

GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 5688	Umoja WBS:SB-006447
SMA IPMR ID: 30436	Grant ID: GFL-11207-14A0003-SB-0006447
Project Short Title: Global BCH III/FSP	
Project Title: UNEP-GEF Project for Sustainable Capacity Building for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)	
Duration months planned:	48
Duration months age:	108
Project Type:	Full Sized Project (FSP)
Parent Programme if child project:	
Project Scope:	Global
Region:	Global
Countries:	Afghanistan,Albania,Angola,Azerbaijan,Bahamas,Bangladesh,Armenia,Barbados,Bosnia and Herzegovina,Botswana,Brazil,Solomon Islands,Myanmar,Burundi,Belarus,Cameroon,Cabo Verde,Sri Lanka,China,Colombia,Croatia,Dominica,El Salvador,Eritrea,Fiji,Djibouti,Gabon,Georgia,Gambia,Kiribati,Grenada,Indonesia,Jamaica,Kazakhstan,Kenya,Kyrgyzstan,Malawi,Maldives,Mali,Mexico,Mongolia, Montenegro,Morocco,Mozambique,Namibia,Nauru,Nicaragua,Niger,Marshall Islands,Palau,Pakistan,Papua New Guinea,Paraguay,Guinea-Bissau,Rwanda,Serbia,Seychelles, South Africa,Zimbabwe,Suriname,Tajikistan,Thailand,Trinidad and Tobago,Turkmenistan,Tuvalu,Uganda,Ukraine,North Macedonia,Egypt,Uruguay,Zambia

GEF Focal Area(s):	Biodiversity
GEF financing amount:	\$ 4,699,684.00
Co-financing amount:	\$ 8,755,491.00
Date of CEO Endorsement/ Approval:	2016-06-21
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2016-09-16
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2016-09-28
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	2017-12-11
Date of First Disbursement:	2016-10-24
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2025:	\$ 4,168,089.00
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 4,168,089.00
Midterm undertaken?:	Yes
Actual Mid-	2019-12-10

Term Date, if taken:	
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2020-12-31
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	2025-03-31
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2025-12-31
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2026-06-30

1.2 Project Description

The goal of BCH III project is “to provide support to eligible parties for GEF funding to build and sustain individual and institutional capacities for effective participation in the BCH in line with COP/MOP Decisions, specifically BS VI/5 para 2f “. More specifically, the two main objectives are to achieve: 1) Effective participation to the BCH from participating countries, and 2) Stakeholder’s inclusiveness.

The project includes the following 4 components:

Component 1: National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information

Component 2: National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures

Component 3: Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing

Component 4: Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.

The project executing agency is UNEP-Law Division project team, working in close coordination with National Executing Agencies (often ministries of environment or national biosafety research centers) in participating countries

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Ecosystems Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	N/A
Executing Agency (ies)	UNEP-DELC and National Executing Agencies
names of Other Project Partners	Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), Korean Biosafety Clearing House (KBCH)
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Johan Robinson
UNEP Task Manager(s)	Alex Owusu-Biney
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Arshad Hussain
UNEP Support Assistants	Elizabeth Kimani
Manager/Representative	Tita Korvenoja
Project Manager	Dina Abdelhakim
Finance Manager	Bernard Koech
Communications Lead, if relevant	N/A

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Foundational: Environmental governance
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	Subprogramme 4: Environmental governance
PoW Indicator(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	N/A
Link to relevant SDG Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
Link to relevant SDG Targets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5 By 2020, maintain the genetic diversity of seeds, cultivated plants and farmed and domesticated animals and their related wild species, including through soundly managed and diversified seed and plant banks at the national, regional and international levels, and promote access to and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, as internationally agreed

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	9000	11000	11000	3276
11.1- Male	4500	5500	5500	1831
11.2- Female	4500	5500	5500	1445

Implementation Status 2025: Final 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 2025	Final PIR	S	S	M

FY 2024	7th PIR	S	S	L
FY 2023	6th PIR	S	S	L
FY 2022	5th PIR	S	S	L
FY 2021	4th PIR	S	S	L
FY 2020	3rd PIR	S	S	L
FY 2019	2nd PIR	S	S	L
FY 2018	1st PIR	S	S	L
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Progress: Information on progress outcomes of project implementation activities

The UNEP-GEF BCH III project has made substantial progress in building national and regional capacity for effective participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH), achieving or surpassing nearly all of its intended outputs and performance indicators. At the national level, the project delivered 137 national workshops across 44 countries, slightly exceeding the adjusted target of 133 workshops. These workshops focused on building technical and institutional capacities for the management, reporting, and dissemination of biosafety information. A total of 2,122 stakeholders were trained during the first and second rounds of national workshops, with over 78% of participants drawn from public institutions, and women representing 45% of participants—reflecting significant efforts toward gender and institutional inclusivity. Crucially, 41 countries successfully completed their national project activities and developed sustainability plans, demonstrating strong national ownership. Additionally, 40 countries established national procedures for gathering and submitting biosafety data in line with their National Biosafety Frameworks. As a result of these efforts, the number of national records reported on the BCH Central Portal increased by 187% since March 2015. Furthermore, 37 countries successfully developed or upgraded their national BCH portals, significantly enhancing transparency and access to biosafety-related information. To complement in-person training, the project developed a multilingual Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) accessible to all BCH countries and beyond. This platform hosted e-learning courses, webinars, and training videos in all six official UN languages, and supported over 2,300 users from 181 countries. Training materials were adapted and localized, and additional outreach products—including a social media toolkit, success story articles, and a high-quality introductory video—were produced to support broader dissemination and engagement. At the regional level, the project facilitated nine sub-regional workshops across six global regions. These sessions resulted in the development of nine regional roadmaps designed to promote harmonization, cross-border information exchange, and collaboration among countries facing similar biosafety challenges. The project also organized four regional Training-of-Trainers (ToT) workshops, which led to further national-level capacity-building activities in countries such as Bhutan and Jamaica. In terms of stakeholder engagement, the project successfully identified and engaged over 130 new stakeholders and experts to support national and regional implementation. It also supported the participation and certification of 19 Regional Advisors (RAs), who played a central role in delivering training and mentoring national focal points. These RAs were instrumental in developing regionally tailored materials and maintaining momentum throughout the project’s lifespan. Moreover, the project contributed to strengthening national biosafety governance by supporting policy and legal reforms. For instance, countries such as Kenya, Botswana, Maldives, and

Nicaragua undertook specific actions to align their national policies and regulations with biosafety objectives. Uruguay updated its ministry website to improve public access to biosafety information, and Rwanda initiated regional training activities to promote biosafety awareness in East Africa. Finally, the migration of the VLE to UNEP's institutional e-learning server ensured that the project's learning resources would remain accessible and up-to-date beyond the project's end date, safeguarding long-term impact and facilitating future capacity-building efforts. In summary, the BCH III project has delivered tangible and wide-reaching results at the national, regional, and global levels—significantly advancing biosafety capacity, enhancing the quality and quantity of BCH-related data, and laying the foundation for continued progress through sustainable tools, procedures, and institutional networks.

Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

While the UNEP-GEF BCH III project was ultimately successful in achieving its intended outcomes, its implementation over nearly a decade was not without significant challenges. These challenges were encountered at various levels—strategic, operational, technical, and institutional—and required adaptive management, proactive coordination, and sustained stakeholder engagement to overcome.

