



Strengthening Partnerships to Protect Endangered Wildlife in Vietnam (P162792)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Key Dates**Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 25-Nov-2017

Effectiveness Date: 25-Mar-2019

Original Closing Date: 31-Dec-2022

Revised Closing Date: 31-Dec-2022

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Project Development Objective is to strengthen the legal and regulatory framework, and the related implementation capacity for the protection of threatened wildlife.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Despite initial delays in effectiveness and implementation, the project is still on track to achieve its objectives. It has already contributed to strengthening key government policies for wildlife protection and developing a collaborative framework to facilitate coordination of the endangered wildlife partnership between government agencies and other stakeholders. The project has also supported a communication strategy and a knowledge and information sharing platform to facilitate enhanced inter-agency coordination and increased public interest protection of threatened wildlife. Covid-related restrictions and impacts also set back the implementation of many activities, though most are now in the final stages of completion, which will allow progress toward achievement of the project's lagging outcome indicators to be registered in the results framework. The most notable delay has been in the delivery of training to strengthen the competence of enforcement and conservation officials in the application of biodiversity laws and regulations. This training is now scheduled to be carried out over the next six months.

Risks**Overall Risk Rating**

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Overall	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate



5. Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

► PDO1: Draft amendments to the laws and regulations on threatened wildlife protection submitted for approval to the competent authorities (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	3.00	5.00
Date	01-Jul-2018	26-May-2020	16-Jun-2022	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	The project has supported the (i) preparation and issuance of the PM's Directive 04/CT-TTg, dated May 17, 2022 on urgent measures to protect wild birds; (ii) PM's Decision 149/QĐ-TTg, dated January 28, 2022 approving the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan; and (iii) the preparation for issuance of the scheme on preventing against biodiversity crimes including threatened wildlife crimes; the endangered species conservation program; and the wildlife/biodiversity communication program. Other supports including the development of (i) the species conservation program; and (ii) the wildlife/biodiversity communication program will be submitted for MONRE for approval in Q3-2022.			

► PDO2: Enforcement and conservation officers with increased competency in the application of the laws and regulations on wildlife protection (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	80.00	500.00
Date	01-Jul-2018	26-May-2020	16-Jun-2022	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	The project has cooperated with the Asian Turtle Program (ATP) organizing two training courses on the turtle law enforcement (about 80 participants). The project also organized a plenty of technical meetings/consultation workshops with enforcement agencies at both national and local levels regarding comments and inputs for the amendments, revision of laws, regulations and policy on wildlife protection. Their competence and understanding of the issues is believed enhanced following the contributions in these workshops. More training will be provided in Q3-2022.			

► PDO3: Enforcement and conservation agencies that deploy the SMART tool (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Date	01-Jul-2018	26-May-2020	16-Jun-2022	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	Training plan for application of SMART tool to support the prevention of violations on threatened wildlife protection by Protected Areas management was prepared. Actual training will be carried out for 25 Protected Areas nationwide in Q3-2022 and the PMU will conduct evaluation to measure the training.			

► PDO4: Share of government agencies participating in the Biodiversity Steering Committee that agree on joint work plans on wildlife protection (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00



Date	01-Jul-2018	26-May-2020	16-Jun-2022	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	<p>A new Biodiversity Protection Strategy was adopted with support from the project in January 2022, particularly on endangered species conservation. A coordinated joint biodiversity action plan attached to the Strategy was agreed with different related agencies including the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Science and Technology, Provincial People's Committee leading a number of actions in coordination with the Ministry of Planning and Investment, the Ministry of Finance, and other stakeholder. The biodiversity services platform that helps support the monitoring and implementation of the action plan is being established, and drafts of a detailed plan are in preparation and should be consulted with the agencies and agreed by closing. MONRE is processing the establishment of the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Platform. Joint workplans on wildlife protection is being drafted and shall be consulted with the member of the Platform for agreement expected in Q4-2022.</p>			

