

1- Identification

1.1 Project details

GEF ID	10161	SMA IPMR ID	100120
Project Short Title	Ecosystem Restoration in Nauru	Grant ID	S1-32GFL-000728
		Umoja WBS	GFL-11207-14AC0003-SB-018746
Project Title	Ecosystem restoration and sustainable land manahement to improve livelihoods and protect biodivresity in Nauru		
Project Type	Full Sized Project (FSP)	Duration months	Planned
Parent Programme if child project			Age
GEF Focal Area(s)	Biodiversity and Land Degradation	Completion Date	Planned -original PCA
Project Scope	National		Revised - Current PCA
Region	Asia Pacific	Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval	27-Sep-21
Countries	Nauru	UNEP Project Approval Date (on Decision Sheet)	5-Apr-22
GEF financing amount	USD 3,502,968	Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force)	30-May-22
Co-financing amount	USD 11,137,713	Date of First Disbursement	31-Aug-22
		Date of Inception Workshop, if available	27-Apr-23
Total disbursement as of 30 June	N/A	Midterm undertaken?	No
Total expenditure as of 30 June	N/A	Actual Mid-term Date, if taken	
		Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken	30-May-25
		Expected Terminal Evaluation Date	30-Nov-28
		Expected Financial Closure Date	1-Dec-29

1.2 EA: Project description

The overarching project goal is enable Sustainable Land Management and biodiversity conservation by creating an enabling environment and by delivering viable pilots ready for upscaling. The project objective "to achieve land degradation neutrality and improve ecosystem services in Nauru through integrated landscape management and conservatopn and sustainable use of biodiversity" will resolve the environment problem through delivering results clustered in 4 components. Component 1: Strengthening policy and institutional capacity for sustainable land management and biodiversity conservation. Component 2: Rehabilitation and restoration of degraded land to protect and reinstate ecosystem services in Nauru. Component 3: Conservation and sustainable use of nauru's remaining forests. Component 4: Scaling up towards land degradation neutrality and biodivresity conservation.

1.3 Project Contact

Division(s) Implementing the project

Ecosystems Division

Executing Agency(ies)

Department of Environmental
Management and Agriculture (DEMA)

Name of co-implementing Agency

Names of Other Project Partners

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TM: UNEP Task Manager(s)

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EA: Project Manager

EA: Finance Manager

EA: Communications lead, if relevant

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2- OVERVIEW OF PROJECT STATUS

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

TM: UNEP Current Subprogramme(s)

Nature Action

(iii) Number of countries and national, regional and subnational authorities and entities that incorporate, with UNEP support, biodiversity and ecosystem-based approaches into development and sectoral plans, policies and processes for the sustainable management and/or restoration of terrestrial, freshwater and marine areas; (iv) Increase in territory of land- and seascapes that is under improved ecosystem conservation and restoration; (v) Positive shift in public opinion, attitudes and actions in support of biodiversity and ecosystem approaches

TM: PoW Indicator(s)

TM: UNEP previous Subprogramme(s)

Healthy and Productive Ecosystems

EA: UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages

the Project will contribute to the work of the UN Multi Country Office (MCO) in Fiji, of which Nauru is part. Nauru is also part of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework Guidance for 2018-2022 (also known as the UN Pacific Strategy) covering both the MCOs in Fiji and Samoa. The Strategy aligns the UN's engagement towards national priorities in the Pacific Region (incl. the Nauru NSDS) and the targets of the Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs).

EA: Link to relevant SDG Goals

2, 13, 15

EA: Link to relevant SDG Targets

2.3, 13.2, 15-1, 15-2, 15.3, 15.5, 15.8

TM: GEF core or sub indicators targeted by the project as defined at CEO Endorsement/Approval, as well as results

2.2. GEF Core or Sub Indicators

Indicators	Targets - Expected value			Materialised to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
✓ 1.1: Terrestrial protected areas newly created	25	50		Progress will be reported in during next reporting period
✓ 3.1: Area of degraded agricultural lands under resto	250	494		Progress will be reported in during next reporting period
✓ 4.1: Area of landscapes under improved managemen	50	103		Progress will be reported in during next reporting period
✓ 6.2: Greenhouse gas emission mitigated outside the	7000	15,766		Progress will be reported in during next reporting period
✓ 11: People benefitting from GEF-financed investmen	950	1,910		Progress will be reporting during next reporting period
✓				