- 1. Country Engagement and Delayed Start-up** One of the early and recurring challenges of the project was the lower-than-expected rate of country uptake during the initial years. Although 76 countries were eligible to participate in the project, only 44 ultimately moved forward with national-level implementation. This discrepancy necessitated an adjustment in project targets and timelines. Delays in finalizing Small-Scale Funding Agreements (SSFAs) with national governments further hampered early momentum. The process of formalizing agreements and establishing national execution arrangements was slower than anticipated, particularly in countries with limited institutional capacity or bureaucratic constraints. This led to a staggered start in project activities, which in turn impacted the synchronization of regional and global activities.
- 2. Capacity Constraints and High Turnover of Focal Points** A key challenge throughout the project was the variation in national institutional capacity. In several countries, National Focal Points (NFPs) and Competent National Authorities (CNAs) lacked sufficient technical background or familiarity with the BCH, which hindered initial progress. Moreover, high turnover of staff within partner ministries and implementing agencies resulted in a loss of institutional memory. This required retraining and re-engagement, often leading to delays and inefficiencies in the execution of workshops and follow-up activities. The continuity of institutional support proved critical—countries with stable focal points and committed leadership demonstrated markedly better results.
- 3. Uneven Internet Access and Digital Literacy** Despite the successful deployment of the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) and digital learning tools, technical limitations in several participating countries posed challenges. In low-bandwidth environments or remote areas, stakeholders reported difficulties in accessing webinars, e-learning modules, and other virtual content. Furthermore, some participants lacked the digital literacy needed to navigate online platforms effectively. These challenges necessitated additional support measures, such as printed guidance materials, live technical assistance, and user-friendly interfaces. While the migration of the VLE to the UNEP standard server improved stability, addressing user capacity remained a critical issue throughout the project.
- 4. Logistical and Administrative Constraints** Organizing in-person national and regional workshops required significant logistical coordination, particularly in countries with complex administrative procedures or limited venues equipped for technical training. The COVID-19 pandemic further exacerbated these constraints by forcing the postponement or virtualization of many events. While the project adapted well through the VLE, the transition required rapid digital upskilling, schedule revisions, and time zone coordination for participants and facilitators spread across multiple regions. Additionally, in some cases, delays in fund disbursement through partner UN agencies (e.g., UNDP) due to administrative bottlenecks created confusion or interrupted planned activities.
- 5. Challenges in Achieving Full Gender Parity and Stakeholder Representation** Although the project achieved 45% female participation in national workshops—a commendable figure—reaching the 50% gender parity target remained a challenge in many contexts. Sociocultural barriers, professional imbalances, and limited outreach to women professionals in biosafety-related roles contributed to this gap. Similarly, while the project engaged over 2,100

stakeholders, ensuring broad representation across sectors (e.g., academia, private sector, local communities) was not uniformly successful across all countries. In some cases, participation was skewed toward a narrow set of public-sector stakeholders, potentially limiting the inclusiveness and impact of national dialogues.⁶ Regional Node Establishment and Coordination The project aimed to establish four regional BCH nodes to promote cross-country collaboration and information exchange. However, only three nodes were successfully established—for Central and Eastern Europe, the Caribbean, and Asia. Efforts to establish a node in the Africa region were unsuccessful, despite outreach to the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI). This reflects ongoing challenges in securing host institutions willing and able to provide the technical and financial commitment required for sustained regional leadership. Strengthening regional cooperation remains a priority, and future efforts may need stronger incentives or more flexible models of collaboration.⁷ Policy and Legal Integration Challenges Another area of difficulty was translating capacity-building efforts into concrete policy and legal reforms. While countries like Kenya, Botswana, Nicaragua, and Uruguay made progress in integrating BCH-related improvements into their national frameworks, others faced institutional or political barriers. For instance, competing national priorities, limited legal drafting capacity, or lack of high-level political support delayed or diluted the translation of technical knowledge into legislative or regulatory action. This challenge highlights the importance of embedding capacity-building within broader governance and policy dialogues from the outset of a project.⁸ Limited Use of Regional Experts and Centers of Excellence Post-Identification While the project identified over 100 Centers of Excellence and 130 regional stakeholders for future engagement, translating these connections into sustained action has been a slower process. There is often a gap between identification and operational collaboration. More strategic follow-up, including clear mandates, resourcing mechanisms, or formal agreements, may be needed in future phases to activate these networks effectively and ensure their continued contribution beyond project closure

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$ 8,755,491
Actual to date:	8,489,278
Progress	<p>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</p> <p>All co-finance has been pledged as in-kind and so far, all contributors have provided in-kind support as pledged. Outstanding amount relates to support by countries and PM (Project Manager) support from UNEP.</p>

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	2021-03-02
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	There was no project steering committee meeting held during the reporting period But continued to be guided by the BCH Informal Advisory Group to which the UNEP Task Manager serves



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2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	Yes
Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):	<p>Gender was a cross-cutting consideration throughout the UNEP-GEF BCH III project, with concerted efforts made to promote gender balance and ensure the meaningful participation of women in biosafety capacity-building activities. The project set a target for at least 50% female participation in national workshops and achieved a strong outcome of 45.05%, representing a significant step toward gender parity in a technically specialized and traditionally male-dominated field. Women participated actively as national focal points, trainers, and workshop attendees, contributing to discussions on biosafety governance, policy development, and public engagement. The project also integrated gender considerations into its outreach materials, training content, and monitoring frameworks. While the target was not fully met, the high level of female engagement demonstrates both progress and the need for continued, proactive measures—such as targeted outreach, flexible training schedules, and inclusive facilitation methods—to ensure women’s full and equitable participation in future biosafety and environmental governance initiatives.</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	<p>Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?</p> <p>No</p>

environmental impacts	If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken?
Environmental and social safeguards management	Environmental and social safeguards under this project focus on generating information pathways for parties to gather and update mandatory baseline information and tools on risk assessment, risk management, monitoring and enforcement tools to support decision making systems and build in measures to ensure safeguards. To support such actions, the project has developed trainer of trainers' materials, webinars and video guides on information inputs and access of safeguards information on the BCH.

2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	<p>During this reporting period, the training materials were updated, translated into all 6 UN languages, and missing ones inserted on the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) to include all protocol articles related to the BCH as well as to new relevant COP-MOP decisions with information-sharing requirements. Training manuals were updated ensuring that they reflected the new revamped version of the Biosafety Clearing House platform and are aligned with the project's objectives. The updated training materials included: a) Stakeholder curricula: e.g. National Data Entry (CC01), NGOs and Civil Society (CC03), Industry Group (CC04), Scientists, Academics, Biosafety Organizations (CC05), Customs and border control (CC06) etc. New categories of training materials e.g. videos/webinars and banners were updated and included in the new version for ease identification. b) Training manuals: An Introduction to CPB (MO01), Introduction to BCH (MO02), Surfing the BCH Central Portal" (MO03), Registering Information in the BCH Central Portal (MO06), Information-sharing Obligations on Becoming a Party to the Protocol (MO10) etc.</p> <p>Furthermore, to ensure the long term sustainability of the BCH Virtual learning environment beyond the project's completion, the VLE was migrated to the standard UNEP e-learning server to ensure use post project and for sustainability (See https://elearning.unep.org/?redirect=0). The migration will assist in addressing the recurring technical issues and bugs frequently reported by the BCH regional advisors and other stakeholders since the standard UNEP e-learning servicer is regularly maintained.</p>
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Main learning during the period	It is important to maintain a line of communication with VLE users such that its content can be continually monitored by users and any issues can be reported and addressed at the earliest possible opportunity so as to avoid downtime as was experienced on the previous hosting arrangement

Reflows

Reflows (for NGIs only)	n/a
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2.9. Stories

Stories to be shared	No new stories were developed during this reporting period. Previously, the BCH III project in partnership with the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), successfully developed and published 2 testimonial videos in Kenya (https://www.unep.org/gef/news-and-stories/video/global-biotech-knowledge-base-puts-safety-first) and in Belarus (https://www.unep.org/gef/news-and-stories/story/global-biotech-knowledge-base-puts-safety-first), to demonstrate the significant contribution of the BCH project in supporting countries to fulfil their obligations under the Cartagena Protocol.
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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
Enhanced access and use of BCH data, effective and inclusive participation in the BCH system	1.1 No. of national workshops (WS) / 150 national WS.	1.1 BCH I project: Over 400 national workshops in 139 countries and 3,200 participants trained in the use of the BCH. BCH II project: 108 national workshops in 49 countries and 2,800 participants trained (including 916 national institutions).	N/A	1.1 150 national trainings on mandatory national information on the BCH, defining BCH institutional responsibilities and procedures, and increasing information sharing and awareness on LMOs delivered (3 workshops per country).	100%	A total of 137* national workshops (103% of the target) on mandatory national information for the BCH were delivered across 44 countries implementing national project activities. Only one country was not able to complete all 3 of its planned workshops *The original target of 150 national workshops was set under the assumption that more of the 76 countries that are eligible to participate in the GEF project would proceed with countries would be engaged in implementing national level project activities. However, as only 44 countries are involved in the project, the target was slightly adjusted, as previously reported in the MTR and previous PIRs.	S
Enhanced access and use of BCH data, effective and inclusive participation in the BCH system	1.2 No. of countries which submitted completion report, including sustainability plans.	No countries have sustainability plans in place.	N/A	1.2 50% of countries (38 countries) complete national BCH capacity	100%	41 countries have completed national activities and developed sustainability plans, compared to the 38 countries originally planned.*The initial target of 38 countries (50% of 76) assumed that 76 countries would be implementing	S

