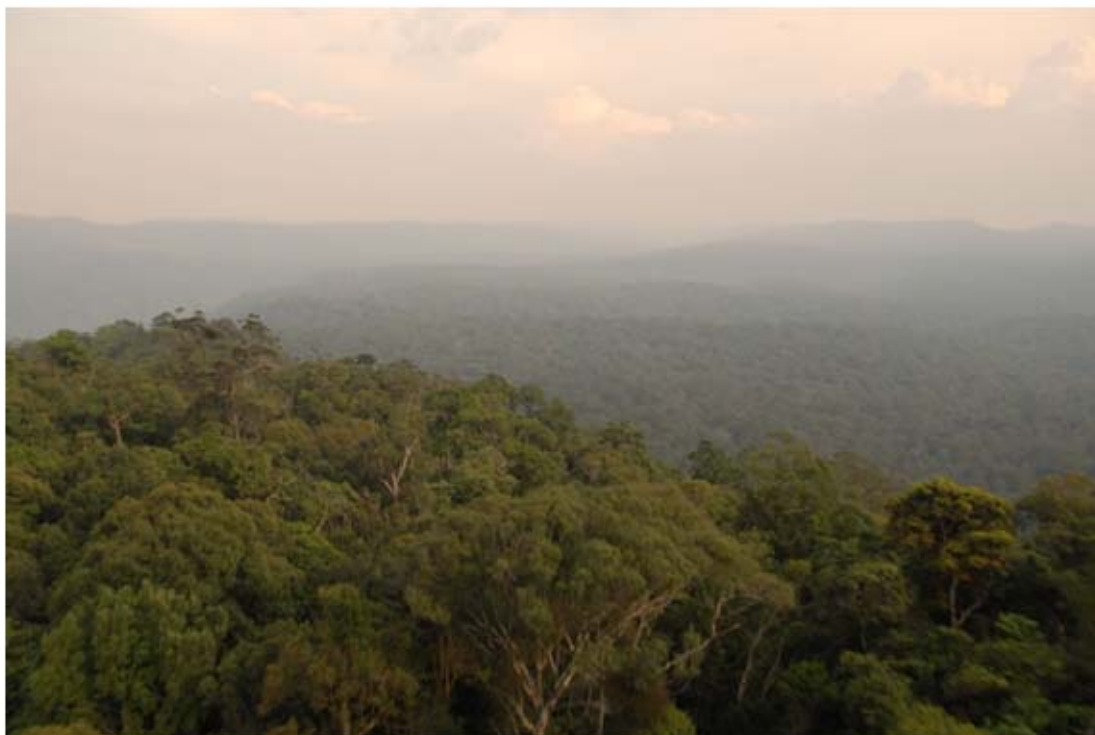


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Patrolling and enforcement

Park rangers who have enhanced the patrol system and improved their abilities through the CI project continue to conduct forest patrols in the CCMNP. With support from other private businesses, the project continued to provide replenishment of fuel, equipment, and various allowances necessary for 30 rangers to patrol CCMNP from six ranger stations.

The rangers patrolled 617 times from July 2020 through June 2021, covering 38,002 km. They arrested 9 individuals (with legal action taken in certain situations), confiscated 162 chainsaws and 19 guns, removed 1,573 snares and traps and destroyed numerous illegal hunting camps.



Rangers on patrol (left), Rangers confiscating bushmeat (right)
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Confiscated chainsaws (left), Rangers removing poaching traps (right)
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REDD+ Project Establishment

This year CI has begun the process of establishing a REDD+ project in CCMNP. With the Ministry of Environment and provincial environmental bureau at the core of this effort, this included the process of providing Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC)¹ and briefings on the project to members of local communities that are essential to the REDD+ project design, as well as conducting forest inventory surveys, and biodiversity baseline surveys. This REDD+ project

¹ FPIC refers to prior consent given based on free will with sufficient information provided. The idea is closely related to the rights of land use, which is a major issue in forest development and conservation. It is customary in Cambodia to obtain consent from at least 50% of the target community.

targets 24 villages. We are working with 24 stakeholder villages and are almost 80% finished with the FPIC process. We expect to move on to project validation and verification by mid-2023.



Suggestion box used as part of the Grievance Mechanism (left),
Briefing on the suggestion box given to community members (right)

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Community briefings as part of the process of REDD+ Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC)

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CCMNP Trust Fund

We did not withdraw funds this past year. We are now working to secure future funding sources by investing the interest portion as well.

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