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Reporting from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 10442	Umoja WBS:SB-017766
SMA IPMR ID:84843	Grant ID:S1-32GFL-000694
Project Short Title: FEM/PNUE/APA-Niger	
Project Title: Effective National Implementation of the Access and Benefit Sharing and Traditional Knowledge Regime in Niger in accordance with the Nagoya Protocol	
Duration months planned:	48
Duration months age:	36
Project Type:	Full Sized Project (FSP)
Parent Programme if child project:	
Project Scope:	National
Region:	Africa
Countries:	Niger
GEF Focal Area(s):	Biodiversity
GEF financing amount:	\$ 867,580.00
Co-financing amount:	\$ 3,695,000.00
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2021-05-06
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2021-08-18
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2021-08-20
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	2021-12-27
Date of First Disbursement:	2021-12-08
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:	\$ 726,679.00
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 563,674.00
Midterm undertaken?:	No
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	

Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2025-06-30
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	2025-06-30
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2025-10-31
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2025-12-31

1.2 Project Description

The GEF/UNEP/APA-Niger project is part of the implementation of the 3rd objective of the Convention on Biodiversity on the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources. It translates the ABS protocol into concrete action at the national level by supporting the country in setting up a framework for the implementation of the protocol through the development of legislative, legal, institutional and administrative tools and/or instruments. Project objective: To establish favorable conditions for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS through the establishment of a national regime for access to genetic resources and traditional knowledge in Niger. The project has two components which are: Component 1: Development of a legislative, administrative and institutional framework for access and benefit-sharing with a view to the operationalization of the Nagoya Protocol in Niger. This component should produce an overall strategic framework for an ABS regime in line with the Niger Nagoya Protocol and all specific implementation instruments and tools. Component 2: Raising awareness on the Nagoya Protocol, the national ABS regime and capacity building for all relevant stakeholders in Niger. This component should develop a comprehensive communication strategy on the national ABS strategy and will also support training, capacity building for various categories of stakeholders and including the development of genetic resources and value chain development. The executing agency is: Executive Secretary of the National Environment Council for Sustainable Development (ES/NECSD). The main partners are the various ministries, civil society, which will be involved through the Biodiversity Commission and the ABS Technical Committee.

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Ecosystems Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	N/A
Executing Agency (ies)	Executive Secretary of the National Environment Council for Sustainable Development (ES/NECSD)
names of Other Project Partners	UNEP, Technical ministries, universities, traditional knowledge holders, civil society, which will be involved through the Biodiversity Commission and the ABS Technical Committee. etc.
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Johan Robinson
UNEP Task Manager(s)	Adamou Bouhari
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Paul Vrontamitis
UNEP Support Assistants	Eric Mugo
Manager/Representative	Dr Kamayé Maâzou

Project Manager	Mr Boukar Attari
Finance Manager	Mr Hassane Harouna
Communications Lead, if relevant	Mrs. Boubacar Aî Boubé

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Thematic: Nature action subprogramme
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	Healthy Ecosystem
PoW Indicator(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	Contribute to Niger UNDAF under the following outcomes :i)Resilience; ii) Social Development and Demographic dividend
Link to relevant SDG Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Link to relevant SDG Targets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15.6 Promote fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and promote appropriate access to such resources, as internationally agreed 15.9 By 2020, integrate ecosystem and biodiversity values into national and local planning, development processes, poverty reduction strategies and accounts

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	
11- People benefitting from GEF-financed investments	600	2000	2000	2933

Implementation Status 2023: 3rd 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	3rd PIR	S	S	L
FY 2023	2nd PIR	S	S	M
FY 2022	1st PIR	MU	MU	M
FY 2021				

FY 2020				
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Summary of status

The project is making progress as planned. The key thematic studies related to the legal framework, the National ABS Strategy, the institutional aspects related to ABS, the elaboration of communities protocols, the protection of traditional knowledge and communication strategy, have conducted and validated. These thematic studies led to the elaboration of the legal framework and national Strategy on ABS which are now in adoption process by the relevant authorities. Also, the identification of different organs of management of ABS framework. These include the national designated authority, the national authority for the publication and control. Three community protocols have been signed. Furthermore all the capacity building activities related to ABS implementation including for the research stakeholders has been conducted using twelve modules on valorisation and ABS process. There is also elaboration of knowledge management and documentary film on ABS implementation. The pending activities are related to the adoption of the legal and institutional frameworks of ABS by relevant authorities. There will be further capacity building activities and elaboration of tools to support ABS implementation in Niger.

