CAMBODIA

MISMANAGED NATURAL RESOURCES AND ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

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FOREST COVER CHANGE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Economic Land Concessions
  - 59 known concessions, 58 companies,
  - Total land of 943,069ha¹

- Extractive Industries
  - 74 known mineral concession licenses²
  - At least 9 in protected areas

- Hydropower Dams
  - 63 proposed projects (32 ≥10MW, 31<10MW)³
  - 4 under construction in or along protected area

- Timber Concessions
  - Superseded by the above

¹ Source: UNCOHCHR “Economic land concessions in Cambodia. A human rights perspective”
² Source: Oxfam America and MIME website
³ Source: International Rivers “Cambodia’s Hydropower Development and China’s Investment”
ELC’S
UNSUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Cambodia is a supplier of natural resources to its neighbours.
  - No added value
  - Limited investment opportunities
  - Limited low skilled employment creation
  - No contribution to poverty alleviation
  - Displacement, social and physical

- Not achieving MDG targets for
  - Forest cover or Poverty alleviation
GOVERNANCE

• Transparency and accountability
• Legislation
• Law enforcement
• Conflict interest and approaches between ministries and donors
• Development Priorities
  – short vs. long term
• Corruption
ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

- Plan to mitigate environmental and social impacts
- Exploit resources sustainably
- Smaller scale local production
  - Local food, local energy
- Market chain development for increased ownership
- Ecological services
- Climate change issues
  - CDM and REDD Solutions
  - Sustainable living alternatives
- Improved education and information
PREY LANG

LAST REMAINING LOWLAND DRY EVERGREEN FOREST
Snor Orn
Anlong Chrey
Dambork Sor
Romtom, Romoniy
Chey Saen
Saen
Current timber concession
KENETEC
Sandan, Mean
Rith
Terminated timber concession
DEVELOPMENT or THREATS
PREY LANG SOLUTION

COMMUNITY MANAGED
CONSERVATION CONCESSION

1. Advocacy
2. Acquire protection status or by-in from Gov
3. Concession Management
   - Functioning skilled management committee
   - Local sustainable exploitation, with community participation
   - Carbon financing potential - REDD