Implementation Status

2023

1st PIR

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FY 2023

FY 2022

FY 2021

FY 2020

FY 2019

FY 2018

FY 2017

FY 2016

FY 2015

PIR #

1st PIR

Rating towards outcomes (DO)
(section 3.1)

MS

Rating towards outputs (IP)
(section 3.2)

MS

Risk rating
(section 4.2)

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2.3 Implementation status

EA: Summary of status
(will be uploaded to GEF Portal)

The GEF Project "Ecosystem restoration and sustainable land management to improve livelihoods and protect biodiversity in Nauru" inception phase started in January 2023 with the mobilization of the GEF grant and the engagement of the CTA and the Project Management Unit staff. The 1st quarter of the inception phase was dedicated to the reestablishment of partnerships with relevant stakeholders as outlined in ProDoc. Meetings were also held to validate baseline information and methodological aspects of the project's execution. Special focus was given to Outcome 1 "Improving governance for sustainable land management and conservation" and Outcome 3 "Biodiversity and remnant forest conserved and ecosystem services enhanced through the creation of a terrestrial protected area, ecosystem restoration, target species habitat and species conservation measures", more specifically how the inputs of these components are central to the project's main objective. To close the inception phase, an official launch of project was done at the Inception Workshop followed by the 1st Project Steering committee meeting and thereafter the Inception report and minutes of meeting were circulated. By the submission of this report, the Implementation period has officially commenced and a meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will be convened by the CTA and this is expected to be held in mid-August 2023. This meeting used to discuss technical matters to further support project implementation, review inception report, finalize MOU/LOA with arrangements with key implementing partners and set the stage for future project activities. Generally in terms of progress: - The PMU has been fully operationalized. - Training and adaptive management has been an integral part of the CTA's role in building local capacity. - Regular highly cooperative and productive engagement with project partners has been maintained by PMU. - Inception report has been finalized with validation and modification where necessary of the following documents: Logical Framework, Implementation arrangements, Procurement plan, Annual Project Budget. Together with the PD, the TOR for international consultants were drafted and revised to be verified and sent for comments to EA and UNEP.

2.4 Co-finance

EA: Planned Co-finance

19,330,653

EA: Actual to date:

N/A

EA: Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges.

US\$ 19,330,653 has been reported by project partners amounting to the total amount that was submitted in ProDoc and endorsed by the GEF and therefore it can be considered valid as of this PIR report. Project partners have not reported any barriers to materialization to date. This will be monitored closely during project implementation and disclosed through co-financing reports. However, based on the political will and positive engagement with stakeholders received thus far, it is expected that by the end of the project the cofinance will potentially be able to exceed the planned amount.

2.5. Stakeholder

EA: Date of project steering committee meeting

27th April 2023

EA: Stakeholder engagement
(will be uploaded to GEF Portal)

The level of participation of stakeholders at the Inception workshop (39 participants with representatives from our key implementing partners and project stakeholders) and 1st PSC meeting (22 participants) was further confirmed by full engagement of relevant stakeholders and their proactiveness in support of the project's execution. Stakeholders continue to be consulted to ensure smooth facilitation in the implementation of activities and the development of project material to ensure that messages are being conveyed properly to the target groups (this has been also supported by the operationalization of the Stakeholder engagement plan that was designed for this project).

TM: Does the project have a gender action plan?



Yes

2.6. Gender

EA: Gender mainstreaming
(will be uploaded to GEF Portal)

The Gender Action Plan was validated during the Inception phase. In the interim, gender consideration and gender equality is being promoted in all scheduled meetings and consultations. The project also utilizes a Gender friendly calendar that prioritizes particularly the schedule of women. The membership of all other committees also give special considerations to women where possible. Project beneficiaries are also specifically targeting women in the project landscapes in Nauru that is culturally a matriarchal society. At the Inception workshop gender inclusivity was considered resulting in the participation of 17 women and 22 men and at 1st PSC meeting 11 women and 11 men women. Gender mainstreaming will continue to be a priority throughout project implementation with a view of promoting equality of men and women combatting discrimination. During the next reporting period a Gender Specialist will be recruited to provide support to PMU via the UNCCD to mainstream gender across the project activities .

