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**Reporting from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024**

## 1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

### 1.1 Project Details

<b>GEF ID:</b> 5132	<b>Umoja WBS:</b> SB-012159
<b>SMA IPMR ID:</b> 39954	<b>Grant ID:</b> S1-32GFL-000617
<b>Project Short Title:</b> IMWBES	
<b>Project Title:</b> Integrated Management of Wetland Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services (IMWBES)	
<b>Duration months planned:</b>	60
<b>Duration months age:</b>	63
<b>Project Type:</b>	Full Sized Project (FSP)
<b>Parent Programme if child project:</b>	
<b>Project Scope:</b>	National
<b>Region:</b>	Asia Pacific
<b>Countries:</b>	India
<b>GEF Focal Area(s):</b>	Biodiversity
<b>GEF financing amount:</b>	\$ 4,196,575.00
<b>Co-financing amount:</b>	\$ 20,217,000.00
<b>Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:</b>	2016-03-28
<b>UNEP Project Approval Date:</b>	2019-03-21
<b>Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):</b>	2019-03-29
<b>Date of Inception Workshop, if available:</b>	2022-05-21
<b>Date of First Disbursement:</b>	2020-05-26
<b>Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:</b>	\$ 500,000.00
<b>Total expenditure as of 30 June:</b>	\$ 672,361.00

<b>Midterm undertaken?:</b>	Yes
<b>Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:</b>	2024-03-04
<b>Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:</b>	2024-01-31
<b>Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:</b>	2025-04-30
<b>Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:</b>	2026-09-30
<b>Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:</b>	2024-04-30
<b>Expected Financial Closure Date:</b>	2026-09-30

## 1.2 Project Description

The Integrated Management of Wetland Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IMWBES), a full-scale project funded under the Global Environment Facility (GEF)-5 has a goal of “conservation and wise use of wetlands for sustained provision of their full range of ecosystem services and maintenance of biological diversity.” The project objective is to “enhance management effectiveness of wetlands of national and global significance and integration in developmental programming”. IMWBES is supported under the Biodiversity Focal Area, with United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) as the GEF Agency. The National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (NPCA), the flagship programme of the Ministry for conservation and sustainable management of wetlands in the country, is the baseline project. The project has been approved for an implementation period of 5 years, with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) as the National Executing Agency. Wetlands International South Asia is the Lead Technical Support Agency (LTSA) anchoring the Project Management Unit (PMU) and providing technical backstopping to project implementation. The project is organized in the following four components aimed at addressing the knowledge, capacity and institutional barriers limiting the effectiveness of wetland management, and would help transform the national baseline project into the delivery of global environmental benefits:

Component 1: National wetland biodiversity and ecosystem services-based knowledge systems designed to make available knowledge systems that enable wetland managers systematic inclusion of wetland biodiversity and ecosystem services (BES) values in wetland identification and prioritization, management planning, developing cross-sectoral institutional arrangements and responding to emerging challenges of climate change.

Component 2: National scale capacity building for applying integrated wetland management intending to build the capacity of wetlands managers to deliver and apply integrated management.

Component 3: Demonstration of integrated wetland management in three wetlands to facilitate learning and the development of best practices for up-scaling and wider implementation within state governments. The project will support inventory and assessments, finalization of the management plan and implementation of core activities.

Component 4: Project monitoring, evaluation and outcome dissemination to ensure that the project meets its stipulated objectives and the results are effectively disseminated to the wetland managers and stakeholders within state governments.

The overall project objectives are to be delivered through the achievement of planned outcomes and outputs in all four components. Components 1 and 2 are to be delivered at a national scale, whereas work under Component 3 is entailed to take place at three demonstration sites with lessons drawn for application at a national scale. Component 4 has been designed to enable effective monitoring and evaluation of interventions at the pilot sites, as well as dissemination of outcomes at national scale.

### 1.3 Project Contacts

<b>Division(s) Implementing the project</b>	Ecosystems Division
<b>Name of co-implementing Agency</b>	
<b>Executing Agency (ies)</b>	Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India
<b>names of Other Project Partners</b>	Wetlands International South Asia (Lead Technical Support Agency)State Wetland Authority Kerala (SWAK), Bihar State Wetland Authority (Bihar)Punjab State Wetland Authority
<b>UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)</b>	Johan Robinson
<b>UNEP Task Manager(s)</b>	Kavita Sharma
<b>UNEP Budget/Finance Officer</b>	Paul Vrontamitis
<b>UNEP Support Assistants</b>	Peerayot Sidonrusmee
<b>Manager/Representative</b>	Dr Ritesh Kumar, Director, Wetlands International South Asia
<b>Project Manager</b>	Ms. Suchita Awasthi, National Project Coordinator, Wetlands International South Asia
<b>Finance Manager</b>	Administration and Finance Officer, Wetlands International South Asia
<b>Communications Lead, if relevant</b>	N/A.

## 2 Overview of Project Status

### 2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

<b>UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):</b>	Thematic: Nature action subprogramme
<b>UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):</b>	Subprogramme 3: Healthy and Productive Ecosystems
<b>PoW Indicator(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature: (i) Number of national or subnational entities that, with UNEP support, adopt integrated approaches to address environmental and social issues and/or tools for valuing, monitoring and sustainably managing biodiversity.</li> </ul>
<b>UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages</b>	<p>Government of India and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Framework 2018-2022: Outcome 5: By 2022, environmental and natural resource management (NRM) is strengthened and communities have increased access to clean energy and are more resilient to climate change and disaster risks Expected results (Environment and Resilience)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting the Aichi and National Biodiversity Targets by ensuring the conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of terrestrial and coastal ecosystems and their services by 2020.</li> </ul>
<b>Link to relevant SDG Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all</li> <li>Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss</li> </ul>
<b>Link to relevant SDG Targets:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.6 By 2020, protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes</li> <li>15.1 By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements</li> </ul>

### 2.2. GEF Core and Sub Indicators

GEF core or sub indicators targeted by the project as defined at CEO Endorsement/Approval, as well as results

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	

Implementation Status 2023: 4th PIR

### 2.3. Implementation Status and Risks

	PIR#	Rating towards outcomes (section 3.1)	Rating towards outputs (section 3.2)	Risk rating (section 4.2)
FY 2024	4th PIR	S	S	M
FY 2023	3rd PIR	S	S	M
FY 2022	2nd PIR	S	S	M
FY 2021	1st PIR	S	S	S
FY 2020				
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

### Summary of status

#### **1. Support to the implementation of the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (NPCA)**

##### **A. Support to Mission Sahbhagita**

MoEFCC launched its mission in Sahbhagita in May 2022 to promote a whole societal approach to wetlands conservation. During the reporting period, the MoEFCC organised regional workshops for knowledge and experience sharing and dissemination of best practices. The project provided technical support for strengthening the capacities of the stakeholders in wetlands conservation for wise use by organising technical sessions in the workshops.

##### **B. Support to the Revision of National Wetlands Programme Guidelines**

During the regional workshops held under the Mission Sahbhagita, the challenges of preparing Integrated Management Plans were discussed. The project supported the MoEFCC in developing a two-step Integrated Management Plan preparation to expedite the management planning process. A guideline for formulating the Framework Management Plan (FMP) was developed. The FMP guidelines are now incorporated into the NPCA. The project supported the revision of the NPCA guidelines that were released during World Wetlands Day 2024.

##### **C. Support to Save Wetlands Campaign**

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The MoEFCC launched the Save Wetlands Campaign in February 2023 to strengthen the participatory approach to wetlands conservation. The campaign aims to sensitise people about the value of wetlands. The project supports the MoEFCC in implementing the campaign by developing knowledge and outreach products, organising technical sessions at the conference on reviving Wetlands by the Centre for Water Resources Development and Management in October 2023, and compiling press releases and social media content for wider outreach. The project also supported the States and UTs in preparing health cards and ground-truthing of wetlands. As part of the Save Wetlands, the MoEFCC is working towards making wetlands conservation a people's movement. Towards the same, the project supported the drafting of the resolution on 'Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles for Wetlands Wise Use', which will be submitted by the Government of India to the Ramsar Convention during the COP 15 to be held in 2025.

### **C. Support to the national celebrations of the World Wetlands Day 2024**

The MoEFCC hosted a national-level celebration of World Wetlands Day at Sirpur Lake, Indore. The Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention, Dr Musonda Mumba and Dr Beom-Sik Yoo, Sr Advisor, Ramsar Convention (Asia-Oceania), attended the event. The project involved designing outreach materials and supporting MoEFCC in organising exhibitions highlighting wetland products and conservation efforts in India. Additionally, the project supported the revision of NPCA guidelines, the preparation of Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool guidelines, and the creation of a brochure outlining the government's initiatives, all released during the event.

### **D. Support to the implementation of the Amrit Dharohar Implementation Strategy**

Amrit Dharohar initiative was introduced by the Government of India in the Union Budget 2023-24 to promote the unique conservation values of the Ramsar Site through community participation. Amrit Dharohar exclusively focuses on the Ramsar Sites to create demonstration, replication and upscaling effects on other wetlands of national and international importance. The project supported the drafting of the implementation strategy that outlines the goal and purpose and elaborates on the activities to be implemented under the four components, namely Species and habitat conservation, Nature tourism, Wetlands livelihoods and Wetlands carbon assessment and implementation arrangement focusing on the participation of all stakeholders and convergence with line ministries and government agencies. The project supported the drafting of a proposal for collaboration between the Ministry of Tourism and MoEFCC to develop the nature tourism component of the initiatives. Draft guidelines on establishing wetland interpretation centres have also been prepared and shared with the MoEFCC for further action. The project also supported the planning and implementing a capacity-building programme to strengthen livelihood opportunities for local communities by harnessing the nature-tourism potential of the Ramsar Sites.

