



GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION
**Environment
Operations Center**

GEF Forest and Biodiversity Program in the Greater Mekong Subregion

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The GMS Core Environment Program

- Core Environment Program and Biodiversity Conservation Corridor Initiative (2012-2016)
- Regional platform for improving environmental management in the GMS
- Led by GMS Working Group on Environment (GMS Government environment ministries)

IMPACT: Improved biodiversity conservation and climate resilience across the GMS

OUTCOME: Environment friendly and climate resilient GMS Economic Cooperation Program

OUTPUT 1:
Environmental planning systems, methods and safeguards improved

OUTPUT 2:
Improved management of conservation landscapes for sustainable livelihoods

OUTPUT 3:
Climate resilience enhanced and low carbon development promoted

OUTPUT 4:
Strengthened institutions and sustainable financing for environmental management

Overview of GMS-FBP

**Program Framework Document approved by
GEF Council in November 2011**

Comprises of

- **Regional Support Project**
 - **Financed out of regional set-aside funds for CC (\$500,000) and SFM/REDD+ (\$500,000)**
- **4 National (child) projects**
 - **Total financing of almost \$21 million of country STAR allocations and SFM matching funds**

GMS Forest and Biodiversity Program

Strengthening regional cooperation on transboundary conservation landscapes

Supporting climate resilient conservation landscapes

Identification of key landscapes and pressures

Regional dialogue on transboundary conservation landscape (GEF)

Support for implementation of collaborative arrangements between countries

Assessment of climate change impacts / vulnerability of key landscapes

Integration of climate resilience & EBA in key landscapes

Knowledge / experience generation on EBA

Links between FBP and CEP-BCI

CEP-BCI

GMS Forest and Biodiversity Program

Output 2: Improved management of conservation landscapes for sustainable livelihoods

Strengthening regional cooperation on transboundary conservation landscapes

Biodiversity landscape profiling

Biodiversity landscape and corridor management

Identification of key landscapes and pressures

Regional dialogue on transboundary conservation landscape (GEF)

Support for implementation of collaborative arrangements between countries

Links between FBP and CEP-BCI

CEP-BCI

**GMS Forest and
Biodiversity Program**

**Output 3: Climate resilience
and low carbon strategies
developed**

**Supporting climate resilient
conservation landscapes**

Climate
change
modelling/
monitoring
capacity
building

Risk
assessment
and
identification
of adaptation
interventions

Testing and
replication of
adaptation
options

Assessment
of climate
change
impacts /
vulnerability
of key
landscapes

Integration of
climate
resilience &
EBA in key
landscapes

Knowledge /
experience
generation on
EBA

National GEF projects

CAMBODIA

- Collaborative Management for Watershed and Ecosystem Services Protection and Rehabilitation in the Cardamom Mountains, Upper Prek Thnot River Basin
 - \$1.2 million of Land Degradation FA STAR allocation
 - On-farm soil and water management
 - Agro-forest and forest ecosystem restoration
 - Capacity building for watershed management

National GEF projects

LAO PDR

- Strengthening Protection and Management Effectiveness for Wildlife and PAs
 - \$7.44 million of Biodiversity, Climate Change, Land Degradation FA STAR allocation and SFM/REDD set aside funds
 - Supporting PA management, wildlife conservation, REDD and sustainable forest management
 - Addressing illegal national and regional wildlife trade
 - Awareness raising and communications

National GEF projects

Thailand

- Strengthening Capacity and Incentives for Wildlife Conservation in the Western Forest Complex
 - \$8 million of Biodiversity and Climate Change FA STAR allocation and SFM/REDD set aside funds
 - Strengthening on-ground Conservation Actions and Wildlife Protection
 - Developing and promoting incentives and sustainable financing for wildlife conservation
 - Capacity building and knowledge sharing

National GEF projects

Viet Nam

- Integrating Biodiversity Conservation, Climate Resilience and Sustainable Forest Management in Central Annamite Landscape
 - \$4.3 million of Biodiversity and Climate Change FA STAR allocation and SFM/REDD set aside funds
 - Improving biodiversity management planning in corridor landscapes
 - Landscape conservation measures at the community level

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