

GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 10907	Umoja WBS: SB-023608
SMA IPMR ID: 160897	Grant ID: S1-32GFL-000866
Project Short Title: Palau_Aquaculture	
Project Title: Facilitating biodiversity conservation by enhancing aquaculture policy, planning, management, and production	
Duration months planned:	48
Duration months age:	5
Project Type:	Medium Sized Project (MSP)
Parent Programme if child project:	
Project Scope:	National
Region:	Asia Pacific
Countries:	Palau
GEF Focal Area(s):	Biodiversity
GEF financing amount:	\$ 1,470,021.00
Co-financing amount:	\$ 8,372,646.00
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2023-04-28
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2024-01-17
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2024-01-25
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	2024-06-25
Date of First Disbursement:	2024-03-21
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:	\$ 147,002.00
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 0.00

Midterm undertaken?:	No
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	2026-04-30
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2028-01-31
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2027-11-17
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2028-01-31

1.2 Project Description

The project is designed to address development of sustainable aquaculture in Palau through the Ecosystem Approach to Aquaculture Management (EAAM). Specifically, the project will remove two key barriers for development of sustainable aquaculture in the country, namely: Barrier 1 - Lack of policy, legislation and development plans for integration of the Ecosystem Approach to Aquaculture Management (EAAM); and Barrier 2 - Insufficient knowledge and capacity of government agencies and private sector to implement the Ecosystem Approach to Aquaculture Management (EAAM).

Thus, the Project Objective is to strengthen aquaculture policy, planning, management, and production to protect and enhance marine biodiversity in Palau through an ecosystem approach. The Objective will be achieved through implementation of three integrated project strategies (components): Component 1 - Enabling a supporting policy environment for development of Sustainable Aquaculture in Palau; Component 2 - Developing national capacity for Ecosystem Approach to Aquaculture Management (EAAM); and Component 3 - Knowledge management, gender mainstreaming, and monitoring and evaluation.

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Ecosystems Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	
Executing Agency (ies)	Government of Palau (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment (MAFE))
names of Other Project Partners	
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Johan Robinson
UNEP Task Manager(s)	Sang Jin Lee
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Paul Vrontamitis
UNEP Support Assistants	Peerayot Sidonrusmee
Manager/Representative	Lincy Lee Marino
Project Manager	Lincy Lee Marino
Finance Manager	Lincy Lee Marino
Communications Lead, if relevant	Uchellaz Fritz

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Thematic: Nature action subprogramme
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	Healthy and Productive Ecosystems
PoW Indicator(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature: (iii) Number of countries and national, regional and subnational authorities and entities that incorporate, with UNEP support, biodiversity and ecosystem-based approaches into development and sectoral plans, policies and processes for the sustainable management and/or restoration of terrestrial, freshwater and marine areas • Nature: (iv) Increase in territory of land- and seascapes that is under improved ecosystem conservation and restoration • Nature: (v) Positive shift in public opinion, attitudes and actions in support of biodiversity and ecosystem approaches
UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	The Government of Palau and the United Nations inked the new Pacific UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2023 - 2027 which will guide the work of the UN System in Palau for the next five years. The UNSCDF 2023-2027 charts for the work of the UN across 14 Pacific Island countries and territories over the next five years (2023-2027), ensuring UN efforts align with national and regional development plans and aspirations, including the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent. In line with UNSDCF, the Palau Development Plan (PDP, 2022-2026) was also developed. This project will contribute to PDP on direction pursuing to development of aquaculture linked with feed security for the country in close collaboration with the Palau Community College housed at the Palau Community College Cooperative Research and Extension Program (PCC-CRE) as a Land Grant System and operates a Multi-Species Hatchery and a Research and Development Station bolstering Palau's capacity in aquaculture.
Link to relevant SDG Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
Link to relevant SDG Targets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14.2 By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration to achieve healthy and productive oceans • 14.7 By 2030, increase the economic benefits to Small Island developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism • 14.a Increase scientific knowledge, develop research capacity and transfer marine technology, taking into account the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology, in order to improve ocean health and to enhance the contribution of marine biodiversity to the development of developing countries, in particular small island developing States and least developed countries