## **2. Capacity Building**

The project is developing training modules on priority topics identified through capacity and training needs assessment. The first draft of the module on Integrated Wetland Management Planning has been created. It is currently being revised based on the priorities set by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). Electronic modules on Introduction to Wetlands, Wise Use of Wetlands, Integrated Management Planning of Wetlands, and Governance have been created in collaboration with GIZ and are available at <https://online.atingi.org/blocks/share/referral.php?code=DOHFkqDTMIUkiMZ>. Additionally, a module on Wetlands Water



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Quality has been prepared and is available at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jM9ljPeE6F1lqoVs3m9\\_oS9je3Y5LAc2/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jM9ljPeE6F1lqoVs3m9_oS9je3Y5LAc2/view?usp=sharing). An expert-reviewed training module on Wetlands' wise use is also being worked on. The project, in collaboration with the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), is involved in the capacity-building of officials of the Rural Development Department from various states for the integration of wetlands in rural development planning and the implementation of the Amrit Dharohar Initiative. Educational videos for school students were also prepared with NCERT, MoEFCC and other knowledge partners. The videos are available at [https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUgLcpnv1YidlidyBimWiakFxttQfyZGa&si=GpQJG7E8I\\_S-Q3JY](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUgLcpnv1YidlidyBimWiakFxttQfyZGa&si=GpQJG7E8I_S-Q3JY)

During the reporting period, professionals from the State Wetlands Authority Kerala were trained on various wetland management planning and implementation aspects.

### **3. Climate Risk Assessment**

The project supported the publication of a climate risk assessment guidance titled "Managing Climate Risk in Wetlands- A Practitioner's Guide". This guide was developed in collaboration with the IKI-funded Wetlands Management for Biodiversity and Climate Protection project, which GiZ is implementing with technical support from Wetlands International South Asia. The practitioner's guide offers step-by-step instructions for assessing climate risks at the site level and integrating adaptation responses into wetland management plans. The tool has been pilot-tested in four Ramsar Sites. During the reporting period, a climate risk assessment (CRA) was conducted for Sasthamkotta, a project demonstration site. The findings were shared with the relevant stakeholders and will be incorporated into the integrated management plan of the Ramsar Site. CRA for Kabartal was also concluded and will be shared with the authorities in August 2024. The documents can be accessed at [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11RshUd6MC\\_p1Ma\\_oQS7ej8xFeFqTAhHJ?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11RshUd6MC_p1Ma_oQS7ej8xFeFqTAhHJ?usp=drive_link).

### **4. Development of knowledge and outreach products**

The following knowledge and outreach products were prepared:

- A. Brochure on Government of India's Initiatives on Wetlands Conservation (<https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1707221982.pdf>)
- B. Eco-postcards for school students on Odisha's Ramsar Sites, common avian residents of NCT of Delhi, factsheets on Sasthamkotta, and brochure on wetlands of NCT of Delhi ([https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15ggsRmdOjWaTmeKdA1uqwYCjZDRWk15w?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15ggsRmdOjWaTmeKdA1uqwYCjZDRWk15w?usp=drive_link))
- C. Factsheets on recently designated Ramsar Sites ([https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1b1GLsbP5\\_vU1ccpoy8-TStB\\_NHqACII-?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1b1GLsbP5_vU1ccpoy8-TStB_NHqACII-?usp=drive_link))
- D. The fourth issue of MoEFCC's six-monthly newsletter has been developed and shared on the national wetlands portal (<https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1705918529.pdf>).

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E. Revised NPCA guidelines incorporating the two-step process introduced in the revised version (<https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1707297851.pdf>)

F. Posters on the integration of Mission LiFE and Wetlands Conservation and Wetlands Conservation and its contribution towards reducing land degradation and desertification ([https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LlcUiVxQf7tCPVICz-eOHaajBlw9ypnJ?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LlcUiVxQf7tCPVICz-eOHaajBlw9ypnJ?usp=drive_link))

G. Social media content (tweets) on 80 Ramsar Sites and other themes related to World Wetlands Day and World Environment Day ([https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vEtA-HKjMGyWoFMFwVXnEXGwPnfRA8z5?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vEtA-HKjMGyWoFMFwVXnEXGwPnfRA8z5?usp=drive_link))

H. A video on a journey on Wetlands Conservation in India prepared and shared with MoEFCC for dissemination. A video on sounds of flagship waterbird species edited in collaboration with SACON for MoEFCC

### **5. Management Effectiveness of Ramsar Sites**

In collaboration with GIZ, the project has developed a guidebook on the Management Effectiveness Tracking tool (METT) to aid practitioners in implementing METT at Indian wetlands of international and national significance. The 'Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool for India wetlands' evaluates how well wetland management is being carried out to achieve set goals and objectives for sustaining the values of a wetland. The guidebook for implementing the METT was released during World Wetlands Day 2024. The guidebook can be accessed at <https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1707134041.pdf>. The Amrit Dharohar Initiative of MoEFCC envisages establishing METT baseline scores for all Ramsar Sites by 2026. The METT baseline scores have been established for 19 Ramsar Sites. The report can be accessed at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MURaBtlqkuDtIN6mQL\\_He7fXzZWpON-Q/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MURaBtlqkuDtIN6mQL_He7fXzZWpON-Q/view?usp=sharing). A training workshop on the implementation of METT was organised on July 4-5 for the wetland managers of seven States and UTs: Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh.

### **6. Updating of Ramsar Information Sheets and compilation of Wetland City Accreditation proposals**

The project supported the documentation and compilation of 15 Ramsar Sites Information Sheets during the reporting period, of which seven were designated during the reporting period. The comments received for nine existing Ramsar Sites were addressed, and data requirements were shared with the MoEFCC.

For the first time, the MoEFCC has also submitted proposals for Wetland City Accreditation for three cities in India. The project supported the compilation of the proposals with relevant information. The proposals have now been submitted to the Ramsar Convention for assessment.

### **7. Demonstration of integrated wetland management**

Component 3 of the project aims to apply integrated and multi-sectoral wetland management approaches in three demonstration sites to facilitate learning and develop best practices for up-scaling and broader implementation. The Integrated Management Plans for Kabartal, Bihar, have been prepared. The management plan has been shared with the State Wetland Authority of Bihar (available at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XltJxns2F2gdToXLbutLPogzfl7lBRJi/view?usp=sharing>). The draft Integrated Management Plan of Sasthamkotta in Kerala has been submitted to the State Wetland Authority of Kerala (SWAK); the plan will be finalised after stakeholder consultations with communities, representatives from local self-government, and communities that the State Wetland Authority Kerala is holding with support from LTSA. A two-year work plan for implementing the project has also been prepared for Sasthamotta with support from the State Wetland Authority Kerala. Meetings and student workshops were organised with the KSMDDB College, Sasthamkotta, to develop a wetland learning centre in the college and foster youth engagement in conserving the Ramsar Sites and nearby wetlands.

### Challenges

The activities at the demonstration sites have also been delayed due to administrative issues, including reshuffling in the concerned implementing departments and lag in fund flows. To expedite the project implementation, the LTSA has compiled the management plans of the two demonstration sites, Sasthamkotta in Kerala and Kabartal in Bihar. The delay and insufficient disbursement of funds from the executing agency to the LTSA also impact the implementation of the activities.

### Main Achievements

- Support the revision of the NPCA guidelines with the introduction of a Framework Management Plan, an interim and supplementary step towards preparing the Integrated Management Plans (IMP). The FMP is to be prepared based on available information and enables seeking funds for the implementation of non-regret actions and undertaking studies or activities required to prepare a comprehensive IMP.
- Support to the expansion of the network of the Ramsar Sites to 82 and submission of proposals for three cities for Wetland City Accreditation
- Support MoEFCC in implementing the Nature tourism component of Amrit Dharohar by drafting guidelines for a wetlands interpretation centre and finalising the note for collaboration between MoEFCC and the Ministry of Tourism.
- Development of Management Effectiveness tools and guidelines for practitioners
- Submission of integrated management plans of Kabartal and Sasthamkotta

### 2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$ 20,217,000
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<b>Actual to date:</b>	10,231,271
<b>Progress</b>	<p><b>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</b></p> <p>The MoEFCC, from the inception of the project, provided a co-finance of USD 10,231,271, 51% of the planned Co-finance. The co-finance supports the implementation of Integrated Management Plans which incorporate the ecosystem services and biodiversity values through the MoEFCC's flagship scheme for conservation of wetlands, the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (NPCA). The funds also support organization of Regional workshops under Mission Sahbhagita, research and development activities as well as support to the maintenance of the Indian Wetlands portal. Wetlands International South Asia has provided a cash co-finance of USD 39,500 towards the preparation of knowledge products.</p>

## 2.5. Stakeholder

<b>Date of project steering committee meeting</b>	2023-04-25
<b>Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)</b>	<p>The project is being implemented in an interdisciplinary, multi-stakeholder and participatory approach. The project engagement has been directed towards the site managers (at the site level) and stakeholders associated with wetlands conservation, State/UT Wetland Authorities (at the national level), and the Ramsar Convention (at the international level).</p> <p>The project is also supporting MoEFCC's engagement with the Ramsar Convention in terms of designating additional wetlands meeting the nine criteria as wetlands of international importance, as well as providing information on the ecological character status of the existing sites. As of July 2024, India has designated 82 wetlands to the Ramsar List. The project supported the States/UTs in compiling the RISs of the Ramsar Sites. Additionally supported MoEFCC in drafting the resolution on Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles for Wetlands Wise Use to be submitted by the Government of India during COP 15 in 2025.</p> <p>The project actively engages with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to provide support in their various initiatives towards Wetlands Conservation. The implementation strategy of Amrit Dharohar, Standard Operating Procedures for Mission Sahbhagita and Guidelines for Interpretation Centres are directed towards a participatory and multi-sectoral approach to the conservation and management of wetlands.</p> <p>The project is also actively engaging with the knowledge partners of the Ministry's Wetlands programmes in the development of the training modules, knowledge systems such as METT and Climate Risk Assessment tools and knowledge management products. In collaboration with the knowledge partners of MoEFCC, the project supported the revision of guidelines for the National Plan for</p>

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	<p>Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (the Ministry's flagship scheme for the conservation and management of wetlands).</p> <p>The project is also collaborating with Government agencies such as the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj to ensure the integration of wetlands conservation in developmental plans and programmes and Central Institute of Educational Technology, National Council of Educational Research and Training for the development of educational videos for school students. The project supported the constitution of India Wetland Coalition to identify opportunities for and implement private-sector partnerships in for wetlands conservation, particularly the Ramsar Sites.</p> <p>For the three demonstration sites, wherein the project intends to showcase the application of integrated management approaches, research organisations, NGOs, and universities such as Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (CWRDM) in Kerala, WWF-India in Punjab and Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI) in Bihar have been engaged in field assessments and analysis for the upgradation of the management plans. To encourage community participation in the implementation of the project, the Wetland Authorities of the three States have constituted Wetland Mitras (Friends of Wetlands) that are engaged in the citizen science programmes such as the Waterbird Census as well as assessment of the wetland ecological character, for its integration in the integrated management plans for the three demonstration sites. The management plan revision process involved close consultation with stakeholders and incorporation of their views, rights and capacities, as well as the participation of indigenous and local communities and gender considerations in management plan implementation.</p>
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## 2.6. Gender

<b>Does the project have a gender action plan?</b>	No
<b>Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):</b>	The project ensures gender equity dimensions in the planning and implementation of activities. The representation of women in Wetland Mitras in all the demonstration sites is more than 30%. Participation of women in the stakeholder consultations organised at the demonstration sites is encouraged to ensure the integration of their needs and concerns in the integrated management plans. The baseline survey organised as part of the management planning process also had the active participation of women in sharing their perceptions about the ecosystem services values that the sites offer. Gender and social equity have also been integrated into the implementation strategy prepared for Amrit Dharohar as well as guidelines for the Wetlands Interpretation Centre to ensure universal access to the services and facilities. Gender sensitivity is also ensured in the development of the knowledge management products, capacity-building materials and tools, as well as during the outreach events, consultations and meetings that are organised under the project. The management plans that are developed for the demonstration sites as well as other wetlands include livelihood opportunities for women.

