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TRAVEL REPORT

Countries visited: Angola and Mozambique
Duration: 5 – 11 June (Angola), 12 - 19 June (Mozambique)
Reporting Officer: Eduardo Mansur
Purpose of travel:
- In Angola: support launching the implementation of FNPP work plan.
- In Mozambique: a) assist in finalizing project TCP/MOZ/2904; b) provide technical advisory support to NFP Facility partnership, UTF/MOZ/074/MOZ, and FNPP Food Security + Forestry initiative in Mozambique; c) explore new project possibilities for FAO programme on forestry in the country.

SUMMARY REPORT

The RO visited Angola together with the international forest policy consultant, A. Cuco, to support the partner institutions and FAOR in launching the FNPP work plan, which focus on improving governance in the forestry and wildlife sectors in the country, targeting the following objectives over a 30 months period: i) participatory development of the national policy on forests, wildlife and protected areas (FWPA); ii) participatory development of the law on FWPA; iii) integration of FWPA perspectives in the country PRSP and other national development strategies; and iv) institutional capacity building in the partner institutions for the implementation of the policy and law on FWPA.

The main recommendations regarding Angola are as follow:

- Carry out the first project steering committee meeting still in June, to approve the project detailed work plan proposal (see appendix 2) as well as its terms of reference (appendix 3).
- Complete the recruitment of the national consultant/policy specialist as soon as possible (ToR provided in appendix 4).
- Start the recruitment of national consultants on Legislation, Food Security, Forest Management, Protected Areas Management and Wood Energy, as per terms of reference developed by the senior policy consultant and the national project coordinator with the support of the RO, according to the schedule indicated in the work plan (appendix 4).
- Beyond the Steering Committee meeting, the project coordinator shall organize a presentation of the project for the MINUA and the GSA staffs, in a similar way as it has been carried out for the IDF staff during this mission. A power point presentation has been developed to facilitate these presentations (see appendix 5).
- Recruit the project secretary as soon as possible, to be accommodated in the project offices made available at IDF premises in the Ministry of Agriculture.
• Taking into consideration the difficulties in finding transport in Angola, FAOR shall make all possible efforts to guarantee to the project team, access to a car and driver whenever needed, in order to support both national and international consultants and backstopping officers in their work.

• Organize and carry out the public consultations in the provinces (5 regional consultations) from July to December 2005, according to the guidance paper presented in the appendix 6.

• Technical support units (ESAE, LEGN, RAFR, SAFR, FONP) to plan the proposed backstopping missions and indicate them in the last table of the work plan (appendix 2), in coordination with the national project coordinator and FAOR.

• FAOR and Forest Education Expert (FONP) to review and follow up on a project concept presented to the Spanish Cooperation, regarding re-launching forestry education in the Faculty of Agronomy in Huambo (see proposed project concept in appendix 7).

• During the meeting with Mr. David Tunga, national director of the Cabinet for Food Security (GSA), it was manifested the GSA interest to learn from the forestry process, and start as soon as possible the participatory formulation of the national strategy on food security. FNPP Food Security Theme may consider enlarging the present budget in the near future, to allow for this participatory strategy formulation to proceed in the framework of the present FNPP partnership with Angola.

From Angola, the RO went immediately to Mozambique, to support the national team in the closure of TCP/MOZ/2904 (A), including preparation of final reports, Terminal Statement and in the follow up of a project proposal to support the implementation of the Forest Law Enforcement Strategy and Action Plan developed under the TCP.

While in Mozambique, the RO also took the opportunity to discuss with national partners and project staff, the implementation of the NFP Facility partnership (5 LoAs presently under implementation; new call for proposals planned for July 2005), the UTF/MOZ/074/MOZ (community forestry), and the forestry component of the FNPP Food Security + Forestry initiative in the country. It was also an opportunity to review with FAOR some potential partnerships to enlarge the forestry country programme of FAO in the country.

