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**PROJECT EXTENSION PROPOSAL
WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

PD 451/07 Rev. I (F)

**Transboundary Biodiversity Conservation Area: The Pulong
Tau National Park, Sarawak State, Malaysia - Phase II**

**Submitted by
Forest Department of Sarawak**

1. Introduction

Phase II of the Pulong Tau National Park Project PD 451/07 Rev. 1 (F) has an implementation period of three years and this period will end on 31 January 2011.

The project deals with three different ethnic communities whose settlements almost encircle the entire park boundary. The Kelabit and Lun Bawang communities are better established, while the Penan, having only recently settled from semi-nomadic subsistence is living under very difficult conditions. The people's needs for livelihood improvement were discussed by the Project Steering Committee during its first meeting on 16 February 2009, and again during the second meeting on 24 May 2010. The Committee decided that the project should devote more effort to helping the people and one effective way to do this was to implement more community development activities.

Activities already implemented included training on crop cultivation, registration of birth certificates and identity cards for Penan and others, gravity-fed water supplies and amenities for Penan, construction of a suspension bridge for Penan and visitors, and rehabilitating of water catchment for Kelabit in Bario. Many of these activities need some time to implement, while regular monitoring is also important especially to benefit the Penan participants. The Committee also believed that more could be done for the people if the project could be extended to the end of 2011.

2. Period of Extension

The extension will be for 12 months from 1 February 2011 to 31 January 2012.

3. Justifications

It has been the intention of the project since Phase I to promote local participation in park management, and sharing of park resources for livelihood improvement. Of the three local communities, the Penan live closest to the national park and are still very much forest dependent; they are also most in need of help. As they have lived most of their lives in isolation, the PSC suggested more attention should be paid to this community.

New community-based activities had been implemented at the suggestions of the PSC Committee especially for the Penan, such as construction of suspension bridge and housing. Some of these activities need more time to complete. Training on crop cultivation and farming also need to be monitored until the Penan participants are capable of carrying out the activities on their own. The PSC also suggested that assistance should be extended to cover several other settlements which are similarly in need of help, such as those in the Adang River in Ulu Limbang.

Since Phase I, the people have realized that they could rely on the project for help and have come forward with more requests. This has become a big challenge for the project.

The Penan people are in most urgent need of housing, clean water supply and amenities (poor health and malnutrition are common problems), on-farm training on fruit and vegetable planting, suspension bridges to enable them and their children to cross fast flowing rivers safely. The project also hopes to continue to collaborate in the registration of birth certificates and identity cards.

Pulong Tau N.P. is an important resource for the local people as other forests have been licensed for logging. Livelihood improvement will help to lessen threats on the park.

The extension period will allow degraded sites in the Batu Lawi extension to be rehabilitated. A nursery for this purpose has been constructed. Planting will take at least one year to complete.

4. Proposed Activities and Justifications for Funding

The extension period will allow for existing approved activities to be completed, time for monitoring, as well as for the following new activities to be implemented:

Activity 1. Construction of a 50-m long suspension bridge at Adang River for use by Penan residents from Adang. The river will ensure safe crossing of the river during high water. Major construction materials like steel cables, cement, timber, bolts and nuts will be needed. Food will be provided to local construction workers as they will not be paid.

Activity 2. Housing for a salt mine at Pa Umor near Bario. Salt mining is an important cash income for the people. This activity is scheduled to commence in 2010 but due to high cost of timber and roofing sheets and transport from Miri, an additional budget will be required.

Activity 3. Replacement of the wooden plank walk leading to Church Camp. This is also scheduled to commence in 2010. Additional funding is requested as the cost of material to replace the rotten wooden walk is found to be expensive. Labour cost for carrying the material up the mountain is to be included.

Activity 4. Rehabilitation planting of sites degraded by logging in the Batu Lawi extension area, to be conducted jointly with Samling Strategic Corporation. The fund will be used to pay for the cost of acquiring planting materials, for planting and maintenance and for transport.

Activity 5. Construction of one longhouse type rest house for Penan in Bario to accommodate up to 15 families. This building will benefit the Penan families who are staying with their children while the latter are going to school in Bario. It will be built on land belonging to Lian Lugun free of charge. Lian is currently a Forest Department staff. The money will be used to acquire timber, roofing sheets, nails and tools, and for amenities. The Penan will assist in the construction.

Activity 6. To acquire two rice milling engines, six chainsaws and 10 bush cutters for Penan villages at Long Sabai, Pa Tik, Long Lobang and Ba' Medamot. The people have made these requests on a number of occasions in the past due to urgent needs. Having the chain saws will enable them to obtain timber for house construction and repairs which many are unable to do at the moment.

