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ACRONYMS

ADSDPP	Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development Protection Plan	IKSP	Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices
AEC	ASEAN Economic Community	ILO	International Labour Organization
APN	Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research	IP	Indigenous peoples
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations	IPO	indigenous peoples organization
ASFCC	ASEAN-Swiss Partnership on Social Forestry and Climate Change	IUCN NL	International Union for the Conservation of Nature - National Committee of The Netherlands
ASFN	ASEAN Social Forestry Network	NATRIPAL	Nagkakaisang Tribu sa Palawan (Philippines)
AIPP	Asian Indigenous Peoples Pact	NCCA	National Commission for Culture and the Arts
BC	Borneo Chic	NCIP	National Commission on Indigenous Peoples
CBHE	Community-based honey enterprises	NFP	National Forestry Program
CBNE	Community-based NTFP enterprises	NGO	Non-governmental organization
CBO	Community-based organizations	NGP	National Greening Program
CEPA	Culture and Environment Preservation Association	NTFP	Non-timber forest products
CIPA	Cambodia Indigenous Peoples Alliance	PaFF	Partners for Forestry and Fisheries (Cambodia)
CLAPS	Community Livelihood Appraisal and Product/Resource Scanning	PAWB	Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau
CMCC	CustomMade Crafts Center	PFHN	Philippine Forest Honey Network
CSR	Corporate social responsibility	PGS	Participatory Guarantee System
CSO	Civil society organization	PRM	Participatory Resource Monitoring
DENR	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	PTFCF	Philippine Tropical Forest Conservation Foundation, Inc.
EA	Ecosystem Alliance	RECOFTC	The Center for People and Forests
EU	European Union	REDD	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation
EXCEED	Expanding Community Enterprise and Economic Development	RSPO	Roundtable for Sustainable Palm oil
FA	Forestry Administration	SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization	SHG	self-help groups
FFI	Fauna and Flora International	SEI	Stockholm Environmental Initiative
FHCM	Forest Honey Collective Mark	SIE	Southern Institute of Ecology (Vietnam)
FMB	Forest Management Bureau	TEK	Traditional Ecological Knowledge
FPIC	Free and Prior Informed Consent	UNDRIP	United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
FPRDI	Forest Products Research and Development Institute	USAID	United States Agency or International Development
FRA	Forest Rights Act	UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council	WGII	Working Group on ICCAs in Indonesia
GEF SGP	Global Environment Facility Small Grants Program	WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature
ICCA	Indigenous Peoples' Local Communities and Community Conserved Territories and Areas		
IIED	International Institution for Environment and Development		





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Chairperson of the
Board of Trustees

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The year 2015 started with discussions on the NTFP-EP roles and strategies in the region, undertaken with country networks having organizational and partner-wide workshops and meetings. Preparations actually commenced in 2014 with inputs from the Board, management as well as staff and partners. The output was the NTFP-EP strategic plan for the period 2016-2019.

It was heartwarming to see the staff from different country offices expressing their commitment to a single vision for NTFP-EP within the themes of community-based conservation, indigenous food and health, tenure rights and governance, and sustainable community livelihoods for the indigenous and tribal groups that we work with.

While the NTFP-EP strategic plan was being finalized, the organization continued to make a mark in various events organized at the regional and international platforms such as the World Forestry Congress, the ASEAN Social Forestry Network (ASFN) conference, among others.

In 2015, we welcomed a new Board of Trustees member, Mr. Jeremy Ironside, who is based in Cambodia. We welcomed as well as new Executive Director, Ms. Femy Pinto who have worked with NTFP-EP since 2007. She took on this new role after winding up her commitments as the NTFP-EP Mekong Region Coordinator.

NTFP-EP concluded a number of projects for the year that were simultaneously implemented in Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines, with a combined funding of 1,697,304 euros. Such support provided by our donors and partners like Both ENDS, Ecosystems Alliance, European Union, ICCO Cooperation, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), International Union for the Conservation of Nature - National Committee of the Netherlands (IUCN NL), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC) has enabled our organization to contribute towards the improvement of well-being of women and men and their families in our partner communities. We extend our appreciation for our donors' continuing trust and partnership.

We are also delighted to see Expanding Community Enterprise and Economic Development (EXCEED), NTFP-EP's regional training and advisory programme, run two successful paid courses in Indonesia and the Philippines.

Most of all, we continue to be grateful for our continuing partnerships with forest-based communities and their support groups in the NTFP-EP country networks. They always enrich us with their local knowledge and inspire us with their efforts toward uplifting their situation while struggling to conserve the environment. Through these partnerships, we were able to support over 15 Indigenous Peoples' Local Communities and Community Conserved Territories and Areas (ICCAs) in Indonesia, including the Borong Karamaka or sacred forests of suku Kajang in Bulukumba, South Sulawesi.

We look forward to a more invigorating year ahead and your continued support in our journey toward empowering forest-dependent communities, so that they benefit from sustainable forests and ecosystems while preserving their knowledge and cultural traditions.

WHO WE ARE

About a hundred million people living in and around forests in South and Southeast Asia depend on NTFPs for their subsistence and cash income. NTFPs and NTFP-derived products such as furniture, honey, varnish, beeswax candles, and herbal medicine are necessities in urban centers too.

However, communities often have no access to strategic information, practical technology, and financial support to make viable enterprises. A handful of organizations that saw the link between sustainable use of forest resources and economic development for indigenous peoples (IPs) and forest communities started helping these communities, and the Non-Timber Forest Products-Exchange Programme for South and Southeast Asia (NTFP-EP) sprung from the need for these groups to come together.

The NTFP-EP is a collaborative network of over 60 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) working with forest-based communities to strengthen their capacity in the sustainable management of natural resources in Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Vietnam.

WHAT WE DO

For centuries, communities in the region have been using traditional ecological systems, knowledge, and practices to protect forestlands, which have in turn provided them with their basic needs. Our shared goal is to promote forest conservation through the empowerment of forest-dependent communities and the sustainable management of NTFPs.

Employing a participatory strategy, NTFP-EP helps strengthen the capacity of forest-based communities and their support organizations by serving as a platform for information and knowledge exchange of appropriate resource management and forest based livelihood techniques and experiences. The network also provides technical support and training, assistance in strategy formulation, documentation of best practices and success stories, mobilization of resources, advocacy for local initiatives, and lobbying efforts for enabling policies.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The year saw 196 nations coming together and signing the Paris Climate Accord, a commitment to cut the rise in global temperatures by reducing emissions of heat-trapping gases in their respective countries. While commitments are non-binding, the agreement can bring green issues into greater focus within country development plans, particularly for developing Asian countries which are directly affected by the effects of climate change.

2015 is also the year when the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) came into effect. Covering over 622 million people with diverse cultures, the region translates to a market of US\$ 2.6 trillion annually, although the actual impact of the AEC remains to be seen. Meanwhile, growth in Asia maintained a steady pace with Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at 6.1%. As the region's second largest economy, India's performance, together with most members of the ASEAN, helped to balance the gradual deceleration of China's economy.

In the face of these global and regional developments, NTFP-EP through its mission, renewed its commitment to give voice to the forest communities, and catalyze their empowerment by organizing and participating in various network activities.

