



PMCR (COASTAL AREA, KOH KONG PROVINCE)

The PMCR project is an action research initiative that began in 1997. It is dedicated to reversing the degradation of the coastal ecosystem via effective education, collaboration, resource conservation and learning-by-doing. A central tenet of this work is to promote rights, and to empower local people in the sustainable management of the coastal environment.

The core priorities that have guided the PMCR project activities include:

- ◆ Collect, identify, analyze and compile the learning/educational materials from the target resources centre for a wider audience.
- ◆ Develop effective and efficient mechanisms for further use of the identified materials for the beneficiaries of the target resource centers.
- ◆ Raise awareness of the importance of the natural environment within the context of local livelihoods and the sustainable use of resources.
- ◆ Encourage powerless people and work towards a gender balance in all activities
- ◆ Increase the sense of ownership and stewardship among national government, local authorities and local residents on sustainable use and management of natural resources.



This 3-year project (2008-2010) in Cambodia is a partnership between the Mangrove Action Project (MAP) Asia Regional Office in Thailand, the Cambodian Ministry of the Environment's Participatory Management of Coastal Resources of Cambodia (PMCR) office, and the local Cambodian NGO, Development and Appropriate Technology (DATE). This collaborative project aims to improve the well being of fishing communities, through improved conservation and management of natural resources, on which people's lives and livelihoods depend. MAP is overseeing the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the project while PMCR and DATE are the main implementing organizations. The McKnight Foundation provides funding for this second phase project.

Project Partners Program

The Mangrove Action Project (MAP) was formed in March 1992 by Alfredo Quarto upon returning to the USA from an investigative trip to Thailand and Malaysia to write about environmental issues in this rapidly developing part of the world. It was the destruction of the coastal mangrove forest by the rapidly expanding shrimp aquaculture industry and the struggle by the local coastal communities to protect their coastal resources and small-scale fishing livelihoods, which inspired MAP's work, focusing on the following :

- ◆ Advocacy
- ◆ Education & Awareness Raising
- ◆ Collaboration & Networking
- ◆ Conservation & Restoration
- ◆ Community-based Resource Management
- ◆ Alternative Community Development Initiatives

DATE (TONLESAP, KG CHHNANG PROVINCE)

The overall goal and corresponding objectives of this project seek to improve the livelihoods of the villagers through the promotion of innovation and conservation alternatives around the Tonlesap and in the coastal area, using the following specific activities:

- ◆ Improved cook stove for dissemination
- ◆ Fish smoke house
- ◆ Composting water hyacinth
- ◆ Charcoal production from *Mimosa pigra*
- ◆ Establishing used boat engine oil collection
- ◆ Flooded forest reforestation



Conservation of Coastal & Tonle Sap Resources



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