Main recommendations regarding Mozambique are as follows:

Regarding TCP/MOZ/2904 (A)

• The strategic proposals of the TCP/MOZ/2904 – Law enforcement strategy, Action Plan for Law Implementation, and the Investment project proposal, shall be presented by DNFFB to the Ministry’s cabinet (Colectivo de Direcção), in order to obtain their support and more suggestions on how to raise funds for the follow up implementation activities, estimated at US$ 7,157,760 over three years.)
• As soon as the Manual on Law Implementation produced with the TCP support comes out of printing, a press-conference shall be organized, led by the Minister of Agriculture, to help publicise the new law enforcement strategy and to inform the public about this new publication.
• The Project Terminal Statement (appendix 8) shall be translated into English and submitted accordingly.
• Continue fund raising for the implementation of the Law Enforcement Strategy (see fund raising monitoring tables in appendix 9, and the draft concept of the law enforcement proposal in appendix 10, which is to be revised by FAOR and submitted to the UNTFHS/Japan).

Regarding NFP Facility

• Complete the ongoing 4 LoAs from first year (all of them in ending phase) and submit their final accounting and final reports,
• Start activities of the second LoA with DNFFB, which has been signed by DNFFB and hand carried to Rome by the RO;
• Based on the 2005 Work Plan, complete the organization of the call for proposals during the national forestry meeting to be held in Maputo in July, as well as carry out the training workshops in the provinces (North, Centre and South)

Regarding UTF/MOZ/074/MOZ

• Develop an internal evaluation in July/August, and an external evaluation in October/November 2005.
• Based on the conclusions and recommendations of the evaluations, produce a follow up project proposal (phase III) to be submitted to Proagri in early 2006, to scale up the present activities, focusing on participatory forestry development.
• Strength collaboration with similar / complementary initiatives (e.g. FNPP Forestry + Food Security, GCP/MOZ/027/BEL, Nordic project on sustainable forest management and business initiatives, and others).

Regarding fund raising:

• FAOR and APO to continuously monitor the portfolio on projects in the country (see appendix 4), following up on contacts with potential partners and donors (Mitur/World Bank, Swedish cooperation, EC, Finnish cooperation, Proagri, UNDP and others)
• TCAP to field a mission to support FAOR in the overall fund raising strategy under the new funding circumstances (traditional donors – e.g. the Dutch and the World Bank - shifting completely to budget support, Ministry of Finance looking at UN agencies as donors and not as technical support agencies, etc.).

Regarding FNPP Food Security + Forestry Initiative
Further backstopping needs

- The RO recommends FAO/FNPP to field a backstopping mission of the Sub-regional Forestry Officer (SAFO), Mr. Peter Lowe to Maputo, preferably in the second semester of 2005, to assist monitoring the FNPP implementation, but also to take advantage of the mission and provide technical advisory support to further develop the project portfolio on forestry, continuing the contact with potential partners and donors, and providing overall technical advisory support to the FAO country programme in forestry.

- It is important to directly involve the Food Systems Economist of SAFR, Mr. Mark McGuire, in the forestry technical task forces of both FNPP Angola and FNPP Mozambique. Technical task force members are recommended to copy all relevant messages to him. Mr. McGuire provides technical backstopping on the food security component of both projects. Being himself also trained in forestry and based in the region, he provides an excellent opportunity to enhance the collaboration between forestry and food security component in the FNPP initiative in both countries, to strength the technical support to these initiatives.

DETAILED REPORT

ANGOLA

This backstopping mission of FAO/FONP to the FNPP Forestry + Food Security initiative in Angola had the objective to support the start up of the project activities for the participatory formulation of the national policy and legislation related to forests, wildlife and protected areas. It was carried out together with the international consultant on forest policy, Mr. Arlito Cuco, and coincided with the presence in Luanda of the Food Systems Economist of SAFR, Mr. Mark McGuire, one of the experts responsible for backstopping the food security component of FNPP.