The 3rd Madhu Duniya or Forest Honey Festival was held in late April in Cambodia and brought together the largest gathering of Asian forest honey producers, specialists and enthusiasts from Indonesia, India, Nepal, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Philippines to share knowledge, updates, and success stories. The 5-day event included an exhibit and field visit, as well as the launch of the Forest Harvest Collective Mark (FHCM), a joint initiative to uphold the high standards and protocols of honey harvesting.

NTFP-EP also actively participated in the World Forestry Congress held last September in Durban, South Africa through a side event which highlighted forest products, foods and fashion, and crafted the pre-congress joint statement "Building momentum for community-based forestry, and forest and farm producer organizations." This statement contributed to the Durban Declaration 2050 which carried the message that forests are critical for the food security of the people, and that investing in both the forests and people will ultimately achieve sustainable development, mitigate climate change and address food insecurity and poverty.

The beginning of the year was a time to work on a new strategic plan for the next four years. Held in Vietnam, participants came from all the countries where the network operates. 2015 also saw a new Executive Director and Operations Director for the Asia office, and new Programme, Finance and Enterprise Coordinators for the Cambodia office. One of the founding Trustees, and former Chairperson, Ms. Snehlata Nath stepped down from the Board, and we welcomed a new member to the Board of Trustees. NTFP-EP Asia's Executive Committee and Fundraising Committee were activated, and soon an Advisory Group will be established. NTFP-EP Philippines greeted the new year as a legally registered organization with its own board of trustees. The Indonesia and Malaysia offices, also moved to larger offices in Bogor and Miri respectively, in order to address the requirements for more strategic and spacious facilities to accommodate the growing number of staff. At the same time we also welcomed two new additions into the NTFP-EP Malaysia Board of Trustees.

1 <http://www.asean.org/asean-economic-community/>

THEMATIC OUTCOMES





COMMUNITY-BASED CONSERVATION

At the strategic planning in January, staff, board members and partners of NTFP-EP renamed the Conservation and Resource Management programme into Community-based Conservation to clarify that communities are at the center of any conservation strategy or project. Agreed outcomes for any programme were effective community-based ecological monitoring; revitalized traditional ecological knowledge (TEK); restored, protected and managed community forests; and applied sustainable NTFP harvest practices.

Region-wide work continued on forest management, with support to communities in the Philippines and Malaysia in mapping, delineating and land use planning activities. Reforestation and rehabilitation initiatives continued in 4 countries. In the Philippines, the youth has also been involved in monitoring their forest in one community and are actively engaged in shifting cultivation and other environmental issues in another community. In Malaysia, there have been TEK workshops to pass these on to the youth, and to build their capacity to be the next generation of community leaders.

Species-specific work also continued, particularly in standardizing harvest practices for Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) certification of rattan in Indonesia, conserving velvet tamarind (*Dialium cochinchinensis* Pierre) in Vietnam, and implementing resource management plans for resin trees in the

Philippines. Standardization of honey harvest practices have been brought to the regional level with the creation of the FHCM, which was launched during the Madhu Duniya festival.

Training modules were developed based on the book *Steps to Sustainable and Community-Based Resource Management* by Dr. Mary Stockdale. They were pilot-tested to staff and partners, and applied during a week-long training in collaboration with RECOFTC. Training modules on Forest Protection, Livelihood and Natural Resource Management were published in Cambodia and used as guide books by staff and community members.

NTFP-EP played a more crucial role in the ICCA Consortium's work in Southeast Asia, becoming the coordinator and hub for the region. A Regional Learning Network resulted from an exchange and capacity building event hosted in Indonesia with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP) and the Working Group on ICCAs in Indonesia (WGII). In the Philippines, site-based support to documentation continued in three provinces. In Cambodia, there has been growing interest following an orientation to staff, who have since carried the ICCA movement forward with their other activities even with no funding support. A paper on ICCAs for sustainable and equitable development in Indonesia was presented during the World Forestry Congress.



INDIGENOUS FOOD & HEALTH

More focus was given to wild foods and health in 2015, with emphasis on engaging the indigenous youth. Partners in India had learning meetings on wild foods, while staff and partners from across the region went on a training on documenting wild foods in Tamil Nadu, India. Participants learned from Indian colleagues the importance of wild foods and their cultural and nutritional values compared to cultivated foods. Simple methods in identification and documentation of plants were taught, as well as how to compare with literature of plant taxonomy. Recognizing cycles and patterns in nature as seen by indigenous communities was also discussed.

Community partners were inspired to pursue documentation of wild foods in their area, focusing on nutritional aspects, and particularly with the younger generations of their communities. As an outcome, the training was echoed to 9 villages in Cambodia. Youth leadership and forest food workshops were also held in 8 villages in Malaysia, where documentation of forest foods has produced a draft pictorial guide to 63 species. Rehabilitation of sago has

been an ongoing effort, but this year wild fruit was added to the nurseries.

A food restoration festival was held in the Philippines, with the elders sharing their traditional resource management practices and the wild foods they used to eat. In another community, efforts geared towards recognizing the role of indigenous healers in primary health care, starting with the formation of a healers' group. Another culture and food festival was held in Indonesia with participants from Malaysia and India. This exchange enabled a transfer of capacity to staff and community members to start documenting their wild foods.

Planning and preparatory meetings were held for the research and writing of the book "*Coming Home to the Forest for Food*" which will highlight indigenous food and its preparation. The book will enhance understanding of the forest as the last frontier for food security, not just of forest-dependent communities but also of the swelling human population in Asia.



TENURE RIGHTS & GOVERNANCE

Securing tenure rights and improving governance were key themes in regional and global fora on forest and sustainable development in 2015.

At the regional level, NTFP-EP continues to provide platforms and opportunities for communities, community-based organizations and non-government organizations to discuss, distill, plan and push for actions to strengthen tenure and instill good governance approaches in forest management. A bigger ASFN CSO Forum met in Inle Lake in Shan State, Myanmar in June, this time with human rights and farmers' organizations participating for the first time. Among the recommendations of the ASFN CSO forum to ASEAN governments are to recognize the diversity of tenure system, and the importance of granting locally determined tenure rights supported by the appropriate legal instrument.

NTFP-EP Philippines hosted the meeting of the Global Alliance of Community Forestry Asia in Manila in July. The outcome was the Manila Declaration, setting a common standard of achievement in the pursuit of fair and equal rights for all forest-dependent communities. These regional outcomes were put forward to shape the common agenda on social forestry and social justice. These were also subsequently used to influence results of the 14th World Forestry Congress, and the 21st session

of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP21).

At the country level, important progress on forest tenure rights and governance have been taking place in Vietnam, Nepal, Cambodia and Philippines, where governments are assessing tenure system using the FAO Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Land, Fisheries and Forests. In Cambodia, NTFP-EP takes the lead in reviewing and assessing status and gaps of forest tenure policies under a FAO Technical Cooperation Project. The Assessment showed that strengthening tenure policy coherence, coordinated enforcement, and participatory and bottom up processes, are crucial to ensure livelihoods improvement for local people.

In the Philippines, NTFP-EP hosted a series of sub-national and national policy dialogues. In these dialogues, communities met with relevant government agencies on issues such as ancestral domain titling, forest land use planning, NTFP permitting and traditional resource use and management. In addition, the country office also showcased their own best practices and roadblocks in applying for Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) process for their projects and published the documentation.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY LIVELIHOODS

Honey and resin value chains were the focus of support in 2015. Forest honey standards were developed regionally and used as basis for pilot testing of the FHCM, which is also a new market mechanism for partners to collectively promote NTFP products.

