

GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 9809	Umoja WBS: SB-009803
SMA IPMR ID: 36865	Grant ID: P1-33GFL-001452
Project Short Title: Benin CCCD Project	
Project Title: Building Core Capacity for Implementation, Monitoring and Reporting of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and Relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Benin	
Duration months planned:	36
Duration months age:	56
Project Type:	Medium Sized Project (MSP)
Parent Programme if child project:	
Project Scope:	National
Region:	Africa
Countries:	Benin
GEF Focal Area(s):	Cross-Cutting Capacity Development
GEF financing amount:	\$ 1,150,000.00
Co-financing amount:	\$ 300,000.00
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2018-03-01
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2018-06-04
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2019-02-26
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	2018-11-21
Date of First Disbursement:	2018-08-14
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:	\$ 650,000.00
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 666,982.00

Midterm undertaken?:	Yes
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	2023-01-17
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	2023-01-17
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2023-12-31
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	2024-12-31
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2025-03-31
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2024-12-31

1.2 Project Description

The overall objective of this project is to strengthen national capacities for environmental information and knowledge management for the implementation, monitoring, and reporting of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Benin. It comprises two components executed by the Ministry of Environment and Transports in charge of Sustainable Development (ex Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development-MESD) in collaboration with the indicated ministries above. The project is implemented under the responsibility of the General Director of Environment and Climate.

Component 1: Development of a coordinated environmental knowledge and information management system: this component is related to the development of an environment information system (EIS) for Benin. It comprises one outcome, six outputs which address the development and the implementation of the EIS detailed as below:

Outcome 1.0: A system for the management of environmental information and knowledge is operational for use in decision-making, planning and reporting

- Output 1.1: Reporting and analysis of the current environmental information systems, data flows, statistics and reporting mechanisms related to the Rio Convention, other MEAs and relevant SDGs utilized by line ministries and other relevant agencies and institutions.
- Output 1.2: Implementation, information and communication network to help MEA Focal Points access and share available information.
- Output 1.3: Inventory of nationally appropriate environmental indicators based on MEAs and SDGs
- Output 1.4: Agreement among key line ministries and agencies on the streamlining of data collection and sharing to fill data gaps and reduce unnecessary duplication.
- Output 1.5: Training on data collection and management methodologies including the UNEP Live platform
- Output 1.6: Streamlined reporting system to MEAs and indicators for the environmental dimension of SDGs.

The six outputs include twenty (20) activities.

Component 2: Enhancement of institutional and technical capacities to mainstream, develop, and utilize policies, plans and programs for effective implementation of the Rio Conventions, other MEAs and relevant SDGs. The component comprises one outcome and six outputs detailed as below:

Outcome 2.0 Enhanced capacities to develop and implement policies, plans and programmes integrating MEAs and related SDGs

- Output 2.1: National dialogue for the different actors in charge of environmental management in the country
- Output 2.2: Enhanced consultative, experience sharing and decision-making platform for the implementation of obligations under Rio Conventions, other relevant MEAs

and related SDGs, including shared environmental information systems, collaborative institutional inter-ministerial and decentralized mechanisms

- Output 2.3: Training of MEA Focal Points on the Conventions' technical and financing mechanisms
- Output 2.4: Demonstration projects on the application of an integrated approach to environmental information management of different MEAs and SDGs at local levels in key sectors
- Output 2.5: Public environmental education for sustainable development and awareness raising activities with a focus on climate change, biodiversity and land degradation
- Output 2.6: Sustainability strategy for the continued implementation of MEAs and the environmental dimension of SDGs, including a mechanism for regular contributions by Benin to Conventions' functioning.

The six outputs include twenty-one (21) activities.

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Early Warning and Assessment Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	
Executing Agency (ies)	Ministry of Environment and Transports in charge of Sustainable Development (ex Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development-MESD)
names of Other Project Partners	Ministry of Economic and Finances. •Ministry of Planning and Development (National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis. •General Directory of SDGs' Coordination and Monitoring). •Ministry of Water and Mines. •Ministry of Energy. •Ministry of University and Scientific Research. •Ministry of Agriculture. •Ministry in charge of Meteorology. •Ministry of Decentralization and Local Governance. •The Media for outreach activities. •Environmental NGOs Coordination (Pro Environment). •UN Agencies (UNDP – Benin). •MEA Nationals Focal Points.
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Jochem Zoetelief
UNEP Task Manager(s)	Jochem Zoetelief
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Florence Kahiro
UNEP Support Assistants	Ayda Villalobos-Castro
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Project Manager	Ibila DJIBRIL
Finance Manager	Alban CAPO CHICHI
Communications Lead, if relevant	

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Foundational: Science-policy
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	
PoW Indicator(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science-policy: (i) Number of countries and national, regional and subnational authorities that, as a result of UNEP support, have strengthened capacity to develop sound environmental data, statistics, scientific assessments and early warning systems • Science-policy: (ii) Number of relevant global, regional and national forums, institutions and Governments using data, statistics, scientific assessments and early warning and foresight systems provided by UNEP for catalysing policymaking and action
UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	<p>The Benin GEF-funded cross-cutting capacity development (CCCD) project contributes to the first and second strategic objectives of the 2019 – 2023 United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for Benin.</p> <p>2019-2023 UNDAF strategic objective 1: Strong, inclusive and sustainable economic growth promotion: Within this objective, the UNS interventions are focussed on delivering the following outcome/ goal: “By 2023, the people of Benin - particularly the most vulnerable -become more resilient and have a better quality of life by access to decent work, food security and nutrition, and clean energy, through the sustainable management of natural resources, and enhanced adaptation capacities to the adverse effects of climate change, other crisis and natural disasters”</p> <p>2019-2023 UNDAF strategic objective 2: Enhancing human capital. Within this objective, the UNS interventions are focussed on delivering the following outcome/ goal: “By 2023, the people of Benin - especially the most vulnerable- use more quality basic social services characterized by universal health coverage, an inclusive and comprehensive basic education, protection against all forms of violence and abuse, as well as access to safe and adequate drink water, basic hygiene and sanitation”.</p> <p>The project contributes to these objectives through establishing/ improving the technical/ institutional/ systematic capacities of environmental institutions in Benin for coordinated and synergistic implementation, monitoring, mainstreaming, and fulfilling reporting obligations under the Rio conventions, other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</p> <p>The project continues to captivate better cooperation and collaboration in the national implementation and reporting of MEAs through</p> <p>(i) the establishment of a national MEAs/ SDGS monitoring and coordination mechanism. (ii) training of MEA focal points on data management & synergistic implementation of MEAs/ SDGs. (iii) the development and deployment of a shared environmental knowledge/ data/ information management system (EIS/ SEIS).</p>

