FORESTS ON BLACKBOARDS: EXTENDING AND IMPROVING LOCATION-SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN THAILAND'S SCHOOLS FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION



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SUMMARY

All planned outputs for the project period April 2020 to March 2021 were accomplished. The second teachers' workshop was run successfully in Krabi in the 1st week of September 2020, during which teachers suggested improvements to the 2nd draft of the teachers' manual and activity modules were tested with school pupils. Ten target schools, in 2 districts, located in the vicinity of Khao Pra Bang Kram wildlife sanctuary participated in contributing ideas for the manual. The manual was subsequently revised, cover designed and cartoon characters commissioned and added. The manual was organized into 5 chapters: geography, biodiversity, interactions, environmental problems and conservation, with 2 hands-on activities under each heading. It was printed locally in Krabi in March and launched at a well-attended event shortly thereafter, following which FORRU staff toured around Krabi school's delivering and promoting use of the manual and use of the FOB-online platform. A social media specialist, has been employed to increase uptake of FOB-online for the past 6 months. Uptake of the online platform (for all three FOB manuals: Kanchanaburi, Chiang Mai and Krabi) has continued to grow in terms of students and teachers registering and completion certificates awarded. All FOB manuals are now available as free downloads online, pop guizzes have been added for the Krabi manual. FORRU-CMU staff continue to monitor uptake generally whilst FORRU-Krabi staff continue to promote the platform in Krabi. Events at several schools in Chiang Mai were also run to promote the manual and learning platform there.

1. Project background and rationale

Since 2012, the "Forests on Blackboards" (FoB) program has been developing educational materials to inspire and enable school children to become involved in tackling local environmental problems. It engages teachers to develop teachers' manuals that provide knowledge and activities about local environmental issues to school children, and supplementary materials that enable effective use of the

manuals. E-learning tools are also being added, to make the manuals available as free downloads and to enable evaluation of their use and impact. The current project builds on the success of two previous FoB programs; the first one in Kanchanaburi Province (Central Thailand) (2012-15), which produced awardwinning teachers' guides at both primary and secondary levels and the second one in Chiang Mai Province (North Thailand) (2016-19), which produced a midsecondary school manual and built the online platform. Both of these projects engaged local teachers to devise structured modular materials to educate and inspire school children to address environmental issues, specific to each locality, e.g., elephant-human conflicts in Kanchanaburi and annual haze pollution from forest fires in Chiang Mai. The projects produced handbooks, nature trail guides and games that enable teachers to incorporate environmental issues into regular classwork, whilst also adhering to the national curriculum. FoB-Chiang Mai extended this approach to online learning and evaluation, which allows monitoring of the uptake and effectiveness of the materials produced. The current project can therefore be considered as the third phase of Forests on Blackboards – abbreviated to FoB Phase III.

2. Goal

The overarching goal of FoB Phase III is to prepare the way for broader national application of the concept, by introducing new environmental education tools – both printed and online; the latter enabling monitoring of both the uptake and the effectiveness of such tools. Such materials and tool will provide school children with the inspiration, skills and knowledge they need to address global issues, such as biodiversity loss, global climate change etc., by taking action at the local level.

3. Specific Objectives

- 1. To implement a FoB program in Krabi Province, Southern Thailand
- 2. To expand FoB-online to the existing Kanchanaburi teaching materials and the schools that use them.
- 3. To translate the FoB Thai language materials into English for use by international schools and to enable knowledge-sharing with other Southeast Asian countries
- 4. To carry out generic training that may enable the FoB concept to be replicated at various locations throughout Thailand.

4. Activities - Outline April 2020 to March 2021

Brief progress with outputs 1-7 (revised and uploaded to KNCF 30th April 2020)

1. Krabi teachers' manual modules tested during visits to 9 local Krabi schools by FORRU-CMU & FORRU-Krabi staff. Feedback generated and included into the final version of the manual.

Soon after the COVID restriction on schools were lifted in August, we ran a very successful teachers' meeting in Krabi in the first week of September, to critique the 1st-draft contents of the teachers' manual. Furthermore, the activity modules that had been developed for the manual were tested on local school children to generate feedback for final modifications to the manual, before proofing and printing. The meeting and module-testing are described in the detailed report below.