New products developed for the honey value chain included new variants of honey soap, liquid soap, shampoo, and hand and body lotion. The formulas for honey vinegar, wine and honey lemon tea are still being perfected. The Asian regional forest honey conference Madhu Duniya was organized by NTFP-EP and partners. Support has also been in searching for loan guarantees for forest honey producers.

For the resin value chain, a regional conference “Resins on the Rise” held in Manila, Philippines involved 6 countries. It was co-organized with the Forest Products Research and Development Institute (FPRDI) and the ASFN network. The conference highlighted NTFP policy concerns and shared resin standards and market channels. Product developments on fire starters and varnish were done in Cambodia.

In Indonesia, one of the highlights was the mobilization of a sustainable livelihoods fair, PARARA, that drew 3,000 consumers involving products from over 100 local communities. The Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) certified rattan simulation from Central Sulawesi to a UK buyer has also started. India partners likewise supported PGS work for NTFPs and farm-based products.

Indonesia’s Green intermediary, Borneo Chic, started

its fashion line. Good hand-woven textile GTP/GHP 2 standards and practice were developed for Indonesia and Philippines, while orientations and lobby with government and other stakeholders continue.

The Malaysia programme supported village level *Community Livelihood Appraisal and Product/Resource Scanning* (CLAPS) training in Sarawak for the Penan. They also started the community-based crafts enterprise there.

Product development and marketing continues in the Philippines with products including indigo, resin, forest honey, eco-textiles, essential oils, crafts and forest food in the form of teas, juices, fruits, taro, and wild banana. Promotional support from local telecommunications giant Globe Philippines capped off the year!

Cambodia focused on livelihood appraisals, product scanning on industry studies, and market research for several NTFPs including fish, bamboo, resin and eco-tourism products. NTFP-EP Cambodia also brought to national level the agenda of promoting community-based NTFP enterprises and green economy in the 1st National Community-based NTFP Enterprise (CBNE) Forum, in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment and the Forestry Administration. NatureWild, NTFP-EP Cambodia’s green intermediary and marketing arm was also registered as an independent limited company with the Ministry of Commerce.

The enterprise table summarizes outcomes of NTFP-EP support to CBNEs in each of the country network.

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES	NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED		AREAS COVERED	NTFPS USED	SALES
		WOMEN	MEN			
CAMBODIA	60	431	1415	10 provinces	resin, honey, rattan, bamboo, natural dyes, eco-tourism, fish sauce, fish processing, palm, soap nut, leperonia leaf (<i>Sleuk Anchort</i>), palm leaves	€ 104,468.30
INDIA	126 enterprises, 3 producer company, 11 producer groups, 31 SHGs, 3 co-operatives, 2 village level federation	12,878	2,094	451	amchur, amla, arrow root, bahada, bamboo & cane, bees wax, bel, cane, chir onji, chakunda, custard apple, fibre products, fish, golden grass, gums & resins, honey, harida, honey & bees wax, jamun, kalmegh, chebula (fruits), karanj, karanj oil, kusum oil, kendu leaf, kokum, kokum ghee, mahua flower, mahua oil & seeds, mango, nannari, neem oil, jatropha, mushroom, nux vomica, podapathri, phoenix brooms, punwad, sal leaf, shikakai, siali Leaf, sugandhi, tamarind, tippateega, tuber & mushroom, soapnut + organic agriculture produce, wate pudi	€ 489,897
INDONESIA	41	499	1690	33 villages	rattan, water reed, leaf fiber, bamboo, natural dyes, honey, and honey products, seeds, bamboo, rattan, pandan	€ 88,873.20
MALAYSIA	4	30	2	4 districts	pandanus, rattan, seeds (variety), fern stems	€ 175
PHILIPPINES	45 CBNEs & 6 Local Marketing Centers	899	750	12 provinces	<i>Indigofera tinctoria</i> , almaciga resin, forest honey (<i>Apis dorsata</i> & <i>trigona</i>), eco-textiles (abaca, piña, cotton), forest food (guyabano, wild citrus, passion fruit, taro, wild banana, tomato, nipa), essential oil (lemon grass, citronella), rattan, nito, pandan	€ 238,574.00 CBNEs sales/ € 139,141 CustomMade Crafts Center sales



COUNTRY REPORTS

CAMBODIA

NTFP-EP Cambodia hosted the 3rd Madhu Duniya or Honey World Festival held from Apr 27 – May 1 at Phnom Penh and Monduliri Province. They organized the event with World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), NatureWild, Cambodian Federation for Bee Conservation, Community-based Honey Enterprises (CBHEs) and other NGO partners.

The 1st National Forum of Community-based NTFP Enterprise (CBNE) held May was co-financed by United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Both ENDS, IKEA, Sida, World Vision, SDC and MacArthur Foundation. The forum objective was to discuss the progress made by community stakeholders and their partners towards sustainable forest management, while improving socio-economic capacities through CBNE participation and development.

Under the tenure rights and governance theme, the National Inception Workshop on Strengthening Forest Tenure for Sustaining Livelihoods and Generating Income was organized last May. Among its action points were 2 assessments carried out by the FA and FAO with technical support from NTFP-EP. The results were presented to gather feedback and suggestions to create better strategies in addressing identified policy and capacity gaps. A first Training of Trainers course was also conducted in September, which introduced the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of Food Security.

Through the ASEAN-Swiss Partnership on Social Forestry and Climate Change (ASFCC) partnership, Provincial Community Forestry Programme Coordination Committees were established in 6 provinces. These committees were formed to support the implementation of the National Forestry Programme (NFP) and reinforce cooperation with partners and other stakeholders. A National Advocacy Conference was co-organized as one

of the members of the NGO Forum in Cambodia to strengthen existing mechanisms of land conflict resolution, improve good governance on land and natural resource management, and contribute to respecting human rights and sustainable livelihoods.

Participatory CLAPS assessment was conducted in July, and ICCA/barefoot ecology/wild foods training in October in 9 villages. Modules on forest protection, livelihood and rights to natural resources were developed between August to November and applied to 6 targeted villages. The IP women network from 8 provinces were mobilized and linked with others from Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand to form the Indigenous Women Network in the Mekong region.

Meanwhile, the Cambodia Indigenous Peoples Alliance (CIPA) held its first General Assembly in Ratanakiri province in December with participants from 12 different provinces. Phase 1 of the Partners for Forestry and Fisheries (PaFF) in Kratie and Stung Treng provinces was implemented jointly by WWF, RECOFTC, Culture and Environment Preservation Association (CEPA) and with NTFP-EP as lead implementer. There was also a Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Response (CCA/DRR) capacity workshop conducted in 4 communes to assess risks and develop adaptation options and strategies. In October, a bamboo value chain assessment and product development was conducted to identify the potential of bamboo for enterprise development. In November, a PaFF socio-economic baseline survey was started in the target sites in the 2 provinces.

NatureWild, the marketing arm to NTFP-EP Cambodia, was registered as an independent limited company. Its Board of Directors was set up, chaired by NTFP-EP, and composed of 4 other members from the private sector and NGOs with social enterprise backgrounds.