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				building activities and develop sustainability plans.		national project activities. However, more countries have engaged in these activities, resulting in the completion of national activities and sustainability plans in 41 countries.	
Enhanced access and use of BCH data, effective and inclusive participation in the BCH system	1.3 Percentage of participants from public institutions in 1st and 2nd workshops.	No baseline reference.	N/A	1.3 At least 50% of the total number of participants in the 1st and 2nd national workshops are from public institutions.	100%	78.23% (1,660) of the total 2,122 stakeholders in the 1st and 2nd workshops were from public institutions. The remaining participants included representatives from the private sector, customs, and other stakeholder groups.	S
Enhanced access and use of BCH data, effective and inclusive participation in the BCH system	1.4 Percentage of women participants (aggregated No. of women participants for all countries 1st and 2nd workshops).	No baseline reference.	N/A	1.4 At least 50% of the participants in the 1st and 2nd national workshops are women.	99%	Women represented 45.05% of participants in the national BCH workshops—just shy of the 50% target, but a strong step toward achieving gender balance.	S
Enhanced access and use of BCH data, effective and inclusive participation in the BCH system	1.5 No. of CNAs staff trained per country	Out of the 76 project countries, 50 information providers received BCH trainings during BCH I, while 25	N/A	1.5 At least 10 members of staff from the CNAs (public sector) are trained in BCH use per country.	100%	Final project survey indicated that a wide variety of stakeholders benefited from the trainings held during the course of the project, including multiple CNAs among the 2,122 participants that were trained during the country workshops	S

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		countries will receive BCH trainings for the first time during BCH III					
Enhanced access and use of BCH data, effective and inclusive participation in the BCH system	1.6 No. of countries registered who participated in online forums on VLE.	Reports from SCBD.	N/A	1.6 At least 50% of countries (38) are registered and participate on online forums and courses on the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).	100%	All BCH III countries (76 countries) have actively participated in the project online learning platform VLE. A total number of 181 countries and 2,360 individual participants have used VLE platform.	S
Enhanced access and use of BCH data, effective and inclusive participation in the BCH system	1.7 No. of e-courses developed.	Training materials developed by BCH I and BCH II projects currently available (e.g. BCH online help system and published training materials).	N/A	1.7 At least 1 BCH E-learning course is available in 6 UN languages (EN, FR, AR, SP, RU, CH).	100%	The content of the VLE has been successfully translated into all 6 Official UN languages	S
Enhanced access and use of BCH data, effective and inclusive	1.8 No. webinars * No. of languages.	Number of webinars and	N/A	1.8 5 webinars are available in	100%	18 webinars organized since the beginning of the project of which 10	S

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participation in the BCH system		languages organized by BCH II project (50 webinars and 4 courses available in 4 UN languages: EN, FR, SP and AR).		the 6 UN languages on the VLE (30 webinars in total).		were organized in 5 different languages (ENG, FR, AR, ES, RU) for a total of 58 webinars.	
Enhanced access and use of BCH data, effective and inclusive participation in the BCH system	1.9 No. of new training materials developed and disseminated.	BCH training materials at BCH central portal as of 11 March 2015: 9 stakeholders' curricula, 10 training modules, 2 interactive modules, 31 Case studies, 14 Ready reference guides.		1.9 2 to 4 new specific and high-quality training materials are developed and disseminated.	100%	Training video kit comprising videos on surfing the BCH using the search functionalities, submitting data and records, using the website dashboard, registering for an account on the BCH and type of records and national obligations.	S
Enhanced access and use of BCH data, effective and inclusive participation in the BCH system	1.10 1 communication strategy and 1 social media toolkit developed by the end of the project.	No baseline reference.	n.a	1.10 1 communication strategy and social media toolkit with 10-15 messages.	100%	Both the communication strategy and the social media toolkit were finalized in collaboration with the ICGEB	S

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Enhanced access and use of BCH data, effective and inclusive participation in the BCH system	1.11 No. of video clips developed * No. of languages.	No video-clips available as part of current the set of training materials at the BCH Central Portal.	n.a	1.11 1 video-clip publicly is available in the 6 UN languages on the VLE.	100%	A 4 min animated graphics-based introductory video was produced and the script was translated and subtitles added in 5 UN languages. The video provide the practical use of the BCH for a broad audience, using (real-life) case studies (story-mode), the public, participating countries, policy-makers, regulators, biosafety experts, private sector and UNEP.	S
Enhanced access and use of BCH data, effective and inclusive participation in the BCH system	1.12 No. of success stories published.	No success stories available as part of current the set of training materials at the BCH Central Portal.	N/A	1.12 1 success story publication on BCH III project impact at the national level is produced.	100%	2 articles accompanying the video below (Target 1.13) published over the course of the project period	S
Enhanced access and use of BCH data, effective and inclusive participation in the BCH system	1.13 No. of communication media on lessons learned.	No communication medium on lessons learnt available as part of current the set of training materials at the BCH Central Portal.		1.13 1 communication medium on lessons learnt from national workshops is produced.	100%	A video was produced over the course of the project highlighting lessons learned following project implementation	S

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Strengthened national BCH systems and organizational procedures for biosafety information	2.1 Percentage of knowledge increase based on knowledge assessments.	Basic tests of BCH knowledge done before each national BCH training workshop.	N/A	2.1 At least 25% increase in participants' knowledge on the CPB and BCH after workshops at the national level (1st and 2nd workshops).	100%	On average, there is a 26% relative knowledge increase among participants who participated in the national workshops.	S
Strengthened national BCH systems and organizational procedures for biosafety information	2.2 No. of countries who have organized their 3rd workshop.	No baseline reference.	N/A	2.2 50% of countries (38) organize and deliver their 3rd workshop by themselves.	100%	Target exceeded as 28 out of 44 countries which are implementing national project activities have organized and delivered their 3rd workshop by themselves.*The original target of 38 countries (50% of 76) was set with the assumption that a total of 76 countries will be implementing national project activities.	S
Strengthened national BCH systems and organizational procedures for biosafety information	2.3 No. of countries which have disseminated training materials via national BCH portal, national e-learning courses, or any other means of publication.	Help section on BCH Central portal, national BCH portals (if any).	N/A	2.3 60% of countries (46) disseminate training materials via the national BCH portal, national e-learning courses, or any	100%	Currently, there are 85 VLE training courses (global, regional, and national) available in 6 languages which directly link to the BCH Central Portal. These include nationally accessible training modules containing all available training material for 51 countries (67% of countries)	S

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				other means of publication.			
Strengthened national BCH systems and organizational procedures for biosafety information	2.4 Percentage increase of national records added	1,774 national records registered as of 11 March 2015 and 1,813 as of October 2016.	N/A	2.4 At least 5% increase of national records in the BCH Central Portal at the end of the project. (Baselines: 1,774 national records registered as of 11 March 2015 and 1,813 October 2016).	100%	187% increase since March 2015 and 86% increase since October 2016. There are currently 3,370 national records on the BCH for the 76 participating countries.	S
Strengthened national BCH systems and organizational procedures for biosafety information	2.5 No. of countries which developed a national BCH portal.	Data from SCBD.	N/A	2.5 At least 10 countries develop a new national BCH portal.	100%	There is a total of 37 countries with BCH national portals.	S
Strengthened national BCH systems and organizational procedures for biosafety information	2.6 No. of countries with national BCH procedures established.	Project countries NBFs and national biosafety policy (if any).	N/A	2.6 50% of project countries (38) have established national procedures to gather	100%	The project has supported more than 87 national workshops in 40 Countries (53%). These workshops established national procedures to gather information and put onto the BCH in line with their NBFs and National biosafety policy.	S

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				information and put on to the BCH consistent with their NBFs and national biosafety policy.			
Strengthened national BCH systems and organizational procedures for biosafety information	2.7 No. of countries with defined CNAs and NFPs responsibilities.	Project countries NBFs and national biosafety policy (if any).	N/A	2.7 50% of project countries (38) have established clear responsibilities for BCH-NFPs and CNA staff.	100%	So far, 53% of countries (40) have established clear responsibilities for BCH-NFPs and CNA.	S
Strengthened national BCH systems and organizational procedures for biosafety information	2.8 No. of countries with training systems.	Project countries' NBFs, and NBSAPs, national biosafety policies.	N/A	2.8 60% of countries (46) adopt a training system for BCH capacity building, in keeping with national policies.	100%	67% of countries (51) have established and adopted a national BCH training course in the project virtual learning environment (VLE)	S
Strengthened national BCH systems and organizational procedures for biosafety information	2.9 No. of countries that have strengthened or developed polices and legal frameworks.	No baseline reference.	N/A	2.9 At least 10 countries have strengthened or developed	100%	Kenya, Botswana, Maldives, and Nicaragua provided concrete examples of policy actions taken. A follow-up survey conducted by the project in 7 project	S