	(iv) the development, adoption and application of an environmental indicator framework that underpins the design of the SEIS system. the development of a national inter-agency/ ministry protocol/ MoU that creates a framework for environmental data collection and management in the Country (whose adoption processes are ongoing) and based of which the EIS will be developed.
Link to relevant SDG Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts • Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels • Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development
Link to relevant SDG Targets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13.b Promote mechanisms for raising capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management in least developed countries and small island developing States, including focusing on women, youth, and local and marginalized communities • 16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements • 17.18 By 2020, enhance capacity-building support to developing countries, including for least developed countries and small island developing States, to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts

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	2,600,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	During the period from July 2023 to June 2024, the project awareness activities focused on TV and local radios broadcasts. These efforts successfully reached an estimated audience of approximately 3,559,120 people. So, since the project stated, the indirect beneficiaries can be estimated to 8,559,120 persons (5,000,000 at

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
				<p>the end of June 2023 plus 3,559,120 at the end of June 2024 equal 8,559,120). Considering the project activities (workshops, working groups and meetings), the direct beneficiaries reached 256 participants comprising 38 (14.84 %) females and 218 (84.16 %) Males. So, at the end of June 2024, the project activities gathered as direct beneficiaries, 1841 participants for the project events (sectorial ministries' authorities, National Focal Points of MEAs, sectorial ministries' officers, municipalities' officers and members of NGOs, farmers crops, pastoralists, etc.) comprising 290 females (15.75%) and 1551 males (84.25%).In total, the project has impacted approximately 8,559,376 people (auditors, viewers, consultants hired, and direct participants of the project events) since the starting date of the activities to the end of June 2024.</p>

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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	Final PIR	S	S	L
FY 2023	4th PIR	S	HS	L
FY 2022	3rd PIR	S	S	L
FY 2021	2nd PIR	S	S	L
FY 2020	1st PIR	S	S	L
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Summary of status

During the reporting period, 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024, the main achievements recorded are:

Output 1.2:

South-South cooperation exchanges to share experiences: Benin PMU prepared an experience exchange related to the EIS with the Statistics Unit UNEP Headquarters. This aims to reinforce the technical capacities of the key actors of the EIS system in order to make it more effective and functional, including the administrator of the platform and the national validator of data.

Output 1.6:

Streamlined reporting system to MEAs and indicators for the environmental dimension of SDGs (Activities 1.6.1 and 1.6.2): The Environmental Information System (EIS) based on recommendations from the technical assessment (Activity 1.1.2) was presented to various actors during the semester through working groups, meeting organized by the project. The main training workshops were held on 24 July 2023 for the convention focal points and from 8 to 11 August 2023 in Bohicon, which brought together the statistical focal points of the sectoral ministries and NGO participating in the platform. The EIS was presented to the ministry of environment transports in charge of sustainable development's management committee in the presence of the Minister.

Output 2.3:

Building capacity of MEA Focal Points on the technical English applied to environmental issues for gaining more opportunities offered by the MEAs: The training section has been carried out by the project management unit with support of consultant cabinet in English. This training has been very well appreciated. The training material has been shared to the MEA focal points.

Output 2.4:

Demonstration projects of the application of an integrated approach to environmental information management of different MEAs and SDGs at local levels in key sectors: Three demonstration activities were implemented during the first semester 2024.

The demonstrative activities on chemical products: Those activities were related to the awareness raising and exchanges with the stakeholders involved in using of chemical fertilizers in the cotton production basin in Northern Benin. It concerns the organization of three workshops at Kandi city, Banikoara city and Gogounou city from 15th to 18th April 2024. These workshops gathered together almost hundred participants: Associations of producers of cotton and other agricultural crops, pastoral farmers, market gardeners, heads of the office in charge for the environment at the municipalities, health workers, representatives of public companies responsible for the sale of agricultural inputs and the National Focal Points of conventions relating to chemical products ratified by Benin. These workshops were followed by the visit of the demonstration site for agricultural products based on organic fertilizers in Gogounou.

The TV reports of Kandi, Banikoara and Gogounou workshops were produced.

The Rio conventions demonstrative activity: That is related to a workshop organized by Rio conventions national Focal Points, to train charcoal producers in the best carbonization techniques that consume less wood energy. This will help to reduce deforestation and, therefore, the pressure on forest resources. The training session was combined with field tests to illustrate the lessons shared with the participants. This training session took place in Ouèssè, from 18th to 22nd June 2024.

The demonstrative activity on bushmeat and wildlife management outside national parks related to CMS and CITES conventions: It was attended by the main actors involved implementation of these conventions, hunters' associations, NGOs, water, forests and hunting administration officials. This workshop took place from 12th to 14th June 2024 at Bohicon city.

Output 2.5:

Organization of workshops for local governments throughout the country related to environmental management and SDGs: Four workshops were organized throughout the country in Dassa city, Pobè city, Allada city and Cotonou city from 29th August to 8th September 2023. These workshops had aimed the local authorities (the department's Prefects, permanent secretaries of prefecture, forest inspection chiefs, departmental directors of environment and sustainable development, municipalities mayors, municipalities executive secretaries, municipalities responsible of environmental and domaniaal affairs, and the NGOs.

Behavioural changes broadcasts with local radio stations for information, education and environmental communication: Under this activity, contracts were signed with nine local radios. Each radio carried out at least 48 radio broadcasts in French and local languages throughout the country. During the first semester 2024, two over contracts radio were signed and one mission was organized throughout the local radios with which contracts were signed on 2023, to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the broadcast's contracts. In total, 3,559,120 peoples at least were impacted at the end of June 2024.

Output 2.6:

Sustainability strategy for the continued implementation of MEAs and the environmental dimension of SDGs, including a mechanism for regular contributions by Benin to Conventions' functioning: The study allowed to develop a sustainability strategy for the continuity of the outputs of the project. The report of the strategy was validated in August 2023 at Lokossa city.