INDIA

NTFP-EP India worked with the Telengana state government for a restoration project and the sale of native plant species. Under this project, some 30,000 plants were transported to Telengana from Tamil Nadu PHCC nurseries. There was also collaboration with the Chhattisgarh government for a joint publication of a wild plant food booklet and the high school syllabus for environmental studies.

Under the Both ENDS Communities of Change programme, training of partners were as follows: Gram Swaraj, Odisha about CRF rights for villages in Simlipal region; Lok Panchayat, Maharashtra regarding sustainable harvesting of honey and some NTFPs; Vikasa, Andhra Pradesh about Forest Rights Act (FRA) and how this can be used to protest against granite quarrying in the region; and Wild Foods/Health/ Nutrition workshop in Tamil Nadu hosted by Keystone Foundation. Over the past year, thematic initiatives on wild forest foods, as well as on health and nutrition in tribal communities, have received much interest from all the partners. In this regard, the Keystone training became a regional meeting with participants from the other countries including Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and Cambodia.

There were joint efforts between the NTFP-EP partners and the Ecosystem Alliance³ partners in the areas of conservation and advocacy, with the annual meeting of NTFP-EP bringing together the members from both groups. Funds and small grants were also made available to all the groups, depending on their needs.

Another high point for NTFP-EP India was the Paul K. Feyerabend award given to one of its senior members, Damodar Kashyap from Bastar, Chhattisgarh. The former Executive Director of the NTFP-EP, Ms. Maria Cristina Guerrero, traveled to Bastar to hand over the plaque to Mr. Kashyap in a small ceremony hosted by the local community.

Continuing with the efforts to expand the network to newer partners and areas, the annual NTFP-EP India meeting held in October in Bhubaneswar invited groups working in Rajasthan and in northern Uttar Pradesh. This may lead to a newer range of exchanges of ideas and expertise. The year also saw the first publication of a network newsletter, *Leaf Litter*, which will be a mouthpiece for the partners' field experiences, news about forest and tribal peoples' affairs, and a space to showcase the network's initiatives and ideas.

3 consortium of IUCN NL, Both ENDS and Wetlands International



INDONESIA

NTFP-EP Indonesia's highlights for 2015 include the sustainable livelihoods and local economy festival called PARARA, "Panen Raya Nusantara" or the Great Harvest of the Archipelago. This event organized with 22 NGOs supporting 108 local communities brought the issue of local, sustainable products to urban Jakarta in the face of liberalization and globalization. Over 3,000 consumers graced the 2-day event. Currently, NTFP-EP Indonesia is designing the PARARA business model for ongoing support to community producers after bi-annual festivals.

Accomplishments in 2015 also include the successful formation of the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) Rattan National Council, as well as the formation of the Sigi District PGS Unit in Central Sulawesi with rattan gatherers from village forest farmers trained on sustainable rattan (ROLES). This was done with the assistance of new local partner, Perkumpulan Imunitas. Other enterprise initiatives include natural dye trainings for hand-woven eco-textiles in Kalimantan. Enterprise experiences were also shared with NTFP-EP Malaysia, through support to their local craft enterprise in Sarawak, and as a resource person in a Sabah Social Forestry meeting.

The Crafts Kalimantan marketing arm, Borneo Chic, also continued to make headway with a successful second participation at the International Folk Art Market (IFAM) in the US. Its first fashion collection with runway exposure both in Indonesia and South Africa was also launched this year. Borneo Chic also not only doubled sales since the last year, but also improved its profitability.

In the field of community conservation, NTFP-EP supported the Working Group on ICCAs in Indonesia (WGII) in collaboration with the ICCA Consortium and GEF SGP to organize a regional workshop on ICCAs. The workshop was attended by 6 Asian countries, and resulted in national strategies on ICCA development for each.

NTFP-EP Indonesia also led a multiple benefits / economic valuation study in Danau Sentarum, Kapuas Hulu in partnership with Riak Bumi and Stockholm Environmental Institute (SEI), showing that ecosystem values should be strongly considered in sustainable development planning.

NTFP-EP Indonesia supported a culture and food festival in Punan Adiu village in Malinau, North Kalimantan province. Malaysia and India representatives were also present at the event. Documentation of wild foods in Punan Adiu continues in partnership with the local NGO, LP3M.

NTFP-EP Indonesia also successfully supported GIZ-BIOCLIME in identifying and developing community NTFP enterprises in South Sumatera province, especially within the local government's forest management unit (KPH).

This year, NTFP-EP Indonesia moved to a NTFP-EP Indonesia as it moved to a larger office in the lush city of Bogor. It was capped with a celebration with distinguished guests and partners.



MALAYSIA

NTFP-EP Malaysia continued its ongoing support to rehabilitation of sago and rubber seedlings in 4 Penan villages in Apoh Tutoh, Baram area in Sarawak. Seedling development and replanting of wild jackfruit (*Artocarpus hirsutus*) and tampoi (*Baccaurea macrocarpa*) were also conducted. Serious interest in rehabilitation was especially observed with the semi-nomadic and nomadic Penan. Land use mapping is being conducted in Ba Marong and Long Siang areas where communal forests have been identified and further GIS mapping is planned.

In 2015, the focus has been on the youth, specifically in building the capacity of the next generation of community leaders. Youth leadership and forest food workshops were conducted in 8 villages. Workshops on reviving traditional ecological knowledge have also been conducted with the youth. Documentation of forest food, with support from NTFP-EP India, resulted in a draft pictorial guide on 63 documented species.

A Community Livelihood and Product resource Scanning (CLAPS) workshop was held at Long Iman and Batu Bungan. It was attended by 26 artisans from 2 villages. Strong potential is observed for the development of a community based craft enterprise in the area.

Engagement with the Sabah government has led to the

landmark establishment of the Sabah Social Forestry Working Group along with other CSO members such as Pacos, JOAS, LEAP, and Ridge to Reef along with the Sabah Forestry Department. The scope and functions of the group have been laid out and agreed by all parties. A workshop on forest *tagal*⁴ and community-based enterprise was conducted early in the year. Joint research with CSO members and government counterparts on promoting forest *tagal* to conserve land and forest began in 2015.

In further developing community and partners capacity to engage government agencies and the legislative process, rights-based paralegal trainings were conducted in partnership with local NGOs.

NTFP-EP Malaysia has also taken steps to critically respond to, and engage private sector in efforts to reduce industry impact on indigenous communities. Oil palm companies were provided inputs regarding corporate social responsibility policies in Sabah and Sarawak. NTFP-EP continues to monitor certification processes within a logging concession, ensuring that communities are well aware of the process and its implications so they can decide collectively. In partnership with local NGOs, a training on Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standards and structures was conducted for staff, partners and communities.

4 ‘Tagal’ is the local generic terminology in Sabah for a traditional land use practice that has been implemented by indigenous communities based on culture and traditional knowledge of their environment and passed down from generation to generation. ‘Tagal’ in the local language mean prohibition and it is to ensure that natural resources including forest, riverines, gardens, etc. are sustainably managed and used.



PHILIPPINES

NTFP-EP Philippines started the year as an independent organization, with 15 members and its own Board of Trustees providing governance and direction.

