

# UNEP GEF PIR Fiscal Year 2023 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

# 1- Identification

Project details						
GEF ID		GFL/PMS: 9604	SMA IPMR ID			36839
Project Short Title		GEF-COBALAM	Grant ID			S1-32GFL-000621
			Umoja WBS			SB-009721.02
Project Title		Removing barriers to biodive	ersity conservation, land r	estoration and sustainable for Management – COBALAM		nanagement through COmmunity-BAsed LAndscape
Project Type	Y	Full Sized Project (FSP)	Duration months	Planned		60 months
Parent Programme if child project	*			Age	_	37 months
GEF Focal Area(s)	_	Multi-focal area	Completion Date	Planned -original PCA		31 March 2025
Project Scope	V	National		Revised - Current PCA	_	
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Region	$\mathbf{A}$	Africa	Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval		February 12, 2020	
Countries		Cameroon	UNEP Project Approval Date (on Decision Sheet)			
GEF financing amount		USD 3,105,023	Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force)			June 15, 2020
Co-financing amount		USD 20,795,001	Date of First Disbursement			RA October 06, 2020 MINEPDED October 08, 2020
	L		Date of Inception W	orkshop, if available		25-27 November 2020
Total disbursement as of 30 June		USD 1,315,013	Midterm undertaker	n?	A	No
Total expenditure as of 30 June		USD 1,160,140	Actual Mid-term Da	ate, if taken		
			Expected Mid-Term	Date, if not taken		September 2023
			Expected Terminal I	Evaluation Date		30 June 2025
			Expected Financial	Closure Date		31 December 2025

1.2 EA: Project description

The purpose of COBALAM is to conserve biodiversity in the Western Highlands and the South region of Cameroon through a sustainable landscape approach, in which High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) is protected by law and the surrounding forested and agricultural areas are managed through participatory community-based natural resource management (CBNRM) and the development of local enterprises that use natural resources sustainably and generate livelihoods for local populations. The realisation of this objective will be implemented through three components:

Component 1 will improve the protection status of 7,600 hectares (ha) of Key Biodiversity areas including HCVF in the Western Highlands and to set up mechanisms for integrated, cross- sectoral landscape management for sustainable natural resource management. To achieve this protection status, the project will work with the government and harness the 2011 law for the sustainable development of the territory to create priority management zones (PMZ) at the landscape level and within them, multi-stakeholder landscape management boards to design and implement their management plans.

Component 2 aims to reduce the pressure on natural resources through developing participatory and integrated landscape management plans, in which all land users agree on how to conserve the natural ecosystem while pursuing their livelihoods. The project will build an incentive structure, leveraging policy, market commitments and technical services, to create the capacity and motivation for sustainable land management (SLM) and sustainable forest management (SFM) among CBOs and small and medium enterprises (SMEs). This component will apply across the whole target 53,038 ha land area of the project: 27,299 ha in the WHC, including 4,422 ha protected HCVF/Sacred Forests, and 25,739 ha in the South region.

Under Component 3, the project will provide financial support to SLM and SFM initiatives, using a small grants mechanism to support local organizations. It will give emphasis to strengthening gender equity as a key criterion in selecting initiatives for support, so that women can play a fuller part in the sustainable development of their rural environments.

# 1.3 Project Contact

Division(s) Implementing the project	Ecosystems Division, Biodiversity and Land Branch, Biodiversity, People and Landscapes Unit	Executing Agency(ies)	Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development of Cameroon (MINEPDED) with support of Rainforest Alliance (RA)
Name of co-implementing Agency		Names of Other Project Partners	Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development (MINEPAT) National Community Driven Development Program (PNDP) Livestock Development program (PRODEL)
TM: UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Ersin Esen	EA: Manager/Representative	Nadege Nzoyem
TM: UNEP Task Manager(s)	Andre Toham	EA: Project Manager	Jacques Waouo
TM: UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Paul Vrontamitis	EA: Finance Manager	Ruth Kabanya
TM: UNEP Support/Assistant	Eric Mugo	EA: Communications lead, if relevant	

