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# MEKONG FLOODED FOREST (MFF) LANDSCAPE

## MONTHLY LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

WWF-Cambodia, Dec 2015 – Jan 2016

There have been no reports of dolphin mortality for two months, since WWF-Cambodia implemented the urgent law enforcement action plan in MFF



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The Country Director of WWF-Cambodia, Chhith Sam Ath, along with FiA presented the river guards with new law enforcement equipment in a ceremony in Kratie Province in January 2016

## 1. ENFORCEMENT PROGRESSES

### 1.1 Law Enforcement Technical Meeting

Two technical enforcement meetings conducted. As a result, an urgent law enforcement action plan to strengthen law enforcement in the first six months of 2016 developed. The meets attended by WWF-MFF staff and government counterparts and Senior Officials of Department of Fishery Conservation of FiA. The meetings were looking existing enforcement efforts and identifying challenges and issues, and then address key action points to be taken with first 6 months of 2016. See annex 1 of urgent law enforcement action plan.



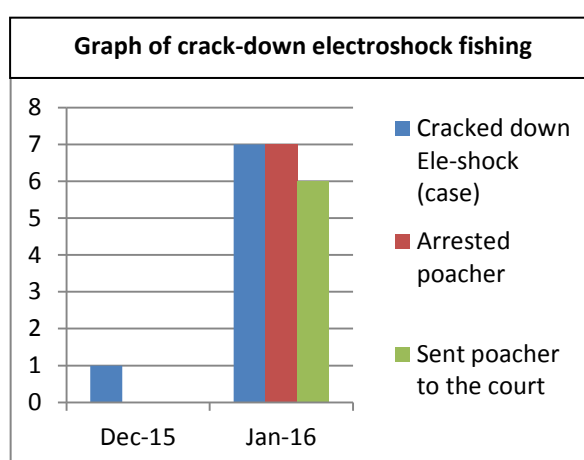
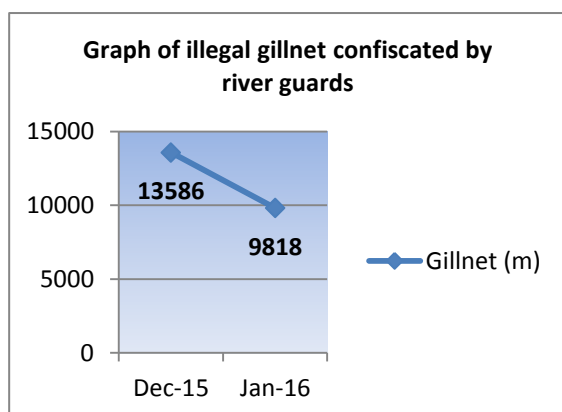
Law Enforcement Technical Meeting with FiA at WWF Phnom Penh Office

## 1.2 Patrol effort and achievement

Number of rigorous patrolling days at individual outpost increased from 11 patrolling days in December 2015 to 17 patrolling days in January 2016. Increasing of patrolling days of the river guards drove to decrease illegal gillnet in the river, while the number of confiscated gillnet decreased from 252 sets equalled to 13586m long in Dec-15 to only 136 sets equalled to 9818m long in Jan-16. In January 2016, there were 6 electroshock fishing poachers arrested and sent to the court.



Activity of joint patrol of river guards in Kratie



**Table of patrol effort and achievement in Dec-2015 and Jan-2016**

No	Activity	Dec-15	Jan-16
1	Number of patrol day conducted by 16 outposts (average for individual outpost)	11 days	17 days
2	Number of day of field visit and joint patrol led by provincial chief of river guards in two provinces (average for each province)	3 days	6.5 days
3	Total Confiscated gillnet (set)	252 sets	136 sets
4	Length of gillnet (m)	13586 m	9818 m
5	Total Confiscated hook-long-line (set)	18 sets	6 sets
6	Length of hook-long-line (m)	1080 m	547 m
7	Number of hook (hook)	677 hooks	330 hooks
8	Cracked down electroshock fishing (case)	1 case	7 cases
9	Confiscated electroshock tool (set)	1 set	3 sets
10	Confiscated engine-boat in case of electroshock (boat)	0	5 boats
11	Arrested poacher in case of electroshock (people)	0	7 people
12	Number of poacher successfully sent to the court and then to the jail in case of electroshock (people)	0	6 people
13	Number of poacher issued written warning to stop fishing illegally (people)	0	1 person
14	Educated fishermen to stop using illegal gillnet	35 people	32 people

### 1.3 Monthly Field Monitoring Trip

Two joint field monitoring trips to visit river guards at each outpost in Dec-15 and Jan-16 were conducted in Kratie and Stung Treng provinces by law enforcement officer and provincial chiefs of river in both Kratie and Stung Treng aimed to strengthen capacity of river guards and joining patrol with river guards, providing additional fuel, engine oil and GPS batteries for patrolling, providing per-diem for river guards who already patrolled in the previous months and collecting patrol reports and GPS waypoints from each outpost for producing Smart Report.



*Law Enforcement Officer visiting the river guards' outposts in Kampi pool*

### 1.4 Patrol equipment handover and burning gillnet ceremony

On 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016, WWF and FiA organized a ceremony to handover new uniforms and patrol equipment to river guards, participated by 44 participants. There were 68 river guard uniforms, and 7 walkie talkies, 21 torches, and 21 headlights were provided to river guards. After handover ceremony, illegal gillnet confiscated by river guards in 16 outposts of Kratie province was burned.