► PDO5: Share of central and local government staff reached by awareness raising campaigns (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0%	--	tbd	50%
Date	01-Jul-2018	26-May-2020	16-Jun-2022	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	<p>A number of awareness raising campaigns were carried out. The PMU will carry out evaluation as soon as possible to captures the extent of awareness raising among civil servants.</p>			

Overall Comments

The project is making progress towards achievement of PDO. Actual accomplishment of PDO result targets is varied across different indicators. The PMU will carry out M&E to measure and evidence the achievement, particularly related to indicator on the "share of central and local government staff reached by awareness raising campaigns"; and the "number of enforcement and conservation officers with increased competency in the application of the laws and regulations on wildlife protection" as soon as this activity is to be implemented.

Intermediate Results Indicators

► IR1: Cross-sectoral constituencies participating in consultations on the proposed amendments to laws and regulations on threatened wildlife protection (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Jul-2018	26-May-2020	16-Jun-2022	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	<p>The project has conducted a number of consultation meetings and workshops during the development of the national strategy on biodiversity to 2030, vision to 2050, the species conservation program, proposed amendments of the Decree 160, Directive on migratory birds and the draft decree on ex-situ conservation facility.</p>			

► IR2: A legal framework developed for the management of ex-situ wildlife conservation facilities and submitted to the relevant authority for approval (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	01-Jul-2018	26-May-2020	16-Jun-2022	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	The draft Decree on ex-situ wildlife conservation facilities has been developed and is being finalized upon consultation meetings. This is on track, as final submission to the government was planned for the final year of implementation.			

► IR3: Recommendations on the implementation of the Law on Biodiversity in the tourism sector developed and submitted to the relevant authority (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Jul-2018	26-May-2020	16-Jun-2022	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	The project has completed the report on recommendations for integrating biodiversity conservation in the tourism sector with policy brief submission to relevant agencies in the tourism sector. Recommendations of the study were also integrated into the National Biodiversity Strategy, approved by the Prime Minister's Decision 149/TTg dated January 28, 2022. The report shall be designed and printed to share with relevant agencies in Q3-2022.			

► IR4: Wildlife crime issues integrated into the National Crime Prevention Strategy (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	01-Jul-2018	26-May-2020	16-Jun-2022	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	The draft national scheme on biodiversity crime prevention has been developed and formally circulated by the Ministry of Public Security (MPS) for review and feedback from relevant stakeholders before its submission to the government, expected in Q3-2022.			

► IR5: A training needs assessment and training plan designed for the enforcement and implementation of the Law on Biodiversity and regulations (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Jul-2018	26-May-2020	16-Jun-2022	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	Training needs assessment was completed. Training materials were developed. Training plan has been designed for enforcement and conservation officers. Trainings shall be conducted in Q3-4,2022.			

► IR6: People accessing to the information sharing mechanism on the conservation of prioritized threatened species, and its share of women (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Date	01-Jul-2018	26-May-2020	16-Jun-2022	30-Dec-2022



Comments: The wildlife partnership forum has now reached over 500 members including government officers, conservationists, press and media contacts and project steering committee members and a wide range of different groups of people.

► IR7: Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration with key stakeholders formalized (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	3.00	3.00
Date	01-Jul-2018	26-May-2020	16-Jun-2022	30-Dec-2022

Comments: The project has facilitated the development and signing of 3 MOUs between the Biodiversity Conservation Agency (BCA) under MONRE with AAF, FFI and the Environmental Police on wildlife conservation. The project has also facilitated the development of MOU between the BCA with Birdlife International on wild bird conservation. The MOU has been submitted to BCA for review.

► IR8: An awareness raising strategy targeting civil servants developed and implemented (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Jul-2018	26-May-2020	16-Jun-2022	30-Dec-2022

Comments: The awareness raising program on wildlife conservation has been developed including activities targeting civil servants. The project has also conducted several communication activities targeting civil servants including the honoring programs, behavior change, biodiversity photo exhibition and a number of guidelines to government agencies on strengthening communications on no hunting, catching, buying, selling, transporting, slaughtering, consuming, and storing, advertising, harming wild, endangered, and rare animals and plants.

