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### Agenda Item 7.1

#### DECISION 42-V-21R

#### Approval of New Projects

The Assembly of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO),

*Having considered* the appraisal and recommendations of the respective Project Appraisal Panel (PAP) and the endorsement of the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) to facilitate the fund mobilization process; and

*Taking note* of the summary of the project proposal as contained in document D-42-1,

*Decides to:*

1. Approve the project proposals as below, subject to final notification that the funding has been secured by the donor; and

Proponent (Registration No.)	Project Title
Cambodia (PP-2020-KH-002)	Site Restoration and Sustainable Management of Community Forest Using Multiple Use Tree Species and Agroforestry
Kazakhstan (PP-2020-KZ-001)	Pilot project on inventory of unaccounted forests in Kostanay and North Kazakhstan regions and automation of the collection of information on forestry
Philippines (PP-2020-PH-002)	Ensuring Functioning of Cultural Ecosystem Services in an Urban Setting: Assimilating Nature for Forest Healing and Experiential Learning in Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center
Thailand (PP-2020-TH-001)	Improving local community's livelihoods and engagement in sustainable forest and land management in Thailand through Forest Landscape Restoration
Viet Nam (PP-2020-VN-001)	Rehabilitation of degraded and potentially deserted forest land in the Northwest region of Viet Nam through application of integrated technical measures
Secretariat (RP-2020-001)	Improved local community livelihoods through increased income from non-timber forests products (NTFP): Modeling scalable community-based enterprises in Asia

2. Task the Secretariat to facilitate the necessary follow-up actions for project inception in due course, including arrangements for the conduct of the next Donors Meeting within CY2021.

## Summary of Project Proposals

### I. Project Proposal 1

Project Title	Site Restoration and Sustainable Management of Community Forest Using Multiple Use Tree Species and Agroforestry		
Proponent	Cambodia	Registration No.	PP-2020-KH-002

#### 1. Project Profile

- a. Primary Target Area: AFoCO Strategic Priority 1  
“Accelerating forest restoration with tailor made approaches to the local contexts”
- Secondary Target Area: “Promoting community forestry and sustainable use of forest resources”
- b. Total budget: USD 727,515  
(AFoCO: USD 663,515 / National: USD 64,000)
- c. Project Duration: 5 years (2022-2026)
- d. Implementing Agency: Institute of Forest and Wildlife Research and Development, Forestry Administration

#### 2. Objectives

- e. The community forest is well-managed by local community who are capable of protecting the forest, producing seedling and implementing forest restoration
- f. To rehabilitate community forest using multiple species of high economic value (such as fruits, rattans, bamboo, fuelwood and poles) and sustainably manage for economic benefits of local communities
- g. To disseminate the project experiences and lessons to ensure the positive effects on other CFs and sustain the activities after project completion.

#### 3. Expected Outputs and Deliverables

- h. Capacity Building Plan Implemented
- i. CF Management Plan (including Restoration Plan) Developed
- j. Tree nurseries established for supplying seedlings for forest restoration in the CF and coastal region
- k. Forest restoration implemented in the community forest
- l. CF area covered by protection interventions
- m. Knowledge and lessons learned about the impacts of forest restoration on socioeconomic and environment are documented and shared
- n. Policy Brief containing the Policy Recommendations to Improve the CF Program Implementation

## II. Project Proposal 2

Project Title	Pilot project on inventory of unaccounted forests in Kostanay and North Kazakhstan regions and automation of the collection of information on forestry		
Proponent	Kazakhstan	Registration No.	PP-2020-KZ-001

### 1. Project Profile

- a. Primary Target Area: AFoCO Strategic Priority 3  
"Introducing systematic management of forest-related disasters"
- b. Total budget: USD 953,277  
(AFoCO: USD 953,277 / National: USD 0)
- c. Project Duration: 4 years (2022-2025)
- d. Implementing Agency: Republican state enterprise "Kazakh Forestry Enterprise" of the Committee for Forestry and Wildlife

### 2. Objectives

- e. To conduct identification and mapping pilot inventory of the unaccounted forests in Kostanay and North Kazakhstan regions by the end of 2025
- f. To develop a fully functional digital program (software) on forest data management

