



Sub-Decree
On the Establishment, Role and Functions of
The Secretariat for Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve

- seen the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia,
- seen the Royal Decree NS/RKT/1198-72 dated 30 November 1998 on the nomination of Royal Government of Cambodia
- seen the Royal Kret 02/NS/94 dated on 20 July 1994 on the Role and Function of the Council of Ministers
- seen the Royal Kret NS/RKM/1296-36 dated 24 December 1996 on the promulgation of the Law on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Management
- seen the Law Kret 33 KR/Ch dated 9 March 1987 on the management of fishery sector,
- seen the sub-decree N57 ANKR/BK dated 25 September 1997 on the Role and Functions of the Ministry of Environment
- seen the sub-decree N10 ANKR/BK dated 4 February on the Role and Functions of Cambodia National Mekong Committee
- seen the Royal Decree on the Establishment and Management of Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve dated...
- With approval of the Council of Ministers during its session dated 7 September 2001

Part 1
GENERAL PROVISION

Article 1

A Secretariat for the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve is hereby established under the Cambodia National Mekong Committee to facilitate coordination and strengthen the communication and cooperation among relevant agencies, provincial authorities, civil society in the protection and sustainable management of the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve within the geographical boundary and mandate designated.

Article 2

The Secretariat for the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve is equal to department level of any ministry, which shall be administered by a secretary appointed from CNMC and a number of deputy secretaries assigned from the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery, and the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology, where the representative from Ministry of Environment shall be a permanent deputy secretary.

The Secretariat for the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve will have staff from the Technical Coordination Unit for the Tonle Sap, which operates to promote and develop the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve. The secretariat shall recruit additional staff from ministry members of Cambodia National Mekong Committee based on the annual workplan.

Article 3._

In order to facilitate coordination and strengthening the communication and cooperation between relevant ministries, agencies, local authorities and communities for the sustainable protection and management of the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve, the Secretariat for the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve shall have a number of divisions within its structure, such as division for strategy, policy and networking and division for research, monitoring, and data management. Each division is equal to the office level, which shall be administered by a chief and a number of deputies as required.

Article 4._

Under the supervision of Cambodia National Mekong Committee, the Secretariat for the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve shall have the following functions:

- To develop strategy and mechanism for the achievement of the functions of the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve;
- To coordinate for the establishment of integrated database management system for the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve and data exchange mechanism among agencies;
- To monitor, evaluate, and review the status of the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve within 4 to 10 years period as required;
- To coordinate and cooperate for the review of the existing law, regulations, in order to furnish recommendations for sustainable management of the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve;
- To establish network with local authorities, civil society, relevant agencies, international organizations, non-governmental organizations in order to facilitate data collection, planning, and to request for approval of conservation and management plan for the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve;
- To organize meeting and forum to discuss issues related to the management of Tonle Sap Lake region and prepare proceedings to be submitted to the government leaders;
- To coordinate with relevant ministries, agencies and organizations for the preparation of project plans for financial assistance from the government and international donors;

- to prepare and submit quarter and annual report on its activities to the CNMC;
- Carry out other task assigned by Cambodia National Mekong Committee.

Part 2
FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 5

The Minister for the cabinet of the Council of Ministers, Chairman of Cambodia National Mekong Committee, the Minister of Environment, the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery, the Minister of water Resources and Meteorology, Ministers, Secretaries of State, agencies and provincial authorities are responsible for the implementation of this Sub-Decree, in accordance with their competence from the date of signature.

Phnom Penh, 20 September 2001

Prime Minister

**The Sub Decree is submitted to
Samdech, the Prime Minister for signature**

**On Behalf of the Chairman of Cambodia National Mekong Committee
Minister for Environment and deputy chairman of
Cambodia National Mekong Committee**

CC:

- Ministry of Royal Palace
- Director General of Senate
- Director General of National Assembly
- Cabinet of the Prime Minister
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