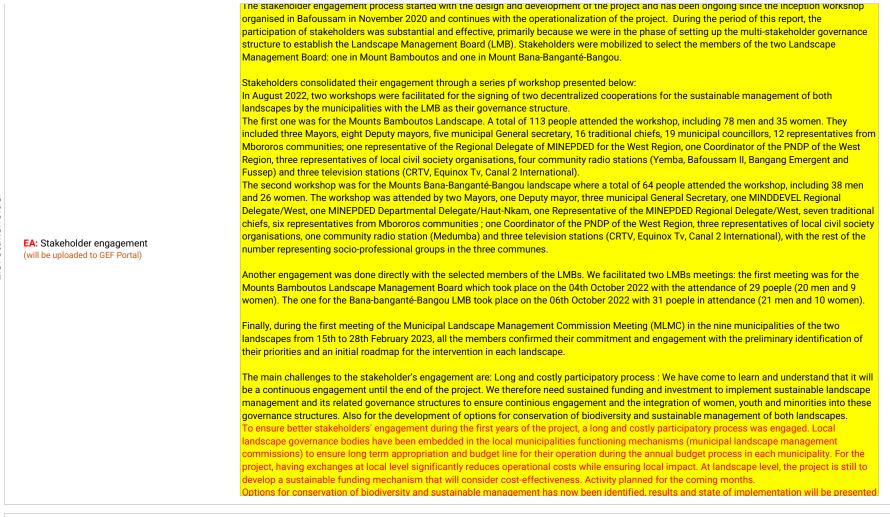
# 2- OVERVIEW OF PROJECT STATUS



<b>2.1</b> UNEP PoW & UN	TM: PoW Indicator(s)	Climate Action: Indicator (i) Number of national, subnational and private-sector actors that adopt climate change mitigation and/or adaptation and disaster risk reduction strategies and policies with UNEP support Direct Outcomes: 1.4, 1.8 Indicator (v) Positive shift in public opinion, attitudes and actions is support of climate actions as a result of UNEP action Indicator (v) Positive shift among private sector actors in support of climate action as a result of UNEP engagement Direct Outcomes: 1.3, 1.8 Nature action: Indicator (i): Number of national or subnational entities that, with UNEP support, adopt integrated approaches to address environmental and social lissues and/or tools for valuing, monitoring and sustainably managing biodiversity Direct Outcomes: 2.6, 2.7	
	EA: UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	Through its gender component "women in COBALAM", the COBALAM project contributes to Pilar 1" Employment opportunities and social inclusion" by strengthening the economic and social rights of women and youth through engagement in community-based and environmentally sustainable landscape management. The promotion of self-employment based on sustainable natural resources use is done by supporting women led SMEs in entrepreneurial management, leadership skills and better access to market.	
	EA: Link to relevant SDG Goals	1; 2; 5; 12; 15       EA: Link to relevant SDG Targets       1.4; 2.3; 2.4; 5.5; 12.2; 15.1; 15.2; 15.7	
	TM: GEF core or sub indicators targeted by the pro	ect as defined at CEO Endorsement/Approval, as well as results	
tors	Indicators	Targets - Expected value         Materialised to date           Mid-term         End-of-project         Total Target	
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Oppose InvestmentsInvestments3341,0003,0002552V4.2: Area of landscapes under third-party certification that incorporates biodiversity considerations2,240 ha2,688 ha2,688 ha2,688 ha2,162 haV4.3: Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems32,251 ha32,751 ha32,751 ha23,282 ha4.4: Area of High Conservation Value or other forest loss avoided03,500 ha3,500 ha3,147 ha	Allo	1.2: Terrestrial protected areas under improved management effectiveness	5 000 ha	14,099 ha	14 099 ha	4,800 ha
V V V V 	Sub Ir		334	1,000	3,000	2552
No     A forest loss avoided     O     3,500 ha     3,500 ha	Core or	certification that incorporates biodiversity	2,240 ha	2,688 ha	2,688 ha	2,162 ha
V         4.4. Alea of high conservation value of other         0         3,500 ha         3,500 ha         3,147 ha			32,251 ha	32,751 ha	32,751 ha	23,282 ha
Y 6: Greenhouse gas emissions mitigated 0 1 052 926 tCO20g 1 052 926 tCO20g	7.7	-	0	3,500 ha	3,500 ha	3,147 ha
	$\checkmark$	6: Greenhouse gas emissions mitigated	0	1,953,836 tCO2eq	1,953,836 tCO2eq	Not available

		PIR #	Rating towards outcomes (DO) (section 3.1)	Rating towards outputs (IP) (section 3.2)	Risk rating (section 4.2)				
Risk	FY 2023	3rd PIR	S	S	М				
ø	FY 2022	2nd PIR	MS	S	М				
status	FY 2021	1st PIR	MS	MS	М				
stat	FY 2020								
G	FY 2019								
ati	FY 2018								
2.3 Implementation	FY 2017								
e	FY 2016								
d	FY 2015								
	EA: Summary of status (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)		Rating towards outcomes and out	tputs is Satisfactory (S), S because all outcomes and outcome	s planned for year 3 are ongoing to plan and on time.				
ance	EA: Planned Co-finance		USD 20,795,001	EA: Actual to date:	19,541,067				
2.4 CO-TINANCE	EA: Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges.		Co-funding from MINEPDED, Rainforest Alliance, MINEPAT and PRODEL are going on as planned. No co-finnace report from						
	<b>EA:</b> Date of project steering co meeting	mmittee	11/17/2021						



