

# GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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**Reporting from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024**

## 1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

### 1.1 Project Details

<b>GEF ID:</b> 9668	<b>Umoja WBS:</b> SB-015714
<b>SMA IPMR ID:</b> 43600	<b>Grant ID:</b> S1-32GFL-000617
<b>Project Short Title:</b> ENDhERI	
<b>Project Title:</b> Enhancing National Development through Environmentally Resilient Islands (ENDhERI)	
<b>Duration months planned:</b>	60
<b>Duration months age:</b>	45
<b>Project Type:</b>	Full Sized Project (FSP)
<b>Parent Programme if child project:</b>	
<b>Project Scope:</b>	National
<b>Region:</b>	Asia Pacific
<b>Countries:</b>	Maldives
<b>GEF Focal Area(s):</b>	Biodiversity
<b>GEF financing amount:</b>	\$ 3,532,968.00
<b>Co-financing amount:</b>	\$ 22,934,073.00
<b>Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:</b>	2020-06-18
<b>UNEP Project Approval Date:</b>	2020-09-09
<b>Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):</b>	2021-03-21
<b>Date of Inception Workshop, if available:</b>	2021-06-07
<b>Date of First Disbursement:</b>	2020-12-24
<b>Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:</b>	\$ 1,300,993.00
<b>Total expenditure as of 30 June:</b>	\$ 932,129.00

<b>Midterm undertaken?:</b>	Yes
<b>Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:</b>	2024-04-01
<b>Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:</b>	
<b>Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:</b>	2024-09-30
<b>Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:</b>	2024-09-30
<b>Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:</b>	2025-09-30
<b>Expected Financial Closure Date:</b>	2026-09-30

## 1.2 Project Description

This project aims to assist the government of the Maldives in its implementation of new environmental policies and transition towards national adoption of Green Growth atoll development that will sustain marine NC and strengthen the resilience and recovery of reef ecosystems. This will be informed by learning from atoll-wide integrated coastal zone management within a Managed Marine Area / Biosphere Reserve framework, and the application of innovative sustainability practices and standards in agriculture, fisheries, tourism and construction sectors as the basis for transforming the human ecological footprint in Laamu Atoll, and taking this up to national level through sector transformation, spatial planning and improved governance based on NC accounting. The intermediate objective of this transformation is to minimize the flows of pollutants from land-based activities into the adjacent marine environment, and reduce marine-based drivers of reef degradation including baitfish and reef fisheries. Overall, the project seeks to enhance reef ecosystem integrity and resilience through sustainable management, reducing development impacts and integrating NC accounting into national planning.

Overall, the project will lead to enhanced conservation and sustainable management of the coral reef-atoll seascapes throughout the Maldives through an in-built design for scaling up from local experience to national change across its three components. Integration of the NC concept and approaches into business models, risk analyses and decision-making processes within government, private sector and financial institutions is expected to align national and local governance with the enhanced planning needs outlined in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.

**Component 1:** Green Growth development for Laamu Atoll in the fisheries and agriculture, tourism and construction sectors. Increase the sustainability of marine and coastal resource management under a Green Growth Strategy for Laamu Atoll and achieve a reduction in stressors impacting Laamu Atoll reefs through increased Green Growth and Integrated Coastal Zone Management practices in key sectors.

**Component 2:** Building social capital for a green economy. Will result in increased understanding of the values and dependencies on marine NC and biodiversity and ecosystem services that supports improved livelihoods and sustainable development on Laamu and among key national stakeholders.

Component 3: Mainstreaming natural capital accounting into fisheries and agriculture, tourism and construction sectors. Aim to achieve increased institutional capacity, clarified mandates and integration of NC accounting in marine biodiversity conservation policy and programs; enhanced protection of coral reefs and other marine NC through actions by corporate sectors; and strengthened inter-sectoral coordination and spatial planning that incorporates NCA support sustainable development in the fisheries and agriculture, tourism and construction sectors.

Component N: 4. Knowledge management and M&E. Support the implementation of Components 1-3 ensuring that information and lessons learned are shared between the different Components and stakeholders and that results-based management is informed by adequate M&E procedures.