2.7. ESSM

TM: Was the project classified as moderate/high risk at CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage?

No

TM: If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?

TM: Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period?

No

TM: If yes, please describe the new risks, or changes

none noted at during this reporting period

TM & EA: Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?

No

TM & EA: If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail including

None reported during this reporting period

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

The project has actively engaged with vulnerable and marginalized people especially individuals living with disabilities. This is done in an inclusive, transparent and equal manner via the Department of People living with Disabilities. Such individuals were represented at the Inception Workshop and in the membership of the Project steering committee where their role in the project and opportunities for further collaboration were proactively discussed. Furthermore, the project will disclose safeguard documents on the project website to be developed . Notably, for Activity 4.44 a quiz competition was designed where 3 out of 10 prizes were reserved specifically for the "Able-Disable School in Nauru" to allow for fair representation and equality considering they were competing against "Able" individuals. For Safeguard standard 1-1.10, no introduction or utilization of any alien invasive species of flora were included in the priority species list for propagation (Output 3.2- Activity 3.2.1) that was developed in consultation with the relevant stakeholders inclusive of indigenous Nauruans owning land in the area where plants will be propagated and later planted.

2.8. KM/Learning

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

The project has developed a strategy for communications, education and awareness raising of the public and development of education materials. In this reporting period a poster competition was developed for "World Biodiversity day" with participants from lower, middle and upper division. Awareness on the importance of Biodiversity was shared and posters depicting local terrestrial biodiversity won prizes and consolation gifts. A quiz competition was also held to further educate primary school children on the importance of "World Biodiversity Day". A project website will be developed that will contain project information, supporting publications and other relevant project documentation.

Please attach a copy of any products

EA: Main learning during the period

Inception phase was completed at the end of April 2023 and now we are in the early phase of implementation therefore no significant learnings have been realised from project outputs. A more substantial report of this will be reflected in the next reporting period.

2.9. Stories

EA: Stories to be shared
(section to be shared with communication division/
GEF communication)

Inception phase was completed at the end of April 2023 and now we are in the early phase of implementation therefore there is no stories to be shared this period.

3. RATING PROJECT PERFORMANCE

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

Project objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	EA: Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	TM: Progress rating
Objective							
To achieve land degradation neutrality and improve ecosystem services in Nauru through integrated landscape management and conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity	1. Area of rehabilitated mined and degraded arable land	6 ha	250 ha	494 ha	6ha	Inception phase concluded end of April 2023, so no progress has been made towards core indicators during this period.	S
	2. Area of declared Protected Areas and secondary forests under improved management	0 ha	70 ha	153 ha	0 ha	Inception phase concluded end of April 2023, so no progress has been made towards core indicators during this period.	MS
	3. Carbon sequestration benefits attributed to the Project	0 tCO2e	7,000 tCO2e	15,766 tCO2e	0 tCO2e	Inception phase concluded end of April 2023, so no progress has been made towards core indicators during this period.	MS
Outcome 1							
Improved governance for sustainable land management and biodiversity conservation	1.1 Nauru Integrated Land Use Plan approved and implemented	Under development	NILIUP submitted for approval	NILIUP under implementation	Under development	In progress	
	1.2 Proportion of development activities subject to EIA that follow enforced EIA procedures	0%	40%	80%	0%	Inception phase concluded end of April 2023, so no progress has been made towards core indicators during this period.	MS
	1.3 Proportion of laws regulating land-based production sectors that support an enabling environment for SLM and biodiversity conservation	0%	60% of Bills prepared and submitted to Parliament	70% of laws enabling enacted by Parliament	1	Stocktake in progress. Environmental and Climate Change bill has been enacted after project was endorsed.	S
Outcome 2							
Degraded arable and mined land are rehabilitated to reach land degradation neutrality	2.1: Area of land managed using Sustainable Land Management technologies	4.14ha	25 ha	46 ha	4.14ha	Inception phase concluded end of April 2023, so no progress has been made towards core indicators during this period.	S
	2.2: Mean increase in net income from SLM over project period by women and men adopting the Project's SLM measures	TBD	8% increase against the baseline	20% increase against baseline for both women and men	TBD	Inception phase concluded end of April 2023, so no progress has been made towards core indicators during this period.	S
	2.3: Number of long-term fiscal and financial instruments established to enable landowners to engage on SLM	0	2	4	0	Inception phase concluded end of April 2023, so no progress has been made towards core indicators during this period.	MS
Outcome 3							
Biodiversity in remnant forests conserved and	3.1: Area of Anibare Protected Area with fully operational governance arrangements formally declared by Cabinet Approval	0 ha	50 ha Protected area with finalized management plan	50 ha Protected Area formally declared and fully operational	0 ha	Inception phase concluded end of April 2023, so no progress has been made towards core indicators during this period.	MS