2. Manual fully laid out and designed and ready to go to the printer. 1,000 copies printed and distributed to local Krabi schools.

Work on completing the first draft of the Krabi teachers' manual continued since April (2020), ready for the teachers' meeting in September. After reacting to the teachers' suggested changes, the book was fully laid out and designed, and the cover design added. The book was finally delivered to a local print shop in March 2021 and distributed to 20 school (Appendix 4).

3. FoB-online platform augmented with Krabi materials and activated.

In parallel to completing the printed manual, the FoB online was augmented with the Krabi materials. Multiple choice questions were added and the certificate section customized to allow awarding of certificates in Krabi schools (Appendix 3).

4. Launch event for Krabi materials and FoB-Krabi-online, attended by at least 100 participants. At least 300 registrants on the online platform from Krabi.

The launch event took place on March 27th 2021, attended by 26 local teachers. Since this was under the target number, the FORRU team then toured around 20 schools presenting the books to teachers, promoting FoB online and running activities from the book with local school children (about 20 per school). Shortly thereafter a sudden surge in COVID in Thailand has caused schools to close. Therefore, we will continue to promote uptake of FoB online in Krabi via social media, until schools re-open.

5. FoB-Doi-Tung – expansion of the project to Doi Tung cannot be done within the current reduced budget.

The Mae Fah Luang Foundation has decided to push ahead with their own education projects at Doi Tung and have therefore withdrawn from the FoB project.

6. Launch FoB online in Kanchanburi and promote its uptake in schools.

This was brought forward to Y1 and has been achieved.

7. Continue to promote FoB online in Chiang Mai and Kanchanaburi and monitor their uptake and effectiveness through the e-learning platform

We are employing a member of staff part-time as an on-line learning & social networking specialist, to concentrate on promotion of FoB through social media and management of the FoB Online website and monitoring uptake. Statistical reports have been updated to March 2021 and are presented in the detailed report. Furthermore, additional promotion events were run in Chiang Mai schools, with matching funds support.

GANNT Chart of Project Activities – grey cells indicate completed activities

	2020 2021							2	2022	2															
ACTIVITY	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
FoB Krabi																									
Preparing 1st Draft	X	X	X	X	X	X																		П	
Teachers meeting to evaluate 1st draft						X																			
Testing with school children - feedback and evaluation						X																		П	
Final modification for draft 3						X	X	X	X	X	X														
Design, layout and proofing							X	X	X	X	X														
Printing											X	X													
Online support materials: online learning and evaluation									X	X	X														
Launch event												X													
Promotion of materials and monitor up take of FoB online													X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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FoB Chiang Mai																									
Translate teachers' manual and other materials into English													X	X	X	X								i	
Testing English modules in schools																X	X	X							
Final modifications to English manual and materials																		X	X	X					
Layout design and printing of FoB materials in English																				X	X	X			
Prepare English version of FoB Chiang Mai online																				X	X	X			
Launch event																							X		
Promote English materials in international schools around																								X	
Chiang Mai																								$^{\Lambda}$	
Online monitoring of FoB online (English)																								X	
Continue monitoring FoB online (Thai)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
FoB Kanchanaburi																									
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Monitor uptake and effectiveness of Kanchanaburi FoB	х	х	X	v	X	Х	х	х	X	х	х	X	X	X	х	Х	х	x	X	x	х	X	x	x	
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5. Detailed Report

1. Krabi teachers' manual modules tested during visits to Krabi schools. Feedback generated and included into the final version of the manual.

The 2nd teachers' meeting to critique the 1st draft of the teachers' manual had originally been scheduled for March 2020, but was postponed due to the COVID lock-down. As flights into Krabi Airport resumed in August and schools re-opened with in-class lessons, we contacted the target schools offering the choice of a remote consultation (using Zoom) or a live meeting. Most teachers were happy with a live meeting since, by August, no community transmission of COVID in Thailand had been detected for several months and schools already had mask-wearing, hand sanitation and social distancing measures in place.

The objective of the September workshop was to critique the topics and manual contents that had been developed by the FORRU team, in response to the 1st teachers' meeting and to test the effectiveness of the proposed activities related to each chapter, so that appropriate revisions could be incorporated into the 2nd draft. We also gauged reaction to the draft layout and design of the book.