### 1.3 Project Contacts

<b>Division(s) Implementing the project</b>	Ecosystems Division
<b>Name of co-implementing Agency</b>	
<b>Executing Agency (ies)</b>	Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy, Maldives
<b>names of Other Project Partners</b>	Housing Development Corporation (name changed to Urbanco)Blue Marine FoundationSix Senses LaamuMinistry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and AgricultureMaldives Bureau of Statistics
<b>UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)</b>	Johan Robinson
<b>UNEP Task Manager(s)</b>	Kavita Sharma
<b>UNEP Budget/Finance Officer</b>	Paul Vrontamitis
<b>UNEP Support Assistants</b>	Peerayot Sidonrusmee
<b>Manager/Representative</b>	Lisama Sabry
<b>Project Manager</b>	Mariyam Fazna
<b>Finance Manager</b>	Samau Wafir
<b>Communications Lead, if relevant</b>	Ali Nizar

## 2 Overview of Project Status

### 2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

<b>UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):</b>	Thematic: Nature action subprogramme
<b>UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):</b>	Subprogramme 3: Healthy and Productive Ecosystems
<b>PoW Indicator(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature: (i) Number of national or subnational entities that, with UNEP support, adopt integrated approaches to address environmental and social issues and/or tools for valuing, monitoring and sustainably managing biodiversity.</li> </ul>
<b>UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages</b>	UNDAF 2016-2010: the project contributed to its Strategic Priority Area 4: Environment & Climate Change Strategies, on its Output 4.1 By 2020, national and sub-national authorities have strengthened, effective knowledge-based mechanisms that incorporate relevant sector data related to climate change, natural and human induced disasters and sustainable environmental management, and that are accessible for evidence-based, gender-sensitive decision making
<b>Link to relevant SDG Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all</li> <li>Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development</li> <li>Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development</li> </ul>
<b>Link to relevant SDG Targets:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.5 Ensure women’s full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life</li> <li>6.3 By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally</li> <li>12.2 By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources</li> <li>13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning</li> <li>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</li> <li>15.5 Take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and, by 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species</li> <li>17.1 Strengthen domestic resource mobilization, including through international support to developing countries, to improve domestic capacity for tax and other revenue collection</li> </ul>

## 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	
2- Marine protected areas created or under improved management for conservation and sustainable use	2677.35		832	2677.35
5- Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity	2650.40		86153	2650.40
11- People benefitting from GEF-financed investments	881		2870	881
11.1- Male	387		1435	387
11.2- Female	494		1435	494

Implementation Status 2024: 3rd 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	3rd PIR	S	S	M
FY 2023	2nd PIR	S	S	M
FY 2022	1st PIR	S	MS	M
FY 2021				
FY 2020				
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

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## Summary of status

**KAP Assessment:** A Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices survey on environmental awareness among the island communities of Laamu atoll was conducted. The survey covered 10 out of the 11 inhabited islands in the atoll, and interviewed over 1000 respondents. Information was collected on media consumption habits, level of knowledge on environmental affairs, attitudes concerning environmental conservation efforts in the country and respondent's own practices that impact the environment. The report is also translated to local language Dhivehi. (Annex 1)

**Baseline Study of Waste Management in Laamu Atoll:** The main aim of the report is to identify and assess the current waste management status of Laamu Atoll. The report is developed as a baseline for the implementation of waste management components within the ENDhERI project. The baseline will assist in Identification of current status of local waste management practices, priority areas and waste management needs for the Atoll. (Annex 2)

**Project Sensitization at Laamu Atoll:** Project conducted the series of project sensitization in Laamu atoll, visiting all islands of Laamu Atoll to inform the councils, women's development committees, local communities and schools about project objectives, scope and ongoing and upcoming activities. Environmental awareness sessions were held for students from grade 6 to 9 of three schools in Laamu Gan and Fonadhoo. (Annex 3)

**Resource Usage consultations regarding proposed protected areas in Laamu Atoll:** Meetings to obtain and gather information on the resource usage at the proposed protected areas in Laamu atoll were conducted in the islands of Laamu atoll Hithadhoo, Maabaidhoo and Gan. Discussions were held with the island councils, Women's Development Committees, utilities, government institutions and NGO. Teams from ENDhERI and the EPA also visited L. Maavah to demarcate mangrove boundary and conduct stakeholder consultation regarding restoration and management of Maavah mangrove.