**TM**: Does the project have a gender action plan?

Yes

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2.5. Stakeholder

EA: Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	(i) 49 women members of the MLM place in August 2022. This worksh becoming members in the Mts Bar (ii) Women were strengthened to p (iii) leadership capacities of 42 wo participation in a three day Follow-(iv) 29 people including 17 men an encourage the participation of wor (v) During the nine MLMC meeting: meetings was monitored to ensure encourage them to practice what t (vi) Gender mainstreaming and equ ACREST, CEPDEL, APADER, RECOS (vii) Three Gender Strategy docum (viii) 33 CBOs have been trained by (ix) 60% women are now in decisio (x) 36 women entrepreneurs have 1 Local CSOs were sensitised and ter resulting in an increase of women covered by the report. All the CSOs reviewed and adopted some their or sheet, etc.).	articipate in decision-making in local Civil Society Organiz men from the LMB, women entrepreneurs and Gender Foc up leadership training workshop in February 2023; d 12 women, participated in the workshop of husbands/m men in the LMBs activities in March 2023; s organized in February 2023 in each of the municipality o e they are attending the meetings, and face to face coachin hey had learned during the women leadership training; uity is enhanced and effected through integrated documer SAF and ECO-PH) and also in their organizational structure ents have been developed by SAPED, APADER and CEPDE y the six CSOs who have improved gender integration in th	presentation and participation in the LMB which took Ats Bana-Bangou-Bangangte LMB and 33% of women rations (CSOs) in October 2022; cal Points of CSOs were strengthened through their nale family members and community leaders to of the two landscpes, the participation of women in those ng sessions were organised with 05 women to nts, programs and projects of the six CSO (SAPED, es with 51% of women in decision making roles; at; eir programs and activities; hisational structures and development interventions en in decision making roles in CSOs during the period ity. The five project-supported CSO leaders have also endance sheet, report template, survey sheet, weekly
TM: Was the project classified as moderate/high risk at CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage?	Yes	<b>TM:</b> Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period?	No
<b>TM:</b> If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?	FPIC approach to address the potential risks around the biodiversity and natural resources, and potential restriction of people's livelihoods	<b>TM:</b> If yes, please describe the new risks, or changes	
	Strong community engagement to address the potential safeguard risk		
TM & EA: Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?	No		
TM & EA: If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken.			

#### EA: Environmental and social safeguards management (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)

FPIC was obtained from traditional chiefs and communinities in all the villages targeted by the project to ensure the full understanding and the participation of all beneficiaries. In both Mounts Bamboutos and Mounts Bana-Bangangté-Bangou landscapes Management Boards (LMBs), the Mbororos minorities were sensitized, trained and encouraged to be members of the governance structure at their Municipal level (MLMC) and strategy level (LMB). It resulted in having two mbororos representatives (one woman and one man) in each municipality. Also, during the set up of LMB, the representatives of each municipality elected a female to be their representative in the LMB. Activities on pastoralism and agriculture were implemented with the inclusion and participation of the Mbororos communities, e.g., the setting up a Field Farming School with the inclusion of both men and women, for agriculture and pastoralism and the production of fooder for cows. The project is not involved in major infrastructural development, displacement of populations or introduction of genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

The FPIC and strong community engagement are helping to resolve the risks around biodiversity and livelihood restrictions. For example, the restitution of the first draft of the report on option for biodiversity conservation and sustainable management of the landscapes, enable stakeholders including members of LMBs, local administration and IPLCs representatives to make some adjustment to the options proposed and where they can be implemented.

# **EA:** Knowledge activities and products (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)

Several knowledge activities and products were delivered	ed during the year 3:	A report has
been produced on the development and set up of the tw	vo LMB in both landscapes with their first general assem	nbly;
Advocacy report for the representation and participation	n of women in the LMB has been produced;	Report of
the participatory delimitation of the sacred forests with	the traditional chieftaincies and the riparian communitie	es with the degraded areas identified
and the restoration needs for each sacred forest has be	en done; Traini	ng of farmers in best practices;
A baseline analysis of cocoa farmers and agricultural p	roduction practices was carried out in the Bana-Bangang	gté-Bangou landscape;
Interim Evaluation report of EC-Gender;		
The report of the LMB Exchange Learning visit to Ghana	3.	
The 3 media channels operating in the WHC landscape	engaged in year 2 (Radio Yemba; Radio Bangang Emerg	jent and Radio Medumba) have once
again been engaged to develop and broadcast an enviro	onmental radio programme to disseminate the landscap	e management plan and importance
of conserving the KBAs and Sacred Forests in the WHC	; Six radio programs on th	e set up of the LMB in August 2022,
two radio program on the sacred forest in December 20	22, two radio program on the retrocession of agricultura	al equipment in October 2022 and
February 2023.	A documentary video made by the head of RA commun	nication unit of Africa presenting the
activities and the beneficiaries' participation and comm	itments in the project launched during COP27 in Egypt.	

#### Please attach a copy of any products

EA: Main learning during the period

- Participatory processes takes time and money, has high social and economic transaction costs;
- Obtaining the Free Prior and Inform Consent (FPIC) is not a one-off meeting, it is a continuing process all the time and in each stage.
- While setting up the LMB governance structure, we need to simultaneouly plan concrete actions in the field to have stakeholder's continuous engagement.
- Strenghtening the capacities of the members of LMB on conflicts management and projects proposal development is crucial for the sustainability of the landscape.
- Putting traditional leaders at the center of decision-making is key for the success of conservation actions particularly the preservation of sacred forest.
   Strenghtening capacities of women members
- of LMB in leadership is key for their full participation in the decision-making bodies.
- •Integration of women and minorities groups in the governance structure of the LMB is not easy and will take time, especially in areas that the patriacal system is dominant.