### 3. Expected Outputs and Deliverables

- h. Unaccounted forests in Kostanay and North Kazakhstan regions are identified through map and ground for further including them to the State Forest Fund
  - In-house collected baseline data analyzed and digital images procured
  - Project stakeholders consulted through the meeting both in Kostanay and North Kazakhstan
  - Existing analyzed data validated in both Kostanay and North Kazakhstan regions
  - Field inventory conducted in Kostanay and North Kazakhstan regions
  - Data processed in Kostanay and North Kazakhstan regions
- i. Digital data management program implemented and integrated for data processing across the forest management institutions
  - Baseline data collected and analyzed
  - Software for data management is procured
  - Stakeholders consulted through workshop
  - Existing collected baseline data processed and draft version of data platform developed
  - Developed digital data management program is field-tested
  - Digital data management program users' manual developed together with the Committee of Forestry
  - Workshop for main users of the digital data management program is conducted
  - Digital data management program is launched in all forestries (*leshoz*)

### III. Project Proposal 3

Project Title	Ensuring Functioning of Cultural Ecosystem Services in an Urban Setting: Assimilating Nature for Forest Healing and Experiential Learning in Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center		
Proponent	Philippines	Registration No.	PP-2020-PH-002

#### 1. Project Profile

- a. Primary Target Area: AFoCO Strategic Priority 4  
“Promoting community forestry and sustainable use of forest resources”
- Secondary Target Area: “Promoting forest-based actions for climate change mitigation and adaptation”  
“Strengthening human and institutional capacities to enhance SFM”
- b. Total budget: USD 984,175  
(AFoCO: USD 705,000/ National: USD 279,175)
- c. Project Duration: 4 years
- d. Implementing Agency: DENR - Forest Management Bureau and Biodiversity Management Bureau

#### 2. Objectives

- e. To develop Payment for Ecosystem Services Scheme in NAPWC ;
- f. To assimilate nature in an urban setting and establish a healing forest and experiential learning promoting the contribution of forests and biodiversity to human health and well-being.
- g. To develop policy recommendations enhancing policies that promote cultural ecosystem services in an urban setting.

#### 3. Expected Outputs and Deliverables

- h. Valuation of ecosystem services completed
- i. Ecosystem services in urban forestry operationalized
- j. Arboretum improved and facilities established and forest healing and experiential learning programs developed
- k. Skills and capacities of personnel developed
- l. 5 Policies and/or guidelines relevant to the promotion of ecosystem services in urban forest developed

## IV. Project Proposal 4

Project Title	Improving local community's livelihoods and engagement in sustainable forest and land management in Thailand through Forest Landscape Restoration		
Proponent	Thailand	Registration No.	PP-2020-TH-001

### 1. Project Profile

- a. Primary Target Area: AFoCO Strategic Priority 1  
"Accelerating forest restoration with tailor made approaches to the local contexts"
- b. Total budget: USD 303,921 (AFoCO: USD 303,921/ National: USD 0)
- c. Project Duration: 3 years
- d. Implementing Agency: Land Development Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives

### 2. Objectives

- e. To increase forest coverage in the target areas through restoration and rehabilitation of degraded forest or degraded land by applying Restoration Opportunity Assessment Methodology and Forest Landscape Restoration.
- f. To promote sustainable land management in the agricultural sector and to develop a sustainable land use model to halt land degradation among beneficiaries in the target areas.
- g. To enhance capacity and engagement of local people, local authorities and relevant stakeholders in sustainable agriculture, sustainable land management and sustainable forest management.

### 3. Expected Outputs and Deliverables

- h. Forest cover in the target areas of approximately 480 hectares increased through restoration and rehabilitation of degraded forest or degraded land by applying Restoration Opportunity Assessment Methodology and Forest Landscape Restoration.
- i. Sustainable land management in the agricultural sector and sustainable land use model to halt land degradation among beneficiaries in the target areas promoted and practiced.
- j. Capacity and engagement of local people, local authorities and relevant stakeholders in sustainable agriculture, sustainable land management and sustainable forest management enhanced.