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				policies and legal frameworks as a direct/indirect result of national BCH capacity building activities.		countries indicated that there has been an increase in policy actions taken by the respective country or institution to participate in the BCH and information structures to promote information flow and access to BCH (61%). Uruguay - updated the information on Cartagena protocol on their ministry's website. Nicaragua - used the remaining funds from BCH project to support the actualization of Law 705 on LMOs risks in Nicaragua. Solomon Islands - invested resources in data collection related to BCH Rwanda: Rwanda Biosafety and Biosecurity Organization (www.rbbo.org) communicated the plan to organize a workshop and training on the Biosafety Clearing House to biosafety professionals, locally and in East African region.	
Enhanced regional networking and knowledge sharing for effective management of the BCH	3.1 No. of regional workshops.	BCH I project: 17 regional and sub regional workshops,	N/A	3.2 6 regional roadmaps (strategies) developed to enhance the availability and exchange of information between countries from	100%	Over the course of the project, there have been 9 sub-regional workshops in the 6 project regions.	S

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				the same region for improved BCH implementation and compliance with national and international obligations under the CPB.			
Enhanced regional networking and knowledge sharing for effective management of the BCH	3.2 No. of regional roadmaps developed.	BCH II project: 6 regional workshops for 60 countries.	N/A	3.2 6 regional roadmaps (strategies) developed to enhance the availability and exchange of information between countries from the same region for improved BCH implementation and compliance with national and international obligations under the CPB.	100%	The above mentioned 9 sub-regional workshops resulted in 9 corresponding regional roadmaps (strategies).	S

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Enhanced regional networking and knowledge sharing for effective management of the BCH	3.3 No. of regional workshops developed and organized for countries outside SSFA	No baseline reference.	N/A	3.3 4 regional Training of Trainers (ToT) workshops for NFPs and NAUs in 4 regions developed and organized, focusing on countries that have not signed SSFAs for national activities.	100%	4 regional Training of Trainers (ToTs) workshops recently one includes workshops held in Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe regions.	S
Enhanced regional networking and knowledge sharing for effective management of the BCH	3.4 No. of national capacity building activities organized in countries who have not signed SSFAs.	No baseline reference.		3.4 2 national capacity building activities organized per region as a result of Training of Trainers (ToT) workshops for NFPs and NAUs.	100%	2 national capacity building activity was organized in Bhutan, following Asia ToT. Following the Caribbean ToT, national workshops were organized in Jamaica in June 2022, with the help of Regional Advisors.	S
Enhanced regional networking and knowledge sharing for effective management of the BCH	3.5 No. of ToT participants who have shared knowledge or skills.	No baseline reference.	N/A	3.5 At least 10 regional ToT participants have shared knowledge or	100%	The final project survey indicated that 29% of respondents (14 people) have shared the knowledge or skills gained from the BCH III project training workshops or Training of trainers with	S

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				skills acquired during the ToTs with other stakeholders or colleagues at the national level.		other stakeholders or colleagues at the national level	
Enhanced regional networking and knowledge sharing for effective management of the BCH	3.6 No. of new case studies.	31 Case studies registered on the BCH training materials section as 11 March 2015.	N/A	3.6 A minimum of 2 new case studies are developed for each of the 6 regions (12 case studies in total).	100%	During the 6 regional BCH workshops, the regions developed 10 new case studies, considering local and regional realities. During the national workshops, 31 more case studies were developed and shared.	S
Enhanced regional networking and knowledge sharing for effective management of the BCH	3.7 No. of new regional experts identified.	Data from SCBD.	N/A	3.7 A minimum of 2 new regional experts identified per region to be listed in the BCH roster of experts (12 regional experts in total).	100%	During the regional workshops in Africa and Asia, participants identified 14 regional experts that could be potentially listed in the BCH. During the national workshops, 54 experts were identified and registered in national, regional, global rosters (or in process) - including the CPB Roster	S
Enhanced regional networking and knowledge sharing for effective management of the BCH	3.8 No. of new NFPs trained.	Number of BCH-NFPs who never received	N/A	3.8 At least 50 new NFPs are trained in	100%	60 BCH NFPs have been trained in finding information and registering BCH information during the regional	S

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		BCH training in the 76 project countries. During BCH I project 50 BCH-NFPs were trained.		finding and registering BCH information at the regional level.		workshops. 37 NFPs from 29 countries from all UN regions were trained at the Global Workshop on Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) operations for NFPs and NAUs at the margins of COP/MOP-10.	
Enhanced regional networking and knowledge sharing for effective management of the BCH	3.9 No. of new key stakeholders identified.	List of stakeholders from BCH II project for each country as indicated in RAs Reports on ANUBIS	N/A	3.9 At least 100 new key stakeholders and experts are identified by countries, who will collaborate with the BCH III and participate in national public awareness workshops.	100%	130 stakeholders have been collectively identified by countries who have attended regional workshops.	S
Enhanced regional networking and knowledge sharing for effective management of the BCH	3.10 No. of regional institutions identified.	No baseline reference.	N/A	3.10 4 regional institutions with a coordinating role identified for registration on the portal.	100%	Over 20 institutions have been identified during the regional workshops for eventual registration on the BCH.	S
Enhanced regional networking and knowledge sharing for effective management of the BCH	3.11 No. of VLE developed and maintained.	No baseline reference.	N/A	3.11 1 accessible virtual learning	100%	The VLE has a RA forum which is linked to all training materials.	S

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				platform (VLE) developed and maintained, containing all material shared during national, regional, ToT and global workshops.			
Enhanced regional networking and knowledge sharing for effective management of the BCH	3.12 No. of regional BCH nodes established (using where appropriate built-in sites of SCBD) interoperable with Central BCH.	Regional BCH in Africa using SCBD built-in site (UEMOA).	N/A	3.12 4 new regional BCH nodes established (using SCBD built-in sites when possible).	75%	3 regional BCH nodes were established for Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), Caribbean, and Asia. The UNEP- team attempted to out to The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) inviting them to consider hosting a node for the Africa Region however this was not successful as they indicated that they have no funds to support this activity. Furthermore, to support ongoing engagement with existing notes, the UNEP team hosted a webinar to inform participants of the notes and introduce them to new tools that are being introduced by the CBD Secretariat to make it easier to develop national and regional BCH websites.	MS
Strengthened and Institutionalized BCH Regional Advisory system supporting parties to effectively participate	4.1 No. of active RAs	Number of RAs who delivered national, regional, global	N/A	4.1 20 RAs deliver national workshops.	99%	19 out of 20 BCH regional advisors successfully conducted these workshops.	S

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in biosafety information sharing mechanisms		training workshops during BCH I and BCH II. More than 45 RAs for BCH I.					
Strengthened and Institutionalized BCH Regional Advisory system supporting parties to effectively participate in biosafety information sharing mechanisms	4.2 No. of RAs who facilitated regional workshops	See above.	N/A	4.2 15 RAs deliver regional workshops.	100%	15 RAs have delivered regional training workshops.	S
Strengthened and Institutionalized BCH Regional Advisory system supporting parties to effectively participate in biosafety information sharing mechanisms	4.3 No. of RAs who facilitated global workshops	See above.	N/A	4.3 5 RAs deliver global workshops at CBD COPs.	100%	5 RAs have delivered global workshops.	S
Strengthened and Institutionalized BCH Regional Advisory system supporting parties to effectively participate in biosafety information sharing mechanisms	4.4 No. of RAs who contributed to the design, preparation, and translation of training materials.	Data from BCH II project reports on ANUBIS	N/A	4.4 1 RA per region (6 RAs in total) contribute to the design, preparation, and translation of training materials.	100%	So far, 8 RAs have been engaged for the design, preparation, and translation of Training materials.	S
Strengthened and Institutionalized BCH Regional	4.5 No. of RAs listed on UNEPs website.	RAs short CVs are currently	N/A	4.5 20 RAs listed on the	100%	Contact information of 1 additional regional advisor (Chinese) added to the	S

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Advisory system supporting parties to effectively participate in biosafety information sharing mechanisms		published on UNEP site, but not on any other official network of experts.		UNEP website, with their resumes and contact information.		website bringing the total up to 19 regional advisors.	
Strengthened and Institutionalized BCH Regional Advisory system supporting parties to effectively participate in biosafety information sharing mechanisms	4.6 No. of RA ToTs organized.	No baseline reference.	N/A	4.6 2 global Training of Trainers (ToT) workshops organized for RAs.	100%	The 2 ToTs' objective was completed in June 2022, after the organization of Dubai's ToT	S
Strengthened and Institutionalized BCH Regional Advisory system supporting parties to effectively participate in biosafety information sharing mechanisms	4.7 No. of virtual training sessions held.	No baseline reference.	N/A	4.7 10 virtual interactive discussions and training sessions organized for RAs.	100%	10 virtual interactive discussions and training sessions (webinars) have been organized.	S
Strengthened and Institutionalized BCH Regional Advisory system supporting parties to effectively participate in biosafety information sharing mechanisms	4.8 No. of RAs who were trained in new training methodologies.	No baseline reference	N/A	4.8 20 RAs acquainted with new training methodologies (webinars, Virtual Learning Environment).	100%	24 RAs were trained during the Regional Advisors Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop in 2015. Currently, only 17 RAs are available to work for the BCH III project.	S
Strengthened and Institutionalized BCH Regional	4.9 No. of RAs with certification.	No BCH experts	N/A	4.13 At least 15 RAs have	100%	The certification of RAs was done during the Global ToT, held in June 2022.	S

