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1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 11039	Umoja WBS: SB-020703
SMA IPMR ID: 124146	Grant ID: GFL-11207-14AC0003
Project Short Title: GBF Early Action Support	
Project Title: Technical Support for the Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support project	
Duration months planned:	30
Duration months age:	24
Project Type:	Medium Sized Project (MSP)
Parent Programme if child project:	
Project Scope:	Global
Region:	
Countries:	
GEF Focal Area(s):	Biodiversity
GEF financing amount:	\$ 1,500,000.00
Co-financing amount:	\$ 0.00
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2022-09-06
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2022-07-22
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2022-08-12
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	
Date of First Disbursement:	2023-03-16
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:	\$ 1,500,000.00
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 855,435.00

Midterm undertaken?:	n/a
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2025-06-08
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2025-09-30
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2026-03-31

1.2 Project Description

NBSAPs and other types of national biodiversity plans are not aligned fully with the emerging post-2020 GBF, nor are other relevant frameworks such as national development strategies. Lessons learned from the last round of NBSAP revisions indicate that challenges persist in terms of the non-alignment of national targets with global targets, the lack of a financing plans for NBSAP implementation, the inadequate implementation due to delays in updating NBSAPs, the lack of policy coherence, as well as inadequate monitoring at the national scale [1]. Alignment guided by the post-2020 GBF will help catalyze implementation of the Convention and its protocols. Realizing the 2050 Vision of ‘Living in Harmony with Nature’ will need transformative change, with Parties making necessary changes now to reach the 2050 Vision. Because of delays in approving the GBF due to Covid-19, there are only 8 years remaining to achieve the action targets and outcome milestones in this decade.

The fifth edition of the GBO (GBO 5)[2], undertaken in 2020, found that at the global level none of the 20 ABT targets have been fully achieved. Six targets have been partially achieved: ABT 9 on invasive alien species, ABT 11 on protected areas, ABT 16 on access and benefit sharing, ABT 17 on NBSAPs, ABT 19 on science and research, and ABT 20 on resource mobilization. Available evidence suggests that despite the failure to meet the goals of the CBD’s Strategic Plan for Biodiversity, it is not too late to slow, halt and eventually reverse current trends in the decline of biodiversity. Moreover, the actions required to achieve this turnaround and successfully ‘bend the curve’ of biodiversity decline are fully consistent with, and indeed crucial components of, the goals and targets set out under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Climate Change Agreement. In summary, realizing the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity will depend on a more effective portfolio of actions that can be rapidly operationalized in every nation around the world.

While most NBSAPs are currently aligned with the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (ABT), they will need to be reviewed and updated to align with the GBF. The review will be guided by lessons learnt and best practices as captured in UNEP’s work and publication of the post 2010 review of NBSAPs [3]. Without this effort, implementation of the GBF will be impeded and this would be a significant lost opportunity. In many countries, misalignment in policies leads to nature destruction and degradation. Most countries have not completed a rigorous resource mobilization plan. There is a strong need for comprehensive policy reviews, realignment and mainstreaming of the GBF into national policies and strategies. In all countries, there are gaps in national monitoring systems, such that it is currently not possible to track progress at the national

and global levels on the actions and outcomes across the scope of the draft GBF. In many countries there is a lack of ownership of the NBSAPs which lead to incoherence of national policy and lack of implementation, and to the implementation of policies in a way that harms biodiversity instead of conserving and using it sustainably. This lack of ownership is in large part due to an ineffective process to bring key actors on board and to show the mutual benefits that exist. Taken together, this baseline scenario compromises the ability of the global community to realize the 2050 Vision of ‘Living in Harmony with Nature’.

UNEP will retrofit the DaRT tool to support NBSAP reviews. DaRT national targets are mapped with SDGs and will be used as one of the potential tools to support parties in the rapid NBSAP revision process as a whole of government, whole of society national process. DaRT is a UNEP tool that can support countries under components 1- 3 and can fast track NBSAP revisions. UNEP can provide guidance on how to use this national working space tool for facilitated planning, target setting, reporting and monitoring the GBF. DaRT[4] is not only a reporting tool but a centralized tool for policy planning, knowledge management and reporting to the MEAs all in one stop shop.

[1] Reference is made to information on NBSAP status and implementation challenges provided in document CBD/SBI/3/2 and its addendums (<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SBI-03>), and L.4 document (CBD/SBI/3/L.4) that will be taken up at the resumed session of SBI-3 in March; CBD/SBI/3/11 on options to enhance planning, reporting and review mechanisms, and its addendums, and CRP.5 (CBD/SBI/3/CRP.5).

[2] <https://www.cbd.int/gbo/gbo5/publication/gbo-5-en.pdf>

[3] https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/25656/post2010_NBSAP_Assessment.pdf

[4] DaRT: The Data Reporting Tool for MEAs (DaRT) – is a tool developed by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) that can support Parties to effectively use synergies in the field of knowledge and information management for national reporting to biodiversity-related conventions.

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Ecosystems Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	
Executing Agency (ies)	Transformation and Mainstreaming of Nature Unit, Biodiversity and Land Branch, Ecosystems Division, UNEP
names of Other Project Partners	Deborah Kahatano
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Johan Robinson

UNEP Task Manager(s)	Alex Owusu-Biney
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Paul Vrontamitis
UNEP Support Assistants	Evelyn Machaiso
Manager/Representative	Doreen Robinson
Project Manager	Antony Kamau; Tanya McGregor
Finance Manager	Rachel Kagiri
Communications Lead, if relevant	