## 2.7. ESSM

<b>Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)</b>	<b>Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage?</b> No <b>If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?</b>  N/A
<b>New social and/or environmental risks</b>	<b>Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period?</b> No <b>If yes, describe the new risks or changes?</b>  N/A
<b>Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts</b>	<b>Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?</b> No <b>If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions</b>

	<p><b>were taken?</b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Environmental and social safeguards management</b></p>	<p>The environmental and social safeguards responsive measures have been recognised and integrated into the project implementation. The management plans prepared for the demonstration sites take into cognisance the environmental and social benefits, and the same is reflected in the action plan and monitoring systems proposed for the three Ramsar Sites. These plans are based on an ecosystem approach and adaptive management, thereby accounting for environmental and social safeguards management. The mainstreaming of wetlands as nature-based solutions in developmental plans and programmes has been encouraged, and standard operating procedures for convergence have been prepared for the state governments. The Amrit Dharohar guidelines, drafted through the project's support, focus on shifting high-volume tourism at the Ramsar Sites to high-value nature tourism, thus ensuring their conservation for the wise use and generation of additional livelihood opportunities for the local communities. Recognising the wetlands' role in climate change, a component of wetland carbon estimation has also been included in Amrit Dharohar. The project is also supporting MoEFCC in the revision of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 to ensure consideration of private rights within the wetlands, wetland natural hydrological regimes, securing habitats and ecological corridors, as well as wetland livelihood systems aligned with the natural regimes of the wetlands.</p>

## 2.8. KM/Learning

<p><b>Knowledge activities and products</b></p>	<p>The project aims to apply integrated, inter-disciplinary and multi-sectoral wetland management approaches in three demonstration sites to facilitate learning and development of best practices for up-scaling and wider implementation. This is facilitated through Wetlands International South Asia and the State Wetland Authorities of the three States, Bihar, Punjab and Kerala. As part of the knowledge management, the project also supports the MoEFCC in promoting a whole-of-society approach and integration of wetlands in sectoral plans and programmes, which have been integrated into the Standard Operating Procedures of Mission Sahbhagita. Amrit Dharohar, the implementation strategy of which has been drafted under the aegis of the project, includes mechanisms for strengthening the knowledge base on the Ramsar Sites of the country and creating demonstrative models of an integrated approach for conservation and sectoral integration for replication at the National scale. The project, through these guidance documents, also ensures the sharing of good practices and the dissemination of knowledge generated through their implementation.</p> <p>Ramsar Information Sheets serve as a crucial resource for information for stakeholders and the general public on the wetlands of International, including its ecological and socio-cultural significance, threat and management needs. The project supported the</p>
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	<p>compilation and submission of RISs of 40 wetlands. This contributed towards the expansion of the Indian network of Ramsar sites to 80 sites, spanning 1.33 million ha (~8% of the known wetland regime).</p> <p>The project has also developed knowledge products for dissemination to concerned stakeholders and to raise awareness among the public regarding wetlands management. A compendium of Ramsar Sites factsheets, India’s 75 Amrit Dharohar—Ramsar Sites of India Factbook, was prepared and released by the Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change during World Wetland Day 2023. In addition to this, seven more factsheets were prepared for the recently designated Ramsar Sites. A brochure on Government of India’s initiatives in wetlands conservation was also prepared and released during the World Wetlands Day 2024. A poster on the impact of wetlands on mitigating land degradation and desertification was released on World Environment Day. To raise awareness among varied stakeholders, a poster on sustainable lifestyles for healthy wetlands and social media content was prepared during the reporting period. These materials are shared by the MoEFCC on its various social-media platforms regularly. Eco-postcards and brochures were designed to foster youth engagement in wetlands conservation for the students of Delhi, Odisha, and Kerala.</p> <p>A series of educational videos for school students was prepared in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, MoEFCC, and MoEFCC’s knowledge partners. The videos are available at <a href="https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUGLcpcnv1YidlidyBimWiakFxttQfyZGa&amp;si=GpQJG7E8l_S-Q3JY">https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUGLcpcnv1YidlidyBimWiakFxttQfyZGa&amp;si=GpQJG7E8l_S-Q3JY</a>.</p> <p>The project also develops a six-monthly newsletter for the Wetlands Division of the MoEFCC to inform stakeholders on sector developments. The fourth issue, December 2023, is available at <a href="https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1705918529.pdf">https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1705918529.pdf</a>.</p> <p>During the reporting period, videos presenting the Journey of Wetlands Conservation in India and calls of flagship waterbird species of 80 Ramsar Sites (in collaboration with SACON) were also prepared.</p> <p>The knowledge material prepared during the reporting period is available at <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nk21qvax2n6w_1iux7tgORbkAF2mJdLs">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nk21qvax2n6w_1iux7tgORbkAF2mJdLs</a></p>
<b>Main learning during the period</b>	<p>Wetlands Conservation needs a multi-sectoral approach, where different sectors can consider the interlinkages with wetlands in policy, planning, and investments.</p> <p>Assessing climate risks is pertinent to effectively addressing the risks arising due to climate variability. The integrated management plans, therefore, need to factor in the climate risks and incorporate measures for climate adaptation and/or mitigation. While the State and</p>



	<p>Union Territory Wetland Authorities are the nodal agencies for regulatory and policy aspects of wetlands at the subnational level, it is pertinent to put in place institutions at the site level for implementing management and conservation actions, regular monitoring of wetland health, and engaging with local communities and relevant stakeholders for effective management of the wetlands.</p>
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## 2.9. Stories

<p><b>Stories to be shared</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction of a two-step process to expedite the integrated management planning of wetlands</b></p> <p>MoEFCC has released the revised guidelines for the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (NPCA) on World Wetlands Day 2024. The guidelines introduce a graded two-stage approach to simplify the Integrated Management planning process. A provision of a Framework Management Plan (FMP) as an interim and supplementary step towards the preparation of the Integrated Management Plans (IMP) has been included. The FMP is to be prepared based on available information and enable seeking funds for the implementation of non-regret actions and undertaking studies or activities required to prepare a comprehensive IMP. The FMP also brings in the commitment of the State/UT to prepare and implement IMP in a timely manner. The project supported the preparation of guidelines for the preparation of FMPs which were integrated in the revised NPCA guidelines.</p> <p><b>Youth for Wetlands: Empowering Conservation through Wetland Learning Centre</b></p> <p>Wetlands International South Asia, the Lead Technical Support Agency of the IMWBES project in collaboration with the State Wetland Authority Kerala and the Bhoomithra Sena Club under the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DoECC), Government of Kerala, organised a workshop for students of Kumbalathu Sankupillai Memorial Devaswom Board College, Sasthamkotta. The workshop, attended by nearly 100 students, focused on broadening the understanding and fostering action towards the conservation of Kerala’s invaluable wetland ecosystems. The workshop's primary aim was to establish a Wetlands Learning Centre at the Sasthamkotta Ramsar Site in collaboration with KSMBD College. The wetland learning centre will support the participatory management of Sasthamkotta by engaging the youth. It will serve as a platform for raising awareness about wetlands, cultivating a sense of shared responsibility and stewardship among young people, and helping students acquire skills and knowledge related to wetland management.</p> <p><b>India extends the Network of Ramsar Sites; tally rises to 82</b></p> <p>India has added seven wetlands to the Ramsar List, expanding the network of Indian Ramsar Sites has now expanded to 82 sites spanning 1.33 million ha (~8% of the known wetland regime). The project supported the concerned authorities in compiling and submitting RISs of these new wetlands and responding to the queries received from the Ramsar Secretariat. The number of Ramsar sites in India has grown from 26 to 82 during the previous decade, with 40 added in the last three years.</p>
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	<p><b>India nominates three cities for Wetland City Accreditation</b></p> <p>The MoEFCC has nominated Bhopal and Indore in Madhya Pradesh and Udaipur in Rajasthan for Wetland City Accreditation under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. The Accreditation encourages cities that are close to and dependent on wetlands to develop and strengthen a positive relationship with these valuable ecosystems. The project supported the compilation of the proposals for Indore and Bhopal. The proposals have been submitted to the Ramsar Secretariat for their consideration.</p>
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### 3 Performance