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$ 3,695,000
Actual to date:	3,304,449
Progress	<p>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</p> <p>As of this date, the co-financing from the three partners (3N Initiative, the Association of Traditional Practitioners of Niger, and the Executive Secretary of NECSD) amounts to USD 3,304,449. The progression of co-financing is explained by taking into account the contribution of 3N Initiative through the Support Project for Livestock Development in Niger, which became Kiyon arziki in February 2023.</p>

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	2023-12-19
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<p>Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)</p>	<p>During the cycle, the following 8 categories of stakeholders were identified as key for the project: 1) decision-makers (government and political leaders); 2) state officials/agents; 3) civil society organizations; 4) parliamentarians; 5) media; 6) research and training institutions; 7) custodians of traditional knowledge from indigenous and local communities; and 8) local authorities.</p> <p>To engage stakeholders, a comprehensive communication strategy is being considered. This strategy primarily includes widespread information and awareness about the Nagoya Protocol, national framework tools, and instruments (such as the ABS strategy and ordinance, biocultural community protocols, etc.). It also involves stakeholder participation and resource mobilization.</p> <p>To date, eight (8) information and awareness workshops on the Nagoya Protocol and the project have been organized in all eight regions of Niger, involving the 7 stakeholder categories. However, parliamentary sessions were postponed due to the approaching adoption of the bill, following the events of July 26, 2023, which led to the dissolution of the National Assembly. Stakeholder engagement is evident through : i) Participation of approximately 50 government, civil society, and private sector entities in the project launch workshop ; ii) Commitment to co-financing ; iii) Involvement of key structures in the first Steering Committee session ; iv) Participation of around 500 individuals in awareness and information workshops across the country's eight regions ; v) Provision of office space by NECSD and the creation of an optimal work environment ; vi) Participation in the 13th and 14th meetings of the climate change adaptation stakeholders' coordination framework . vii) Organization of the first Student Day at the Department of Biology, Abdou Moumouni University, featuring a conference on biodiversity and the Nagoya Protocol. More than 300 students and 15 faculty members participated ; viii) Establishment of a platform for actors who attended information and awareness meetings in the eight regions ; ix) Signing of three (03) biocultural community protocols by administrative and customary authorities in relevant localities ; x) Involvement of private sector actors in ABS information and awareness meetings during the pre-implementation mission for the strategy and ABS ordinance ; xi) Participation of 193 actors in discussions across six (06) exchange platforms.</p>
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2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	No
Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):	<p>Factors limiting gender equality include traditions, poverty, and religion in Niger. This project takes gender inclusion seriously, particularly the empowerment of women and youth. The project aims to reach 20,000 beneficiaries, including 13,000 men and 7,000 women.</p> <p>Whenever possible and based on the availability and receptivity of women and youth, the project plans to involve a significant number of women and young people in capacity-building, communication, and training activities. The essence of these activities is to equip participants with knowledge of the emerging regulatory framework on Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) in Niger, emphasizing how their economic rights and interests align with broader national interests related to biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, and the preservation of traditional knowledge.</p> <p>Considering the above, the project encourages the participation of young people and women in the ABS process. Here are the specific targets achieved :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project Launch : 53 participants, including 10 women. Among them, 39 were adults, and 14 were young individuals (3 young women and 11 young men) ; 2. Steering Committee : 24 participants, including 6 women ; 3. Information and Awareness Missions : 851 actors, including 111 women ; 4. First Student Day at the Department of Biology, Abdou Moumouni University : 300 students (including 120 female students) and 15 faculty members ; 5. 13th Stakeholder Coordination Meeting : 63 participants, including 11 women ; 6. 14th Stakeholder Coordination Meeting: 80 participants, including 22 women ; 7. Pre-Implementation Mission for Private Sector Actors in ABS 60 participants, including 32 women ; <p>In practice, there is a positive trend in women’s participation in valuing genetic resources (GR) in Niger. This trend should be further promoted during project training sessions related to valuation aspects</p>

