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Agenda Item 7.1

DECISION 45-VII-22R **Approval of New Projects**

The Assembly of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO),

Having considered the appraisal and recommendations of the respective Project Appraisal Panel (PAP) and the endorsement of the final appraisal by the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC); and

Taking note of the summary of project proposals as contained in document A-22-7-7, hereby:

1. Approves the project proposals as below, subject to the compliance of any remaining concerns as per comments and recommendations during project appraisal; and

Proponent (Registration No.)	Project Title
Cambodia (PP-2021-KH-001)	Advancing Restoration of native Agarwood – <i>Aquilaria crassna</i> and <i>A.Malaccensis</i> – for Sustainable Use and Management in Southwestern Cambodia
Mongolia (PP-2021-MN-001)	Forest restoration demonstration through high capacity tree nursery and capacity building in support to “1 Billion Tree” campaign in Mongolia
Philippines (PP-2021-PH-001)	Forest Restoration using Philippine Threatened and Endemic Tree Species (PTES) in Bacon-Manito (BACMAN) Geothermal Reservation in Support to the Philippines’ Forestry Sector’s National Greening Program

2. Task the Secretariat to facilitate the necessary follow-up actions for project inception in due course.

Summary of Project Proposals

I. Project Proposal 1

Project Title	Advancing Restoration of native Agarwood – <i>Aquilaria crassna</i> and <i>A. Malaccensis</i> – for Sustainable Use and Management in Southwestern Cambodia		
Proponent	Cambodia	Registration No.	PP-2021-KH-001

1. Project Profile

- a. Primary Target Area: AFoCO Strategic Priority 1
“Initiating customized restoration & reforestation models”
- b. Total budget: KRW 797,517,840 (equivalent to USD 705,768)
(AFoCO: KRW 743,820,240 (equivalent to USD 658,248)/
National: KRW 53,697,600 (equivalent to USD 47,520) (In-kind))
**USD 1 = KRW 1,130 applied*
- c. Project Duration: 3 years (2023-2025)
- b. Implementing Agency: Forestry Administration of Cambodia

2. Objectives

- a. Rehabilitation of former Agarwood ecosystems as the country piloting areas.
- b. Awareness-raising on advancement of native Agarwood restoration in Southwestern Cambodia.
- c. Establishment of effectively enabling environment to support the development of Family-scale and private sector in native Agarwood species plantations.

3. Expected Outputs and Deliverables

- a. 12,500 seedlings planted for each of the four provincial sites (seedlings of 8 to 12-month old with approx. 0.5 m high)
- b. Data on status of native Agarwood species established in each provincial site
- c. National technical workshops on status of native Agarwood species will be conducted for stakeholder discussions and data dissemination
- d. Two (02) hectare of native Agarwood plantations established by Family-scale and private sectors in each of the four target provincial sites
- e. Official lists of private and Family-scale plantations established in all four provincial sites
- f. Capacity building on forest ecosystems and typical native Agarwood habitats provided to owners of Family-scale and private plantations

II. Project Proposal 2

Project Title	Forest restoration demonstration through high capacity tree nursery and capacity building in support to “1 Billion Tree” campaign in Mongolia		
Proponent	Mongolia	Registration No.	PP-2021-MN-001

1. Project Profile

- a. Primary Target Area: AFoCO Strategic Priority 1
“Initiating customized restoration & reforestation models”
- b. Total budget: KRW 1,129,611,280 (equivalent to USD 999,656)
(AFoCO: KRW 1,129,611,280 (equivalent to USD 999,656)/
National: TBD)
**USD 1 = KRW 1,130 applied*
- c. Project Duration: 3 years (2023-2025)
- c. Implementing Agency: Forest Agency, Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia

2. Objectives

- a. Establishment of mechanized nursery for forest restoration;
- b. Capacity building of frontline forestry staff and communities on forest restoration;
- c. Soil erosion control and water conservation, and contribute to income generation of participating communities.

3. Expected Outputs and Deliverables

- a. Tree nurseries are established and seedling production is increased in the existing small nurseries
- b. Capacity building trainings conducted for seedling production, tree planting, forest cleaning and forest protection measures to improve the survival and growth performance of plantations
- c. Forest restoration plan developed for the Ereen Mountain Range and Deendiin Valley
- d. Reforestation and restoration of 100 ha of area in the Ereen Mountain Range and 20 ha of area in Deendiin Valley
- e. Knowledge and lessons learned about the impacts of forest restoration on socioeconomic and environment are documented and shared

III. Project Proposal 3

Project Title	Forest Restoration using Philippine Threatened and Endemic Tree Species (PTES) in Bacon-Manito (BACMAN) Geothermal Reservation in Support to the Philippine Forestry Sector's National Greening Program		
Proponent	Philippines	Registration No.	PP-2021-PH-001

1. Project Profile

- a. Primary Target Area: AFoCO Strategic Priority 1
"Initiating customized restoration & reforestation models"
- b. Total budget: KRW 622,578,020 (equivalent to USD 550,954)
(AFoCO: KRW 330,683,200 (equivalent to USD 292,640)/
National: KRW 8,924,740 (equivalent to USD 7,898, in-cash),
KRW 14,464,000 (equivalent to USD 44,200, in-kind) from
FMB / Others: KRW 49,946,000 (equivalent to USD 12,800,
in-cash) KRW 218,560,080 (equivalent to USD 193,416, in-
kind) from EDC
**USD 1 = KRW 1,130 applied*
- c. Project Duration: 3 years (2023-2025)
- d. Implementing Agency: Energy Development Corporation (EDC) and DENR - Forest Management Bureau (FMB)

2. Objectives

- A. Restore 100 hectares of disturbed forest with 20 species of highly threatened and endemic trees in Support to the Philippine Forestry Sector's National Greening Program
- B. Establish 2 hectares arboretum within forest restoration area
- C. Document good practices and propagation protocols of using PTES in forest restorations that can be developed and translated into national policies and/or technical bulletins
- D. Demonstrate Private-Public Partnership in forest restorations and translate into working national policies and/or technical bulletins
- E. Facilitate knowledge sharing on Forest Restoration Using PTES

3. Expected Outputs and Deliverables

- a. Restored 100 ha using PTES
- b. Capacitated local community or farmers association
- c. Established 1 Arboretum with 20 of PTES
- d. Updated/Developed information database for PTES
- e. Produced 50, 000 quality planting materials and developed 10 Propagation Protocol of PTES
- f. Drafted and proposed/recommended new forest policies and/or technical bulletins on private-public partnerships in forest restorations
- g. Trained and capacitated at least 10 Technical Person from DENR, EDC and AFOCO