FAOR designated Mr. Pedro Güemes, Programme Officer, to be the FAOR focal person for FNPP in Angola. Mr. Güemes made all the arrangements necessary for the adequate development of the mission. Meetings were held with the relevant authorities, including
the Minister of Agriculture, the Vice Minister of Agriculture, and National Directors of IDF, IDA and GSA (see list of people met in Appendix 1).

The senior officers at the main partner institution – the Forestry Development Institute (IDF) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MINADER) were well informed about the project. IDF nominated Mr. Domingos Nazaré, head of its Planning Department, as National Project Coordinator (NPC). The Institute also allocated two offices and all office facilities for the project team to comfortably work in their premises.

Together with the FAOR, the RO discussed the project with H. E. the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. Gilberto Buta Lutukuta. Also, a well attended presentation has been organized by IDF for the Vice-Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Mr. D. Katata, and for all their headquarters staff, to introduce the project and mark its start. Copy of the presentation made in this occasion by the project coordinator is attached (appendix 5).

Unfortunately, the other two main partners in the project implementation, the Cabinet for Food Security (GSA) at MINADER and the National Directorate of Natural Resources (DNRN) at the Ministry of Urbanism and Environment (MINUA) were less informed about the initiative. It is very important that the three entities are fully informed and collaborate with the development of the project, to guarantee its sustainability and the future implementation of the Policy and Legislation being proposed. Hence, GSA and DNRN/MINUA are invited to nominate a focal person to work closely with the NPC, forming the core group responsible for the project implementation.

A meeting was arranged between the RO and the Director of the Food Security Cabinet (GSA), Mr. David Tunga, attended also by Mr. Mark McGuire from SAFR and the CTA of the FAO/EC project on food security in Angola, Mr. Joao Monnerat. The FNPP initiative has been debated in detail, and Mr. Tunga nominated Ms. Maria Eugenia Francisco da Silva as the GSA officer to serve as focal point for this initiative. He also suggested a closed link with IDA extensionists network in the field, to facilitate the contacts and consultations with local communities.

Mr. Tunga also manifested the interest of GSA to develop as soon as possible the National Food Security Strategy. He asks if FNPP funds could be allocated in support of this initiative, which could learn from the participatory methodology being applied for the development of the policy and law on forests, wildlife and protected areas.

Recommendation: ESAF as budget holder of the FNPP Food Security theme to consider the request of the director of GSA, in the framework of the present partnership established with Angola, to enlarge the present budget in order to support the development of the National Food Security Strategy.

Recommendation: Project coordinator to brief Ms. Maria Eugenia Francisco da Silva at GSA on the project work plan, and organize with her a presentation of the project to all GSA staff, as being done with IDF staff during this mission. For the presentation of the project to the GSA personnel, the technical staff of the Agriculture Development
Institute (IDA) may also be invited.

Regarding the involvement of the DNRN of MINUA, unfortunately it was not possible to meet the director of DNRN as he was abroad. The project has been discussed with the head of the Department of Protected Areas, Mr. Joaquim Lourenço, who manifested full support and interest in the initiative. He also informed that the Ministry of Urbanism and Environment is presently engaged in a similar exercise, to develop the National Biodiversity Strategy.

**Recommendation:** Project coordinator to brief Dr. Soki Kadikwenda, director of DNRN about the FNPP project, and request the nomination of a focal person to work in the project core group. Also, a presentation of the project to all DNRN staff is advisable, taking into consideration that all responsibility on protected areas has been transferred to MINUA.

**Recommendation:** Project coordinator and focal person at MINUA/DNRN to explore the possibility of harmonizing (even combining some of the field consultations?) the development of the Policy and Legislation on Forests, Wildlife and Protected Areas with the development of the National Biodiversity Strategy.