2.7. ESSM

Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and	Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage? No
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social safeguards)	If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?
New social and/or environmental risks	Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period? No If yes, describe the new risks or changes?
Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts	Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period? No If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken?
Environmental and social safeguards management	The objective of the current project is to develop texts and tools, so the impact assessment should apply to project products for which a strategic evaluation would be conducted at the appropriate time

2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	<p>As part of knowledge management, five (05) WhatsApp platforms have been created for effective project implementation. These platforms include the following : i) Knowledge Management Group: Comprising 19 members ; ii) ABS Technical Committee: Comprising fifteen (15) members ; iii) ABS Working Group: Comprising ten (10) members ; iv) GEF/UNEP/ABS-Niger Project: Comprising 106 members ; v) ABS Project: Comprising six (6) members.</p> <p>The objective of these platforms is to ensure that all members have access to the same information and serve as spaces for discussions and exchanges among stakeholders. Currently, a brochure has been printed in 500 copies and distributed to stakeholders. Additionally, three (03) newsletters have been written and disseminated.</p> <p>For better visibility, all relevant project products and tools will be placed on the CHM Niger biodiversity information exchange center and the CHM-ABS platform, as well as on the NECSD website. Furthermore, the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) and national experts have undergone capacity-building training on communication and knowledge management. This training took place from October 18 to 19, 2023, in the meeting room of the regional rural code office in Dosso.</p> <p>The overall goal of this training is to enhance project visibility and enable the scaling up of best practices and lessons learned both within and outside Niger. Several modules were presented during the training: i) Introduction to Communication ; ii) Messaging and Communication Channels ; iii) Communication Strategy for Knowledge Management . iv) Communication Plan.</p> <p>Throughout this training, the PIU and national project experts gained valuable insights into report development techniques related to</p>
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	<p>knowledge management</p> <p>Key publications include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Strategy and Action Plan on ABS - Legal Framework on ABS In Niger -Community Biocultural Protocol - Establishment of National ABS Institutional set up process - Protection and Legal framework for traditional knowledge - Communication Strategy on ABS
Main learning during the period	<p>The population's engagement throughout the process of developing Biocultural Community Protocols (BCPs) in the three relevant localities has been significant. According to the local communities, these BCPs can serve other purposes, particularly in managing their territorial resources.</p> <p>The signature ceremonies were grand events, witnessing massive participation from the concerned population, administrative authorities, and customary leaders.</p> <p>Based on these observations, the following conclusions emerge :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -BCPs are suitable tools for managing biological/genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge within the territory ; -The methodology used in developing BCPs can be replicated for creating other BCPs in Niger. <p>Additionally, the establishment of a working group for legal text development, following the withdrawal of the originally planned national legal expert, facilitated better understanding and ownership of the texts by group members. This approach enhances the</p>

	<p>integration of Access and Benefit-Sharing (APA) considerations into the core activities of relevant structures.</p> <p>Key learning products include:</p> <p>Elaboration of Community Biocultural Protocol</p> <p>Elaboration of ABS legal Framework with the Lead of National institutions</p>
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2.9. Stories

<p>Stories to be shared</p>	<p>The establishment of WhatsApp platforms within a project serves as a valuable exchange tool, enhancing project visibility. Additionally, setting up working groups for legal text development offers several advantages compared to having a single expert conduct the study. Furthermore, pre-validation of various studies by knowledgeable resource persons before final approval is crucial for obtaining high-quality documents.</p>
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3 Performance