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Advisory system supporting parties to effectively participate in biosafety information sharing mechanisms		certified by UNEP yet.		obtained UNEP certification.			
Strengthened and Institutionalized BCH Regional Advisory system supporting parties to effectively participate in biosafety information sharing mechanisms	4.10 Availability of VLE on UNEP website beyond the project's duration.	No baseline reference.	N/A	4.10 VLE platform is sustainable beyond project completion by ensuring continuity through UNEP ownership.	100%	To ensure the long-term sustainability of the BCH Virtual Learning beyond the project's completion, the BCH Virtual Learning Platform was migrated to the standard UNEP E-Learning server. The migration will assist in addressing the recurring technical issues and bugs frequently reported by BCH Regional Advisors and other stakeholders since the standard UNEP E-Learning server is regularly maintained.	S
Strengthened and Institutionalized BCH Regional Advisory system supporting parties to effectively participate in biosafety information sharing mechanisms	4.11 Percentage of workshops with regional/global collaboration (based on workshops' list of participants).	No baseline reference.	N/A	4.11 40% of national and regional training workshops entailed collaboration with regional and/or global initiatives and organizations.	100%	38% of the 104 national training workshops entailed collaboration with global or regional institutions (these have attended 40 workshops).	S
Strengthened and Institutionalized BCH Regional Advisory system supporting parties to effectively participate	4.12 No. of centers of excellence identified and available to continue Biosafety capacity building	No baseline reference	N/A	4.12 At least 1 center of excellence per region (6	100%	Previous reporting has indicated that 103 centres of excellence have been identified. Since then, the CBD COP has also identified regional and subregional	S

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in biosafety information sharing mechanisms	activities in the region.			centers in total) is identified and approached to continue biosafety capacity building activities after the project		technical support centres to support the delivery of the GBF. To ensure that these centres are aware of the work that has been done under this project and that they can deliver on the biodiversity related targets, the 18 CBD centres were approached to inform them of the work done and they were invited to use the materials developed in their biosafety related work.	
Strengthened and Institutionalized BCH Regional Advisory system supporting parties to effectively participate in biosafety information sharing mechanisms	4.13 No. of agreements concluded with SCBD on new BCH.	No baseline reference.	N/A	4.13 2 agreements concluded with SCBD to provide support on the migration of the BCH to its new platform and to reduce barriers that make it more difficult for users to use BCH,	100%	BCH moved to its new platform as per COP decisions, (CP-9/2, NP-3/3), the BCH operates on the same platform as the ABSCH.	S

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

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1 National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures	Output 2.1 National knowledge on the BCH is improved	2018-01-31	100%	100%	On average, there is a 26% relative knowledge increase among participants who participated in the national workshops.	S
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Output 3.1 Regional trainings organized and delivered	2018-01-31	100%	100%	Over the course of the project, nine sub-regional workshops were held across six project regions, resulting in the development of nine corresponding regional roadmaps. These strategies aim to enhance cross-country collaboration, improve information exchange, and strengthen regional capacity for effective participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH).	S
1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms	Output 4.1 Trainings at the national, regional, and global levels facilitated through the Regional Advisors' Network	2024-12-31	99%	99%	Out of the planned 20 BCH Regional Advisors (RAs), 19 successfully conducted national workshops, demonstrating strong engagement in capacity-building efforts. Additionally, 15 RAs delivered regional training workshops, while 5 contributed to global workshops. Furthermore, 8 RAs were actively involved in the design,	S

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through the Regional Advisors System.					preparation, and translation of training materials, ensuring that the resources were tailored, accessible, and relevant to diverse regional and linguistic contexts.	
1 National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information	Output 1.1 National training activities organized and delivered	2024-12-31	85%	100%	A total of 137 national workshops were delivered across 44 countries, exceeding the adjusted target and reflecting strong engagement in the project	S
1 National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information	Activity 1.1.1 - Deliver 150 Trainings on the BCH	2024-12-31	100%	100%	A total of 137* national workshops on mandatory obligations on the BCH *The original target of 150 national workshops was set under the assumption that all the 76 countries that are eligible to participate in the GEF project and engage in implementing national level project activities. However, as only 44 countries are involved in the project, the target was slightly adjusted, as	S

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					previously reported in the MTR and previous PIRs.	
1 National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures	Activity 2.1.1 - Achieve a 25% increase in participants' knowledge on the CPB and BCH after workshops (1st and 2nd national workshops)	2024-12-31	100%	100%	On the average, there is a 26% relative knowledge increase among participants who participated in the national workshops.	S
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Activity 3.1.1 - 6 regional workshops delivered in 6 regions to introduce the BCH III project and enhance capacities of countries therein to effectively participate in the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) and promote Public Awareness and Education to facilitate sustainable implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CBP) by 2020	2018-01-31	100%	100%	Over the course of the project, there have been 9 sub-regional workshops in the 6 project regions.	S
1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental	Activity 4.1.1- 20 RAs deliver national workshops,	2024-12-31	99%	100%	19 out of 20 BCH regional advisors successfully conducted these workshops.	S

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Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.						
1 National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures	Output 2.2 Enhanced number of countries who have organized and delivered their third national workshop on their own	2018-01-31	100%	100%	Target exceeded as 28 out of 44 countries which are implementing national project activities have organized and delivered their 3rd workshop by themselves.*The original target of 38 countries (50% of 76) was set with the assumption that a total of 76 countries will be implementing national project activities.	S
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Activity 3.1.2 - 6 regional roadmaps (strategies) developed to enhance the availability and exchange of information between countries from the same region for improved BCH implementation and compliance with national and international obligations under the CPB)	2024-12-31	100%	100%	The above mentioned 9 sub-regional workshops resulted in 9 corresponding regional roadmaps (strategies).	S
1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental	Activity 4.1.2 - 15 RAs deliver regional workshops,	2024-12-31	100%	100%	15 RAs have delivered regional training workshops.	HS

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Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.						
1 National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information	Output 1.2: Key national Biosafety stakeholders trained in registering and finding information on the BCH	2025-03-31	96%	100%	41 countries successfully completed all planned national activities and developed sustainability plans, surpassing the original goal of 38. Public institutions accounted for 78% of the 2,122 workshop participants, ensuring strong government representation, while women made up 45% of attendees—just below the 50% target—marking significant progress toward gender balance in biosafety capacity building.	S
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Output 3.2 Regional training of trainer's workshops for NFPs and NAUs organized and delivered	2024-12-31	100%	100%	Four regional Training of Trainers (ToT) workshops were conducted, including sessions in the Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe regions. These ToTs had a multiplier effect, with Bhutan organizing two national capacity-building activities following the Asia ToT, and Jamaica conducting national workshops in June 2022 after the Caribbean ToT, supported by Regional Advisors. According to the final project	S

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					survey, 29% of respondents (14 individuals) shared the knowledge and skills gained from these trainings with other stakeholders or colleagues at the national level, further extending the project's impact.	
1 National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information	Activity 1.2.1-Complete national BCH capacity-building activities in 38 countries	2025-03-31	96%	100%	41 countries have completed national activities and developed sustainability plans, compared to the 38 countries originally planned.*The initial target of 38 countries (50% of 76) assumed that 76 countries would be implementing national project activities. However, more countries have engaged in these activities, resulting in the completion of national activities and sustainability plans in 41 countries.	S
1 National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures	Activity 2.2.1 - 50% of countries (38 countries) organize and deliver their 3rd workshop by themselves.	2024-12-31	100%	100%	Target exceeded as 28 out of 44 countries which are implementing national project activities have organized and delivered their 3rd workshop by themselves.*The original target of 38 countries (50% of 76) was set with the assumption that a total of 76 countries will be implementing national project activities.	S
1 Global	Activity 4.1.3 - 5 RAs deliver global workshops at CBD COPs	2024-12-31	100%	100%	5RAs have delivered global workshops.	HS