**Recommendation:** To formalize MINUA’s participation in the project, the director of IDF may consider requiring the Minister of Agriculture to send a letter to the Minister of Environment informing about the FNPP initiative.

**FNPP implementation:**

The project team debated the various possible arrangements for the project functioning, and opted for the scheme presented below, where a core group formed by IDF, GSA and DNRN leads the project implementation under the guidance of a Steering Committee composed by the directors of these three institutions, plus representatives from the Legal Cabinets of MINUA and MINADER, as well as representatives of IDA, the FAOR and the donor government (The Netherlands). This Steering Committee can be presided by the National Director of Agriculture, Livestock and Forests (DNAPF), as the policy body of MIMADER, upon concurrence of the other Steering Committee members.
A group of national and international consultants, as well as FAO backstopping from FONP, ESAE, ESAF, RAFR and SAFR will provide the technical expertise required by the project, as stated in the work plan. The FAO officers of the support units directly involved in this initiative form a project Technical Task Force.

The RO, together with the senior consultant on forest policy and the project coordinator, developed draft terms of reference for the Steering Committee (appendix 3) as well as ToRs for the consultancies required in the near future (appendix 4).

A series of consultations in the provinces shall be carried out until December 2005, to collect information from the stakeholders for the formulation of the first draft of the national policy on forests, wildlife and protected areas. Guidelines for the development of these public consultations are presented in Appendix 6.

**Recommendation:** IDF + FAOR to call for the first Steering Committee Meeting, to review and approve its own Terms of Reference (appendix 3), and the Project Work Plan (appendix 2).

**Recommendation:** Core Group (Mr. Nazaré, Ms. Maria Eugenia da Silva and MINUA/DNRN Focal Person – probably Mr. Joaquim Lourenço) to keep weekly meetings, to advance and jointly assess the project implementation according to the work plan.

**Recommendation:** Core Group + FAOR to identify and propose national consultants for recruitment as per Terms of Reference developed during this mission (appendix 4).

**Recommendation:** Core Group to organize and carry out the 5 Regional Consultations,
from July to December 2005, according to the Guidelines proposed (appendix 6)

Recommendation: FAO Technical task force to identify and proposed international consultants as required in the project work plan.

**Donors’ contacts:**

Dutch Embassy:

The RO paid a visit to the Dutch Embassy in Luanda together with the national project coordinator, to inform about the start of the project and to invite them to take part in the Steering Committee. The meeting was held with Ms. Nicole Maes, Second Secretary, who enthusiastically supported the idea and promise to discuss it with the new Ambassador, who will be fielded in July.

Recommendation: FAOR to pay a visit to the new Ambassador of the Netherlands upon his arrival in the country in July, to keep him informed about the FNPP implementation in the country.

Spanish Cooperation:

Thanks to the initiative of the FAOR, the RO attended a meeting with a delegation of the Spanish Cooperation visiting Angola, headed by Ms. Cristina Díaz Fernández, sub-director of the Spanish Cooperation for Sub-Saharan Africa. It seems the Spanish Cooperation is keen to enlarge its activities in Angola, and the RO presented to them a draft project concept, which has been formulated together with Mr. Tomás Caetano, director general of IDF, aiming at re-establishing forestry education in the Faculty of Agronomy at Huambo (where the Spanish Cooperation is already supporting the re-establishment of education in Veterinary Sciences). Copy of the concept note is presented in appendix 7.

Recommendation: FAOR to follow up with the Spanish Cooperation in their interest to support re-establishing forestry education in the Faculty of Agronomy in Huambo (Agostinho Neto University).

Recommendation: FONP Forestry Education Expert, Mr. Pieter Van Lierop, to provide comments on the project concept presented in appendix 7).

Czech Cooperation:

While the Czech Institute of Forestry Research (IFER) approached FAO in Rome to discuss a possible forest inventory project in Huambo province, it seems that no progress has happened in Angola to date, as the national authorities where not updated about this initiative neither if it will become a project in the near future. It is relevant for the FNPP
programme to be well informed about that, as funds have been reserved to provide local expertise and national counterparts for training by the Czech project. If it does not materialize, those resources shall be re-allocated in other priority areas.