3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes

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
Objective: To create and apply the enabling conditions for the implementation of Nagoya Protocol on the Access and Benefit Sharing and Traditional Knowledge Regime in Niger.	the extent of key constituents of an effective ABS regime that are in place/fully functional in Niger at the end of the project and are in compliance with the Nagoya Protocol.	There is no fully compliant Nagoya Protocol ABS regime in Niger	The entire set of the constituents of the National Nagoya Protocol(NP) compliant ABS Regulatory regime of Niger drafted and progressing towards trialing and improvement	All the constituents of a NP Compliant ABS regime are completed and ready for full implementation in Niger	100%	All experts responsible for developing the elements of the access and benefit-sharing regime have been recruited. Also, draft versions of all deliverables are available and have been reviewed by resource persons for quality assurance.	S
Outcome 1: The Nagoya Protocol is operationalized in Niger with institutions capable of discharging key functions	Number of roadmap and action plan for the streamlining of biodiversity and ABS principles in sectoral policies and laws	There is no roadmap and plan for streamlining of biodiversity and ABS in sectoral policies in Niger	roadmap and the action plan should be completed before	3 planning and policy tools with due gender parity considerations finalized and adopted by relevant authority (1 roadmap and plan completed within six months of the project start; 1 portfolio of sectoral policies with	100%	The roadmap and action plan were developed by the ABS working group and approved by the ABS technical committee.	S

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	Number of ABS strategy in Niger	There is no national ABS strategy in Niger	The various elements and framework of 1 comprehensive ABS strategy) 1 draft of all of the components of the ABS legislation with due consideration of gender parity produced; 1 draft of each implementing regulation with gender consideration produced (these may include draft ministerial orders for PIC, model clauses of MAT, ABS permit, codes of best	streamlined ABS principles, 1 comprehensive ABS strategy including the vision, objective for NP implementation in Niger and all relevant approaches to conservation, valorization approach, commercial and noncommercial research, approach to benefit sharing, TK protection etc.)	100%	The strategy was formulated by an expert and validated during a national workshop. Prior to validation, this version underwent quality assurance by resource persons.	S

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	Number of ABS law and implementing regulations adopted encapsulating all clusters of NP obligations including gender consideration	Article 6(3) of the loi n° 98-56 du 29 décembre 1998, portant loi cadre relative à la gestion de l'environnement and Ministerial order N°00106/MEMS/RS du 17 mai 2013	practice, community protocol, designation of CNAs, checkpoints etc); 1 draft of all of the components of the ABS legislation with due consideration of gender parity produced; 1 draft of each implementing regulation with gender consideration produced (these may include draft ministerial orders for PIC, model clauses of MAT, ABS permit, codes of best	Nagoya Protocol ABS law with due gender consideration finalised and validated; all implementing regulations and ministerial orders relating to the support tools finalised and adopted (these may include ministerial orders for PIC, model clauses of MAT, ABS permit, codes of best practice, community protocol, designation of CNAs, checkpoints)finalised sets of texts with gender consideration on the	95%	The draft ABS ordinance was developed by the ABS working group. After pre-validation by resource persons, the ordinance was approved during a national workshop. The implementing regulations for this ordinance are currently being finalized. The completion percentage (90%) does not account for the adoption of the ordinance, which falls outside the project's scope.	S

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			practice, community	roles and responsibilities of each of the ABS institutions (1 or more CNAs, 1 or more checkpoints, 1 CHM publication protocol, designation of CNAs, checkpoints etc); 1 Nagoya Protocol ABS law with due gender consideration finalised and validated; all implementing regulations and ministerial orders relating to the support tools finalised and adopted (these may include ministerial orders for PIC, model clauses of MAT, ABS permit, codes of best practice, community protocol, designation of CNAs, checkpoints)			

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	Number and types of prototypes of ABS tools with due gender consideration e.g., PIC, MAT, access permit, codes conduct, community protocols, code of conducts adopted	NFP Nagoya Protocol appointed CNEDD in place coordinating the Nagoya Protocol, ABS implementation process	government decision to confirm NP focal point appointment; 1 framework document with draft text and gender consideration to guide the and define the roles of selection of NCA(s), checkpoints, publishing agency, drafts roles and responsibilities of NCA(s), checkpoints, CHM publishing agency, ABS committee.	finalised sets of texts with gender consideration on the roles and responsibilities of each of the ABS institutions (1 or more CNAs, 1 or more checkpoints, 1 CHM publication agency,) validated, adopted and s included in the draft law, implementing regulations and support tools, and trailed	100%	All models/prototypes for Prior Informed Consent (PIC), Material Transfer Agreements (MAT), including sector-specific contractual clauses, were developed by the ABS working group and validated by the ABS Technical Committee.	S
Outcome 2: Relevant stakeholders in Niger are aware of the developed ABS legislative, regulatory and institutional frameworks and	Number of strategy produced on sensitisation, awareness and raising and communication with gender consideration	40 members of parliament already trained on the ABS concept (75% men and 25% women)	1 draft of the sensitisation, awareness raising and communication	1 sensitisation, awareness raising and communication strategy finalised; 1 ABS manual	80%	The expert tasked with developing the comprehensive communication strategy submitted the provisional version. This version also underwent quality assurance by resource persons. Its validation will	S