The event was held over 2 days on 2-3 September 2020. The first day of the meeting was hosted by Anubarn Klong Thom School. Due to the Covid-19 policy on social distancing and the size of the room available, the number of participants was restricted to 30, with 2-meters distancing. Nineteen teachers registered representing 9 schools (out of a total of 10 target schools). In addition, 1 officer from the Krabi Education Authority attended to ensure curriculum adherence and to plan promotion of the manual. Furthermore, 2 participants from Nature-Mind-Ed (a local ecotourism venture) including founder, Pierre Echaubard. He and his colleague were interested to join and observe the FoB project and offer support, including local information and photos that could be included in the manual.

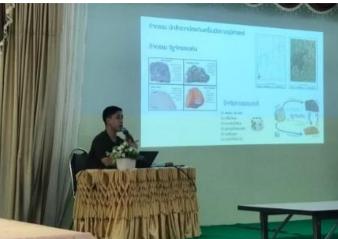


Time (hrs.)	Session
8.30 AM	Meeting registration
9.00 AM	Opening speeches
9.15 AM	Progress of Forest on Blackboard project in Kanchanaburi, Chiang Mai and Krabi province
9.45 AM	Summary of first teacher's meeting and contents in Krabi teacher's manual 1st draft
10.00 AM	Review 1 st draft teacher's manual relevance to standard curriculum - chapters and activities
10.30 AM	<u>Coffee Break</u>
10.45 AM	(Group Session) Brainstorming for module contents and activities for chapter 1 and 2
11.45 AM	Presentation brainstormed ideas of contents and activities for chapter 1 and 2
12.00 PM	<u>Lunch</u>
13.00 PM	(Group Session) Brainstorming for module contents and activities for chapter 3, 4 and 5
14.00 PM	Presentation brainstormed ideas of contents and activities for chapter 3, 4, and 5
14.45 PM	<u>Coffee Break</u>
15.00 PM	Conclusions from brainstorming – consensus on module changes needed
15.30 PM	Group Photos and end the meeting

FORRU Co-Founder and Director of Education Dr. Sutthathorn Chairuangsri made the opening speech and presented a PowerPoint about the origins of the Forests on Blackboard project in Kanchanaburi and Chiang Mai Provinces and its extension to Krabi Province. She provided guidance on brainstorming new ideas through the meeting and gave an overview about the project for teachers who had not joined the 1st kick-off meeting. She also reviewed progress with the e-learning program (FoB Online).

Next, James (FORRU-Krabi Officer) summarized the outputs of the first teachers' meeting and presented an overview of the chapter topics and headings. Then Phai (FORRU-CMU Education Officer) ran through the chapter topics in more detail and explained the activity modules. Although participants had been provided with printed copies of the 1st draft of the manual 2 weeks in advance, most had not had time to review the contents before the meeting.





Group discussions then followed, covering 2 chapters in the morning and 3 chapters in the afternoon. Participants were separated into groups, according to their interest in the chapter topics.

Group No.1 discussed Chapter 1 - Geography, facilitated by Phai. Teachers suggested adding more information about a wider variety of local sites of geological interest, across the Province for each District, so that teachers can choose study sites nearer to their schools.

Ach. Gwang and Som (FORRU-CMU Education Officer) facilitated Group 2's discussion of Chapter 2 - biodiversity. Again, the teachers' main concern was to broaden the range of sites mentioned in the manual for biodiversity studies, allowing more choice for field trips. Pierre (NatureMind-Ed) made useful suggestions about revising the topic sub-headings, to be more effective and relevant, and he offered to provide additional photographs to illustrate the topics better.







In the afternoon, Ach. Gwang facilitated a group discussion about Chapter 3 - Interactions. The teachers wanted to make the food webs in that section even more specific to local ecosystems. They also wanted more local examples of plant pollinator matching.

At the same time, Phai facilitated a small group discussion about Chapter



4 – Environmental Problems. There were not many comments about this chapter. Participants agreed with focusing on the problems of deforestation and water and air quality. They requested supplementary materials related to soil erosion, since that problem can be seen inside school grounds.

Discussion of Chapter 5 – Conservation was facilitated by Som. This chapter required the most revision. Teachers suggested re-arrangement of topic headings and greater interconnection with the topics covered in the early chapters. However, the activity modules were considered appropriate without changes.