Recommendation: As it is planned as a bilateral project where the FNPP programme will only act as a partner, it is recommended that the Director of IDF should contact the Czech Cooperation to follow up on the possibility of materializing the forest inventory project in the near future.

The RO would like to thank all colleagues at IDF and the FAOR for the excellent support provided in Angola, for the success of this mission.
Taking advantage of a field mission to Angola, the reporting officer (RO) went to Maputo, Mozambique, from 13 to 17 June 2005, to provide technical backstopping for the project TCP/MOZ/2904 (A), which has been implemented in the period July 2003 – June 2005. The mission included the review of project results, reports and publications (see appendix 8 for a complete list of the project’s reports and publications, all of them available upon request from the RO office); assistance in preparation of the draft Terminal Statement (see appendix 9), and the review of a follow up project proposal available in both UTF modality and as a draft concept note to be submitted to the UN Human Security Fund (see appendix 10), to support the implementation of the Forest Law Enforcement Strategy and Action Plan developed under the TCP.

The RO also took the opportunity to review the FAO country programme related to forestry and wildlife, and to discuss with national partners and project staff, the other ongoing FAO/forestry related activities in the country: the NFP Facility partnership (5 LoAs presently under implementation; new call for proposals planned for July 2005), the UTF/MOZ/074/MOZ – Community Forestry; and the Forestry component of the FNPP Food Security + Forestry initiative in Mozambique.

The mission’s main conclusions and recommendations are as follows:

Regarding TCP/MOZ/2904 (A):

The project has been developed with some delay, which obliged its re-scheduling from 18 to 24 months implementation. Also, the field testing of the new law enforcement system being proposed, based on stakeholders participation for prevention, detection and repression of illegal activities, could only now start being tested, and only in one province (Maputo) instead of the two initially planned.

However, the project was successful in producing a law enforcement strategy and action plan to innovate forestry, wildlife and protected areas law enforcement in Mozambique, focusing on stakeholders participation and largely dependant on prevention instead of repression.

Also, the project was very successful in producing a detailed Manual for Law Enforcement and training trainers to disseminate it. The Manual may become a key instrument to promote the implementation of the new forests and wildlife law in Mozambique. A total of 26 Law Enforcement Officers from different institutions (Government, NGOs and private sector), have been trained to disseminate the new Law using the methodology proposed by the project. By the time the RO left Mozambique, the Manual was in the press for the first issue of 1,000 copies of its two volumes.
However, a major problem for law implementation remains. Unless a substantial investment is made in the near future, mainly in equipment and infrastructure for law enforcement officers in the provinces, it will be extremely difficult to consider any effective change in law enforcement in Mozambique. The project team estimated this investment at about US$ 7 million over three years. Considering that it is estimated an annual taxation loss of US$ 20 million per year due to illegal logging in Mozambique, it is easy to understand that the proposed investment can easily be paid back.

As an outcome of the TCP, a project proposal has been formulated in a UTF modality for the total investment of USD 7 million, and has been informally discussed with the head of Proagri, dr. Fernando Songane, for funding. While admitting the excellent quality of the proposal, dr. Songane informed that the amount is too big to be inscribed in the annual plan of work and budget (PAAO) of the National Directorate of Forests and Wildlife (DNFFB). While admitting that part of these funds could be allocated through PAAO, he strongly recommended DNFFB and FAO to jointly search for extra-budgetary funds (that can be channelled through Proagri as earmarked for forest law enforcement). Dr. Songane recommended approaching the Finnish and Swedish cooperation, as well as the EC in this regard.

