, Section 2.1.18 for a detailed explanation).

During the SIA Community Workshops, the Working Groups were tasked to outline any possible risks and unexpected side effect(s) that might arise because of the Project successfully realizing the desired result.

Additionally, they were also required to gauge the likelihood and magnitude of these impacts, and then propose possible mitigation.

Potential Risks

- Some villagers with legal land tenure sell land to land speculators and become landless again then continue to encroach further beyond agreed land boundaries.
- Rich people push and/or pay the poor to clear forest beyond the boundaries so that they can buy land from the them at cheap price for speculative purposes.
- Lack of will to provide honest and active participation from stakeholders (local communities, authorities, and NGOs) into land use planning activities.
- NGO, relevant stakeholders and villagers do not agree with each other on land boundaries.
- Insufficient budget for conducting participatory land use planning or zonation (producing and installing demarcation posts on the ground along land boundaries).
- Immigrants or community members' reluctance to give up their illegal jobs as loggers and or charcoal producers for other jobs due to cultural or financial reasons.

Potential negative impacts

- The land use planning process results in loss of land for local community members.
- Only small number of local families get benefit from eco-tourism thus the Project make separation between beneficiaries from non-beneficiaries creating social disharmony.
- CBET attraction sites are not sufficiently unique thus not competitive comparing to other eco-tourism Projects in the area.
- Waste from CBET-related activities is not well managed and village are not cleaned.
- Tourists and tourism are not well managed leading to loss cultural beliefs and social disruption.
- The microfinancing scheme leads to community members borrowing more money than they need or can repay, and are not able to pay back their debt.
- The scholarship students do not want to come back and teach to their villages of origin after graduation leading to 'brain drain'
- Agricultural production is not sufficiently diversified and market-driven leading to over production and/or production of low quality of products that do not fit the needs of the markets.

4.1.1.3 Describe the expected changes in the well-being conditions and other characteristics of Communities under the without-project land use scenario

The SIA Community Workshop participants also Projected what would happen to the major direct causes identified for each of the three Focal Issues in the short-to-medium term (5-10 yrs.) in the absence of the REDD+ Project (Table 17) (please refer to the SCRP PD Section 4.1.4 for additional details on drivers of the changes).

Table 17: Future without-Project Projections of the key contributing factors to the Focal Issues identified during the SCRPs SIA community workshops

a. Forest destruction and land encroachment

Focal issue aspect	5 – 10 years	What will drive the change
Forest land grabbing	Worsen	High cost of land; High rate of unemployment; Rich and powerful land speculators; Unclear forest boundaries; Low capacity of land management agencies
Illegal logging	Worsen	Increased demand in timber making logging more lucrative; Bribery, corruption and no action taken by authorities; No viable alternative products to replace timber

b. Wildlife poaching

Focal issue aspect	5 – 10 years	What will drive the change
High demand in wildlife parts and bush-meat	Worsen	High demand in wildlife, parts and bush-meat by local restaurants and for export; Immigration of poachers into the Project area due to growing poacher-middlemen- trader networking
Illegal easy un-controlled access into protected area forest	Worsen	Forest destruction leading to increased access and more trails through which snares are ferried
Lack of wildlife habitat	Worsen	Forest land encroachment; Forest fires for hunting; Weak law enforcement

c. Poor Community livelihood

Focal issue aspect	5 – 10 years	What will drive the change
High living cost	Remain unchanged	No well-functioning health facilities in the Project area; Lack of adequate teachers in schools with the Project area communes
Low income	Worsen	Inadequate development of education and skills to match growing needs; Poor agricultural techniques; and Population growth including immigration.

4.1.2 Negative Community Impact Mitigation (CM2.2)

During the monitoring period, the community-wide activities undertaken including development of CBET activities, employment and deployment of rangers will start accruing benefits to mitigate for economic displacement for poachers and illegal logger, like access to bursary schemes, improved health access and agricultural training to help move them away from illegal activities. The community-based project activities are all intended to enhance protection of the forest and its biodiversity by diversifying livelihoods away from natural resource exploitation often associated with illegal activities. This inherently has a positive effect on the community well-being high conservation values (HCVs) identified, including water catchment protection and fisheries regulation. The community-wide activities are therefore consistent with the precautionary principle in that active measures are being taken to reduce the threat of reduction and loss to biodiversity and potential negative impacts to community well-being HCVs.

4.1.3 Net Positive Community Well-Being (CM2.3, GL1.4)

As demonstrated in Section 3.3.12 (Table 16), the Project employs adaptive management; therefore, as new climate change risks and/or effects are identified during the Project's lifetime new adaptive strategies will be developed and implemented. The Project's casual model is shown in the PD Sections 2.1.11. These results chains demonstrate the how the Project activities will achieve the Project's stated adaptation benefits. Furthermore, as shown in Section 4.1.1, most of the activities initiated during the reporting period will have multiple positive impacts on a large segment of the communities under the SCRP. The potential costs or negative impacts from implementing the proposed Project activities are minimal and are being mitigated for to some extent through the community Projects (e.g., for poachers). Consequently, the net well-being impacts for the reporting period are overwhelmingly positive given the proportion of the population potentially impacted, the magnitude of the impacts and their long-term nature. Protection of High Conservation Values (CM2.4)

As shown under Section 4.1.1, the Project activities undertaken during the reporting period were all geared towards reducing pressure on the forest by diversifying livelihoods away from direct natural resource exploitation and enhancing forest protection. This inherently provides positive effects on the two high conservation values identified – water catchment protection and fisheries regulation; no negative effects are anticipated because of the Project activities.

4.1.4 Protection of High Conservation Values (CM2.4)

As shown under Section 4.1.1, the Project activities undertaken during the reporting period were all geared towards reducing pressure on the forest by diversifying livelihoods away from direct natural resource exploitation and enhancing forest protection. This inherently provides positive effects on the two high conservation values identified – water catchment protection and fisheries regulation; no negative effects are anticipated because of the Project activities.

4.2 Other Stakeholder Impacts

4.2.1 Mitigation of Negative Impacts on Other Stakeholders (CM3.2)

The SCRP is not expected to result in any significant negative well-being impacts on other stakeholders. However, some community stakeholders of the Project will face negative impacts, mainly through the loss of income or their livelihoods when these are linked to illegal activities in-side of the Project Area (e.g. charcoal production, poaching). To mitigate these potential negative impacts, implemented Project Activities are

focused on increasing the incomes and encouraging new income generating activities in the project communities, thereby mitigating these negative effects. The project has provided direct employment to people who were seeking income from illegal activities in the Project Area as to the best of its abilities as forest rangers, through promotion of ecotourism or other positions to gain their expertise and knowledge of the forest and replace their lost income. Consequently, the net well-being impacts are overwhelmingly positive given the proportion of the population potentially impacted, the magnitude of the impacts and their long-term nature.

4.2.2 Net Impacts on Other Stakeholders (CM3.3)

The activities undertaken during the reporting period lay crucial ground for the long-term protection of the Southern Cardamom watershed that is important for the fisheries of the Gulf of Thailand as it provides fresh water to the largest contiguous mangrove forest left in the Gulf, Peam Krasop Wildlife Sanctuary, a critical nursery for the region's fisheries. Further, the SCRP has 20 major waterways that feed 88 villages near the SCRP, including those that are not included in the Project Zone as Project Communities. All these communities stand to benefit directly from implementation of the SCRP.

4.3 Community Impact Monitoring

4.3.1 Community Monitoring Plan (CM4.1, CM4.2, GL1.4, GL2.2, GL2.3, GL2.5)

4.3.1.1 Project Activity Implementation Status

The Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project activity has been fully implemented since the Project start date of January 1st, 2015. The primary activity is the reduction of carbon emissions from the Project Area by halting deforestation and forest degradation. This is achieved through a variety of measures undertaken by the Project Proponent. Please refer to the SCRP PD Section 2.1.11 for a complete list of proposed Project Activities as well as their detailed descriptions. Implementation status for the first monitoring period (m₁) through the current monitoring period (m₃) is detailed as follows:

1. **Training on Agricultural Methods and Intensification:** Since 2004 Wildlife Alliance has supported a Community Agricultural Development Project (CADP) that initially worked with 187 families who undertook illegal swidden agriculture inside the forest within the Project Area. CADP worked to allocate legal land tenure for communities, provided training on modern agricultural techniques and financial literacy, and developed a community agricultural store and marketplace to link farmers with markets widely across southern Cambodia. CADP has increased the incomes and agricultural yields of members by >300%. Under the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project, additional CADP Projects will be implemented for at least two communities located in the east of the Project Zone (Kamlot/Chay Reap and Romeng Sa) and, if REDD+ generates enough revenue, one other CADP Project will be implemented in the northwest, (O'some).

During the previous monitoring period, trainings on agriculture intensification have focused mainly on high-value fruit tree (durian, longan, rambutan, avocados and jackfruit) orchard cultivation, such as creation of high soil rows and drainage channels to avoid rot during the wet season, organic soil enrichment, irrigation, fertilization, pest control, tree pruning and grass clearing.

In 2021, 12 community members of Sovanna Baitong village received on-the-job training on planting and care-taking of fruit trees. 250 families continued to receive indirect trainings on

agriculture intensification which focused mainly on high-value fruit tree (durian, longan, rambutan, avocados and jackfruit) orchard cultivation, such as creation of high soil rows and drainage channels to avoid rot during the wet season, organic soil enrichment, irrigation, fertilization, pest control, tree pruning and grass clearing.

Families of the surrounding 4 villages also received indirect training through demo plot on fertilizer usage, seeding and other agriculture materials from Store Manager.

2. **Community-based Eco-Tourism Development:** The Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project supports Community Based Eco-Tourism in two areas within the Project Zone – Chi Phat (1 commune and 4 villages) and in the Areng Valley (3 communes and 8 villages). Chi Phat Community-Based Ecotourism (CBET) was established in 2007 with technical and financial support from Wildlife Alliance in order to provide alternative livelihoods to local people through tourism activities, reduce the threat to local natural resources, and conserve a region of exceptional natural and cultural significance. The CBET Project in Chi Phat currently supports 332 families in the commune who act as service providers and have received training on a suite of skills required to effectively manage and implement ecotourism.

At present, there are approximately 240 women participating in the Chi Phat CBET Project: CBET is actively encouraging more women to get involved and diversify their roles, including as forest and mountain bike guides. A large range of ecotourism activities have been developed by the community and marketing linkages with local and international tour operators have been established. Chi Phat CBET has been featured in international travel shows, magazines, including airline in-flight magazines, and the most popular and widely-used guidebooks. CBET Chi Phat has become one of the country's most successful community-based ecotourism projects and is financially sustainable.

Following the success of Chi Phat CBET, Wildlife Alliance began work in 2016 with eight additional communities in the Areng Valley to establish Stung Areng Community Based Eco-tourism (STAR- CBET). STAR-CBET operates within the SCRP Project Zone within the biodiverse Areng Valley. This remote valley has high plant and animal biodiversity and is particularly significant for Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*), forming a key part of the Cardamom Elephant Corridor, and for freshwater biodiversity including the Critically Endangered Siamese crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*) and the Endangered Asian arowana (*Scleropages formosus*). The Areng Valley is inhabited by eight forest communities (total population 461 families), the majority of which are ethnic Chong. Currently, the Chong do not have sustainable livelihoods that would enable them to find sufficient revenues from the forest. Consequently, many Chong families rely on a combination of illegal hunting and logging combined with unsustainable swidden agriculture. Social assessments conducted by Wildlife Alliance have identified Community Based Ecotourism and access to micro-finance, as preferred sustainable development activities for promoting economic diversification and forest protection. More than 80% of families requested assistance for CBET development so that their children will have greater opportunities and access to education and capacity building for sustainable jobs in the future.

Wildlife Alliance has coached the villagers in the eight villages of Chhay Areng Valley to prepare for business, by providing skill building in hospitality and small business management, computer

and financial literacy, cooking and nature guiding, and provided financial support to upgrade homestays, visitor centers, purchase trekking tents and equipment. 139 families have been identified and initially trained as service-providers, 9 homestays have been developed, three visitor substations have been built (bamboo structures), and 60 tents have been purchased, along with trekking equipment. STAR-CBET was officially opened for business by the Provincial Governor of Koh Kong in January 2018.

During the previous monitoring period the Project provided 7 training events to 204 villagers who are service providers involved in the Chi Phat and Chhay Areng CBETs. These trainings were on tourism hospitality, nature guiding, cooking skills and sanitation. In addition, the Project provides ongoing, on-the-job development, coaching and capacity building through mentoring and support.

No training events were conducted in 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

During 2021 (m₃), the Project provided 8 training events to 196 community service providers in the Chi Phat and Chhay Areng Community-Based Ecotourism (CBET). These trainings were on tourism hospitality, nature guiding, housekeeping and cooking skills, hygiene and food security, homestay standard, mountain bike maintenance skills. In addition, the Project provides ongoing, on-the-job development, coaching and capacity building through mentoring and support

3. **Micro-finance:** Women's Community Saving Credit Groups are under development in eight villages in the Areng Valley. During the m₂ monitoring period 71 women from 7 villages, organized into 6 groups and were coached in financial literacy to improve the effectiveness of their savings and loan activities, which were initiated in 2018. The positive outcome is a high number of loans provided by the savings and loan groups to the members, with 11 loans in 2019 (totalling \$1,800) and 13 loans in 2020 (totalling \$3,100). During the current monitoring period (m₃), 72 women from 7 villages, organized into 6 groups in Areng Valley were coached in financial literacy to improve the effectiveness of their savings and loan activities, which were initiated in 2018. In 2021, the positive outcome is a high number of loans provided by the savings and loan groups to the members, with 11 loans in 2019 (totaling \$1,800), 13 loans in 2020 (totaling \$3,100) and 21 loans (totaling \$6,245).
4. **Participatory Land Use Planning:** Wildlife Alliance has worked with the Royal Government of Cambodia and provincial, district, and commune authorities since 2003 to develop clear spatial land- use plans for the Southern Cardamom, including securing community land tenure across a total of 28 villages in 11 communes. This work has benefited 5,980 families including 3,024 in Project Zone communities. An additional eight Project zone communities have yet to receive clear land zonation and tenure and this is planned for completion during the REDD+ Project implementation period. In addition to confirming community land tenure, the Project will work to demarcate the zones of the three Protected Areas which form the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project (Tatai Wildlife Sanctuary, Southern Cardamom National Park, Botum Sakor National Park). This demarcation clearly highlights community land and helps mark the boundaries of the strictly protected zones (Core and Conservation) which comprise the Project Area and which are reserved for biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services.

During the previous m₂ monitoring period, the zoning and demarcation activities have continued, so that the land for local communities has been clearly delineated. 21 land use planning meetings were conducted with participation and support from local authorities. 603 demarcation posts were installed along the community land boundaries in Russey Chrum and Chi Kha Leu communes

During the current m3 monitoring period, the zoning and demarcation activities have continued, so that the land for local communities is clearly delineated. 9 land use planning meetings have been conducted with participation and support from local authorities. 411 demarcation posts were installed along 63 kilometers of the community land boundaries in Tatai Leu and Russey Chrum communes.

5. **Strengthening Community Organizations:** Wildlife Alliance has supported the formation of three Community Organizations – the Sovanna Baitong Agriculture Association, the Chi Phat and Stung Areng Community Based Ecotourism (STAR-CBET) Associations which have all been legally registered by the Cambodian Ministry of the Interior. All three associations were established following elections and agreement on precise bylaws and benefit sharing mechanisms. The Sovanna Baitong Agriculture Association comprises 200 members and 6 Service Groups, the management committee for STAR-CBET comprises 15 members all of whom are ethnic Chong, and the Chi-Phat CBET management committee currently has 10 members.

The role of the Sovanna Baitong Agriculture Association is to manage agriculture inputs and outputs at favorable market prices (Marketing Group), to provide Agriculture Support to its members (Agriculture Support Group with Agriculture Store and Community Nursery), to manage the Community Fund (Community Fund Group), to manage the natural resources on which the farmers depend, i.e. forest buffer zone around the village, streams supplying water to the village reservoirs, fish populations in the streams (Natural Resources Group), to manage the community waste (Waste Management Group), and to provide health education to the members (Health Education Group).

The role of the CBET Associations is to manage the ecotourism activities, to provide guest reception and billing, to ensure that benefits are equitably shared between service providers and that rules and regulations, particularly those pertaining to natural resource management, are followed and respected by CBET service providers and tour operators. Wildlife Alliance provides technical support to the CBET Association Committees included providing training, study tours, and support to attend national and regional ecotourism forum and events.

During the previous monitoring period, the Project assisted the 8 villages of Chhay Areng Valley to build their own organization, the Stung Areng Community-Based Eco-tourism (STAR CBET), which received legal registration with the Ministry of Interior in 2016. In April 2019, land rights were secured for the 8 villages so as to protect their ecotourism destinations from predatory outside tour operators, and subsequently created 3 community protected areas (CPAs) in the 3 communes of the valley, Chumnoab, Pralay and Thmor Donpov.

With support from Wildlife Alliance, the Stung Areng Community-Based Eco-tourism (STAR CBET) obtained its official registration and recognition by the Ministry of Interior as CBO in 2016. The SCRPs has supported STAR CBET since 2018. Since then, STAR-CBET has greatly improved the effectiveness of management. Ten members from the of management committees were restructured to specific roles and responsibilities by election.

In 2021, Mr. Tith Ly, Chief of STAR-CBET resigned. The Project supported the restructure of the CBET Committee including choosing a new CBET Chief to replace Mr. Tith Ly. There were 4 candidates from existing CBET Committee Member stood for election (Mr. Long Koy, Mrs. Heng

Sopheak, Ms. Choch Sdeung and Mr. Deun Chantha). The election was done by three commune chief (Chumnaob, Pralay and Thmor Donpov) and all CBET Management Committee. Among of the 4 candidates, Mr. Long Koy received the most votes.

6. **Enhanced Security and Law Enforcement:** The Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project operates 9 MOE fully-manned enforcement stations and 3 sub-stations inside the Project Area, mandated with legal protection of the forest and wildlife. Rangers are based full-time within the stations, and conduct daily, systematic patrolling of the Project Area and Leakage Zones. In 2021, 134 rangers supported by the Project were operational. They received on-the-job training by Station Advisors and Law Enforcement Managers. In addition, the Project provided training to 22 civilians to become Southern Cardamom REDD+ rangers, as environmental ranger Agents under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Environment Provincial Department. Their on-the-job training has included Protected Area Law and legal procedures, rescue of wildlife caught in snares or transported by poachers, emergency wildlife care, patrol techniques, use of GPS, equipment maintenance, first aid and crime scene analysis and documentation.

Also, 12 members of Community Anti-Poaching Unit (CAPU) of Chi Phat Community Based-Ecotourism were supported by the Project in daily patrols to dismantle hunting camps and remove people from the forest carrying illegal logging equipment.

7. **Sensitization and Awareness Raising.** The Mobile Environmental Education team activities to be conducted during the lifetime of the REDD+ Project, and will follow Wildlife Alliance's Kouprey Express (KE) model that focuses on communities surrounding Protected Areas, bringing environmental education to school children through interactive curricula and teacher training, and conducting educational entertainment shows in the evenings for community adults.

Awareness raising on the Southern Cardamom REDD+ activities was conducted in 85 meetings in 29 villages (3 meetings/village) of 10 communes and 4 districts of Koh Kong Province during the current monitoring period (m₃). In 2021, 397 community members (189 females) and 5,650 students (3,057 females) were reached through sensitization and awareness raising events, school visits and community night shows. Education materials were also distributed with 6,720 posters, 6,047 books and 6,514 pens.

During this third monitoring period, 63 community meetings were conducted with all the 29 beneficiary communities. The meetings were held in two rounds, with the first taking place between January 30, 2021 – February 10, 2021, and the second between November 20, 2021 to February 28, 2022. A portion of the meetings in this second round were held after the close of the M3 monitoring period, due to delays caused by the COVID pandemic. During these meetings, an additional 2,196 were reached through the awareness rising during the Project's FPIC (Free and Prior Informed Consent) Process.

8. **Community Scholarship Fund:** The Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project created and manages a Community Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund pilot was first announced in July 2020 for a 4-year bachelor's degree at the Royal University of Phnom Penh and Royal University of Agriculture for the period of March 2021- March 2025. The start of the university year was delayed in 2020 because of the COVID Pandemic. The Fund was advertised through 2 district education departments (Botum Sakor and Thmor Bang) and then at the commune level, and then directly with students and parents in 13 target villages of the SCRP.

2021 was the second Scholarship Fund implementation. Scholarship Application Forms were distributed to 22 interested applicants in different communes inside the Project Area. 7 students submitted their application forms to the Recruitment Team. After going through the selection process, 5 applicants were selected for 2021 Scholarship. These 5 students are from communes of O'Som, Chi Phat and Dang Peng.

The Project provides students total cost coverage for 4 years of university in Phnom Penh, including annual tuition, school materials and uniforms, accommodation, stipend for fuel and food, health insurance. Wildlife Alliance has rented a house in Phnom Penh especially for these students to live and has hired a trustworthy woman to live with them as their supervisor. Each student annual costs are full covered with a total of \$6,952 coverage per year for 4 years.

9. **Direct Employment and Training on Income Generating Activities (IGAs):** During the previous m₂ monitoring period the Project directly employed 32 villagers and conducting on-the-job training, in addition to the training events. In 2021(m₃), the Project is directly employing 27 villagers and conducting on-the-job training, in addition to the aforementioned training events:
 - 11 CBET Managers from Chi Phat commune continue to conduct the jobs of Executive Director, Deputy Director, Guest Receptionist, Chief Accountant, Trekking Equipment Rental, Restaurant Manager, Boat Transport Manager, Motorbike Transport Manager, Forest Cook Manager, Accommodation Manager, Community Patrol Manager and Sanitation Manager.
 - 11 CBET Managers from the 3 Chhay Areng communes continue to conduct the jobs of Executive Director, Deputy Director, Guest Receptionist, Chief Accountant, Trekking Equipment Rental, Restaurant Manager, Customer Transport Manager, Forest Cook Manager, Accommodation Manager, Community Patrol Manager and Sanitation Manager.
 - 5 Agriculture Managers from Sovanna Baitong village to conduct (a) jobs at the Community Orchard that sells high-value fruit (Orchard Manager who manages 12 Orchard Workers, 5 Orchard Technical Heads, Night Guard) and (b) jobs at the village for the benefit of 250 families selling their produce (Agriculture Store Manager, Agriculture Association Chief, Nursery Manager, Irrigation Pump Operator), Truck Driver.