After the group discussions concluded in the afternoon, we invited representatives from each group to present a summary of the main revisions suggested. We asked the teachers to select one or two of the topic revisions to test out in class and provide feedback for the final drafting of the manual. The revisions suggested are listed in Appendix 1.

After incorporation of revisions into draft 2nd, teachers will be invited to test use of the manual with their classes and provide feedback before final modifications are made, supplementary materials produced and final publication.



The next day, FORRU CMU and Krabi teams set up activity modules for testing at the FORRU-Krabi tree nursery, with pupils from Ban Bang Kram School and Pru Din Na School located in Khlong Thom District). Fifteen students and teacher participated from each school. The event opened with an introduction to FORRU Krabi – its history and the forest restoration techniques that had been develop by the research unit targeting specifically the highly endangered local lowland evergreen forest ecosystem

We then tested Activity Module 5 – seed germination, using forest tree seeds collected locally. Students were divided into pairs for this activity so we could gauge how different students reacted to the instructions





Then, we brought the students to pavilion, near our nursery, to test 2 desk-based modules from Chapter 1 of the manual – map reading and the rock cycle, facilitated by Phai with team assistants. We started with the rock cycle, separating pupils into groups of 5 to play a dice-based board game that takes the pupils around the rock cycle by natural geological events. The game taught pupils to recognize sedimentary, metamorphic, and igneous rocks and the processes that form them. Then, we tested the map-reader activities which proved more of a challenge, because the pupils had not yet been taught about map co-ordinates in school. However, with some intensive teaching the pupils were eventually able recognize land use categories and perform simple grid distance calculations.

Final modifications to the Krabi teachers' manual

Changes suggested during the 2nd teacher's workshop were implemented by the FORRU-CMU education team; modifying subheading topics and adding local photos and examples. Changes were approved by Dr. Sutthathorn (FORRU's Education director), who also proofed the text. Cartoon characters (to guide pupils through the material) were added and the layout revised. The revised contents are shown below.

CHAPTERS	CHAPTERS National Curriculum Relevance		MODULES				
1 st GEOGRAPHY OF KRABI	Strand 3.2: Earth Science and Astronomy – Grade 7 Strand 3.2: Earth Science and Astronomy – Grade 8 Strand 5.1: Geography – Grade 7	Geographic information Geology Water resource Climate changes	Map reader Rock cycle				
2 ND BIODIVERSITY	Strand 1.1: Biological Science – Grade 9 Strand 1.3: Biological Science – Grade 9	Aquatic ecosystem Terrestrial Ecosystem	- Mangrove forest model - Nature Trail - Phenology				
3 rd INTERACTIONS	Strand 1.1: Biological Science – Grade 9	Food chain & Food web in aquatic ecosystem Carbon cycle Nitrogen cycle Biological interactions	- Pollination & Seed disposal - Animal interactions				
4 th ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS	ENVIRONMENTAL Strand 1.1: Biological Science – Grade 10		- Garbage sorting - Soil erosion model				
5th CONSERVATION Strand 1.1: Biological Science – Grade 9 Strand 1.2: Biological Science – Grade 7 Strand 1.3: Biological Science – Grade 9		Habitat Conservation Biodiversity conservation Forest Restoration	Seed germination for forest restorationVisit learning center at Baan Nai Nang				

2. Manual fully laid out and designed and ready to go to the printer. 1,000 copies printed and distributed to local Krabi schools.

All layout and design of the Krabi manual was completed in February (Appendix 2) and the PDF files were sent to a local printer in Krabi Province in early March. Since the bill for printing the manual took us over budget, we redirected savings on other budget lines to printing costs and contributed a further 38,786 THB (134,237 Y) from FORRU-CMU's educational fund, to ensure that printing went ahead within Y2 of the project as planned.