As an extract of the UTF proposal, a concept proposal for law enforcement focusing in the three priority provinces of major logging activities (Sofala, Zambézia and Cabo Delgado) has also been produced, for an investment of about US$ 1.6 million over two years, to be submitted to the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security – UNTFHS (see appendix 10).

**Recommendations regarding the completion of TCP/MOZ/2904:**

**Recommendation:** DNFFB should consider organizing a presentation of the new “Law Enforcement Strategy”, “Law Enforcement Action Plan” and the “Investment Project (UTF)”, produced under the TCP/MOZ/2904 to the Ministry’s cabinet (Colectivo de Direcção), in order to obtain their support and commitment to raise funds for the follow up implementation activities, estimated at US$ 7,157,760 over three years.

**Recommendation:** As soon as the Manual on Law Implementation produced by the TCP comes out of printing, a press-conference shall be organized by the Law Enforcement Department of DNFFB, but preferably led by the Minister of Agriculture, to help publicise the new law enforcement strategy and to inform the public about this new publication. The Minister could be invited to write and sign the Foreward of the Manual.

**Recommendation:** The national project coordinator should assure that main project reports (see complete list in appendix 8) become available at the MINAG’s internet page (www.map.gov.mz)
Recommendation: It seems that there are some funds remaining which can be used to support the field testing of the new law enforcement system in the province of Maputo. This activity shall still be carried out in June 2005, as a start up testing of the new approach to be disseminated to the other country provinces. The FAOR Programme officer shall confirm the availability of funds for this activity, which is to be implemented by the Law Enforcement Department of DNFFB in collaboration with the provincial forest services (SPFFB).

Recommendation: FAOR Programme officer and project coordinator shall revise the project Terminal Statement (appendix 9), arrange its translation into English and submitted accordingly.

Fund raising:

The FAO Representation in Mozambique developed a country programme where sustainable natural resources management in general, and forestry in particular, represent a strategic area for FAO support to the country needs. The ongoing programme covers the areas of community forestry, forests and food security, forest policy and law implementation.

There is a need to engage in fund raising activities, mainly to guarantee a follow up on the recommended law implementation activities designed by the TCVP/MOZ/2904 (A), but also to broaden FAO support to more areas related to forests and natural resources management, especially those related to poverty alleviation, and nature conservation.

In this regard, the RO and the APO J. Duraisamy visited some potential partners (World Bank/GEF Transfrontier Conservation Areas initiative – TCA, and Proari), and also prepared a set of project portfolio monitoring tables (appendix 11), to allow for systematic fund raising in the next future, which is to be carried out by FAOR together with the national partner institutions, supported by the technical and operational units of FAO. It was agreed that the FAO Programme officer for natural resources and forestry, Ms. Yolanda Arcelina, together with the forestry APO Mr. J. Duraisamy, will be responsible for this follow up.

Recommendations regarding these activities are as follows:

a) Specifically regarding the follow up of TCP/MOZ/2904 (A):

Recommendation: FAOR Programme officer, APO and the chief of the Law Enforcement Department of DNFFB to follow up on the discussions held with the director of Proagri, dr. Fernando Songane, regarding extra-budgetary funding for the UTF proposal. The RO was informed that letters in this regard have already been sent to the Embassy of Sweden (and probably to the Embassy of Finland as well), jointly
signed by the FAOR and the Director of DNFFB. The team mentioned above shall pay a visit to these Embassies in Maputo to assess their interest in participating in this initiative.

Recommendation: FAOR Programme officer, APO and the chief of the Law Enforcement Department of DNFFB to follow up on the draft concept note prepared by the RO and the APO Jeeva Duraysami (appendix 10) to be submitted to the UN Human Development Fund. This proposal could allow for the start up of the implementation of the new law enforcement system in at least three provinces, while more funds are searched to allow the implementation of the new system in the remaining provinces. The concept note shall be revised by FAOR and submitted to the UNTFHS/Embassy of Japan for pre-appraisal.