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	
	N/A			
	N/A			
	N/A			
5- Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity	N/A	25,500		Progress will be reported in during next reporting period
11- People benefitting from GEF-financed investments	N/A	Total: 360 Female: 120 Male: 240		Progress will be reported in during next reporting period

Implementation Status 2023: 1st PIR

2.3. Implementation Status and Risks

	PIR#	Rating towards outcomes (section 3.1)	Rating towards outputs (section 3.2)	Risk rating (section 4.2)
FY 2024	1st PIR	S	S	L
FY 2023				
FY 2022				
FY 2021				
FY 2020				
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Summary of status

The GEF Project "Facilitating biodiversity conservation by enhancing aquaculture policy, planning, management, and production" inception phase has started in June 2024, with the mobilization of the GEF grant and the engagement of the Project Manager and all Project Management Unit staff. The 4th quarter of the inception phase for the project right after the inception workshop as well as the 1st PC meeting will be dedicated to the reestablishment of partnerships with relevant stakeholders as outlined in PD.

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$ 8,372,646
Actual to date:	
Progress	Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges: The GEF Project "Facilitating biodiversity conservation by enhancing aquaculture policy, planning, management, and production" inception phase was started recently (June 2024) and expected to be implemented as planned with the mobilization of the GEF grant and the engagement of the Project Manager and all Project Management Unit staff. Mobilization of co-finance will be also made and stated in next PIR cycle.

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	2024-06-26
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	During the PPG phase, a total of 57 stakeholders were consulted (46% females and 54% males). Based on our observations during the stakeholder engagement exercise, we noted the need to deliberately focus on women as key stakeholders in order to amplify their voices, especially in the project area (see section 3.11 Environmental and social safeguards of the ProDoc and Appendix 16. Gender Analysis and Mainstreaming Plan). Additionally, stakeholder consultations demonstrated high level of support to the project among the government agencies, private sector, and local communities as well as their willingness to participate in the project activities. During the upcoming inception workshop as well as PSC meeting on June 2024, further discussion on enhancement of role of stakeholders for the project will be discussed.

2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	Yes
Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):	The Gender Action Plan is outlined in the PD. The KM/Communications Officer will also expand and detail the GAP as part of the first year activities. In order to ensure gender quality in each activity, all efforts will be made to ensure equal representation from each gender. During the Inception Workshop in June, of the 26 participants, 14 were female and 12 were male. Additionally, of the PSC membership, there are 4 males and 2 females. Furthermore, on the PMU, there is currently 1 male and 1 female. Two more staff will be hired onto the project and all efforts will be made to ensure an gender balance. Further details on the gender action plan for the project will be detailed on the next PIR cycle.

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>Yes</p> <p>If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?</p> <p>1. Potential health risk to the project stakeholders and partners via COVID-19 contraction during the project.2. Negative climate change on sustainable aquaculture3. Potential gender disequilibrium</p>
New social and/or environmental risks	<p>Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, describe the new risks or changes?</p>
Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts	<p>Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken?</p>
Environmental and social safeguards management	During the PPG process and ESSF assessment, a set of key project risks was identified (see Table 5 in PD). The risks are divided in two categories: (1) the external and internal risks to the project implementation, achievement and sustainability of the project results; and

	(2) the risks that can be produced by the project itself in social and environmental spheres (ESSF risks) at national and/or project area levels. The project will monitor both categories of risks quarterly and report on the status of the risks to the UNEP. Management responses to High risks will also be reported to the GEF in the annual PIRs.
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2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	The project has developed a strategy for communications, education and awareness training of the public and development of education materials. In next PIR, relevant outputs on knowledge activities and products will be reported.
Main learning during the period	This project is in the early phase of implementation therefore no significant learnings have been realized from project outputs. A more substantial report of this will be reflected in the next reporting period.