2.9. Storie

EA: Stories to be shared (section to be shared with communication division/ GEF communication) Yes, a documentary video made by the head of RA communication unit of Africa presenting the activities and the beneficiaries' participation and commitments in the project. The link to that vidéo is: https://www.dropbox.com/s/5dahfl28tq7a0ax/FINAL%20V4%20111022%20COBALAM%20%20HD.mp4?dl=0



# **3. RATING PROJECT PERFORMANCE**

#### 3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes (Development Objectives)

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)	EA: Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	TM: Progress rating
ective							
	Number of landscapes where community-based landscape management is implemented	0	2	2	2	During the first semester 2022, the Municipal Landscape Management Commission (MLMC) at the municipal level were set up in the nine (09) municipalities. The solidarity mechanism between municipalities was chosen on decentralized cooperation for sustainable landscape management to allow them to set up the Landscape Management Board (LMB). During the second semester of 2022, two (02) Decentralised Cooperation Convention for the sustainable management of Monts Bamboutos and Monts Bana-Bangangté- Bangou landscapes were signed, allowing the set up of two (02) LMBs, covering six (06) municipalities in Mounts Bana-Bangangté-Bangou. The LMBs had their first statutory meeting to launch and take charge of their own activities.	S
	Area of landscapes under management measures to avoid forest degradation and habitat loss to benefit biodiversity (SI 4.1)	0	5000ha	14,099 ha	4800 ha	The Bapouh-Bana forest reserve (4,800 ha) is under exploitation based on its management plan, however, this reserve and Mounts Bamboutos forest reserves (200 ha) are currently under study to define other conservation measures (OECM) to strengthen their sustainable management.	MS
Improved biodiversity conservation and community livelihoods in three landscapes in th Western Highlands and South Region of Cameroon, through participatory community- based landscape management and the	Area of landscapes that meet national or international third-party certification and that incorporates biodiversity considerations (SI 4.2)	1,792 ha	2,240 ha	2,688 ha	2162 ha	The Cocoa Cooperative in the South Region (SCOOPS PROCAM) and the one in WHC (SOCOPROCATO) are certified Rainforest Alliance with 2,162 ha of cocoa farms.	HS
development of enterprises based on responsible resource use	Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems (SI 4.3)	24,601 ha	32,251 ha	32,751 ha	23,282 ha	14,632 ha of communties forests are under the review of the simple management plan in the South of Cameroon. 7600 ha in the WHC are curently understudy to define options for their sustainable management and 10 ha of sustainable pasture are currently under implementation in the WHC. Additional 1,040 ha of agricultural lands supported by the project are under sustainable land management through restoration with agroforestry combining food crops, NTFP, forest and fruit trees.	MS

	Area of High Conservation Value Forest loss avoided (SI 4.4)	0 ha	2922ha	3,500 ha	3,147 ha	A total of fifty-nine (59) Forests (that is Forty-seven (47) Sacred forests with nine (09) having water springs, nine (09) water catchments, and three (03) upland watersheds were identified in North-West Region. The assessment reveals an estimated total surface area of 2,922 ha of sacred forests in the the Bambui Fondom. Moreover, a total of 225 ha of sacred forest in the West Region were identified out of the PMZ.	S
	Number of people with improved access to socio-economic benefits and services from uptake of SLM/SFM practices	334	1.000	3.000	2.552	Through the gender strategy of COBALAM co-funding from the European Union, 2552 people have improved their access to socio- economic benefits and services from the uptake of sustainable management practices in WHC and South showing a signifacant improvemnet in reaching the target.	S
come 1							
I.1: Clear cross-sector coordination mechanisms mplement-ed for integrated landscape management in the WHC	1.1 Number of KBA containing HCVF with operating cross-sector coordination mechanisms for landscape management	0	2	2	2	During the second semester of 2022, two (02) Decentralised Cooperation Convention for the sustainable management of Monts Bamboutos and Monts Bana-Bangangté- Bangou landscapes were signed, allowing the set up of two (02) LMBs, covering six (06) municipalities in Mounts Bamboutos and three (03) municipalities in Mounts Bana-Bangangté-Bangou.	S
1.2: Upgraded Conservation status granted by the government on two t Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) iom-prising High Conservation Value Forests HCVF) and stakeholders agreed management ptions for Sacred Forests in the Western High- ands of Cameroon (WHC)	1.2.1 Number of hectares of KBA to which conservation status has been granted	13,829 ha	21,429 ha	21,429 ha	13,829 ha	we are still in the number of hectares of the baseline. However, The governance structure is already in place and consultants have been hirred to develop the landscape management plan in which the options for the conservation and sustainable management of the landscape will allow to increase the number of hectares	MS
	1.2.2 Number of KBA containing HCVF with cross-sector coordination mechanisms for landscape management operating	0	2	2	2	During the second semester of 2022, two (02) Decentralised Cooperation Convention for the sustainable management of Monts Bamboutos and Monts Bana-Bangangté- Bangou landscapes were signed, allowing the set up of two (02) LMBs, covering six (06) municipalities in Mounts Bamboutos and three (03) municipalities in Mounts Bana-Bangangté-Bangou.	S
	1.2.3 Number of sacred forests out of PMZ on which approaches to improve the conservation are identified	0	10	10	8	Eight traditional chiefdoms out of 10 gave their FPIC with approaches to improve the conservation that have been identified and the project unit is now contracting Civil Society Organization to work with them to set up theirs nurseries for restoration.	S