ecosystem services enhanced through the creation of a terrestrial protected area, ecosystem restoration, and targeted habitat and species conservation measures	3.2: Area of forested landscapes under improved management to benefit biodiversity, including through restoration with native species	0ha	50 ha	103 ha	0 ha	Inception phase concluded end of April 2023, so no progress has been made towards core indicators during this period.	MS
	3.3: Number of priority species for conservation (Nauru reed-warbler, Black Noddy, Micronesian Imperial-pigeon) and for IAS control (Red Bead Tree, Yellow Crazy Ant) in Anibare Bay with achieved population targets	0	2	5	0	Inception phase concluded end of April 2023, so no progress has been made towards core indicators during this period.	S

Outcome 4

Communication and knowledge management for dissemination and scaling up of sustainable land management approaches and ecosystem services	4.1: Increase in environmental Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices of Nauru's population	KAP survey pending	10% improvement against baseline for both f/m	20% improvement against baseline for both f/m	KAP survey pending	Survey development currently underway and will be completed in the 3 quarter of 2023	S

For joint projects and where applicable ratings should also be discussed with the Task Manager of co-implementing agency.

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

Output	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%) (Towards overall project targets)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2023 (%) (Towards overall project targets)	EA: Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	TM: Progress rating
Under Comp 1					
1.1 National legislation, policies and procedures relevant to land use planning and management, environmental assessment and biodiversity conservation, incl. Protected Areas reviewed and strengthened	30-Dec-25	N/A	10%	During the inception phase the PPG review of the policy, legal and regulatory framework was validated and gaps noted. Currently, we are in liaison with International Environmental Specialist and International Legal Environmental Specialist that are finalizing the workplan outlining the policies, bills and regulations to be developed for the project. Following this relevant bills and regulations will be prepared in consultation with the relevant project partners and then vetted by the Department of Justice.	MS
1.2 Land use plan developed and accessed by stakeholders to guide decision-making, land use management and mainstreaming of biodiversity	30-Sep-25	N/A	75%	Committee was established to oversee the land based sector in Nauru but the membership is currently under revision to include non-government stakeholders, landowners and vulnerable groups. Land-use plan is currently being finalized by implementing partner, the Department of Climate Change and National Resilience (DCCNR). Extensive consultations to finalize this plan will be conducted before the end of the next quarter, this will include gender responsive participatory approaches with community to reach a consensus on the vision, objectives and any revisions to the scope of the plan.	S
1.3 Affected stakeholders are able to receive updates on progress and developments through a web-based geospatial database	01-Dec-24	N/A	5%	LoA is in progress with the implementing partner South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP) that will subcontract specialist to develop web-based geospatial data base. It was established that this database would be hosted on SPREP's server and build upon the EA's current environment portal that exists online. This is to commence in Year 2 of project.	MS
1.4 Stakeholders are able to conduct strengthened compliance monitoring and enforcement due to multi-stakeholder land use planning and management systems	30-Dec-25	N/A	5%	Establishment of EIA committee is still pending but progress towards this is expected during next reporting period. Capacity building and compliance monitoring database to be led by SPREP, LoA finalizing arrangements and workplan will be finalized next in the 3rd quarter of 2023 and reflected in the next reporting period.	S
1.5 Department of Commerce, Industry and Environment, and other relevant departments and district representatives, have enhanced capacity and evidence-based communication skills to strengthen compliance and enforcement.	30-Jun-28	N/A	10%	PPG Capacity needs assessment was validated and updated during Inception Phase. The Capacity development plan is currently underway. After this plan is developed Capacity needs and training informed by this plan will start in Year 2 of project. Public communication regarding environmental compliance for all relevant stakeholders and seminars will be planned for and implemented in alignment with the corresponding project activities outlined in annual workplan.	S

