



PROJECT FACT SHEET

USAID MORODOK BAITANG

OVERVIEW

USAID Morodok Baitang is a five-year (November 2021-November 2026) activity to conserve Cambodia's unique biodiversity, reduce land-based sources of carbon emission, and improve accountable and equitable economic development. This project will foster sustainable, equitable economic growth that contributes to Cambodia's national development goals. Toward this end, the activity has three objectives:

Objective 1: To improve biophysical conditions of target areas by partnering with natural resource-dependent communities, private sector actors, and other development partners to enhance biodiversity conservation and low emissions development.

Objective 2: To increase economic benefits for natural resource-dependent communities from conservation-friendly, climate-smart, and socially equitable market systems with private sector actors.

Objective 3: To strengthen natural resource governance practices through the inclusion of natural resource-dependent communities, smallholder producers, and their private sector and civil society partners in the decision making process.

USAID Morodok Baitang will support strategic partnerships between rural indigenous communities, private sector actors, and development partners to increase revenue and employment opportunities while also supporting improved natural resources management, biodiversity protection, low emissions development, and inclusive decision-making for natural resource use and governance. The

project will focus on developing and expanding conservation-friendly, climate smart and socially equitable forest based, agricultural based, and payment for ecosystem services based value chains.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Improved biophysical conditions of 4 protected areas including Keo Seima, Lumphat, Siem Pang and Cardamoms.
- Enhanced ability of local communities, private sector, and their partners to manage, restore, and invest in long-term cost-effective management of natural resources to protect forests, watersheds, and ecosystem services in the selected areas.
- Strengthened enabling conditions for private sector investment and market systems that ensure environmentally sustainable and socially equitable benefits for stakeholders including the private sector and natural resource-dependent communities.
- Improved mutual trust and coordination among communities, private sector and local government that ensures conservation-friendly, climate smart, and socially equitable market systems operate transparently, accountably, effectively, and sustainably for the benefit of communities and the environment.

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