**Zonation and boundary demarcation of proposed protected areas in L. Atoll:** The zonation was conducted to demarcate the boundaries of the proposed protected areas in Laamu Atoll. The Zonation report is developed to fulfil the reporting purpose of the project (Annex 4)

**Multi-stakeholder Workshop on Ecosystem Conservation and Management:** A multi-stakeholder workshop on ecosystem conservation and management was held in Laamu to following the recent designation of six environmentally protected areas of Laamu Atoll. More than 50 participants from all islands of Laamu, representing the island councils, women's development committees, civil societies, school management, law enforcement agencies and utility providers took part in this one-day workshop, where facilitators from MECCT and EPA conducted sessions such as ecosystem services and benefits to the local communities, relevant legal and institutional frameworks, enforcement, capacity needs and financing. (Annex 5)

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**Mangroves, Wetlands and Nature Parks Experience and Knowledge sharing Tour in Addu and Fuahmulah:** Project hosted a contingent of island and atoll council members and WDC members from Laamu Atoll on a tour of mangroves, wetlands and nature parks in Addu Atoll and Fuahmulah. This tour was arranged to facilitate the local government of Laamu to gain exposure and experience on established best practices of protected area management in the Maldives, and included meetings with Addu Atoll and Fuahmulah city councils as well as presentation from park staff and officials from EPA involved in the establishment of these Nature Parks. (Annex 6)

**Environment and social management framework:** The purpose of ESMF is to support the assessment of potential environmental and social impacts anticipated during the implementation of the project. This ESMF will ensure the implementation of project activities conform with GEF policy on Environmental Social Safeguard (ESS) Guidelines, UNEP's Environmental and Social Sustainability Framework (ESSF) and environmental and social legislative requirement of government of Maldives (GOM). ESMF is also translated to Dhivehi language. (Annex 7)

**Baseline Study of agricultural practices at Laamu Atoll:** A baseline assessment was conducted to understand baseline condition of the agricultural practices in Laamu Atoll. The results of the baseline assessment will establish the reference point for status of agriculture in Laamu Atoll, in turn will be used identify the areas of need to support the local community under the agricultural components of the project. (Annex 8)

**ENDhERI Small Grant 1st cycle:** The main objective is to provide a small grants scheme under ENDhERI project for supporting sustainable livelihoods that relates to better management of natural capital; as part of the transition towards national adoption of Green Growth atoll development that will sustain marine Natural Capital (NC) and strengthen the resilience and recovery of reef ecosystems. The small grant also supports at risk women extra support in economical betterment through alternative livelihood options. Two workshop sessions were conducted to Women's Development Committees, school management officials and civil societies from Laamu atoll prior and after the announcement of the small grant. Over 40 participants from islands of Laamu attended this workshop where information was provided on the intention and scope of small grants, small grant application process, and proposal evaluation criteria. Small grants were awarded to 10 islands of Laamu Atoll.

**Baseline Study of fisheries practices at Laamu Atoll:** A baseline assessment was conducted to understand baseline condition of the fisheries practices in Laamu Atoll. The results of the baseline assessment will establish the reference point for status of fisheries in Laamu Atoll, in turn will be used identify the areas of need to support the local community under the fisheries components of the project. (Annex 9)

**Development of management plans for Laamu PAs:** An agreement has been signed with Water Solutions Pvt Ltd, to develop the management for six protected areas in Laamu Atoll in line with current legal framework and instruments; with all relevant annexes including maps, concepts, zonation, financial plan and governance plan, guidelines, standards, permit forms or any forms related to management standards in alignment with the requirements of the Regulation on Protected Areas. Concepts of the management plans have been finalized.

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**Development of Natural Capital Account in Maldives:** An agreement has been signed with University of New South Wales (UNSW), to advance the knowledge agenda on Natural Capital Accounting in the Maldives, in particular ecosystem accounting, by initiating pilot testing of the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA EA) in Laamu Atoll. Accounts will be created and completed by Nov 2024. Data collection required for the NCA has been completed.