Outcome 2

	2.1.1 Number of hectares in which integrated natural resource management plans are operational	24,551ha	24,551ha	32,151 ha	14,632 ha	Among the communties forests, we are monitoring, three (03) Simple Management Plan (SMP) of community forests (a total of 14,632 ha) have been updated for renewal and two (02) SMP are under review during this period of the implementation.	MS
2.1 Pres-sures on natural resources from	2.2 Area of protected areas on which management measures to avoid forest degradation and habitat loss have been identified	13,000ha	14,099 ha	14,099 ha	4800 ha	The Bapouh-Bana forest reserve (4,800 ha) which has a management plan already and Mounts Bamboutos forest reserve (200 ha) is part of the hectares that are curently understudy to define options for their sustainable management.	MS
competing land uses on natural forests covering 53,039 ha are reduced through integrated natural resource management by land users and communities in the WHC and South regions	2.3 Number of hectares of agricultural lands on which production practices are applied to reduce the uncontrolled expansion of agricultural plantations to the detriment of the natural forest	1,918ha	2,500 ha	3,188ha	2,346 ha	This surface area includes the ones under sustainable agricultural practices with Tonga and Mintom Cocoa Cooperatives (2,162 ha) certification and the non certification areas where best agriculture practices are in implementation in the WHC and South region (184 ha)	S
	2.4 Number of hectares of grazing lands on which sustainable pasture management practices are applied to reduce pressure on forest and agricultural land	50 ha	75 ha	100 ha	2 ha	This surface is below to the targets at this stage of the implementation due the colonisation of grazing lands by the extension of agriculture for the production of potatoes and the land grabbing by elites- against the minorities Mboroos that have skrining the terrritory of garzing and lands. As a result, this has increase the number of farmers - pastorialis land use and water conflicts.	MS
tcome 3							
	3.1 Area of protected areas on which management measures are implemented to avoid forest degradation and biodiversity loss	0 ha	5,000 ha	14,099 ha	4,800 ha	The Bapouh-Bana forest reserve (4,800 ha) which has already a management plan and Mounts Bamboutos forest reserve (200 ha) is curently understudy to define options for their sustainable management.	MS
	3.2 Number of hectares of sacred forests out of PMZ on which approaches to improve the conservation are implemented	Oha	1000 ha	3,500 ha	3,147 ha	A surface area of 3,147 ha, including 2922 ha of sacred forests in the Bambui Fondom- North West region and 225 ha of sacred forest in the West Region were identified out of the PMZ.	S
3.1. Landscape level uptake of SLM/SFM practice on 53,038 ha including 27,299 ha in the WHC and 25,739 ha in South region, avoids and reduces land degradation and biodiversity loss, and delivers ecosystem services and im-proved socio- economic benefits for local communities	3.3 Surface of productive land use on which at least 70% SLM and SFM practices promoted by the project are implemented	Oha	20,000 ha	38,939 ha	24,459 ha	The current surface include surface of communties forests in Mintom that are under management with sustainble agricultural practices and forest production in the WHC. Consultants are developing the options for conservation of biodiversity and sustainable management of the landscape.	S
utcome 4	3.4 Number of people with improved access to socio-economic benefits and ser-vices from uptake of SLM/SFM practices	334	1.000	3.000	2.552	Through the gender strategy of COBALAM co-funding from the European Union, 2,552 people have improved their access to socio-economic benefits and services from the uptake of sustainable management practices in WHC and south through capacity building activities and linkages with markets.	S

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

Output	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%) (Towards overall project targets)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2023 (%) (Towards overall project targets)	EA: Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	TM: Progress rating
der Comp 1					
Output 1.1.1: Inter-institutional Landscape Management Boards (LMB) established in two priority landscapes in the WHC, involving multi- sector and multi-scale stakeholder groups ill	30/09/2022	93%	100%	During the second semester of 2022, two (02) Decentralised Cooperation Convention for the sustainable management of Monts Bamboutos and Monts Bana-Bangangté-Bangou landscapes were signed, allowing the setting up of two (02) LMBs, covering six (06) municipalities in Mounts Bamboutos and three (03) municipalities in Mounts Bana- Bangangté-Bangou. The LMBs had their first statutory meeting to launch and take charge of their own activities.	HS
Output 1.1.2: Inter-institutional Landscape Management Boards operational for improved landscape management	31/12/2024	17%	50%	The LMBs had their first meeting to really master their roles and a second meeting to develop and validate theirs by-laws. They participated in the reviewing the analysis of the options for bidiversity conservation and sustainable management of their landscapes. The LMBS are also engaged in the activities of evaluating the sustainability of their landscapes using the Landscale tool developed by RA and Partners.	S
Output 1.2.1 Technical file to support the status of Priority Management Zones (PMZ) for two KBA developed based on stakeholder consultations and submitted to relevant authorities for approval	31/12/2023	25%	50%	The governance structure is already in place and consultants have been hired to develop the landscape management plan. A draft report is available which includes the map of the landscape using as watershed approach through a participatory process, and the options for the conservation and sustainable management of the landscape targeted for PMZ. There is already a scheduled meeting with the Department of Spatial Planning of the Ministry of the Economy, Planning and Regional Development, to discuss and agree on the elements of the Technical file to support the status of the PMZ.	MU
Output .1.2.2: Agreed conservation options for Sacred Forest in the WHC developed based on stakeholder consultations	30/09/2022	66%	100%	Eight traditional chiefdoms out of 10 gave their FPIC, and approaches to improve the conservation of their sacred forests have been identified and we are now supporting the implementation of the options.	S
Output 1.2.3 Experience of institutionalizing participatory sustainable landscape management that includes protecting HCVF and incentivizing local environmentally responsible enterprises capitalized and made available to authorities for guiding future PMZ development.	31/12/2024	0%	20%	One trainee and one junior consultant were hired to document and capitalize on the process of setting up the Landscapes governance bodies with the Landscape Management Boards in the sites of WHC.	S
der Comp 2 Output 2.1.1: Landscape management plans identifying best SLM and SFM practices developed in three priority landscapes covering 7,600 ha the WHC and 24,551 ha in South region and available to stakeholders for their implementation	31/03/2025	19%	40%	Activities of developing options for conservation and sustainable management of the landscapes have started with the recruitment of consultants in February 2023. Their contracts were signed in March 2023 and collection of data has been carried out and the draft report is available.	MU
Duput 2.1.2 Management measures to avoid orest degradation and biodiversity loss in 14,099 ha of protected areas in the WHC dentified and available to protected areas managers and users	31/12/2022	0%	25%	The provision of a management plan for targeted protected areas and other conservation measures to strengthen and avoid forest degradation and biodiversity loss are in the final stages of analysis. This is being carried out between the landscape stakeholders and facilitated by the consultants that have been recruited for the analsysis of conservation landscape managements which will implemented in the Bapouh-Bana forest reserve (4800 ha) and Mounts Bamboutos forest reserve (200 ha).	MS