It is important to underline that the update quarterly virtual meetings between the Project Management Unit and the UNEP Team were organized. The advantage of these virtual is to follow up the progress of project, to raise its difficulties and challenges and to propose the appropriate solutions to overcome them.

Note to file

GEF CCCD Exchange Knowledge Benin Presentation

GEF CCCD Exchange Knowledge Report

[section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$ 300,000
Actual to date:	326,118
Progress	<p>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</p> <p>The total planned co-finance is \$300,000, comprising \$100,000 in cash and \$200,000 in kind. To date, the total co-finance amount is \$326,118, consisting of \$5,400 in cash and \$320,718 in kind. This total of \$326,118 represents 108,71% of the planned \$300,000.</p> <p>In terms of actual cash co-finance, which is \$5,400, the percentage is 5.4% of the intended \$100,000. Meanwhile, the expenditure for in-kind co-finance (totaling \$320,718) represents 160,36% of the planned amount.</p> <p>This noteworthy percentage reflects the total expenditure of in-kind co-finance until June 30, 2024. This rate exceeds the scheduled target.</p>

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	<p>A high number of stakeholders, including sectorial ministries statistical focal points, NGO actors participated actively in the workshops related to streamline the reporting system to MEAs and indicators for the environmental dimension of SDGs (Activities 1.6.1 and 1.6.2): The Environmental Information System (EIS) based on recommendations from the technical assessment (Activity 1.1.2) was presented to the various actors during the semester through working groups, meeting organized by the project. The main training workshops were held on 24 July 2023 for the convention focal points and from 9 to 11 August 2023 in Bohicon, which brought together the statistical focal points of the sectorial ministries and NGO participating in the platform. The EIS was presented to the ministry of environment transports in charge of sustainable development's management committee in the presence of the minister.</p> <p>National focal points of MEAs participated actively in the session of building capacity of the MEAs Focal Points on the technical English applied to environmental issues for gaining more opportunities offered by the MEAs. The training session has been carried out by the project management unit with the support of consultant cabinet in English. This training has been very well appreciated. The training material has been shared to the MEA focal points.</p> <p>The main actors involved using chemical products, charcoal production, forests and hunting issues, including associations of producers</p>

	<p>of cotton, agricultural crops, pastoralists, market gardeners, heads of the office in charge of the environment at the municipalities, health workers, representatives of public companies responsible for the sale of agricultural inputs and the National Focal Points of conventions relating to chemical products ratified by Benin, charcoal producers, hunters' associations, NGOs, authorities and officers of general directory of water, forests and hunting participated actively in the workshops and training session related to the implementation of the demonstration projects under of the activity titled the application of an integrated approach to environmental information management of different MEAs and SDGs at local levels in key sectors.</p> <p>These workshops and training session of the demonstrative activities on chemical products allowed to raise the awareness of the health officers, the farmers, the pastoralists, the journalists on the risks of these projects on the health in environment, and their rational use.</p> <p>These workshops are organized in Northern Benin precisely in Kandi city, Banikoara city and Gogounou city from 15th to 18th April 2024. These workshops were followed by visits to demonstration sites for agricultural products based on organic fertilizers. This field visit enabled us to see at first hand that the okra, watermelon and melon fields treated with organic fertilizer were greener than those treated with chemical fertilizer. In addition, this organic field remained unaffected by insect attack, unlike the field treated with chemical fertilizer. Consumers have found that watermelon from organic fields keeps longer than watermelon produced with chemical fertilizer. The visit enabled participants to notice that organic fertilizers have a more positive impact on environment and health than chemical fertilizers.</p> <p>The Rio conventions demonstrative activity: That is related to a workshop organized by Rio conventions national Focal Points, to train charcoal producers in the best carbonization techniques that consume less wood energy. This will help to reduce deforestation and, therefore, the pressure on forest resources. The training session was combined with field tests to illustrate the lessons shared with the participants. This training session took place from 18th to 22nd June 2024 in Ouèssè city, in the center of Benin. This training session has formulated recommendation as following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1- Generalizing gradually the use of the Casamance millstone throughout the country.2-Developping and scaling up the sustainable management of terrestrial ecosystems project in biodiversity conservation hotspots in Benin to be submitted to the GEF through UNEP. <p>The demonstrative activity on bushmeat and wildlife management outside national parks related to CMS and CITES conventions: The workshop took place from 12th to 14th June 2024 at Bohicon city. This workshop has formulated recommendations as following:</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify hunting techniques and disseminate those that contribute to the sustainable management of wildlife outside national parks, - Finalize the bushmeat action plan and wildlife management outside national parks, - Develop a project to be submitted to the GEF to mobilize funding for the implementation of the bushmeat action plan and wildlife management outside national parks. <p>In the topic related to the workshops for local governments, four workshops were organized in Dassa city, Pobè city, Allada city and Cotonou city from 29th august to 7th September 2023. These workshops had aimed the local authorities (the department's Prefects, permanent secretaries of prefecture, forest inspection chiefs, departmental directors of environment and sustainable development. municipalities mayors, municipalities executive secretaries, municipalities responsible of environmental and domanical affairs, and the NGOs.</p> <p>During these workshops, many issues are developed such as :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to develop bankable project through the financial mechanisms of MEAs in biodiversity , climent change, drought and chemical conventions (POPs, Minamata, etc.) - How to mainstream climate change in the local development plans, programmes, and budget. - What are the links between MEAs and SDGs. - Showcase the different formats of projects according to the GEF, green Climate fund, adaptation fund, small grant program and Local initiative program of UNCDF.. <p>Concerning broadcasts with local radio stations for information, education and environmental communication 336 radio broadcasts were organized by the local radios throughout 11 out 12 departments that allowed to touch 3559120 auditors. These radio broadcasts are developed with the technical support of MEAs focal points, the project management unit, the journalists, the technical experts of sectorial ministries on climate change, biodiversity, land degradation, water resources, forest conservation, chemical products, etc. in French and local languages.</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>From 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024, the Benin CCCD project involved both men and women as follows:</p> <p>The participation of women in project activities, workshops, and meetings is notable. The project activities brought together a total of 1841 direct participants, comprising 290 females (15.75%) and 1551 males (84.25%) by the end of June 2024. Besides, the radio broadcastings allowed to raise the awareness of 877,520 women on environmental issues and SDGs. It is evident that female participation in project activities has made significant progress. Furthermore, it is noteworthy that the project steering committee (PSC) is chaired by a woman who also holds the position of Deputy Minister of Environment and Transports, in charge of Sustainable Development.</p>