It is very important to continue the fund raising actions mentioned above, otherwise the new forest law enforcement system designed with the TCP support will simply not be implemented, as there is not sufficient resources at DNFFB to advance with it.

b) Regarding overall fund raising for the FAO programme on forests and protected areas in Mozambique:

The RO and the APO contacted the head of the Transfrontier Conservation Areas Initiative, Dr. Bartolomeu Soto at the Ministry of Tourism. The TFCA is a programme of USD 34 million funded by GEF, to support protected areas and tourism development in Mozambique. It will be implemented in the next 7 years. The modality the TFCA intends to operate is through partnership with implementing agencies, where the interested agency raises the funds for their technical assistance, while TFCA puts the major funds for the field operations. They are interested in discussing with FAO possible partnerships to support:

i) Development of the National Policy and legal instruments on Conservation and Protected Areas; and

ii) Establishment of a Community Facility to support interaction between local communities and private investors in eco-tourist business initiatives.

Dr. Soto manifested also the possibility of jointly contacting potential donors for fund raising for the technical assistance share, and mentioned the interest manifested by the Spanish cooperation in this regard.

Recommendation: FAOR Programme officer, APO and the chief of the Law Enforcement Department of DNFFB to follow up with TFCA and Ministry of Tourism, as well as to pay a visit to the Spanish Embassy in Maputo to discuss a possible partnership in the field of protected areas management.
Recommendation: **FAOR** to consider contacting the Minister of Tourism to discuss possible partnerships, considering the possibility of a TCP for technical assistance in the policy area, combined with a UTF for field implementation support to local communities participation in protected area management.

Recommendation: **FAOR Programme officer and APO** to continuously monitor and update the FAO portfolio on projects in the country (appendix 11), following up on contacts with potential partners and donors (Swedish cooperation – especially for Niassa province, EC, Finnish cooperation, Proagri, UNDP, Spanish cooperation and others)

Recommendation: **TCAP** to consider fielding a mission to support FAOR in the overall – and very complex – fund raising strategy for Mozambique under the new funding circumstances (donors shifting to Budget Support, Ministry of Finance looking at UN agencies as donors and not as technical support agencies, etc).

### Main conclusions and recommendations regarding the other ongoing projects:

**Regarding the partnership with the NFP Facility**

In spite of the fact that the National Forest Forum has been quite inactive lately, the partnership with the NFP Facility is evolving without major problems, as partner institutions are adequately implementing their LoAs. The second LoA with DNFFB for the total of US$ 39,000 has just been signed and hand carried to FAO HQs by the RO.

**Recommendations for the Facility national focal point, Ms. A. Issufo:**

- Assist partners in completing the ongoing LoAs with FAEF/CONDENSA, ADCR, SPFFB Inhambane and CEF (all of them in ending phase)
- Start the activities planned in the 2nd LoA with DNFFB
- Based on the 2005 Work Plan, complete the organization of the call for proposals during the national forest meeting to be held in Maputo in July, as well as the training workshops for potential new partners from the provinces (North, Centre and Southern regional workshops)

**Regarding UTF/MOZ/074/MOZ**

The project is being implemented without major problems. Three international consultants (Hennie Coetzee, Jeremy Anderson and Kanimang Kamara) are planned in
the near future, to support the project in: a) development of a national strategy to promote tree planting; b) development of a national strategy to address and manage the conflicts between farmers and wild animals; and c) to conduct a second phase training course on community based forest enterprises using the Market Analysis and Development (MA&D) methodology developed by FAO and RECOFCT.

The project is about will complete two years of implementation in September 2005, and will be concluded in September 2006. Hence, a project evaluation later this year can provide importance guidance for the final year of implementation, as well as to guide future activities of community forestry in Mozambique.