The SCRP expects to continue increasing the number of people directly employed by the Project, with them working across all of the Project components, including: community-based ecotourism, community agricultural development, law enforcement, education, biomass plot sampling. Priority will be given to members from Project Zone communities.

4.3.1.2 Community Impact Indicators

The selection of appropriate indicators is invaluable to the impact assessment process, as they respond to the basic question: "what should be measured to show that the claimed net social benefits are real and additional?" (Richards & Panfil 2011). An ideal indicator from the perspective of showing attribution is one that measures an 'intermediate state' or assumption between an output and outcome or an outcome and an impact, clearly showing progress along a causal chain. Again, our theory of change logic in the Result Chain diagrams for the three Focal Issues – Forest destruction and land encroachment, Wildlife poaching and Poor community livelihoods – identified during the SIA Community Workshops provided us with a good basis for selecting indicators that factored in attribution. We selected a total of 49 indicators for monitoring the social impacts of the SCRP, including 19 Output, 26 Outcome and 4 Impact indicators

(Table 18). The results from the activities undertaken during this monitoring period are indicated against the indicators below.

In this data the trend of the reported indicators shows an increase in illegal activities, such as logging. However, our ground operations have not actually observed an increase in illegal activities in the project area. We have improved our detection methods through an increase in our informant network, and the rangers have become more practiced at catching offenders in possession of their chainsaws and other incriminating evidence. Whereas, in the past it was more common for offenders to be able to escape with the evidence making prosecution impossible. Additionally, the project staff have increased efforts to document all instances of illegal activities observed. Therefore, we have a recorded increase in reported amounts of illegal activities, but really we are simply documenting and preventing it more effectively.

Table 18: The results of the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project community impact assessment monitoring plan.

Key results	Indicator Code	Indicator	Monitoring Frequency	First Monitoring Period (m1) 2015-2017	Second Monitoring Period (m2) 2018-2020	Third Monitoring Period (m3) Jan to Dec 2021
Decrease in illegal logging	SIA001	# of land use planning meetings held with participation and support from local authorities	Monitoring Period	37	21	9 meetings
	SIA002	# participants in land use planning meetings	Monitoring Period	572	368	112 participants
	SIA004	Volume of timber and logs confiscated by SCRP patrol rangers	Annually	360 (190-1,711) m ³ timber 2,100 (258-4,416) logs	Timber -Total: 1,402 m ³ Logs -Total: 7,565 Timber -2018: 298 m ³ -2019: 376 m ³ -2020: 728 m ³ Logs -2018: 2,121 logs	Timber: 712 m3 Logs: 7,330 logs

					-2019: 1,384 logs -2020: 4,060 logs	
	SIA005	# of chainsaws confiscated by SCRП patrol rangers	Annually	364 (134-579)	Total: 2,215 -2018: 542 -2019: 656 -2020: 1,017	869
	SIA006	# of illegal kilns and bags of charcoal confiscated by SCRП patrol rangers	Annually	396 (81-1,055) Kilns 177 (88-334) bags	Kilns -Total: 418 kilns Charcoal bags - Total: 786 bags Kilns -2018: 254 kilns -2019: 81 kilns -2020: 83 kilns Bags -2018: 501 bags -2019: 224 bags -2020: 61 bags	-53 kilns -532 bags of charcoal
	SIA007	# of legal cases submitted against forest criminals by SCRП patrol rangers	Annually	43 (9-69) court cases submitted	Cases submitted to court - Total: 311 -2018: 145 court cases 68 fines -2019: 28 court cases 55 fines 2020:	-132 court cases -93 fines

					38 court cases 85 fines	
Decrease in encroachment and land-grabbing	SIA008	# of demarcation posts installed zoning forest and community areas	Monitoring Period	189 demarcation posts	603 demarcation posts	411 demarcation posts
	SIA009	# of land use maps (including CPAs) created and made available to community	Monitoring Period	11 maps for 11 communities	3 CPA map 2 demarcation maps 13 zoning maps for	2 maps
	SIA011	# of forest fires in the SCRP extinguished by SCRP rangers	Monitoring Period	53 (44-96)	Total: 168 -2018: 10 -2019: 34 -2020: 124	45
	SIA012	# of illegal fences and signs removed by SCRP rangers	Annually	720 (30-1,501)	Total: 9,674 -2018: 3,057 -2019: 5,712 -2020: 905	2,432

	SIA013	# of illegal settlements (houses) and forest camps built inside the SCRCP Project area and removed by SCRCP rangers	Annually	464 (293-2,321)	Total: 1,606 Per year: 535 2018: 785 2019: 401 2020: 420	460
	SIA014	# of land encroachment cases stopped by SCRCP rangers	Annually	149 (37-383)	Total: 289 -2018: 141 -2019: 97 -2020: 51	164
	SIA015	# ha of forest within the SCRCP cleared for cultivation or settlement	Monitoring Period	0	Total: 1,972 ha -2018: 194 ha -2019: 1,246 ha -2020: 532 ha	348 hectares
Greater community participation in eco-tourism activities	SIA016	# of families participating in eco-tourism activities (CBET)	Monitoring Period	Total - 471 Chi Phat - 332 Chhay Areng - 139	Total - 481 Chi Phat - 12 community management team members - 332 beneficiary families Chhay Areng - 11 community management team members - 149 beneficiary families	Chi Phat - 11 community management team members - 332 beneficiary families Chhay Areng 11 community management team members - 149 beneficiary families

	SIA017	# of trained tour guides	Monitoring Period	Total - 55 ChiPhat - 25 Chhay Areng - 30	Total - 69 Chi Phat - 25 Chhay Areng - 44	86 [30 in Chi Phat and 56 in Chhay Areng]
	SIA018	# of families providing ecotourism service	Monitoring Period	Total - 471 Chi Phat - 332 Chhay Areng - 139	Total - 481 Chi Phat - 332 Chhay Areng - 149	481 [332 in Chi Phat & 149 in Chhay Areng]
	SIA019	# tourism promotion initiatives undertaken	Monitoring Period	5 international exhibitions attended; -6,000 likes on Facebook Page for CBET	2018: - Developed website for Chhay Areng CBET, - Developed Facebook page for Chhay Areng CBET. 7,540 likes on Facebook Page for Chi Phat CBET 2,942 likes on Facebook Page for Chi Phat CBET - Registered Chhay Areng CBET on Google Map. -2019-2020:	-There are 5 exhibitions attended in Phnom Penh -There are 10,871 likes and 11,140 followed on Facebook Page for Chi Phat CBET -There are 70 followers on Instagram for Chi Phat -3964 like and 4078 followers on Facebook page for Chhay Areng

					• Upgraded website to include online booking form for Chhay Areng CBET. • 11,636 likes on Facebook page for Chi Phat CBET • 4,263 likes on Facebook Page for Chi Phat CBET	
	SIA020	# of tourists visiting the community eco-tourism facilities (CBET)	Monitoring Period	Total 9,929 tourists 1,934 local and 7,995 international. Chi Phat -2015 3,058 tourists [404 local and 2,654 international] -2016 3,135 tourists [412 local and 2,723 international] -2017 3,736 tourists [1,118 local and	Total 11,396 Chi Phat -2018: 3,216 tourists in Chi Phat [728 local tourists and 2,488 international] -2019: 3,189 tourists in Chi Phat [911 local and 2,278 international] -2020: 2,104 tourists in Chi Phat [1,414 local and 690 international] Chhay Areng	Chi Phat: 1,222 tourists in Chi Phat [1161 local and 61 international] Chhay Areng: 631 in Chhay Areng [607 local and 24 international]

				2,618 international]	-2018: 1,021 tourist in Chhay Areng [992 local and 29 international] -2019: 1,034 in Chhay Areng [995 local and 39 international] -2020: 832 in Chhay Areng [797 local and 35 international]	
	SIA021	Amount of revenue accruing from eco-tourism activities in the area	Monitoring Period	Chi Phat -2015: \$151,011 revenue [\$117,036 to Service Providers and \$33,974 to CBET fund] -2016: \$175,442 revenue [\$134,335 to Service Providers and \$41,107 to CBET fund] -2017: \$186,488 revenue [\$144,910 to Service Providers and \$41,578 to	Chi Phat -2018: \$204,405.24 revenue [\$161,923.71 Service provider and \$42,481.53 Community Operation fund] -2019: \$188,377.99 in Chi Phat [\$162,726.33 Service provider and \$25,651.66 Community Operation fund] -2020: \$1003,854 in Chi Phat [\$89,963 Service provider and	Chi Phat: \$29,612 in Chi Phat [\$24,483 Service provider and \$5,129 Community Operation fund] Chhay Areng: \$11,209.16 [\$8,156.01 Service provider and \$3,053.15 Community Operation fund]

				CBET fund] Total revenue: \$512,941 [396,282 to service providers and \$116,659 to CBET fund]	\$13,890 Community Operation fund] Chhay Areng -2018: \$14,846 in Chhay Areng [\$11,650 Service provider and \$3,195 Community Operation fund] -2019: \$20,352.29 in Chhay Areng [\$15,681 Service provider and \$3,316 Community Operation fund] -2020: \$2,269 in Chhay Areng [\$10,827 Service provider and \$3,244 Community Operation fund]	
Greater appreciation and awareness of wildlife benefits	SIA022	# of awareness and sensitization meetings	Monitoring Period		Meetings for wildlife benefits in: - 2018: 4 villages -2019: 15 villages and 9 schools -2020: 9 villages and 5 schools -2020: 9 meetings per village for FPIC	85 meetings [3 meetings / village]

	SIA023	# of community members attending awareness and sensitization meetings	Monitoring Period	Greater than 2,000	-2018: 570 people -2019: 918 people and 832 students -2020: 1,336 people and 479 students -2020: 4,988 people [172 people / village] for FPIC	2,196 people (35 participants/community on average)
	SIA024	# households with greater awareness about importance or conservation	Monitoring Period		1,972 people	68 people / village
Increase in wildlife populations including HCVs	SIA025	# of rangers employed and trained	Annually	98	Total: 352 2018: 112 2019: 116 2020: 124	134
	SIA026	# and type of equipment provided including ranger outposts	Annually	-9 stations equipped -98 rangers equipped -[WA equipment protocols available on request]	-2018: 9 stations fully equipped and 112 rangers fully equipped -2019: 10 stations fully equipped and 116 rangers fully	13 stations fully equipped and 134 rangers fully equipped

					equipped -2020: 11 stations fully equipped and 124 rangers fully equipped	
	SIA027	# patrols undertaken, including coverage and distances	Annually	2,910 (2,479- 3,458)) =150,000- 200,000km	Total: -10,715 patrols: -418,543 km -2018: 3,524 patrols 138,902 km -2019: 3,756 patrols 146,395 km -2020: 3,435 patrols 133,246 km	-4,629 patrols -166,274 km
	SIA028	# of vehicles and home-made guns removed confiscated by Southern Cardamom Forest Protection Project Area	Annually	34 (4-83) vehicles 33 (22-57) home-made guns	Total 121 Guns 742 vehicles -2018: - 35 guns 226 vehicles -2019: 37 guns 219 vehicles 2020: 49 guns 297 vehicles	-74 guns -240 vehicles

	SIA029	# of snares removed from the Southern Cardamom Forest Protection Project Area	Annually	21,564 (13,474-30,139)	Total 53,013 snares 37,167 nets -2018: 21,074 snares 15,674 nets -2019 19,645 snares 15,439 nets -2020: 12,294 snares 6,054 nets	-29,771 snares -21,388 nets (meters)
	SIA031	# of live animals rescued from illegal wildlife trade by Southern Cardamom Forest Protection rangers	Annually	508 (302-713)	Total: 1,162 2018: 447 2019: 461 2020: 254	313
Reduced cost of living	SIA032	# schools constructed, repaired or equipped	Monitoring Period		In 2020, the project has focused on scholarship for 8 students for University in Phnom Penh for 4 years	-In 2021, the project has focused on scholarship for 5 students for University in Phnom Penh for 4 years
	SIA033	# teachers employed	Monitoring Period			

	SIA034	Amount of money allocated to bursary schemes	Monitoring Period		Total: \$243,047 -2019: \$111,047 -2020: \$132,000	-\$117,800 were spent for stipend and university tuition for 5 students for 4 years -\$3,800 Selection process and technical management. -\$9,487 operation cost
	SIA035	# students benefiting from bursary schemes	Monitoring Period		13 (62% female)	5
	SIA036	% of students not in school due to school fees	Monitoring Period		3%	1%
	SIA037	# health facilities build or equipped	Monitoring Period		1	1
	SIA038	# health workers employed	Monitoring Period		2	2
	SIA039	% community members benefiting from Southern Cardamom Forest Protection Project Area-	Monitoring Period		96 beneficiary families in Chum Noab Commune out of 495 families in Areng 2%	96 beneficiary families in Chum Noab Commune out of 495 families in Areng

		related health schemes				2%
	SIA040	# of functional schools in each Commune	Monitoring Period		6 schools per commune	7 schools per commune
	SIA041	Teacher/student ratio in Southern Cardamom Forest Protection Project Area supported schools	Monitoring Period		1:26	1:25
	SIA042	# of functional health facilities in each Commune	Monitoring Period		1.38 per commune	1.41 per commune
	SIA043	Nurse/Doctor: population ration in Project Zone	Monitoring Period		1:306	1:296
Higher income levels	SIA044	# of people directly employed by the Southern Cardamom Forest Protection	Annually	167 full-time CBET, Sovanna Baitong Agriculture, community rangers and government	-2018: 112 rangers Chi Phat: 11 community rangers 12 CBET	- 134 rangers Chi Phat -11 community ranger -11 community management team

		Project		rangers	community management team	-332 beneficiary families
					Chhay Areng: 11 CBET community management team	Chhay Areng - 11 community management team - 149 beneficiary families
					Sovanna Baitong: 9 Community Agriculture Managers	
					-2019: 116 rangers	
					Chi Phat: 11 community ranger 12 CBET community management team	
					Sovanna Baitong: 9 Community Agriculture Managers	
					-2020: 124 rangers	

					Chi Phat 11 community ranger 12 CBET Community Management Team Chhay Areng 11 CBET Community Management Team Sovanna Baitong: - 9 Community Agriculture Managers	
	SIA045	# community members who have accessed the microfinance scheme	Monitoring Period		-2018: 71 families in Chhay Areng -2019: 71 families in Chhay Areng -2020: 71 families in Chhay Areng	71 families in Chhay Areng
	SIA046	# of people who have established Income Generating Assistance through Southern Cardamom Forest	Monitoring Period		-2018: Chi Phat: 12 CBET Community Management Team 332 beneficiary families Chhay Areng: 11 CBET	Chi Phat 11 community management team -332 beneficiary families Chhay Areng - 11 community management team - 149 beneficiary families

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	SIA047	# community members who have undergone agricultural training	Monitoring Period	200 families	230 families	250 families
	SIA048	# agricultural demonstration plots established in the community areas	Monitoring Period		40 x 40 m demo plot in Sovanna Baitong, showing the cultivation of 19 different varieties of vegetables. Farmers from Sovanna Baitong and surrounding	1 plot (50mx35m)

					villages are thus informed of the seeds and tools that they can buy at the Savanna Baitong Agriculture Store.	
	SIA049	% increase in yields and sales in local and external markets	Monitoring Period	300%	\$960 dollars per household	\$1,800 per household in 2021 (90%)

4.3.2 Monitoring Plan Dissemination (CM4.3)

The monitoring plan was made available for public review at the SCRP Project Office, and has been made available to each Commune in the Project Zone communities. The full results of the community monitoring are included in this project Monitoring Report, which is made publicly available in the Project Area by having a hard copy available for review at the Project Office and on the VCS registry, and the Wildlife Alliances website. The monitoring results have been further communicated to the communities and other stakeholders (including the Government and Local Authorities) using diverse methods including presentations, reports, and orally during community awareness and sensitization meetings, and when SBIA workshops are held. Additionally, a monitoring report summary has been written and provided to communities throughout the Project Area in English and Khmer.

4.4 Optional Criterion: Exceptional Community Benefits

The SCRP has not sought CCB Gold Level for Exceptional Community Benefits, therefore this section and all sub-sections are not applicable and will be left blank.

4.4.1 Short-term and Long-term Community Benefits (GL2.2)

4.4.2 Marginalized and/or Vulnerable Community Groups (GL2.4)

4.4.3 Net Impacts on Women (GL2.5)

4.4.4 Benefit Sharing Mechanisms (GL2.6)

4.4.5 Governance and Implementation Structures (GL2.8)

4.4.6 Smallholders/Community Members Capacity Development (GL2.9)

5 BIODIVERSITY

5.1 Net Positive Biodiversity Impacts

5.1.1 Biodiversity Changes (B2.1)

Change in Biodiversity	Asian elephant
Monitored Change	Rangers have recorded an increase in elephant signs in the forest which is considered an actual, positive, direct and qualitative change (2021); (Figure 8)
Justification of Change	The most likely without-Project scenario would include increasing poaching and fewer sightings across the SCRP (see Gray et al. 2016).

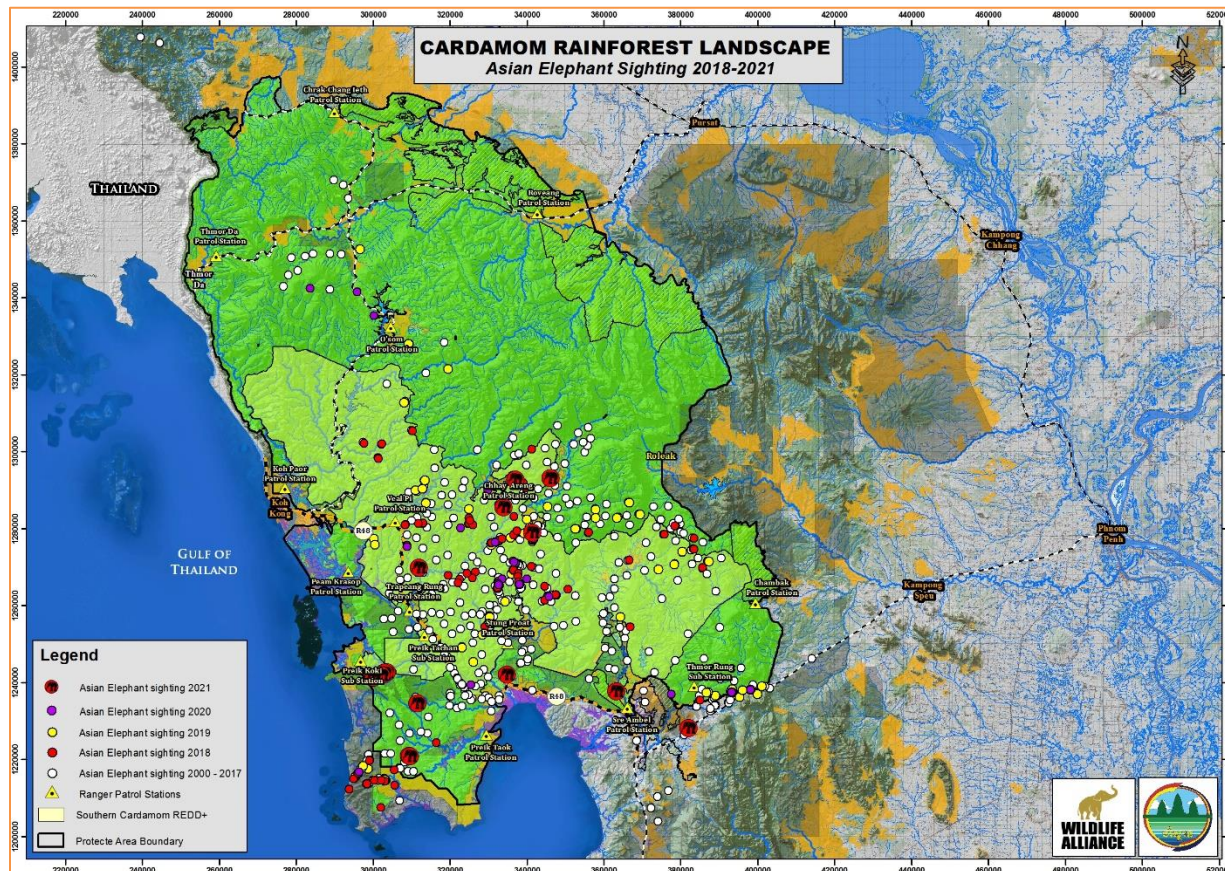
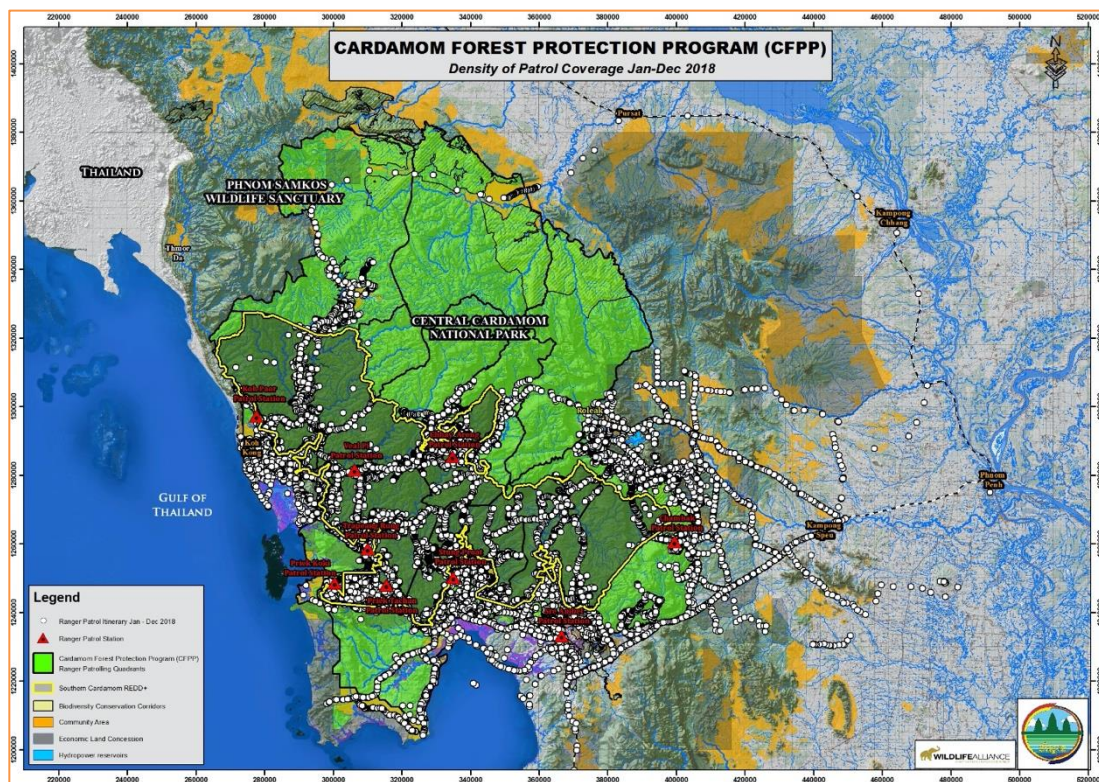
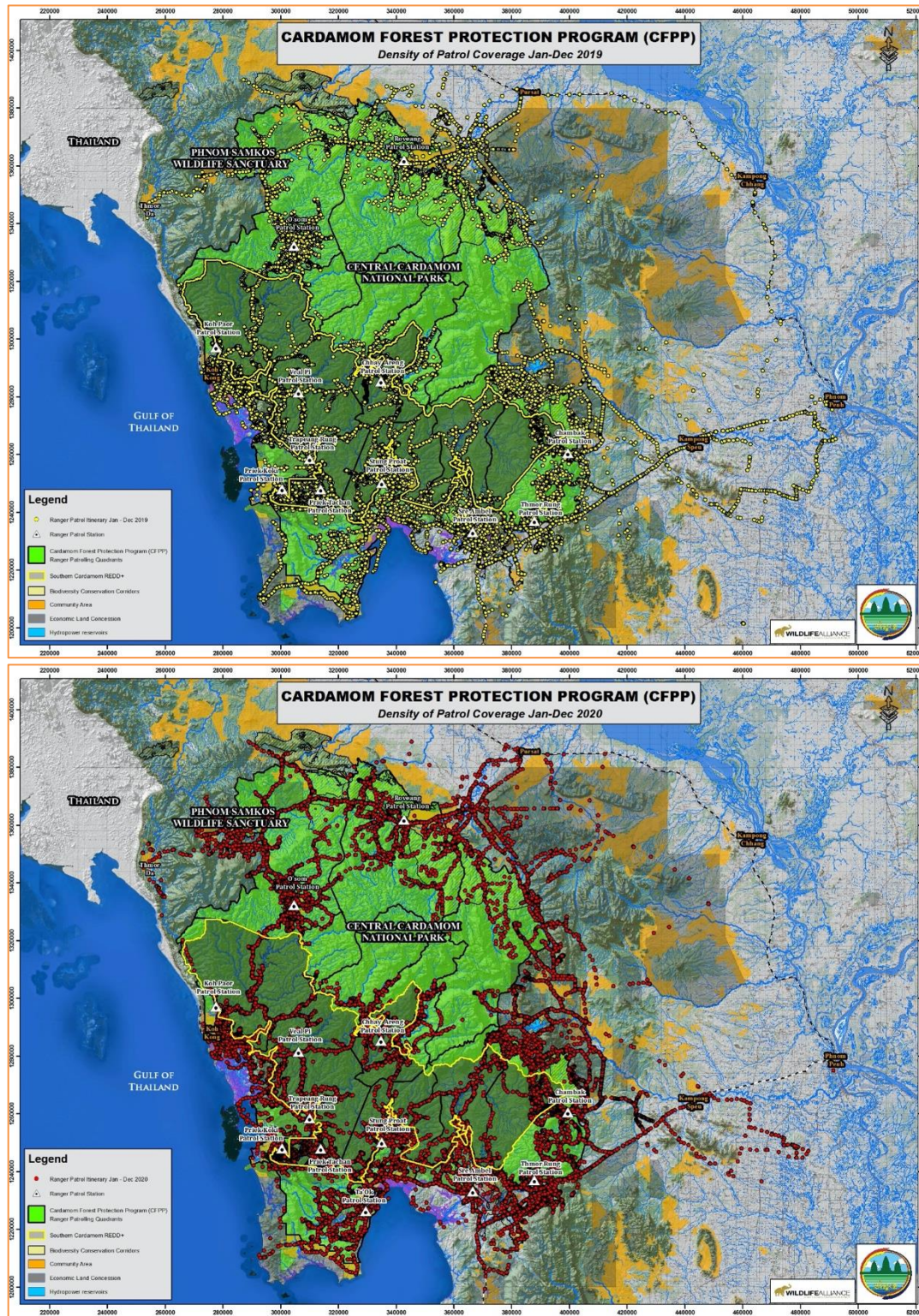