2.9. Stories

Stories to be shared	Now, we are in the early phase of implementation therefore no significant stories have been realized to be shared. A more substantial information will be reflected in the next reporting period
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3 Performance

3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
To strengthen aquaculture policy, planning, management, and production to protect and enhance marine biodiversity in Palau through and ecosystem approach.	Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity	1,200 ha	15,500 ha	25,500 ha	1,200 ha	Project implementation just began. More information to be provided next PIR	S
	Number of direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investment (30% women)	0	180	360	0	Project implementation just began. More information to be provided next PIR	S
Strengthened legal and institutional frameworks for Sustainable Aquaculture	Total number of policies/strategies/laws for Sustainable Aquaculture developed by the project and endorsed/implemented by the Government of Palau	0	2	4	0	Project is still in inception phase, so the RFP for these consultancies for these policy documents are still being formulated and will be advertised and hiring will commence in the coming weeks.	S
	Presence of the National Sustainable Aquaculture Development Plan endorsed by the Government of Palau	0	1	1	0	Since the project is still in inception phase, the RFP for the consultancy for this output is still in formulation. Advertising and hiring should be underway in the next month.	S
	Presence of the national aquaculture sire selection, permitting, and environmental monitoring framework based on EAAM and endorsed by the Government of Palau.	0	1	1	0	Will be started in Year 2.	S
Strengthened national capacity for	Total number of aquaculture	0	0	15	0	Tracking will start in Y2.	S

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Sustainable Aquaculture that contributes to conservation of marine biodiversity.	farms (and farmers) practicing National EAAM Farming Standard			farms/20 farmers (20% women)			
	Total number of government officers (BoF, BoE, EQPB, PALARIS) that have sufficient skills on the aquaculture site selection, permitting, and environmental monitoring in accordance with the National EAAM Farming Standard	0	25	50 (30% women)	0	Tracking will start in Y2.	S
	Area of marine habitat under improved management through sustainable aquaculture (excluding protected areas)	0 ha	5,000	1,200 ha directly; 25,500 ha indirect	0	Tracking will start in Y2.	S
Lessons learned by the project are applied nationally and internationally for promotion of Sustainable Aquaculture	Total number of best practices and lessons learned by the project that are applied by other projects in Palau and abroad.	0	2	4	0	Will be developed as project activities are implemented and progress.	S
	Total number of direct project beneficiaries	0	180	360	0	Will be developed as project activities are implemented and progress.	S