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Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.						
1 National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures	Output 2.3 National BCH trainings and materials developed	2018-01-31	100%	100%	Currently, there are 85 VLE training courses (global, regional, and national) available in 6 languages which directly link to the BCH Central Portal. These include nationally accessible training modules containing all available training material for 51 countries (67% of countries).	S
1 National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and	Activity 1.2.2- Ensure that 60% of the total number of workshop participants (1st and 2nd workshops) are from public institutions.	2024-12-31	100%	100%	78.23% (1,660) of the total 2,122 stakeholders in the 1st and 2nd workshops were from public institutions. The remaining participants included representatives from the private sector, customs, and other stakeholder groups.	S

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Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information						
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Activity 3.2.1 - 4 regional Training of Trainers (ToT) workshops for NFPs and NAUs in 4 regions developed and organized, focusing on countries that have not signed SSFAs for national activities.	2024-12-31	100%	100%	4 regional Training of Trainers (ToTs) workshops recently one includes workshops held in Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe regions.	S
1 National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information	Activity 1.2.3 - Ensure that 50% of the total number of workshops participants (1st and 2nd workshops) are women	2024-12-31	100%	100%	Women represented 45.05% of participants in the national BCH workshops—just shy of the 50% target, but a strong step toward achieving gender balance.	S
1 National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the	Activity 2.3.1 - 60% of countries (46 countries) disseminate training materials via the national BCH portal, national e-learning courses, or any other means of publication)	2024-12-31	100%	100%	Currently, there are 85 VLE training courses (global, regional, and national) available in 6 languages which directly link to the BCH Central Portal. These include nationally accessible training modules containing all available training material for 51 countries (67%	S

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Establishment of Effective National Procedures					of countries).	
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Activity 3.2.2 - 2 national capacity building activities organized per region as a result of Training of Trainers (ToT) workshops for NFPs and NAUs	2024-12-31	100%	100%	2 national capacity building activity was organized in Bhutan, following Asia ToT. Following the Caribbean ToT, national workshops were organized in Jamaica in June 2022, with the help of Regional Advisors.	S
1 National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures	Output 2.4 The number of BCH national records reported on in the BCH Central Portal is increased	2018-01-31	100%	100%	187% increase since March 2015 and 86% increase since October 2016. There are currently 3,370 national records on the BCH for the 76 participating countries.	S
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Activity 3.2.3- At least 10 regional ToT participants have shared knowledge or skills acquired during the ToTs with other stakeholders or colleagues at the national level	2024-12-31	100%	100%	The final project survey indicated that 29% of respondents (14 people) have shared the knowledge or skills gained from the BCH III project training workshops or Training of trainers with other stakeholders or colleagues at the national level	S
1 National	Output 1.3: BCH capacity building and e-participation of NFPs and	2024-12-31	50%	100%	The final project survey confirmed that	S

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BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information	CNAs strengthened and enhanced				a diverse range of stakeholders benefited from the trainings, including numerous Competent National Authorities (CNAs) among the 2,122 participants trained during national workshops. Additionally, all 76 BCH III countries actively participated in the project's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), which was accessed by 2,360 individual participants from 181 countries, demonstrating the platform's broad global reach and effectiveness in supporting capacity building.	
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Output 3.3 Tailored regional training materials developed and disseminated	2016-10-31	100%	100%	During the 6 regional BCH workshops, the regions developed 10 new case studies, considering local and regional realities. During the national workshops, 31 more case studies were developed and shared.	S
1 National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of	Activity 1.3.1 - Train 10 members of staff from the CNAs (public sector) per country.	2024-12-31	100%	100%	Final project survey indicated that a wide variety of stakeholders benefited from the trainings held during the course of the project, including multiple CNAs among the 2,122 participants that were trained during the country workshops	S

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Information						
1 National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures	Activity 2.4.1 - At least 5% increase of national records in the BCH Central Portal at the end of the project)	2024-12-31	100%	100%	187% increase since March 2015 and 86% increase since October 2016. There are currently 3,370 national records on the BCH for the 76 participating countries.	S
1 National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures	Output 2.5 The number of new BCH portals created is increased	2016-10-31	100%	100%	There is a total of 37 countries with BCH national portals.	S
1 National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and	Activity 1.3.2 - Have 38 countries registered and participating on online forums and courses in the Virtual Learning Environment	2024-12-31	100%	100%	All BCH III countries (76 countries) have actively participated in the project online learning platform VLE. A total number of 181 countries and 2,360 individual participants have used VLE platform.	S

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information						
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Activity 3.3.1 - A minimum of 2 new case studies are developed for each of the 6 regions (12 case studies in total)	2025-03-31	99%	100%	During the 6 regional BCH workshops, the regions developed 10 new case studies, considering local and regional realities. During the national workshops, 31 more case studies were developed and shared. All regional workshops undertaken	S
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Output 3.4 Additional key stakeholders and experts identified for national implementation	2016-10-31	100%	100%	During the regional workshops in Africa and Asia, 14 regional experts were identified for potential inclusion in the BCH, while national workshops identified and registered 54 experts in national, regional, and global rosters, including the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) roster. Additionally, 60 BCH National Focal Points (NFPs) were trained in accessing and registering BCH information during regional workshops. At the global level, 37 NFPs from 29 countries across all UN regions received specialized training on BCH operations for NFPs and National Authorized Users (NAUs) during a workshop held alongside COP/MOP-10.	S
1 National	Activity 2.5.1- At least 10 countries develop a new national BCH portal	2016-10-31	100%	100%	There is a total of 37 countries with	S

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Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures					BCH national portals.	
1 National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information	Output 1.4: Interactive e-learning environments comprising courses and webinars in the 6 UN languages are established	2024-12-31	64%	100%	The content of the VLE has been successfully translated into all 6 Official UN languages	S
1 National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the Establishment	Output 2.6 National procedures to gather information are established, and roles of CNA NFPs clearly identified	2018-01-31	100%	100%	The project supported over 87 national workshops in 40 countries (53% of participating countries), helping establish national procedures for collecting and uploading biosafety information to the BCH in line with National Biosafety Frameworks and policies. Additionally, 53% of countries	S

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
of Effective National Procedures					(40) have defined clear roles and responsibilities for BCH National Focal Points (NFPs) and Competent National Authorities (CNAs), strengthening institutional coordination and governance.	
1 National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information	Activity 1.4.1 - Available 1 BCH E-learning course in 6 UN languages (EN, FR, AR, SP, RU, CH).	2025-03-31	80%	100%	The content of the VLE has been successfully translated into all 6 Official UN languages	S
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Activity 3.4.1 - A minimum of 2 new regional experts identified per region to be listed in the BCH roster of experts (12 regional experts in total).	2024-12-31	100%	100%	During the regional workshops in Africa and Asia, participants identified 14 regional experts that could be potentially listed in the BCH. During the national workshops, 54 experts were identified and registered in national, regional, global rosters (or in process) - including the CPB Roster	S
1 National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing	Activity 2.6.1 - 50% of project countries (38) have established national procedures to gather information and put on to the BCH consistent with their NBFs and national biosafety policy	2018-01-31	100%	100%	The project has supported more than 87 national workshops in 40 Countries (53%). These workshops established national procedures to gather	S

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House Mechanisms through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures					information and put onto the BCH in line with their NBFs and National biosafety policy.	
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Activity 3.4.2 - At least 50 new NFPs are trained in finding and registering BCH information at the regional level.)	2024-12-31	100%	100%	60 BCH NFPs have been trained in finding information and registering BCH information during the regional workshops. 37 NFPs from 29 countries from all UN regions were trained at the Global Workshop on Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) operations for NFPs and NAUs at the margins of COP/MOP-10.	S
1 National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information	Output 1.5: Outreach materials on success stories and lessons learnt produced and disseminated	2024-12-31	90%	100%	The project developed extensive communication and outreach materials to enhance BCH awareness and capacity building. Eighteen webinars, including 10 multilingual sessions, were delivered, and a training video kit provided step-by-step guidance on BCH functionalities. A communication strategy and social media toolkit were finalized with ICGEB. A four-minute animated video, subtitled in five UN languages, showcased BCH's practical use through real-life case studies. Additionally, two feature articles and a lessons-learned video highlighted	S

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					project outcomes and national implementation experiences.	
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Output 3.5 Regional stakeholders and institutions identified	2016-10-31	100%	100%	A total of 130 stakeholders were identified by countries participating in the regional workshops, enhancing the network of actors involved in biosafety information exchange. Additionally, over 20 institutions were identified for eventual registration on the BCH, further strengthening institutional engagement and collaboration at the regional level.	S
1 National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information	Activity 1.5.1 - webinars are available in the 6 UN languages on the VLE (30 webinars in total).	2024-12-31	80%	100%	18 webinars organized since the beginning of the project of which 10 were organized in 5 different languages (ENG, FR, AR, ES, RU) for a total of 58 webinars.	S
1 National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms	Activity 2.6.2 - 50% of project countries (38) have established clear responsibilities for BCH-NFPs and CNA staff	2024-12-31	100%	100%	So far, 53% of countries (40) have established clear responsibilities for BCH-NFPs and CNA.	S