Figure 8: Elephant sightings across the SCRP as recorded from ranger patrols from 2018 to 2021

Change in Biodiversity	Reduction in pressure (threats)
Monitored Change	Actual, Positive, Direct and Qualitative change
Justification of Change	Security and enforcement: We have set up ranger stations and helped recruit and equip rangers. Rangers were also trained on conducting professional law enforcement, and further supported through strengthening of legal procedures through the judiciary system The Project has steadily increased the number of ranger stations from an initial 7 ranger stations in 2017, with 9 ranger stations in 2018 (112 rangers fully equipped), 10 ranger stations in 2019 (116 rangers fully equipped), 11 ranger stations in 2020 (124 rangers fully equipped), and 13 stations in 2021. As a result, the ranger's patrol coverage (by foot, boat, and car patrols) was 166,274 km.

	During the reporting period, the zoning and demarcation activities have continued, so that the land for local communities is clearly delineated. 9 land use planning meetings have been conducted with participation and support from local authorities. 411 demarcation posts have been also installed along the community land boundaries in Russey Chrum and Chi Kha Leu communes during this monitoring period. Wildlife Rapid Rescue Team: WRRT is a close-knit team of government-led officers who are putting their life on the line to save wild animals from cruel suffering and death. WRRT has the authority to investigate and crack down on wildlife crime in Cambodia. Wildlife Alliance provides animal husbandry (and rehabilitation), technical assistance for investigations, and financial support, with two staff dedicated full time to the unit. In 2014, the team was recognized by TRAFFIC who stated in its Bear Report that the WRRT is “the leading example in anti-wildlife trafficking law enforcement” with “high level of sustained enforcement and efficacious seizure”. These processes lead to positive impacts on biodiversity including reduced (forest) land grabbing.
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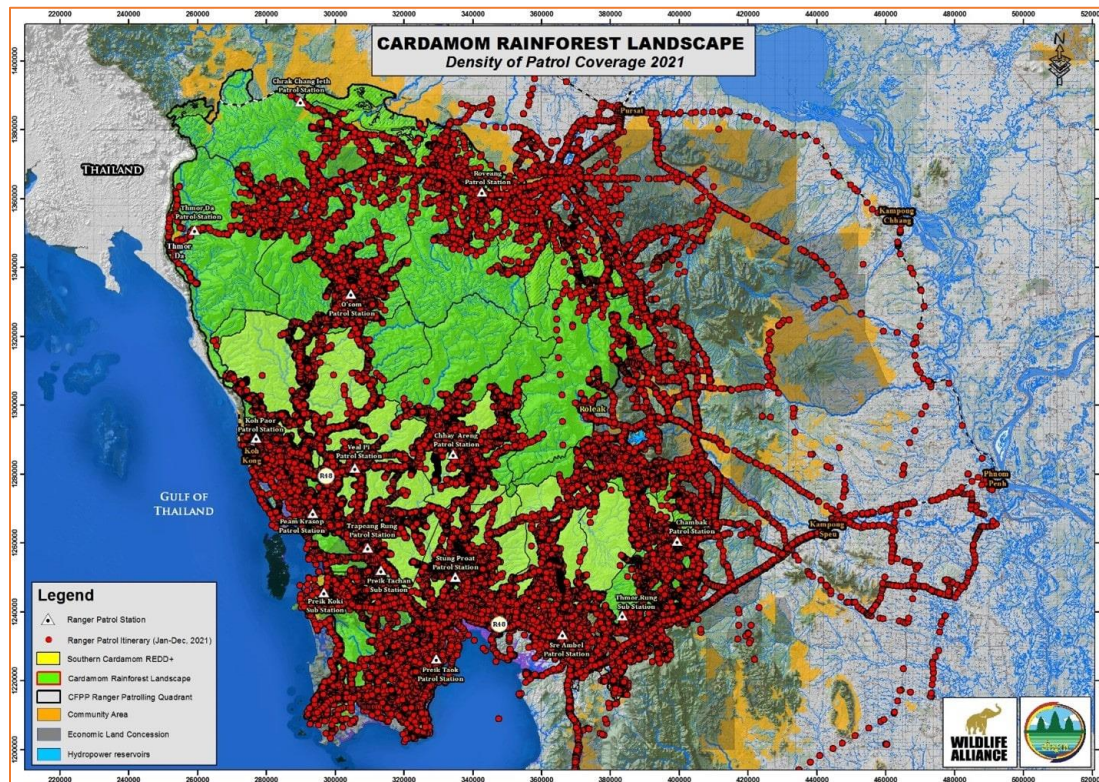


Figure 9: Density of patrol coverage (2018- 2021) by SCRP rangers.

5.1.1.1 Estimated Changes in Biodiversity in the Project Zone as a Result of the Project (B1.1.)

5.1.1.1.1 Result Chain Diagrams

The following section describes the summary theory of change process and statements produced by the BIA Expert Workshop. Additionally, please refer to the SCRP PD Section 5.2.1 for the detailed result chains utilizing the Theory of Change procedure.

Theory of Change Statements

Based on the extensive experience of the Project proponent in working on biodiversity conservation and community Projects in the SCRP landscape, a literature review, and from information obtained from the BIA workshop, we applied the theory of change approach to substantiate our Project rationale and to produce indicators for the CCB monitoring plan. A theory of change is a hypothesis about how a Project intends to achieve its stated objectives, or a roadmap of how it plans to get from Project activities to Project impacts (Richards & Panfil, 2011). As such, we developed a theory of change for each of the three major Project activity areas identified: Security and law enforcement, Alternative livelihoods, and Awareness and sensitization.

The assumptions we make about the cause-and-effect relationships were made explicit in the Result Chain diagrams developed by workshop members during the BIA workshop, from which the theories of change statements are based. Indicators were developed for key results and assumptions; monitoring of assumptions was included to enable us identify points of deviation early enough. In other words, the

indicators outlined in the Monitoring Plan (see Section 5.4) will enable measuring progress towards achieving the desired Project activity outcomes and impacts from Project activities and strategies.

- Activity Area 1: Security and Law Enforcement: IF budget is increased, IF number of rangers increase and capacity of rangers and managers is improved, IF there more patrols by well- motivated and equipped rangers, and IF relationships with prosecutors and the courts is improved THEN there will be increased numbers of arrests and prosecutions leading to reduced levels of logging, land encroachment, and poaching
- Activity Area 2: Alternative Livelihoods: IF community-based ecotourism and community NTFP groups are established, IF the local community is trained on modern agricultural techniques THEN there will be increased income to local communities and fewer people relying on direct access to the forest for their livelihoods, leading to reduced levels of logging, land encroachment, and poaching
- Activity Area 3: Awareness and Sensitization: IF there is a change in cultural behaviour of wildlife consumers, and IF there is increased knowledge and appreciation of biodiversity amongst local communities, THEN there will be reduced poaching and more people will be participating in conservation.

5.1.2 Mitigation Actions (B2.3)

None of the Project activities is expected to have any negative impacts on biodiversity, including any of the area's HCVs. On the contrary, they are specifically designed to improve the status of the forest and habitat, as well as reduce any direct threats on wildlife from poaching. The level of uncertainty and risk associated with these activities is very low based on the Project proponent's decade-long experience with biological research and conservation work in this landscape, thus the precautionary principle was not explicitly applied here.

5.1.3 Net Positive Biodiversity Impacts (B2.2, GL1.4)

Comparison of without-Project and with-Project scenarios

Based on the situation and without-Project analyses (please refer to details in the SCRP PD Section 5.1), most of the key drivers to the three Focal Issues were Projected as being likely to worsen in the absence of the SCRP, including:

1. Limited law enforcement
2. Demand for land and increasing land prices
3. High economic reward for poaching wildlife
4. Minimal risk of being prosecuted for poaching wildlife
5. Lack of understanding or capacity to show appreciation for biodiversity value
6. High demand for timber (both local and international).

Thus, the Project activities undertaken as described under Section 5.1.1.1 above will directly or indirectly result in clear biodiversity benefits compared to a without-Project scenario where all these key factors get worse.

Moreover, Cambodia's forests will also be affected by climate change impacts. The Projected increase in temperature has the potential to change the extent and composition of forests, such as a decrease in wet forests and an increase in moist forests (MRC 2010). Changes to forest composition may lead to

changing availability of forest resources for rural livelihoods. Shifting seasons and rainfall patterns may lead to reduced forest productivity and increased risk of forest fires, while mangrove forests in coastal zones may be submerged by rising sea levels. Collectively, these effects could lead to the degradation and/or loss of forests, leading to diminishing wildlife habitats and decreased income security for forest-dependent communities.

Consequently, wildlife dependent on these forest and aquatic habitats would be adversely affected by these changes, both through habitat loss or increased poaching due to decreased income security. Thus, the Project directly helps the biodiversity both by reducing emissions hence mitigating climate change, and also as an adaptation strategy to these anticipated changes by maintaining critical habitats in good condition for these species. Additionally, corridors will make it possible for the wide-ranging species to move in case of drastic changes.

5.1.4 High Conservation Values Protected (B2.4)

In the SCRP PD, three forms of biodiversity-related HCVs were identified (please refer to the SCRP PD Section 5.2.4 of the PD).

- Wildlife under threat, i.e., on the IUCN Red List
- Threatened ecosystems – both forests and wetlands
- Critical ecological functions – mainly corridor and watershed services.

By protecting the Southern Cardamom Forest Landscape, the SCRP will be directly protecting vital wildlife habitats, safeguarding critical water resources and maintaining landscape connectivity by keeping the corridor intact and unfragmented. As such, all the high conservation values (at the species, ecosystem or functional levels) will be much better in the 'With Project' versus 'Without Project' scenario for the reasons noted above (SCRP PD Section 5.2.3).

5.1.5 Invasive Species (B2.5)

All Project Activities that include any planting or reforestation within the Project Zone shall utilize native or naturalized tree/plant species that will be nurtured in nurseries on-site. No non-native species will be used in the Project Accounting Area. All agricultural areas in the SCRP landscape were excised from the Project Accounting Area a priori.

5.1.6 Impacts of Non-native Species (B2.6)

There are no non-native species used in the SCRP project activities. Please refer to Section 5.1.5.

5.1.7 GMO Exclusion (B2.7)

No GMOs will be used to generate GHG reductions or removals.

5.1.8 Inputs Justification (B2.8)

No inputs such as any fertilizers, chemical pesticides, biological control agents are intended to be used for the Project.

Proposed improvement of agricultural techniques for higher yields and better sustainability under the SCRP will be based on climate-smart methods. The communities in this landscape are likely to face

seasonal challenges of potential droughts in the dry season and floods due to heavy rains in the wet season. Furthermore, rainfall patterns have been shifting, with longer droughts, short rainy seasons and occasional flash floods. The adverse impacts of these climatic changes include increased risk of poor yields or even crop failure, and potentially greater incidence of pest and diseases.

Wildlife Alliance has developed sustainable income generating models for poor farmers living in the SCRP landscape. Our farming approach considers the extreme swings of tropical weather and has developed adaptation methods so that farmers can bring produce to markets every two weeks, instead of just one harvest a year, as before. In Sovanna Baitong village for example, our approach has resulted in farmers earning 300 percent more income than before, as compared to when they were living in the forest from slash and burn cultivation

5.2 Offsite Biodiversity Impacts

5.2.1 Negative Offsite Biodiversity Impacts (B3.1) and Mitigation Actions (B3.2)

There is little chance of the Project having significant negative biodiversity impacts outside the Project Zone which would not have occurred in the absence of the Project. All protected areas in Cambodia, even those receiving international donor support, face extensive threats currently particularly due to illegal wildlife trade and deforestation driven by many of the same factors as in the SCRP. As such, the without-Project scenario for most the country's protected areas is dire and does not differ from the with-Project scenario. In addition, the robust law enforcement and community livelihood focus of this Project means that many of the local drivers of deforestation and biodiversity loss (which could be displaced to nearby protected areas) will be directly targeted by our Project through livelihood interventions or, in extreme cases, judicial action, prosecution, and custodial sentencing.

5.2.2 Net Offsite Biodiversity Benefits (B3.3)

As there are no anticipated negative offsite impacts to biodiversity, evaluation of unmitigated offsite impacts is not applicable.

5.3 Biodiversity Impact Monitoring

5.3.1 Biodiversity Monitoring Plan (B4.1, B4.2, GL1.4, GL3.4)

An ideal indicator from the perspective of showing attribution is one that measures an 'intermediate state' or assumption between an output and outcome or an outcome and an impact, clearly showing progress along a causal chain (Richards & Panfil, 2011). For the SCRP, we used our theory of change logic in the Result Chain diagrams (please refer to the SCRP PD Section 5.2.1) as the basis for selecting indicators that factor in attribution. We then decided on the best sampling methods to use to collect these data to acceptable levels accuracy, precision and cost effectiveness whilst retaining transparency and simplicity. From this, a Monitoring Plan was developed to guide data collection.

The indicators could also be evaluated based on the Pressure-State-Response framework, which also relies on a causal-chain logic, where threats negatively impact the status/condition of biodiversity, while responses or Project interventions reduce pressure. Most Response indicators can be grouped under: Habitat improvement; Security enhancement; and Improvement of community livelihoods efforts. Pressure indicators fall under: Human population size and dynamics; Human-wildlife conflict (HWC); and Incidences including poaching, grazing, encroachment, charcoal and firewood collection amongst others.

Finally, State indicators are grouped into three categories: wildlife (including species presence, diversity, distribution and movement); vegetation and land-use (including changes in various vegetation/habitat types, encroachment and fire). Most of the response and pressure indicators correspond to the social indicators developed in the Community Monitoring Plan (Section 4.3.1), and so the respective metrics are as described there.

On top, we determined 12 indicators not part of the social indicator set, also classified into three categories: Output 4; Outcome 4; and Impact 4 (Table 15). For these new indicators, two main strategies will be used to obtain the data: In-house reporting and Government records, mostly for output and outcome indicators, and surveys for most impact indicators. We envision two main aspects of state indicators to measure, each with a distinct set of monitoring protocols:

- **Wildlife:** wildlife surveys and monitoring for all species – with a focus on HCVs – will be done using several methods, ranger patrols, camera traps, faecal-DNA analysis (Gray et al. 2016), and information from any independent research Projects in the area.
 - Ranger patrols – daily and continuous during the Monitoring reporting period.
 - Camera trap surveys: camera traps have installed in rolling surveys (5 surveys conducted) around the SCRP Project Area and the leakage area. The camera traps are aimed to primarily to determine the presence wildlife species and provide some generalized information on the geographic extent of wildlife and populations. This includes as much as possible the number and size of the different Asian elephant herds as well as the frequency of their passage in the area (e.g., see Figure 10). However, due to limitations in the data from the camera traps, at this time no inferences on wildlife populations and ranges can be made and no trends in their change can be interpreted.
- **Vegetation and land-use:** carbon plot monitoring plots and remote sensing (based on LANDSAT imagery) and GIS techniques (see Section 3.2.1).

The monitoring results are detailed in Table 19 and discussed in section 5.4.1. No declines in trigger species were recorded, and the majority of species had a notably higher number of detections from camera trap monitoring. Although, as stated above, we cannot make definitive inferences on population sizes or trends from the camera trap data, we can hypothesis general population trends based on these observations. Our monitoring, whilst not conclusive, suggests that populations of key species may be either stable or increasing, which in turn provides evidence that the SCRP activities are effective in reducing threats to biodiversity. Asian elephants in particular have been detected at a greater rate, both by ranger patrols and by camera trapping, suggesting that their population is continuing to recover. This disparity suggests that the project activities have been effective in preserving biodiversity through efforts to improve livelihoods, education and law enforcement.

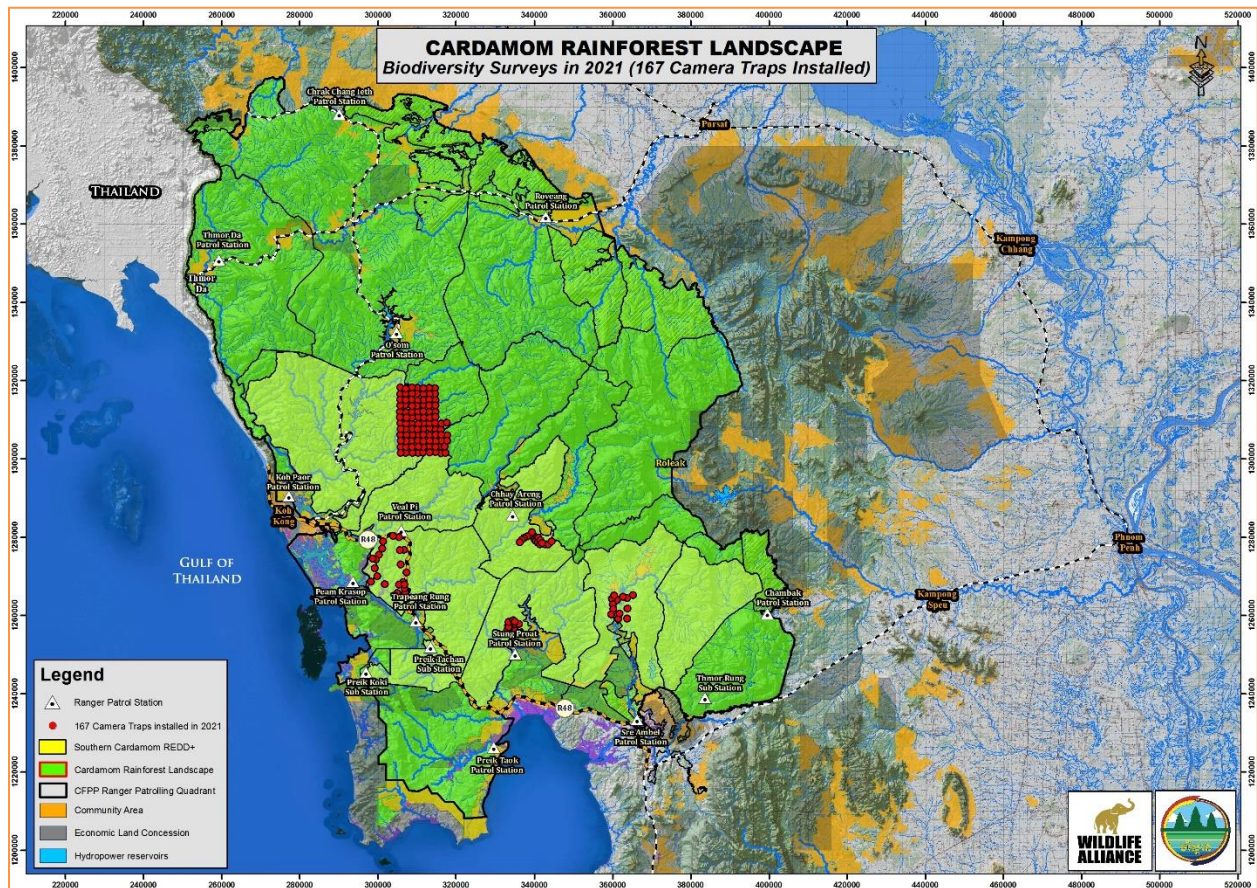


Figure 10: The locations of camera trap surveys conducted by the Southern Cardamom REDD+ during the m₃ monitoring period.