1.6 Stakeholders develop LDN upscaling strategy and rehabilitation action plan to be integrated into sector policy and legislative frameworks	30-Jun-27	N/A	5%	The technical support from the UNCCD is key to this project output. Arrangements with UNCCD are currently underway to engage Nauru in the "LDN Target Setting" process. Formal response from UNCCD is currently pending but it is anticipated that this will start by the 4th quarter of 2023. After LDN target is set it will be mainstreamed into Nauru's rehabilitation action plan to be developed in Project Year 3 and other relevant processes.	MS
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Under Comp 2

2.1 Decision-makers on land use have improved information on land use, land cover and state of environment	30-Dec-23	N/A	0%	Research is currently underway to source a consultant, firm or agency in the region that can conduct a landscape survey as dictated by ProDoc. This is included as a part of the procurement plan. A quotation will be sourced from 3 different vendors and approval will be sought by UNEP to finalize a selection.	MS
2.2 Decision-makers on land use have improved information on economic impact of degraded land on present and future socioeconomic development, the value of ecosystem services and economic opportunities of land restoration	30-Jun-27	N/A	0%	The final draft of the TOR for the Environmental Economic and Financing Consultant has been completed and this position will be advertised in the next reporting period (3rd quarter of Project Year). This consultant is responsible for valuating ecosystem services and economic opportunities for land restoration in Nauru.	S
2.3 Landowners, farmers and government extension workers demonstrate improved skills in SLM	30-Dec-26	N/A	10%	Capacity Development plan that is currently under development. This plan will spell out the capacity development activities that will be carried out to achieve this output. Training and capacity development for SLM will be carried out in year 2 and 3 of project.	S
2.4 Stakeholders demonstrate increased understanding of scalable soil restoration methods and sustainable land management techniques following extensive field piloting	30-Dec-28	N/A	0%	TOR for the climate vulnerability assessment will be prepared during the next reporting period and advertised in the 4 quarter of 2023. This will inform the type of soil restoration technologies to be used for the project that will be carried in project year 2-6.	MS
2.5 Landowners, farmers and small businesses benefit from new financial support mechanisms and incentives that promote the adoption of SLM practices on mined sites and support livelihoods	30-Sep-28	N/A	0%	TOR for livelihood consultant has been finalized but will be advertised as a international/regional consultancy since the capacity to carry out the objectives of the output is not available locally. This will be advertised until project year 2.	MS