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through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures						
1 National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures	Output 2.7 National policies and legal frameworks are strengthened	2024-12-31	90%	100%	A total of 67% of countries (51) have established and adopted national BCH training courses within the project's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), enhancing long-term capacity building. Several countries also demonstrated concrete policy actions as a direct result of the project. Kenya, Botswana, Maldives, and Nicaragua reported specific regulatory or policy advancements, while a follow-up survey in seven countries showed that 61% had increased policy actions to improve BCH participation and information flow. Notable examples include Uruguay updating Cartagena Protocol information on its ministry website, Nicaragua using remaining project funds to support the implementation of Law 705 on LMO risks, Solomon Islands investing in data collection for the BCH, and Rwanda's Biosafety and Biosecurity Organization planning regional workshops to build biosafety capacity in East Africa.	S
1 National	Activity 1.5.2- 2 to 4 new specific and high-quality training materials	2024-12-31	100%	100%	Training video kit comprising videos on	S

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BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information	are developed and disseminated.				surfing the BCH using the search functionalities, submitting data and records, using the website dashboard, registering for an account on the BCH and type of records and national obligations.	
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Activity 3.5.1 - At least 100 new key stakeholders and experts are identified by countries, who will collaborate with the BCH III and participate in national public awareness workshops.	2016-10-31	100%	100%	130 stakeholders have been collectively identified by countries who have attended regional workshops.	S
1 National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information	Activity 1.5.3 - communication strategy and social media toolkit with 10-15 messages.	2024-12-31	100%	100%	Both the communication strategy and the social media toolkit were finalized in collaboration with the ICGEB	S
1 National	Activity 2.7.1- 60% of countries (46) adopt a training system for BCH	2025-03-31	90%	100%	67% of countries (51) have established	S

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Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures	capacity building, in line with national policies,				and adopted a national BCH training course in the project virtual learning environment (VLE)	
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Activity 3.5.2 -4 regional institutions with a coordinating role identified for registration on the portal)	2016-10-31	100%	100%	Over 20 institutions have been identified during the regional workshops for eventual registration on the BCH.	S
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Output 3.6 Capacity building activities' material available after national, regional and global workshops	2016-10-31	100%	100%	The VLE has a RA forum which is linked to all training materials.	S
1 National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive	Activity 1.5.4 - 1 video-clip publicly is available in the 6 UN languages on the VLE.	2024-12-31	100%	100%	A 4 min animated graphics-based introductory video was produced and the script was translated and subtitles added in 5 UN languages. The video provide the practical use of the BCH for a broad audience, using (real-life) case studies (story-mode), the public, participating countries, policy-makers,	S

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Participation, Production and Sharing of Information					regulators, biosafety experts, private sector and UNEP.	
1 National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures	Activity 2.7.2 -At least 10 countries have strengthened or developed policies and legal frameworks as a direct/indirect result of national BCH capacity building activities)	2025-03-31	90%	100%	Kenya, Botswana, Maldives, and Nicaragua provided concrete examples of policy actions taken. A follow-up survey conducted by the project in 7 project countries indicated that there has been an increase in policy actions taken by the respective country or institution to participate in the BCH and information structures to promote information flow and access to BCH (61%). Uruguay - updated the information on Cartagena protocol on their ministry's website. Nicaragua - used the remaining funds from BCH project to support the actualization of Law 705 on LMOs risks in Nicaragua. Solomon Islands - invested resources in data collection related to BCH Rwanda: Rwanda Biosafety and Biosecurity Organization (www.rbbo.org) communicated the plan to organize a workshop and training on the Biosafety Clearing House to biosafety professionals, locally and in East African region.	S
1 National BCH	Activity1.5.5 - 1 success story publication on BCH III project impact at the national level is produced.	2024-12-31	100%	100%	2 articles accompanying the video below (Target 1.13) published over the course	S

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Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information					of the project period	
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Activity 3.6.1 - 1 accessible virtual learning platform (VLE) developed and maintained, containing all material shared during national, regional, ToTs and global workshops	2024-10-31	100%	100%	The VLE has a RA forum which is linked to all training materials.	S
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Output 3.7 Cooperation is enhanced on BCH nodes	2024-12-31	75%	75%	3 regional BCH nodes were established for Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), Caribbean, and Asia. The UNEP- team attempted to out to The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) inviting them to consider hosting a node for the Africa Region however this was not successful as they indicated that they have no funds to support this activity. Furthermore, to support ongoing engagement with existing notes, the UNEP team hosted a webinar to inform participants of the notes and introduce them to new tools that are being	S

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
					introduced by the CBD Secretariat to make it easier to develop national and regional BCH websites.	
1 National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information	Activity 1.5.6 - communication medium on lessons learnt from national workshops is produced.	2024-12-31	100%	100%	A video was produced over the course of the project highlighting lessons learned following project implementation	S
1 Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing	Activity 3.7.1 - 4 new regional BCH nodes established (using SCBD built-in sites when possible))	2025-06-30	75%	75%	3 regional BCH nodes were established for Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), Caribbean, and Asia. The UNEP- team attempted to out to The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) inviting them to consider hosting a node for the Africa Region however this was not successful. Furthermore, to support ongoing engagement with existing notes, the UNEP team hosted a webinar to inform participants of the notes and introduce them to new tools that are being introduced by the CBD Secretariat to make it easier to develop national and regional BCH websites.	MS

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1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.	Output 4.2 Expertise and visibility of the Regional Advisors (RA) Network enhanced via capacity building activities and UNEP certification	2024-12-31	98%	99%	The BCH III project strengthened the Regional Advisors (RA) network by expanding its roster to 19 advisors, including the addition of a Chinese speaking RA. Two ToT objectives were completed in June 2022 following the Dubai ToT, and RAs were certified during the Global ToT held the same month. In total, 24 RAs were initially trained during the 2015 Regional Advisors ToT workshop, although only 17 remain active under BCH III. To support continuous learning, 10 virtual interactive discussions and training sessions were organized, ensuring RAs remained updated and equipped to deliver high-quality capacity-building activities.	S
1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.	Activity 4.2.1 - 20 RAs listed on the UNEP website, with their resumes and contact information	2024-12-31	98%	99%	Contact information of 1 additional regional advisor (Chinese speaking) added to the website bringing the total up to 19 regional advisors.	S

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1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.	Activity 4.2.2 - 2 global Training of Trainers (ToT) workshops organized for RAs	2024-12-31	98%	99%	The 2 ToTs' objective was completed in June 2022, after the organization of Dubai's ToT	S
1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.	Activity 4.2.3 -10 virtual interactive discussions and training sessions organized for RAs,	2024-12-31	100%	100%	10 virtual interactive discussions and training sessions (webinars) have been organized.	S
1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other	Activity 4.2.4 - 20 RAs acquainted with new training methodologies (webinars, Virtual Learning Environment)	2024-12-31	100%	100%	24 RAs were trained during the Regional Advisors Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop in 2015. Currently, only 17 RAs are available to work for the BCH III	S

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Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.					project.	
1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.	Activity 4.2.5 - At least 15 RAs have obtained UNEP certification	2024-12-31	100%	100%	The certification of RAs was done during the Global ToT, held in June 2022. RAs trained and certified as a resource to support MEAs including and beyond the CBD	S
1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing	Output 4.3 Sustainability of the VLE is assured beyond project duration	2024-10-31	100%	100%	To ensure the long-term sustainability of the BCH Virtual Learning beyond the project's completion, the BCH Virtual Learning Platform was migrated to the standard UNEP E-Learning server. The migration will assist in addressing the recurring technical issues and bugs frequently reported by BCH Regional	S

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Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.					Advisors and other stakeholders since the standard UNEP E-Learning server is regularly maintained.	
1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.	Activity 4.3.1 -VLE platform is sustainable beyond project completion by ensuring continuity through UNEP ownership	2024-12-31	100%	100%	To ensure the long-term sustainability of the BCH Virtual Learning beyond the project's completion, the BCH Virtual Learning Platform was migrated to the standard UNEP E-Learning server. The migration will assist in addressing the recurring technical issues and bugs frequently reported by BCH Regional Advisors and other stakeholders since the standard UNEP E-Learning server is regularly maintained.	S
1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors	Output 4.4 Participation of key regional and global organizations in regional and national training activities is increased	2019-01-31	95%	99%	38% of the 104 national training workshops entailed collaboration with global or regional institutions (these have attended 40 workshops).	S