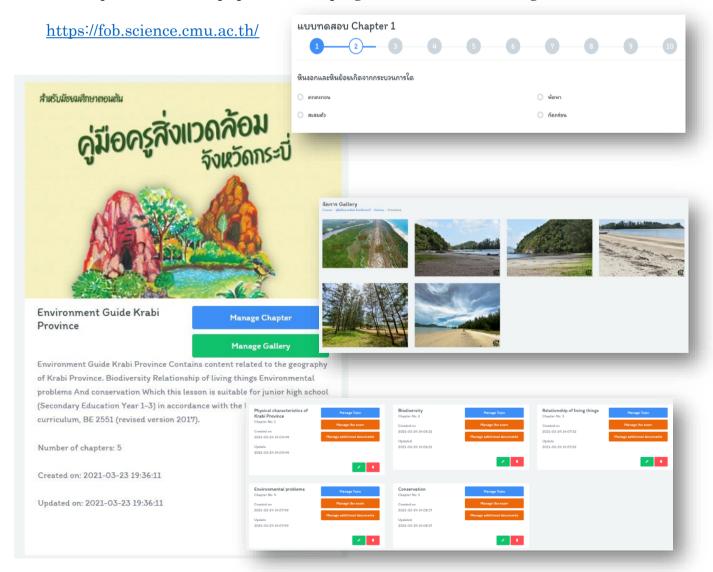
The complete book can be downloaded here:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/n4fn9wja3teosgm/KRABI%20book%20-%20Secondary%20school.pdf?dl=0

During the launch event the FoB teamed visited 20 schools and donated a total of 600 books with 405 books left in stock for future distribution (Appendix 4).

3. FoB-online platform augmented with Krabi materials and activated.

PDFs of the Krabi Teachers' manual were added to the FoB online learning platform in February, in time for the launch event in March, along with multiple-choice quizzes to allow pupils to track progress with their learning.





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- ชมกิจกรรมการเรียนร้ในหนังสือ

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9.15 น. - แนวคิดโครงการผืนป่าบนกระดานดำ

9.30 น. - การดำเนินงานโครงการผืนป่าบนกระดานดำ 9.45 น. - เปิดตัวหนังสือคู่มือสิ่งแวดล้อมจังหวัดกระบี่

- การดำเนินงานและเป้าหมายสำคัญของหนังสือคู่มือฯ 10.30 น. - เปิดตัว e-leaming สื่ออิเล็กทรอมิกส์เพื่อคณครและนักเรียน

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4. Launch event for Krabi materials and FoB-Krabionline, attended by at least 100 participants. At least 300 registrants on the online platform from Krabi.

The purpose of the FoB Krabi launching event was to distribute the teachers' manual and to demonstrate some of its modules, to inspire teachers to use the manual and introduce it to a wider audience (beyond the 10 schools which participated in compiling it). A half-day launching event was run on 27th March 2021 at Hot Spring Waterfall meeting room. Twenty-six teachers and officers from the education department participated. The event began with registration and distribution Krabi teacher's manual. At the same time, participants were invited to view other versions FoB manuals written for other areas.

The meeting was opened by the Chief Executive of the Provincial Administration, Klong Thom Nuea sub-district and with a VDO¹ introduction to thank all those involved in the project by FORRU-CMU co-director Dr. Stephen Elliott.

Then, team presented the background and rational of the project and how the Krabi Teachers' manual was compiled with local teachers and how it fitted in with the national standard curriculum. Som presented topic contents and activities of 5 chapters including Geography of Krabi, Biodiversity, Interactions, Environmental problems, and conservation.

FOB e-learning



The FoB online platform was demonstrated and participants were taken through the registration procedures and how to operate the interface.







On March 26, 2021 the project team visited Ban Bang Kram school to test Chapter Interactions animal matching with game students and 4 teachers and assisted students then register online. However. there was a problem with registration process because the internet connection was poor and most pupils had very old cellphone models unable to log into the system.

On March 29th the team visited Ban Phu Toey school with 20 secondary level students and 5 teachers. Unfortunately, the school had limit time for testing the modules, so we decided to use the time to promote FOB e-learning and presented the process of using the system and assigned e-learning details to teachers (because students were not allowed to bring cellphone to school which mean that they had to take a test at home instead). The opportunity to promote and distribute the manuals were successful cooperation of teachers from our target schools in Krabi.



