



Mauritania Sustainable Landscape Management Project under the SAWAP (P144183)

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Implementing Agencies: Directorate of Nature Protection of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Economy and Finance.

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 04-Aug-2015

Effectiveness Date: 17-Dec-2015

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 18-Dec-2018

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 06-Feb-2019

Original Closing Date: 31-Jan-2021

Revised Closing Date: 31-Jan-2021

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to strengthen sustainable landscape management in targeted productive ecosystems in Mauritania.

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

No

Components

Name

Sustainable Landscape Management Knowledge, Governance and Partnerships:(Cost \$1.31 M)

Sustainable Landscape Management Practice:(Cost \$3.26 M)

Project Management:(Cost \$0.24 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	● Moderately Satisfactory	● Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	● Moderately Satisfactory	● Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	● Low	● Low

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Progress towards the Development Objective has advanced significantly since last mission:

- Almost all Community development Associations (52 out of 60) have been created; this has permitted the project to implement activities;
- 30 sites were fenced off; leaving another 30 to be fenced off by project completion; the level of vegetation cover, which is a project objective, will start being monitored now that the M&E agency (Sahara and Sahel Observatory, OSS) has been recruited;
- 60,000 seedlings, originating from 29 tree nurseries, were planted;
- All three Regional Coordination Units were established; and



- Training programs have been launched.
Progress is expected to accelerate now that project institutions are in place.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Macroeconomic	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Sector Strategies and Policies	--	● Low	● Low
Technical Design of Project or Program	--	● Low	● Low
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	--	● Low	● Low
Fiduciary	--	● Low	● Low
Environment and Social	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Stakeholders	--	● Low	● Low
Other	--	● Low	● Low
Overall	--	● Low	● Low

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Strengthen sustainable landscape management in targeted productive ecosystems in Mauritania				
► Land area where sustainable land mgt. practices were adopted as a result of proj (Hectare(Ha), Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	150.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
Date	31-Jul-2015	14-Nov-2018	15-Feb-2019	31-Jan-2021
Comments:	Community-participatory diagnostic activities have started in the field in 3 sites. In each of these sites Sustainable Land Management (SLM) practices will be applied in controlled areas of 50 ha each.			
► Average vegetation cover in intervention areas (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Date	31-Jul-2015	12-Nov-2018	12-Nov-2018	31-Jan-2021



Comments:	While 50% of sites are now under controlled management, data is not yet available; these data were subject to the recruitment of OSS, which will monitor the indicator. The OSS has been recruited in 2018, which will facilitate the advancement of this component.			
►Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	79,980.00	160,000.00
Date	31-Jul-2015	12-Nov-2018	15-Feb-2019	31-Jan-2021
Comments:	To this day, 79,980 people have become beneficiaries of the project, or 99% of the expected result at mid-term. This number could have been higher, but the creation of legally recognized community development associations (ADCs) took longer than expected. The implementation of project activities now that ADCs have been created will improve this result.			
►of which female (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	20.00	20.00	35.50	52.00
Date	04-Aug-2015	02-Nov-2018	02-Nov-2018	31-Jan-2021
Comments:	The level attained is 101% of that expected at Mid-Term			

Overall Comments

An assessment of beneficiaries' perception indicates overall satisfaction with project progress.

Some project results are already observable in the field, with land area that has been left fallow (fenced off to allow natural regeneration) showing significant primary production. The vegetation cover indicator will be updated when first results are available. The likelihood that the project will achieve its key objectives is therefore high.

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Sustainable Landscape Management Knowledge, Governance and Partnerships				
►Stakeholders benefiting from knowledge building products provided by the project (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	260.00	186.00	600.00
Date	31-Jul-2015	12-Nov-2018	15-Feb-2019	31-Jan-2021
Comments:	As of February 2019, training was provided to participants through 3 workshops in in financial management and organization, procurement, ESIA development and monitoring, E & S compliance, GIS and remote sensing, including training of trainers on this topic. The figure was adjusted to 186, representing a rate of 41% achievement. This figure represents the number of stakeholders who benefited from training, workshops, etc. These activities have only been carried out since 2018, which explains their level below than the mid-term forecast. This level is expected to increase in the second phase of implementation.			



►An ecological monitoring system of Gum Arabic Ecosystem designed and institutionalized (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	31-Jul-2015	12-Nov-2018	15-Feb-2019	31-Jan-2021
Comments:	A contract was signed in 2018 with the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) to operationalize an ecological monitoring system, the development of a monitoring manual, and training on these tools. The OSS will support the PMU in the methodology and establishment of baseline vegetation cover in the intervention zones. To advance on this crucial point, the PMU will recruit temporary staff, such as trainee students.			
Sustainable Landscape Management Practice				
►Participatory SLM investment activities (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	3.00	39.00	60.00
Date	31-Jul-2015	12-Nov-2018	15-Feb-2019	31-Jan-2021
Comments:	The results exceed expectations: 39 sustainable landscape management activities (out of 20 expected at mid-term, i.e., 195%);			
►Local needs investment activities (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	3.00	100.00
Date	31-Jul-2015	12-Nov-2018	15-Feb-2019	31-Jan-2021
Comments:	This indicator is below expectations (3 local development plans integrating landscape management approach) out of 40 expected at midterm. This is partly owing to the difficulty in establishing operational structures capable of effectively managing Project funds.			
►Local development plans integrating landscape management approach (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00
Date	31-Jul-2015	12-Nov-2018	15-Feb-2019	31-Jan-2021
Comments:	While to date no local development plans integrating SLM have been created, the project has set up three Regional Coordination Units (RCUs), one in each of the three project intervention regions (Trarza, Brakna and Gorgol), which ensure project coordination. The project also recruited three facilitating NGOs, which have been operational since October 2018. This explains the recent progress of the project, as does the strategy of involving populations in the monitoring the progress at the Ministry level. During the MTR field visits, the mission met one of the NGOs and appreciated their work as a facilitator. This sub-component will enable the integration of environmental and landscape aspects into municipal planning, and will include the involvement of mayors in integrating natural resource management into local development planning. It is planned to create and / or update four communal development plans in 2019 and six by the end of the project.			