#### 3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes

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Objective: Enhanced management effectiveness of wetlands of national and international significance	O1 - Increasing number and area of wetlands of national and international significance being managed effectively using integrated management plans which secure biodiversity and ecosystem service values	O1.1 14 sites of national and international significance are managed based on integrated management plans/ protected area plans which secure biodiversity and ecosystem service values	Methodologies, tools and best practices for integrated wetland management area available for use by wetland managers Baseline METT scores for all Ramsar sites are established	Integrated management plans result in improved management effectiveness in at least additional 25% of national network, of which at least 10 are Ramsar sites Management effectiveness assessment and tracking systems incorporated within NPCA Wetlands health cards for 10,000 wetlands are	60%	Tools for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Assessments, Climate Risks Assessment and Management Effectiveness tracking have been developed in collaboration with GIZ. The tools are available at <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1x3i9bzIspLpBHaoCWGT6zSZ34qKEwBNh?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1x3i9bzIspLpBHaoCWGT6zSZ34qKEwBNh?usp=sharing</a> . The number of Ramsar Sites in India has increased to 82 (from 49 during the first PIR- 2022). The expected completion date of the METT assessment is, therefore, expected to be the end of the project period (March 2026). As of now management effectiveness evaluation has been conducted for 19 Ramsar sites, including three demonstration sites, during the reporting period. The report can be accessed at <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qMglwMySz6ALTx5bZ6yR6czjPavjFoMS/view?usp=drive_link">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qMglwMySz6ALTx5bZ6yR6czjPavjFoMS/view?usp=drive_link</a> As part of the Save Wetlands Campaign of the MoEFCC, the LTSA	S

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				prepared and made available on national portal as a means of tracking management effectiveness		supported various states in the development of health cards. The number of health cards prepared have reached 6257 and are uploaded on the Wetlands of India Portal ( <a href="https://savewetlandscampaign.in/swc/index">https://savewetlandscampaign.in/swc/index</a> )	
Objective: Enhanced management effectiveness of wetlands of national and international significance		O1.2 31% of sites prioritized on biodiversity values; 33% of sites prioritized on ecosystem services values	Guidance for systematic prioritization of sites taking into account the full range of biodiversity and ecosystem service values available for application by state governments	At least 2 states use the guidance document to systematically prioritize wetlands to enable their mainstreaming in developmental programming	80%	The project supported the formulation of Mission Sahbhagita guidelines for the participatory conservation of wetlands and their mainstreaming in development plans and programmes. The guidelines have been circulated to the State and Union Territories Wetland Authorities by the MoEFCC for implementation. Implementation Strategy for the MoEFCC's Amrit Dharohar has also been published, which considers convergence with Line Ministries such as the Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises among others. While Sahbhagita Guidelines have been shared with all the State/ UT Wetland Authority to ensure the participation of all stakeholders in management planning, the same has been integrated into the Integrated Management Plans prepared for the three demonstration sites, Harike,	S

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						Kabartal, and Sasthamkotta, the demonstration sites of the project. The implementation of Amrit Dharohar will also contribute to enabling the prioritisation of conservation values of wetlands and mainstreaming them in developmental plans and programmes, particularly those of international importance. The project also supports the integration of the nature tourism component into the management of sites through the development of guidance notes for collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism and the development of a wetland interpretation centre for communication, awareness, and participation activities through nature tourism activities. Training are also provided to the local community volunteers to engage as nature tourism guides. Trainings are also provided in collaboration with the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj to rural development professionals to integrate wetlands in rural development plans and programmes.	
Objective: Enhanced management effectiveness of wetlands of national and	O2 - Increasing number of states with cross-sectoral institutional arrangements	O2. 32 States have constituted wetland	In at least 3 additional states, state	Wetland Mitras are registered and contribute	100%	8,80,814 Wetland Mitras are registered on the Wetlands of India Portal. The milestone has been achieved during the	S

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international significance	for wetland management	authorities as nodal policy and planning institutions for wetlands, 15 states have constituted technical committees and 14 States have constituted Grievance committees	governments constitute wetland authorities as nodal policy and planning institutions for wetlands	to management planning and implementation in all states		implementation of the MoEFCC's Save Wetlands Campaign, where the project supported as a Knowledge Partner to encourage the local community's participation and strengthen Wetland Mitra's role in wetlands conservation in the country, Mission Sahbhagita and Amrit Dharohar promote their participation in integrated management planning and its implementation. In the three demonstration sites, training and awareness workshops were held for the Wetlands Mitra.	
Objective: Enhanced management effectiveness of wetlands of national and international significance	O3 - Increasing number of states with enhanced institutional capacity for integrated wetland management, as measured by GEF Capacity Building Score Card	O3. Baseline capacity scores for focal states, Sasthamkotta lake: 20; Kabartal: 19 and Harike Lake 19	In at least 3 states wherein direct project interventions have been carried out, enhanced institutional capacity for integrated wetland management leads to at least 20% increase in capacity scores over baseline A	In at least 6 states wherein direct project interventions have been carried out, enhanced institutional capacity for integrated wetland management leads to at least 20% increase in capacity scores over baseline A	50%	Baseline capacity scores for Sasthamkotta is 21, Kabartal is 19, and Harike is 21. Training modules and guidance documents prepared under the project aim to strengthen the capacities of the stakeholders entrusted with wetlands management. Additionally, the State Wetland Authority Kerala professionals regularly receive training on various aspects of integrated management. Regional workshops organised by the MoEFCC also contribute towards building capacities and identifying gaps in the integrated management of wetlands. LTSA also participates in the workshop as a knowledge partner to build	S

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			directory of trained personnel is developed	directory of trained personnel is developed		capacities of wetland managers on several aspects pertaining to the effective management of sites and their integration into developmental plans and programmes. The project also supports the State Wetland Authority of Bihar and Arunachal Pradesh in building the capacities of the wetland managers and other stakeholders in various aspects on integrated management.	
Outcome 1.1: Increased national scale application of integrated wetland management planning tools and approaches	1.1.1 Increase in number of sites in which management plans use BES inventory and assessment tools	In 27 sites of national and international importance, existing wetlands management plans make a partial recognition of wetland BES values [Relevance score 80%]	Biodiversity and ecosystem services assessment tool applied in at least 3 sites A mobile/web application is scoped and developed to integrate citizen-science in conservation and management of biodiversity and ecosystem services of the wetlands	At least 10 additional sites of national and international significance are managed based on integrated management plans which secure full range of BES values The mobile/web application is widely used to inventoried BES data for at least 50 Ramsar/NPCA	80%	Biodiversity and ecosystem services assessment has been conducted for all three demonstration sites and integrated into their management plans. Additionally, the LTSA also supported the integration of BES in the management plans of other wetlands such as Gokul Jalashay in Bihar, Vembanad-KOI in Kerala, Loktak lake in Manipur, Renuka, Pong Dam in Himachal Pradesh, Tampara, Odisha, and Point Calimere in Tamil Nadu. Efforts are underway to integrate BES values into integrated management plans for Tso Moriri, Tso Kar in Ladakh, and Ashtamudi in Kerala. A beta version of a mobile application to assess the wetland health and ground-truthing of wetlands has been developed by the National Centre for	S

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				sites		Sustainable Coastal Management under the MoEFCC's Save Wetland Campaign. The app will be registered and available on public platform after incorporating the structure of second phase of the Save Wetlands Campaign.	
Outcome 1.1: Increased national scale application of integrated wetland management planning tools and approaches	1.1.2 Improved integration of climate change vulnerability and adaptation measures in wetland site management planning	5 Ramsar sites have ongoing or concluded climate vulnerability assessment as part of management plan formulation	In 3 sites climate vulnerability assessment is concluded	In 6 sites climate vulnerability assessment is concluded and integrated in management plans	75%	Climate Risk Assessments (CRA) have been concluded and integrated in the management action plans of the four Ramsar sites, Pong Dam and Renuka in Himachal Pradesh, Bhitarkanika Mangroves in Odisha and Point Calimere Wildlife and Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu. CRA has also been conducted from Sasthamkotta and Kabartal (demonstration sites). Stakeholder consultation was held in Kerala to share the findings of the Assessment of Sasthamkotta, and the adaptation planning components are now being incorporated in the site's revised management plan. The documents can be accessed at <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11RshUd6MC_p1Ma_oQS7ej8xFeFqTAHHJ?usp=drive_link">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11RshUd6MC_p1Ma_oQS7ej8xFeFqTAHHJ?usp=drive_link</a> . CRA for Harike will be concluded by September 2024	S
Outcome 1.2: Wetland BES knowledge systems applied to improve the management	1.2.1 Increasing number of sites for which information on management	NPCA recommends Integrated	Mid-term target Methodologies,	Management effectiveness assessment and	60%	A practitioners guidebook on management effectiveness tracking prepared in collaboration with GIZ was released on	S



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effectiveness of sites of national and international significance	effectiveness is used for revising management	management plans as a basis of wetland management effectiveness information is available for 13 sites	tools and best practices for integrated wetland management area available for use by wetland managers Baseline METT scores for all Ramsar sites are established Guidance for systematic prioritization of sites taking into account the full range of biodiversity and ecosystem service values available for application by state governments in at least 3 additional states, state	tracking system formally defined and applied for 6 states At least 10 Ramsar Sites have revised management plans in response to assessment and tracking of management effectiveness		World Wetlands Day 2024. The guidebook is available at <a href="https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1707134041.pdf">https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1707134041.pdf</a> The number of Ramsar Sites has increased from 49 during the first PIR to 82 as of now and is expected to increase further. The assessment's expected completion date is March 2026. Management Effectiveness Evaluation has been conducted for 19 Ramsar sites, including three demonstration sites, during the reporting period. The report can be accessed at <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MURaBtlqkuDtIN6mQL_He7fXzZWpON-Q/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MURaBtlqkuDtIN6mQL_He7fXzZWpON-Q/view?usp=sharing</a> . A training workshop was held on June 4-5, 2024, for wetland managers of seven states/UTs (Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh and Uttarakhand) on the implementation of the tool and establishing baseline METT scores for the Ramsar Sites in their respective states.	