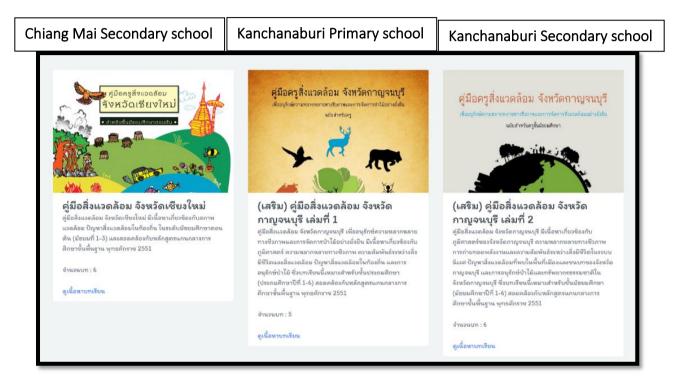
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6. Launch FoB online in Kanchanburi and promote its uptake in schools.

This activity was brought forward into Y1 and completed. Kanchanaburi teacher meeting & promote online learning platform

Both primary school and secondary school editions of the teachers' manuals were uploaded to the Fob online learning platform and multiple-choice quizzes devised and uploaded as well as customized certificates awarded upon completion.



From 25th to 28th February 2020 FORRU staff joined with Tidarach Toktang to started visit schools in Kanchanaburi Province to promote use of the online platform and to renew interest in the printed books. A workshop was run, during which FoB online was demonstrated and activities from the teachers' manuals tested with school children.





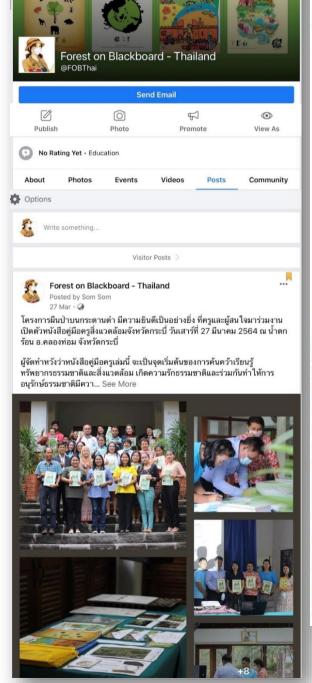
7. Continue to promote FoB online in Chiang Mai and Kanchanaburi and monitor their uptake and effectiveness through the e-learning platform

A social-media specialist was hired to promote use of the platform via social media. A FoB FaceBook page was created and is frequently updated.

https://www.facebook.com/FOBThai/

... as well as dedicated pages on FORRU-CMU's new website.







FOB-Krabi is the latest iteration of Forests on Blackboards - once more sponsored by KNCF if.

Since FORRU-CMU has supported a local tree nursery and forest restoration project (FORRU-Krabi) in Khlong Thom District, Krabi Province, since 2005, FORRU-Krabi staff selected local community schools (classed as "expansion" schools), suitable for the project in Khlong Thom and Lumtap districts. Participating schools are clustered around the Khao Pra-Bang Khram Wildlife sanctuary (which includes the mountain of Kor Nor Chuchi), where a wide variety of local environmental issues are ongoing (e.g., forest encroachment for oil palm and rubber tree plantations, over-development for tourism, species extinction etc.).

The Krabi FoB teachers' manual is aimed at grades 6 to 9. In 2019, the FORRU-CMU team went down to Krabi to twice, to discuss the project with the Vice Provincial Director of Education and help recruit schools to the project. The FORRU-Krabi team reviewed locally available environmental teaching materials, and surveyed where children could be taken on field trips. The Emerald Pool, in lowland rainforest, within Khao Pra Bang Kram Wildlife Sanctuary is the nearest site to the schools for studying terrestrial and freshwater ecology and the impact of tourism development on natural resources.



Phai and James introduce the FoB concept to Krabi School Teachers

We continued to promote te FoB online platform for local schools in Chiang Mai. On 17th January 2020, we ran an event to promote FoB online along with education activities for pupils of Lampang Kalayanee School at Doi Suthep Nature Center. Modules were selected from the Chiang Mai teacher's manual to use with students. The aim was to increase understanding of environmental issues and how to restore forest ecosystem in Doi Suthep-Pui National Park. This school has been co-operating with FORRU for the last two years and has participated enthusiastically in FoB online. This event provided an opportunity to expand use of online platform to different grade levels and sharing via Facebook.