2.7. ESSM

Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)	<p>Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?</p> <p>Not applicable in Benin case</p>
New social and/or environmental risks	<p>Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, describe the new risks or changes?</p> <p>Not applicable in Benin case</p>
Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts	<p>Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions</p>

	<p>were taken?</p> <p>Not applicable in Bénin Case</p>
Environmental and social safeguards management	<p>This is a capacity-building project that does not involve the construction of physical infrastructure. or other activities that degrade ecosystems, this project had been assigned an overall Low (L) risk category during project development. As a result, no substantial or negative environmental risk was anticipated during project development as outlined in the UNEP Environmental, Social and Economic Review Note (ESERN)/risk assessment tool. The UNEP ESERN risk assessment tool is used to identify all potential environmental hazards posed by the implementation of projects activities and outlines proposed risk mitigations measures to be applied in managing these risks during implementation. All possible risks are classified into the following categories below [SS1: Biodiversity, natural habitat & sustainable management of living resources; SS2: Resource efficiency, pollution prevention & management of chemicals & wastes; SS3: Safety of dams; SS4: Involuntary resettlement; SS5: Indigenous peoples; SS6: Labor and working conditions; SS7: Cultural heritage; SS8: Gender equity; and SS9: Economic sustainability], all of which were not expected nor were any mitigation options/ plans proposed. As earlier anticipated, no project risk was experienced during the reporting period that could alter the overall Low risk category assigned during project design, this assures the application of any environmental and social safeguard-responsive measures</p>

2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	<p>From 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024, the following activities related to knowledge management were conducted. In this regard, we can highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building of the MEAs Focal Points on the technical English applied to environmental issues for gaining more opportunities offered by the MEAs. • Implementation of the demonstration projects through of the application of integrated approach to environmental information management of different MEAs and SDGs at local levels in key sectors. Three demonstration activities were implemented during the first semester 2024: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project for the integrated management of chemicals and their waste in the Communes of Kandi, Banikoara and Gogounou 2. Sustainable management of terrestrial ecosystems in biodiversity conservation hotspots in the commune of Ouèssè in central Benin 3. Community Wildlife and Land Management Project: national action plan on bushmeat and wildlife management outside national parks
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of workshops for local governments throughout the country related to environmental management and SDGs.
Main learning during the period	<p>Following their capacity building in technical English, the convention focal points have acquired skills and knowledge relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drafting technical reports in English specific to their conventions • improving their speaking style and conducting technical debates using words relevant to their conventions • improving their pronunciation of English • improving their knowledge of grammar. <p>As impacts of department workshop for local government we can highlight the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skills knowledge on how to integrate climate actions in the local development policy, plans, programmes and budgets. • knowledge to prepare and develop bankable projects at local level based on the GCF, adaptation fund, GEF small grant programmes and local • relevant information on various financial entities for the implementation of MEAs • relevant information on the links between MEAs and SDGs • acquisition of information and knowledge about the functioning of the MEAs at international, national and local level. <p>The focal points have learned to work in synergy and with other stakeholders, in accordance with the 2020 decree appointing the focal points.</p> <p>The two main impacts of this work in synergy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the collective development of 3 demonstration projects dealing respectively with the conventions on chemical products, the Rio generation conventions and the other conventions on flora and fauna • the collective implementation of these projects with local authorities at municipal level and the interest they have shown in scaling up these projects with GEF funding through UNEP.

2.9. Stories

Stories to be shared	<p>Benin's CCCD project implementation activities were carried out to achieve tangible results, as outlined below, which are worth sharing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The growing interest of local governments on the financial mechanism relative to the MEAs implementation at local level• The willness and engagement of municipalities to duplicate the Tchaourou's experience of botanic garden in all municipalities• The need to know how to develop bankable projects in the municipalities with the support of MEAs focal points and the GEF Operational Focal Point, and the designated national authority for green climate fund and adaptation fund• Request support of local governments in drawing up municipal climate change adaptation plans.
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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
1.0: A system for the management of environmental information and knowledge is operational for use in decision-making, planning and reporting	EIS with complete and updated data entry is operational.% of required MEA reports submitted.	MEAs are addressed through thematic working groups but there is no mechanism for information sharing amongst MEAs FPs	Final list of priority environmental indicators published. Establishment of the SCP and PMU Better information sharing between MEAs Focal Points is noticed.	The established EIS system, including the list of priority indicators and the Coordination Unit enable users to produce better MEA and SDG reports, and to identify and close data gaps.	97,01%	The EIS has been fully set up and is currently being consolidated by the various players (statistical focal points in the sectoral ministries and NGOs). training continues to be given to these players on the use and operation of the platform housing the EIS. the setting up of this platform for collecting and disseminating environmental statistics linked to the MEAs and SDG indicators and based on the UNEP Live Platform, is a convincing and appreciable result for the Beninese authorities. This platform is an important tool for Benin to gather and to publish information on environmental indicators and the SDGs.	S
2.0: Enhanced capacities to develop and implement policies, plans and programmes integrating MEAs and related SDGs	% of new policies, plans and programmes (PPPs) that integrate MEAs and SDGs% of decision made by the MEA platform that have taken major groups' contribution into	Many policies, plans and programs are elaborated	100% of decisions made in the SPC are inclusive of major groups'	80% of new PPPs integrate MEAs and related SDGs at the end of	91,03%	The development and implementation of policies, plans and programmes integrate systematically MEAs and related SDGs. This constitutes the national requirement.Benin CCCD Project reinforced this requirement by providing	S

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
	account	but do not integrate the questions linked to management of MEAs and related SDGs	voices	the project; 100% of decisions made in the committee are inclusive of major groups' voices.		technical guidance to policy makers, project developers.	