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			governments constitute wetland authorities as nodal policy and planning institutions for wetlands In at least 3 states wherein direct project interventions have been carried out, enhanced institutional capacity for integrated wetland management leads to at least 20% increase in capacity scores over baseline A directory of trained personnel is developed Biodiversity and				

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			ecosystem services assessment tool applied in at least 3 sites A mobile/web application is scoped and developed to integrate citizen-science in conservation and management of biodiversity and ecosystem services of the wetlands In 3 sites climate vulnerability assessment is concluded National and international methodologies and tools on management effectiveness collated,				

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			assessed, and subsequently reviewed by stakeholders Management effectiveness assessment and tracking of 50% of Ramsar Sites completed				
Outcome 2.1 Enhanced institutional capacity and trained human resources for integrated management of wetlands	2.1.1 Measured increase in wetland managers' capacity to apply integrated management approaches	Guidelines on integrated management of wetlands have been developed Institutionalized courses and training opportunities on integrated management available in less than 10 institutions Limited availability of training opportunities on integrated	At least 5 States receiving training submit at least 10 integrated management plans in line with the national guidelines	At least 10 States receiving training submit at least 20 integrated management plans in line with the national guidelines Wetland managers of 20 states / UTs trained and demonstrate measurable enhancement in capacity for integrated	50%	A module on Wetlands Management Planning is available that is being used to deliver trainings to the wetlands managers. The same is available at <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xc7aCq80DSiFu6LgypBPSHMSsJs2ptRw/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xc7aCq80DSiFu6LgypBPSHMSsJs2ptRw/view?usp=sharing</a> The following modules are also being prepared under the project: 1) First draft of the module on Integrated Wetland Management Planning has been developed, based on the reviews and the priorities set by the MoEFCC, the module is being revised. The designed module will be available by August 2024. 2) Module on wetland water quality has been prepared (available at <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jM9ljPeE6F1lqoVs3m9_oS9je3Y5LAc2/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jM9ljPeE6F1lqoVs3m9_oS9je3Y5LAc2/view?usp=sharing</a> ) 3) Electronic modules on	S

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		management approaches		wetland management In 500 wetlands included in the Wetland Rejuvenation Programme, the second cycle of health cards are completed and results published on National Portal Wetlands health cards for at least 10,000 wetlands across the priority districts are prepared and published on National Portal		Conservation and management of wetlands are prepared in collaboration with GIZ and are available of the national wetlands portal. <a href="https://indianwetlands.in/resources-and-e-learning/online-courses-training-material/4">https://indianwetlands.in/resources-and-e-learning/online-courses-training-material/4</a> ) Module on wetland wise use is finalised and is sent for peer review. Trainings on integrated management of wetlands were also organised for professionals of State Wetland Authority of Kerala	
	2.1.2 Enhanced awareness of wetland ecosystem services values for integrated management	Baseline awareness survey will be designed and conducted in year 2 of the	Baseline awareness on wetland ecosystem services values for integrated	Increase in awareness levels on set parameters against baseline with an average	50%	The baseline awareness survey through the Ecosystem Services Shared Value Assessment (ESSVA) tool has been conducted for Kabartal and Sasthamkotta. The reports are available at <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1</a>	S

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		project National scale outreach on wetlands mainly through World Wetlands Day for 30 sites of national and international significance	management established	of 25%. Case studies in wetlands restoration are compiled and made available to wetlands managers and stakeholders for replication and upscaling		A11rroOBYEZ4wyYdZ2J_Dj-AjLsfLnNN?usp=drive_link. The survey results are also incorporated in the sites' integrated management plans. The Project has supported the implementation of the Save Wetland Campaign of MoEFCC for national scale outreach on wetlands, a national level celebration of World Wetlands Day and also organised events in Odisha, Kerala for raising awareness among school students on the significance of wetlands and youth-led conservation efforts.	
		National Capacity Building, Education and Awareness Strategy not formulated as an overarching guidance for stakeholder engagement in wetland management	Draft National Capacity Building, Education and Awareness Strategy formulated	National Capacity Building, Education and Awareness Strategy endorsed by Government of India and integrated in NPCA implementation	30%	As one of the major policy shifts, the MoEFCC has launched Save Wetlands Campaign to sensitise people on values of wetlands and the need for conservation. The campaign includes communication and outreach activities such as development of knowledge products, conducting outreach events. The knowledge partners of the MoEFCC, including the LTSA is engaged in developing the strategies and implementation of the campaign. Additionally, under the aegis of the Amrit Dharohar initiative, the MoEFCC envisages developing an interpretation centre as a communication	S

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						and outreach hub. The project team drafted the guidelines for the development and refurbishment of the interpretation centre and shared them with the MoEFCC for further action. Incorporating the lessons learned and best practices implemented, a national CEPA strategy will be formulated in the next PIR period.	
	2.1.3 Increasing private sector participation in wetland management	Private sector participation in wetland management limited to less than 5 sites	Opportunities for private sector engagement are identified in 6 sites	In at least 6 additional sites, private sector participation in site management, and outreach is achieved	35%	Post the signing of the MoU between the Confederation of Indian Industries-Indian Tobacco Company (CII-ITC) Centre for Excellence on sustainability and the MoEFCC to develop a specific work programme on wetlands in May 2022, CII-ITC launched the India Wetland Coalition (IWC) to enable business partnerships for wetlands conservation. The LTSA, Wetlands International South Asia, is one of the three founding partners to the Coalition. Partnership opportunities have been identified under the Coalition. The IWC is engaged in building private sector partnerships for the site managements and partnerships are in the final stages of agreement for Khijadia (Gujarat) and Vembanad-Kol (Kerala)	S

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	2.1.4 Growing community of practice and information base for sharing of knowledge, lessons and best practices	A National portal on wetlands is under development	The National portal is functional and provides tracking information on Ramsar sites and other sites supported under NPCA	National portal on wetlands is widely used (at least 0.5 million visitors as measured by web data counter; and at least 1,000 registered members) as means for sharing and disseminating datasets, information, best practices and lessons related to wetland	100%	The National Portal is functional and provides complete information on 1,304 wetlands of national and international significance as well as sites covered under the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (NPCA) programme. The portal also provides information on health cards for more than 6,000 wetlands, which the achievement of the Save Wetlands Campaign. The portal can be accessed at <a href="https://indianwetlands.in/">https://indianwetlands.in/</a> .	S
Outcome 3.1 Integrated wetland management applied in three protected wetlands	3.1.1 Improved wetland BES values in three demonstration sites	2 of the 3 sites have management plans which include an inventory of ecosystem services and are structured on	Management plans (incorporating BES, climate risks, gender and equity dimensions) are approved by SWAs; SWAs	Wetland health card scores are maintained or improved over baseline	50%	The Integrated Management Plans (IMP) for the three demonstration Sites are prepared. The LTSA supported the drafting of the management plans of Sasthamkotta, Kerala and Kabartal, Bihar. The draft of the IMPS can be accessed at <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14UFbx-h_2vI0_4EfO15WigaTAGehS5Xq?usp=sha">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14UFbx-h_2vI0_4EfO15WigaTAGehS5Xq?usp=sha</a>	MU



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		<p>NPCA recommended guidelines The baseline value of key indicators for three sites: Kabartal: Minimum inundation shrinks to less than 600 Ha (23%) post-monsoon; Bird congregation area 425 Ha. Harike lake, the open water expanse has reduced by 46%. Area under invasive species (water hyacinth) is 35% of open water surface. Sasthamkotta, Kerala: Minimum inundation is at 60% of wetland area)</p>	<p>commit convergence funds; Management plans are approved by MoEFCC under NPCA</p>			<p>ring. WWF-India has supported the formulation of the IMP of Harike. Submission of the IMPs by the State Governments to the MoEFCC for approval is awaited.</p>	

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	3.1.2 Cross-sectoral institutional arrangements and use of integrated management approaches increase site management effectiveness	State Wetland Authorities have been constituted for 2 of the 3 sites Baseline METT Scores: Sasthamkotta Lake, Kerala: 61; Harike Lake, Punjab: 58; Kabartal, Bihar: 41	METT Scores for the three sites increased at least by 15%	Over 50% increase in GEF METT Scores at 3 demonstration sites including being specific on gender disaggregation, such as proportion of time spent by women on wetland management activities or women's involvement in decision-making	50%	Wetland Mitras have been constituted at the three demonstration sites. The baseline METT scores of the three sites have been revised using the tool developed under the aegis of the project, in collaboration with GIZ/Sasthamkotta- 50, Kabartal- 48, Harike- 71. The METT evaluation for the three sites will be re-conducted in December 2024. The MoEFCC's Amrit Dharohar Initiative envisages establishing baseline METT scores for all the Ramsar Sites by 2026.	MS
	3.1.3 Improved gender equity in community institutions engaged in managing wetlands	Representation of women in panchayats surrounding the three demonstration sites is at least 33% as mandated by the	Wetland mitra networks established at the three demonstration sites at least have one-third women membership	At least 50% increase in participation of women members in key decision making within community institutions	50%	The established Wetland Mitra networks at the Ramsar Site have at least 33% female representation. The active participation of women in stakeholder consultations and outreach programmes has been observed. Livelihood opportunities for women are also identified, and actions are included in the management plans of the three sites.	MS

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		Government of India		managing wetlands			
	3.1.4 Increasing financial resources for integrated wetland management	Available budget for three sites: ~ US\$ 100,000; site management plans not fully funded; Site budgets not linked/integrated with development programmes of local and national governments	At least 10% increase in resources available for implementation for the three demonstration sites At least 40% of management plan resources are generated through convergence with developmental programmes	A 25% increase in site management budgets (average 3 sites); Site Management plans are fully funded	30%	The convergence opportunities are identified in the integrated management plans of the demonstration sites. Implementation of Amrit Dharohar Initiative also ensures convergence funding from the Line Ministries for the Ramsar Sites.	MS
Outcome 4.1 Project impacts and performance are measured	4.1.1 Use of project monitoring and reporting system to assess project performance and impacts	Project monitoring and reporting system revised during project inception phase and accepted by EA and GEF agency	Mid-term review of project performance and impact is used to adapt project implementation		50%	The project is being monitored through PIRs and Half Yearly reports. The third meeting of the NPSC will be held in August 2024. Regular meetings on progress of the project is held with the MoEFCC. The project's mid-term review was conducted in March 2024, and the project implementation strategy at the three demonstration sites is being revised. The two-year work plan for the	S

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						states is being prepared. The plan has been shared with Sasthamkotta, and meetings have been held to finalise it. The finalised plans for each demonstration site will be submitted to the NPSC during the third meeting.	
Outcome 4.2 Evidence base on benefits of BES based-wetland management established	4.2.1 Increased use of BES based monitoring systems to assess maintenance and restoration of wetland ecological character, and livelihoods for wetland dependent communities	In 5 sites, monitoring systems to assess changes in ecological character and livelihood outcomes are defined and applied	In 3 demonstration sites, BES monitoring systems are functional			Not yet due	
	4.2.2 Increasing number of practitioners with knowledge and application of the national Guidance document on integrating biodiversity and ecosystem service values and climate vulnerability in wetland management	To be established after the project inception workshop	National guidance document produced and communicated to all wetland authorities, Ramsar site managers, NPCA site management implementing agencies and			Not yet due	