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Foundational: Environmental governance
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	
PoW Indicator(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature: (iii) Number of countries and national, regional and subnational authorities and entities that incorporate, with UNEP support, biodiversity and ecosystem-based approaches into development and sectoral plans, policies and processes for the sustainable management and/or restoration of terrestrial, freshwater and marine areas • Governance: (ii) Number of international legal agreements or instruments advanced or developed with UNEP support to address emerging or internationally agreed environmental goals
UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	This is an enabling activity aimed to assist parties meet their obligations to the Convention on Biological Diversity and therefore is based on party request to meet COP15 decision (Decision 15/6 and related Decisions). The Updated Targets and NBSAPs are meant to be aligned with the broader environmental and sustainable development programming which are linked to the relevant country frameworks to meet the KMGBF
Link to relevant SDG Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls • Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns • Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts • Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development • Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss • 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"> • 5.5 Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life • 5.c Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels • 12.2 By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources • 13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14.2 By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration to achieve healthy and productive oceans • 14.4 By 2020, effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible, at least to levels that can produce maximum sustainable yield as determined by their biological characteristics • 14.5 By 2020, conserve at least 10 percent of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information • 14.6 By 2020, prohibit certain forms of fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, eliminate subsidies that contribute to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and refrain from introducing new such subsidies, recognizing that appropriate and effective special and differential treatment for developing and least developed countries should be an integral part of the World Trade Organization fisheries subsidies negotiation • 14.7 By 2030, increase the economic benefits to Small Island developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism • 14.c Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources, as recalled in paragraph 158 of the future we want • 15.1 By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements • 15.2 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally • 15.3 By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world • 15.4 By 2030, ensure the conservation of mountain ecosystems, including their biodiversity, in order to enhance their capacity to provide benefits that are essential for sustainable development • 15.5 Take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and, by 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species • 15.6 Promote fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and promote appropriate access to such resources, as internationally agreed • 15.7 Take urgent action to end poaching and trafficking of protected species of flora and fauna and address both demand and supply of illegal wildlife products • 15.9 By 2020, integrate ecosystem and biodiversity values into national and local planning, development processes, poverty
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	<p>reduction strategies and accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15.c Enhance global support for efforts to combat poaching and trafficking of protected species, including by increasing the capacity of local communities to pursue sustainable livelihood opportunities • 16.6 Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels • 16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels • 17.9 Enhance international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries to support national plans to implement all the Sustainable Development Goals, including through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation • 17.14 Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development
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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	138000	138000	138000	130000
11.1- Male	69000	69000	69000	65000
11.2- Female	69000	69000	69000	65000

Implementation Status 2023: 1st PIR

2.3. Implementation Status and Risks

	PIR#	Rating towards outcomes (section 3.1)	Rating towards outputs (section 3.2)	Risk rating (section 4.2)
FY 2024	1st PIR	S	S	L
FY 2023				
FY 2022				
FY 2021				
FY 2020				
FY 2019				
FY 2018				

FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Summary of status

Project implementation on course with at least 80% of early action support materialized in 65 out of 69 eligible Member States and Parties to the Convention. This technical support specifically covers:

1. Updating of national biodiversity targets in line with the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) for submission to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) as per the relevant decision of 15th Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (CBD COP-15).
2. Updating action plans for policy coherence/alignment and harmonization with other sectors, drawing on UN-system wide support of UN Common Approach to Biodiversity and Nature-Based Solutions;
3. Assessing gaps in national monitoring systems for biodiversity, identifying and updating national monitoring action plans, in line with the updated targets;
4. Enhancing support for biodiversity financing through developing National Biodiversity Finance Action plan.

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$
Actual to date:	
Progress	<p>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</p> <p>Even though the project was approved without any cofinance obligation as it supports an Enabling Activity - the project has leveraged additional in kind cofinancing through the following project interventions:</p> <p>IKI co-financing support for establishment of national monitoring systems - EUR 15 Million.</p> <p>IKI co-financing for NBSAP Acceleration support - EUR 30 Million.</p> <p>CBD Secretariat in-kind support towards delivery of regional inception workshops and NBSAP regional dialogues</p> <p>UNEP in-kind co-financing through personnel time (project management support), office space and equipment.</p>

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	<p>Held strategic engagement meetings with key partners undertaking work related to NBSAPs, including parties (workshops, webinars and one on one bilateral meetings including support through the Help Desk), government agencies, non-governmental organizations, private sector, financial institutions, development partners, representatives of youth, women's groups and IPLC groups, research institutions, and academia, in addition to other global initiatives and institutions, to foster collaboration in the delivery of technical support to countries. Notable among these institutions are: Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UNDP BIOFIN, the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership, UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre, German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ), Birdlife International, The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), The International Fund for Agricultural Development of the United Nations (IFAD), The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), The World Wide Fund for Nature-Kenya, and Conservation International, among others</p>

2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	Yes
Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):	<p>Part of the technical support provided through this project has included development and promotion of guidance on undertaking an inclusive approach to NBSAP alignment and implementation. As such, through collaboration with UNDP, guidance on gender mainstreaming and stakeholder inclusion was developed and rolled out to support participating countries. Also, best practices in applying whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches, including aspects such as gender responsive approaches and measures to engage indigenous peoples and local communities, were promoted through various capacity development, exchange and learning events organized in the framework of the project. Country progress reporting includes updates on measures to address gender gaps, or promote gender equality and women's empowerment, during execution of project activities.</p> <p>UNEP's Gender and Social Safeguards Unit in collaboration with the UNEP-WCMC gender specialist provided technical support to countries through presentations on gender equality considerations and gender action plan, stakeholder engagement as well as environmental and social safeguard standards and guiding principles, including human rights, during the project's regional inception and technical support workshops. This support has also continued to be provided by one of UNEP's project management team leads.</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>
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>
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>

	were taken?
Environmental and social safeguards management	<p>The project is intended to improve readiness of countries to implement the goals and targets of the GBF, through updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), including national biodiversity targets, monitoring, policy, and finance frameworks. Effective implementation of the GBF will include the rapid implementation of nature-based solutions and nature-positive actions and policies that will enhance food security, biosafety, and biosecurity; secure livelihoods; improve water security; improve disaster risk reduction; improve measures to ensure access and benefit sharing of biodiversity and provide environmental and social safeguards. Effective implementation of the GBF will also reinforce the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular those related to biodiversity.</p>