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 coordinated environmental knowledge and information management system	Output 1.1: Reporting and analysis of the current environmental information systems, data flows, statistics and reporting mechanisms related to the Rio Convention, other MEAs and relevant SDGs utilized by line ministries and other relevant agencies and institutions.	2020-12-31	100	100%	All the activities related to the output 1.1 are executed. The main challenge is implementation of the strategic plan recommendations and its monitoring and evaluation. Thus, after completion of the Benin CCCD project, this output will be sustained through the support of national budget resources or other partners.	S
	Act1.1.1: Organize a national project launch event	2018-12-31	100	100%	Inception workshop held on 20-21 November 2018 at the city of Cotonou, and inception workshop report shared with UNEP.	HS

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	Act 1.1.2: Develop and implement a strategic plan for environment statistics, including an inventory of existing data and a data sharing and compilation plan.	2018-12-31	100	100%	The strategic plan is finalized and validated from 17th to 19th November 2021 at Grand Popo city, by the stakeholders of the information system on environmental statistics. The finalization of this strategic plan intervened after the elaboration and the validation of the sectoral strategy for the development of statistics. The document of this strategic plan is available as well as the participants 'list of its validation workshop.	S
	Act 1.1.3: Organize a workshop to validate the report & discuss implementation of technical assessment	2021-11-19	100	100%	The strategic plan was validated throughout a national workshop, which brought together key stakeholders in the implementation of the environmental statistics information system in Benin and some members of the Project Steering Committee. The final version is available.	HS
	Output 1.2: Implementation, information and communication network to help MEA focal points access and share available information	2024-12-31	95.31	96,15%	This rate is explained by the fact one out three scheduled travel is organized in January 2023. the 2 remaining travels will be carried out by the end of 2024.	S
	Act 1.2.1: Restructure the Unit (Service de Gestion des Systèmes d'Information) in charge of data and information management to support MEAs and environmental SDGs coordination within the ministry	2020-03-31	100	100%	A structural reorganization took place through a Ministerial order. The department in charge of statistics has been reorganized to be more efficient	HS
	Act 1.2.2 Strengthen the capacities of the staff of the Unit	2021-06-30	100	100%	The training of ministry's officers in	HS

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					charge of statistics on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing of the statistical information systems and database management • Environmental Performance Indicator construction techniques • Technics for setting up and handling the IRIS tool for managing environmental indicators in relation to the SDGs. • Mastery of the basic notions necessary for the administration of databases, sharing and dissemination of data of the statistical information system to be set up through the MS tool. • Presentation of the appropriate methodological guide for data collection, processing, management, dissemination and archiving, including environmental data. The report of the training, its annexes (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) and the list of participants are available	
	Act 1.2.3: Purchase necessary equipment for function of the Unit	2021-12-31	100	100%	Hardware and equipment were purchased at the end of December 2021 and will be installed soon to help the unit in charge of statistics issue in the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development	HS
	Act 1.2.4: Organize South-South cooperation exchanges to share experiences	2024-12-31	33	45%	Two experiences sharing visit will be organized by December 2024	MS
	Output 1.3: Inventory of nationally appropriate environmental	2020-09-30	100	100%	All the activities related to this	HS

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	indicators based on MEAs and SDGs				output are executed and the validation report is available.	
	Act 1.3.1: Review existing environmental indicators on relevance and feasibility	2020-06-30	100	100%	An inventory of relevant environmental indicators related to MEAs, and SDGs has been completed. The inventory report is validated and available. This inventory allowed the National MEA Focal Points to better coordinate their activities through the obligations and the commitments under each MEA	HS
	Act1.3.2: Review the public policies and consultation with sectors to make possible amendments to the list of existing indicators.	2020-06-30	100	100%	The reviewing report of the public policies and consultation with sectors to make possible amendments to the list of existing indicators is completed.	HS
	Act1.3.3: Organize a workshop to validate the indicators framework	2020-09-30	100	100%	A workshop was organized and brought together the sectoral ministries to validate the report. Comments and amendments were made to improve the report. The final version is available	HS
	Output 1.4: Agreement among key line ministries and agencies on the streamlining of data collection and sharing to fill data gaps and reduce unnecessary duplication	2021-12-31	100	100%	The agreement between key line ministries and agencies on the streamlining of data collection and sharing to fill data gaps and reduce unnecessary duplication is adopted and signed by the permanent secretariat of these ministries and the national coordinator of environmental NGOs (Pro environment) in December 2021. The challenge is the effective application	HS

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					of the provisions of this agreement by each party.	
	Act1.4.1: Elaborate agreement between key line ministries and agencies on the streamlining of data collection and sharing to fill data gaps and reduce unnecessary duplication	2021-12-31	100	100%	The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is approved by the Chair of the Project Steering Committee, the Deputy Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development. During the consultative platform session, the MoU was presented, discussed and validated by the key stakeholders of the project. The General Secretaries of the ministries and administrative officials of the institutions involved in the process of data collection and sharing have signed the Memorandum of Understanding during the month of December 2021	HS
	Act1.4.2: Establish the steering committee of the project and define the composition	2018-12-31	100	100%	The Project Steering Committee (PSC) established through a Ministerial order. The 1st session of the PSC took place in February 2019. UNEP participated in the 2nd PSC session for the year 2019, which held in Cotonou city from 1st to 4th October 2019. The report of the 2019 PSC meeting can be accessed from: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K0I1KcmZETmhgWygYF6IkJL7aiJFhT-B/view The 1st PSC session of 2020 has taken place in from 24th to 25th June 2020. The TV report is published on this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6O9wcjM_	HS

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					Due to the difficulties that arose during the 3rd quarter of 2020 to have the resources of the national budget, the PSC second session of 2020 is not organized. It has organized in October 2021. The report and the list of participants are available.	
	Act 1.4.3: Organize a project workshop on the objective, the expected results and implementation arrangement which will conclude in the signing of the agreement	2019-03-31	100	100%	This workshop was organized from 26th to 28th February 2019 in Cotonou City and brought together all stakeholders in the project. More than fifty participants, mainly focal points of conventions, took part in the three-day workshop. These are key ministries, NGOs, international institutions. This workshop was a success and allowed the convention focal points to present the actions carried out during the year 2018 and the perspectives for 2019. Some participants gave interviews to Benin's national radio, ORTB.. Furthermore, the opening ceremony is covered by the National TV and private TV, Canal3. The report of the workshop is available	HS
	Output 1.5: Training on data collection and management methodologies, including the UNEP Live platform	2024-12-31	85	91,75	Except the activity 1.5.2 related to the training on data collection and management methodologies, including the UNEP Live platform, the other activities are fully executed. The delay caused	S