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System.						
1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.	Activity 4.4.1 -40% of national and regional training workshops entailed collaboration with regional and/or global initiatives and organizations	2024-12-31	98%	99%	38% of the 104 national training workshops entailed collaboration with global or regional institutions (these have attended 40 workshops).	S
1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.	Output 4.5 Centers of Excellence that are available to undertake biosafety capacity-building activities after the project has ended are identified and approached	2024-12-31	100%	100%	Previous reporting has indicated that 103 centres of excellence have been identified. Since then, the CBD COP has also identified regional and subregional technical support centres to support the delivery of the GBF. To ensure that these centres are aware of the work that has been done under this project and that they can deliver on the biodiversity related targets, the 18 CBD centres were approached to inform them of the work done and they were invited to use the materials developed in their biosafety related work.	S
1 Global Sustainability	Activity 4.5.1 - At least 1 center of excellence per region (6 centers in total) is identified and approached to continue biosafety capacity	2024-12-31	100%	100%	Previous reporting has indicated that 103 centres of excellence have been	S

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of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.	building activities after the project				identified. Since then, the CBD COP has also identified regional and subregional technical support centres to support the delivery of the GBF. To ensure that these centres are aware of the work that has been done under this project and that they can deliver on the biodiversity related targets, the 18 CBD centres were approached to inform them of the work done and they were invited to use the materials developed in their biosafety related work.	
1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.	Output 4.6 Agreements governing institutional support arrangements developed and signed	2016-10-31	100%	100%	BCH moved to its new platform as per COP decisions, (CP-9/2, NP-3/3), the BCH operates on the same platform as the ABSCH.	S
1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral	Activity 4.6.1 -Agreements concluded with SCBD to provide support on the migration of the BCH to its new platform and to reduce barriers that make it more difficult for users to use BCH, including streamlining processes, developing user experience (UX) / user interface (UI) standards, and improving the multi-lingual online help	2016-10-31	100%	100%	BCH moved to its new platform as per COP decisions, (CP-9/2, NP-3/3), the BCH operates on the same platform as the ABSCH.	S

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Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.	and documentation)					

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	Moderate	Moderate
3 Implementation schedule	Moderate	Moderate
4 Budget	Low	Low
5 Financial Management	Low	Low
6 Reporting	Moderate	Moderate
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
1. Change in national Governments and officials occurring during the project impacted negatively on the implementation [IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE]	Outcomes 1-2	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	=	In countries where a change in national Governments and officials occurred during the project. we ensured that we assisted the

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										incoming contact point to pick up tasks quickly. Measures are put in place to continuously monitor and engage new stakeholders
2. Fast-moving progress in the private sector for (the adoption of LMOs even in the absence of a regulatory framework)	Outcomes 1-2	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	=	
3. The need to relate outputs to long term expected outcomes	All outcomes & outputs	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	=	
5. Project duration may be insufficient for effective implementation in 76 countries if project initiation and internalization processes prove slow-moving. It is also expected that it will be very time-consuming to get all 76 countries to sign and submit their Small-Scale Funding Agreements (SSFAs) - UNEP's chosen legal instrument for the execution of national-level activities using GEF funding under a threshold of less than \$50,000;	Outcomes 1-2	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	=	
6. Reporting	All Outcomes	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	=	
7. Governance structure - oversight	All outcomes	L	L	L		L	M	M	↓	The Steering Committee could not meet virtually after 2021 as planned on the margins of the COP as most participants could not take part in the COP the project however could to receive and incorporated guidance received from the BCH Informal Advisory Committee

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
		N/A	L	L	L	L	L	M	↑	

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
Change in national Governments and officials occurring during the project impacted negatively on the implementation [IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE]	we assisted the incoming cadre to pick up tasks quickly. During national activities. Regional Advisors ensured that a wide spectrum of Biosafety related stakeholders was involved and consulted to maintain a level of pressure on the government. Measures are put in place to continuously monitor and engage new stakeholders.	This strategy was continued	Ensure through consultative meetings and the workshops for wider stakeholder involvement, This is a lesson and best practice which should be continued in future projects of similar kind	Right from inception to terminal execution of projects of similar nature from the design stage	UNEP and the Regional Advisors
Project duration may be insufficient for effective implementation in 76 countries if project initiation and internalization processes prove slow-	Planning for regional Trainer of Trainers workshops. Two to three regional ToTs are being organized in the Pacific and Central Eastern Europe	All trainer of trainers workshops were undertaken as planned.	Flexibility and adapting to changing situations should always be anticipated	Per revised plan guided by best practices and lessons learnt	UNEP

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
moving. It is also expected that it will be very time-consuming to get all 76 countries to sign and submit their Small-Scale Funding Agreements (SSFAs) - UNEP's chosen legal instrument for the execution of national-level activities using GEF funding under a threshold of less than \$50,000	regions. Depending on budget availability, one additional regional workshop will be organized in Africa.				
Reporting	n/a	Guidance and meetings held on reporting requirements and strict timelines	Adhere to strict time lines as guided by Task Manager for future projects. Have a dedicated team for project duration, tenure and staff changes tend to cause delays in reporting	For future follow up projects guided by the Terminal Review of this project, lessons learnt and Best practices	UNEP-Law Division
Governance structure - oversight	n/a	n/a	In absence of the formal global PSC meeting, the project relied on guidance of the BCH IAC	Approach utilised to finish the project. The design and support of PSC/BCH IAC should be properly streamlined in future projects	UNEP and SCBD

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:	Yes
Institutional and implementation arrangements:	Yes
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

There was a change in the Law Division project Manager during the reporting period. There was also a request to extend the project duration by 3 months to accommodate delays as a result of the staffing changes and to finalize some outstanding activities that were on hold while the new project manager was under recruitment.

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

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
Original Legal Instrument	Extension	2016-09-16	2016-09-28	2020-12-31	
Amendment 1	Extension	2020-02-10	2020-02-11	2021-12-31	To make room for delays in the signing of SSFAs and execution of sub projects due to COVID restriction and institutional turn overs. workplans were revised
Amendment 2	Extension	2021-07-06	2021-07-08	2023-06-30	Revised workplan to respond the new Theory of Change per the recommendations of the MTR
Amendment 3	Extension	2022-11-01	2022-11-03	2024-06-30	Revised workplan to respond the new Theory of Change per the recommendations of the MTR
Amendment 4	Extension	2024-05-23	2024-06-12	2025-12-31	
Amendment 5	Extension	2024-12-24	2024-12-24	2025-12-31	This was to modify the operational closure date from 31 DEC2025 to 31 MAR2025 to accommodate delays in project execution as a result of staffing

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
					changes. Some changes in budget allocation were also introduced.

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

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Délégation Départementale de l'Environnement. de la Protection de la nature et du Développement Durable (MINEPDED)	11.0489	14.1498		P.O. Box 320 YaoundéImmeuble Ministeriel No 2	Cameroon 3rd National Workshop. 9 - 11 August 2023
Ministere Des Eaux. Des Forets. De La Mer. De L'environnement. Charge Du Plan Climat Et Du Plan D'affectation Des Terres	0.4850	9.4205		Boulevard Triomphal Omar Bongo. BP. 3903. Libreville - Gabon	Gabon 3rd National Workshop. 27 - 28 June 2024
MUST. Central Library Online Test Center 409. Ulaanbaatar	47.9218	106.9244		MUST. Central Library Online Test Center 409. Ulaanbaatar	Mongolia 3rd National Workshop. 19 - 21 June 2024
Cidade Da Praia. Republica De Cabo Verde - CP 115. Chade Areia. Cabo Verde	17.2580	25.0464		5WMM+8PQ. Ribeira Grande. Cape Verde	Cabo Verde 4th National Workshop. 10 - 11 April 2024

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Department of Environment Meeting Room. Dhaka - Bangladesh	23.7798	90.3716		Department of Environment Auditorium - Dhaka. Bangladesh	Bangladesh 3rd National Workshop. June 21. 2023
Movenpick Hotel in the Central Business District of Auckland. New Zealand	-36.8443	174.7671		Auckland. New Zealand	Pacific Regional BCH Training Workshop. 20 - 23 November 2023
Meyra Palace Hotel. Ankara -Turkey	39.8927	32.8107		İşçi Blokları. MAHHALLESİ. Muhsin Yazıcıoğlu Cd.. 06520 Çankaya/Ankara. Türkiye	Central and Eastern Europe BCH Training Workshop. January 2024

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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