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
			other stakeholders				

### 3.2 Rating of progress implementation towards delivery of outputs (Implementation Progress)

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
1 Component 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem services knowledge systems	Output 1.1A Hierarchical wetland BES assessment tool developed, field-tested at six sites and wetland managers trained in application					
	Activity 1.1A.1 Collation of existing tools, methodologies for wetlands BES assessment	2022-02-28	100	100		S
	Activity 1.1A.2 Stakeholder need assessment and workshop consultation	2022-02-28	100	100		S
	Activity 1.1A.3 Development of wetland BES assessment tool	2022-07-31	100	100		S
	Activity 1.1A.4 Pilot testing in six sites	2024-06-30	80	100	The RAWES/ESSVA tool has been pilot tested in floodplain wetlands of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar (~450 wetlands), Sasthamkotta (Kerala), Kabartal (Bihar), Bhitarkanika (Odisha), Chilika (Odisha). The tool will be further used in Deepor Beel (Assam) and Ashtamudi (Kerala)	S
Activity 1.1A.5 Support to maintenance and upscaling of Mobile/Web Application	2026-03-31	0	60%	A mobile app to inventory wetlands across the country and provide information on their health is being developed by the NCSCM with support of MoEFCC and Knowledge Partners (including	S	

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					LTSA). The beta version of the app was used during the first phase of Save Wetlands Campaign (2023-2024) and will be released after incorporating the restructuring required for the second phase of the campaign.	
	Activity 1.1A.6 Tool Synthesis and Publication	2024-06-30	100	100		S
	Activity 1.1A.7 Wetland managers Training workshop	2024-09-30	0	20	The training workshop has been organised for the wetland managers and stakeholders of Bihar and Kerala. Similar trainings are envisaged for Assam in coming months.	S
	Activity 1.1A.8 Need-based follow-up support to wetland managers	2026-03-31	0	20	Follow up support is provided to the states in the implementation of the tool	S
	Output 1.1B Climate vulnerability assessment tool developed, field tested in six sites and wetland managers trained in application					
	Activity 1.1B.1 Collation of existing tools, methodologies for wetlands climate vulnerability assessment	2022-02-28	100	100		S
	Activity 1.1B.2 Stakeholder need assessment and workshop consultation	2022-02-28	100	100		S
	Activity 1.1B.3 Development of wetland climate vulnerability assessment tool	2022-07-31	100	100		S
	Activity 1.1B.4 Pilot testing in six sites	2024-09-30	80%	90	The tool has been pilot tested in four Ramsar Sites with collaboration with GIZ. CRA for Kabartal and Sasthamkotta has also been concluded. The documents can be accessed at <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RshUd6MC_p1Ma_oQS7ej8xFeFqTAhHJ?usp=dri">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RshUd6MC_p1Ma_oQS7ej8xFeFqTAhHJ?usp=dri</a>	S

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					ve_link. Stakeholder consultation was held in Sasthamkotta to share the findings of the assessment. The climate risk responses are being integrated into the management plan of the site.	
	Activity 1.1B.5 Tool Synthesis and Publication	2023-06-30	100	100		S
	Activity 1.1B.6 Wetland managers Training workshop	2024-12-31	0	0	Not due ( as per the revised workplan approved during the project no-cost extension)	
	Activity 1.1B.7 Need-based follow-up support to wetland managers	2026-03-31	0	0	Not due ( as per the work plan approved for the project no-cost extension)	
	Output 1.2A Wetland management effectiveness tool developed and applied to Ramsar sites					
	Activity 1.2A.1 Collation of existing tools, methodologies for wetlands wetland management effectiveness assessment	2022-02-28	100	100		S
	Activity 1.2A.2 Stakeholder need assessment and workshop Consultation	2022-02-28	100	100		S
	Activity 1.2A.3 Development of wetland Management effectiveness assessment tool	2022-07-31	100	100		S
	Activity 1.2A.4 Report on status and management needs of Indian Ramsar sites	2025-03-31	90	90	The number of Ramsar Sites in India has increased to 82 (from 49 during the first PIR- 2022). A compendium of factsheets of wetlands of national and international significance has been prepared, which is available at <a href="https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1683182884.pdf">https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1683182884.pdf</a> . Database on the status, threats and management needs is being regularly updated. The	S

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					same is available at <a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1T1jKDwi0581BZqsF6AJDToqVp2o5Qyte8gFngkChC5E/edit#gid=0">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1T1jKDwi0581BZqsF6AJDToqVp2o5Qyte8gFngkChC5E/edit#gid=0</a> and at <a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14C1SUPNVpl6_vTjCh0rqbRQ8-6nZs4/edit#gid=1503762907">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14C1SUPNVpl6_vTjCh0rqbRQ8-6nZs4/edit#gid=1503762907</a> . Since the number of Ramsar Sites is increasing, the project will continue updating the information regarding the status and threats of these wetlands.	
	Activity 1.2A.5 Management effectiveness assessment of Ramsar Sites	2026-03-31	27%	35%	The number of Ramsar Sites has increased to 82 (from 49 in 2022). Management Effectiveness Evaluation was conducted for 19 Ramsar sites, including three demonstration sites. The report can be accessed at <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MURaBtlqkuDtIN6mQL_He7fXzZWpON-Q/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MURaBtlqkuDtIN6mQL_He7fXzZWpON-Q/view?usp=sharing</a> . Regional training workshops are now being organized to expedite the ME evaluation of the Ramsar Sites. The first workshop was organized in July 2024 for seven states and UTs. Draft METTs of 8 sites were developed which will be finalised after approval of the concerned State/UT Wetland Authorities	S
	Activity 1.2A.6 Tool synthesis and publication	2023-06-30	80	100	The MoEFCC released the tool on World Wetlands Day 2024 and it is now available on the Indian wetlands portal	S



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					( <a href="https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1707134041.pdf">https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1707134041.pdf</a> )	
	Activity 1.2A.7 Dissemination Workshop	2024-06-30	0	40%	The tool's dissemination was organized as part of the national celebration of World Wetlands Day 2024 when it was released. Training workshops are planned for wetland managers, with the first workshop organized in Chandigarh on July 4-5, 2024, for seven North-Indian States and UTs.	S
	Activity 1.2A.8 Updation of RIS	2026-03-31	80	85	The project supported the documentation and compilation of 18 proposed Ramsar Sites during the reporting period, of which seven were designated between February and June 2024. Additionally, the comments received for 18 existing Ramsar Sites have been addressed and data requirements have been shared with the MoEFCC.	S
	Output 1.2B Small Grant Programme administered to support wetland managers in site management effectiveness					
	Activity 1.2B.1 Criteria workshop	2022-03-31	100	100		S
	Activity 1.2B.2 Set management process	2022-03-31	100	100		S
	Activity 1.2B.3 Call for proposals	2022-04-30	100	100		S
	Activity 1.2B.4 Funding	2024-06-30	0	0	The proposals have been received and evaluated. The approved proposals will be shared with the NPSC during the third meeting to be held in August 2024.	MU
	Activity 1.2B.5 Review and Adaptation	2026-03-31	0	0	Not due ( as per the revised workplan	

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					approved during the project no-cost extension)	
	Activity 1.2B.6 Lessons Learnt Workshop	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due	
	Output 1.2C Improved wetland information synthesis and accessibility to support wetland policy and management implementation					
	Activity 1.2C.1 Information Needs Assessment	2024-03-31	80	98%	The information needs assessment has been conducted and included with the METT and Amrit Dharohar Initiative. Schemes such as Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI) announced in Government of India Budget 2023 and other planned schemes will be assessed in the following years. Additionally, an assessment has been conducted to understand the extent to which wetlands have been incorporated in the national reports submitted to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Convention on Migratory Birds, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. A gap analysis report is prepared and under review.	MS
	Activity 1.2C.2 Reporting on selected indicators	2024-12-31	0	0	Not due	
	Activity 1.2C.3 Review and Adaptation	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due	
	Activity 1.2C.4 Formal communication and Information Exchange	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due.	
	Activity 1.2C.5 Maintain sharing of data and information	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due	

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	Output 1.2D Guidance document developed to support the integration of wetlands into state developmental and investment programming					
	Activity 1.2D.1 Draft Guidance Document	2022-05-31	100	100		S
	Activity 1.2D.2 Demonstrate application in 1 State	2022-07-31	100	100	Implementation of Amrit Dharohar is initiated for 21 states (75 Ramsar Sites). The LTSA is providing technical support to the same. The Sahbhagita guidelines are included in the management plans prepared for the demonstration sites. Project has also supported the MoEFCC in conducting trainings of the Nature tourist guides being conducted with Ministry of Tourism for enhancing livelihood opportunities of the local youth through wetlands conservation.	S
	Activity 1.2D.3 Dissemination workshop	2022-08-31	100	100	The MoEFCC regularly organises regional workshops under the ambit of Mission Sahbhagita where the project provides technical support to MoEFCC and State/UT Governments	S
	Activity 1.2D.4 Synthesis and Publication	2022-12-31	100	100	Mission Sahbhagita is available at <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_rz6DKuq664bZx1XCyvQ2L6e4hql-b/view?usp=drive_link">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_rz6DKuq664bZx1XCyvQ2L6e4hql-b/view?usp=drive_link</a> and Amrit Dharohar Implementation Strategy is available at <a href="https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1686133937.pdf">https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1686133937.pdf</a>	S