Activity 7. To organize study tour for 10 project staff to Thailand or Indonesia on the implementation of TBCA projects and community development activities, and to provide an opportunity for training, exposures and exchange of experience and knowledge. The budget will be used to pay for cost of travel and accommodation.

Activity 8. Survey of boundaries of park extensions around Batu Lawi. It will be necessary to survey and mark the extended boundaries on the ground to make the timber workers and local people aware of the extension. Local people will be engaged to assist in the survey.

5. Strategies for implementation

As is currently done, community-based activities will be implemented with the help of timber companies for transport. The EA will make available a team of capable officers to carry out the work together with ITTO staff. The most challenging part of these activities is remoteness with lack of road access, so that porters must be engaged to carry materials for up to several days to reach the villages.

The rehabilitation planting will be a joint activity with Samling. Suitable species for planting will be identified and planting materials acquired in the form of seeds or wildings. In the process, it is hoped that a check list of trees in the Penan language will be prepared by the project leader.

The project implementation team project skills will include members of local communities who will have the opportunity to learn the necessary skills from the project team.

Training and monitoring of crop cultivation and farming will continue. The Penan will also be trained on the proper use and maintenance new machineries like paddy de-husking engines and chain saws.

6. Work Plan

The work plan for the extension period is presented below.

Outputs/Activities	Responsible Party	Year 2011											Year 2012	
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1&2	
Community development	FDS													
Park extension boundary survey	FDS													
Rehabilitation planting	FDS, PM													
PTNP plank walk	FDS, PM													
Cross visits	PM													

7. Proposed Budget for the Extension

An additional funding of US\$ 202,000 is proposed to cover the 12-month extension period. Including an addition of 8% or US\$ 16,160 for ITTO program support cost, the total requested is US\$ 218,160.

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Forest Department Sarawak
20 September 2010

Appendix 1. Proposed budget for extension period

Budget headings						
			Adjusted Year 3	Spent as at July 2010	Balance	Extended budget
10	Personnel					
	10	Project Manager	80,000.00	51,277.67	28,722.33	72,000.00
	11	Administrative staff	38,350.22	15,761.28	22,588.94	20,000.00
	12	Field support staff	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
	19	S/Total	118,350.22	67,038.95	51,311.27	104,000.00
20	Sub-contracts					
	201	Field posts	1,966.83	1,677.69	289.14	0.00
	202	Boundary survey & thematic survey	3,063.60	5.80	3,057.80	6,000.00
	203	Ecological biodiversity surveys	71,527.46	30,535.15	40,992.31	0.00
	204	Develop community-based activities	56,855.52	17,161.70	39,693.83	80,000.00
	205	Consultant resource study	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00	0.00
	206	Conserve & re-establish montane vegetation	64,718.39	14,921.97	49,796.42	0.00
	207	Conduct conservation awareness	12,670.78	9,854.53	2,816.25	0.00
	208	Joint scientific research	2,976.37	0.00	2,976.37	0.00
	209	Characterize TBCA ecosystems	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
	210	Cross-border socio-economic activities	333.28	0.00	333.28	12,000.00
	211	Training on Technical Report Writing	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
	29	S/Total	229,912.23	74,156.84	155,755.39	98,000.00
30	Duty Travel					
	31	Travel inside & outside Sarawak	9,775.40	4,027.29	5,748.11	0.00
	32	PSC & SCC meetings	1,365.97	1,134.80	231.17	0.00
	39	S/Total	11,141.37	5,162.09	5,979.28	0.00
40	Capital Items					
	411	Three units Computers	0	0.00	0	0.00
	49	S/Total	0	0.00	0	0.00
50	Consumables					
	51	Office supplies	953.84	1,133.72	-179.88	0.00
	52	Information materials	9,071.70	1,573.61	7,498.09	0.00
	53	Logistics and camping costs	8,091.76	0.00	8,091.76	0.00
	54	Publications of scientific & community studies	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
	59	S/Total	33,117.30	2,707.33	30,409.97	0.00
60	Miscellaneous					
	601	Proposal for WHS	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00

	602	Joint Task Force meetings	2,267.35	146.50	2,120.85	0.00
	603	Scientific workshop	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
	69	S/Total	7,267.35	146.50	7,120.85	0.00
		Total	399,651.00	149,211.71	250,439.29	202,000.00
80		Monitoring, evaluation, administration				
	81	ITTO Programme Support Costs (8%)				16,160.00
		S/Total				16,160.00
		Grand Total (Amount requested for the extension)				218,160.00