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

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
1 Enabling a supporting policy environment for development of Sustainable Aquaculture in Palau	Output 1.1 National policy and legislation updated to integrate EAAM	2026-03-31	0	0	Project still in initial stages thus progress has been slow. Implementation of year 1 activities is currently underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	S
	Activity 1.1.1 Development of TORs and hiring consultants to review aquaculture policy and legislation and identify the gaps and ways to cover them and integrate sustainable aquaculture into the policy and legislation	2024-07-31	0	20%	TORs are being drafted and will be posted once completed. Since the project had a late start, this activity was pushed into year 1 quarter 3.	S
	Activity 1.1.2 Analysis of the policy and legislation by the consultant	2024-09-31	0	0	Progress is currently on track and this activity should be completed on time.	S
	Activity 1.1.3 Drafting policy and legislation documents for sustainable aquaculture by national consultants based on the policy and legislation review	2024-12-31	0	0	Project still in initial stages thus progress has been slow. Implementation of year 1 activities is currently underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	S
	Activity 1.1.4 Stakeholder workshops to discuss the policy and legislation documents in fully participatory process and make relevant edits	2025-06-31	0	0	Project still in initial stages thus progress has been slow. Implementation of year 1 activities is currently underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	S
	Activity 1.1.5 Finalizing of the draft policy and legislation documents and submission to MAFE and other government agencies for approval	2025-09-31	0	0	Project still in initial stages thus progress has been slow. Implementation of year 1 activities is currently underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	S
	Activity 1.1.6 Approval of the sustainable aquaculture policy and	2026-03-31	0	0	Project still in initial stages thus	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
	legislation by MADE and other government agencies				progress has been slow. Implementation of year 1 activities is currently underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	
	Output 1.2 National Sustainable Aquaculture Development Plan based on the EAAM is produced and endorsed by MAFE	2027-03-31	0	0	Project still in initial stages thus progress has been slow. Implementation of year 1 activities is currently underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	S
	Activity 1.2.1 Development of TORs and hiring a company to develop the National Sustainable Aquaculture Development Plan	2024-06-31	0	0	Though the project officially started in January, the project manager was hired in May 2024 and the inception workshop was conducted in June 2024. Thus, there is a delay of a month and this activity will be completed by the end of July 2024.	S
	Activity 1.2.2 Development of the National Sustainable Aquaculture Development Plan	2025-03-31	0	0	Project still in initial stages thus progress has been slow. Implementation of year 1 activities is currently underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	S
	Activity 1.2.3 Stakeholder meetings to review and discuss the Plan	2025-12-31	0	0	Project still in initial stages thus progress has been slow. Implementation of year 1 activities is currently underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	S
	Activity 1.2.4 Submission of the plan to the Governor's Association and MAFE for approval	2026-03-31	0	0	Project still in initial stages thus progress has been slow. Implementation of year 1 activities is currently	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
					underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	
	Activity 1.2.5 Approval of the Plan by the Governor's Association and MAFE	2026-09-31	0	0	Project still in initial stages thus progress has been slow. Implementation of year 1 activities is currently underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	S
	Activity 1.2.6 Printing/publishing of the Plan	2027-03-31	0	0	Project still in initial stages thus progress has been slow. Implementation of year 1 activities is currently underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	S
	Output 1.3 MAFE has a comprehensive aquaculture site selection, permitting, and environmental monitoring framework based on GIS database for EAAM	2026-12-31	0	0	Implementation of year 1 activities is currently underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	S
	Activity 1.3.1 Contract with a selected partner (company) to develop comprehensive aquaculture site selection, permitting, and environmental monitoring framework based on the GIS database for EAAM	2024-09-31	0	0	Implementation of year 1 activities is currently underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	S
	Activity 1.3.2 Development of the aquaculture site selection, permitting and environmental monitoring framework based on GIS database for EAAM	2025-12-31	0	0	Implementation of year 1 activities is currently underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	S
	Activity 1.3.3 Procurement of computer equipment and software for the framework	2025-12-31	0	0	Implementation of year 1 activities is currently underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	S
