



Short Presentation

CITES Permitting Process in Cambodia

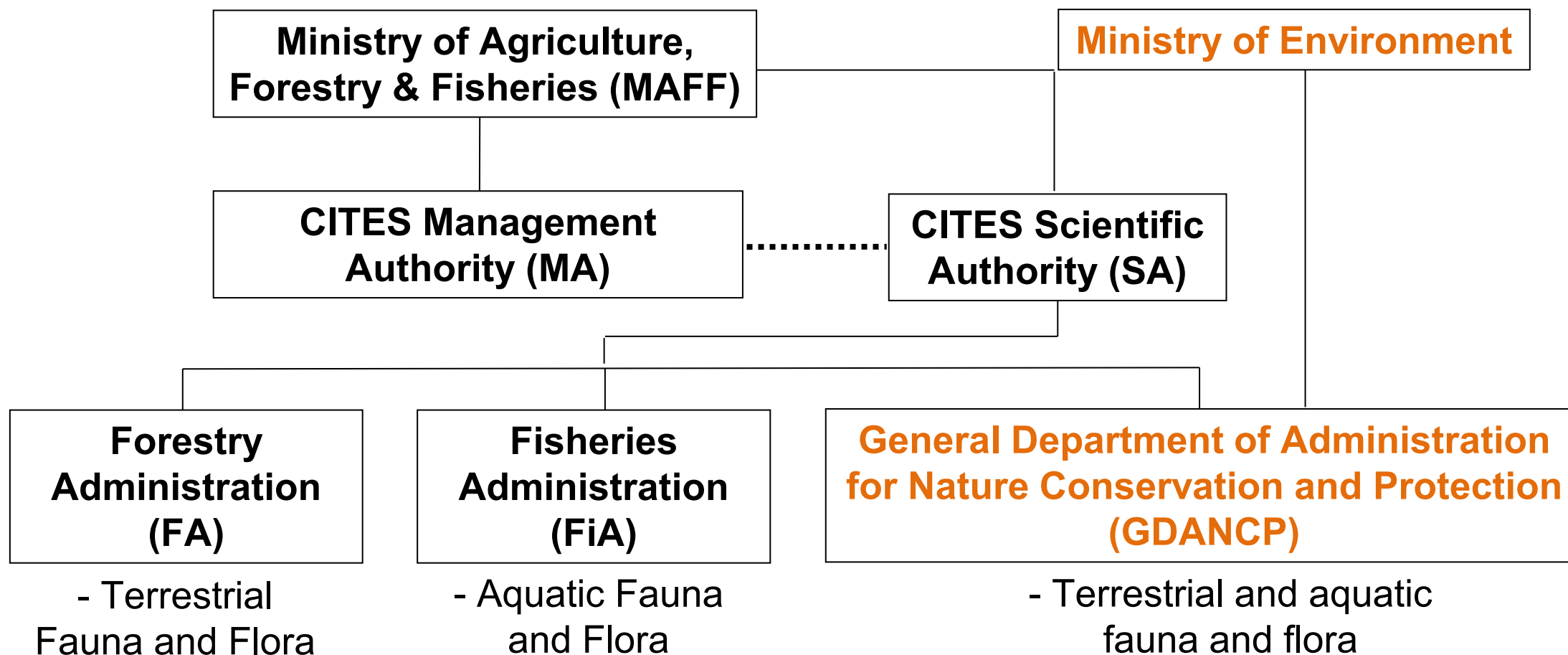
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Structure of CITES Authorities in Cambodia



Current CITES Permitting Processes

Cambodia is still using the paper-based permitting process

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- First, applicant must submit request for import or export quota to MAFF
 - MAFF will assign tasks to Scientific Authority (SA) for technical input
 - Scientific Authority (SA) will make report to MAFF on comment for approval or not approval on the applicant's request
 - If SA supports approval, MAFF will issue import/export quota permit for applicant
 - Then applicant will submit request for CITES Permit to CITES Management Authority (MA), with the attached quota import/export permit from MAFF
 - CITES-MA will make verification on documents request and make decision on issuing the CITES permit

Why Cambodia not yet having eCITES System?

- ❖ Financing constraint: government not yet allocated national budget for implementing eCITES system
- ❖ Lacking of human resource:
 - Staffs movement (e.g: political related matters)
 - Capacity
- ❖ CITES-MA of Cambodia is currently staffed mainly with part-time officers seconded by other departments. In 2018, the CITES Secretariat already suggested Cambodia to consider opportunities to strengthen capacity of its MA, by putting in place permanent staffs dedicated to implementing tasks and function of CITES-MA
- ❖ In 2022, UNCTAD (via agreement with FAO) conducted feasibility study on the readiness of Cambodia CITES-MA for eCITES system