Under Comp 3

3.1 Anibare Bay Key Biodiversity Area benefits from declaration as a Protected Area and the preparation of a management plan	30-Sep-25	N/A	0%	The management plan, baseline and social assessments and consultations for this output will be included under an LoA agreement with SPREP to be signed during the next reporting period (3rd quarter 2023).	MS
3.2 Degraded forests benefit from restoration by propagation and planting of native trees	30-Dec-27	N/A	15%	The Division of Agriculture will assist in the restoration, propagation and planting of native trees. They have been consulted and a working group consisting of community leaders, NGO's, Culture & Heritage, women and people living with disabilities was created to discuss possible nursery sites and priority native species of plants. Propagation is expected to start in the 4 quarter of this year 2023 after nursery sites have been confirmed.	S
3.3 Populations of endemic and vulnerable bird species, including Nauru Reed-Warbler, Black Noddy, and Micronesian Imperial-Pigeon benefit from monitoring and targeted species conservation measures	30-Dec-28	N/A	5%	This output is also included under a LOA agreement with an implementing partner (SPREP). LoA will be signed after this reporting period in the 3rd quarter of 2023. SPREP will source a consultant to conduct population of endemic and vulnerable species, develop management plan, train local stakeholders and establish a monitoring system. This work will be initiated in Year 2 of project.	S
3.4 Stakeholders have improved ability to manage and control invasive alien species	30-Dec-26	N/A	5%	This output is also included under a LOA agreement with an implementing partner (SPREP). LoA will be signed after this reporting period in the 3rd quarter of 2023. SPREP will source a consultant to develop an IAS species management plan in Project year 2. However, DEMA will be responsible for piloting the control of IAS after management plan after completion.	S

Under Comp 4

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4.1 Land and natural resource use enhanced through traditional knowledge and gender action	30-Dec-28	N/A	10%	Review of Gender Analysis and strategy and Action plan was validated during inception phase and continues to be implemented throughout the project to ensure equality of men and women. Gender consideration and gender equality is being promoted and all scheduled meetings and consultations follow a Gender friendly calendar. The membership of committees also gives special considerations to women where possible. Project beneficiaries are also specifically targeting women within the project landscapes in Nauru that is culturally a matriarchal society. However, broad base consultations at the community level among men and women will be supported by the UNCCD mechanism. Who will depute a Gender expert to further train project staff, consultants and key stakeholders on gender mainstreaming and safeguards. EA (DEMA Secretary) has followed up with UNCCD Program Officer (Munazza Naqvi) to finalize arrangements.	S
4.2 Monitoring and evaluation system supports effective project implementation incl. adaptive management and dissemination of results	30-Dec-28	N/A	0	An inception workshop Project steering committee meeting was held with high turnout and participation. Annual workplan was developed and approved by Project Steering Committee, Quarterly financial report was submitted but is still pending. Project Manager experience some difficulties in filling in template but online support was provided by Task Manager and UNEP Finance team to rectify errors in report. Half year Progress report is pending and but will be completed by the end of July 2023. Non-Expandable material purchasing report has not been completed as yet since Project Equipment is yet being sourced. PMU faced difficulties in sourcing vendors and further delays was caused due to slow internal processes to release funds to pay vendors. PIR completed. Financial audits will be conducted annually so this will be done reflected in the next reporting period. A 2nd Project Steering committee meeting is also scheduled to take place before the next reporting period (November 2023) Weekly project meetings are held with qualitative review annual workplan. Awareness raising was conducted with poster and quiz competition held for primary school students for "World Biodiversity Day". A seminar on is planned to take place during the 3rd quarter of 2023. A grievance mechanism has been shared with stakeholders and placed on public notice boards this will also be featured on the project website with a dedicated section for stakeholders to log grievances and the project's social media page. So far no grievances has been received but this will be continued to be monitored and reported quarterly.	MS
4.3 Knowledge and best practices emerging from the project effectively absorbed to ensure sustainable land management through cross-sectoral, multi-stakeholder landscape approach to managing various land uses	30-Sep-28	N/A	5%	PM is keeping record of best practices in a excel database . CTA gave interview to a local tv channel sharing information about the project and its benefits. Additional photos were taken and shared in the inception workshop report to further engage project stakeholders. Various awareness campaigns, policy briefs and best practices notes form part of the communication plan/strategy and these will be featured on the project website and social media page as they become available. The knowledge products and Pictures of winning entries from a recent poster competition held for 'World Biodiversity' day will be also featured on the project website and social media page after development. Also, a country exchange visit will be facilitated with another Pacific country in the 4th year of the project to have stakeholders learn from relevant experiences ie. Protected Area Management planning, EIA assessment, land use planning, landscape restoration, SLM and IAS eradication.	MS

