

Terms of Reference (TORs)

Short-term Consultancy (STC)

Social Forestry as a basic of the Regional Network in ASEAN

- Objectives** :
- To facilitate the regional exchange of experience among ASEAN members Countries (AMCs) on im (Plan of Operations, activity 1.3), (incl. Workshop in the ASEAN level)
 - To collect the criteria and indicators of social forestry as the leverage factors of improving the house condition,
 - To identify and assess potential approaches for surmounting obstacles and impediments to s implementation in the field of each AMCs include the preliminary research study,
 - To facilitate the training of the trainers incl. Field Visit.
 - To develop the mechanism for regional coordination on social development based on the social forestry
- Time Frame** : 2,0 human/months between November 2003 – January 2005
- Milestones/Outputs:**
- One network workshop March 2004
 - One training of trainers and field visit July 2004
 - Concept for C & I of social forestry in the regional context Jan.2005
- Required Profile** : The consultant must be familiar with the instruments and concepts of social forestry rule-based on ASEAN condition. First-hand experience in the AMCs is a prerequisite. A background on the social forestry of the tropical forest is an asset. Regional experience in the sector is useful.
- Background** : Forestry is at a crossroads, worldwide. Some of the underlying causes of deforestation in the region are increasing populations, competing land-uses, unfavorable opportunity cost of forestry without internalizing its national and global environmental functions, social development often neglecting as well as fragmented decision-making in social forestry policy. Rigid macro-economic lending by international finance institutions exacerbates the situation. Forest fires and haze, illegal logging and poverty are some of its symptoms. Creating the enabling frame conditions for sustainable forest management, thus, is a cross-sectoral challenge for public governance.
- As a result, timber export markets and the environmental integrity in the region are at stake. Social forestry deals with the involvement of people in forestry activities that are designed to promote the socioeconomic well-being of the people themselves, as well as conservation of the soil, water, and other forest resources. Issues are institutionalized participation of all major groups, decentralization and interdepartmental coordination. Considering the economic importance of forests and ASEAN Vision 2020 (promote forestry as model for sustainable development), the role of forests as entry point, perhaps even as condition for governance reform is underestimated. Rule-based regional cooperation based on a common understanding of issues *offers a path way* to secure the vital macro-economic functions of the forests in the region.
- In order to facilitate the regional exchange of experience among ASEAN members Countries (AMCs) on implementing social forestry as well as collecting the criteria and indicators of social forestry in ASEAN region,* it is necessary to provide conceptual and practical advice to the ASEAN machinery. The different levels of development among ASEAN Member Countries (AMC) must be taken into account to this end.
- The consultant reports to the ASEAN Forest Programme Manager and the GTZ Chief
- Organization** : Technical Advisor. Regarding above milestones, close co-operation with the ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry (ASOF) is required.
- Tasks** : The following tasks provide a framework and can be adjusted during the course of the consultancy to the degree necessary.
- Network Development for the social forestry experts in ASEAN Member Countries (AMCs)**
- Identifying the regional expert in AMCs , focusing on the social forestry experiences and scientist /researchers in AMCs region
 - Developing the regular meeting as an exchange experience of expert experiences and scientist /researchers in AMCs region,
 - Strengthening the expert network of social forestry in International level
- Collecting and developing the criteria and indicators of social forestry in AMCs region.**
- Developing the criteria and indicators of social forestry focusing on increasing the micro-economic household,
 - Collecting and Developing the criteria and indicators of social forestry focusing on sustainable forest management and improving of forest conditions as well as to improve rural welfare.
 - Preliminary Research Study of Social Forestry in AMCs Region
 - Determining the institutional capacities in terms of traditional social networks related to the social forestry context,
- Capacity development for facilitators**

8. Training of the trainers on the social forestry context; incl. Extensions

Wrap-up

9. Organize one training workshop focusing on social forestry in AMCs region.
10. Assist ASEAN Secretariat in developing a concept for international / regional capacity development in the context of social forestry policy processes
11. Assist ASEAN Secretariat in developing key principles and elements of a concept for issues-based regional cooperation and coordination
12. Draft and reconcile a succinct report of max. 40 pages (incl. annexes).

Selected literature

(to be specified)

1. ASEAN Secretariat
2. ASEAN Member Countries
3. Member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF)
4. Major UN groups (e.g. business, indigenous people, NGOs, scientific community)
5. Summary Record of the First Workshop on the ASEAN-German Regional Forest Programme

Likely travels

1. One training workshop in conjunction with the 'Network Development of expert experiences in AMCs Region'. (March 2004, Indonesia)
2. Study tour /Field visit to relevant social forestry field (mid 2004; venue to be specified)
3. One training of the trainers (June 2004, Indonesia)

Wrap at PMU (January 2005, Jakarta)