2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	<p>In collaboration with the CBD Secretariat and other partners, the project supported three regional dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) targeting Pacific Island Countries (March 18-26 2024), Anglophone African countries and Francophone African countries (30 May to 2 June 2024). The NBSAP dialogues are part of a series of regional and sub-regional dialogues being convened by the Secretariat to facilitate the sharing of experiences and mutual learning among countries related to the revision and updating of NBSAPs, including national targets, in alignment with the GBF, as requested by Parties in decision 15/6. The dialogues involved sessions on sharing of experiences and lessons learned in revising or updating NBSAPs, including national target revision or setting, whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches, the integration of the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements into the NBSAP, development of a national monitoring plan and biodiversity finance activities. The dialogues provided opportunities for dedicated discussions through breakout group sessions on (i) capacity-building and development and (ii) national biodiversity financing. The dialogues have further provided a useful opportunity for countries to share examples from the implementation of the GEF Early Action Support project, with other countries in their region. The outcomes of these dialogues serve as an input in the piloting of an open-ended forum for voluntary country review of implementation under the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI), pursuant to decision 15/6.</p> <p>As part of the awareness creation and outreach activities for the project, attended a number of strategic meetings and events to showcase the project work and results with the aim of knowledge sharing and raising the profile of the project both internally within UNEP and with external partners. In particular, these meetings included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of the EAC Member countries
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNEP’s Biodiversity and Land Branch meeting • UNEP’s GBF Working group meetings • UNEP-Tanzania Engagement and Coordination Meeting <p>Organized well-attended events at major UNEP and CBD meetings in order to bring EAS participating project countries together to share lessons and experiences, and to support national implementation. These meetings included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixth Session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 6) • SBSTTA 26 and 26 as well as SBI 4 <p>Together with the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership (NBSAP AP), organized a side event and reception at UNEA 6, to highlight the work being undertaken in the EAS and NBSAP AP projects, and through roundtable discussions, provide countries an opportunity for exchange and mutual learning related to whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches. In collaboration with the NBSAP AP and UNEP’s DaRT team (Data Reporting Tool), hosted a booth/helpdesk through the duration of UNEA 6 (Feb 28-March 1 2024), to allow countries to ask questions and learn about the projects.</p> <p>In collaboration with UNDP and the CBD Secretariat, organized a reception for countries to support preparedness for NBSAP update, on the margins of the CBD’s SBI-4, held in Nairobi, Kenya. This event allowed country representatives to share best practices and experiences in implementing the EAS project and to network, to facilitate peer to peer learning and promote South-South cooperation. This event also included a launch of the Global NBSAPs Update and 7NR project, with the aim to assist countries to prepare for delivery, and promote shared understanding of the GEF 8 NBSAPs Update and 7NR project.</p> <p>Together with UNDP and in partnership with UNEP’s DaRT team and the CBD Secretariat, operated a NBSAP help desk during SBSTTA 26 and SBI 4 in Nairobi (May 13-29 2024), providing direct assistance to countries.</p> <p>Held strategic meetings with key partners that are undertaking work related to NBSAP implementation, including GIZ, Birdlife International, NBSAP Accelerator Partnership, to foster collaboration in the delivery of technical support to countries, on the margins of SBSTTA 26 and SBI 4.</p> <p>Provided one-on-one support to countries on an as-needed basis, including through participation in project inception workshops (online and in-person - for more information see list in the associated GEF EAS progress report on Direct Country Support).</p> <p>Continued to provide technical support to EAS project countries jointly with UNDP; through the preparation and dissemination of</p>
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	<p>technical resources, including guidance documents, a webinar series and provision of one-to-one assistance. This support is aimed at assisting countries to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">review their NBSAPs, update and align their national targets with the GBFassess monitoring systems and develop monitoring action plansassess and identify gaps in policy and institutional alignment with the GBFdevelop national biodiversity finance plans and develop regional and national capacities for financing the GBF <p>In particular, under Components 1 and 3, the following draft documents prepared by UNEP were circulated for input by countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Checklist of key elements, thematic and cross-cutting issues that should be a part of the updated NBSAPsGuide on undertaking rapid assessments of existing National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), including undertaking gap analyses of NBSAPs with new targetsGuidance document on how to ensure policy coherence in the updated NBSAPsGuidance document on how to ensure a whole-of-society approach in implementing the new NBSAPs and the GBF, including a reference to DaRT as a tool promoting information sharing among national stakeholders. <p>Continued to provide inputs on the revamped NBSAP Forum.</p> <p>Guidance was provided on the use of the DaRT, its functionalities in general, as well as regarding the revision and updating of NBSAPs, through presentations to countries during the three GEF EAS regional inception workshops, the national inception workshop for Ghana, the GEF Early Action Support Webinar Series – Webinar #5: National Target Alignment: Tools and Technical Support and a sub-regional DaRT training workshop held in Cameroon, in partnership with COMIFAC (Central African Forest Commission), with representatives from nine countries participating.</p>
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	<p>The Bern Process and the use of DaRT for a rapid assessment of existing NBSAPs and reviewing national targets is included in interim guidance shared with 138 project countries: “Technical guidance to support the alignment of national biodiversity targets with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework”.</p> <p>The DaRT team contributed to a draft mapping exercise with other relevant MEAs, which was conducted by UNEP-WCMC in preparation for the Bern III conference (held in January 2024) and will be included in DaRT, with consent of the secretariats concerned.</p> <p>Under Component 2, lead technical partner UNEP-WCMC sent out a draft of their guidance on identifying needs for national data and monitoring systems to EAS countries for feedback. UNEP-WCMC further updated the draft of the guidance based on inputs from UNEP and the CBD Secretariat, as well as new developments from SBSTTA 26. The revised guidance has been sent for internal review and clearance.</p> <p>A briefing paper on "Engaging Private Finance in the NBSAP Review and Implementation," was produced to offering guidance for policymakers on leveraging private sector support for the GBF.</p> <p>UNEP and UNDP -BIOFIN launched a Community of Practice to foster collaboration between public and private sectors in the NBSAP processes leading up to COP16,</p> <p>Build the finance sector knowledge on the GBF and NBSAPs through online workshops, webinars etc</p> <p>Finalized development of TORs for engagement of a Knowledge Management Consultant to guide knowledge management approaches for both the EAS and the NBSAPs Update and the 7th National Report projects.</p>
<p>Main learning during the period</p>	<p>Regular (Bi-weekly) meetings held with key project partners; notably UNDP, SCBD and UNEP-WCMC, enabled coordination across key agencies and to ensure synchronised technical support to countries through development of technical resources, planning and delivery of webinar and technical support as well as to address any concerns raised.</p> <p>Establishment and maintenance of active cross sectoral working groups is necessary to ensure coordinated delivery of technical support and avoid duplication of efforts.</p>

	<p>Engaging competent and committed technical leads is important for delivery of quality technical support to project countries.</p> <p>In-person regional inception and technical support workshops as well as NBSAP dialogues organized in the scope of this project were well-received by the parties and were seen as very useful in preparing countries to deliver on the project, address questions and concerns and promote peer to peer exchange and learning as well as south to south cooperation in delivery of updated NBSAPs.</p>
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2.9. Stories