Indigenous communities in 2 provinces were given support in their ancestral domain claims and management plan review. The Palaw'an were also supported in lobbying with their local government to review policies against their traditional shifting cultivation systems. The youth of Amas, Brooke's Point were involved in this and other environmental issues. Involvement of the youth in other communities has also increased. Hamog, the youth group of Impasugong, Bukidnon, organized forest walks and started running their own enterprise. Weaving traditions were passed on to the youth of Ifugao, Bukidnon, Aklan and Lake Sebu through trainings and enterprise activities. An Aeta Food Restoration Festival was conducted in Tarlac, where young and old discussed and prepared traditional forest food and reflected on plans for the future. In Guimaras, the Ati Healers Working Group was established to recognize their role in primary health care.

For 2015, NTFP-EP Philippines supported 112 has. of reforestation areas in 3 provinces, one including abaca. The conservation plan of the ICCAs in General Nakar was integrated in their ADSDPP. Mapping of 8 sacred areas was supported in Bukidnon, while mapping in Palawan has started. Sustainable harvesting protocols were agreed for almaciga resin and forest honey. To ensure compliance, marketing arms purchased only good quality honey and resin. The Philippine Forest Honey Network (PFHN) increased its membership from 502 to 670, agreed on forest

honey standards, and decided that marketing will be done with traceability in mind. Laboratory testing and nutritional analysis were conducted for 2 samples, and product labels were upgraded. Almaciga harvesters in Palawan increased from 242 to 532. However, permitting issues affected proper function of enterprises, so support was provided for a Municipal Working Group on Almaciga to address these.

Case studies and recommendations were published and presented to relevant government agencies assessing the Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) guidelines instituted by the government. As an advocacy on REDD plus, case studies on benefit sharing were also published to guide the formulation of the benefit distribution system.

The 6th Crafts Conference was held with the theme on sustainable consumption and production of eco-textiles. Standards for handwoven eco-textiles were developed and are now referred to as Good Hinabi Practice. Custom Made Crafts Center (CMCC) participated again in the International Folk Art Market (IFAM), showcasing indigenous fibers, textiles and craft products. Sales increased by 40% from the previous year. CMCC gained media mileage by being featured in a popular television show and in a video loop shown in business centers nationwide of a telecommunications company.

Sessions were facilitated for communities in 2 provinces to identify their priority products. In total, there were 1,649 direct beneficiaries (899 women, 750 men) and 6,298 indirect beneficiaries (3812 women, 2487 men) of the enterprise programme. Sales for CBNEs increased by 102% and 66.5% for CMCC.



VIETNAM

There has been increasing collaborative work with partners in Vietnam, particularly with the CSO Forum and the ICCA Network in Vietnam. In May, NTFP-EP in cooperation with PanNature, facilitated a preparatory CSO meeting prior to the CSO Forum and ASFN meetings in Myanmar in June. Six CSOs were represented. The meeting was intended to orient Vietnamese civil society organizations and contacts about the ASEAN Social Forestry Network (ASFN) and regional CSO initiative to engage ASEAN member states in the ASFN platform about forestry and community concerns. As part of a CSO Forum initiative, the report “Impact of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) on Social Forestry and Forest Products Trade” was translated into Vietnamese.

Some discussions were also initiated between NTFP-EP and World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) to collaborate in an NTFP-EP forum in 2016.

In August, several CSOs and a government representative were invited to the ICCA exchange and capacity building event in Indonesia, which sparked interest among the Vietnamese participants. Since then, they began the process of establishing their network in the country.

Southern Institute of Ecology (SIE) continues research and conservation work, this time focusing on the velvet tamarind. SIE will also be part of the regional wild foods book, and has been involved in preliminary meetings for book content and methodology.



ORGANIZATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



BOARD & MANAGEMENT TRANSITIONS

The organizational changes in NTFP-EP in 2015 ranged from human resources concerns to its strategic plan development processes. The new strategic plan was tackled in a planning workshop held last January in Ho Chi Minh, and was attended by selected partners, staff and trustees. It included critical inputs from the evaluation of the previous strat plan. Results from this workshop became the springboard for other discussions among partners, board members and staff. The Board of Trustees agreed to make 2015 a transition year from the old strategic plan, and approved the new strategy document for 2016-2019. The Way Forward section of this annual report highlights important details of the plan.

A new member of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Jeremy Ironside, was officially inducted to the Board in October. At the same time, Ms. Snelatha Nath stepped down as a long standing member of the Board and one of the founding Trustees, to give way to new members. She was invited to be part of the Advisory Group.

Ms. Femy Pinto took on NTFP-EP's Executive Director post starting March 2015. Two new staff were also hired at the Manila regional office - Ms. Llana Leah Domingo as Operations Director and Ms. Rita Copino as Accountant.

In Cambodia, NTFP-EP gave attention to improving its management capacity as it took the leadership of a new consortium program - Partnership for Fisheries and Forestry (PaFF). Mr. Keo Tai joined NTFP-EP Cambodia as PaFF Programme Coordinator. Seven other new staff were recruited during the year, including Finance Coordinator, Enterprise Coordinator, Communications Officer and 4 provincial staff. Two project field offices were opened hosted by WWF Cambodia in Kratie province and local NGO, CEPA in Stung Treng province.

NTFP-EP Philippines secured its independent registration at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in January 2015. The Malaysian NTFP-EP office in Sarawak was established during this period and its Board of Directors expanded. NTFP-EP Indonesia for its part moved office to neighboring Bogor City from Jakarta.



COMMUNICATION & KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

With the steady expansion of thematic NTFP-EP work in its regional and country offices, the demand for communication also increased. Staff allocation for communication also grew as NTFP-EP Cambodia introduced a communications officer under the PaFF programme.

Despite a number of setbacks in the implementation of the new website platform, www.ntfp.org had significant traffic increase compared to the previous year: 13.6% in unique visitors (9,741 vs 8,570), 11.2% in terms of number of sessions (12,655 vs 11,389), and 2.92% in pageviews (28,678 vs 27,865). A new webpage was also established to promote various efforts within the network: *NatureWild* (www.naturewild.biz), Cambodia's green intermediary, and *PARARA* (www.panenrayanusantara.com), the feast of the islands celebration in Indonesia. As a supplementary medium for online information provision, the organizational Facebook page (www.facebook.com/NTFPEP) also increased from 544 likers last 2014 to currently 828.

Issues of *Voices from the Forest*, NTFP-EP's newsletter, were

produced and distributed to partners across the region. 2015's features were quite festive as Issue 28 highlighted the colorful April festival and *Madhu Duniya* in Cambodia, while Issue 29 featured the huge PARARA in Indonesia.

During the World Forestry Congress in Durban, South Africa, NTFP-EP was able to forward its key calls and messages through a vibrant side event, which highlighted forest products, foods, and fashion. Likewise, communication support was provided during network events such as *Madhu Duniya*, EXCEED, ASFN Civil Society Forum, PARARA, COP in Paris, and Regional Forum on NTFPs in the form of printed and online promotional materials, as well as documentation work.

Under the ASFCC collaboration, NTFP-EP harnessed its creative expertise in producing a film that highlighted the status of social forestry in the ASEAN region.



RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND FUNDRAISING

In 2015, a total of 28 projects were implemented, of which 8 projects were new. Some of the new projects were funded by new donors including the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the Italian Embassy for NTFP-EP Philippines and Food and Agriculture Office (FAO), and Misereor for NTFP-EP regional work. The regional network implemented 12 projects, while NTFP-EP Philippines worked on 13 projects and the remaining 3 big projects were managed by NTFP-EP Cambodia. Despite the start of new projects, there were around 18 projects that ended this year. These developments serve as a gauge to increase efforts at fundraising.



MICRO/SMALL GRANTS FACILITY

The Pastor Delbert Rice Small Grants Fund (PDR SGF) facility is a combination of funds from 3 donors – new funds from BothENDS, The Samdhana Institute and the remaining balance of Broederlijk Delen (BD)’s Micro Grants Fund (MGF) project. This was launched in October 2014 in memory of NTFP-EP’s first Treasurer, Reverend Delbert Arthur Rice.

For 2015, the fund supported the completion of the workshop of Nagkakaisang Tribu sa Palawan (NATRIPAL) “NTFP for Food and Health: A sharing and brainstorming workshop”. Later in the year, this provided funding for the project, “Piloting conservation and development of

the velvet tamarind (*Dialium cochinchinensis* Pierre) as a sustainable source of income for Raglai communities at Nui Chua National Park, Ninh Thuan Province, Vietnam”. This project is being implemented by the Southern Institute of Ecology (SIE) and will be completed in 2016.



In 2015, NTFP-EP Asia continued offering trainings regionally to its partners as well as to organizations beyond its network, through the Expanding Community Enterprise and Economic Development (EXCEED) initiative, NTFP-EP Asia's training and advisory wing. There were 2 such trainings organized.

One training was on *Community Livelihood Appraisal and Product/Resource Scanning (CLAPS)* for ASEAN forestry personnel, community enterprise leaders and NGO enterprise facilitators held in May in Indonesia. Trainees included 6 women and 15 men, including technical officers from forestry departments, who came from ASEAN countries namely: Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, Malaysia, and Cambodia. The training

provided a systematic way to determine viable products for community enterprises assessing ecological, economic and social factors. Post-training technical assistance to NTFP enterprises was also provided, including support to the Philippines' Bagobo-Tagabawa in Davao and Indonesia's indigenous people of Papua. Technical assistance to these communities will continue in 2016.

The second training on *Participatory NTFP Resource Management* was held in October in the Philippines in collaboration with RECOFTC. There were 3 women and 10 men participants who came from 8 countries. The activity provided a step-by-step guide to participants on the process of developing, implementing and monitoring community-based NTFP resource management.

THE WAY FORWARD



2016 becomes the first year of implementing the 4-year NTFP-EP Strategic Plan that has been discussed extensively by partners, board and staff since the start of 2015. At the October 2015 Board of Trustees meeting, the reformulated vision, mission, and goal of the organization and the network, which is an important component of the plan, were approved.

Vision

NTFP-EP envisions self-empowered generations of forest-dependent communities, contributing to and benefiting from sustainably-managed forested landscapes and ecosystems, knowledge, and cultural traditions.

Network Vision

NTFP-EP is a leading network in Asia that is effective, strategic and committed to sustainable management of forested landscape and ecosystems, and the right to access to natural resources, livelihood, cultural identity and gender equity.

Mission

To act as a catalyst in empowering local organizations working with marginalized, forest-based communities, mainly indigenous peoples (IPs) in Asia, towards sustainable management of forested landscapes and ecosystems, and the right to access to natural resources, livelihood, cultural identity and gender equity.

Goal

To secure the empowerment of forest-dependent communities through programs on community conservation and resource management, indigenous food and health, tenure rights and governance, and sustainable community livelihood development in Asia.

We work most especially in the field of NTFPs and the related community-based livelihood strategies, integrating the ethno-cultural and democratic values of gender and equity.

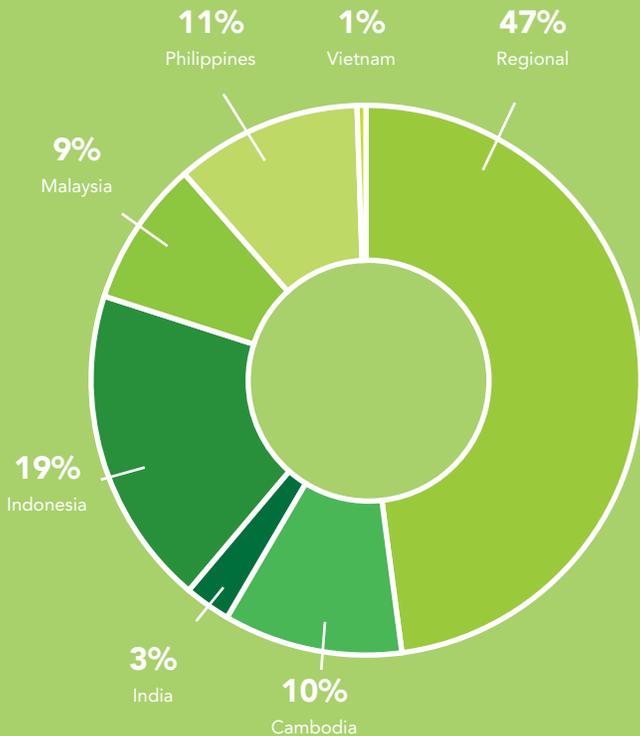
The plan now calls for an expansion of the network members and partners who will continue to set the overall strategic direction of NTFP-EP and build appropriate guidelines. With two of the country offices already operating as independent units, and a third transitioning as an independent unit, it becomes even more imperative to undertake a consultative and inclusive process to strengthen regional and country relationships, alongside the network strengthening in the near future.

The new strategic plan - Linking People and Forests - shall harness the NTFP-EP regional role in support of the community based works that will remain as our key approach. NTFP-EP will continue its thematic programmes on community conservation, indigenous food and health, sustainable community livelihood, and tenure rights and governance. Culture, gender and youth as cross-cutting themes will be given attention. For advocacy, we will further strengthen our engagement and knowledge sharing approach at the ASEAN and beyond.