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of potential business opportunities related to the use of high potential genetic resources and associated TK			strategy with due gender consideration; 1 draft of the various training modules developed and ready for delivery/use; stakeholders groups and specific beneficiaries identified and at least 04 groups enrolled including women and the youth, potential GRs for the valorisation strategy selected; at least two workshops (training, valorisation etc) organised in universities,	validated and adopted and ready for dissemination; , all the ABS instruments disseminated; 2000 including women and youth reached during conferences organised in universities, research and other educational settings and through awareness raising, sensitisation and communication. • Compendium of GRs valorisation training modules and capacity on value chain and business development • Reports of various training and capacity building workshops		occur after the validation of other planned studies.	

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			public institutions and other research and educational settings, 600 beneficiaries reached in the various dimension of sensitisation, awareness raising and capacity building (75% men and 25% women).				
	Number of actors including women across the different stakeholders' groups sensitised and fully aware of all the constituents of the ABS regulatory and institutional framework	40 members of the technical committee on Biodiversity trained on the ABS process	1 draft of the sensitisation, awareness raising and communication strategy with due gender consideration; 1 draft of the various training modules developed and ready for delivery/use;	1 sensitisation, awareness raising and communication strategy finalised; 1 ABS manual validated and adopted and ready for dissemination; , all the ABS instruments disseminated; 2000 including women and youth reached during conferences	60%	An awareness and sensitization mission on the project and the Nagoya Protocol was organized in all 8 regions of the country, with gender considerations. Additionally, members of the ABS technical committee received training on the same topic. The dissemination of project products, including texts, the strategy, and implementation tools, to stakeholders remains pending.	S

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			stakeholders groups and specific beneficiaries identified and at least 04 groups enrolled including women and the youth, potential GRs for the valorisation strategy selected; at least two workshops (training, valorisation etc) organised in universities, public institutions and other research and educational settings, 600 beneficiaries reached in the various	organised in universities, research and other educational settings and through awareness raising, sensitisation and communication.			

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	Number of people having accessed the ABS manual with due consideration of gender and youth	60 members of the national association of traditional doctors trained on the ABS concept and ABS mechanisms Existence of biodiversity courses at Universities	1 draft of the sensitisation, awareness raising and communication strategy with due gender consideration; 1 draft of the various training modules developed and ready for delivery/use; stakeholders groups and specific beneficiaries identified and at least 04 groups enrolled including	1 sensitisation, awareness raising and communication strategy finalised; 1 ABS manual validated and adopted and ready for dissemination; , all the ABS instruments disseminated; 2000 including women and youth reached during conferences organised in universities, research and other educational settings and through awareness raising, sensitisation and communication	80%	The expert responsible for developing the comprehensive communication strategy submitted the provisional version of said strategy. This version underwent quality assurance by resource persons. The strategy will be validated during this year in accordance with the Annual Work and Budget Program (AWBP) 2024 of the project. All products will be disseminated after their validation and/or adoption.The draft of the simplified ABS manual is currently being finalized by the international expert.	S

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			women and the youth, potential GRs for the valorisation strategy selected; at least two workshops (training, valorisation etc) organised in universities, public institutions and other research and educational settings, 600 beneficiaries reached in the various dimension of sensitisation, awareness raising and capacity building (75% men and 25% women).				
	Number of people	40 members of	1 draft of the	1 sensitisation,	80%	These numbers are not including the	S