Output 2.1.3 Capacities of at least 10 local civil society organizations (CSOs) and-or community-based organizations (CBOs) and 3,000 land users and community members in the WHC and South region strengthened on recognized SLM and SFM practices	30/06/2024	31%	55%	<ul> <li>This increase is justified by the following series of evidence:</li> <li>Five CSOs technically assisted for the implementation of field activities.</li> <li>The Simplified Cooperative Organization of Cocoa Producers of Mintom —SCOOPS-PROCAM, in the South region and the Tonga cocoa cooperative SOCOPROCATO received a series of trainings and technical assistance on good agricultural practices for deforestation free cocoa. 62 members of the SCOOPS PROCAM were trained on integrated soil fertility management with a focus on composting. The capacity building done to SCOOPS PROCAM allow them to be certified by RA certification standard after a positive audit mission.</li> <li>13 CBOs including 10 in Mount Bamboutos and three in Mount Bana-Bangangte-Bangou have been trained in best agricultural parctices.</li> <li>Five CSOs participated in a training workshop on leadership.</li> <li>Organization of the cocoa producers of Bana into a cooperative call "Simplified Cooperative Society of Cocoa Producers of the District of Bana (SCOOPS PROCABA)" with 23 members including 3 Women.</li> <li>84 cocoa and NTFP producers trained in agribusiness management and marketing in Mintom and Bana.</li> </ul>	MS
Output 2.1.4: Market and policy incentives identified and leveraged to enable demand for products from sustainably managed farms/forests, and stimulate smallholder rural enterprises in the WHC and the South	31/12/2024	60%	60%	Exchange trip was organized with the cooperative from Mintom (South) with the one of Tonga (West Region) to stimulate smallholder rural enterprises. In 2022, in Mintom, 123 producers, including 43 women (35%), have benefited from a quality bonus and additional prize of approximately \$ 0,25/kg of cocoa leading to14% increase in income compared to same period in 2021 80 cocoa farmers including 17 women received \$0,18/kg (10%) more by selling directly to Telcar (Cargill) 31 women NTFP producers received \$0,50/kg (29%) more by selling directly to NTFP traders About \$1,330 from <i>Irvingia Gabonensis</i> sale between July-August 2022 About \$ 100,000 from cocao sale between October 2022 and January 2023 A feasibility 'study for wood deposit of legal timber of communities forests of Mintom is available. It will serve for advocacy towards the Ministry in charge of forests and others partners to the creation an officially a deposit of legal communities forest wood.	MS
Output 2.1.5 Learning is disseminated within and beyond the project areas and stakeholders through exchange visits, communications products, workshops and other events	30/03/2025	31%	70%	During the 19th Meeting of the Parties to the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) in July 2022, a side event was organized around Community-based landscape management in the Congo Basin by showing the experience of Cameroon. The processes, results and challenges of setting up multi-stakeholder governance structures for sustainable landscape management in Cameroon were presented. Moreover, during COP27 in November 2022, another side event on COmmunity-BAsed LAndscape Management for climate change mitigation/adaptation and improved livelihoods in Central Africa was organized by RA and MINEPDED. During that COP27 a video on women participating in the set up of LMB was launched. An exchange learning visit was organized to Ghana in May 2023 with some members of the LMBs to create a faramework for the exchange of experiences and knowledge sharing. The LMBs also gained insight into the functioning and sustainability of an LMB structure in different countries where RA is operating or implementing the process. This was a high level exchange trip with participants coming from Cameroon, Kenya, Ivory Coast and Ghana where we shared our model of setting up LMBs and the structure.	5