	Activity 1.3.4 Training and mentoring of BoF staff to use the system	2026-12-31	0	0	Implementation of year 1 activities is currently underway. More details will be outlined in the next PIR.	S
2 Developing	Output 2.1 National EAAM Farming Standard is introduced to	2027-09-31	0	0	Output 2 activities begin implementation	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
national capacity for EAAM	controlling government agencies and aquaculture farmers through a training program				in year 2.	
	Activity 2.1.1 Contract with a selected partner (company) to develop and deliver training and mentoring program for 20 aquaculture farms on the National EAAM Farming Standard, including development of the farm business plans	2027-09-31	0	0	Output 2 activities begin implementation in year 2.	S
	Activity 2.1.2 Contract with a selected partner (company) to develop and deliver training and mentoring program for 50-60 government employees from BoF, BoE, and EQPB on the National EAAM Farming Standard	2027-06-31	0	0	Output 2 activities begin implementation in year 2.	S
	Activity 2.1.3 Grants to community aquaculture farms that certified along the National EAAM Farming Standard for equipment of stock; monitoring of the grant program	2027-09-31	0	0	Output 2 activities begin implementation in year 2.	S
	Output 2.2 Bureau of Fisheries has a modern lab for development of sustainable aquaculture approaches and environmental monitoring of aquaculture farms	2027-06-30	0	0	Output 2 activities begin implementation in year 2.	S
	Activity 2.2.1 Procurement of the equipment for the sustainable aquaculture development and monitoring lab	2026-06-31	0	0	Output 2 activities begin implementation in year 2.	S
	Activity 2.2.2 Contract with a selected partner (company) to develop and deliver training and mentoring program for 5-6 government employees from BoF to operate the aquaculture monitoring lab	2027-06-31	0	0	Output 2 activities begin implementation in year 2.	S
	Output 2.3 Pilot EAAM hatcheries are established in Palau	2027-06-31	0	0	Output 2 activities begin implementation in year 2.	S
	Activity 2.3.1 Procurement of equipment for the 2 model community sites for sustainable aquaculture	2026-12-31	0	0	Output 2 activities begin implementation in year 2.	S
	Activity 2.3.2 Contract with partner (company) to develop operational modality and mentoring for the 2 selected farms in accordance with the National EAAM Farming Standard	2027-06-31	0	0	Output 2 activities begin implementation in year 2.	S
3 Knowledge	Output 3.1 Participatory M&E, communication and gender	2027-12-31	0	0	Year 1 AWP and indicator tracking sheets	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
management, gender mainstreaming, and monitoring and evaluation	mainstreaming framework developed and implemented for the project				are being drafted; inception workshop and 1st PSC meetings completed.	
	Activity 3.1.1 PSC Meetings	2027-12-31	0	25	First annual PSC meeting held on June 26, 2024.	S
	Activity 3.1.2 Development of annual work plans	2027-12-31	0	25%	First year AWP developed.	S
	Activity 3.1.3 Development of quarterly reports	2027-12-31	0	0	Year 1 Quarter 2 report in progress	S
	Activity 3.1.4 Development of PIRs	2027-12-31	0	75%	PIR 1 for year 1 on track to be submitted by July 31, 2024	S
	Activity 3.1.5 Project annual audit	2027-12-31	0	0	Auditor TOR being drafted, hiring to happen before end of September	S
	Activity 3.1.6 Development of the project terminal report	2027-12-31	0	0	Termination evaluation to be done in the last year of the project. Details to be provided at that time.	S
	Activity 3.1.7 Monitoring visits of the PMU to the project area	2027-12-31	0	0	Ongoing activity through project period	S
	Activity 3.1.8 Monitoring of the PRF and GEF Core Indicators	2027-12-31	0	0	Ongoing activity through project period	S
	Activity 3.1.9 Monitoring of the Project Risks and Social and Environmental Risks	2027-12-31	0	0	Ongoing activity through project period	S
	Activity 3.1.10 Meetings and calls with project partners to monitor output delivery	2027-12-31	0	0	Ongoing activity through project period	S
	Activity 3.1.11 Project Quality Assurance	2027-12-31	0	0	Ongoing activity through project period	S
	Activity 3.1.12 Mid-term review	2026-03-31	0	0	Details to be provided at mid-year mark	S
	Activity 3.1.13 Terminal Evaluation	2027-12-31	0	0	Details to be provided at end of project term	S
	Activity 3.1.14 Update of the Gender Mainstreaming Plan at the Inception Phase	2024-09-31	0	50%	Gender Plan being updated based on stakeholder engagements.	S
	Activity 3.1.15 Annual update of the Gender Mainstreaming Plan in the framework of Adaptive Management (M&E, KM, Gender and Communication Officer)	2027-09-31	0	75%	Year 1 Gender plan being updated with KM/Communications Officer	S
	Activity 3.1.16 Monitoring and implementation of the Gender	2027-12-31	0	0	Ongoing throughout project timeline	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
	Mainstreaming Plan throughout the project implementation					
	Output 3.2 Lessons learned from the project are shared nationally and internationally to promote EAAM	2027-12-31	0	0	Ongoing throughout project timeline	S
	Activity 3.2.1 Development and update of the project KM strategy	2027-03-31	0	0	Ongoing throughout project timeline	S
	Activity 3.2.2 Lessons learned formulation and reporting	2027-12-31	0	0	Ongoing throughout project timeline	S
	Activity 3.2.3 Project publications	2027-12-31	0	0	Activity to be done after lessons learned are completed and shared	S
	Activity 3.2.4 Project communication and lessons learning events	2027-12-31	0	0	Ongoing throughout project timeline	S