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	including women trained in different aspects domestic ABS framework including on valorisation of GRs	parliament already trained on the ABS concept (75% men and 25% women)40 members of the technical committee on Biodiversity trained on the ABS process60 members of the national association of traditional doctors trained on the ABS concept and ABS mechanisms Existence of biodiversity courses at Universities	sensitisation, awareness raising and communication strategy with due gender consideration; 1 draft of the various training modules developed and ready for delivery/use; stakeholders groups and specific beneficiaries identified and at least 04 groups enrolled including women and the youth, potential GRs for the valorisation strategy selected; at least two workshops	awareness raising and communication strategy finalised; 1 ABS manual validated and adopted and ready for dissemination; , all the ABS instruments disseminated; 2000 including women and youth reached during conferences organised in universities, research and other educational settings and through awareness raising, sensitisation and communication		training on valorization and dissemination project particuluary law and and ABS Stratégie	

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			(training, valorisation etc) organised in universities, public institutions and other research and educational settings, 600 beneficiaries reached in the various dimension of sensitisation, awareness raising and capacity building (75% men and 25% women).				
	Number and types of institutions / organisations whose personnel and people including women were trained	40 members of parliament already trained on the ABS concept (75% men and 25% women)40 members of the technical committee on Biodiversity trained	1 draft of the sensitisation, awareness raising and communication strategy with due gender consideration; 1 draft of the various training	1 sensitisation, awareness raising and communication strategy finalised; 1 ABS manual validated and adopted and ready for dissemination; , all the ABS instruments	80%	26 institutions in each regions of Niger are been trained on Nagoya Protocol and the Niger ABS project.	S

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		on the ABS process60 members of the national association of traditional doctors trained on the ABS concept and ABS mechanisms Existence of biodiversity courses at Universities	modules developed and ready for delivery/use; stakeholders groups and specific beneficiaries identified and at least 04 groups enrolled including women and the youth, potential GRs for the valorisation strategy selected; at least two workshops (training, valorisation etc) organised in universities, public institutions and other research and educational	disseminated; 2000 including women and youth reached during conferences organised in universities, research and other educational settings and through awareness raising, sensitisation and communication			

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			settings, 600 beneficiaries reached in the various dimension of sensitisation, awareness raising and capacity building (75% men and 25% women).				
	Number of thematic modules with due gender consideration developed and delivered	40 members of parliament already trained on the ABS concept (75% men and 25% women)40 members of the technical committee on Biodiversity trained on the ABS process60 members of the national association of traditional doctors trained on the ABS concept and ABS mechanisms	1 draft of the sensitisation, awareness raising and communication strategy with due gender consideration; 1 draft of the various training modules developed and ready for delivery/use; stakeholders groups and specific beneficiaries identified and	1 sensitisation, awareness raising and communication strategy finalised; 1 ABS manual validated and adopted and ready for dissemination; , all the ABS instruments disseminated; 2000 including women and youth reached during conferences organised in universities, research and other educational settings and through	80%	Six modules are been developed for Stakeholder's training	S

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		Existence of biodiversity courses at Universities	at least 04 groups enrolled including women and the youth, potential GRs for the valorisation strategy selected; at least two workshops (training, valorisation etc) organised in universities, public institutions and other research and educational settings, 600 beneficiaries reached in the various dimension of sensitisation, awareness raising and capacity	awareness raising, sensitisation and communication.			

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	Number of instruments with due gender consideration widely disseminated	40 members of parliament already trained on the ABS concept (75% men and 25% women) 40 members of the technical committee on Biodiversity trained on the ABS process 60 members of the national association of traditional doctors trained on the ABS concept and ABS mechanisms Existence of biodiversity courses at Universities	building (75% men and 25% women). 1 draft of the sensitisation, awareness raising and communication strategy with due gender consideration; 1 draft of the various training modules developed and ready for delivery/use; stakeholders groups and specific beneficiaries identified and at least 04 groups enrolled including women and the youth, potential GRs for the valorisation	1 sensitisation, awareness raising and communication strategy finalised; 1 ABS manual validated and adopted and ready for dissemination; , all the ABS instruments disseminated; 2000 including women and youth reached during conferences organised in universities, research and other educational settings and through awareness raising, sensitisation and communication.	50%	All instruments are developed. They are not yet widely disseminated because they are in the process of being adopted by the pertinent authorities.	S

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			strategy selected; at least two workshops (training, valorisation etc) organised in universities, public institutions and other research and educational settings, 600 beneficiaries reached in the various dimension of sensitisation, awareness raising and capacity building (75% men and 25% women).				