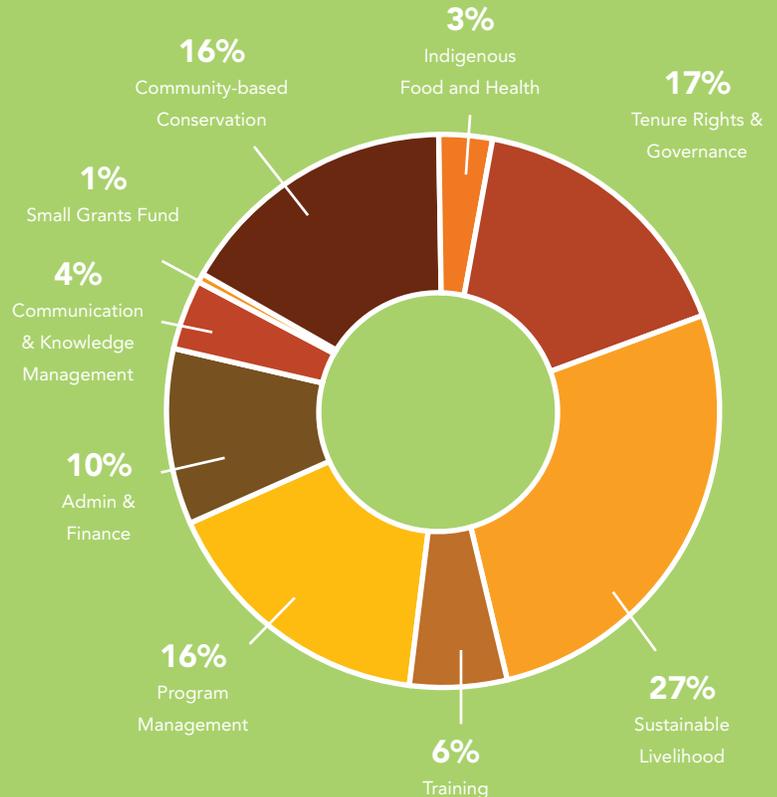
A new International Arrangement on Forests beyond 2015 stressed the importance of strengthening Sustainable Forests Management. At the end of the year, a groundbreaking climate deal was forged by 196 countries in Paris to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change. Earlier on in September, countries adopted the new set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all as the global development agenda in the next 15 years. This agenda particularly Goal 2 (Ending hunger and ensuring food security), Goal 3 (Healthy lives and well-being for all), Goal 12 (Sustainable consumption and production), Goal 13 (combating climate change), Goal 15 (Protection, restoration and promotion of sustainable use and management of forests and terrestrial ecosystems), and Goal 16 (Inclusive development and governance) all resonate with NTFP-EP's mission, goal, and thematic programs.

FINANCIALS

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF NTFP-EP EXPENSES



THEMATIC DISTRIBUTION OF NTFP-EP EXPENSES



NTFP-EP total spending for 2015 amounted to 1,141,380 euros, which is 32% less than what was reported in 2014. This is due to the separation of financial reports and management system between the regional office and NTFP-EP Philippines. As a result, bulk of the spending was attributable to the regional office. Significant expenses continued to be generated under Sustainable Livelihood, followed by Tenure Rights & Governance, Community-based Conservation and Programme Management. As with the previous years, India and Vietnam recorded the lowest spendings. Part of India's expenditures are borne

by NTFP-EP local partners and networks which are not reflected in this report, while Vietnam is supported in the form of microgrant funds.

In 2015, there were 14 projects that ended. NTFP-EP continues to actively search for donor partners who can complement its core programs and projects that support forest community conservation and sustainable development in the countries where it operates.

PROJECTS COMPLETED

The following are all projects ended within the last Strategic Plan period 2011-2015. Thank you to all our donors and partners!

DONOR	PROJECT NAME	COVERAGE	AMOUNT
Ended 2011			
Cordaid	Crafts Kalimantan Network	Indonesia	€ 126,750
HIVOS	Strengthening Community & NGO Capacity in Sustainable NTFP Management Through Advocacy, Livelihood, Research & Learning Programs (including cost extension)	Cambodia, Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Philippines	€ 121,780
ILO	Learning Exchange on Ikat Weaving	Cambodia	€ 21,792
Misereor	Strengthening Community & NGO Capacity in Sustainable NTFP Management Through Advocacy, Livelihood, Research & Learning Programs	Cambodia, Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Philippines	€ 150,000
Toyota Foundation	Livelihoods for Legacy: Strengthening & Expanding the Indigenous Artisan Network of the Dayak of Kalimantan, Indonesia	Indonesia	€ 40,325
Ended 2012			
AIPP	For the translation & localization of AIPP/IWGIA Publication (REDD+ info Books and Poster) in Khmer language	Cambodia	€ 3,392
ARUN Ltd. Co.	Preliminary Study for Collaboration (Promotion of Partnership with BOP Businesses) - Study on Wild Honeybee Resourcification Project	Cambodia	€ 17,355
Both ENDS	Negrito Food Masters: An Impulse to a Philippine Green Economy	Philippines	€ 29,550
Both ENDS	The First NTFP Eco-Cultural Museum in Vietnam	Vietnam	€ 18,000
Both ENDS	Gift Fund	Regional	€ 29,000
Cordaid	Strengthening Community & NGO Capacity in Sustainable NTFP Management Through Advocacy, Livelihood, Research & Learning Programs		€ 300,067
Cordaid	Strengthening the Market Position of High-end, Heritage Crafts from the Dayak of Kalimantan	Indonesia	€ 135,595
Cordaid	Expanding Markets & Strengthening Intermediaries	Philippines	€ 232,153
EU	Improving Forest Governance & Sustainable Upland Development through Climate Change Mitigation Financing Strategies in Southern Palawan	Philippines	€ 450,000
IUCN NL	REDD Plus Learning Program A to Z of REDD-Plus Design & Implementation	Regional	€ 50,000

Misereor	Promoting Stronger Alliance between IP NGOs & Community Networks in Cambodia through Joint Program Development around Indigenous Community Land & Resource Security, Sustainable Livelihood & Resource Management	Cambodia	€ 22,026
Oxfam Hongkong	Strengthening Community & NGO Capacity in Sustainable Utilization & Marketing of NTFP for Food & Income Security in the Northeast of Cambodia	Cambodia	€ 88,186
Toyota Foundation	Revival of Culture & Nature of Penans in Sarawak to Build Community & Increase Food, Livelihood & Tenure	Malaysia	€ 32,260
Toyota Foundation	Forest Honey Livelihood for Community Solidarity & Sustainable Markets in Cambodia: A National Wild Honey Branding & Association Project	Cambodia	€ 32,260
Ended 2013			
Both ENDS	NTFP Enterprise & Advocacy Support (Cordaid 1.3)	Philippines	€ 328,845
Cordaid	Rich Forest CoC Development (Understanding Wild (forest) food loss & what it means for IPs)	Philippines	€ 16,000
Cordaid	Rich Forest CoC Development (Exchange visit to Sri Lanka)	Philippines	€ 24,250
Cordaid	Rights, Resources & Revenues	Regional	€ 150,000
Cordaid	Enhancing Eco-cultural Enterprises	Indonesia	€ 129,780
Global Environment Center	SEApeat PhilCom Project: Stakeholders' Consultation for Devt. of Demonstration Site under Phil. National REDD-Plus Strategy	Philippines	€ 7,468
EA	Community-based Monitoring Systems for NTFP Resources: Regional Exchange of Learnings from Philippines & India	Regional	€ 38,160
FAO Phils.	Enterprise Development Training in Luzon, Visayas & Mindanao	Philippines	€ 28,295
FAO Phils.	UN REDD Programme Philippines: Supporting Initial Readiness Process	Philippines	€ 15,802
Ended 2014			
APN	Strengthening Community Voices in REDD+ Policy	Regional	€ 19,735
Broederlijk Delen	Micro-Grants Fund (MGF) - Partnership Fund for Community-Based NTFP Initiatives in South & Southeast Asia	Regional	€ 115,000
Both ENDS	Enhancing Eco-cultural Enterprises	Indonesia	€ 39,780
Both ENDS	MGF - An Unheard/ Untold Story	Regional	€ 142,500
Cordaid	NTFP Technology Supporting Green Economy	Regional	€ 16,880
EA	Upscaling, sustainable, community-based forest livelihoods in Kalimantan	Indonesia	€ 135,217
EA	Creating Leverage: Strengthening the position of IPs vis-à-vis government & companies (Borneo Nexus)	Indonesia, Malaysia	€ 48,700
EU-FFI	Developing Community Carbon Pools for REDD, plus Enhancing Forest Carbon Stock (REDD+) Projects in Select ASEAN Countries (Regional REDD)	Regional	€ 314,231
EU	Consolidating Forest Corridors through Sustainable Ancestral Domain Management (with Anthrowatch)	Philippines	€ 984,306