*Activities of equipment handover and illegal gillnet burning at Kampi river guards outpost, Kratie*

## 2. CONCLUSION

Overall, by implementing urgent enforcement action plan to strengthen law enforcement with ongoing support from WWF, the number of illegal gillnet in the river in Jan-16 was decreased compared to December 2015, while the capacity of river guards to crack down difficult case like electroshock fishing case has greatly improved. As per this conservation outcome, there was no dolphin mortality during period of December 2015 and Jan 2016. The team committed to continue effective law enforcement during this special season – low level of water is compared with other years.

### 3. ACTION PLAN FOR NEXT MONTH

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- Conduct regular patrol by river guards at each outpost, at least 15 patrol days for each outpost.
- Organize joint patrol of river guards led by provincial chief of river guards at each province;
- Conduct monthly field monitoring trip to visit and meeting with river guards at each outpost and joint patrol with river guards by Law Enforcement Officer and provincial chiefs of river guards in Kratie and Stung Treng
- Provide monthly patrol materials for river guards such as fuel, engine oil, GPS batteries, patrol data recording form
- Produce SMART Report
- Process the urgent patrol equipment purchasing including boats and engines
- Get approval on river guards internal rule for Stung Treng
- Develop intelligence network guideline



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# ANNEX-1

## Urgent Enforcement Action Plan

(December-May 2016)

No	Challenges/weaknesses	Action points	Responsible persons	Expected results	Timeframe					
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1	A number of days that Provincial Chiefs of River guards are spending along the river are limited	Provincial Chiefs of Rive Guards increase their field visit and patrolling to at least 10 days/month	Mr. Ponlork and Mr. Bora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monthly enforcement patrol plan of the chiefs of the river guards developed with at least 10 days per month</li> <li>- Monthly field monitoring and patrolling report developed with SMART report</li> </ul>	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	A numbers of enforcement patrols are under the Minimum Standard of Law Enforcement that requires at least 15 patrolling days/month (currently 10 days/month)	Increase a number of patrolling days to at least 15 days per month	Mr. Samnang, Mr. Ponlork and Mr. Bora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 15 patrolling days per month used for enforcement patrol (Meet the minimum law enforcement standard)</li> <li>- Monthly plan for enforcement patrol</li> </ul>		X	X	X	X	X
3	Lack of enforcement equipment for patrolling	Provide necessary equipment including boats, engines, torches..etc	Mr. Samnang	Clear list of equipment to be purchased		X	X			
4	Areas of illegal fish trade are at Kscah Leave, Koh Knhe, Ponchea, Sambo ferry, Koh	Request for intervention from the provincial governors and Director General of Fisheries Administration (FiA)	Governor Office, FiA Cantonments, National FiA	- # of meetings among relevant parties to address a problem	X	X				

	Dambong, and Rormual			- Reduced illegal fish trade at these specific areas by doing enforcement patrol campaigns						
5	Poor collaboration between river guards and community fisheries committee	Regular meeting between river guards and representatives of community fisheries	Mr. Ponlork, Mr. Bora, Mr. Samnang, Mr. Socheat and Mr. Kim Nich	- # of meetings and reporting, and action points to solve enforcement issues developed		x	x	x	x	X
		Implement joint enforcement patrol	Mr. Ponlork, Mr. Bora, Mr. Samnang, Socheat and Mr. Kim Nich	- # of joint enforcement patrols between representatives of CFi and RGs conducted		x	x	x	x	X
6	Some river guards are not permanently on duty at the outposts, and not active	Equip the outposts, kitchen supplies	Mr. Samnang	Outpost equipped with kitchen supplies		x	x	x	x	X
		Enforce the internal rule (chiefs of river guards closely monitor river guards' performance)	Mr. Ponlork & Mr. Bora	- Internal rule for the river guards in Stung Treng are in place and closely monitored - List of river guards' presence at the outposts with timesheets	X	x	x	x	x	X
		Finalize incentive system	National FiA	Incentive system to be applied			x			
		Increase DSA and support travel for FiA staff who are the Chiefs of River Guard Outposts from provincial level to join enforcement patrol	National FiA WWF	Formal rate of DSA to be approved and applied		x	x	x	x	X
7	Illegal fishing activities are strongly happening at certain areas including Anlung Prahko, Upstream of Kscah Makak, Koh Dambong, Ponchea and Koh Knhe, Ou Chrorlong, Tbong	Increase a number of patrols (both day and night times)	Mr. Ponlork & Mr. Bora	- At least 15 days per months (see output No. 2) - Increased # of patrolling days and standby at this areas		x	x	x	x	X
		Set up the provincial mobile patrol teams	Mr. Ponlork & Mr. Bora, Mr.	2 mobile teams set up (one for reach province)		x				

	Klah, Koh Konsat, Koh Santuk and areas from the top of Koh Srolay to the Stung Treng Ramsar Site and Anlung Cheuteal		Samnang								
		Develop enforcement plan for a mobile team	Mr. Ponlork & Mr. Bora	Monthly mobile team patrolling plan developed		X	X	X	X	X	
8	Poor collaboration with the Lao side	Join field visit between MFF Cam and Lao	Mr. Chandet & Mr. Samnang	One joint field visit conducted		X					
		Organize quarterly meeting	Mr. Chandet & Mr. Samnang	Two meetings between MFF-KH and MFF-LA conducted			X		X		
9	Lack of regular meeting among Provincial Chiefs of river Guards, Chiefs of Outposts and RGs	Organize quarterly meeting	Mr. Samnang, Mr. Ponlork and Mr. Bora	4 RGs meeting conducted		X	X	X	X	X	
10	Limited number of river guards at some outposts	Increase number to river guards	National FiA	A review of the river guards' structure discussed and decided		X	X				
11	Outposts at Keng Prasat, Anlung Korlbra and Koh Sampeay aren't yet constructed	Construct outposts	National FiA	At least one outpost constructed		X	X				