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 Development of a legislative, regulatory, policy and institutional framework for access and benefit sharing with a view to operationalizing the Nagoya Protocol	Output 1.1: Strategy and action plan developed for the full implementation of ABS measures in Niger	2024	80%	100%	The increase in completion percentage is due to the provisional version of the strategy being approved by stakeholders. The final version of the strategy and its action plan is available.	S
	Output 1.2: Legislative, regulatory, administrative, institutional and policy measures for the full operationalization of the Nagoya Protocol are developed in Niger	2024	80%	95%	The provisional version of the ABS ordinance was approved during a national workshop that brought together all categories of stakeholders. This version is in the adoption process. Additionally, the final versions of tools, including prototypes for Prior Informed Consent (PIC), Material Transfer Agreements (MAT), and sector-specific contractual clauses, have been validated. The final versions of the implementing texts are currently being completed.	S
	Output 1.3: Functional technical ABS institutions are in place in Niger applying procedures appropriate to the Nagoya Protocol, and exchanging information through the ABS Clearing-House	2024	80%	100%	The expert responsible for the institutional analysis report submitted the provisional version, which underwent quality assurance by resource persons. This version was submitted to stakeholders for validation, and the final version of the report is available.	S
2 Raising awareness of the Nagoya Protocol and national ABS systems and	Output 2.1 : A detailed ABS awareness raising strategy on the national ABS frameworks including materials tailored for specific stakeholder groups. (IPLC, civil society, researchers, private sector, government entities involved in ABS implementation.) are developed and rolled out in Niger	2024	80%	80%	The global communication strategy has been developed. This provisional version underwent pre-validation by resource persons. Its validation is contingent upon the validation of all planned studies. This validation will take place	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
building the capacity of all relevant stakeholders in Niger					in July 2024, following the project's Annual Work and Budget Program (AWBP) 2024. The completion percentage for this activity has not changed. This is because the strategy's validation will occur after validating all other studies, according to the schedule for developing national ABS tools and instruments.	
	Output 2.2 : Training designed for specific stakeholder groups in Niger conducted on managing access to genetic resources on various aspects of valorisation to develop business opportunities for resources of high potentials including traditional knowledge associated with these resources	2024	60%	80%	The slight increase in completion is due, on one hand, to the withdrawal of the initial recruited international expert and, on the other hand, to the passing of the second international expert who replaced the first. However, in consultation with project stakeholders, it was agreed to engage knowledgeable individuals, including researchers, to carry out the valuation-related work. Contracts have been signed. Additionally, a specific study serving as a basis for facilitating the selection of high-potential genetic resources for valuation training has been conducted. The provisional modules have been developed and underwent pre-validation by resource persons. The final versions of these modules are available, and training will take place in August 2024.	S

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	Low	Low
4 Budget	Low	Low
5 Financial Management	Low	Low
6 Reporting	Low	Low
7 Capacity to deliver	Low	Low

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
Risk 1: Government and decision-making authorities/agencies highly committed to the project and its objective	All outcomes & outputs	M	L	L	L				=	The second steering session was held on December 19, 2023, with the participation of several key government and civil society structures, in accordance with Decree No. 105/PM/SE/CNEDD of June 1, 2022, which modifies and completes

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										Decree No. 0185/PM/SE/CNEDD of October 8. 2021. All recommendations from the first session have been implemented. Additionally, the exchange platforms that bring together all stakeholders are operational. Furthermore, members of the ABS technical committee regularly participate in meetings and validate certain documents. Moreover, the working group on legal aspects, established by the Prime Minister's decree, continues to meet according to its terms of reference.
Risk 2 : Health situation with the pandemic COVID-19 and any other emerging health situation	All outcomes & outputs	M	L	L	L				=	After the COVID-19 vaccination campaign, all barrier measures and restrictions have been lifted.
Risk 3: Political stability and security issues under control	All outcomes & outputs	H	L	L	L				=	The country's political situation has been marked by the events of July 26. 2023, which saw the military taking power. However, this situation did not impact the implementation of project activities, as travel and necessary meetings for the project were not restricted. Regarding security, it remains residual and has not had a negative impact on the project up to this date.
Risk4: Timely mobilisation of experts and funds	All outcomes & outputs		M	H	L				↓	From July to September 2023, the project did not receive advance