<p>Stories to be shared</p>	<p>Launch of the NBSAP Forum 2.0: On the International Day for Biological Diversity 2023, UNEP in partnership with UNDP and CBD Secretariat, launched NBSAP Forum 2.0 to support countries take action for nature. NBSAP Forum 2.0 is a virtual platform that offers opportunities for e-learning and exchange between practitioners and technical experts through online forums, guidance material on each of the 23 global biodiversity targets, and a technical help desk delivering support in English, French, and Spanish. The platform is financially supported by the Global Environment Facility and is led in partnership by UNDP, UNEP and the CBD Secretariat. NBSAP Forum 2.0 launched to support countries to take bold action for nature Science-Environment (devdiscourse.com), NBSAP Forum 2.0 is launched to support action and collaboration for nature United Nations Development Programme (undp.org)</p> <p>Leading by Example in delivering the Global Biodiversity Framework- As efforts focus on turning the historic universal agreement on The Biodiversity Plan into action, swift progress in the alignment of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans is crucial. Pursuant to decision 15/6 of COP 15, in May 2024, Uganda became the first African country and the second developing country among the 196 Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to submit a set of national targets aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF), also referred to as The Biodiversity Plan. The Biodiversity Plan was adopted at COP 15 of the CBD in a historic accomplishment of environmental multilateralism. It constitutes humanity's best chance to halt and reverse biodiversity loss and live in harmony with nature. https://www.cbd.int//article/uganda-submits-nbsap-2024</p> <p>Engaging Private Finance in the NBSAP Review and Implementation: Sign Posts for Policymakers- The Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) calls for a whole-of-society approach to halting and reversing nature loss. For the first time in the history of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) strongly recognizes the role of non-state actors, including businesses and financial institutions, in delivering the Convention and its objectives. The Global Biodiversity Framework must now be translated into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) to formalize the role of state actors, non-state actors and enable meaningful and constructive contributions, including from business and finance, to its implementation. Through the GEF funded GBF Early Action technical support project, UNEP FI and UNDP BIOFIN, released a briefing note on how the NBSAP review can successfully engage public and private finance simultaneously. This will help prepare financial institutions to play their role in</p>
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	<p>contributing to the goals and targets of the NBSAP in their respective countries. While relevance to each country’s circumstances, starting point, and key relevant sectors vary, the briefing paper suggests some broad approaches and signposts to existing tools and guidance toward engaging the financial sector. The briefing paper aims at helping policymakers identify the private finance sector actors involved in nature, and how they can support the delivery of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. It also explores enhancement of portfolio alignment with nature targets by shifting financial flows away from nature-negative activities. The briefing note is posed to help policymakers discover methods to unlock more private finance domestically while looking at available options to regulate the financial sector concerning biodiversity.</p> <p>Mainstreaming agrifood systems in NBSAPs: As the expansion of industrial food systems continues to pose a huge risk to biodiversity, the world’s attention has been drawn to the alarming loss of biodiversity and extinctions we face today. To address this challenge, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of Parties on the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity to serve as a global blueprint for biodiversity action. Decision 15/6 of the Convention calls on countries to develop national strategies and action plans for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. These National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) are the main planning tools that identify and prioritize national biodiversity conservation objectives and the strategies and actions needed to achieve them. Through efforts to update its National Biodiversity Targets and NBSAPs, Nigeria was recently commended for making headways and readiness to incorporate agrifood in its NBSAPs. FAO Commends Nigeria’s Efforts at Mainstreaming Agrifood - NEWS AGENCY OF NIGERIA (nannews.ng)</p>
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3 Performance

3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
To provide technical support to GEF-eligible Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in their work to review and align components of their NBSAPs with the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF): national targets, policy frameworks, monitoring frameworks, and biodiversity finance.	Percentage of countries that are applying technical support to take early action to review and align components of their NBSAP	0% of participants	At least 50% of participants	At least 85% of participants	85%	Guidance and technical support have been made available to all UNEP-supported countries, through direct dissemination of guidance materials, webinars and in-person help desk support at major CBD and UNEP meetings.	S
	Percentage of participants that express satisfaction with the technical support received through this project based on two surveys to be administered by mid-term and project end.	0% of participants	At least 50% of participants	At least 85% of participants	TBC	Surveys and interviews with countries to be disseminated in the month of August.	MS
	Percentage of women accessing/ participating in technical support	0% of participants	At least 30% of participants	At least 45% of participants	TBC	Sex-disaggregated data regarding access and participation in technical support is not yet available. We are planning to request more sex-disaggregated data from the countries going forward	MS

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Parties have a better understanding of how to ensure that NBSAPs are ready to be aligned, and that national biodiversity targets are aligned, with the post-2020 GBF and relevant SDG targets	Percentage of countries that have access to tools/ guidance/trainings that are designed to improve their understanding of how to align NBSAPs and national biodiversity targets with the post-2020 GBF and relevant SDG targets, in multiple languages.	0% of countries access tools/ guidance/training	At least 40% of countries access tools/guidance/training	At least 70% of countries access tools/guidance/training	100%	Guidance and technical support have been made available to all UNEP-supported countries, through direct dissemination of guidance materials, webinars and in-person help desk support at major CBD and UNEP meetings	HS
	Number of technical tools/ guidance/ trainings on NBSAP alignment that are developed or retrofitted, and made available to countries in multiple languages	0 tools/guidance/trainings available	4 tools/guidance/trainings available: NBSAP Forum NBSAP Rapid Screening checklist Gender mainstreaming NBSAP training series	7 tools/guidance/trainings available: Mid-term targets + GBF-aligned NBSAP templates Inclusive approaches: gender, IPLC, etc. NBSAP training series	85%	12 resources including guidance materials, tools and trainings made available. Notably Joint technical guidance to support national biodiversity target alignment, NBSAP Forum 2.0 launched, Interim Guide on undertaking rapid assessment/Rapid Screening of existing National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), including undertaking gap analysis of NBSAPs with new targets, Interim checklist of key elements, thematic and cross-cutting issues that should be a part of the updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action	HS

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						Plans, interim checklist of key policies related to elements of GBF, and options for policy coherence, Interim guide on whole-of-society approach to implementing the new NBSAPs and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including a reference to DaRT as a tool promoting information sharing among national stakeholders, Joint interim technical guidance to support stakeholder engagement and gender mainstreaming, Delivered 4 NBSAP alignment webinars/training series, Delivered three regional inception and technical Support Workshops for the Anglophone and Francophone African countries as well as for the Asia Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe countries in the framework of the GBF-EAS Project. The workshops provided opportunity for information sharing and learning on aligning NBSAPs.	
	Number of technical tools/ guidance/ trainings that are developed or retrofitted, and made	0 tools/guidance/trainings available	2 tools/guidance/trainings available	4 tools/guidance/trainings available	75%	9 technical support resources including guidance materials, tools and trainings made available. Notably; Interim technical guidance on the assessment and	S