On 18th March 2021, we ran another promotional event at Yupparaj school (one of the target schools for Fob Chiang Mai). FORRU-CMU was invited to run science modules related to a biology class, focused on forest restoration. It was a half-day program with 19 students (Grade 11). Forest restoration were discussed and the students surveyed the trees around the school before starting the modules. We used modules from Fob Chiang Mai manual chapter 3 (Biodiversity) and explained how to create a tree map using simple measuring tools and GPS. The FoB online platform was demonstrated. Students were particularly pleased with the prospect of being able to use the certificate of achievement (from CMU) to support their university entry pathway.



With additional sponsorship from the Royal Genetic Conservation Fund through Chiang Mai University – we ran 3 local school events in Chiang Mai focusing on biodiversity conservation and forest restoration: (1) to allow students to learn about the nature and ecological biodiversity of Doi Suthep and (2) to provide students with an understanding of the importance of forest restoration and the methodology used in forest restoration. The participants were school children from Yupparaj Wittayalai, Suanboonyopatham Lamphun and Chiang Mai Christian School who participated in several activities at Doi Suthep Nature Centre tree nursery with lecturer from the FoB education team (Som, Aom, Phai).

- Yupparaj Wittayalai / 35 students 3 teachers / 22 December 2020
- Suanboonyopatham Lamphun / 20 students 2 teachers / 25 December 2020
- Chiang Mai Christian / 20 students 5 teachers / 28 December 2020

The sessions included a lecture on the importance and techniques of forest restoration and introduction to setting up camera traps for wildlife monitoring. An overview of landscape of Doi Suthep-Pui National Park (module 1 in the FoB teachers' manual) was provided, before walking along the Fig nature trail (using the trail guide produced to accompany the FoB Teachers' guide). The afternoon sessions covered tree production for biodiversity, lichen chasing game, tree herbarium specimen, seed collection and hands-on activities in the nursery (seed preparation, seed germination, seedling potting, seedling care). At the end of each

day students were introduced to the FoB online learning platform and encouraged to register and test their knowledge acquired and continue working with the resto of the modules towards earning their certificates.













Statistics for uptake of FoB-online materials are presented in the table below. Over the past 6 months, total students reached increased by 32% to 2,468, whilst numbers of certificates awarded to pupils scoring high after completing all modules increase by 12% to 1,084.

The reason for the low numbers for Krabi was because the launching workshop came right at the end of the Y2 project period. We expect the numbers of Krabi to increase in Y3.

FOB Online Uptake and Use								
Province	Certificate printed	Material Download	No. Students	No. Teachers				
Chiang Mai	395	215	1,097	93				
Kanchanaburi (Primary)	251	294	514	115				
Kanchanaburi (Secondary)	438	177	841	107				
Krabi	0	12	16	12				
Total	1,084	698	2,468	327				

6. Plan – suggested outputs for Y3

We thank KNCF for continuing to support this project into a 3rd year to consolidate achievements, expand the reach of the project and disseminate generic aspect to other schools — train-the-trainers approach.

The main outputs proposed for Y3 listed in the proposal are currently being reviewed, since the amount pledged (2.42 million Yen) was considerably lower than the budget calculated for the proposed outputs (5.39 million Yen).

- FoB Chiang Mai translated into English and made available online for international schools
- Print English edition of FoB Chiang Mai if budget is sufficient
- Reprint Kanchanburi books and re-promote them with new generation of teachers (both Kanchanburi manuals are now out of print)
- Teacher training events Chiang Mai, Kanchanaburi and Krabi
- Further development and promotion of FoB online at all three locations.

We will re-consider what can realistically be achieved with the reduced budget over the next few days and submit the revised budget and outputs for Y3 by April 30th.

APPENDIX I - MAIN CHANGES TO TEACHERS' MANUAL SUGGESTED AT THE 2^{ND} TEACHERS' MEETING

Chapter 1

- Add local learning centers in addition to Khao Pra Bangkhram Wildlife Sanctuary and cover other districts if possible, such as saline hot springs, Nam Keaw reservoir etc., to encourage a greater variety of field trips outside school – 8 districts have unique physical geography in the area.
- Add a box to recommend searching online for additional and complementary information, and re-check topics and content correction
- Rock cycle activity: add representative character when rolling dices

Chapter 2

- Teachers suggested changing curriculum information associated with this chapter.
- Distinguish between main topics and sub-topics using design features to improve logical flow through the material.
- Adding examples of aquatic ecosystems focusing in biodiversity to complement the geomorphologic information in the previous chapter.
- More local information and pictures on marine ecosystems.
- More examples and a greater variety of organisms covered in caves, swamp forest and beach ecosystems.