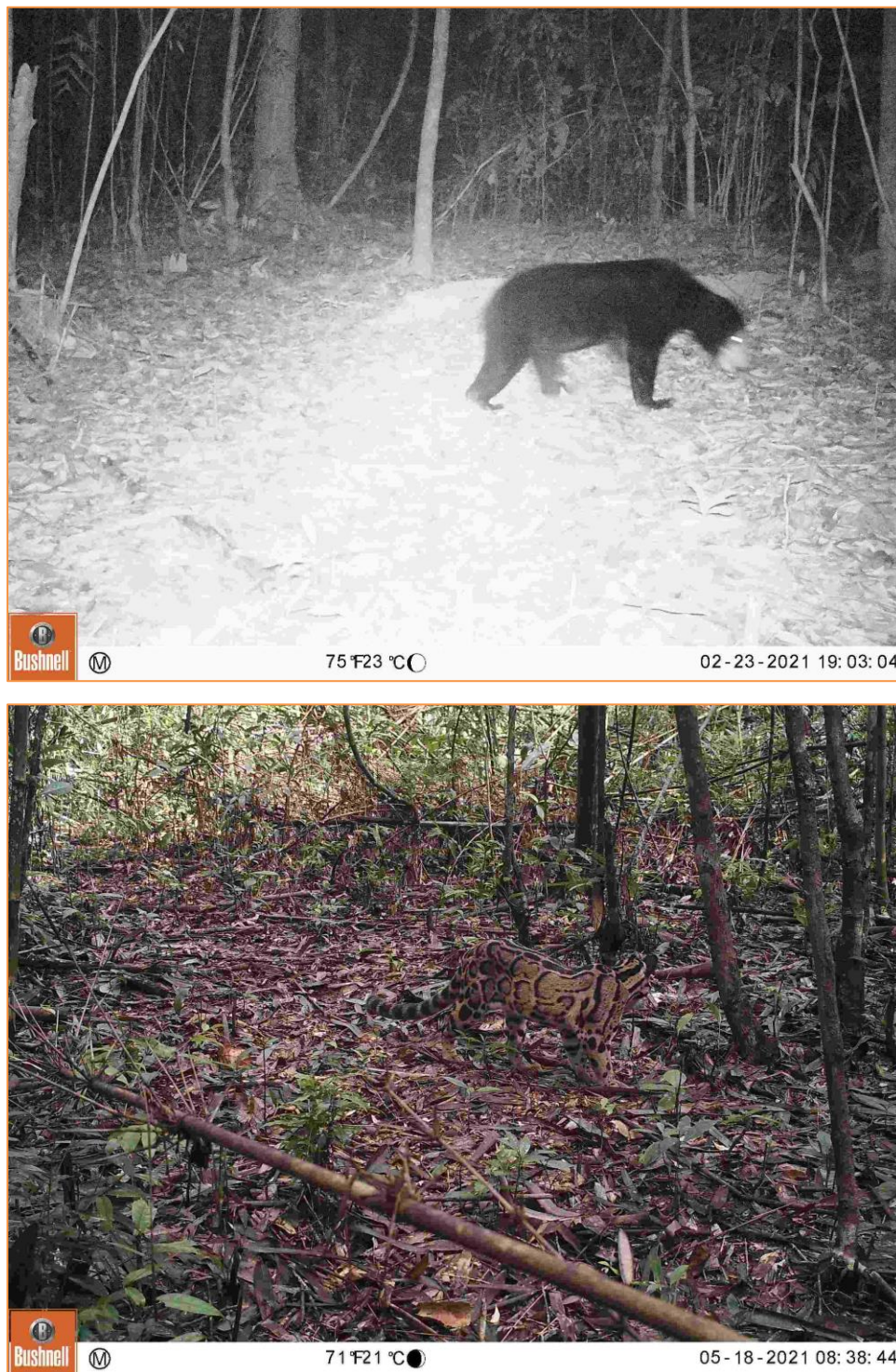


Figure 11: Examples of the data captured from camera traps conducted in the SCRP REDD+ (sun bear and clouded leopard).

Table 19: Results of the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project biodiversity impact assessment monitoring plan.

Focal Issue	Key results	SMART Objective	Indicator or Code	Indicator	Monitoring Frequency	First Monitoring Period (m1) 2015-2017	Second Monitoring Period (m2) 2018-2020	Third Monitoring Period (m3) 2021
Forest destruction and land encroachment	Decrease in illegal logging	By 2027, reduce the number of illegal logging incidents by half in the SCRP		Seven indicators included in the SIA Monitoring Plan	Monitoring period.			
	Decrease in encroachment and land-grabbing	By 2022, two CPA are created, registered at MoE and their NTFPs can access markets		Eight related indicators included in the SIA Monitoring Plan	Monitoring period.			
			BIA003	# and types of NTFPs sold in markets	Monitoring period.		6 NTFPs sold in markets: Resins Honey Rattan and vines Wild fruits / vegetables	The main types of NTFPs sold in markets are including: Bamboo Rattan

							Livestock fodder Traditional medicines	Resin Medical plants Honey
			BIA004	Amount of revenue accruing from NTFP sales from the area	Monitoring period.		Income from NTFP per household/year ranges from US\$ 8 - US\$ 471 /HH/Year The average income from NTFP per household/year is US\$ 273 /HH/Year SCRP has a total of 3,957 HH, therefore the cumulative total revenue for 2018-2020 are: US\$ 3,240,783 Average revenues per year are: US\$ 1,080,261/Year	The average income from NTFPs per household/year is 101US\$ /HH/Year is US\$ /Year (Livelihood Survey for REDD+ in 2021). SCRCP has a total of 4,121 families, therefore the total average revenue for 2021 are: US\$ 414,981

Wildlife poaching	Greater community participation in eco-tourism activities	By 2022 >2000 tourists visit CBET sites established and registered by MOE and MOT		Six indicators included in the SIA Monitoring Plan	Monitoring period.			
	Greater appreciation and awareness of wildlife benefits	By 2022, 25% more community members demonstrate greater appreciation for wildlife and conservation		Three related indicators included in the SIA Monitoring Plan	Monitoring period.			
			BIA005	# conservation-friendly groups or curricula created or developed	Monitoring period.		# conservation-friendly curricula: 3 (1) REDD+ benefits for community and nature	# conservation-friendly curricula: 3 (1) REDD+ benefits for community and nature

							curriculum (as part of FPIC - Nov 2019- Mar 2020) (2) REDD+ climate change adaptation curriculum (as part of FPIC - Nov 2019- Mar 2020) (3) REDD+ costs driven by climate change curriculum (as part of FPIC - Nov 2019- Mar 2020) # conservation-friendly groups: 1 (1) STAR-CBET Women Saving/Credit Fund Group (saving group from nature friendly activities - established Feb 2018)	curriculum (as part of 2021 FPIC (2) REDD+ climate change adaptation curriculum (as part of 2021 FPIC (3) REDD+ costs driven by climate change curriculum (as part of 2021 FPIC
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			BIA006	% families engaging in illegal wildlife trade through selling wildlife meat products	Monitoring period		~ 2.5 % (There were 300 instances in which wildlife meat have been confiscated with or without offender – offender runaway. The number of families in SCRP is ~3,957 families in 29 communities. This indicator was previous incorrectly reported as 7.6%. The correct value is 2.5% which represents the sum of incidents from 3-years of data collection multiplied by 3 years.)	~2.5% (There were 103 Instances in which wildlife meat have been confiscated with or without offender – offender runaway. The current number of families in SCRP is now ~4,121 families in 29 communities.)
	Increase in wildlife	By 2027, reduce the		Seven related indicators included	Monitoring period			

	population s including HCVs	number of wildlife poaching incidents by half in the SCRP		in the SIA Monitoring Plan				
			BIA007	# ranger training sessions undertaken	Monitoring period	30	40 training sessions (4 sessions per station for 10 stations) (1) First Aid (2) Safety during patrol (3) Systematic wildlife camera traps surveys (4) Rescue and care for snared wildlife	82 training sessions (1) First Aid and patrol safety (2) Patrol strategy and technique (3) Systematic wildlife camera traps surveys (4) Rescue and care for snared wildlife (5) Drone survey (6) GPS usage
			BIA008	# ranger exchange programs undertaken	Monitoring period		1 Exchange program - Countering Snaring in Deciduous Forest Habitat (between Southern Cardamom	2 Exchange programs - Countering Snaring in Deciduous Forest Habitat - Ambushing Poachers and Loggers

							National Park and Phnom Thnot Wildlife Sanctuary in Preah Vihear province)	(between Southern Cardamom National Park and Phnom Thnot Wildlife Sanctuary in Preah Vihear province; and Prambeyum Community Forestry in Kampong Speu Province)
			BIA009	# rangers trained or involved in exchange programs	Monitoring period		49 rangers (from Southern Cardamom NP)	139 Rangers
			BIA010	# poacher cases resulting in convictions	Monitoring period		13 cases resulting in convictions 2 offenders jailed 11 offenders fined	15 cases resulting in convictions 8 offenders jailed 7 offenders fined

			BIA011	Presence, Abundance and Distribution of key HCVs	Monitoring period	Northern Pig Tailed Macaque – naïve camera-trap occupancy from 3 studies (Gray et al. 2017) 36-51% Sunda pangolin – 0- 17% Dhole 0-23% Sun bear 11-29% Greater hog badger 0-44% Mainland clouded leopard 7-9% Asian elephant 0-29% Sambar 0-14%	Naïve camera-trap occupancy (~8,900 trap nights) from 5 studies: (1) Nov 2018 to Mar 2019 - Chi Phat-Areng survey (2) Nov 2018 to Jan 2019 - JW survey (3) May 2019 to Sep 2019 - Kampong Seila survey (4) Oct 2019 to Feb 2020 - East Samling survey (5) May 2020 to Sep 2020 - JW survey • Northern Pig Tailed Macaque: 4-67%	Naïve camera-trap occupancy (17,613 trap nights; 92 locations) from Tiger Prey Base Grid (Oct 2020-Nov 2021) • Northern Pig Tailed Macaque 52.7% • Sunda pangolin: 27.5% • Dhole: 7.8% • Sun bear: 36.3% • Greater hog badger: 29.7% • Mainland clouded leopard: 24.2% • Asian elephant: 0%
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							• Sunda pangolin: 0-14% • Dhole: 0-70% • Sun bear: 0-33% • Greater hog badger: 0-90% • Mainland clouded leopard: 0-10% • Asian elephant: 0-61% • Sambar: 0-17%	• Sambar: 16.5% • Asiatic black bear 6.6%
Poor community livelihoods	Reduced cost of living	By 2027, 10% of community members with direct livelihood benefits from the SCRP		12 indicators included in the SIA Monitoring Plan	Monitoring period			

	Higher income levels	By 2027, 10% of community members earning income directly from the SCRPs and associated activities		Six related indicators included in the SIA Monitoring Plan	Monitoring period			
			BIA012	Amount of investment leveraged from external sources including Government and private sector for financing community ventures	Monitoring period		Total Amount: US\$ 777,710 Y2018: US\$ 276,950 Y2019: US\$ 131,493 Y2020: US\$ 369,267	Total Amount: US\$ 138,886

5.3.2 Biodiversity Monitoring Plan Dissemination (B4.3)

The monitoring plan was made available for public review at the SCRP Project Office, and has been made available to each Commune in the Project Zone communities. The full results of the biodiversity monitoring are included in this project Monitoring Report, which is made publicly available in the Project Area by having a hard copy available for review at the Project Office and on the VCS registry, and the Wildlife Alliances website. The monitoring results have been further communicated to the communities and other stakeholders (including the Government and Local Authorities) using diverse methods including presentations, reports, and orally during community awareness and sensitization meetings, and when SBIA workshops are held. Additionally, a monitoring report summary has been written and provided to communities throughout the Project Area in English and Khmer. There have been several peer-reviewed publications and donor reports written that are available online that contain key biodiversity data from the SCRP focusing on some of these indicators.

5.4 Optional Criterion: Exceptional Biodiversity Benefits

This Project is seeking Exceptional Biodiversity Benefits based on the presence of IUCN Red Listed species and critical ecological functions.

5.4.1 Trigger Species Population Trends (GL3.3)

Thirty-five species (9 birds, 18 mammals and 8 reptiles) listed as globally Critically Endangered, Endangered, or Vulnerable by the IUCN occur (i.e., confirmed presence records since 2014) in the proposed Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project Area (see details in the SCRP PD Section 5.5.1). The species and general activities related to threat reduction and habitat improvement listed under the positive impacts description (Section 5.1.1) are relevant to all these trigger species. In addition, the tiger re-introduction program which is in the pipeline demonstrates that the actions taken to improve habitat or reduce threat are working and promise to restore safe habitat and prey base for this iconic species (see details in table below).

We have not conducted any large-scale studies on population trends of all 40 species during the monitoring period, but have conducted 5 camera trap surveys to detect occupancy of wildlife species in the landscape.

These studies have primarily focused on Threatened mammal species, which are at high risk of poaching:

- Sunda pangolin
- Asian Elephant
- Dhole
- Clouded Leopard
- Sun Bear
- Sambar
- Greater Hog Badger
- Northern Pig-tailed Macaque

The species and general activities related to threat reduction and habitat improvement listed under the positive impacts description (Section 5.1.1) are relevant to all these trigger species. In addition, the tiger re-introduction program which is in the pipeline demonstrates that the actions taken to improve habitat or reduce threat are working and promise to restore safe habitat and prey base for this iconic species (see details in table below).

Trigger Species	Tiger
With-project Scenario	Tiger Reintroduction: The last record of tiger from Cambodia was in November 2007 from Srepok Wildlife Sanctuary, Mondulkiri. The extirpation of tiger from Cambodia was largely due to poaching, of tigers and tiger prey, for the illegal wildlife trade. Acknowledging the species' functional extinction from Cambodia tiger reintroduction was identified as a critical action in the Cambodia Tiger Action Plan (CTAP): the Cardamom Rainforest Landscape, Koh Kong was one of two potential tiger reintroduction locations identified, mainly due to Wildlife Alliance's commitment to direct protection of forests and wildlife. In 2018 Wildlife Alliance worked with all stakeholders, including government, communities, and global conservation experts, to move tiger reintroduction plans forward. This includes creating an inviolate Core Zone of greater than 2,000 km² within the SCRP for tiger recovery, increasing the number of professionally equipped, trained, and supervised law enforcement rangers, recovering populations of ungulate tiger prey base, developing safeguards for preventing Human-wildlife conflict and strengthening legislation protecting tiger, tiger prey, and protected areas. This effort is continuing, and construction of the Tiger Reintroduction Station in the SCRP began in late 2020, as well as a camera trap prey base survey to evaluate recovery of tiger prey species in the landscape. Trigger species monitoring data from this reporting period was obtained this extensive camera-trap effort (91 camera-trap stations; 17,613 camera-trap nights).
Trigger Species	Asian Elephant
With-project Scenario	Asian elephant occupancy in camera trap surveys has increased from 0-29% in m₁ to 0-61% in m₂, a noticeable improvement. No elephant were detected from the m₃ camera-trap grid as this was placed in the tiger reintroduction zone where no elephant are present. However, Rangers have also recorded an increase

	in elephant signs in the forest (tracks, dung, direct sightings), from 70 in m ₁ to 101 in m ₂ and 18 in m ₃ . In the absence of a large-scale population survey, both of these increases, combined with no records of poaching or deaths, suggest a recovering population of Asian elephants in the SCR Project Area thanks to the preservation of much-needed contiguous forest. Asian elephants are at risk from habitat loss, poaching for ivory, and human-elephant conflict.
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Trigger Species	Sunda pangolin
With-project Scenario	Sunda pangolin abundance within the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project area has not noticeably increased based on camera trap surveys. In the m ₁ period, camera trap occupancy was 0-17% across camera trap surveys, and in the m ₂ occupancy was recorded as 0-14%. However during the m ₃ grid the naïve occupancy of Sunda pangolin was 27.5% - a significant increase and one of the highest encounter rates recorded for the species from mainland Southeast Asia. The extent to which this represents a population increase or reflects the remoteness of the survey area is unclear. The M ₂ survey area was relatively close and the naïve occupancy was 16.4% suggesting a possibly genuine increase. SCR Rangers successfully rescued 12 live pangolins during the m ₂ period and 4 in m ₃ period, confirming their presence in the landscape and that their population would certainly have declined further without the Project. Sunda pangolins are under extreme threat due to poaching for traditional medicine and the wild meat trade.

Trigger Species	Dhole
With-project Scenario	Detection of dhole in camera trap surveys greatly increased, from 0-23% to 0-70% in m ₂ in comparison to m ₁ . However in m ₃ naïve occupancy dropped to just 7.6%,. The extent to which this is due to geographical variation or a genuine decline is unclear.. No poaching was detected of dholes during m ₃ , but a dead individual was found as snare bycatch. Dhole are predominately at risk from loss of prey base and snare by-catch, disease from domestic dogs, as well as loss of habitat, as they are a far-ranging pack species.

Trigger Species	Clouded Leopard
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With-project Scenario	Detections of clouded leopard remained approximately the same as in the m_1 (7-9% m_1 , 0-10% m_2) however this increased to 24.2% in m_3 . We have not detected any poaching or snare by-catch of clouded leopards in the m_3 , and with the high occurrences of prey species (wild pig, muntjac, pig-tailed macaques), it is unlikely that the clouded leopard population is decreasing. Clouded leopards are at risk from loss of prey base as well as accidental capture in snares.
Trigger Species	Sun Bear
With-project Scenario	Detections of sun bear likewise increased slightly between the monitoring periods (11-29% m_1 , 0-33% m_2), and 36.2% in m_3 . No poaching of sun bears was detected during m_2 and m_3 . Sun bears are at a high risk of poaching, alive or dead, as their body parts and bile are widely used in traditional medicine, as well as accidental capture in snares set for other species
Trigger Species	Sambar
With-project Scenario	Sambar presence has increased slightly, with camera traps detection going from 0-14% in m_1 to 0-17% in m_2 in the m_3 grid a similar naïve occupancy was found of 16.5% Sambar are the largest deer species in the Project Area, and are under high pressure from poaching as their meat is sought after. Populations within the SCRP Project area are likely low due to intensive poaching, so no detected further decline is promising.
Trigger Species	Greater Hog Badger
With-project Scenario	Hog badger camera trap detection was the most notable increase, from 0-44% in m_1 to 0-90% in m_2 in the m_3 period naïve occupancy was 29.7% This is promising, as hog badgers are very vulnerable to snaring, and several individuals were found in snares by rangers, both alive and dead. Hog badgers are at high risk from poaching for meat and snare by-catch, so detection of large numbers implies successful anti-poaching law enforcement strategies.
Trigger Species	Northern Pig-tailed Macaque
With-project Scenario	Northern Pig-tailed Macaque camera trap detection increased from 36-51% in m_1 to 4-67% in the m_2 , with similar occupancy of

	52.7% in m ₃ . Pig-tailed macaques are primarily at risk from human-wildlife conflict and poaching for the pet trade, so population growth is promising, especially as they are a key prey species for clouded leopards and other predators.
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6 ADDITIONAL PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION INFORMATION

Development of Allometry: Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project

VM0009, version 3, section 9.3.3.1 specifies how to validate allometric equations used to estimate biomass for the Project. The methodology has several requirements with respect to validation of allometric equations.

MRR.99 A list of all selected allometric equations used to estimate biomass for trees and non-trees

The SCRP uses a single allometric equation to estimate the biomass of all trees in the Project area. The selected biomass equation is model II.2, from Chave et al. (2005):

$$AGB = EXP[-1.602 + (2.266 \times \ln(DBH)) + (0.136 \times \ln(DBH)^2) + (-0.0206 \times \ln(DBH)^3) + (0.809 \times \ln(sg))]$$

where:

AGB is aboveground biomass in kg,

DBH is diameter at breast height in cm, and

sg is wood density in g/cm³

Non-tree, standing dead and lying dead biomass are not included as a carbon pool in the SCRP.

MRR.100 For each selected allometric equation, a list of species to which it is being applied and the proportion of the total carbon stocks predicted by the equation.

As documented in MRR.99, the SCRP uses a single allometric model for all trees in the Project area. Therefore, the Chave et al. (2005) model II.2 listed above is applied to all tree species included in the inventory. The Chave et al. (2005) equation is applied to 100% of the carbon stock. Annex 08 - Cardamom REDD Carbon Inventory M3, tab 'Parameters' in the table 'Tree Species Information' contains a list of all species for which the allometry was applied.

MRR.101 For each selected allometric equation, indication of when it was first employed to estimate carbon stocks in the Project Area (monitoring period number and year of monitoring event).

All allometric equations were first used in the Project's first monitoring event (m₁) with the monitoring period of 2015 to 2017, which was verified in 2018. As discussed in the MRR.100 and MRR.101, the Project uses a single allometric equation for all species in the biomass inventory.