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2 Component 2: Capacity Development for Integrated Wetland management	Output 2.1A Modules for integrated management of wetlands developed and implemented for training wetland managers					
	Activity 2.1A.1 Training needs assessment	2022-04-30	100	100		S
	Activity 2.1A.2 Develop Training Modules and Materials	2026-03-31	65	80	A module on wetland water quality has been prepared (available at <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jM9ljPeE6F1lqoVs3m9_oS9je3Y5Lac2/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jM9ljPeE6F1lqoVs3m9_oS9je3Y5Lac2/view?usp=sharing</a> ). The module on wetland wise use is finalised and being reviewed. Electronic modules were prepared in collaboration with GIZ, and are available at <a href="https://indianwetlands.in/resources-and-e-learning/online-courses-training-material/">https://indianwetlands.in/resources-and-e-learning/online-courses-training-material/</a> The project also supported MoEFCC and Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET), a nodal agency under the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT),for the development of digital educational contents on various aspects of wetlands catering to different age group of school children. These videos are being circulated through the educational channels of NCERT for nation-wide dissemination and sensitisation of school students. The videos can be accessed at <a href="https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUgLc pnv1YidlidyBimWiakFxttQfyZGa&amp;si=GpQJG7E8">https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUgLc pnv1YidlidyBimWiakFxttQfyZGa&amp;si=GpQJG7E8</a>	S

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	Activity 2.1A.3 Training Workshops- National	2025-06-30	10	30	Even though no training workshops were organised, the experts from the LTSA, under the aegis of the project, have served as resource persons for workshops organised by MoEFCC on integrated management, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj on wetlands conservation and livelihoods Promotions. Training workshop was also organised for Professionals of State Wetland Authority Kerala and Ladakh on varied aspects related to integrated management planning and implementation, and METT for wetland managers of seven North Indian States	MS
	Activity 2.1A.4 Training Workshops- International	2026-03-31	0	0	No international workshop has been organised so far due to funding constraints. The constraints are due to a delay in the reappropriation of central budget funds to the NPCA (the baseline project and the project funds are channeled through the NPCA).	MU
	Activity 2.1A.5 Training of Trainers	2026-03-31	0	0	No training of trainers workshop was organised due to funds constraints. The constraints are due to a delay in the reappropriation of central budget funds to the NPCA (the baseline project and the project funds are channeled through the NPCA).	MU

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	Activity 2.1A.6 Training effectiveness review	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due	
	Activity 2.1A.7 Follow up support to maintain built capacity	2026-03-31	0	10	Follow up is being provided to the State/UT wetland authorities on integrated management planning, notification of wetlands under the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017 among others	MS
	Output 2.1B Communities of Practice established for sharing best practices and lessons learnt on wetland management developed for wetland managers					
	Activity 2.1B.1 Development of wetland manager database (Updation)	2026-03-31	100	100		S
	Activity 2.1B.2 Annual Learning Events	2026-03-31	20	20	Structure for an annual learning event will be considered at the meeting of the NPSC	MU
	Activity 2.1B.3 Maintain sharing of best practices and lessons learnt	2026-03-31	0	0	Not due	
	Activity 2.1B.4 Support to formulation of Integrated Management Plans	2026-03-31	0	50	Integrated management plans of Kabartal and Sasthamkotta have been prepared during the reporting period and shared with the State Wetland Authorities for further actions	S
	Output 2.1C National Communication and Outreach Strategy developed and supported by the establishment of a web-portal, outreach material and events					
	Activity 2.1C.1 Commissioning a drafting team	2025-03-31	0	100	As one of the major policy shifts, the MoEFCC has launched the Save Wetlands Campaign to sensitise people to the values of wetlands and the need for conservation. The campaign includes	S

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					communication and outreach activities such as developing knowledge products and conducting outreach events. The MoEFCC's knowledge partners, including the LTSA, are engaged in developing the strategies and implementing the campaign. Additionally, under the aegis of the Amrit Dharohar initiative, the MoEFCC envisages developing an interpretation centre as a communication and outreach hub. The project team drafted the guidelines for developing and refurbishing the interpretation centre and shared them with the MoEFCC for further action. A national CEPA strategy is currently under drafting.	
	Activity 2.1C.2 Write shops	2025-03-31	0	100	The MoEFCC held workshops to strategise and implement the Save Wetlands Campaign. A final stakeholder consultation will be organised after the drafting of the CEPA strategy	S
	Activity 2.1C.3 National CEPA Strategy launch	2025-03-31	0	0	Not yet due	
	Activity 2.1C.5 Outreach material development- Print	2026-03-31	70	80	1) Brochure on Government of India's Initiatives on Wetlands Conservation ( <a href="https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1707221982.pdf">https://indianwetlands.in/wp-content/uploads/library/1707221982.pdf</a> ) 2) Eco-postcards for school students on Odisha's Ramsar Sites, common avian residents of NCT of Delhi, factsheets on	HS

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					Sasthamkotta3) Factsheets on recently designated Ramsar Sites4) Social media content (tweets) on 80 Ramsar Sites and other themes related to World Wetlands Day and World Environment Day5) Revised NPCA guidelines6) Posters on the integration of Mission LiFE and Wetlands Conservation and Wetlands Conservation and its contribution towards reducing land degradation and desertification	
	Activity 2.1C.6 Outreach material development- Audio-visual	2026-03-31	20	40	A video on journey on Wetlands Conservation in India prepared and shared with MoEFCC for dissemination video on sounds of flagship waterbird species edited in collaboration with SACON for MoEFCC	S
	Activity 2.1C.9 Outreach material development- Others	2026-03-31	20	40	Tweets for World Wetlands Day and World Environment Day on various aspects related to wetlands	S
	Activity 2.1C.10 Develop Outreach Calendar	2024-06-30	30	100	Outreach Calendar aligns with the significant days that are planned with the MoEFCC.	S
	Activity 2.1C.11 Conduct outreach events	2026-03-31	40	50	Outreach events have been organized for school students in Delhi, Kerala and Odisha for school students. Details are available at : Delhi Public School, Delhi <a href="https://south-asia.wetlands.org/news/won">https://south-asia.wetlands.org/news/won</a>	MU



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					<p>ders-of-wetlands-a-fun-filled-exploration-with-school-students-in-delhi-nct/  <a href="https://south-asia.wetlands.org/news/young-conservationists-take-a-plunge-a-wetland-odyssey-with-school-students/">https://south-asia.wetlands.org/news/young-conservationists-take-a-plunge-a-wetland-odyssey-with-school-students/</a>  <a href="https://south-asia.wetlands.org/news/empowering-tomorrows-guardians-delhi-public-school-dps-rk-puram-students-dove-into-wetland-conservation-for-water-security/">https://south-asia.wetlands.org/news/empowering-tomorrows-guardians-delhi-public-school-dps-rk-puram-students-dove-into-wetland-conservation-for-water-security/</a>  Oxford Public School and Government School, Odisha  <a href="https://south-asia.wetlands.org/news/inspiring-young-minds-wetlands-take-center-stage-in-odisha-schools/">https://south-asia.wetlands.org/news/inspiring-young-minds-wetlands-take-center-stage-in-odisha-schools/</a> KSMDB College, Kerala  <a href="https://south-asia.wetlands.org/news/youth-for-wetlands-empowering-conservation-through-wetland-learning-centre/">https://south-asia.wetlands.org/news/youth-for-wetlands-empowering-conservation-through-wetland-learning-centre/</a> During the reporting period, outreach events on World Wetlands Day was also organised in Ladakh and Goa</p>	
	Activity 2.1C.12 Assess effectiveness	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due	
3 Component 3:	Output 3.1A Baseline assessment and evaluation of ecosystem services values carried out for three demonstration sites					
Demonstration of integrated wetland management	Activity 3.1A.1 Commissioning site assessment team	2021-08-31	100	100		S
	Activity 3.1A.2 Assessment team training workshop	2022-03-31	100	100		S
	Activity 3.1A.3 Assessment and Evaluation	2022-03-31	100	100		S
	Activity 3.1A.4 Assessment and Evaluation synthesis and Publication	2022-04-30	100	100		S
	Output 3.1B Cross-sectoral institutional arrangements for integrated					

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
	management enabled for three demonstration sites					
	Activity 3.1B.1 Constitution of stakeholder committees (Wetland Mitras)	2021-09-30	100	100		S
	Activity 3.1B.2 Stakeholder Mapping and Analysis	2022-09-30	100	100		S
	Activity 3.1B.3 Participatory management planning	2023-06-30	80	100	Participatory management planning has been conducted as part of the management plan revisions. The Save Wetlands Campaign also envisages developing multi-stakeholder partnerships. During the first phase of the campaign, 2 multi-stakeholder partnerships have been identified for Bihar, 19 for Kerala, and one for Bihar	S
	Activity 3.1B.4 Implementation	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work-plan (as part of the project extension)	S
	Activity 3.1B.5 Review and adaptation	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work plan (as part of the project extension)	S
	Output 3.1C Potential private sector partnerships identified at three pilot sites and actively engaged in integrated management					
	Activity 3.1C.1 Partnerships opportunities mapping	2024-03-31	100	100	Partnership opportunities are mapped as part of the revision of the integrated management plans of the three demonstration sites. India Wetland Coalition will be engaged to find additional opportunities during the implementation of the management plans.	S
	Activity 3.1C.2 Meetings and workshops for role clarifications	2024-03-31	90	90	Site specific meetings will be undertaken after the after the approval of the management plans	MU

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	Activity 3.1C.3 Implementation	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work-plan (as part of the project extension)	
	Activity 3.1C.4 Review and adaptation	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work-plan (as part of the project extension)	
	Output 3.1D Implementation of management plan reviewed and adapted periodically to address site and landscape-scale drivers and pressures					
	Activity 3.1D.1 Management plan finalisation	2024-03-31	100	100		S
	Activity 3.1D.2 Management plan review and approval by MoEFCC	2024-03-31	50	50	The IMPs of Kabartal and Harike have been reviewed by the respective State Wetland Authorities. The process of stakeholder consultations to revise the action plan of the Sasthamkotta is in process and will be sent to the approval of MoEFCC by September 2024.	MU
	Activity 3.1D.3 Management Plan implementation	2024-03-31	0	0	The implementation of the management plans is delayed due to delays in the submission of the revised Integrated Management Plans by the respective State Governments to the MoEFCC	U
	Activity 3.1D.4 Mid-term review and adaptation	2025-06-30	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work-plan (as part of the project extension)	
	Activity 3.1D.5 End-term review	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work-plan (as part of the project extension)	
4 Component	Output 4.1A Project monitoring and reporting established					
4: Project monitoring, evaluation, and	Activity 4.1A.1 Finalisation of the project monitoring system	2022-01-31	100	100		S
	Activity 4.1A.2 Finalisation of project reporting system	2022-01-31	100	100		S
	Activity 4.1A.3 Project monitoring	2026-03-31	40	50	The project is being monitored through PIRs and Half-yearly reports.	S

