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## Livelihood Improvement and Community Development Progress of Preah Vihear Protected Forest

**Introduction:** Improving local communities' livelihood via strengthening their capacity to reduce dependency on forest resource is the third objective of the Management of the Emerald Triangle Protected Forests Complex to Promote Cooperation for Trans-boundary Biodiversity Conservation between Thailand, Cambodia and Laos - Phase III' project. It aims at empowering and building capacity on agricultural techniques, focusing on sustainable uses and management of forest resources in the Preah Vihear protected forest. Integration Conservation and Development projects, which were launched in 2009, consisted of four main projects, including Rice Bank, Cow Bank, Micro Credit, and Agro-forestry practices for individual families as well as communities. In addition, the project has provided wooden primary school buildings and study materials, wells, and agricultural trainings to continuously support communities.

### Rice Bank

The project has established three Rice Bank projects in Mlis, O Chunh, and Sen Taches community in order to contribute to filling up with their rice needs for communities' members during rainy season (rice lacking period). Consequently, rice in stock has remarkably accumulated from 14 tonne up to 24.16 tonne from 2010 to 2015. The total beneficiaries have been 189 families.



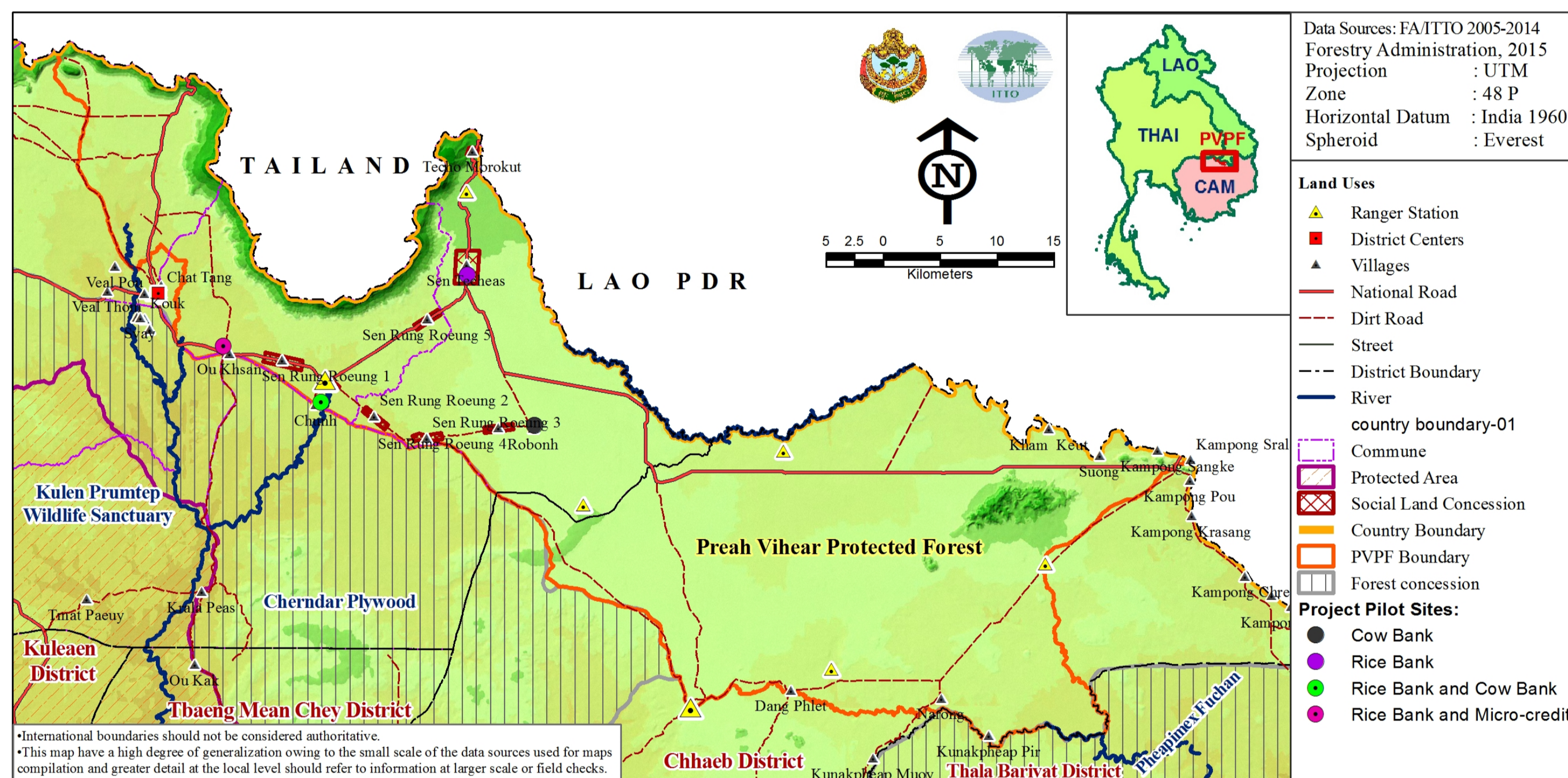
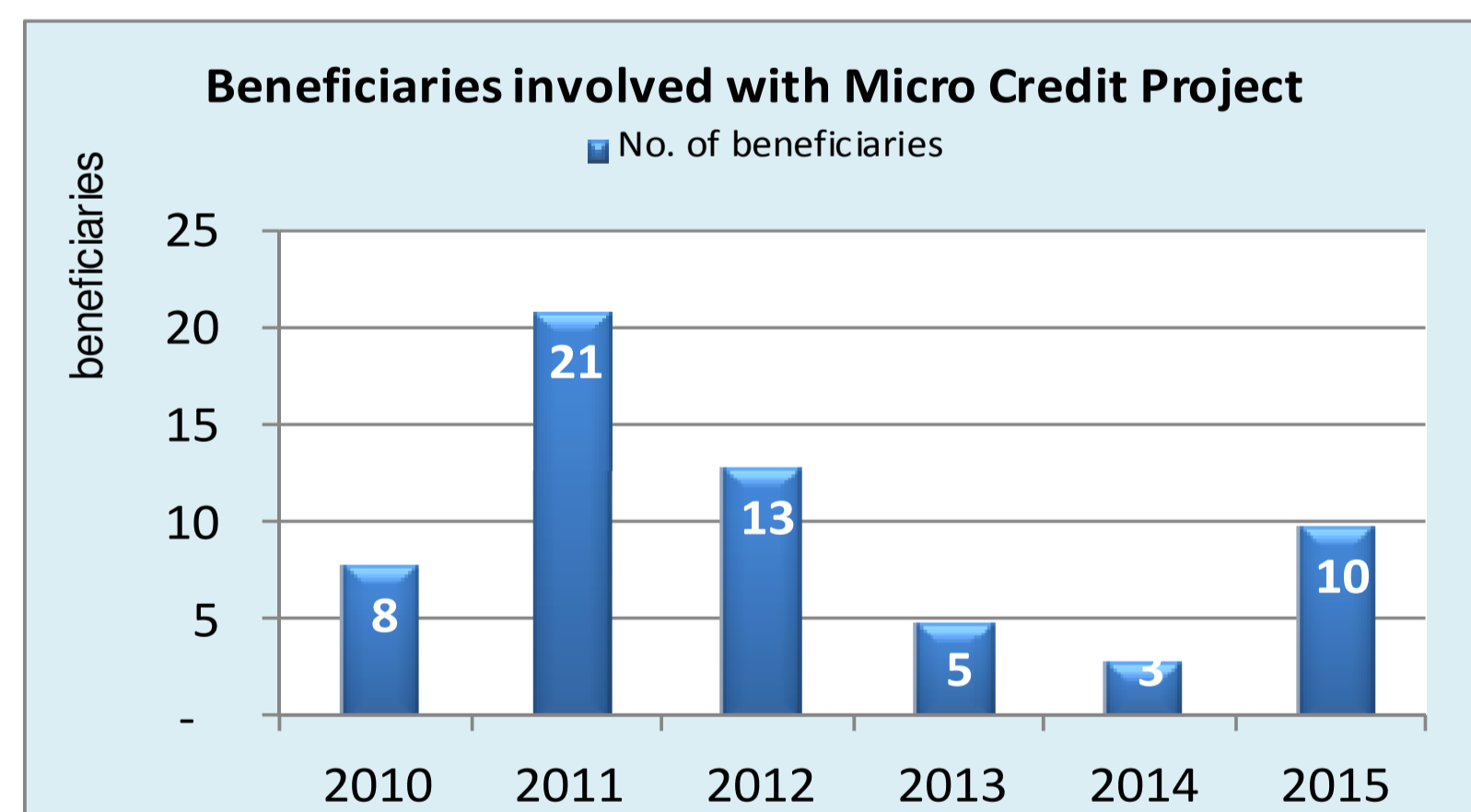
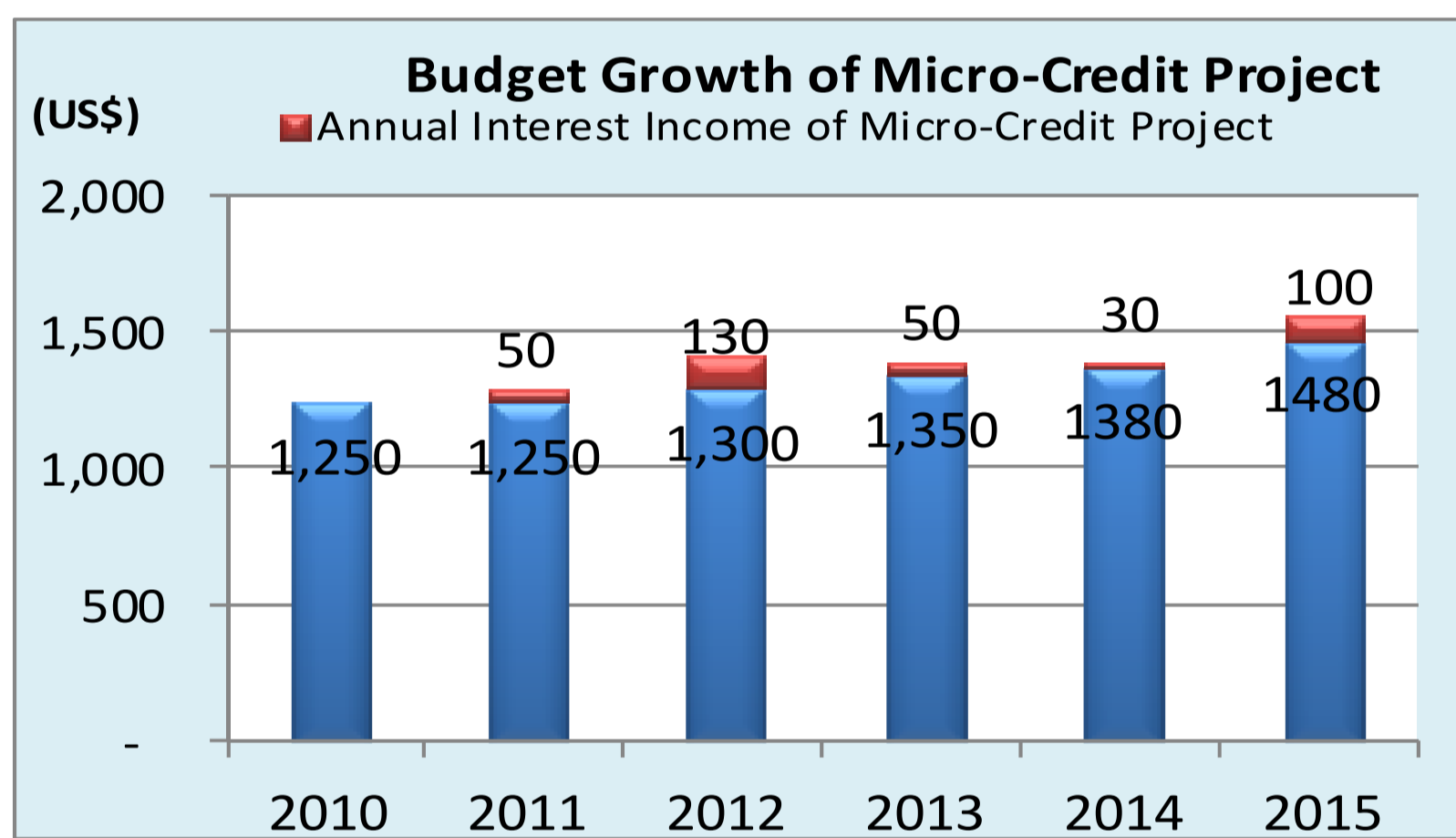
### Building Capacity for Local Communities

