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Mission on Decision Support Tools (DST) for Manure Management Technologies Selection and Policy Development, 18-27 June 2008

FAO mission team included of Mr. Henning Steinfeld, Mr. Colin Burton, Mr. Harald Menzi, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Ge Backus and Ms Nawarat Chalernpao visited Bangkok, Guangzhou and Hanoi during 18-27 June 2008 to undertake in-country manure management DST meeting, and de-briefing session to Project Management Office (PMO) on manure management and policy DST. The mission aims to present the progress and receive feedback on computer based software package for manure management DST from PMO and related officers, to debrief local PMO on the policy development workshop held in Bangkok on 17-19 June 2008, to meet with manure management DST national counterparts; and to coordinate with the PMO on the preparation of policy development DST.



The mission team received feedback from local PMO and experts, which will be used for develop the user-friendly and practical DST for the countries.



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Policy Development Workshop - Support to Environmental Policy DST, 17-19 June 2008

The RFO organized the regional workshop on policy development in Bangkok, Thailand, between 17 and 19 June 2008. The primary objective of the workshop was to support LWMEA country teams by providing an ad-hoc support to the country teams by jointly analyzing the issues and options they face in implementing the policy development component. The workshop allowed cross-country exchanges and progress monitoring. It also aimed at moving towards the preparation of a consolidated Decision Support Tool for environmental policy development.



The workshop comes up with 3 main activities for the policy development DST: compendium of policy development and implementation, cost of compliance simulation model (CoSiMo), and spatial planning plan and zoning for licensing of new operation unit in the location that is potential to absorb waste.



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Thailand - Replication Strategy Development Workshops and Meetings, 8, 13, and 15 May 2008

Thai PMO arranged the series of workshops on replication strategy in 3 provinces: Rachaburi, Choburi, and Nakorn Rachasima on 8, 13, and 15 May 2008 to receive comments from stakeholders on the drafted replication strategy. The draft strategy will be amended and presented at the final workshop in Bangkok.

Most farmers admitted that the most influential incentive is potential income generation from the treatment facilities, i.e., biogas, fertilizer, CDM and etc. They complained on the lack of capital and insufficient information on environmental friendly practices. They requested contributions and subsidies from the government or from the private sector for constructing waste treatment facilities. They need assistance in technologies for pig manure application on agricultural lands and nutrient management. Tambon Administrative Office (TAO) has no capacity in environmental assessment. The new farm setting is approved without environmental assessment. Municipality office and Pollution Control Department (PCD) offered assistance. However, due to the limited human resources, they cannot fully meet the requirements.



DLD also has discussed with the college and the university in the provinces to develop training partners networking and knowledge management center which is very useful initiative.



Series of Code of Practice (COP) workshops and stakeholders meetings will be further arranged by DLD.



IUCN-GEF IW-Learn workshop on Designing Payment Schemes for Ecosystem Services, 3-5 April 2008

Payment for Environmental Services or Ecosystem Services (PES) is an economic tool used for promoting the delivery of environmental services in agriculture, such as managing and restoring river basins or preserving coastal and marine environments. It is a mechanism for sustainable financing of natural resource and environmental management.

The World Conservation Union (IUCN) in collaboration with Global Environmental Facility (GEF) – International Water Learning Exchange and Resource Network. (IW LEARN) and the World Bank arranged the 3-day regional workshop on designing payment schemes for ecosystem service in Hanoi, Vietnam from 3-5 April 2008. The objectives of the workshop are to build the capacities in designing PES scheme and to provide knowledge on background and concept of PES, environmental service valuation, PES project management and financial monitoring.

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China PMO visited Australia and New Zealand for study tour, 12-23 January 2008

In January 2008, China PMO members visited Australia and New Zealand with the aim of enhancing PMO members' skill on environmental project management and learning from experiences in agricultural and environmental management in other countries.

Australia and New Zealand pay high attention to environment and natural resources protection. PMO members have been informed on the environmental protection law, its legislation and enforcement. Also, they have learnt about the development of sustainable livestock production.

Even though the experiences and environmental condition in these two countries are different from China, their idea of environmental protection is useful for the PMO and contributes to the development and implementation of the LWMEA project in China.