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
dissemination of results					Additionally, regular meetings are held with the National Project Directors and State Partners to assess the project's progress. The Mid-term review of the project was undertaken in March 2024, and the strategy for implementation of the project at the demonstration sites is being revised. The same will be shared with the NPSC during the third meeting to be held by August 2024	
	Activity 4.1A.4 Project reporting	2026-03-31	60	70	PIR, Half yearly reports and progress reports to MoEFCC are shared regularly	S
	Output 4.1B Site and wetland catchment-scale monitoring					
	Activity 4.1B.1 Finalisation of site monitoring indicators and systems	2022-01-31	100	100		S
	Activity 4.1B.2 Implementation of monitoring framework	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work plan (as part of the project extension)	
	Activity 4.1B.3 Reporting and Review	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work plan (as part of the project extension)	
	Activity 4.1.B.4 Publication of case studies booklet	2025-09-30	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work plan (as part of the project extension)	
	Output 4.2A Best Practices Guidelines for national upscaling	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work plan (as part of the project extension)	
	Activity 4.2A.1 National Workshop- Lessons learnt from integrated management	2025-09-30	25	25	The national workshop is planned for 2024	MS
	Activity 4.2A.2 Guidance drafting	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work plan (as part of the project extension)	
	Activity 4.2A.3 Guidance publication	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work plan (as part of the project extension)	
	Activity 4.2A.4 Dissemination workshop	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work plan	

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					(as part of the project extension)	
	Activity 4.2A.5 Side events at MEA CoPs and regional/global events	2026-03-31	20	20	No participation in side events during the reporting period	
	Activity 4.2A.6 Participation- National events	2026-03-31	40	50	LTSA regularly participates in the National events on Wetlands conservation and their integration in Sectoral Plans and programmes	S
	Activity 4.2A.7 Participation- international events	2026-03-31	20	20	The LTSA did not participate in any international events during the reporting period	S
	Activity 4.2A.8 International Workshop on Integrated Wetland Management	2025-12-31	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work plan (as part of the project extension)	
	Output 4.2B Increased use of BES based monitoring system					
	Activity 4.2B.1 Data collection	2025-12-31	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work plan (as part of the project extension)	
	Activity 4.2B.2 Report synthesis	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work plan (as part of the project extension)	
	Activity 4.2B.3 Review and finalisation	2026-03-31	0	0	Not yet due as per the revised work plan (as part of the project extension)	

The Task Manager will decide on the relevant level of disaggregation (i.e. either at the output or activity level).

## 4 Risks

### 4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

Please refer to the Risk Help Sheet for more details on rating

Risk Factor	EA Rating	TM Rating
1 Management structure - Roles and responsibilities	Low	Low
2 Governance structure - Oversight	Low	Low
3 Implementation schedule	Moderate	Moderate
4 Budget	Low	Low
5 Financial Management	Moderate	Moderate
6 Reporting	Low	Low
7 Capacity to deliver	Moderate	Moderate

If any of the risk factors is rated a Moderate or higher, please include it in Table B below

### 4.2 Table B. Risk-log

#### Implementation Status (Current PIR)

Insert ALL the risks identified either at CEO endorsement (inc. safeguards screening), previous/current PIRs, and MTRs. Use the last line to propose a suggested consolidated rating.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
Project stakeholder risks	All outcomes & outputs	M	M	M	L	N/A		L	=	
Operating environment risks	All outcomes & outputs	L	L	L	L	N/A		L	=	
Implementing Agency risks	All outcomes & outputs	M	M	M	M	N/A		M	=	
Implementation Schedule	Component 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	N/A		M	=	

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
Financial Management -delays in disbursement of the funds to the project	All outcomes & outputs	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	N/A		M	=	
Capacity to deliver	Component 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	N/A		M	=	
Design	Component 3	M	M	M	M	N/A		M	=	
Social and environmental	Component 3	M	M	L	L	N/A		L	=	
Climate related risks	All outcomes & outputs	M	M	M	M	N/A		M	=	
Program and Donor	Component 3	M	M	L	L	N/A		L	=	
Delivery monitoring and sustainability	All outcomes & outputs	M	M	L	L	N/A		L	=	
	All outcomes & outputs	M	M	M	M	N/A		M	=	

### 4.3 Table C. Outstanding Moderate, Significant, and High risks

Additional mitigation measures for the next periods

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
Implementing Agency Risk	Conducting training workshops on priority areas identified through the Capacity and Training Needs Assessment	Trainings were conducted with the State Wetland Authority of Kerala. Support has been provided to the State Wetland Authority of Punjab to expedite the IMP process and management effectiveness evaluation	A two-year action plan is being prepared to guide the states on implementation of the project. Meetings will be held with the wetland managers to enable effective implementation of the project	August-September 2024	LTSA and MoEFCC
Implementation Schedule	Preparing module on expediting the process of preparation of IMP.Supporting the	Support was provided towards developing the IMPs and organising stakeholder consultations	The action plan for each state will be submitted to the NPSC for regular monitoring of the project	August-September 2024	State Implementing partners and LTSA

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
	implementation of IMP	to finalise plans. The project supported the revision of NPCA guidelines to introduce a two-step process for expediting the formulation of the management plans.	implementation		
Financial Management-delays in disbursement of the funds to the project	Funds to be disbursed as per the annual budget approved by the NPSA and release of funds to the States after the submission of the integrated management plans of the three demonstration sites.	The first issue concerns the delays in disbursing funds to the three demonstration Sites for Component 3 of the project. The funds are to be disbursed after the Integrated Management Plans (IMPs) are submitted to the MoEFCC. The reason for the lags is the delays in finalising the IMPs for the three demonstration sites. Secondly, there is a delay in the reappropriation of central budget funds to the NPCA (the baseline project and the project funds are channeled through the NPCA). which is why there are lags in disbursing the funds for the	The issues will be shared with the NPSC to address the same. The NEA is addressing the issues and ensuring that the funds are disbursed in timely manner	August-September 2024	LTSA



Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
		implementation of Components 1 and 2 of the project.			
Capacity to deliver	Capacity development workshops for stakeholders. formulation of two-step IMP process for expediting management planning process	Targeted training workshops were organised and support towards finalisation of the management plan was provided to the States	Handholding support to the State Wetland Authorities for the implementation of management plans	September 2024-July 2025	LTSA
Design	N/A. risks were not reported during the previous PIR. however. the project was envisaged to support the development of guidance documents and formulate integrated management plans and conducting training workshops	support to the development of Amrit Dharohar Guidelines for implementation. Save Wetlands Campaign. and formulation of the integrated management plans	Support to the implementation of the integrated management plans	September 2024-July 2025	LTSA
Climate related risks	Assessment of climate risks and integration of climate adaptive responses into the management plans	CRA has been conducted for Kabartal and Sasthamkotta	Support implementation of the climate adaptive measures as part of the integrated management plan implementation	September 2024-July 2025	LTSA

High Risk (H): There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks. Significant Risk (S): There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that assumptions may fail to hold and/or the project may face substantial risks. Moderate Risk (M): There is a probability of between 26% and 50% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks. Low Risk (L): There is a probability of up to 25% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks.



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## 5 Amendment - GeoSpatial

### Project Minor Amendments

Minor amendments are changes to the project design or implementation that do not have significant impact on the project objectives or scope, or an increase of the GEF project financing up to 5% as described in Annex 9 of the Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines. Please tick each category for which a change occurred in the fiscal year of reporting and provide a description of the change that occurred in the textbox. You may attach supporting document as appropriate

#### 5.1 Table A: Listing of all Minor Amendment (TM)

Minor Amendments	Changes
Results Framework:	Yes
Components and Cost:	Yes
Institutional and implementation arrangements:	No
Financial Management:	No
Implementation Schedule:	
Executing Entity:	No
Executing Entity Category:	No
Minor project objective change:	No
Safeguards:	No
Risk analysis:	No
Increase of GEF financing up to 5%:	No
Location of project activity:	No
Other:	No

Minor amendments

The revised budget to accommodate the no-cost extension of the project is submitted to UNEP. There is no change in the co-financing.

#### 5.2 Table B: History of project revisions and/or extensions (TM)

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
Project No-cost extension	Extension	2024-05-27	2024-06-07	2026-09-30	Revised project timelines and re-appropriation of the project budget
Project Results and Monitoring Framework	Revision	2021-12-02	2021-12-02	2026-09-30	The project results framework, monitoring indicators, baselines, and activity plan have been updated to take into account the developments in the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (NPCA), the baseline programme, since the project approval. The amended Results Framework has been endorsed by the National Project Steering Committee, with minor amendments in terms of the mid-term and end-term targets during its first meeting held on December 2, 2021. To accommodate these changes and factoring in the delays due to COVID-

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
					19 Pandemic the timelines have also been revised. The approved Results Framework have been shared in PIR 2022.
Original Legal Instrument	Revision	2019-03-21	2021-03-31	2026-09-30	Extension of technical completion date

GEO Location Information:

The Location Name, Latitude and Longitude are required fields insofar as an Agency chooses to enter a project location under the set format. The Geo Name ID is required in instances where the location is not exact, such as in the case of a city, as opposed to the exact site of a physical infrastructure. The Location & Activity Description fields are optional. Project longitude and latitude must follow the Decimal Degrees WGS84 format and Agencies are encouraged to use at least four decimal points for greater accuracy. Users may add as many locations as appropriate. Web mapping applications such as OpenStreetMap or GeoNames use this format. Consider using a conversion tool as needed, such as: <https://coordinates-converter.com> Please see the Geocoding User Guide by clicking here

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Harike	31.16343	75.0005	11288238		Demonstration site for integrated wetland management (Component 3)
Sasthamkotta	9.03564	76.6348	11288237		Demonstration site for integrated wetland management (Component 3)
Kabartal	25.61843	86.14322	1268748		Demonstration site for integrated wetland management (Component 3)

Please provide any further geo-referenced information and map where the project interventions is taking place as appropriate. \*

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