- The exchange visits have been provided to commune council, village chiefs, and local communities to experience good agricultural practices and lessons learned from other communities implementing livelihood improving activities, such as saving groups, cow and rice bank, agricultural diversification, livestock and biogas, and community-based bamboo enterprise, which lead to sustainable natural resource management in the community.
- There have been 25 agricultural Trainings participated by 780 local communities' members (570 women). Those trainings are about vegetable planting, home garden design, system of rice intensification, animal raising, and agro-forestry practices. Furthermore, the project has delivered substantial varieties of many kinds of vegetable after trainings. The main goal is to link between livelihood improvement and sustainable forest resource management.



### Micro Credit

The project has supported local communities with providing US\$ 1,250 of funding in 2010 to set up Micro Credit project for serving as small business starting-up capital, especially for agricultural inputs, to deviate from dependency on forest resources. With 60 families of total beneficiaries The accumulated funding and interest has slightly increased up to US\$ 1,480 as of 2015.



### Cow Bank

There were 13 cows given to tow traditional communities (O Chunh and Robonh) at the initial implementation of Phase II of the project in 2010. The number of cows has rocketed sharply to 51 cows in 2015. The internal principle was defined with only one cow/family, and transition was ruled for the new born cow. Anyway, there were 5 cows sold out for developing communities, donating some poorer, and encouraging management committee members, as well as buying baby cows for other members in communities.



### Other Supports Provided to Local community Development

- There were 8 wells equipped for local communities, including 3 wells at O Chunh, 1 at Mlis, and other 4 at Robonh. These wells have provided them with clean water for daily uses, which contribute to public health improvement and reduction of expenses on other treatments of illness, such as fever and cholera, resulted from using unclean water.
- There were 5 ponds provided to Chunh primary school, Sen RungReung2, Sen Rung Reung3, Sen RungReung4, and Sen RungReung5, and those were fenced around with wooden poles and planted with commercial and fruit trees to keep safety for primary students.
- The project has built two primary school buildings, each of which has two rooms, for Chunh and Robonh primary students, approximately 300 students/year, to ensure their effective education. Additionally, there are many kinds of substantial supporting study materials donated to those students, and those materials include 1,141 books, 60 pieces of color papers, 61 scissors, 1,141 color pencils, 1,141 pencil sharpeners, 1,141 pens, 60 pieces of A4 papers, and 100 sheets of biodiversity conservation posters.
- Furthermore, the project has delivered 76,098 trees (27,415 commercial trees and 48,683 fruit plants) to local authorities, communities, and army families living in and around the Preah Vihear protected forest in order to be planted as agro-forestry home garden.

### Monitoring System

To support and monitor the progress of all livelihood and community development projects such as rice bank, cow bank, micro credit, and so forth, the project staff members always coordinate all relevant jobs with local communities. The facilitations has been done through preparation for electing management committee of a new rice bank, establishment of internal regulation and principle for borrowing, stock inventory and journal books, benefit sharing, and regular meetings on progress and evaluation with management committee members and community members, as well. To ensure transparency and smooth progress of those ICDPs, the project teams always visit and follow up with those communities regularly.



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