EU PLAN International	Local Institution Participation towards Livelihood Empowerment of the Mangyan Indigenous Peoples of Occidental Mindoro	Philippines	€ 292,833
ICCO	ACT appeal: NTFP Cyclone Philippine Response	Philippines	€ 353,155
EA	Upscaling, sustainable, community-based forest livelihoods in Kalimantan	Indonesia	€ 135,217
EA	Creating Leverage: Strengthening the position of IPs vis-à-vis government & companies	Malaysia	€ 48,700
PAWB/UNDP	New Conservation Areas in the Philippines Project (NewCAPP)	Philippines	€ 29,444
PTFCF	Promoting Rainforest through the RFRI Network	Philippines	€ 28,326
SFB/WWF	Socio Economic Baseline Study & Livelihood Development - Support to Cambodia Forest & Biodiversity Project	Cambodia	€ 73,587
SDC	ASEAN-Swiss Partnership on Social Forestry & Climate Change (ASFCC)	Regional	€ 699,973
Ended 2015			
ASFN	Communications Support of the NTFP-EP to ASFN Secretariat	Regional	€ 82,293
Both ENDS	Securing Forest-based Livelihoods & Ecosystems thru Community Empowerment (Rights, Resources, Revenues)	Regional	€ 180,000
Both ENDS	Learning & Action through Extension & Exchange on NTFP Livelihoods: Food, Health & Conservation...a communities of change proposal of NTFP-EP (CoC)	Regional	€ 29,970
Both ENDS	Promoting & Ensuring NTFP-based Sustainable Forest Management & Resilient NTFP-based Community Enterprises	Philippines	€ 205,455
Both ENDS	Pastor Delbert Rice Small Grant Fund for Community-based Forest Ecosystem Initiatives	Regional	€ 4,000
DENR	FMB-DENR UN REDD Programme	Philippines	€ 32,372
EA	Forest Conservation through Sustainable NTFP Management & REDD+ in Luzon & Palawan	Philippines	€ 405,211
EA	Opportunity Fund for Urgent Actions & EA Partners' Meeting 2013	Philippines	€ 62,646
EA	ICCAs Documentation & Learning Exchange in Asia	India, Indonesia, Phils.	€ 50,000
EU	Improving Forest Governance & Sustainable Upland Development through Climate Change Mitigation Financing Strategies in Southern Palawan	Philippines	€ 412,000
ICCO Cooperation Indonesia	Regional Capacity Building for Sustainable Trade 2014-2015	Regional	€ 160,113
ICCO	Regional Support Program for Select NTFP Value Chains in ASEAN	Philippines	€ 32,841
IIED	Forest Connect successful business models - Cambodia & the Phils.	Cambodia, Philippines	€ 37,910
The Samdhana Institute	Pastor Delbert Rice Small Grant Facility for Community-based Forest Ecosystem Initiatives	Regional	€ 2,493



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Trustees
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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Non-Timber Forest Products-Exchange Programme Incorporated (a non-stock, non-profit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities and fund balance as at December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the statements of revenues and expenses, statements of changes in fund balance and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making the risks assessment, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Non-Timber Forest Products-Exchange Programme Incorporated as at December 31, 2015 and 2014, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities.

Report on the Supplementary Information Required Under Revenue Regulations Nos. 15-2010 and 19-2011 of the Bureau of Internal Revenue

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information on taxes and licenses and the schedule of taxable income and deductible expenses in Note 16 to the financial statements is presented for purposes of filing with the Bureau of Internal Revenue and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of the management of Non-Timber Forest Products-Exchange Programme Incorporated. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

DATES	THEMES	TITLE AND LOCATION
January 27-28	Institutional Strengthening	Strategic Planning Workshop
January 29-31	Institutional Strengthening	Regional Staff Development
March onwards	Indigenous Food and Health	Wild foods nursery established in Tamil Nadu, India
March 3	Land Rights, Tenure and Governance	Workshop on Enhancing Social Forestry through Tagal in Malaysia
March 18 - 20	Sustainable Community Livelihoods	Community Forestry as a Strategy for Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change in Cambodia
April 6 - 7	Land Rights, Tenure and Governance	Community Forestry Program Coordination Committee Set-up in Cambodia
April 17 – May 2	Sustainable Community Livelihoods	Regional Conference on Forest Honey (Madhu Duniya 2015) in Cambodia
May 26 - 30	Sustainable Community Livelihoods	EXCEED CLAPS Training in Indonesia
June 1 - 2	Land Rights, Tenure and Governance	ASFN Civil Society Forum in Myanmar
June 6 - 7	Community-based Conservation	Panen Raya Nusantara (PARARA) "Great Festival of the Archipelago" in Indonesia
July 9 - 11	Sustainable Community Livelihoods	International Folk Art Market (IFAM) in Sta. Fe, USA
July 1 - 4	Sustainable Community Livelihoods	Monitoring and Evaluation Training on Hand-woven Ecotextile in Indonesia
May 7 and July 9 - 10	Community-based Conservation	Shifting Cultivation Forum in the Philippines
August 17 - 22	Community-based Conservation	ICCA regional event in Indonesia
August 21 - 25	Sustainable Community Livelihoods	Study tour on gums and resins in India
September 7 - 11	Sustainable Community Livelihoods	Side event during the World Forestry Congress in Durban, South Africa
October 15 - 16	Institutional Strengthening	Board of Trustees Meeting and Membership Meeting in the Philippines
October 20	Community-based Conservation	EXCEED: NTFP Management in Philippines
October 29 - 30	Sustainable Community Livelihoods	Regional Resin Forum in Philippines
November 4-9	Sustainable Community Livelihoods	Enterprise Development Staff Training and Program Advisory visit to Cambodia
December 14 - 18	Sustainable Community Livelihoods	Philippine Forest Honey Network Meeting

PUBLICATIONS PRODUCED

TITLE	TYPE
Voices from the Forest Issue No. 28	Newsletter
Not by Timber Alone March 2015	Newsletter
Protecting Community Livelihoods and Associated Traditional Ecological Knowledge under the ASEAN Economic Community	Policy brief
Customary Territories, Community Traditions, Nature Conservation: A collection of Indonesian stories and perspectives on ICCAs	Book
Sustainable Honey Harvesting: A guidebook for honey consolidators	Manual
Social forestry in ASEAN	Film
From Nature, Women Weave Life	Book
Impact of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) on Social Forestry and Forest Products Trade	Report
Impact of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) on Social Forestry and Forest Products Trade Briefer (translated to 5 different languages)	Policy brief
Voices from the Forest Issue No. 29	Newsletter
Not by Timber Alone December 2015	Newsletter
Community-based Non-Timber Forest Products Enterprises (CBNEs): Key to Low Emission Development in Forested Landscapes	Policy brief
Community-delivered Non-Carbon Benefits (NCBs) to REDD+	Policy brief
Exploring Approaches and Mechanisms for REDD-plus Benefit Sharing in the Philippines	Policy review



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