Overall Comments

Though behind schedule, good progress is now being made and achievement of the intermediate result indicator targets is expected by project closing.

Data on Financial Performance

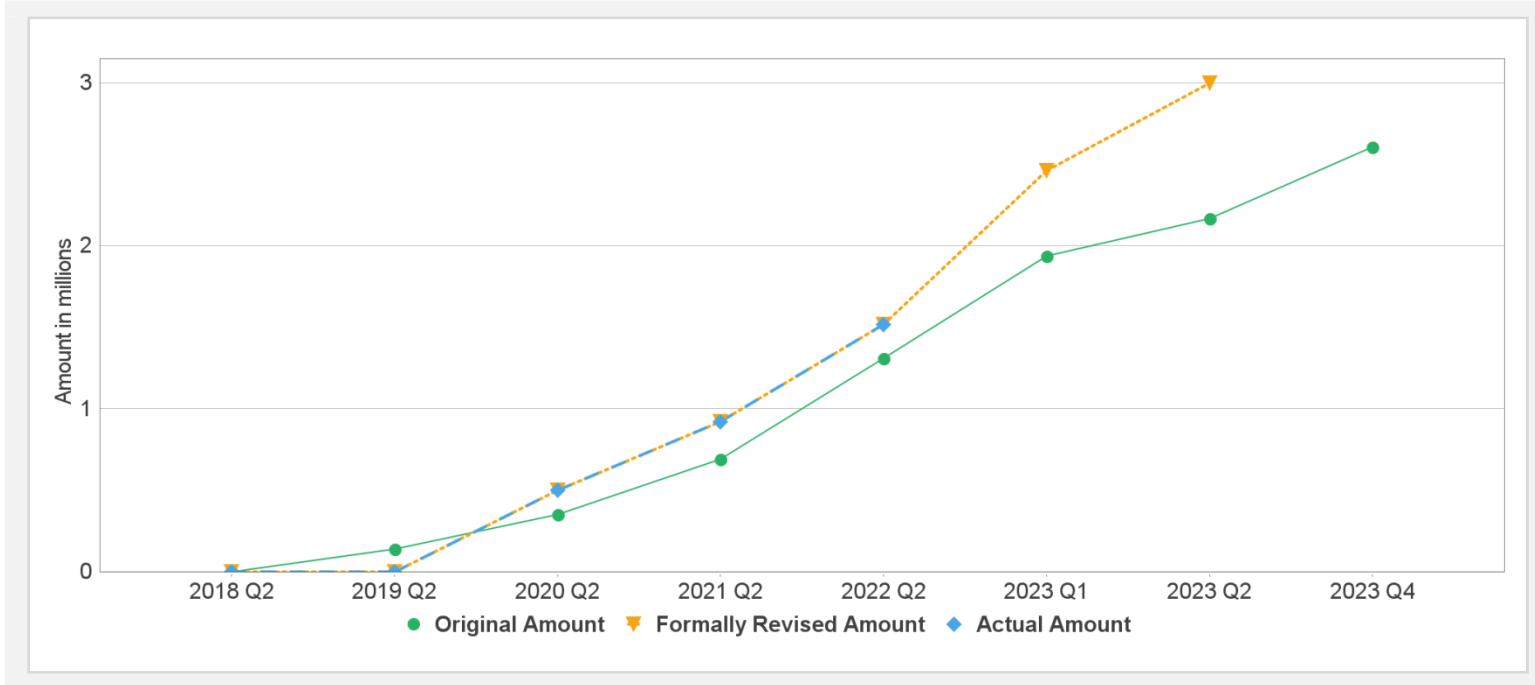
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P162792	TF-A9935	Effective	USD	3.00	3.00	0.00	1.93	1.07	64%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P162792	TF-A9935	Effective	25-Nov-2017	25-Mar-2019	25-Mar-2019	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.