MRR.102 For each selected allometric equation, indication of whether it was validated per section 9.3.3.1 or 9.3.3.2.

The methodology states that if the allometric equation, or equations used were not developed in an area similar to the Project area or are from a biome-wide database, then it/they must be verified utilizing field measurements from the Project area, or an area similar to it. The selected model was previously developed in existing peer-reviewed literature and is therefore validated under section 9.3.3.1 of the methodology VM0009 v3.

MR.103 Documentation of the source of each selected allometric equation and justification for their applicability to the project area considering climatic, edaphic, geographical and taxonomic similarities between the project location and the location in which the equation was derived.

Model II.2 from Chave et al.2005 was selected for application to 100% of the trees for the SCRP forest inventory. This model was specifically developed to be used in tropical forests. The appropriateness of this model to be used in Cambodia is demonstrated by the fact that the Chave et al.2005 models have become common and generally accepted for use in Cambodia throughout the scientific and forestry community. The Government of Cambodia is proposing to use these models to estimate above-ground biomass for the national forest inventory, ultimately contributing to the calculation of the Cambodian national FREL (RGC, 2017). Additionally, the VCS Keo-Siema REDD+ Project, located in eastern-Cambodia in a similar evergreen forest type, applied allometric equations from the Chave et al. (2005). Lastly, FAO performed a study on best methods with which to estimate biomass in Cambodia (Sola et al. 2014). They identified Chave et al. (2005) as the best fit and most conservative approach for the estimation of above-ground biomass in Cambodia, utilizing data from several Cambodian field sites, including the SCRP Project area.

Through validation and a corresponding derivative test required in VM0009 section 9.3.3.1, the selected model was deemed accurate to the SCRP Project area. The selected equation, Chave Model II.2, was found to predict biomass at - 6.4% of the measured biomass using the ratio of sums method from section 9.3.3.1, which falls within +/-15% specified requirement. Cumulative measured biomass is greater than the total biomass predicted by the allometric equation. However, because the largest tree in the destructive harvest sample is 4 cm smaller at DBH than the largest tree in the inventory (133.2cm vs 137.5cm), the methodology requires demonstration of additional criteria. In Table 16, we note that the measured biomass for the largest tree in the sample (DBH 133.2 cm) is higher than the predicted biomass by the selected equation Chave model II.2. As required by VM0009 Section 9.3.3.1, a calculation of the derivative of the model was performed. Derivative values for the largest tree in the sample and the largest tree in the inventory were then determined and compared. The derivative for the largest tree in the inventory was 3% higher than the derivative for the largest tree in the sample (312.8 kg/cm vs. 303.5 kg/cm). We therefore elected to conservatively cap DBH for the carbon inventory at the value of the largest tree in the validation sample set (133.2 cm). It should be noted that only a single tree from the inventory had a DBH larger than the largest tree in the validation sample set, so that tree's DBH (137.5 cm) was conservatively changed to 133.2 cm. The allometry validation worksheet containing the abovementioned calculations have been provided to the auditor.

MR.104 A list of allometric equations validated by destructive sampling.

Model II.2 from Chave et al.2005 was validated by use of destructive sample data from existing literature.

MR.105 For each, the number of trees (or non-trees) destructively sampled and the location where the measurement were made relative to the Project area.

For the single allometric model applied to the Project, two separate published studies employing destructive harvesting of trees in Cambodia were used for the validation, with a total sample size of 46 trees. The majority of the destructive harvest data (34 trees) was from a site approximately 30 km from the SCRP, and of the same forest type and climatic conditions as the Project Area (Chave et al. 2014). The UTM coordinates of the site are 325147.51 m E, 1208702.52 m N. The second set of destructive harvest data (12 trees) came from a site approximately 385 km from the Project Area. The coordinates of the site are 699326 m E, 1366949 m N. The forest type and species composition at this site are very similar to that of the Project Area. This study site has a slightly drier climate than the Project area, with a reported average rainfall of 2200 - 3000 mm/yr compared to 2500-4000 mm/yr for the SCRP. However, the range of elevations in this study site (60 - 750 m) are very similar to the Project Area, (10 - 980 m), and the general topography of the study site and the Project Area, being comprised of a combination of mountainous slopes, valleys and plateaus, show good similarity.

MR.106 A field protocol used to measure destructively sampled trees (or non-trees).

Two destructive harvest studies from literature were utilized, including a destructive harvest dataset from Hozumi et al. (1969) (per Chave et al. 2014) and from the Keo-Seima REDD+ Project. The Keo-Seima REDD+ Project included the report that the destructive harvest field protocol from Walker et al. (2009) was followed. Hozumi et al (1969) describes the field protocol starting on page 11 in the section "Methods of Field Survey" used to measure biomass in the Cheko, Cambodia dataset and the manuscript has been provided to the auditors for reference. Therefore, the quality of the data is demonstrated.

MR.107 Justification that the field protocol for the destructive measurement method conservatively estimates biomass.

The two literature sources used to complete the destructive harvest are well known and have undergone independent assessments. The Keo-Seima REDD+ Project utilized a generally accepted destructive harvest method (Walker et al. 2009) and underwent independent validation and verification as part of that Project's VCS certification. The Cheko study, performed by Hozumi et al in 1969 and referenced by Chave et al (2014) shows good correlation between total biomass in the Cheko region and similar forests in Kao Chong and moist tropical forest in Ghana, indicating that the protocol accurately estimates biomass.

MR.108 For each allometric equation in the list, a figure showing all the destructive measurements of biomass compared to predicted values from its selected allometric equation.

Table 20: The destructive biomass measurements from the Cheko study and the Keo-Seima REDD+ Project are shown compared to the predicted biomass values from the 3 different forms of the Chave et al. (2005) allometric models. The Chave model II. Was shown to be the best fit and was selected for use in the SCRP.

Study	Species	Specific Gravity (g/cm ³)	DBH (cm)	Height (m)	Measured Biomass (kg)	Chave II (kg)	Chave No Height (kg)	Chave With Height (kg)
Cheko	Unknown	0.74	5	8.2	8.58	7.907	7.973	7.722
Cheko	Unknown	0.56	5.2	7.7	5.84	6.974	6.681	5.935

Cheko	Unknown	0.77	5.2	6.3	5.28	9.023	9.186	6.677
Cheko	Unknown	0.47	5.3	8.3	7.8	6.353	5.892	5.578
Cheko	Unknown	0.74	5.5	8.9	8.98	10.080	10.217	10.141
Cheko	Unknown	0.54	5.5	8.3	5.22	7.812	7.456	6.901
Cheko	Unknown	0.56	5.7	9.3	9.31	8.813	8.488	8.613
Cheko	Unknown	0.54	5.7	6.9	6.58	8.557	8.184	6.162
Cheko	Unknown	0.54	5.8	7.3	7.5	8.946	8.565	6.750
Cheko	Unknown	0.54	5.9	10.3	7.83	9.345	8.957	9.855
Cheko	Unknown	0.54	5.9	10.2	9.23	9.345	8.957	9.759
Cheko	Unknown	0.54	6	11.5	10.69	9.755	9.360	11.379
Cheko	Unknown	0.54	6.3	8	10.61	11.050	10.637	8.727
Cheko	Unknown	0.56	6.4	10.9	12.13	11.848	11.497	12.726
Cheko	Unknown	0.54	6.5	6.1	8.72	11.970	11.547	7.084
Cheko	Unknown	0.74	6.6	9.3	17.17	16.061	16.471	15.259
Cheko	Unknown	0.74	6.7	8.8	14.54	16.691	17.136	14.879
Cheko	Unknown	0.68	6.8	10.3	15.31	16.190	16.372	16.485
Cheko	Unknown	0.56	7.2	12.7	16.53	16.018	15.674	18.766
Cheko	Unknown	0.68	7.5	10.3	20.77	20.809	21.197	20.053
Cheko	Unknown	0.56	7.6	12.7	19.07	18.399	18.078	20.909
Cheko	Unknown	0.77	7.6	8.3	19.25	23.805	24.857	18.789
Cheko	Unknown	0.56	8.2	8.4	15.97	22.356	22.100	16.100
Cheko	Unknown	0.68	8.7	7.2	19.32	30.448	31.388	18.862

Cheko	Unknown	0.56	9.2	11.3	28.88	30.033	29.975	27.262
Cheko	Unknown	0.54	9.4	11.3	26.63	30.816	30.601	27.444
Cheko	Unknown	0.56	9.9	11.9	40.62	36.248	36.412	33.245
Cheko	Unknown	0.56	11.8	15.4	68.09	56.848	58.040	61.121
Cheko	Unknown	0.74	11.8	11.5	57.43	71.226	76.696	60.313
Seima	Chhlik / Terminalia alata Roth	0.75	13	10.7	63	92.255	100.534	69.032
Seima	Trach / Dipterocarpus intricatus Dyer	0.64	14	10.65	81	98.064	104.439	67.999
Cheko	Unknown	0.48	16.6	17.2	115.57	119.936	123.019	115.799
Seima	Onsoy / [unidentified species]	0.72	19	9.13	98	233.742	262.522	120.292
Seima	Rang Phnom / Shorea siamensis Miq.	0.86	22	14.75	220	392.021	462.958	312.503
Seima	Troseak / Peltophorum sp.	0.72	22	12.8	257	338.401	385.996	226.106
Seima	Pchek / Shorea obtusa Wall.	0.72	24	16.6	390	421.048	484.718	348.970
Cheko	Unknown	0.55	25.5	25.5	373.7	395.405	435.503	464.196
Seima	Koki/Hopea sp.	0.72	34	25	986	1006.731	1204.095	1063.893
Cheko	Unknown	0.46	37	24	660.66	858.778	950.266	769.290
Cheko	Unknown	0.55	41.3	24.7	1214.57	1296.622	1501.006	1179.445
Seima	Sokrom / Xylia dolabriformis Benth.	0.72	44	19.12	1865	1872.621	2294.635	1350.986

Seima	Chambok / Irvingia malayana Oliver ex A. Benn.	0.99	49	18.85	1396	3147.385	4144.174	2280.639
Seima	Khlong / Dipterocarpus tuberculatus Roxb.	0.72	52	23.8	3489	2793.137	3477.106	2348.774
Seima	Sralao / Lagerstroemia calyculata Kurz	0.72	89	34.25	9765	9674.700	12572.945	9901.437
Seima	Chheuteal / Dipterocarpus alatus Roxb.	0.72	93	44	14016	10673.825	13910.906	13889.168
Cheko	Unknown	0.56	133.2	44.2	20578.48	19089.104	24172.270	22353.037
	Total Biomass				56072.86	53047.497	67135.684	57355.060

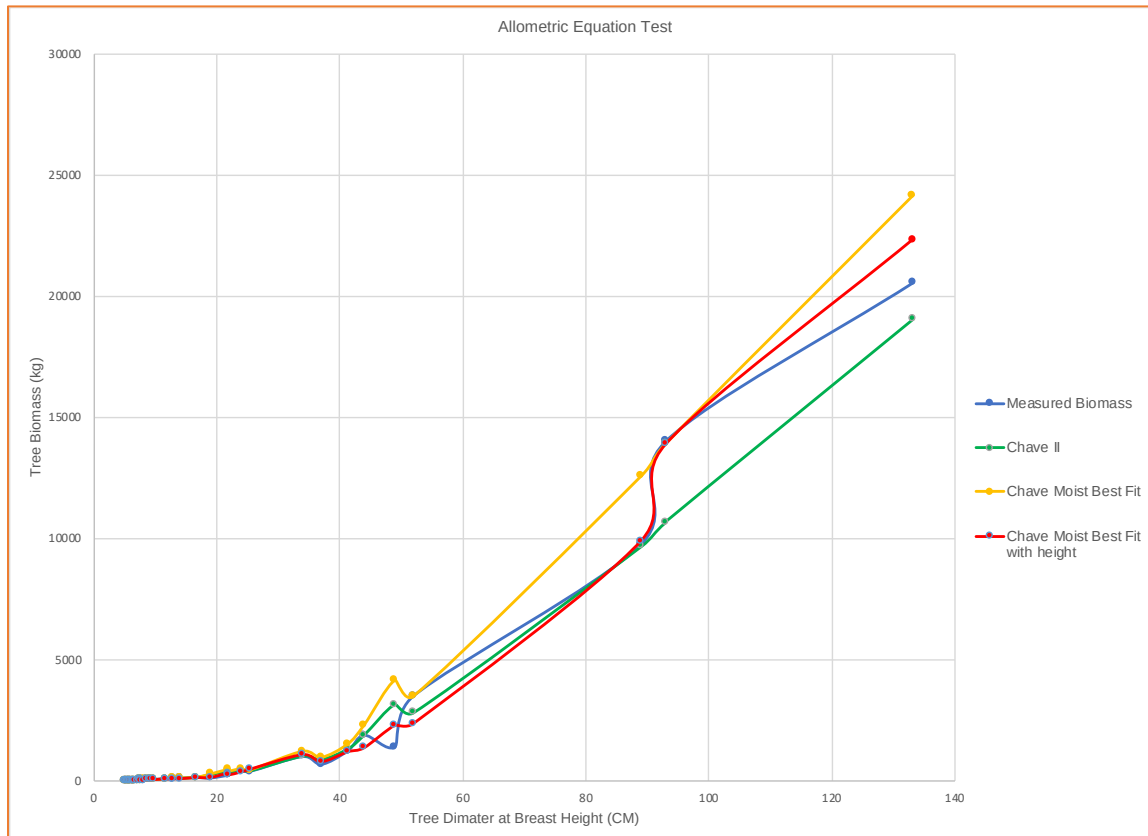


Figure 12: Destructive biomass measurements from the Cheko study and the Keo-Seima REDD+ Project compared to the predicted biomass values from 3 models from Chave et al. (2005) that were evaluated for best fit. The Chave model II.2 was shown to be the best fit and was selected for validation and use in the SCRP.