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Output 3.1.1 SLM and SFM practices identified and included in the landscape management plans are implemented in the WHC and South region, primarily through a small-grants approach to local CSOs, CBOs and communes	31/12/2024	12%	20%	Slight progress with small-Grants given to APADER, AJESH, Bio-Nature and KFA. During this period of reporting, Rainforest Alliance called for applications from civil society organisations willing to accompany the chiefdoms to implement the sacred forest conservation measures. Four (04) CSO were selected and Fixed Obligation Grant Agreement were signed with them to: (i) raise awareness among the communities living in the sacred forests of the chiefdoms about the importance of their conservation for the preservation of cultural heritage and conservation of biodiversity; (ii) carry out a participatory delimitation of the sacred forests with the traditional chieftaincies and the riparian communities and, (iii) identify the degraded areas of each sacred forest with the participation of the traditional chieftaincies, and the restoration needs of the sacred forests including the choice of species to be used. A large share of the small grants are under preparation and will be provided through the call for small grants with options under finalisation in the two landscape of WHC.	MS
Output 3.1.2 Women's access to socio- economic benefits and services is improved through targeted capacity building to CBOs and SMEs led by women in the WHC and South region and supporting women to assume management roles	30/03/2025	30%	53%	Good progress in comparison with targeted time of 2025 up to Y5. Two training conducted in August 2022 on the processing of agricultural products in accordance with production and packaging standards, for avocados to oil and potatoes into vegetable flour suitable for bread-making. Two training were conducted in bee-keeping and honey processing. 25 members of GIC APEB including 12 women and 13 men tarined in July and October 2022. One follow up leadership training was conducted for women members of the Municipal Landscape Management Commissions and LMBs in March 2023. An official handover of equipment to five SMEs, namely NIAMA B, GIC TSETSA'BONG, GIC APEB and GIC LEHIEBONG and NDASSE, and to two CBOs, GIC AGREMOBAT and AFA'ABON took place to boost their production and transformation of theirs products in March 2023.	S
Output 3.1.3: Gender sensitive indicators defined with local stakeholders and applied to assess impacts of project activities on HCVF and KBA protection, good SLM and SFM practices and livelihoods of indigenous people and local communities	31/12/2024	50%	60%	Gender sensitive indicators were developed and described in the gender strategy. During this period of reporting, CSO meeting were organized in October 2022 to discuss gender mainstreaming within their structure and in their development actions. Evaluation of gender mainstreaming in the organisational structures and development interventions of the 09 (nine) out of the 10 (ten) Community Based Organisations (CBO) benefiting from the Women in COBALAM project was conducted . A total of 114 people were involved in this evaluation, including 36 men and 78 women. Consultants undertaking the analysis of options for conservation and sustainable landscape management with landscape stakeholders, have been sensitized in the integration of gender into their methodological approach and into the defining of these options.	MS

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## 4 Risk Rating

## 4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

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

Risk Factor		EA's Rating		TM's Rating
1 Management structure - Roles and responsibilities	A	Low : Well developed, stable Management Structure and Roles/responsibilities are clearly defined/understood. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the	A	Low : Well developed, stable Management Structure and Roles/responsibilities are clearly defined/understood. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.
2 Governance structure - Oversight	A	Moderate: Steering Committee and/or other project bodies meet at least once a yearand Active membership and participation in decision-making processes. SC	A	Moderate: Steering Committee and/or other project bodies meet at least once a yearand Active membership and participation in decision-making processes. SC provides direction/inputs. Moderate likelihood of potential negative impact on the project
3 Implementation schedule	A	Low : Project progressing according to original work planand Adaptive management is practiced and regular monitoring. Low likelihood of potential	A	Moderate: Project progressing according to work planand Adaptive management and regular monitoring. Moderate likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.
4 Budget	A	Low : Activities are progressing within planned budgetand Balanced budget utilisation including PMC. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the	A	Low : Activities are progressing within planned budgetand Balanced budget utilisation including PMC. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.
5 Financial Management	A	Low : Funds are correctly managed and transparently accounted forand Audit reports provided regularly and confirm correct use of funds. Low likelihood of	A	Low : Funds are correctly managed and transparently accounted forand Audit reports provided regularly and confirm correct use of funds. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.
6 Reporting	A	Low : Substantive reports are presented in a timely manner and Reports are complete and accurate with a good analysis of project progress and implementation issues. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.	A	Low : Substantive reports are presented in a timely manner and Reports are complete and accurate with a good analysis of project progress and implementation issues. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.
7 Capacity to deliver	A	Low : Sound technical and managerial capacity of institutions and other project partners and Capacity gaps were addressed before implementation or during early stages. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.	A	Low : Sound technical and managerial capacity of institutions and other project partners and Capacity gaps were addressed before implementation or during early stages. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.

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

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## 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.

	Risk affecting:	Risk Rating							Variation respect to last rating			
Risk	Outcome / outputs	CE0 ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	PIR 6	Δ	Justification		
Risk 1: Climate change affects adversely productivity of farmland as dry seasons become longer and rainfall less frequent	Outcome 2.1	м	м	м	L				=	No climate change effects		
Risk 2: Changes in political circumstances and government priorities	All outcomes & outputs	L	L	L	L				t	No change		
Risk 3: Women may continue not to be granted access to land and a role in making decisions about spending, which may reinforce household poverty and inequity	Outcome 3.1.	М	М	М	М				1	Increase participation of women in local goveranance structure at CB0s, CS0, Municipal Landscape Management Commissions (MLMC) and Landscape management boards (LMB) may reduce this risk, but we need more emphasis on gender equity during the fiorsts year of functionning of LMB and MLMC		
Risk 4: Markets may not provide incentives for sustainable production if quality or service are not sufficiently attractive	Outcome 2.1 & 3.1	м	м	м	L				T	Equipement and improved quality of products from small entreprises has increased their market attractivity		
Risk 5: Unstable political situation in the North West region	All outcomes & outputs	м	м	М	М					The risk is reduced in some area eg Santa in the Mount Bamboutos landscape. But the crisis continues in the region.		
Risk 6: Low uptake (effectiveness and sustainability) of the Land Management Board (LMB) as Governance structure	All outcomes & outputs	м	м	м	Not Applicabl e					People are more aware of the LMB process.		
Risk 7: Sustainability of newly established Municipal Landscape Management commisions (MLMC) and LMBs	All outcomes & outputs	Not Applicable	Not Applicabl e	Not Applicabl e	S					LMB is still at its first year of operation, need more support for their operation and develop a sustainable landscape finance mechanism to reduce the risk.		