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										funding, which prevented the validation of scheduled studies. However, with the second fund transfer in October, there have been no financial issues from October 2023 to the present.
Risk 5: CSOs and other stakeholders' commitment to maintain their effective participation in all aspects of project implementation	All outcomes & outputs	L	L	L	L				=	Project stakeholders have been involved in the process of establishing the national ABS framework through exchange platforms, newsletters, validation meetings, information and awareness missions, and various committees (ABS technical committee, steering committee, etc.).
Risk 6: Lengthy administrative processes and political decision making	All outcomes & outputs		M	L	L				=	This risk did not arise during the reporting period.
Risk 7: Extended process of formulation, validation, adoption of all the policy, administrative and legislative instruments caused by cumbersome and slow administrative and parliamentary processes	All outcomes & outputs	H	H	H	L				↓	The strategy and ordinance have been validated. The Executive Secretariat of NECS in consultation with the Ministry responsible for the Environment, has initiated the process of adopting these documents by the competent authorities.
Risk 8: Non respect of the co-financing pledges	All outcomes & outputs	M	L	L	L				=	Commitments related to co-financing have been upheld during the reporting period.
Risk 9: Internal reorganization/staff turnover within key agencies involved in the implementation of the project, especially within the CNEDD and central government directorates of relevant ministries involved	All outcomes & outputs	H	L	L	L				=	Since the project's inception, there have been no reorganizations at the NECS level or other government institutions, particularly relevant ministries involved in project

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
in the project										implementation.
Risk 10 : Désistement des experts	Outcome 1 & output 1.2			L	L				=	This risk did not arise during the reporting period.
			M	M	L				↓	Overall, the risk is low because all the risks are low.

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

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.

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:	No
Components and Cost:	No
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

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

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
Gaya (Dosso region)	1153.061	326.9514		Gaya is a department in the Dosso Region. It is located approximately 150 km south of the regional capital (Dosso). It lies along the banks of the Niger River. Additionally, Gaya serves as a border town between Niger and Benin (with Malanville just 7 km from Gaya) and is close to Nigeria (Kamba, which is 32 km from Gaya)	Signing of Community biocultural protocols
Birnin Konni (Tahoua region)	134745	51500		Birni Konni is part of the Tahoua Region and is located immediately north of the border with Nigeria and west of the seasonal Maggia River.	Signing of Community biocultural protocols.
Dosso	130256	31137		Niger region located in the Sahelo-Sudanese part	Mission to promote the ABS strategy and ordinance to stakeholders in the ABS private sector.
Diffa	13.31536	12.61134		Niger region located in the Sahelo-Saharan part	Mission to promote the ABS strategy and ordinance to

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
					stakeholders in the ABS private sector.
Zinder	134825	85917		Niger region located in the Sahelo-Saharan part	Mission to promote the ABS strategy and ordinance to stakeholders in the ABS private sector.
Maradi	132930	70547		Niger region located in the Sahelian part	Mission to promote the ABS strategy and ordinance to stakeholders in the ABS private sector.
Tillabery	141242	12711		Niger region located in the Sahelian part	Mission to promote the ABS strategy and ordinance to stakeholders in the ABS private sector.
Agadez	141242	75927		Niger region located in the Sahelian part	Mission to promote the ABS strategy and ordinance to stakeholders in the ABS private sector.
Tahoua	14890458	5257997		Niger region located in the Sahelo-Saharan part	Mission to promote the ABS strategy and ordinance to stakeholders in the ABS private sector.
Niamey	133049	20635		Niger region located in the Sahelian part	Mission to promote the ABS strategy and ordinance to stakeholders in the ABS private sector.

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

[Annex any linked geospatial file]

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