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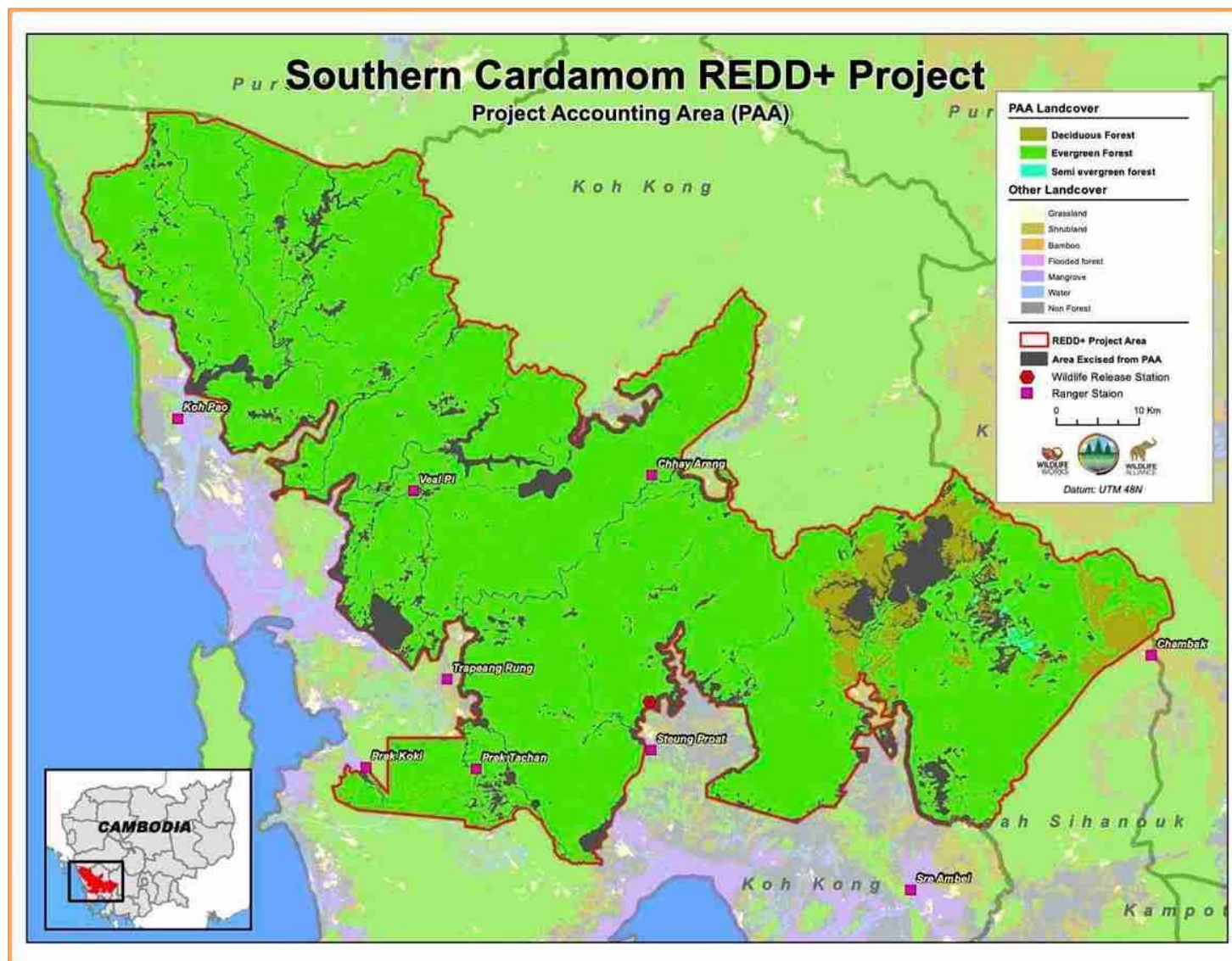
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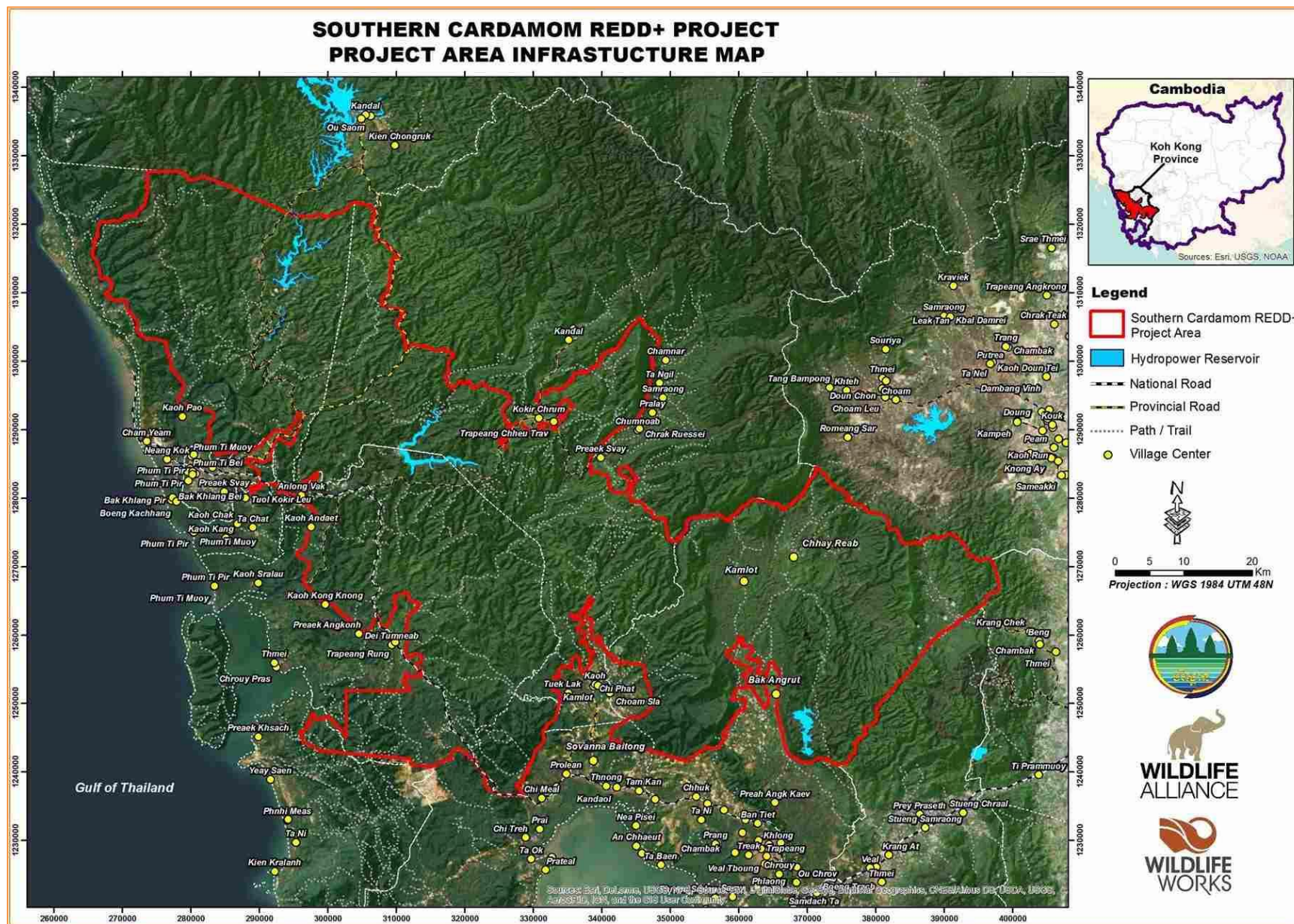
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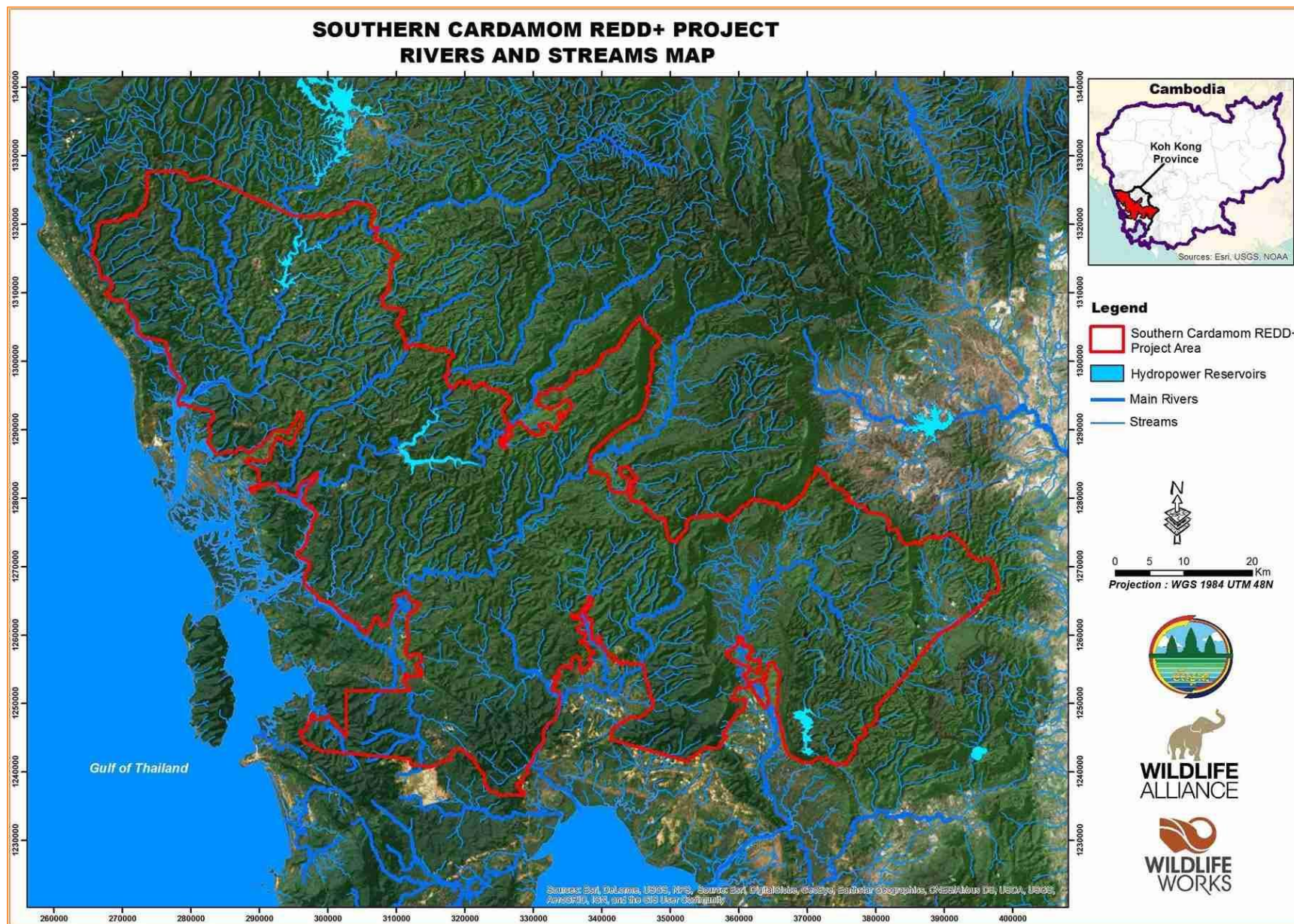
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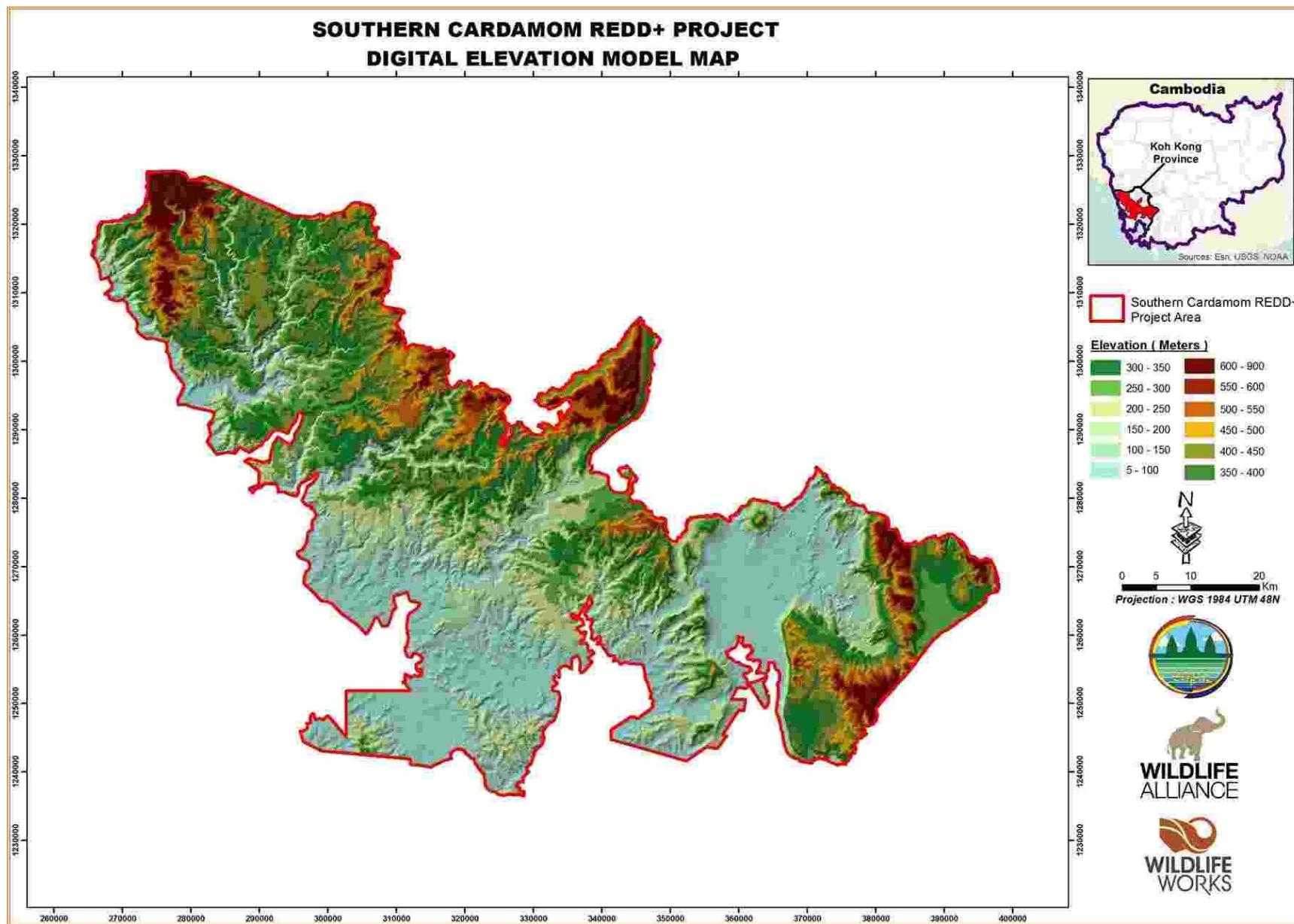
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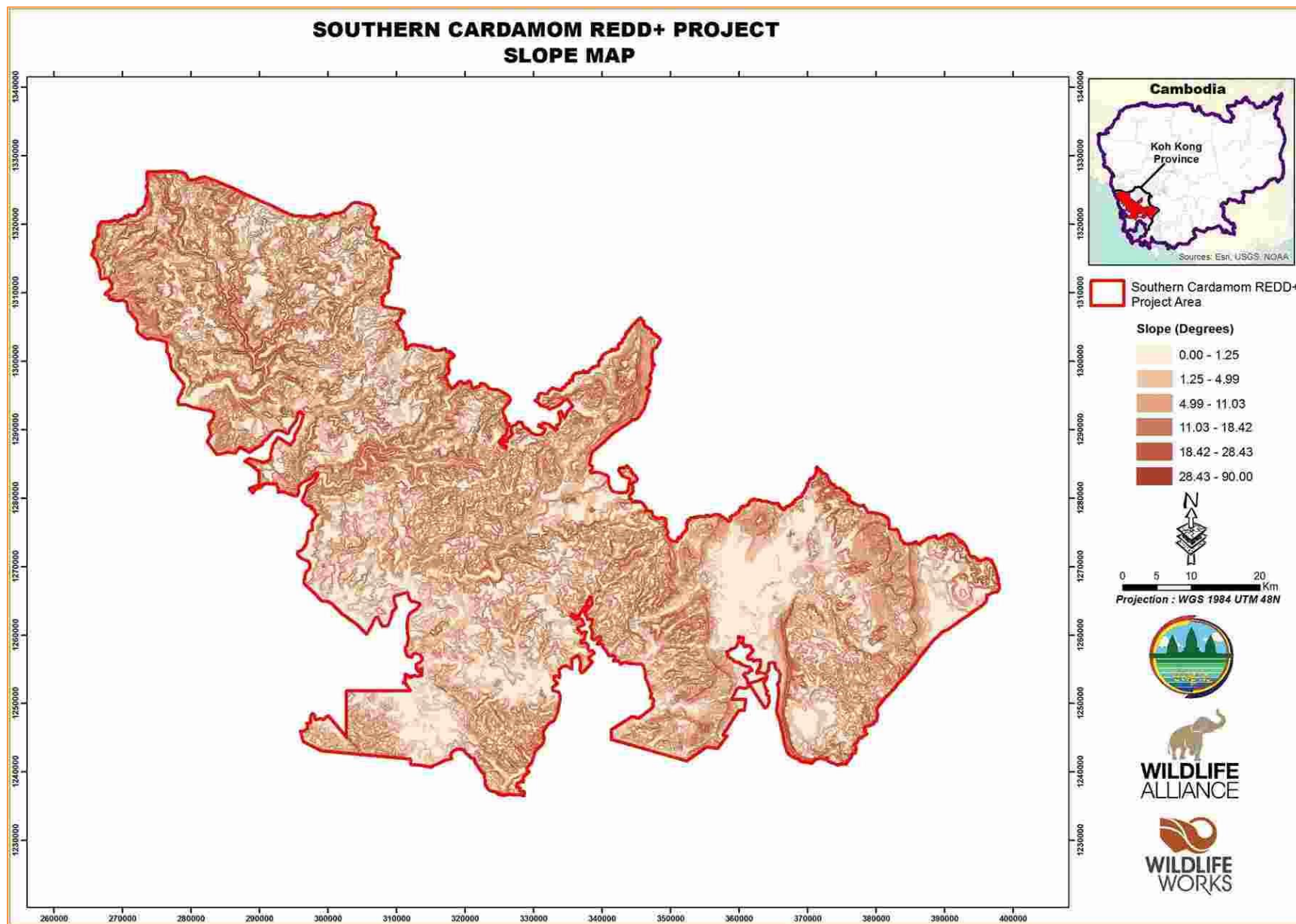
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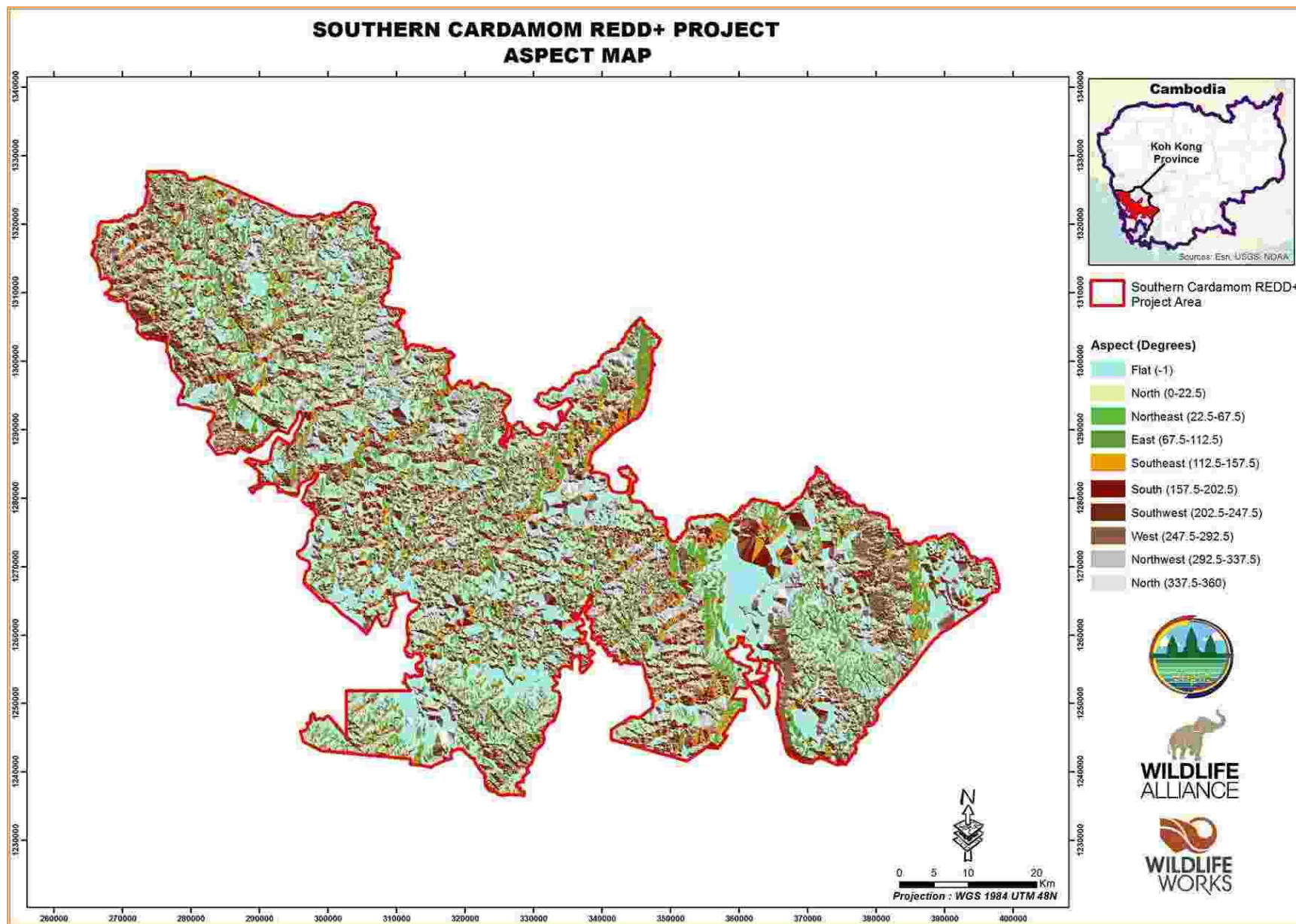