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					under activity 1.5.2 is mainly due to the Covid-19 pandemic in year 2020 and 2021	
	Act 1.5.1: Establish a training plan for the stakeholders	2019-06-30	100	100%	A training plan for the stakeholders has been completed. The report is validated and available. Otherwise, three years after elaboration the training plan for the stakeholders, we have engaged the process of updating this training plan. The opportunity will be given to integrate into this updated plan the needs of training of the stakeholders involved in the management of the National Environment Information System (NEIS).	HS
	Act 1.5.2: Organize training on data collection and management methodologies, including the UNEP Live platform	2022-12-31	67	67%	We have to do 3 training sessions (one per year). The ToRs for the first session were elaborated and submitted for UNEP review, after which we prepared the first session of training on data collection and management methodologies including the UNEP live platform with the support of UNEP Staff. This training session was held from 20th to 22nd August 2019 with the support of an expert from UNEP at Cotonou city. The second session of the training was organized at Cotonou city from 25th October to 27th October. This training session was facilitated by an UNEP	MS

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					statistical expert Mr Dany GHAFARI. This session gathered the actors of the sectorial ministries, the platform of NGOs which intervene in environmental domains. The training session allowed the stakeholders to have better comprehension of the designing of the IT platform. The list of participants is available. The third session will be organized in the third quarter of 2023 with the assistance of UNEP.	
	Act 1.5.3: Train MEAs focal points on the implementation of the environmental SDGs in Benin and their specific indicators	2020-06-30	100	100%	Three Days' workshop is organized for training MEAs focal points for the implementation of environmental SDGs and their indicators. This workshop took place from 22nd to 24th May 2019 and brought together the focal points of various MEA conventions, including the Rio Conventions. The session was facilitated by an Expert on SDGs and Indicators issues. The training was appreciated by the focal points who wished that the project programs again this training next year. The report of the training session is available. Time allocated to this workshop has been deemed insufficient by the participants who have requested an additional session.	HS
	Act: 1.5.4: Strengthen the capacities of the stakeholders on the main	2019-09-30	100	100%	This capacity building session on	HS

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	environmental assessment tools in order to compile better State Of Environment Reports (SOER)				environmental assessment tools for developing a better report on the state of the environment in Benin was held on 7-8 August 2019 in Cotonou, conducted by a panel of environmental assessment experts. This training was attended by the heads of the environmental units of sector ministries, State agencies and NGOs. Participants also expressed the need for the project to organize additional training on this issue	
	Output 1.6: Streamlined reporting system to MEAs and indicators for the environmental dimension of SDGs.	2024-12-31	79.5	94%	The Environmental Information System (EIS) based on recommendations from the technical assessment (Activity 1.1.2) was designed and presented to the different actors involved the collecting environmental data https://siseb.gouv.bj	HS
	Act1.6.1: Establish Environmental Information System (EIS) based on recommendations from the technical assessment (Activity 1.1.2)	2023-03-31	100	100%	The designing of the IT platform based on the recommendations of the strategic plan is completed and the IT platform was validated during a workshop which gathered the mains actors involved in the process.The validation workshop has taken place from 13th to 14th October 2022 at Cotonou city.	HS
	Act1.6.2: Integrate the Indicators Framework into the EIS, potentially by use of IRIS	2023-12-31	95	100%	The environment indicators which designed in the FDES (2013) by UNEP are introduced in the IT platform which was validated. The challenge now is the filling in the data by the statistical	HS

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					actors in the sectorial ministries and NGOs actors. Data focal points of sectorial ministries and stakeholder institutions have each received a login and password to access the platform. Thus, each of them will enter in the window of their ministry to fill in the data related to the indicators linked to their ministry's areas of activity. Then, a national administrator will be in charge of publishing the data entered.	
	Act 1.6.3: Train users on EIS	2023-09-30	40	80%	The EIS users were trained on the using of the platform.	HS
2 Enhancement of institutional and technical capacities to mainstream, develop, and utilize policies, plans and programs for effective implementation of the Rio Conventions, other MEAs and relevant	Output 2.1: National dialogue for the different actors in charge of environmental management in the country	2022-12-31	80%	94%	Activity 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 were fully executed during the previous reporting period. The follow up process is launched under activity 2.1.3. Working session was held to review the recommendations of the national dialogue and to identify the structures responsible for the implementation of these recommendations	S
	Act 2.1.1: Conduct an evaluation of the implementation of the "National Charter for Environmental Governance" in Benin	2021-09-30	100%	100%	The evaluation of the "National Charter for Environmental Governance" in Benin is completed. The report of the evaluation is elaborated and validated.	S
	Act 2.1.2: Organize a conference for the national dialogue on environmental governance in Benin	2022-03-31	100%	100%	The national dialogue on environmental governance in Benin took place from 23rd	S

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SDGs					to 24th March 2021 in Cotonou city. This dialogue brought together about 90 participants present physically and about thirty participants by video conference. The dialogue brought together all the actors of environmental governance: governmental actors, municipalities, NGOs, private sector, members of the National Assembly of Benin, partner institutions represented in Benin such as UNDP, World Bank, GIZ; NDC partnership Benin. This dialogue provided an opportunity to discuss the environmental governance model in Benin and the need for real involvement and collaboration between all stakeholders.	
	Act 2.1.3: Follow up on the implementation of the national dialogue's recommendations	2023-09-30	80%	80%	A working session was held to review the recommendations of the national dialogue and to identify the structures responsible for the implementation of these recommendations. This progress of 10% is linked to the project's monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations of the national dialogue by the identified responsible structures.	S
	Output 2.2: Enhanced consultative, experience sharing and decision-making platform for the implementation of obligations under Rio Conventions, other relevant MEAs and related SDGs, including shared environmental information systems, collaborative institutional inter-	2022-12-31	91%	100%	A part the activity 2.2.3, all the activities in this output were completed.	S