4.4 Stakeholders/citizens/ landowners reached with education programs and awareness campaigns demonstrate increased environmental awareness and an understanding of the value of biodiversity and ecosystem services	30-Dec-28	N/A	5%	The project's communication and action plan is currently being implemented. TOR for Environmental education consultant has been finalized and will be advertised during the next reporting period (1st quarter of 2024). Output of this consultant will allow project to introduce environmental content into schools. Increase environmental and awareness will be reinforced in school through the creation of environmental clubs, seminar sessions and participatory biodiversity monitoring via citizen science and the use of online tools. The public and key stakeholders will be further engaged via public environmental advocacy campaigns. These activities are included as an integral part of the project for its entire duration and form part of of the stakeholder engagement plan and communication strategy of the project.	MS
Under Comp 5					

The Task Manager will decide on the relevant level of disaggregation (i.e. either at the output or activity level).

4 Risk Rating

4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

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

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

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

4.2 Table B. Risk-log

Implementation Status (Current PIR)

1st PIR

Insert ALL the risks identified either at CEO endorsement (inc. safeguards screening), previous/current PIRs, and MTRs. Use the last line to propose a suggested consolidated rating.

Risk	Risk affecting:								Variation respect to last rating	
	Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	PIR 6	Δ	Justification
Risk 1: Government does not adhere to commitment of establishing Anibare Bay Protected Area, parts of which instead will be mined	Outcome 4	H	Not Applicable						=	
Risk 2: Incompatible capacity of DCIE in financial management and accountability necessary to execute the Project	Outcome 4	H	M						↑	
Risk 3: Inefficient cross-sectoral coordination between government stakeholders	Outcomes 1 and 3	H	L						↓	
Risk 4: Inadequate engagement of non-government stakeholders	All Outcomes	H	L						↑	

Risk 5: Contentious land tenure issues prevent, delay, or allow incomplete implementation of interventions, including the Nauru Integrated Land Use Plan, Anibare Bay Protected Area, piloting of restoration and SLM, sustainable management of forests to benefit biodiversity, etc.	All Outcomes	H	Not Applicable							
Risk 6: Inadequate human resources available in Nauru to implement project	All Outcomes	H	L							
Risk 7: Weak application of rule of law may lead to government actions violating environmental legislation (e.g., mining of priority biodiversity areas without further procedure despite Environmental Management and Climate Change Act mandating EIA)	Outcome 4	H	Not Applicable							
Risk 8: COVID-19 impacts may lead to restricted travel of consultants and may hamper project implementation	All Outcomes	M	Not Applicable							
Risk 9: COVID-19 economic impacts reach Nauru and lead to diminished contribution of cofinancing commitments	Outcome 4	M	Not Applicable							
Risk 10: Parliament does not pass legislation prepared by Project in a timely manner	Outcome 4	M	Not Applicable							
Risk 11: Government does not adhere to co-financing commitments	Outcome 4	M	Not Applicable							
Risk 12: High fluctuation of project staff hampers smooth project implementation	All Outcomes	M	Not Applicable							
Risk 13: Land and resource use restrictions stemming from regulatory framework & land-based project activities (Protected Area management, Nauru Integrated Land Use Plan, piloting of restoration & SLM, improved management & rehabilitation of habitats) cause dissatisfaction among landowners and other community members, e.g., hunters	Outcome 4	M	Not Applicable							
Risk 14: Unclear division of execution responsibilities between the NPM and the TA hamper effective project implementation	Outcome 4	M	L							
Risk 15: Authorized officers do not strictly enforce compliance with environmental regulations	Outcomes 1 and 4	M	Not Applicable							
Consolidated project risk		M	Not Applicable							This section focuses on the variation. The overall rating is discussed in section 2.3.

