

## **Foreword**

Maintenance of forest genetic resources is of crucial importance to sustainable development. However, global forest loss and degradation is resulting in a dramatic loss of biological diversity and options for utilisation and development. Cambodia is no exception, with several valuable indigenous tree species presently vulnerable to extinction at species, and in particular, at population level.

The Royal Government of Cambodia therefore gives high priority to reforestation activities. A pre-requisite for success in dealing with indigenous trees is knowledge of these species. Increased species-level knowledge will promote their conservation through increased planting and use of valuable indigenous tree species.

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