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	ministerial and decentralized mechanisms (including sectoral ministries, civil society organizations, technical and financial partners)					
	Activity 2.2.1: Conduct an inventory of the obligations and the commitments under each MEA.	2021-09-30	100%	100%	The report of the obligations and the commitments under each MEA is completed and it validated the 17th August 2021. The final version of the report is available as well as the list of participants	S
	Activity 2.2.2: Organize sessions of the consultative platform.	2022-03-31	100%	100%	The first session was held from 6th to 8th November 2019. This platform brings together the main project partners involved in the management of the environmental statistical information system in Benin. During this session, the environmental statistics of Benin were assessed, and the environmental statistics development framework was developed and sent to UNEP for appraisal. The report is reviewed by UNEP and returned for the PMU with its comments. The second session of the consultative platform has taken place from 22nd to 26th November 2021 at the Grand Popo city to improve and to complete the environmental statistics development framework which was sent to UNEP in the year 2019. Two groups of work have been constituted (Group 1 and Group 2) during this session of November 2021. They have had to fulfil the	S

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					components of the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES, 2013). The documents (group 1 and group 2) resulting from this session and the participants' list are made available. The third session took place from 18th to 22th January 2022 at Grand Popo city to complete the environmental statistics development framework which is being implemented.	
	Activity 2.2.3: Organize a capacity-building workshop for stakeholders on the relationship between different MEAs and the necessity to work in synergy.	2023-09-30	10%	10%	This activity is scheduled to be executed simultaneously with the next project steering committee. It because of the lack of resource from national budget to organize the PSC. The activity will be organized in October 2024.	U
	Activity 2.2.4: Organize awareness workshops for governmental actors on the necessity to collaborate and to share experiences in MEAs implementation.	2022-06-30	100%	100%	Three, 3, awareness creation workshops (one per year) are expected. The first (of two days) awareness workshop took place from 29th to 31st May 2019. This workshop allowed to exchange with the governmental actors on the need to collaborate and to share experiences in the field of the implementation of MEAs in Benin. The report is available. The second awareness workshop aimed at governmental actors was organized from 17th to 18th November 2020 and brought together sectorial ministries, MEAs National Focal Points and Environment	S

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					Ministry Officers, around 36 participants. A mini-workshop to sensitize public actors (General Secretaries of the EIS partner Ministries) was organized on 17th November 2021 in Cotonou City. The workshop aimed to sensitize public actors on the agreement and validation of the memorandum of understanding	
	Activity 2.2.5: Organize awareness workshop for NGOs and other actors involved in the management of environmental conventions.	2022-06-30	100%	100%	Three awareness workshop (one per year) are expected. An awareness for experience-sharing workshop was organized in 2019 for non-governmental organizations and institutions involved in the field of the environment. This workshop brought together at least 50 participants from all regions of Benin. The second awareness workshop aimed at NGOs was organized from 19th to 20th November 2020 and brought together the NGOs actors through the country, Municipalities, Prefectures, MEAs National Focal Points, around 45 participants. The third awareness workshop with NGOs has taken place from 28th to 29th June 2022 and brought together 28 participants who came from the National and prefectural representative NGO coordination, the conventions national Focal Points. The	S

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					report and the list of participants of the workshop are available.	
	Output 2.3: Training of MEA s focal points on the Conventions' technical and financing mechanisms	2023-09-30	100	100	All the activities were achieved	HS
	Activity 2.3.1: Identify the capacity building needs for better technical knowledge of MEAs.	2019-09-30	100%	100%	A consultant was recruited to identify the needs on capacity building initiatives. A diagnostic analysis of the governance of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) was done and it resulted in an assessment of capacity building needs. A diagnostic report of identified needs is available	HS
	Activity 2.3.2: Strengthen the Focal Points capacity on the identified needs related to the technical and financing mechanisms of the MEAs.	2020-06-30	100	100	This activity is related to the 2.3.1. A consultant was recruited and about 45 permanent and alternate National MEAs focal points have been trained for better management. The 2019 training report is available. The second session of MEAs National Focal Points was organized from 13th to 15th October 2020 at the City of Cotonou, and brought together 30 participants. The report is available.	S
	Activity 2.3.3: Build the capacity of the MEAs Focal Points on the technical English applied to environmental issues for gaining more opportunities offered by the MEAs.	2023-09-30	80%	100%	The first training session has taken place from April to May 2021 and brought together the Conventions National Focal Points. The report is available. A second session of capacity building in English was organized and aimed the	HS

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					convention's focal points at Calavi city during the third quarter 2023. That capacity building in English is designed to be applied to environmental issues for gaining more opportunities offered by the MEAs. The training document, the report of this training and the assessment of the participants are available	
	Activity 2.3.4: Support the Focal Points to prepare and report to the Conferences of Parties (CoP).	2022-12-31	100%	100%	A workshop was organized to prepare Benin participants for the 15th Conference of the parties of the biodiversity convention. It was an occasion to prepare and internalize the guidelines of regional and continental positions about the biodiversity issues. That workshop was held from 29th to 30th September 2022 at Grand Popo city in Benin. The workshop held together about 25 participants who came from NGOs, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Universities, Government actors. Another workshop was organized for preparing national participants for the 27th Conference of parties of the climate change which held at Egypt. This workshop held from 25th to 27th October at Cotonou city and brought together about 25 participants members of the national committee of climate change.	S

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	Output 2.4: Demonstration projects of the application of an integrated approach to environmental information management of different MEAs and SDGs at local levels in key sectors	2023-09-30	33%	70%	Three demonstration projects are developed with the involvement of the National Focal Points and the main stakeholders.	S
	Act 2.4.1: Consult with MEA Focal Points to determine priorities and develop specific demonstration projects.	2020-06-30	100%	100%	Two Projects Identification Form (PIF) have been elaborated and three activities to demonstrate synergy between the convention focal points have been identified. The demonstration activities were scheduled for Q3-Q4 of 2020, but due to the coronavirus pandemic, the implementation of these activities has been postponed to Q1 - Q2 of 2021 and funded by the GEF budget.	HS
	Act2.4.2: Implement demonstration projects.	2022-12-31	25%	100%	Three demonstration activities were implemented during the first semester 2024. 1) The demonstrative activities on chemical products: Those activities were related to the awareness raising and exchanges with the stakeholders involved in using of chemical fertilizers in the cotton production basin in Northern Benin. It concerns the organization of three workshops at Kandi city, Banikoara city and Gogounou city from 15th to 18th April 2024. Those workshops gathered together almost hundred participants: Associations of producers of cotton and other agricultural crops, pastoral farmers, market gardeners, heads of the	HS