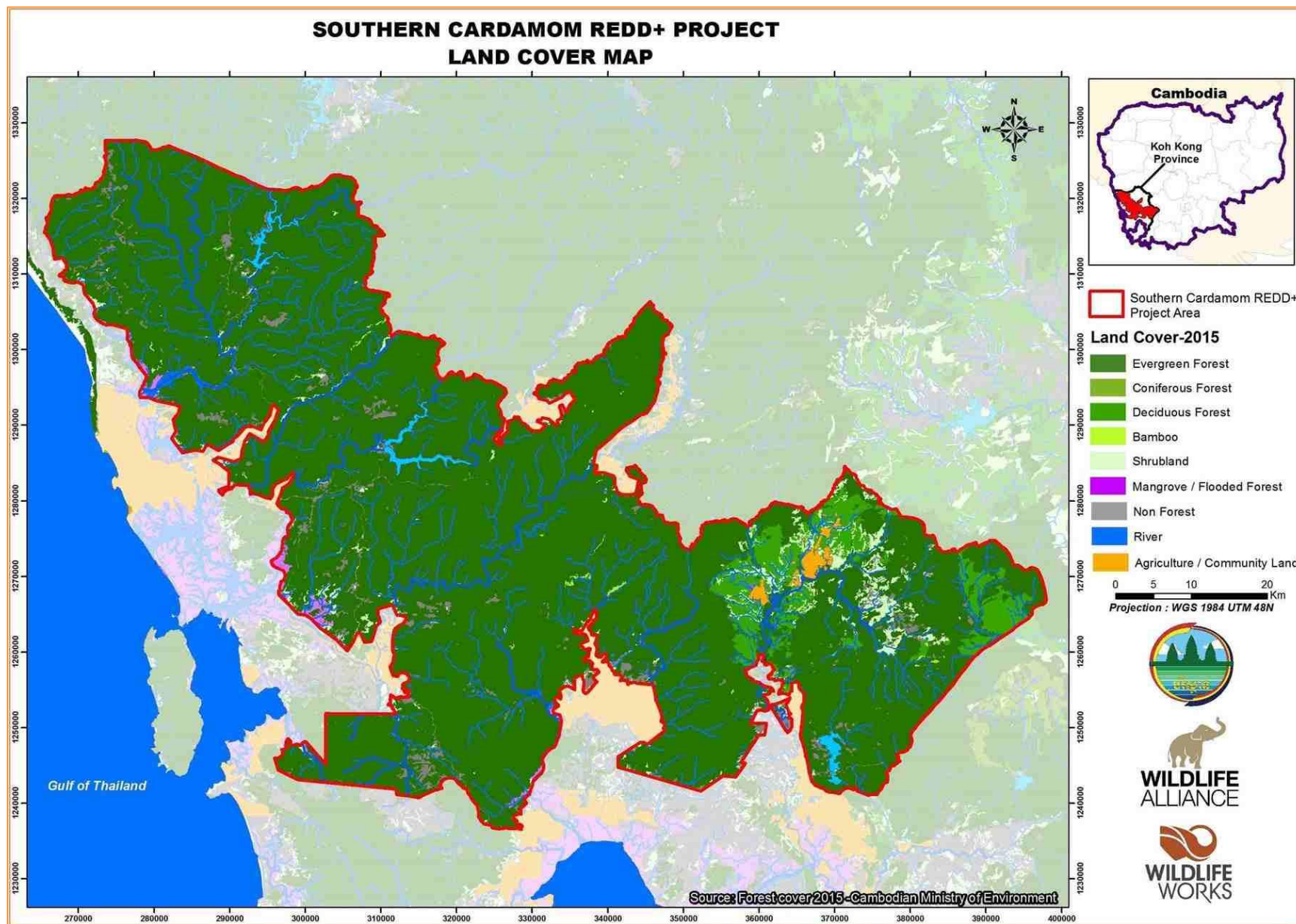


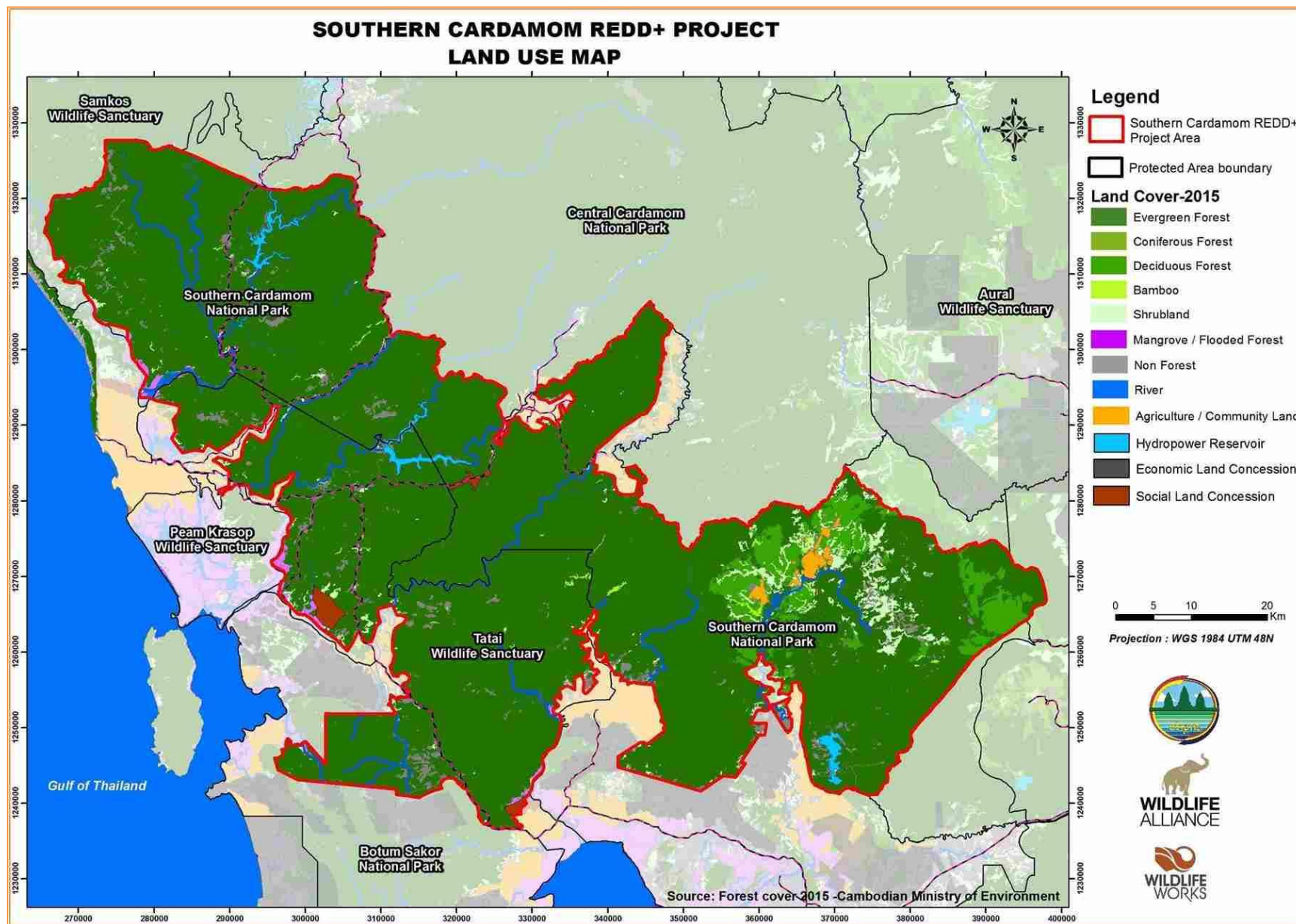


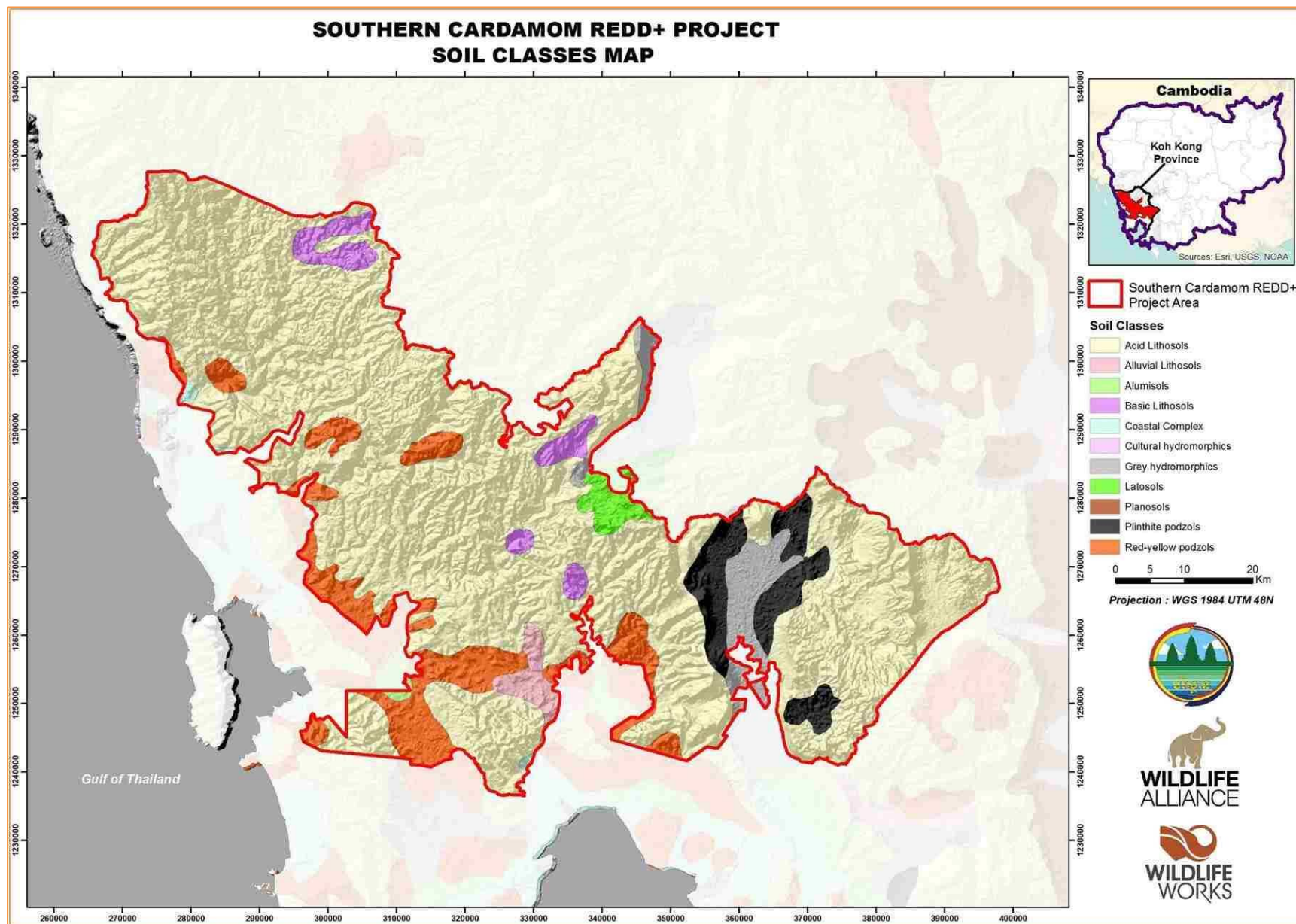




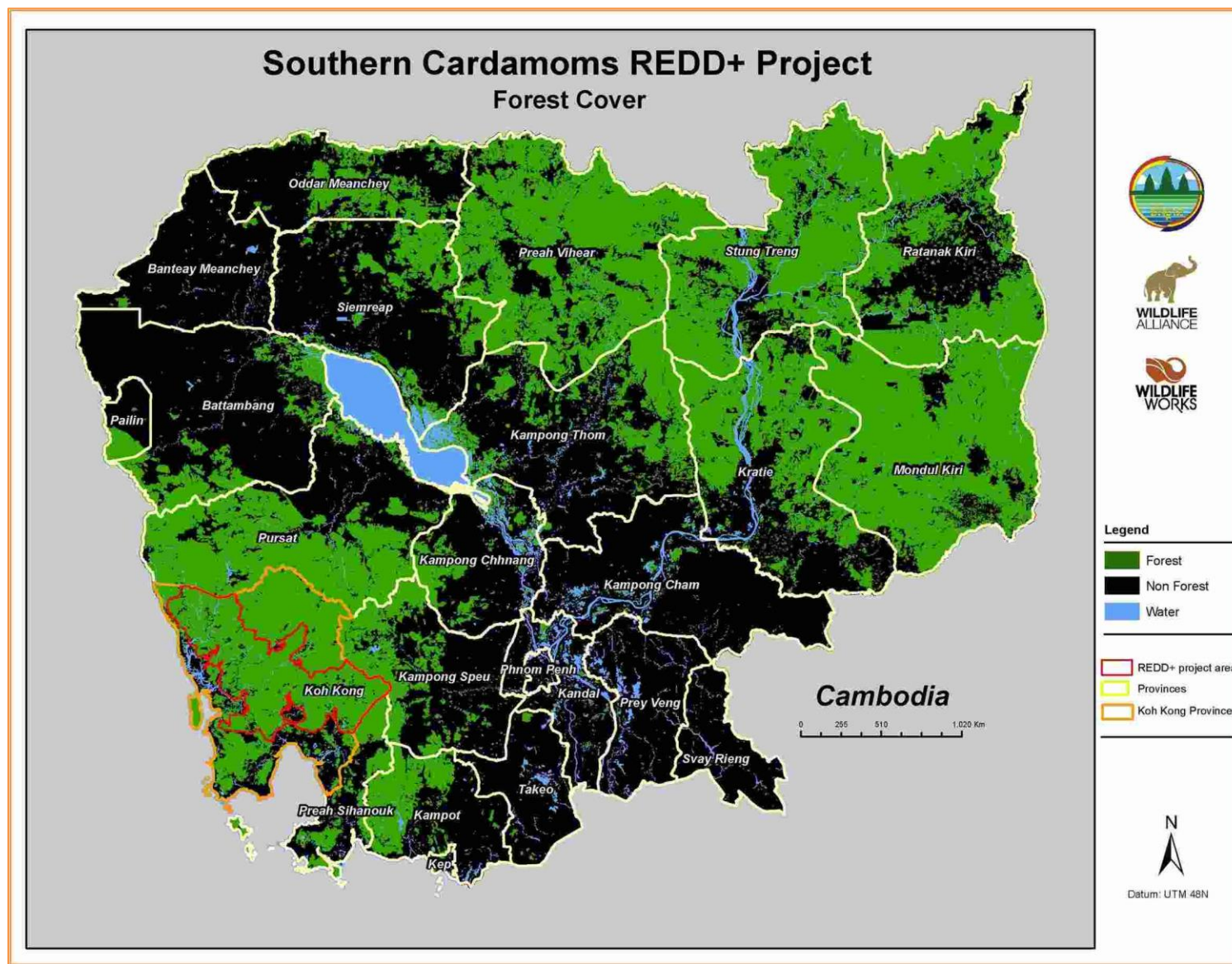


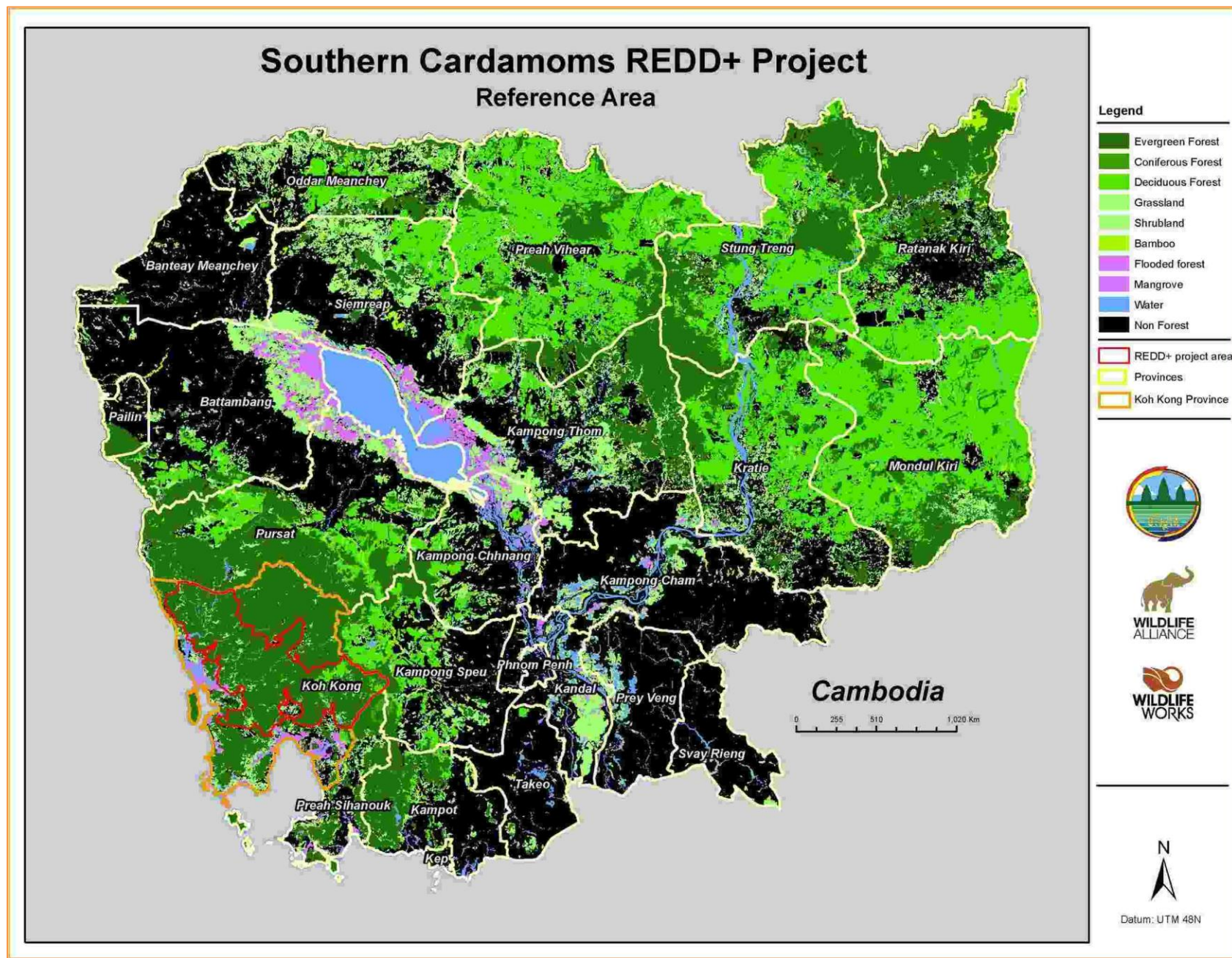




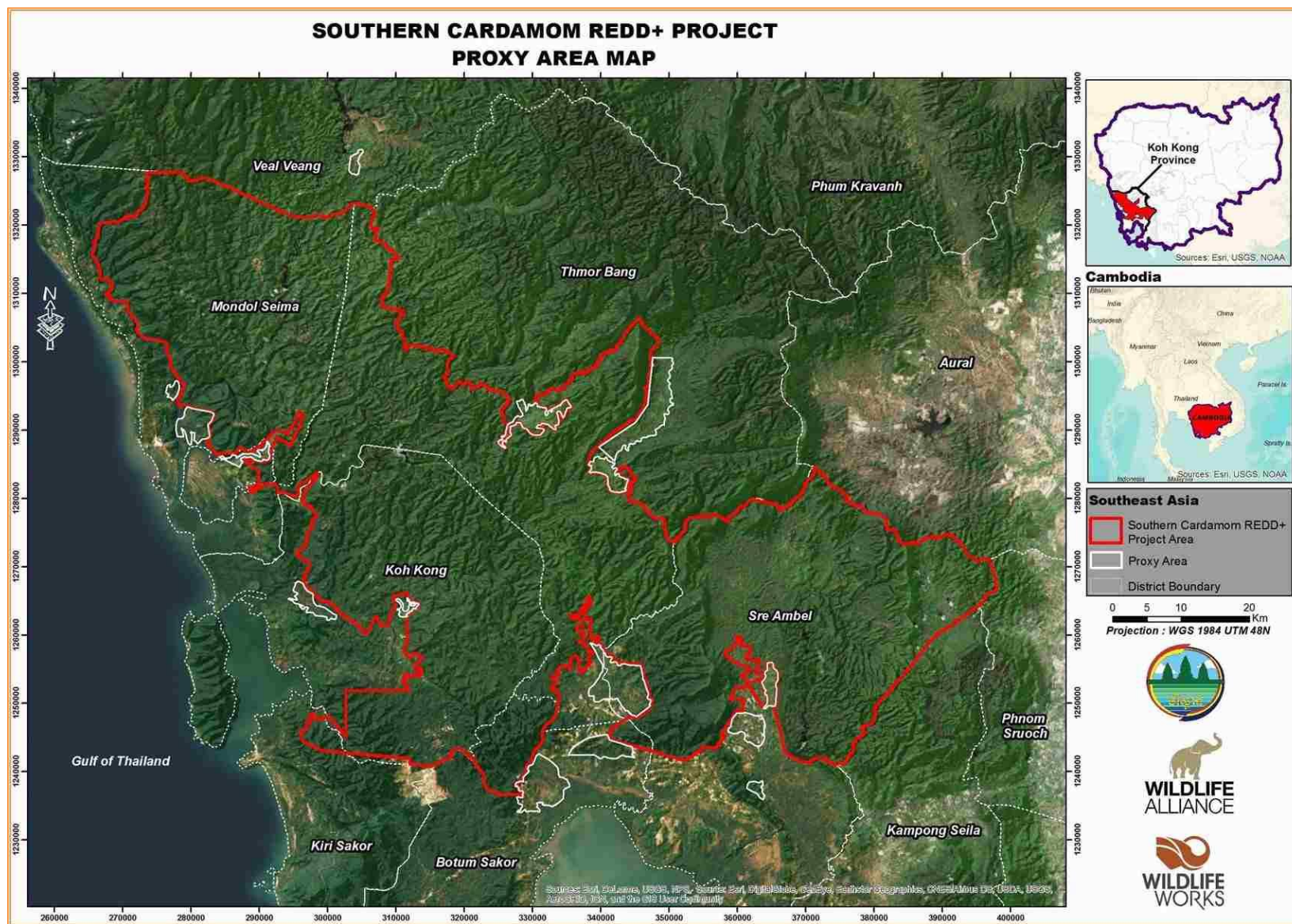


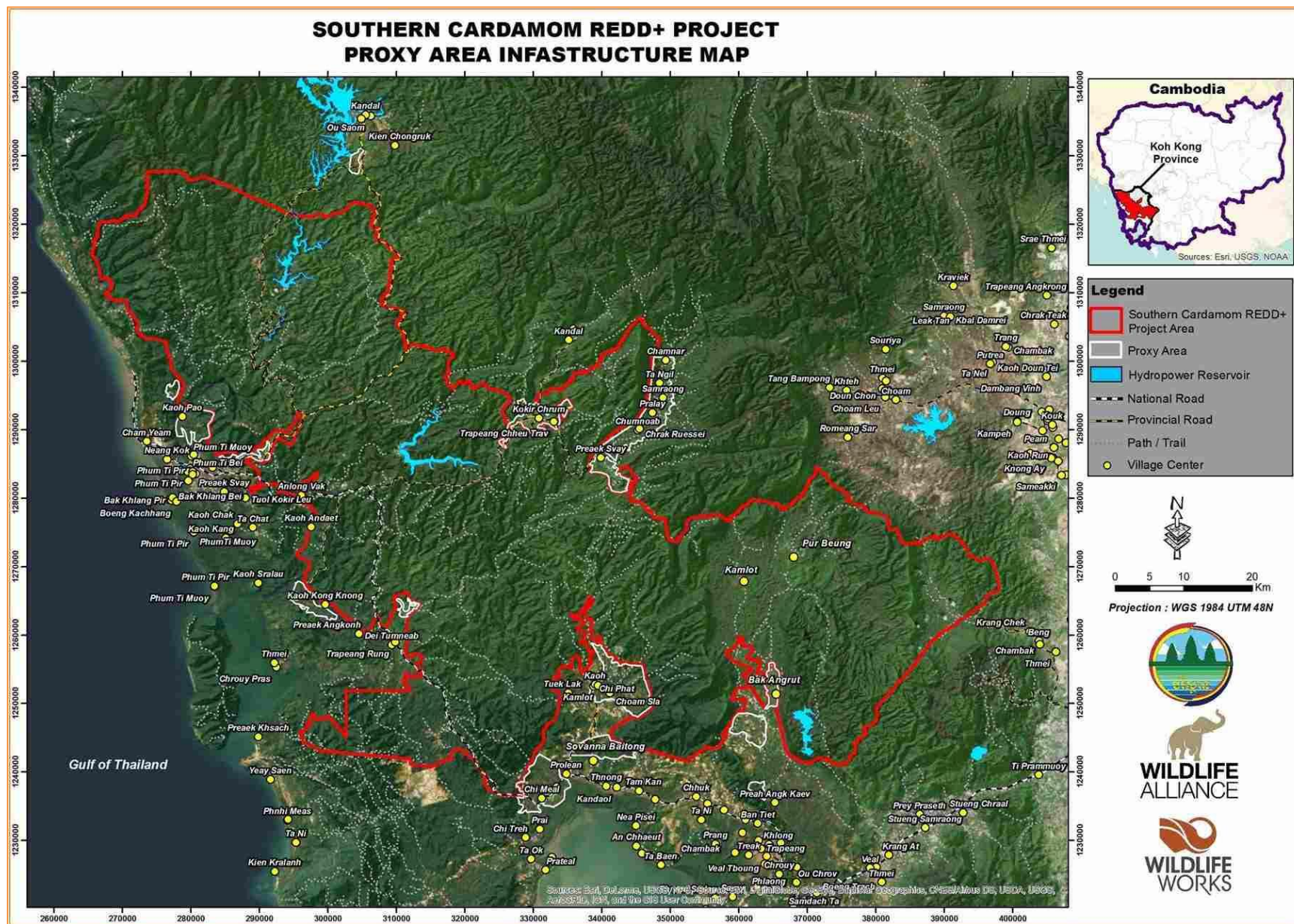
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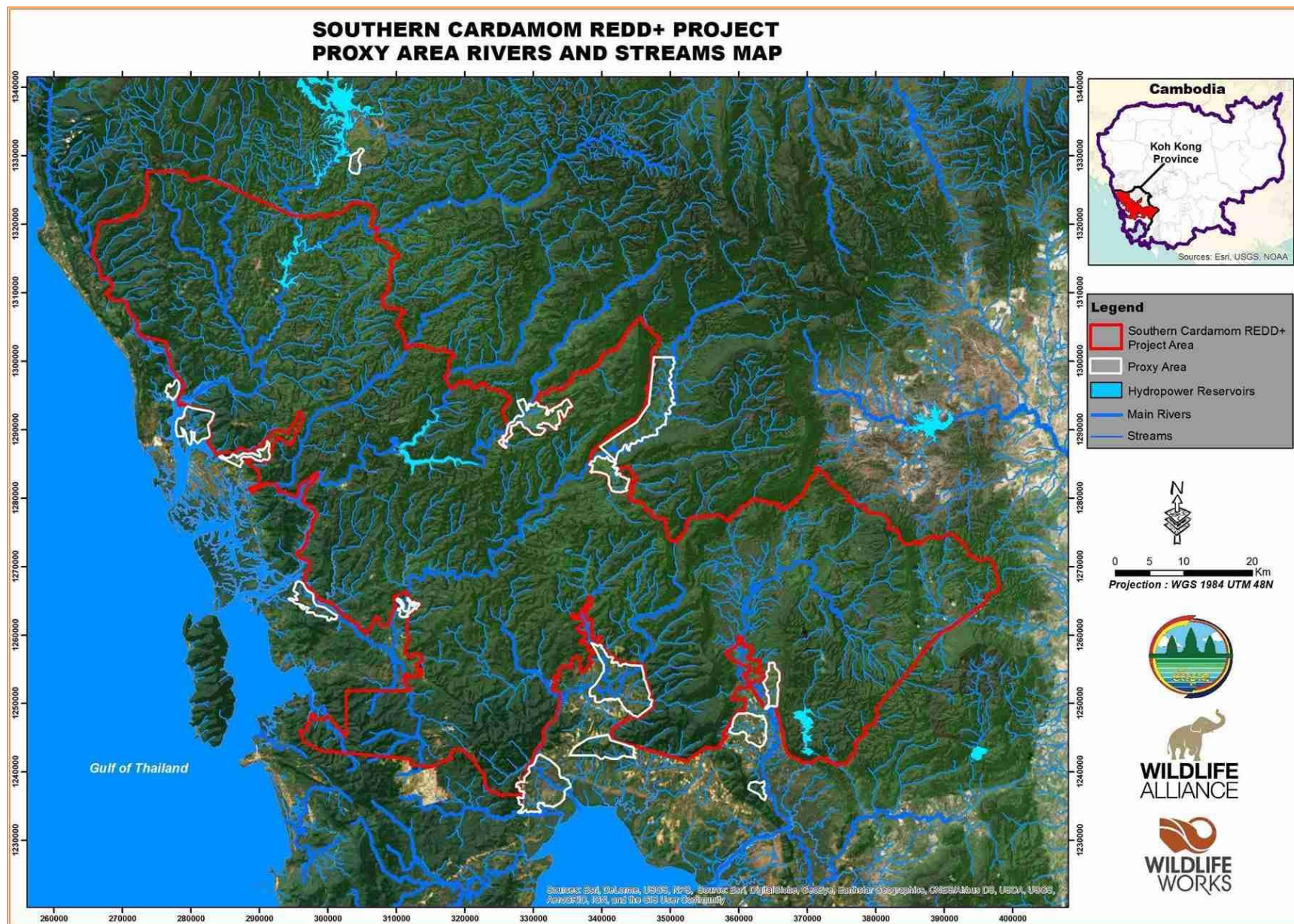