Recommendations for the Project Coordinator of UTF/MOZ/074/MOZ are:

- Confirm payment of 3\textsuperscript{rd} and last tranche of Proagri funds.
- Develop an internal evaluation in July/August as an action-reflection exercise, and produce a document to serve as an input to the external evaluation to be carried out later in the year.
- Organize the external evaluation to be carried out before December 2005.
- Based on the conclusions and recommendations of the evaluations, produce a follow up proposal (phase III) to be submitted to Proagri in early 2006, to scale up the present activities, focusing on participatory forestry development.

**Regarding the FNPP Food Security + Forestry initiative**

The RO participated in a very live meeting of the various technical officers involved in the implementation of FNPP in Mozambique. The main focus of the initiative is to influence the implementation of the national poverty reduction strategy (PARPA) with inputs from food security, nutrition and community based natural resources management.

The initiative is advancing accordingly and forestry will contribute with two case studies during 2005, on issues related to the conflict between wildlife and farmers, and on the relationship of charcoal production and poverty. The two forestry case studies are part of a series of five case studies being conducted this year, to illustrate relevant activities that will be presented to all institutions involved in the implementation of PARPA. Project UTF/MOZ/074/MOZ is providing technical assistance for the development of the forestry case studies.

FNPP is also revealing itself as an excellent opportunity to promote collaboration and synergies between different FAO units.
Recommendations for project coordinators Mr. M. Foloma (UTF/MOZ/074/ MOZ) and Mr. R. Vasco (FNPP country coordinator) are:

- Recruit the consultants for the case studies and initiate them as soon as possible.
- Consider recruiting Dr. Lidia Brito, professor of wood technology at Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo, for the case study on wood energy and sustainable livelihoods. As an expert in the area, and a former Minister, Dr. Brito certainly has a broad vision to the issue, which will be of the benefit to the project.
- Involve Ms. Catarina Chidiamassamba from the GCP/MOZ/027/BEL (Belgian Survival Fund) as a resource person to the ongoing activities in forestry, and eventually to take the lead in a case study.

Further backstopping needs

Mozambique provides an exciting and diversified programme for FAO technical support to the country initiatives towards sustainable development. Forestry is well inserted in the programme, but run the risk of decreasing its presence if not engaging soon in identification of opportunities and partners, and in fund raising.

Recommendation: The RO recommends FAO/FNPP to field a backstopping mission of the Sub-regional Forestry Officer (SAFO), Mr. Peter Lowe to Maputo, preferably in the second semester of 2005, to assist monitoring the FNPP implementation, but also to take advantage of the mission and provide technical advisory support to further develop the project portfolio on forestry, to continue/expand the contact with potential partners and donors, and to provide overall technical advisory support to the FAO country programme in forestry.

Recommendation: The RO suggests technical task force members of both FNPP Angola and FNPP Mozambique to copy all relevant messages to the Food Systems Economist of SAFR, Mr. Mark McGuire. It is important to directly involve him in the forestry technical activities, as Mr. McGuire provides technical backstopping on the food security component of both projects. Being himself also trained in forestry, and based in the region, he provides an excellent opportunity to enhance the collaboration between forestry and food security component in the FNPP initiative in both countries.

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Appendixes:

1. List of people met: Angola and Mozambique
2. Proposed work plan for FNPP Implementation in Angola
3. Proposed Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee of FNPP in Angola
4. Proposed Terms of Reference for FNPP Consultants in Angola
5. Power Point Presentation of the FNPP Initiative in Angola
6. Guidelines for the development of public consultations in the provinces in Angola
7. Proposed Project Concept Presented to the Spanish Cooperation, to Re-Establish Forestry Education in Angola

8. List of Reports and Publications of TCP/MOZ/2904 (A) in Mozambique
9. Draft Terminal Statement of TCP/MOZ/2904 (A) in Mozambique
10. Draft Project Concept on Law Implementation in Mozambique, to be submitted to the UN Human Security Fund
11. Project portfolio monitoring tables for FAO support to forestry, wildlife and protected areas in Mozambique