Risk 8: Steering Committee and/or other project bodies meet at least once a yearand Active membership and participation in decision-making processes. SC provides direction/inputs. Moderate likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.	All outcomes & outputs	Not Applicable	Not Applicabl e	Not Applicabl e	м		No steering commitee in 2022 due to lack of funding at MINEPDED level.
Consolidated project risk		Not Applicable	L	L	L		This section focuses on the variation. The overall rating is discussed in section 2.3.

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

# List here only risks from Table A and B above that have a risk rating of **M or higher** in the **current** PIR

Risk	Risk Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)		Additional mitigation measures for the next periods						
			What	When	By whom				
Risk: Women may continue not to be granted access to land and a role in making decisions about spending, which may reinforce household poverty and inequity		A second Advocacy Workshop for the representation and participation of women in Landscape Management Boards (LMBs) took place in August 2022. A monitoring and follow up training for women members of LMBs and Municipal Landscape Management Commissions (MLMCs) in the Bamboutos and Bana-Bangangté-Bangou landscapes, as well as for gender focal points from partner organisations and small and medium- sized enterprises (SMEs) was conducted in March 2023 with 43 women in attendance.	Regular follow up with women-members of CBOs, MLMC & LMB to encourage them and ensure their regular participation to the meetings.	During the year	RA and local CSOs through the project small grant mechanism				
Risk: Unstable political situation in the North West region	Negotiate a new agreement with ECO PH for the implementation of conservation measures in the Bambui sacred forests	An amendment was done to the previous contract to allow ECO-PH to identify approaches to improve the conservation and economic valorization of Sacred Forest with participation of traditional authorities in Bambui village	Negotiate a new agreement with ECO PH to set up nurseries for the implementation of conservation measures in the Bambui sacred forests.	From August 2023 to January 2024	RA				
Risk: Low sustainability of newly established Municipal Landscape Management commisions (MLMC) and LMBs	Not a risk during the previous report as the MLMC and LMB was not yet established	No action	Training for MLMC and LMB members, Develop a sustainable landscape finance mechanism to reduce the risk.	September 2023-Mars 2024	RA				
Risk: Low uptake (effectiveness and sustainability) of the Land Mangement Board (LMB) as Governance structure	Support the LMB after its general assembly to uptake with the elaboration of landscape management plans, its plan of actions and the process of granting PMZ.	Facilitation of the LMB to hold its first General Assembly and for the LMBs to develop and validate their by-Laws has been done . LMBs participated in the workshop aimed at designing the methodological approach to develop the options of conservation of biodiversity in their landscape.	Facilitation a restitution workshop where consultant will share their results and LMBs will contribute. Organize training for LMBs members.	From July to December 2023	RA				

#### 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	Explain in table B
Executing Entity	No
Executing Entity Category	No
Minor project objective change	No
Safeguards	No
Risk analysis	No
Increase of GEF project financing up to 5%	No
Co-financing	No
Location of project activity	No
Other	

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

Version	Туре	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signiture Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
Original Legal Instrument					
Amendment 1	Revision				
Extension 1	Extension				
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#### 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 WGSB4 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 (https://www.openstreetmap.org/Imap=4/21.84/82.79) or GeoNames(http://www.geonames.org/) 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(https://gefportal.worldbank.org/App/asset/sperenz/Geocoding%20User%2DGuide.doc)

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Zoe Befam	2.7100	13.3422		Forest landscape at the southern periphery of the Dja reserve	
Zoulabot	2.6764	13.2481		Forest landscape at the southern periphery of the Dja reserve	Small scale agriculture : cocoa banana-plantain Community forestry
Mintom 1	2.6917	13.2781		Forest landscape at the southern periphery of the Dja reserve	– Community noresta y
Ekombite	2.5997	13.3467		Forest landscape at the southern periphery of the Dja reserve	
Babadjou	5.74284	10.1583		Highland savannah in Western Highland of Cameroon	
Mbouda	5.6899	10.212		Highland savannah in Western Highland of Cameroon	Small scale agriculture: potatoes, cabbages, banana-plantain
Batcham	5.64651	10.1534		Highland savannah in Western Highland of Cameroon	Agroforestry: avocado trees Sacred forest
Bangang	5.62305	10.1632		Highland savannah in Western Highland of Cameroon	
Balatchi	5.60913	10.1623		Highland savannah in Western Highland of Cameroon	
Bafou-Nord	5.56942	10.1208		Highland savannah in Western Highland of Cameroon	The plantations
Bangou	5.21184	10.1272		Highland savannah in Western Highland of Cameroon	- Small scale agriculture: cocoa, banana-plantain
Bana	5.15964	10.3099		Highland savannah in Western Highland of Cameroon	Eucalyptus plantations
Tonga	4.98302	10.5471		Highland savannah in Western Highland of Cameroon	

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