**Coral Reef Monitoring Training:** Project has concluded the training program on the National Coral Reef Monitoring Framework for participants from Laamu atoll. 12 participants from seven islands of Laamu participated in the three-day online workshop that was conducted by experts from Maldives Marine Research Institute. Project awarded certificates to participants who had successfully completed the training program at a ceremony held at the Laamu Atoll Council building, Senior Executive Director at the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology, Abdulla Shareef handed over the certificates to the seven recipients from various islands of Laamu atoll.

**Validation workshop Ecologically significant areas of Laamu Atoll:** Project has conducted a workshop to validate the ecologically significant areas identified in Laamu atoll. Councils from ten islands of Laamu participated in this workshop, where discussions were held to verify the previously identified hotspots, propose new areas for inclusion in this list and agreeing on priority areas to conduct ecological baseline.

**Marine Ecosystems and their Services - Training of Trainers:** Project held an introductory workshop on Marine Ecosystems and Ecosystem Services for secondary school teachers. Two sessions of this one-day workshop was held and was participated by close to 200 teachers from all islands of the Maldives. The workshop was conducted jointly by experts from the University of New South Wales, Rekam Nusantara Foundation and Maldives National University. (Annex 10)

**Sustainable Agriculture Awareness Sessions:** Awareness sessions on sustainable agriculture was conducted in Laamu Atoll by project consultant Riyan Pvt Limited. Sessions targeting island councils, women's development committees, students and farmers have been held in Isdhoo, Dhanbidhoo, Fonadhoo and Gan. The sessions contained information effects of chemical pesticides used in agriculture, Good Agricultural Practices, agribusiness skills and tactics, and collection of agricultural statistics.

**Sustainable Fisheries Awareness Sessions:** Training sessions on sustainable fisheries was conducted in Laamu Atoll Fonadhoo, under the consultancy with Maldives Resilient Reefs. Initial sessions were held for Island Councils, WDCs and students. The sessions covered topics such as trends in fisheries practices over time, importance of fisheries management, current status of fisheries at the global, regional and local levels and the importance of maintaining fisheries statistics.

**Groundwater Testing for Agro-chemicals:** Water sampling was carried out in four islands of Laamu Atoll by Epoch Associate Pvt Ltd in order to establish a baseline on the quality of groundwater in islands with the highest farming activity in the atoll. More than 20 tests were performed on the samples taken from various locations of Isdhoo, Kalaidhoo, Gan and Dhanbidhoo, including testing for the presence of agro-chemicals. Training was also provided for the island council staff in these islands to independently conduct similar tests in the future. Report have been shared with the stakeholders (awaiting publishing).

**ENDhERI Small Grant 2nd cycle:** ENDhERI Project has opened the second round of small grants for environmental conservation programs in Laamu Atoll. This round of grants is focused on Environment Protection and Management; Environment Research and Monitoring; Sustainable Diversification in Agriculture and Farming and

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Sustainable Fishing Practices. Priority would be given to NGOs operating at national and island level and Women's Development Committees. Submitted proposals are now under evaluation.

**ACEM Scholarship agreement signed with MNU:** Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy and Maldives National University signed an agreement under the ENDhERI project to provide scholarships to 15 students from Laamu Atoll enrolled in the Advanced Certificate in Environmental Management Course. Mohamed Zahir, Director General at the Ministry, and Adam Khalid, Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations.

**ENDhERI Scholarship Awarding:** Project awarded scholarship certificates to 12 students of Laamu atoll enrolled in the Advanced Certificate of Environmental Management course at the Maldives National University's Gan Campus. Deputy Minister Hassaan Mohamed presented the awards to the recipients at a ceremony held at MNU's Laamu Gan Campus. Atoll Council President of Laamu Atoll, Ismail Ali and members of the MNU leadership also attended this ceremony. The scholarships cover full tuition, stipends and study material costs. The newly designed certificate program is intended as a pathway to the environmental management bachelor's degree at MNU.