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

4 Risks

4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

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

Risk Factor	EA Rating	TM Rating
1 Management structure - Roles and responsibilities	Low	Low
2 Governance structure - Oversight	Low	Low
3 Implementation schedule	Low	Low
4 Budget	Low	Low
5 Financial Management	Low	Low
6 Reporting	Low	Low
7 Capacity to deliver	Low	Low

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

4.2 Table B. Risk-log

Implementation Status (Current PIR)

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

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
Another COVID-19 pandemic or national outbreak may disrupt and delay the project implementation due to travel and meeting	Entire project	M	M					M	=	As the project just started. the risks have not changed since the proposal was approved. Further details will be

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
restriction.										given when project implementation is fully underway. A report of changes will be shared in the next PIR.
Another COVID-19 pandemic may continue to disrupt the country's aquaculture sector and may negatively impact Government co-financing commitments to the project.	Component 2. Output 2.2. 2.3	M	M					M	=	As the project just started. the risks have not changed since the proposal was approved. Further details will be given when project implementation is fully underway. A report of changes will be shared in the next PIR.
Policy. legislation. frameworks and standards developed by the project may remain unofficial or take time behind the project lifetime to be approved by the Palau Government	Outputs 1.1. 1.2. 1.3	M	M					M	=	As the project just started. the risks have not changed since the proposal was approved. Further details will be given when project implementation is fully underway. A report of changes will be shared in the next PIR.
Low interest from aquaculture farmers and local communities to the project implementation	Component 2 and 3	L	L					L	=	As the project just started. the risks have not changed since the proposal was approved. Further details will be given when project implementation is fully underway. A report of changes will be shared in the next PIR.
Due to low capacity for sustainable aquaculture in Palau the project may result in development of the "business as usual" models of aquaculture farming with high level of pollution and low contribution to biodiversity conservation	Outcome 2	M	M					M	=	As the project just started. the risks have not changed since the proposal was approved. Further details will be given when project implementation is fully underway. A report of changes will be shared in the next PIR.
Sustainable aquaculture models introduced by the project may be negatively affected by	Component 2	M	M					M	=	As the project just started. the risks have not changed since the proposal

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
the effects of climate change (through sea level rise. increasing temperature. increasing storm activity. etc).										was approved. Further details will be given when project implementation is fully underway. A report of changes will be shared in the next PIR.
Multiple moderate social project risks can have significant negative impact on local communities in the project area	Entire project	M	M					M	=	As the project just started. the risks have not changed since the proposal was approved. Further details will be given when project implementation is fully underway. A report of changes will be shared in the next PIR.
Climate change consequences could potentially negatively affect sustainable aquaculture farms as well as target communities and their livelihood and food security.	Entire project	M	M					M	=	As the project just started. the risks have not changed since the proposal was approved. Further details will be given when project implementation is fully underway. A report of changes will be shared in the next PIR.
The project could impose a potential health risk to the project stakeholders and partners via COVID-19 contraction during the project related meetings and activities	Entire project	M	M					M	=	As the project just started. the risks have not changed since the proposal was approved. Further details will be given when project implementation is fully underway. A report of changes will be shared in the next PIR.
The project could lead to women discrimination via support of traditionally male-dominated activities such as aquaculture farming and marine resources management	Component 2 and Component 3	M	M					M	=	As the project just started. the risks have not changed since the proposal was approved. Further details will be given when project implementation is fully underway. A report of changes will be shared in the next PIR.
The project could potentially lead to	Component 2	L	L					L	=	As the project just started. the risks

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
increased waste disposal in marine environment from the aquaculture farms										have not changed since the proposal was approved. Further details will be given when project implementation is fully underway. A report of changes will be shared in the next PIR.

