

PROGRESS REPORT IMPROVED COOKSTOVE DISSEMINATION AND FLOODED FOREST CONSERVATION

Location: Chhnok Tru Commune- Baribour Diistrict-Kg Chhnang Province- Cambodia

Duration: May- October 2005

Implemented by: Development & Appropriate Technology (DATE)

Supported by

1. Mangrove Action Project (MAP)
2. GLOBAL GREEN GRANTS FUND (GGF)
3. MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION
4. Ministry of Environment (Cambodian Government)

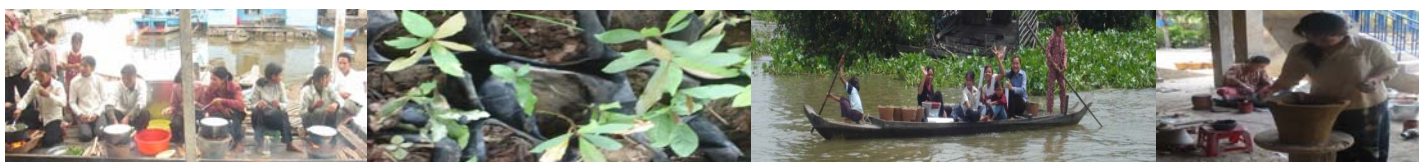
Background

Chhnok Tru hosts 1622 families. It is a flooded commune composed of 3 "floating villages" on the great lake TONLESAP, Kampong Chhnang province. Its traditionally supplies hundred thousand tons of fish to Kampong Chhnang province and Phnom Penh. The fisheries are particularly good because of a very dense FLOODED FORESTS, the perfect habitat for fishes and spawning.

But the community is destroying it: fuelwood for cooking, fish smoking, noodle production... or reclaim the FLOODED FOREST for farming. In just ten years, half of it has disappeared, causing serious concern among the community about fuel supply and fisheries in the near future.

With a great support from MAP, MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION, GREEN GRANTS FUND, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, DATE has extended the Improved Stove Dissemination, Flooded Forest Conservation and Natural resources management for year 2005.

To implement the project, DATE has constructed TONLESAP COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER which is supported by MAP and MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION that this center will used to mobilize the community in natural resources management as following objectives:



Objectives

Within two years there will be a floating centre operating in Chhnok Tru village that will be:

- contributing to reducing fuelwood use and achieving sustainable management of forest resources;
- an integral part of the Chhnok Tru community, providing a focus for sustainable development of the local community;
- regularly used by a broad range of members of the community;
- widely recognized within the community as a valuable community resource

Realization results

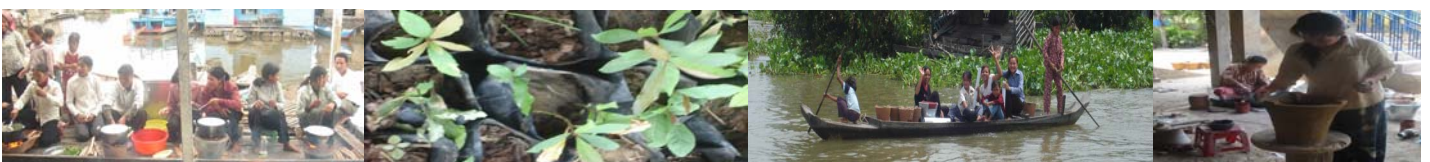
- The Center was constructed by 7 m*12m (wooden)
- The Center was constructed in July 2005, but still some more additional work have to be done such as, Toilet, Kitchen demonstrate.
- The being used for:
 1. Natural Resources management awareness program which is conducted by MoE in September 2005
 2. Improved Cookstove Dissemination and Awareness Program in September 2005
 3. Demonstration on Flooded Forest seedling through nursery July- Present
 4. Eco Friendly and good prelateship among the community
 5. Other promotion materials displayed

Problems faced

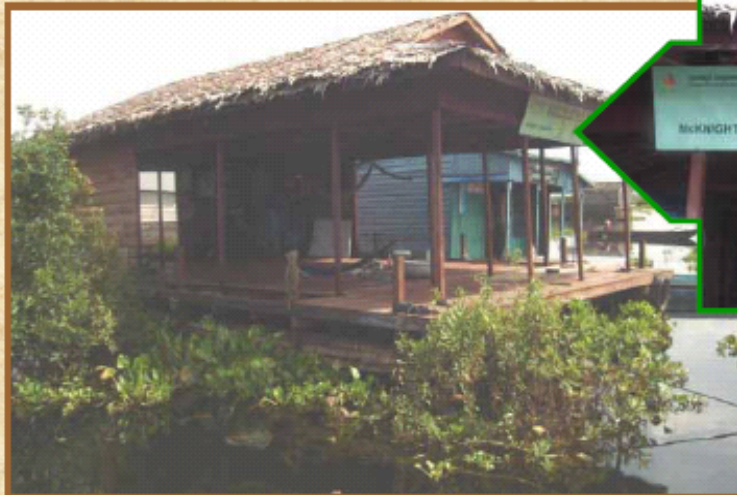
- Not many people at the community aware about the Center, and what is the purpose of the center.
- The management of the center is not managed by the group of the community yet(still under managing by DATE and Environment Department).

Recommendation

- The promotion about the Center should through the commune , including its objective, and others related maters
- The establishment of the management team for managing the center must ready ASAP.
- It really needed participatory from the community to develop planning for utilization of the center such as; topic of the training ,or meeting and other appropriate ways ...



TONLESAP COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER



Front view of the center

Back corner of exterior wall

Tonlesap Community Resource Center view from water



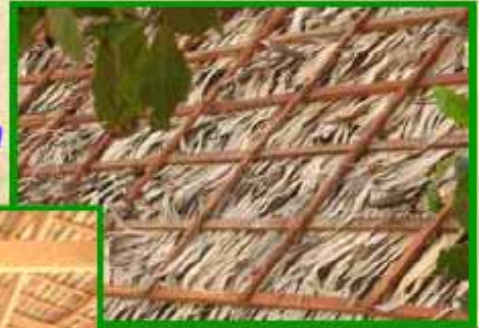
Bamboo for floating





Roof Inside

Roof Construction



Roof Outside



Above: Tonlesap Community Resource Center front view



Left: Flooded forest seedlings in nursery beside the center



Right: Wood floor