**Small Grants Experience Sharing Workshop from 1st cycle of Small grant:** ENDhERI organized a workshop for the recipients of the first round of the small grants program to share their experiences. At the workshop, ENDhERI presented an introduction of the second round of the small grants that was opened this year. Grant recipients from Gan, Maavah, Fonadhoo and Maamendhoo who had successfully completed their projects also presented on their achievements and lessons learnt during the process.

**ENDhERI Project holds 4th meeting of the steering committee:** ENDhERI Project held the fourth meeting of the project's steering committee. The meeting was held in Laamu atoll for the first time. At the meeting, committee members were presented with up-to-date progress information on all project components and discussion were held on addressing challenges and tactics to improve project implementation in the future. Senior Conservation Officer at MCCEE, Lisama Sabry chaired this meeting. Task Manager for ENDhERI at UNEP, Ms. Kavita Sharma also attended the meeting in person. (Annex 11)

**Sustainable Fisheries Management Workshop for Tuna Fishermen:** A training workshop on sustainable fisheries management was held in Laamu Kadhdhoo targeting the atoll's tuna fishermen. The program was conducted by Maldives Resilient Reefs and covered topics such as Maldivian marine ecosystem and links, world fishery and evolution of fishing in Maldives, with a focus on Laamu Atoll, and types of fisheries management. The session also covered environment friendly technologies for bait handling and on-board fish handling, data collection methods.

**Laamu Waste and Resource Management Planning Validation Workshop:** A two-day workshop on Laamu Atoll Waste and Resource Management Planning was held in Laamu Kadhdhoo. The workshop was conducted by Up Close Solutions who have been contracted by ENDhERI to formulate island and atoll level waste management plans for Laamu. The workshop covered the present state of waste and resource management in Laamu, overview of existing challenges and opportunities, and reviewed the relevant policies and regulatory framework. Participants also brainstormed on identifying critical areas for improvement, and shared successful waste management initiatives from the atoll. Laamu Atoll islands WRMPs have been completed. (Awaiting publishing)

**Presentation of Laamu Groundwater Testing Findings:** Project shared findings from the recent groundwater testing conducted in Laamu Atoll with relevant government agencies and island councils. Information regarding site selection, testing process and parameters and key findings were presented at this meeting by the team from Epoch Associates who carried out this work.

## 2.4 Co Finance

<b>Planned Co-finance:</b>	\$ 22,934,073
<b>Actual to date:</b>	3,076,448
<b>Progress</b>	<p><b>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</b></p> <p>Six Senses Laamu has provided the financing commitment information on their co-financing contribution towards the project outputs for the year 2021-2022 – amount USD 153,542.00</p> <p>Blue Marine Foundation has provided the financing commitment information on their co-financing contribution towards the project outputs for the year 2021 - 2022 and 2022 – 2023, amount USD 121,368.00 and USD 218,238.00 respectively.</p> <p>Ministry of Environment has contributed total of USD 2,583,300.70 from the Green Fund for the rehabilitation of coconut industry in the Maldives and protection of wetland area of S.Hithadhoo</p> <p>Maldives Clean Environment Project (MCEP) project of Ministry of Environment Climate change and Technology contribute the waste management project of Laamu atoll and is currently working to develop Waste Management Centers at Laamu Gan and Dhanbidhoo Island.</p> <p>In-kind co-financing to report during this project period is contribution from MECCT on their staff time and technical expertise towards the project outputs from different departments of the Ministry.</p> <p>After Housing Development Corporation (UrbanCo) has designed the concept of the Cultural island, which the project was working with HDC to give technical input to the Knowledge Centre, HDC has decided to allocate another location for the Knowledge Center. Project and the Ministry if now working with HDC to finalize a plan and way forward</p> <p>MBS and UNEP has continuous support to the project in their line of work with the project activities.</p>