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	available to countries in multiple languages					development of plans for national monitoring systems, GEF EAS Webinar Series – Webinar number 6 on developing a monitoring action plan and identifying national data and monitoring system needs, Data reporting Tool (DaRT) promoted as a tool that can support monitoring and reporting, Delivered three regional inception and technical Support Workshops for the Anglophone and Francophone African countries as well as for the Asia Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe countries in the framework of the GBF-EAS Project. The workshops provided opportunity for information sharing and learning on monitoring and reporting. More recently, supported delivery of three NBSAP dialogues focusing on Anglophone and francophone African countries as well as the Pacific Islands.	
	Number of technical tools/ guidance/ trainings that are	0 tools/guidance/trainings available	4 tools/guidance/trainings available	8 tools/guidance/trainings available	80%	8 technical support resources including guidance documents and trainings made	S

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	developed or retrofitted, and available in multiple languages					<p>available to countries. Notably, Interim checklist of key policies related to elements of GBF, and options for policy coherence, Interim guidance document on ensuring whole-of society-approach in implementing the new NBSAPs and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, Joint Interim technical guidance to support gender mainstreaming, Through the GEF EAS Webinar Series – Delivered webinar number 9 on National approaches to policy alignment and coherence for effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal GBF, Delivered 3 Regional Inception and Technical Support Workshops for Africa, Asia Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe countries in the framework of the GBF-EAS Project with dedicated sessions on ensuring policy coherence during NBSAPs update and implementation, Jointly with the CBD Secretariat, delivered 3 Regional NBSAP Dialogues covering Anglophone and Francophone Africa and the Pacific Countries with dedicated sessions on</p>	

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						ensuring policy coherence during NBSAPs update and implementation.	
	Number of technical tools/ guidance/ trainings that are developed or retrofitted, and available in multiple languages	0 tools/guidance/trainings available	3 tools/guidance/trainings available	6 tools/guidance/trainings available	90%	5 technical support resources made available under Component 4 of the EAS project. In specific, UNEP provided technical support on biodiversity finance-related activities to ensure parties have improved capacities for defining biodiversity finance gaps and biodiversity target setting for the finance sector and identifying opportunities for resource mobilization. In addition, the support included development and deployment of technical resources for alignment of private sector financing with the needs for implementation of the KMGBF. As a result, significant progress has been made in mobilizing the global private finance sector towards addressing nature loss and aligning with GBF goals. This has been achieved through a range of activities including: • Awareness and Capacity Building: This involves creating platforms for knowledge exchange and capacity building within	HS

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						<p>the financial industry, online webinars and communications activities. Technical Guidance Development: Development and dissemination of new technical guidance and knowledge documents. These resources are providing financial institutions with a clearer understanding and actionable steps towards integrating nature considerations into their operational frameworks. These resources include: I) the launch of the PRB Nature Guidance, which provides a practical framework for banks to act on nature loss and set nature targets aligning with the GBF objectives, co-developed with 35 UNEP FI members banks and partners including UNEP-WCMC, the CBD Secretariat, SBTN and the TNFD; knowledge products under the Biodiversity Credit Alliance; ii) Building just partnership in Biodiversity Credits; and iii) Demand-side sources and motivations</p>	

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						<p>for biodiversity credits. Direct Support to Countries: In collaboration with UNDP-BIOFIN, UNEP FI has extended support to countries in leveraging their private finance sectors for NBSAPs revision and understanding how private finance can actively contribute to GBF implementation. This has included: I) Establishing the Public-Private Community of Practice for Nature and Development Finance; ii) Releasing the briefing note “Engaging Private Finance in the NBSAP Review and Implementation: Signposts for Policymakers”; iii) In-person Community of Practice roundtable as part of the UNEP FI Latin America Regional Roundtable. Delivered 3 technical support workshops in 2023 for all UNEP supported countries with dedicated sessions on biodiversity financing and development of finance plans. In addition, jointly with CBD Secretariat, delivered 3 NBSAPs dialogues in 2024 covering African countries and the Pacific Island countries to facilitate peer learning and south to south</p>	

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						cooperation and information exchange with dedicated session on biodiversity finance.	
	Percentage of countries that have access to tools/guidance/ trainings designed to improve their understanding of how to develop a monitoring action plan	0% of countries access tools/guidance/training	At least 40% of countries access tools/guidance/training	At least 70% of countries access tools/guidance/training	75%	All 69 countries have received draft guidance for their feedback, on how to develop a monitoring action plan. This guidance has been revised and is being finalized to send out to countries.	S
	Percentage of countries that have access to tools/guidance/trainings designed to improve their understanding of the review of policy and institutional alignment and process for achieving coherence with the GBF	0% of countries access tools/guidance/training	At least 40% of countries access tools/guidance/training	At least 70% of countries access tools/guidance/training	75%	All 69 UNEP countries have received materials related to policy and institutional alignment, webinars have also been held and shared on these topics	S
	Percentage of countries that have access to tools/guidance/trainings that are designed to	0% of countries access tools/guidance/training	At least 40% of countries access tools/guidance/training	At least 70% of countries access tools/guidance/training	75%	Guidance materials and webinars related to biodiversity finance and resource mobilization have been shared with all 69 UNEP countries	S

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	improve their capacity to defining biodiversity finance gaps and identifying opportunities for resource mobilization						

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 Provide technical support in the rapid review of NBSAPs for alignment with the post-2020 GBF	1.1 Technical tools/ guidance/ trainings for rapid NBSAP review developed and deployed: Develop or retrofit and deploy technical resources to enable a rapid NBSAP screening to identify where national goals and targets are already aligned with the GBF or need to be added or updated to become more aligned with it. Align, update, and moderate the NBSAP Forum in multiple languages.	2025-02-28	n/a	85%	12 resources including guidance materials, tools and trainings made available. Notably Joint technical guidance to support national biodiversity target alignment, NBSAP Forum 2.0 launched, Interim Guide on undertaking rapid assessment/Rapid Screening of existing National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), including undertaking gap analysis of NBSAPs with new targets, Interim checklist of key elements, thematic and cross-cutting issues that should be a part of the updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, interim checklist of key policies	S

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					related to elements of GBF, and options for policy coherence, Interim guide on whole-of-society approach to implementing the new NBSAPs and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including a reference to DaRT as a tool promoting information sharing among national stakeholders, Joint interim technical guidance to support stakeholder engagement and gender mainstreaming, Delivered 4 NBSAP alignment webinars/training series, Delivered three regional inception and technical Support Workshops for the Anglophone and Francophone African countries as well as for the Asia Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe countries in the framework of the GBF-EAS Project. The workshops provided opportunity for information sharing and learning on aligning NBSAPs. Challenges: Agreement with co-implementing partners on quality, structure and approval of technical documents	
	1.2 Technical tools/ guidance/ trainings on aligning national targets with the post-2020 GBF developed and deployed: Develop or retrofit and deploy guidance on how to align national targets with the GBF and relevant SDGs, and on how to structure targets in an operational format.	2025-02-28	n/a	85%	12 resources including guidance materials, tools and trainings made available. Notably Joint technical guidance to support national biodiversity target alignment, NBSAP Forum 2.0 launched, Interim Guide on	S