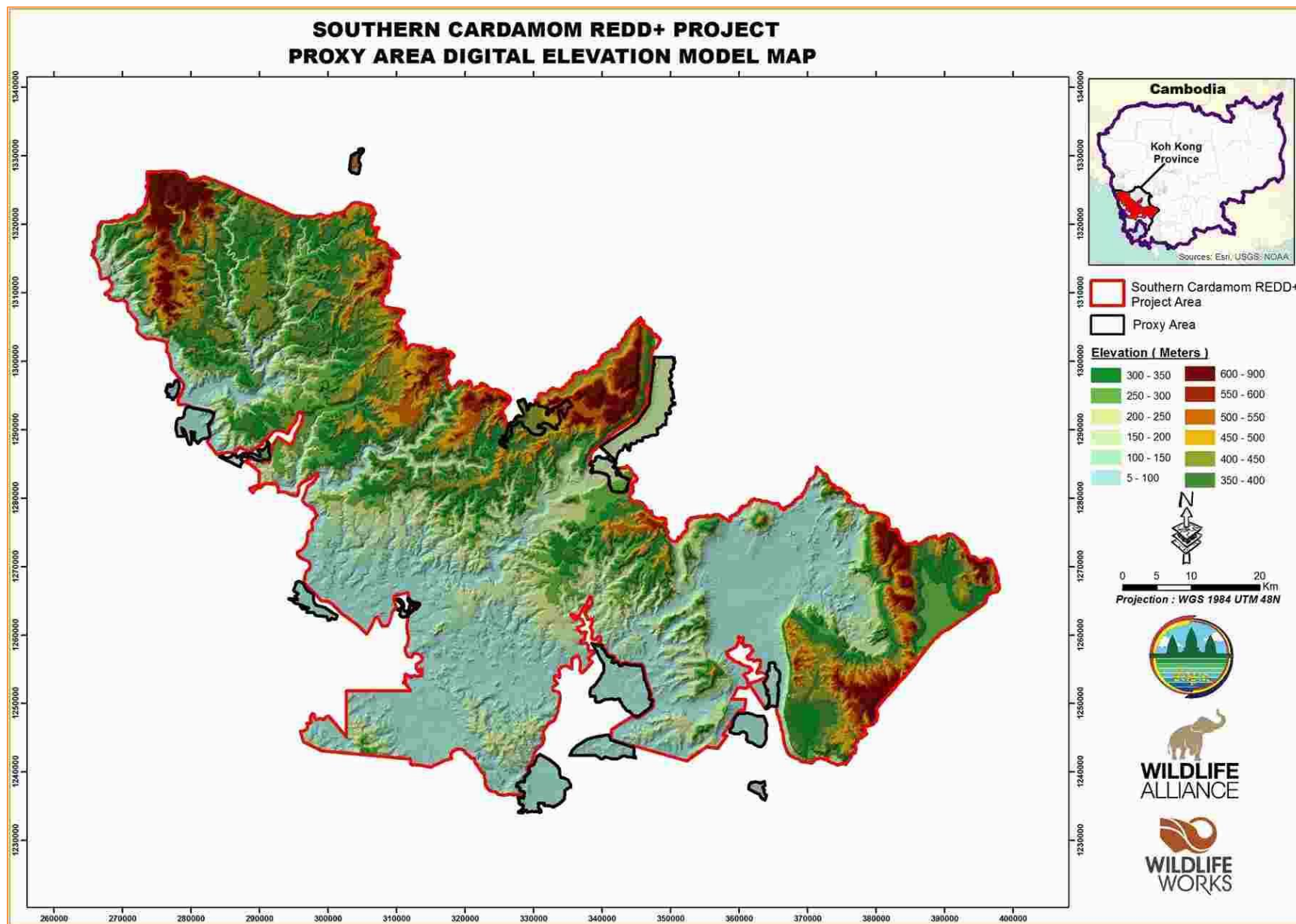


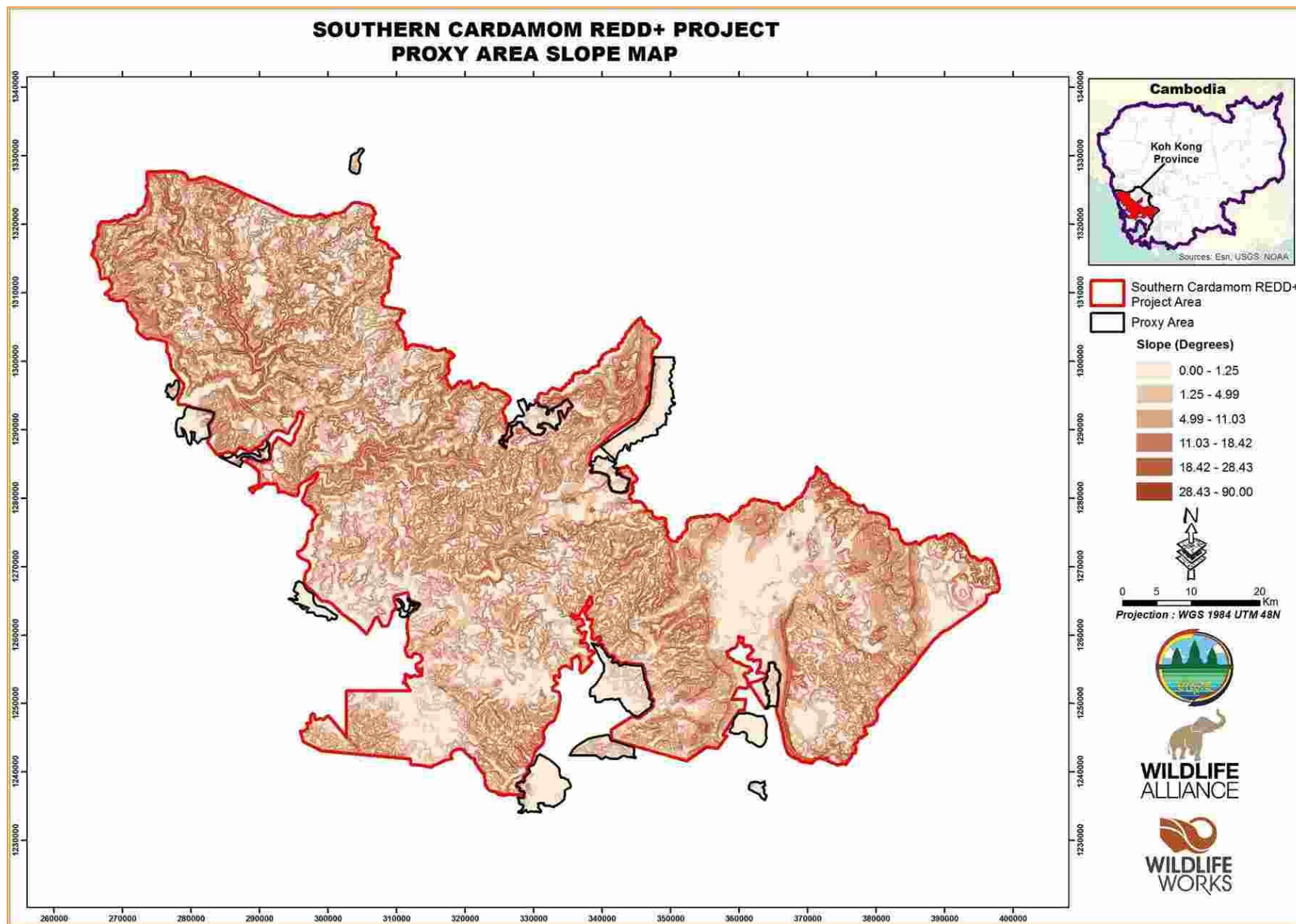
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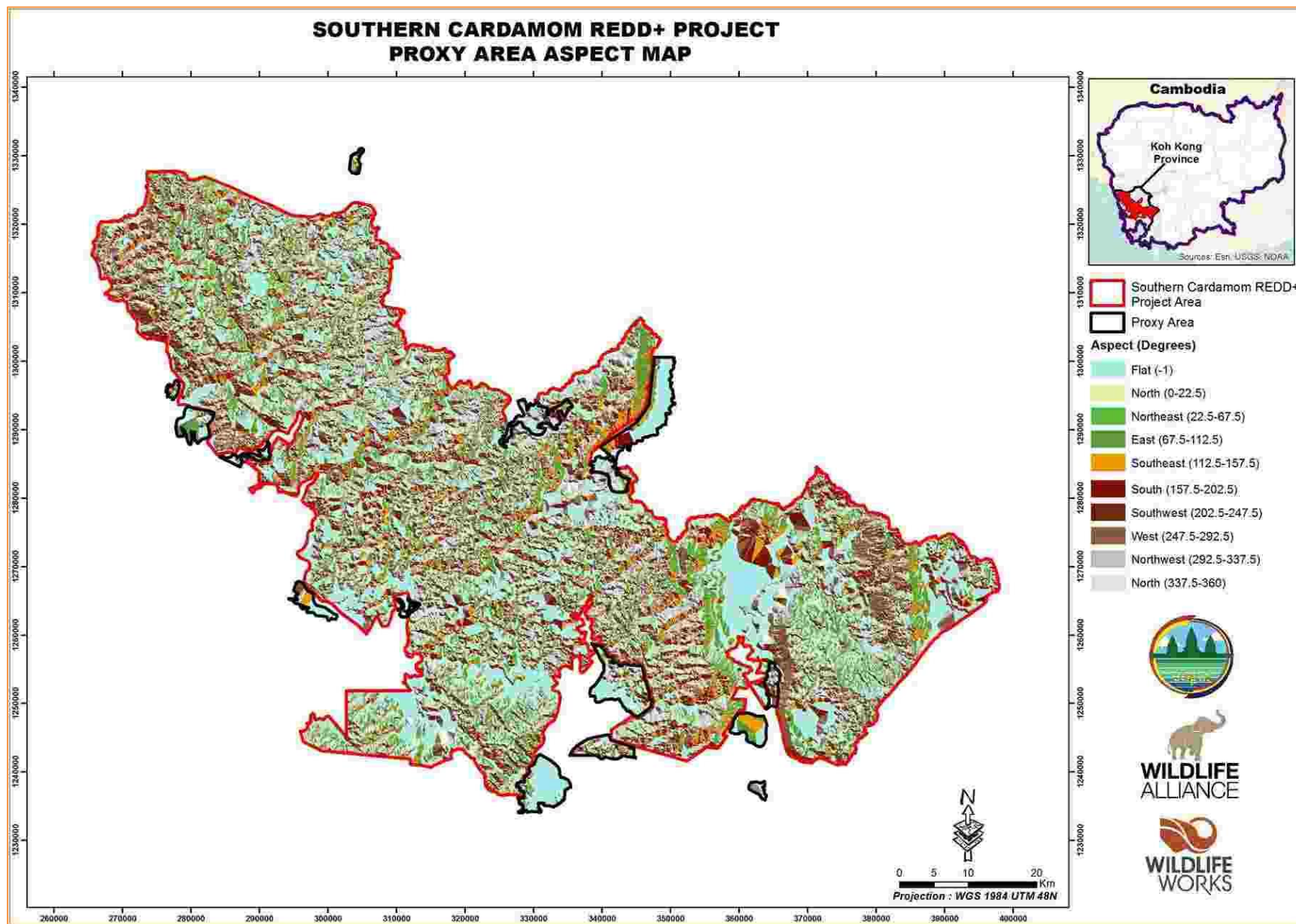


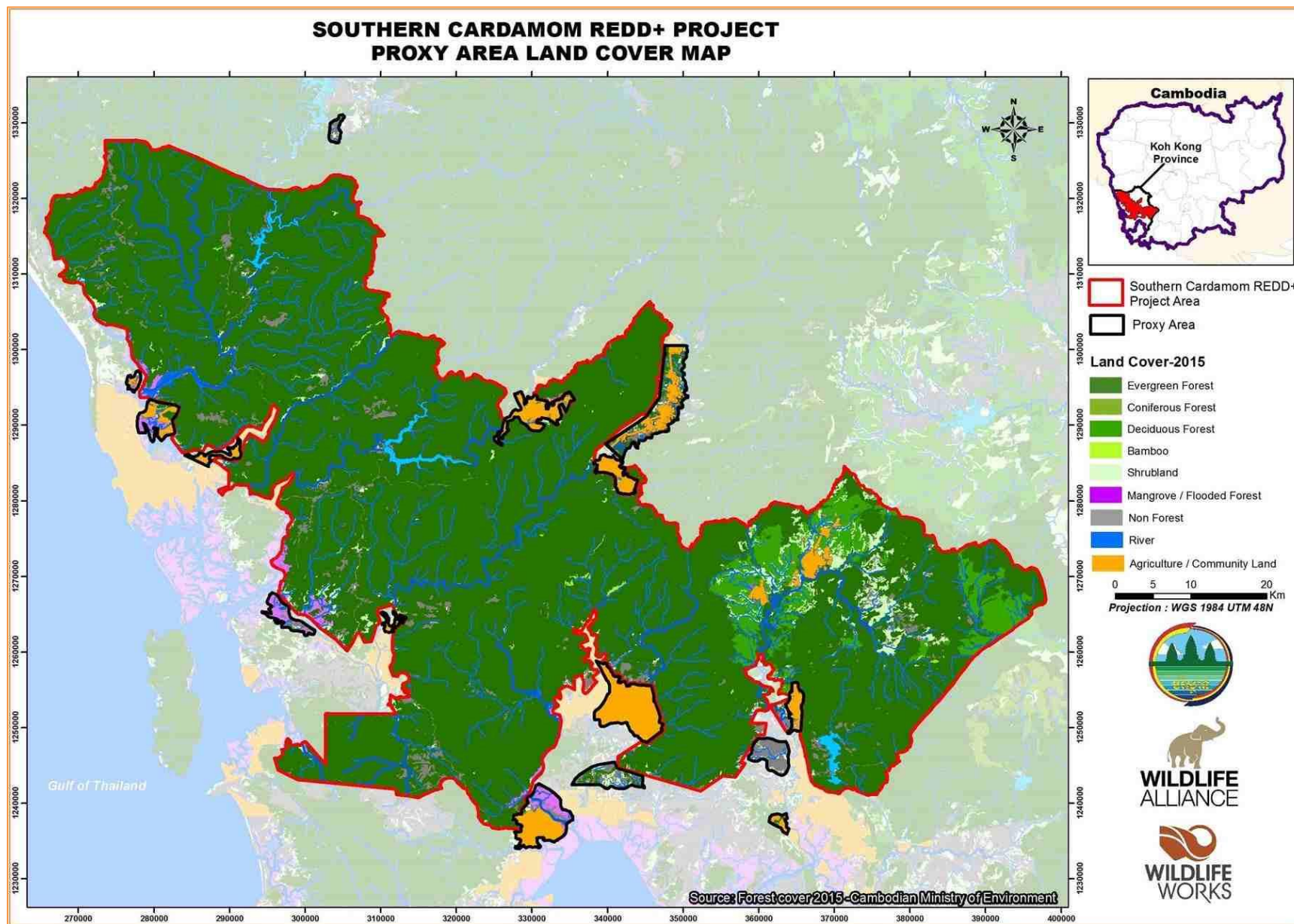


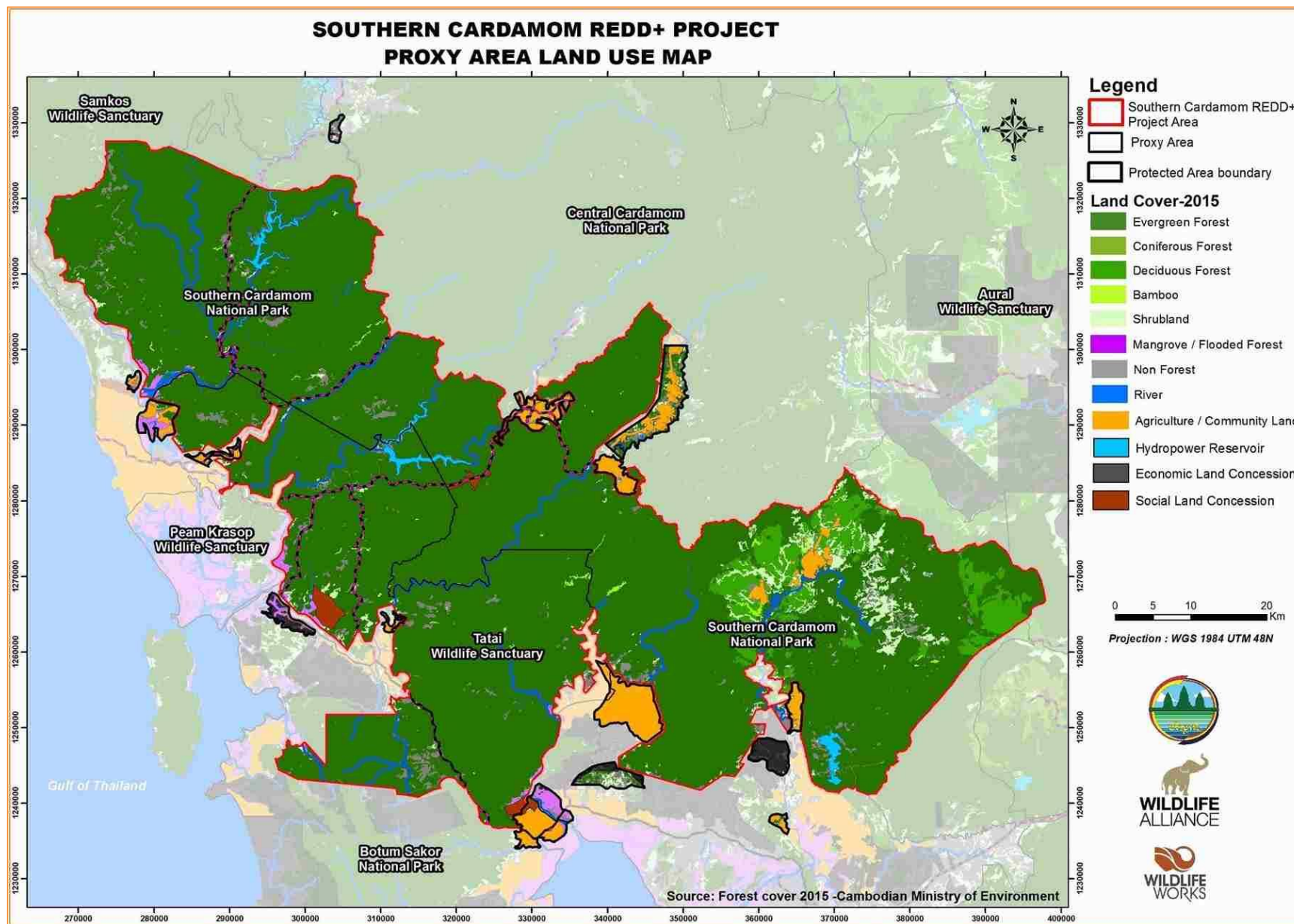


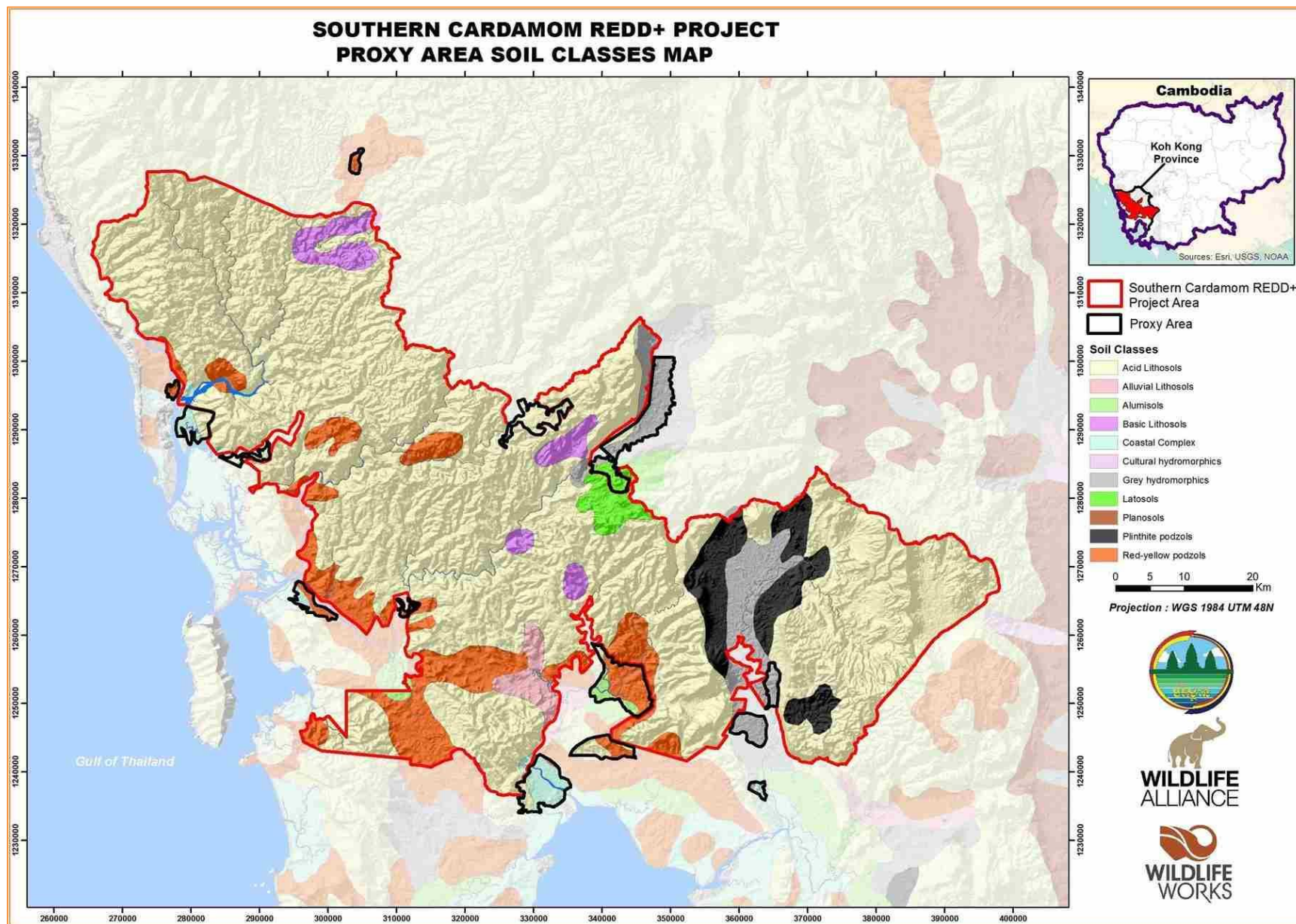












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