## 2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	2024-05-08
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	<p><b>Inception Workshop – Total 51 participants,</b></p> <p>7th June 2021 – Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology, Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture, Ministry of National Development, Housing and Infrastructure, National Bureau of Statistics/ MNPHI, Ministry of Education, Environmental Protection Agency/ MoEn, Laamu Atoll Office, Maldives National University, Maldives Association of Tourism Industry (MATI), Six Senses Laamu, Blue Marine Foundation, Housing Development Corporation Ltd. (HDC), Laamu Fonadhoo Council, Laamu Maabaidhoo Council, Laamu Isdhoo Council, Laamu Mundoo Council, Laamu Kunahandhoo Council, Laamu Hithadhoo Council, Laamu Dhanbidhoo Council, Laamu Maavah Council, Laamu Kalaidhoo Council, Laamu Gan Council, Laamu Gan Council</p> <p><b>Project Sensitization Meetings</b></p> <p>30th November 2021 – Laamu Atoll Council and all Laamu Atoll Council Presidents</p> <p>27th February 2022 to 2nd March - Gan, Isdhoo, Kalaidhoo, Maabaidhoo and Mundoo Island Councils, WDC and community meeting</p> <p>13th to 16th March 2022 - Fonadhoo, Maamendhoo, Hithadhoo, Kunahandhoo, Maavah and Dhanbidhoo Island Councils, WDC and community meeting</p> <p>18th April to 19th May – Ihahdhoo school, Hamad Khalifa Al-Kahani School, Laamu Atoll Education Centre, Isdhoo Kalaidhoo School, Isdhoo School, Dhanbidhoo school, Laamu Atoll school, Mundoo School, Maamendhoo School, Hithadhoo School, Kunahandhoo School, Maavah School,</p> <p><b>Multi-stakeholder workshop – Total of 52 participants</b></p> <p>24th March 2022 – Isdhoo Council, Isdhoo WDC, Isdhoo School, Kalaidhoo Council, Kalaidhoo WDC, Isdhoo Kalaidhoo School, alaidhoo WDC, Dhanbidhoo Council, Dhanbidhoo School, Maabaidhoo Council, Maabaidhoo WDC, Laamu Atoll School, Mundoo Council, Mundoo School, Gan Council, Gan WDC, Ihadhoo School, Mukurimagu School, Fonadhoo Council, Fonadhoo WDC, Maamendhoo Council,</p>