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					<p>undertaking rapid assessment/Rapid Screening of existing National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), including undertaking gap analysis of NBSAPs with new targets, Interim checklist of key elements, thematic and cross-cutting issues that should be a part of the updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, interim checklist of key policies related to elements of GBF, and options for policy coherence, Interim guide on whole-of-society approach to implementing the new NBSAPs and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including a reference to DaRT as a tool promoting information sharing among national stakeholders, Joint interim technical guidance to support stakeholder engagement and gender mainstreaming, Delivered 4 NBSAP alignment webinars/training series, Delivered three regional inception and technical Support Workshops for the Anglophone and Francophone African countries as well as for the Asia Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe countries in the framework of the GBF-EAS Project. The workshops provided opportunity for information sharing and</p>	

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					learning on aligning NBSAPs. Challenges: Agreement with co-implementing partners on quality, structure and approval of technical documents	
	1.3 Technical tools/ guidance/ trainings provided on an inclusive approach for NBSAP alignment: Develop or retrofit and deploy guidance on undertaking an inclusive approach for NBSAP alignment, e.g., best practices in engagement of stakeholders, gender, indigenous peoples and local communities, and whole-of-government process and others. Appropriate minor NBSAP revisions are recommended or made to improve effectiveness and implementation.	2025-02-28	n/a	85%	12 resources including guidance materials, tools and trainings made available. Notably Joint technical guidance to support inclusive approaches to support NBSAPs Update, national biodiversity target alignment, Interim Guide on undertaking rapid assessment/Rapid Screening of existing National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), including undertaking gap analysis of NBSAPs with new targets, Interim checklist of key elements, thematic and cross-cutting issues that should be a part of the updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, interim checklist of key policies related to elements of GBF, and options for policy coherence, Interim guide on whole-of-society approach to implementing the new NBSAPs and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including a reference to DaRT as a tool promoting information sharing among national stakeholders, Joint interim technical guidance to support stakeholder	S

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					engagement and gender mainstreaming, Delivered 4 NBSAP alignment webinars/training series, Delivered three regional inception and technical Support Workshops for the Anglophone and Francophone African countries as well as for the Asia Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe countries in the framework of the GBF-EAS Project. The workshops provided opportunity for information sharing and learning on aligning NBSAPs. Challenges: Agreement with co-implementing partners on quality, structure and approval of technical documents	
2 Provide technical support in the assessment of and development of plans for national monitoring systems	Activity 3: Project financial statements and Audit reporting	2024-12-31	50%	75%	9 technical support resources including guidance materials, tools and trainings made available. Notably; Interim technical guidance on the assessment and development of plans for national monitoring systems, GEF EAS Webinar Series – Webinar number 6 on developing a monitoring action plan and identifying national data and monitoring system needs, Data reporting Tool (DaRT) promoted as a tool that can support monitoring and reporting, Delivered three regional inception and technical Support Workshops for the Anglophone and Francophone African countries as well as	S

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					for the Asia Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe countries in the framework of the GBF-EAS Project. The workshops provided opportunity for information sharing and learning on monitoring and reporting. More recently, supported delivery of three NBSAP dialogues focusing on Anglophone and francophone African countries as well as the Pacific Islands. Challenges: Agreement with co-implementing partners on quality, structure and approval of technical documents	
	Activity 3: Project financial statements and Audit reporting	2024-12-31	50%	75%	9 technical support resources including guidance materials, tools and trainings made available. Notably; Interim technical guidance on the assessment and development of plans for national monitoring systems, GEF EAS Webinar Series – Webinar number 6 on developing a monitoring action plan and identifying national data and monitoring system needs, Data reporting Tool (DaRT) promoted as a tool that can support monitoring and reporting, Delivered three regional inception and technical Support Workshops for the Anglophone and Francophone African countries as well as for the Asia Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe countries in the	S

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					framework of the GBF-EAS Project. The workshops provided opportunity for information sharing and learning on monitoring and reporting. More recently, supported delivery of three NBSAP dialogues focusing on Anglophone and francophone African countries as well as the Pacific Islands. Challenges: Agreement with co-implementing partners on quality, structure and approval of technical documents	
3 Provide technical support on the rapid review of policy and institutional alignment and processes for achieving policy coherence with the GBF	3.1 Technical tools/ guidance/ trainings provided to enable a rapid review of existing national policies related to biodiversity and their alignment with the GBF: Develop and deploy technical resources for countries to conduct a rapid review of policy and institutional alignment and provide case studies. Conduct an online training series on various approaches and best practices.	2025-02-28	n/a	80%	8 technical support resources including guidance documents and trainings made available to countries. Notably, Interim checklist of key policies related to elements of GBF, and options for policy coherence, Interim guidance document on ensuring whole-of society-approach in implementing the new NBSAPs and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, Joint Interim technical guidance to support gender mainstreaming, Through the GEF EAS Webinar Series – Delivered webinar number 9 on National approaches to policy alignment and coherence for effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal GBF, Delivered 3 Regional Inception and Technical Support Workshops for Africa, Asia Pacific and	S

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					Central and Eastern Europe countries in the framework of the GBF-EAS Project with dedicated sessions on ensuring policy coherence during NBSAPs update and implementation, Jointly with the CBD Secretariat, delivered 3 Regional NBSAP Dialogues covering Anglophone and Francophone Africa and the Pacific Countries with dedicated sessions on ensuring policy coherence during NBSAPs update and implementation. Challenges: Agreement with co-implementing partners on quality, structure and approval of technical documents	
	3.2 Technical tools/ guidance/ trainings provided to promote an aligned, whole-of-government approach that captures the values of biodiversity: Develop and deploy a methodology for promoting a whole-of-government approach, with technical tools to implement it. Develop and run a massive open online course on implementing a spatialized whole-of-government and society. integrated planning approach.	2025-02-28	n/a	80%	8 technical support resources including guidance documents and trainings made available to countries. Notably, Interim checklist of key policies related to elements of GBF, and options for policy coherence, Interim guidance document on ensuring whole-of society-approach in implementing the new NBSAPs and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, Joint Interim technical guidance to support gender mainstreaming, Through the GEF EAS Webinar Series – Delivered webinar number 9 on National approaches to policy alignment and coherence for effective implementation of the	S