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

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

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIR-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	Additional mitigation measures for the next periods		
			What	When	By whom

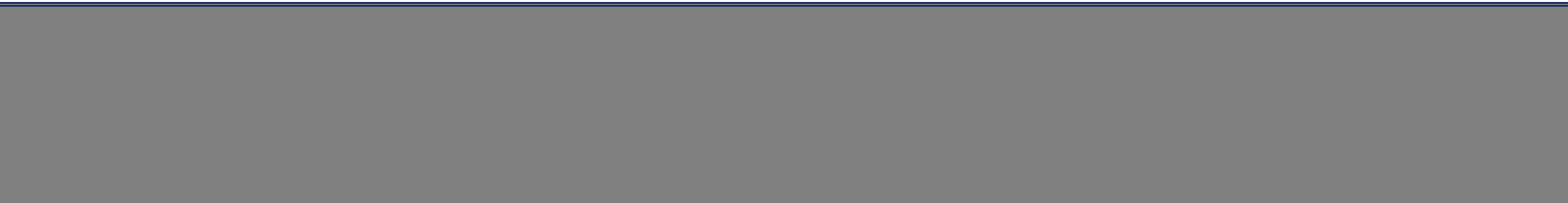
Risk 1: Government does not adhere to commitment of establishing Anibare Bay Protected Area, parts of which instead will be mined						
Risk 2: Incompatible capacity of DCIE in financial management and accountability necessary to execute the Project			Training on UNEP-GEF financial management and reporting,	Careful financial management, which will ensure that the periodic	Monthly	CTA
Risk 3: Inefficient cross-sectoral coordination between government stakeholders						
Risk 4: Inadequate engagement of non-government stakeholders						
Risk 5: Contentious land tenure issues prevent, delay, or allow incomplete implementation of interventions, including the Nauru Integrated Land Use Plan, Anibare Bay Protected Area, piloting of restoration and SLM, sustainable management of forests to benefit biodiversity, etc.						
Risk 6: Inadequate human resources available in Nauru to implement project						
Risk 7: Weak application of rule of law may lead to government actions violating environmental legislation (e.g., mining of priority biodiversity areas without further procedure despite Environmental Management and Climate Change Act mandating EIA)						
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Risk 14: Unclear division of execution responsibilities between the NPM and the TA hamper effective project implementation						
Risk 15: Authorized officers do not strictly enforce compliance with environmental regulations						

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.



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	
Components and cost	
Institutional and implementation arrangements	
Financial management	
Implementation schedule	Explain in table B
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	
Minor project objective change	
Safeguards	
Risk analysis	
Increase of GEF project financing up to 5%	
Co-financing	
Location of project activity	
Other	

Minor amendments

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

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP
Original Legal Instrument		
Amendment 1	Revision	
Extension 1	Extension	

Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision

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](https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=4/21.84/82.79) (<https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=4/21.84/82.79>) or GeoNames(<http://www.geonames.org/>) use this format. Consider using a conversion tool as needed, such as: <https://coordinates-converter.com> Please see the Geocoding User Guide by clicking [here](https://gefportal.worldbank.org/App/assets/general/Geocoding%20User%20Guide.docx)(<https://gefportal.worldbank.org/App/assets/general/Geocoding%20User%20Guide.docx>)

Location Name Required field	Latitude Required field	Longitude Required field	Geo Name ID Required field if the location is not an exact site	Location Description Optional text field	Activity Description Optional text field
Anibare Bay	166.95554	-0.53051	2110446	Protected Area	
Ijuw Anabar Mangrove Wetland	166.95813	-0.521	2110433	Mangrove wetland	

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

[Annex any linked geospatial file]

7- Internal Execution

7.1 Execution Details

This section is pursuant to UNEP approved Accountability Framework for Directly Executed GEF Projects AND its Operational Guidelines

TM: Is this an internally executed project?

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TM: What Internal execution modality?

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TM: Legal Instrument

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EA: Name of Executing Unit, Branch, & Division or Regional Office

TM: Have there been any changes to the reporting lines of personnel at IA-
EA functions (organigram)?

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TM: If yes, explain the changes clearly reflecting the roles and
responsibilities within the division between IA and EA functions.

7.2. Segregation of Duties

	IA	EA		IA	EA
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SRO	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	FMO's SRO	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

7.3 Reporting

EA: Have all reports (financial and progress) been submitted?

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EA: If not, what reports have been submitted and why?

THIS SECTION IS FOR INTERNAL PURPOSES AND WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DISCLOSED PIR REPORT