Chapter 3

- Move the section; pollination and seed dispersal to the section on mutualisms and make icons/symbols to represent each interaction type. Additional box of animal interaction between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem
- Introduction with questions at the beginning posed by the cartoon character.
- Additional pictures of food chains, included producers, consumers and decomposers. Add energy flow pattern and food pyramid into the food web section. A greater variety of animal species represented.
- The participants particularly liked the food chain and food web activity, in the Chiang mai teachers' manual and wanted it included in the Krabi manual and adapted with local plant/animal species represented.
- Pollination & seed dispersal matching activity; again the participants suggested more species that are more characteristic of Southern Thailand.

Chapter 4

- Environmental problems in riverine swamp forest should be added (since it is such a rare habitat) matching information presented in the 3rd chapter.
- Chang Phra Sawet historical park should be added as a suitable field study location.

- Additional box for water quality indicators matching the box on air pollution indicators.
- Erosion model activity: suggest alternative materials and tools that students can find more easily in school.

Chapter 5

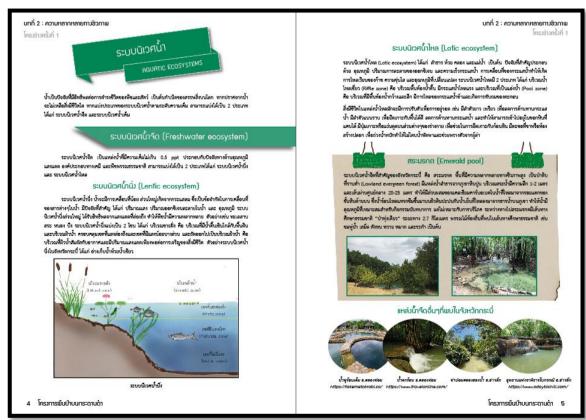
- Include better definitions of more technical terms
- Add 2 more matching curriculum items related to the topic headings.
- Revise topic headings and add regulations (legal?) to biodiversity conservation

APPENDIX 2 - BOOK DESIGN

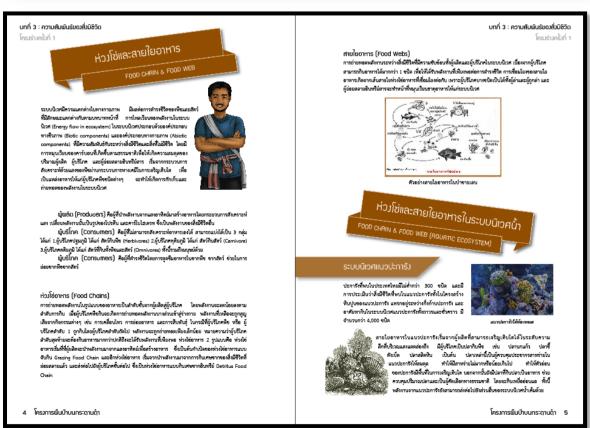
Manual layout and design – Unique color design of each chapter same as Chiang Mai teacher's manual with modern style text and new cartoon character.















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CARTOON "MENTOR"

We commissioned cartoons of this typical southern Thailand villager in local clothes. Both in the manual and on the website, he will act as a friendly mentor to pupils, — guiding them through the materials and activities and expressing appropriate context-specific emotions.



APPENDIX 3 – Customized certificates for each province.







APPENDIX 4 – BOOK DISTRIBUTION

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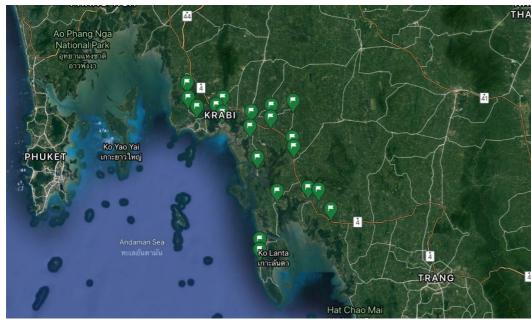








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