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					Kunming-Montreal GBF, Delivered 3 Regional Inception and Technical Support Workshops for Africa, Asia Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe countries in the framework of the GBF-EAS Project with dedicated sessions on ensuring policy coherence during NBSAPs update and implementation, Jointly with the CBD Secretariat, delivered 3 Regional NBSAP Dialogues covering Anglophone and Francophone Africa and the Pacific Countries with dedicated sessions on ensuring policy coherence during NBSAPs update and implementation. Challenges: Agreement with co-implementing partners on quality, structure and approval of technical documents	
	3.3 Technical tools /guidance/ trainings provided for developing a prioritized action plan for policy coherence: Develop and deploy technical resources on GBF-aligned action plans for policy coherence. Leverage the UNBL to provide customized, spatial support to countries on relevant targets	2025-02-28	n/a	80%	8 technical support resources including guidance documents and trainings made available to countries. Notably, Interim checklist of key policies related to elements of GBF, and options for policy coherence, Interim guidance document on ensuring whole-of society-approach in implementing the new NBSAPs and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, Joint Interim technical guidance to support gender mainstreaming, Through the GEF EAS Webinar Series – Delivered webinar	S

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					number 9 on National approaches to policy alignment and coherence for effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal GBF, Delivered 3 Regional Inception and Technical Support Workshops for Africa, Asia Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe countries in the framework of the GBF-EAS Project with dedicated sessions on ensuring policy coherence during NBSAPs update and implementation, Jointly with the CBD Secretariat, delivered 3 Regional NBSAP Dialogues covering Anglophone and Francophone Africa and the Pacific Countries with dedicated sessions on ensuring policy coherence during NBSAPs update and implementation. Challenges: Agreement with co-implementing partners on quality, structure and approval of technical documents	
4 Provide technical support on biodiversity finance-related activities	4.1 Technical tools/ guidance/ trainings provided on conducting a biodiversity expenditure review: Develop or retrofit, validate and deploy technical resources for alignment of private sector financing with the needs for implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, with UNEP FI members including more than 400 banks, insurers, and investors and over 100 supporting institutions. Through research and action with its members building a pipeline of investable blended finance solutions that benefit nature, climate and people. Also, based on UNEP's FI experience, retrofit, validate and deploy technical resources and guidance on nature-related financial	2025-02-28	n/a	90%	5 technical support resources made available under Component 4 of the EAS project. In specific, UNEP provided technical support on biodiversity finance-related activities to ensure parties have improved capacities for defining biodiversity finance gaps and biodiversity target setting for the finance sector and identifying opportunities for resource mobilization.	S

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	disclosures for the private sector, along with the deployment of technical guidance on conducting biodiversity expenditure reviews building from BIOFIN’s experience. This includes research on the deployment of decision grade data from countries with high biodiversity value, piloting and promoting the uptake of the TNFD risk management and opportunity disclosure framework, and supporting tool development via ENCORE (Exploring Natural Capital Opportunities, Risks and Exposure).				In addition, the support included development and deployment of technical resources for alignment of private sector financing with the needs for implementation of the KMGBF. As a result, significant progress has been made in mobilizing the global private finance sector towards addressing nature loss and aligning with GBF goals. This has been achieved through a range of activities including: • Awareness and Capacity Building: This involves creating platforms for knowledge exchange and capacity building within the financial industry, online webinars and communications activities. Technical Guidance Development: Development and dissemination of new technical guidance and knowledge documents. These resources are providing financial institutions with a clearer understanding and actionable steps towards integrating nature considerations into their operational frameworks. These resources include: i) the launch of the PRB Nature Guidance, which provides a practical framework for banks to act on nature loss and set nature targets aligning with the GBF objectives, co-developed with 35 UNEP FI members banks and	

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					<p>partners including UNEP-WCMC, the CBD Secretariat, SBTN and the TNFD; knowledge products under the Biodiversity Credit Alliance; ii) Building just partnership in Biodiversity Credits; and iii) Demand-side sources and motivations for biodiversity credits. •Direct Support to Countries: In collaboration with UNDP-BIOFIN, UNEP FI has extended support to countries in leveraging their private finance sectors for NBSAPs revision and understanding how private finance can actively contribute to GBF implementation. This has included: i) Establishing the Public-Private Community of Practice for Nature and Development Finance; ii) Releasing the briefing note “Engaging Private Finance in the NBSAP Review and Implementation: Signposts for Policymakers”; and iii) In-person Community of Practice roundtable as part of the UNEP FI Latin America Regional Roundtable. Delivered 3 technical support workshops in 2023 for all UNEP supported countries with dedicated sessions on biodiversity financing and development of finance plans. In addition, jointly with CBD Secretariat,</p>	

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					delivered 3 NBSAPs dialogues in 2024 covering African countries and the Pacific Island countries to facilitate peer learning and south to south cooperation and information exchange with dedicated session on biodiversity finance.	
	4.2 Technical tools/ guidance/ trainings provided on developing cost estimates for GBF-aligned NBSAP actions: Develop or retrofit and deploy technical resources on identifying, reviewing, and prioritizing biodiversity-harmful subsidies, including case examples.	2025-02-28	n/a	20%	In partnership with UNDP-BIOFIN, delivered a webinar on repurposing subsidies for a sustainable future on the margins of UNEA-6. Delivered 3 Regional Inception and Technical Support Workshops for Africa, Asia Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe countries in the framework of the GBF-EAS Project with dedicated sessions on biodiversity finance and subsidies; Jointly with the CBD Secretariat, delivered 3 Regional NBSAP Dialogues covering Anglophone and Francophone Africa and the Pacific Countries with dedicated sessions on biodiversity finance and subsidies in NBSAPs update and implementation. However, currently considering needs and available technical support, including leveraging support to be provided from the GEF BIOFIN initiative	MS
	4.3 Technical tools/ guidance provided for identifying biodiversity-harmful subsidies: Develop or retrofit and deploy technical resources on identifying, reviewing, and prioritizing biodiversity-harmful	2025-02-28	n/a	50%	In partnership with UNDP-BIOFIN, delivered a webinar on repurposing subsidies for a sustainable future on	S