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
Another COVID-19 pandemic or national outbreak may disrupt and delay the project implementation due to travel and meeting restriction.	Continue to monitor COVID-19 situation at the national level	The PMU will continue to monitor the situation of COVID 19 in Palau to ensure that we are ahead of the situation and will be able to adjust activities to the situation.	COVID19 national situational analysis	Ongoing	PMU/MAFE
Another COVID-19 pandemic may continue to disrupt the country's aquaculture sector and may negatively impact		PMU will continue to monitor the situation of COVID 19 in Palau to ensure that we can adapt project activities as required to the	- COVID19 national situational analysis - Continued communications with partners agencies/organization to	Ongoing	PMU/MAFE/ project partners

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
Government co-financing commitments to the project.		situation.	ensure that activities will continue despite setbacks due to COVID 19.		
Policy, legislation, frameworks and standards developed by the project may remain unofficial or take time behind the project lifetime to be approved by the Palau Government	Inception workshop and PSC meeting conducted and got initial input from stakeholders.	Inception workshop and PSC meeting conducted and got initial input from stakeholders.	Stakeholder engagements	Year 1 Quarter 4 - Year 2 Quarter 2	PMU
Due to low capacity for sustainable aquaculture in Palau the project may result in development of the "business as usual" models of aquaculture farming with high level of pollution and low contribution to biodiversity conservation	no actions taken during this reporting period	no actions taken during this reporting period. more details to be reported in next reporting period	Stakeholder engagements	Year 2	PMU
Sustainable aquaculture models introduced by the project may be negatively affected by the effects of climate change (through sea level rise, increasing temperature, increasing storm activity, etc).	no actions taken during this reporting period	no actions taken during this reporting period. more details to be reported in next reporting period			

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
Multiple moderate social project risks can have significant negative impact on local communities in the project area	no actions taken during this reporting period	no actions taken during this reporting period. more details to be reported in next reporting period			
Climate change consequences could potentially negatively affect sustainable aquaculture farms as well as target communities and their livelihood and food security.	no actions taken during this reporting period	no actions taken during this reporting period. more details to be reported in next reporting period			
The project could impose a potential health risk to the project stakeholders and partners via COVID-19 contraction during the project related meetings and activities	no actions taken during this reporting period	no actions taken during this reporting period. more details to be reported in next reporting period			
The project could lead to women discrimination via support of traditionally male-dominated activities such as aquaculture farming and marine resources management	no actions taken during this reporting period	no actions taken during this reporting period. more details to be reported in next reporting period			
The project could potentially lead to	no actions taken during this reporting period	no actions taken during this reporting period. more			

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
increased waste disposal in marine environment from the aquaculture farms		details to be reported in next reporting period			

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

5 Amendment - GeoSpatial

Project Minor Amendments

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

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

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

Minor amendments

No minor amendments for this project.

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
					No changes made

GEO Location Information:

The Location Name, Latitude and Longitude are required fields insofar as an Agency chooses to enter a project location under the set format. The Geo Name ID is required in instances where the location is not exact, such as in the case of a city, as opposed to the exact site of a physical infrastructure. The Location & Activity Description fields are optional. Project longitude and latitude must follow the Decimal Degrees WGS84 format and Agencies are encouraged to use at least four decimal points for greater accuracy. Users may add as many locations as appropriate. Web mapping applications such as OpenStreetMap or GeoNames use this format. Consider using a conversion tool as needed, such as: <https://coordinates-converter.com> Please see the Geocoding User Guide by clicking here

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Republic of Palau	7.51498	134.58252	1559582		

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

[Annex any linked geospatial file]

Additional Supporting Documents:

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