Overall Comments

Results are mixed as some indicators exceed MTR targets, while others fail to meet them. This is partly owing to a delay in setting up Community Development Associations (ADC by their French acronym); and partly owing to the ceiling of the project fund replenishment set too low.

Now that 52 associations have been set up, and that 8 are still pending, sustainable land management practices should continue to increase.

The number of stakeholders benefiting from knowledge building products was adjusted down to 186 from the previous value of 260. This decrease can be explained by including 186 people who benefited from training workshops in 2018: • 121 ACD members (financial and administrative management and procurement) • 20 people (technical services and authorities) (environmental and social impact analysis) • 31 people (GIS and ecological monitoring) • 10 people (project team and MEDD) (accounting management and budget monitoring)

Taking into account the workshops carried out by the Project before 2018, the number of beneficiaries can be estimated at about 200 people. In 2016 and 2017, the Project organized four awareness raising workshops for its activities.

Work on integrating landscape dimensions in the Local Development Plans will begin now that the Regional Coordination Units are in place and will include the involvement of mayors. Four communal development plans in 2019 and six by the end of the project are planned.

Data on Financial Performance

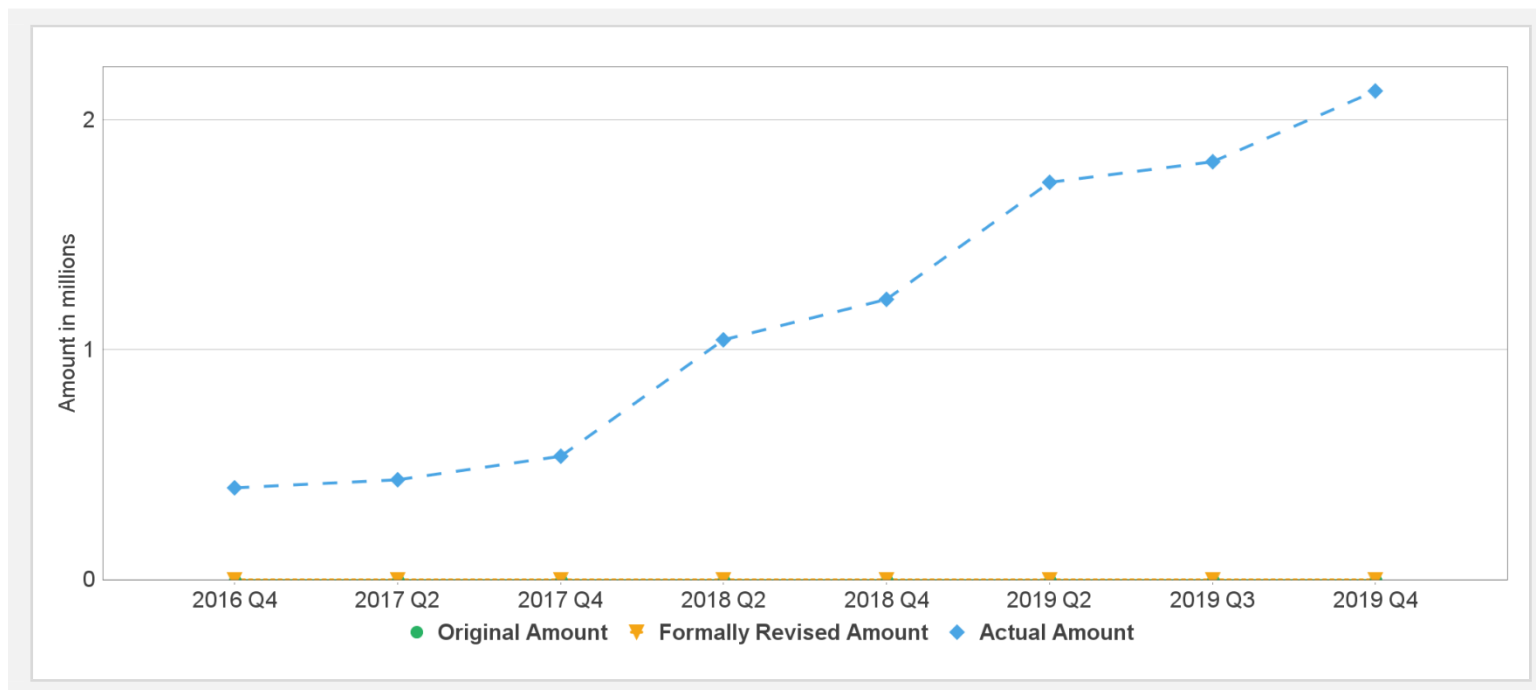
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P144183	TF-A0663	Effective	USD	4.81	4.81	0.00	2.13	2.68	44%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P144183	TF-A0663	Effective	04-Aug-2015	18-Sep-2015	17-Dec-2015	31-Jan-2021	31-Jan-2021

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.