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	subsidies, including case examples.				the margins of UNEA-6. Delivered 3 Regional Inception and Technical Support Workshops for Africa, Asia Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe countries in the framework of the GBF-EAS Project with dedicated sessions on biodiversity finance and subsidies; Jointly with the CBD Secretariat, delivered 3 Regional NBSAP Dialogues covering Anglophone and Francophone Africa and the Pacific Countries with dedicated sessions on biodiversity finance and subsidies in NBSAPs update and implementation. However, currently considering needs and available technical support, including leveraging support to be provided from the GEF BIOFIN initiative	
	4.4 Technical tools/ guidance/ trainings provided in developing a finance action plan: Develop or retrofit and deploy technical resources on a finance plan for GBF-aligned NBSAP actions, including case studies, templates, and examples. Hold a massive open online course on developing a finance action plan and facilitate south-south exchanges.	2025-02-28	n/a	10%	Delivered 3 Regional Inception and Technical Support Workshops for Africa, Asia Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe countries in the framework of the GBF-EAS Project with dedicated sessions on biodiversity finance and subsidies; Jointly with the CBD Secretariat, delivered 3 Regional NBSAP Dialogues covering Anglophone and Francophone Africa and the Pacific Countries with dedicated sessions on biodiversity finance and subsidies in NBSAPs update and implementation. However, currently	MS

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					considering needs and available technical support, including leveraging support to be provided from the GEF BIOFIN initiative.	
	4.5 Technical tools/ guidance/ trainings provided on biodiversity targets setting for finance sector	2025-02-28	n/a	90%	5 technical support resources made available under Component 4 of the EAS project. In specific, UNEP provided technical support on biodiversity finance-related activities to ensure parties have improved capacities for defining biodiversity finance gaps and biodiversity target setting for the finance sector and identifying opportunities for resource mobilization. In addition, the support included development and deployment of technical resources for alignment of private sector financing with the needs for implementation of the KMGBF. As a result, significant progress has been made in mobilizing the global private finance sector towards addressing nature loss and aligning with GBF goals. This has been achieved through a range of activities including: • Awareness and Capacity Building: This involves creating platforms for knowledge exchange and capacity building within the financial industry, online webinars and communications activities. Technical	HS

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					<p>Guidance Development: Development and dissemination of new technical guidance and knowledge documents. These resources are providing financial institutions with a clearer understanding and actionable steps towards integrating nature considerations into their operational frameworks. These resources include: i) the launch of the PRB Nature Guidance, which provides a practical framework for banks to act on nature loss and set nature targets aligning with the GBF objectives, co-developed with 35 UNEP FI members banks and partners including UNEP-WCMC, the CBD Secretariat, SBTN and the TNFD; knowledge products under the Biodiversity Credit Alliance; ii) Building just partnership in Biodiversity Credits; and iii) Demand-side sources and motivations for biodiversity credits. •Direct Support to Countries: In collaboration with UNDP-BIOFIN, UNEP FI has extended support to countries in leveraging their private finance sectors for NBSAPs revision and understanding how private finance can actively contribute to GBF implementation. This has included: i) Establishing the Public-Private</p>	

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
					Community of Practice for Nature and Development Finance; ii) Releasing the briefing note “Engaging Private Finance in the NBSAP Review and Implementation: Signposts for Policymakers”; and iii) In-person Community of Practice roundtable as part of the UNEP FI Latin America Regional Roundtable. Delivered 3 technical support workshops in 2023 for all UNEP supported countries with dedicated sessions on biodiversity financing and development of finance plans. In addition, jointly with CBD Secretariat, delivered 3 NBSAPs dialogues in 2024 covering African countries and the Pacific Island countries to facilitate peer learning and south to south cooperation and information exchange with dedicated session on biodiversity finance.	
	4.6 Develop or retrofit, validate and deploy technical tools/ guidance/ trainings on linking natural capital accounting and economics of nature to policy choice: Retrofit and roll out technical resources on developing natural capital accounting and applying economics of nature to policy choice, based on UNEP’s experience with SEEA ecosystems accounts and the TEEB Initiative.	2025-02-28	n/a	15%	Delivered 3 Regional Inception and Technical Support Workshops for Africa, Asia Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe countries in the framework of the GBF-EAS Project with dedicated sessions on ecosystems services and natural capital accounting; Jointly with the CBD Secretariat, delivered 3 Regional NBSAP Dialogues covering Anglophone and	MS

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
					Francophone Africa and the Pacific Countries with dedicated sessions on ecosystems services and natural capital accounting in NBSAPs update and implementation. Currently delivering more direct support to targeted countries in addition to assessing country needs.	

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
The development of guidance materials may not be sufficiently paced to meet the needs of governments.	All	L	L						=	UNEP and UNDP have divided key tasks in developing methodologies, tools and guidance. Delays in agreement on the quality of materials

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										produced has resulted in some materials being released later than planned. Follow up with all partners is ongoing to support improved guidance and timely roll-out to Parties.
Some governments may not have adequate access to avail themselves of online courses and relevant materials	All	L	L						=	There is no indication that this risk has changed in the roll-out of the project to date
Ongoing COVID-19 – COVID-19 may disrupt the ability of governments to conduct in-person consultations	All	L	N/A						↓	The risks posed by COVID-19 have largely subsided. the virus is no longer posing a significant constraint to in-person meetings/consultations and other work.
Countries may not incorporate gender-responsive measures into policies to address gender gaps or promote gender equality and women’s empowerment	All	L	L						=	Guidance has been made available to Parties on applying gender-responsive measures. and progress is being captured in country reports. Focus on gender and type of activities varies considerably among countries.
		L	L						=	

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

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

5 Amendment - GeoSpatial

Project Minor Amendments

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

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

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

Minor amendments

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

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision

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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 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
Nairobi. Kenya	1.2921	36.8219			Multiple project meetings and events held during CBD intersessional meetings and UNEP meetings. including UNEA-6
Montreal. Canada	45.5019	73.5674			CBD COP15 - global inception workshop
Istanbul. Turkey	41.0082	28.9784			Regional Inception and Technical Support Workshop
Lome. Togo	6.1296	1.2197			Regional Inception and Technical Support Workshop
Nadi. Fiji	17.7806	177.4299			Sub-regional NBSAP dialogue. EAS sub-regional inception meeting and Target 3 Workshop
Naivasha. Kenya	0.7172	36.4310			Kenya's BIOFIN Consultation Meeting
Abuja. Nigeria	9.0563	7.4985			EAS National Inception

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
					Workshop
Yaoundé. Cameroon	3.8617	11.5202			Sub-regional training workshop on DaRT
Rome. Italy	41.8967	12.4822			Target 2 Workshop
Conakry. Guinea	9.5091	13.7119			National inception workshop
Cambridge. UK	52.1951	0.1313			Consultation and scoping meeting for the Global Knowledge Support Service for Biodiversity

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

[Annex any linked geospatial file]

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