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					<p>office in charge for the environment at the municipalities, health workers, representatives of public companies responsible for the sale of agricultural inputs and the National Focal Points of conventions relating to chemical products ratified by Benin. These workshops were followed by visits to demonstration sites for agricultural products based on organic fertilizers. Links for the report and the participants' lists (Kandi, Banikoara and Gogounou, Gogounou field visit). 2) The Rio conventions demonstrative activity: That is related to a workshop organized by Rio conventions national Focal Points, to train charcoal producers in the best carbonization techniques that consume less wood energy. This will help to reduce deforestation and, therefore, the pressure on forest resources. The training session was combined with field tests to illustrate the lessons shared with the participants. This training session took place from 18th to 22nd June 2024 in Ouèssè City. Links for the report and the participants' list. 3) The demonstrative activity on bushmeat and wildlife management outside</p>	

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					national parks related to CMS and CITES conventions: It was attended by the main actors involved implementation of these conventions, hunters' associations, NGOs, water, forests and hunting administration officials. The workshop took place from 10th to 14th June 2024 at Bohicon city. Links for the report and the participants' list1 and list2,	
	Activity 2.4.3: Distribution of Lessons Learnt and best practice among decision-makers and environmental stakeholders for possible replication or scale-up.	2024-12-31	0%	0%	This activity is related to 2.4.2. The lessons learnt will be shared in the third quarterly 2024, during a workshop with the national conventions Focal Points.	HU
	Output 2.5: Public environmental education for sustainable development and awareness raising activities with a focus on climate change, biodiversity and land degradation	2021-12-31	82%	100%	All the activities were achieved	HS
	Activity 2.5.1: Organize workshop for local governments throughout the country related to environmental management and SDGs.	2023-09-30	70%	100%	A total of 12 departmental workshops was organized since 2019 throughout the country in profit of municipal officials, heads of prefectural services, NGOs and the local office of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development.	HS
	Activity 2.5.2: Organize behaviour change broadcasts with local radio stations for information, education and environmental communication.	2023-12-31	75%	100%	Nine contracts related to awareness on the local radio stations were signed for six months with nine local radios in the year 2023. Three contracts are signed with three local radios in 2024 and the	HS

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					activities were achieved. In total, 12 contracts with local radios were executed at the end of June 2024.	
	Activity 2.5.3: Produce and air environmental education broadcasts on TV.	2022-12-31	100%	100%	Six (06) television broadcast was organized on the national television (ORTB) on the thematic related to the management of the MEAs at Benin, the new institutional framework of MEAs management, the biodiversity convention, the climate change convention. One television broadcast was organized in June 2022. It related to the implementation of the Rio convention in Benin.	HS
	Output 2.6: Sustainability strategy for the continued implementation of MEAs and the environmental dimension of SDGs, including a mechanism for regular contributions by Benin to the MEAs.	2022-12-31	66%	79%	A part the activity 2.6.2, all others activities were achieved	S
	Activity 2.6.1: Elaborate a strategy for sustaining the actions undertaken by the project.	2023-06-30	75%	100%	The strategy of the sustainability was elaborated and validated in August 2023 at Lokossa city with the main actors involved in the implementation of the project activities. The list of participants is available.	HS
	Activity 2.6.2: Review achievements and lessons learned and mobilize resources from the national budget to support the sustainability of the actions of the project.	2023-06-30	40%	46%	The contract was signed, and the scope meeting of the study was organized. The first draft of the report is expected in February 2024.	MS
	Activity 2.6.3: Create a follow up mechanism for Benin's payment contributions to the functioning of the MEAs.	2019-12-31	100%	100%	The working sessions brought together actors from the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the	HS

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					<p>Ministry of Development and the Ministry of the Environment. A draft inter-ministerial decree (Minister of the Environment and Minister of Economy and Finance) is prepared and submitted to the authorities for opinion before being transmitted to the secretariat of the government for approval and signature by the Minister of the Environment and the Minister of Finance. The authorities considered that there was no need for an inter-ministerial decree to this effect. Meetings will be held at the invitation of the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development periodically to assess the steps taken in the programming of resources for the payment of these contributions and the effectiveness of the release of these payments. But in the national budget, more than \$150,000 are affected to the payment of Benin contributions. A review of the process of payment of contributions on AMEs by Benin was organized in the presence of stakeholders: the NFPs, the ministry in charge of finance, the ministry of foreign affairs and cooperation. The report is available.</p>	

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: Regular change of the project team	Outcome 1 and Outcome 2	M	L	L	L	L	L		=	No change is noticed
Risk 2: The different key lines ministries and agencies don't know their responsibilities as for the MEAs data collection and the related	Outcome 1	M	L	L	L	L	L		=	The different key lines ministries and agencies are more interested and motivated to participate in project

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
SDG										activities
Risk 3: The different stakeholders don't make use of the knowledge acquired through training	Outcome 2	M	L	L	L	L	L		=	No change is noticed
Risk4 Complexity of procurement process	Outcome 1 and Outcome 2	N/A	M	M	M	L	L		=	No change is noticed
		N/A	L	L	L	L	L			So far, the risk is low, and no new risk is occurred.

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
N/A					

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

Implementation schedule change duo to the extension of the duration of the project.

Co-financing in-kind raised duo to the extension of the duration of the project

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
Original legal instrument				2022-05-30	
Extension 1	Extension	2022-05-30	2022-05-30	2023-05-30	- The PCA amendment has been made to give an additional 12 months for the execution (ending 30 May 2022) in order to complete all activities and ensure the project's effectiveness in the country. Work Plan is amended for the purpose of PCA amendment-The detailed budget is amended for the purpose of PCA amendment.
Extension 2	Extension	2023-05-30	2023-05-30	2023-12-31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PCA amendment has been made to give an additional 07 months for the execution (ending 30 December 2022) to address project challenges faced due to government procurement procedures

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
					and conduct an 'exit workshop' with stakeholders to finalize discussions on project sustainability. The extension will ensure project success. build on achievements and ensure long-term impact. • Work Plan is amended for the purpose of PCA amendment. The detailed budget is amended for the purpose of PCA amendment.
Extension 3	Extension	2023-12-29	2023-12-29	2024-06-30	To complete the remaining activities and improve the consumption of the financial resources allocated to Benin
Extension 4	Extension	2024-06-30	2024-06-30	2024-12-31	To consolidate the project's achievements.

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
Republic of Benin	9.5	2.25	2395170	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country

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

N/A

[Annex any linked geospatial file]

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