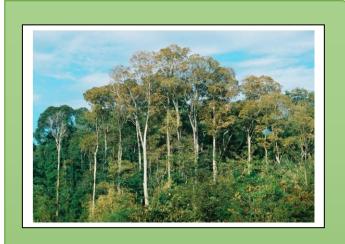
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Supporting REDD+ Implementation





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WCS is a world leader on REDD+ implementation, currently supporting 19 active REDD+ projects worldwide. WCS has worked in Cambodia since 1999, in close cooperation with the Royal Government, supporting several key landscapes and globally important biodiversity.

Project Highlights

Demonstration activities and development of REDD+ strategies in the Seima Protection Forest REDD+ project.

Goal: Supporting the Royal Government of Cambodia through planning, project development, adaptive management, and capacity building for enhancing REDD+ implementation.

Objectives:

- 1. Technical assistance to the FA to develop a site-based REDD+ project in the Core Area of the Seima Protection Forest;
- 2. Develop and implement key aspects of REDD+: fund management and benefit-sharing mechanisms, monitoring of social and biodiversity co-benefits and testing approaches to reduce threats from illegal land encroachment;
- 3. Increasing the availability of lessons learned to national stakeholders by translating and disseminating key technical reports.

Beneficiaries: WCS works directly with many thousands of local community members, including indigenous groups, as well as numerous government and non-government stakeholders.

Lessons Learned: The Seima REDD+ project is close to formal project validation, and substantial technical research has been done and lessons and experience shared widely.

Challenges: Threats continue to escalate, and encroachment is accelerating; continued policy support and additional on-the-ground measures are required to ensure emissions reductions.

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