## V. Project Proposal 5

Project Title	Rehabilitation of degraded and potentially deserted forest land in the Northwest region of Viet Nam through application of integrated technical measures		
Proponent	Vietnam	Registration No.	PP-2020- VN-001

### 1. Project Profile

- a. Primary Target Area: AFoCO Strategic Priority 2  
“Promoting forest-based actions for climate change mitigation and adaptation”
- b. Total budget: USD 919,680  
(AFoCO: USD 799,680/ National: USD 120,000)
- c. Project Duration: 5 years (2022-2026)
- d. Implementing Agency: Research Institute for Forest Ecology and Environment (RIFEE)

### 2. Objectives

- e. To develop integrated technical measures corresponding to different degradation levels of forest land classified in the Northwest
- f. To establish and evaluate effectiveness of four models of degraded forest land rehabilitation in four Northwest provinces through application of integrated technical measures in combination with advanced scientific technology
- g. To compile technical guidelines on degraded forest land rehabilitation and policy briefs on sustainable management and use of degraded and potentially deserted forest land in the Northwest region
- h. To transfer techniques and awareness of project model establishment to relevant stakeholders

### 3. Expected Outputs and Deliverables

- h. Current status of forest land degradation surveyed and assessed; levels of degraded and potentially deserted forest land classified (Output 1)
- i. Integrated technical measures to rehabilitate degraded forest land in accordance with levels of degradation in 4 provinces of the Northwest region proposed (Output 2)
- j. Appropriate location for model established selected (Output 3)
- k. Rehabilitation models established, annually tended, protected and monitored (Output 4, 5)
- l. Soil erosion and the baseline data of project models monitored and evaluated (Output 6, 7, 8)
- m. Development of technical guidelines and policy briefs (Output 9)
- n. Training/capacity building and transfer results into production (Output 10)
- o. Communication, propaganda and dissemination of project results (Output 11).

## VI. Project Proposal 6

Project Title	Improved local community livelihoods through increased benefits from non-timber forests products (NTFP): Modeling scalable community-based enterprises in Asia		
Proponent	AFoCO Member countries	Registration No.	RP-2020-001

### 1. Project Profile

- a. Primary Target Area: AFoCO Strategic Priority 4  
“Promoting community forestry and sustainable use of forest resources”  
Secondary Target Area: “Strengthening human and institutional capacities to enhance SFM”
- b. Total budget: USD 4,000,000 (AFoCO: USD 4,000,000/ National: 0 )
- c. Project Duration: 5 years
- d. Implementing Agency: AFoCO Secretariat and Forest Department Agencies of Participating Countries

### 2. Objectives

- e. To promote nature-based and inclusive solutions to improve local community livelihoods and contribute to climate change adaptation through the development of country-specific, scalable and replicable Community-based NTFP Enterprise (CBNE) Models and Capacity Building.
- f. To improve income benefit capture from NTFPs for communities through research, value-addition, standards and certification and market access.
- g. To secure NTFP resource supply, balancing utilization and sustainable resource management, through increased knowledge and practice on NTFP Sustainable Harvesting Protocols (SHP), Resource Mapping & Monitoring (RMM), and Resource Enhancement Method and enabling policy.
- h. To foster an enabling environment for CBNEs through institutionalization of CBNE Development Extension support by building the capacity of government support providers, the creation and exchange of knowledge on CBNEs and NTFPs and policy recommendations.

### 3. Expected Outputs and Deliverables

- h. Strengthened capacity of Communities & Government Staff on NTFP business development and enterprise management and SRM
- i. Adaptive Business & SRM Plan for CBE developed
- j. Modeling & Documentation of the best practices on community-based NTFP enterprise developed
- k. CBNE Products Meet Market and National Standards
- l. Value-added NTFP products
- m. Market linkages established to facilitate marketing of NTFPs
- n. NTFP Sustainable Resource Management Knowledge Products & Pilot Models
- o. NTFP Sustainable Harvesting Protocols (SHP) Guidelines and Implementation Pilot Areas
- p. Action Research and Pilot on Resource Mapping & Monitoring and NTFP Enrichment (Natural Regeneration, Domestication / Cultivation)
- q. Regional and Country CBNE /NTFP Development Road Map
- r. CBNE Course & NTFP Information Hub (RETC & NTFP-EP Asia Partnership)
- s. Pilot CBNE Incubator & Marketing Center (Public-Private Partnership) (at least 1 country)
- t. Series of Knowledge Exchange & Policy Recommendation