	<p>Maamendhoo WDC, Maamendhoo School, Hithadhoo Council, Hithadhoo WDC, Kunahandhoo Council, Kunahandhoo WDC, Kunahandhoo School, Mavashu Council, Mavashu WDC, Mavashu School, Laamu Atoll Council, Business Centre Corporation, Villa College - Laamu Gan Campus, Maldives Islamic University - Laamu Fonadhoo Campus, Maldives Resilient Reef, MNDF, MNU - L.Gan Campus, Police, Bizco Institute of Research and Development, MNDF, Six Senses Laamu Resort</p> <p><b>Resource Usage consultations regarding proposed protected areas in Laamu Atoll</b></p> <p>2nd October 2021 - Laamu atoll Hithadhoo, Maabaidhoo and Gan.</p> <p><b>Mangrove-Wetland and nature experience sharing tour – Total 25 participants</b></p> <p>7th to 10th February 2022 and 13th to 16th June 2022 – Laamu Atoll Council, Laamu Atoll Island Councils and Laamu Atoll Island WDC</p> <p><b>Small Grant Workshops</b></p> <p>Information workshop on 30th May 2022 – NGOs and WDC of Laamu Atoll</p> <p>Small Grant working session on 19th December 2022 – NGOs and WDC of Laamu Atoll</p> <p><b>ESMF Workshop</b></p> <p>26th September 2022 – Laamu Atoll Island Councils and WDC</p> <p><b>Development of Natural Capital Accounting</b></p> <p>Inception workshop (37 participants), 13th to 14th March 2023 - Environment, Climate Change and Technology, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture, Maldives Marine Research Institute/ MFMRA, National Bureau of Statistics/ MNPHI, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology / Environment Department, Environment Protection Agency, National Centre for Information Technology, Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Finance, Laamu Atoll Council, Maldives National University, Maldives Association of Tourism Industry (MATI), Maldives National Association of Construction Industry (MNACI), Six Senses Laamu, Blue Marine Foundation, Auditor General's Office.</p>
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	<p>4th December 2022 – NGOs of Laamu Atoll</p> <p>18th January 2023 – Meeting with Noo Raajje Team</p> <p>24th January 2023 – Meeting with Maldives National University</p> <p>1st February 2023 – 1st Stakeholder meeting – Ministry of Environment Climate Change and Technology, EPA, Ministry of National Planning Housing and Infrastructure/MBS, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Fisheries Marine Resources and Agriculture, MMRI, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Development, MNACI, MATI, MNU, Laamu Atoll Council</p> <p>5th April 2023 – Meeting with MNU</p> <p>Technical Committee Meeting on 17th May 2023 – MECCT, EPA, National Centre for Information Technology (NCIT), Laamu Atoll Council, MMRI, Min. Tourism, Min. Planning, Min. Finance, Maldives National Association of Construction Industry, Maldives Association of Tourism Industry, MNU.</p> <p><b>Ecologically significant areas of Laamu Atoll - Validation workshop – total 31 participants</b></p> <p>8th June 2023 – Laamu Atoll Island Councils</p> <p><b>Sustainable Agriculture Trainings – 500 participants</b></p> <p>17-20 Jan 2024, 24- 27 Jan 2024, 14-17 Feb 2024 - Island Councils, WDC, School students, farming community and NGOs</p> <p><b>Public lecture on Natural Capital Accounting – 51 attendees</b></p> <p>22nd August 2023 - MNU students, Higher Secondary Students, Government Organizations and NGOs</p> <p><b>Marine Ecosystems and Ecosystem Services Workshop for teachers – total 189 participants</b></p>
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	<p>24th and 26th August 2023 - All public Schools in the Maldives</p> <p><b>Ground water assessment training – 10 participants</b></p> <p>7th February 2024 - MCCEE, URA, Councils and WDC of Laamu Atoll</p> <p><b>Small Grant Success and Lessons learnt workshop – 16 participants</b></p> <p>3rd March 2024 - Councils, WDC and NGOs of Laamu Atoll</p> <p><b>AECM Scholarship Awarding – total 33 participants</b></p> <p>10th March 2024 - Enrolled Students from Laamu, MNU staff and MCCEE</p> <p><b>Small Grant Cycle 2 Training – 6 participants</b></p> <p>14th April 2024 - Laamu Farmer, Maldives National University, Maldives Marine Journal, L. Gan WDC, REEF NGO, Zero Waste Maldives</p>
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## 2.6. Gender

<b>Does the project have a gender action plan?</b>	Yes
<b>Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):</b>	<p>Gender mainstreaming has been a priority in the project implementation with a view to promoting equality between women and men. The involvement of women has been ensured at all levels of the project, from project team to all the activities with the communities. PMU consists of more 4 women out of 6 staff resulting more than 60% of PMU. Project Steering Committee and NCA Technical committee consists of 50% women. Community Co-Management Consultant ensures integrating gender equality in all project activities.</p> <p>Outreach and education activities will ensure that more women and youth are participating in both decisions making and implementation of the activities. Intentional prioritizing of women for the project small grants will enable more women to participate on a leading role on a community level small projects.</p>

	<p>Environment and social management framework has been developed by the project . The purpose of ESMF is to support the assessment of potential environmental and social impacts anticipated during the implementation of the project. This ESMF will ensure the implementation of project activities conform with GEF policy on Environmental Social Safeguard (ESS) Guidelines, UNEP’s Environmental and Social Sustainability Framework (ESSF) and environmental and social legislative requirement of government of Maldives (GOM). A workshop was conducted</p> <p>A workshop was held for the Island Councils of Laamu on to to identify and mitigate potential environmental and societal impacts arising from project activities. During the workshop participants were thoroughly informed on the Grievance Redress Mechanisms available to them through the project’s ESMF, which sets out the process to address concerns from the communities with transparent decision-making and with involvement of all relevant stakeholders. Information was also provided on the various tools that are utilised alongside the ESMF such as the Stakeholder Engagement Plan, Gender Action Plan and the Communication and Outreach Plan. 18 participants from the atoll's island councils and council secretariats participated in this workshop.</p> <p>Project has translated the document to the local language of Dhivehi.</p>
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## 2.7. ESSM

<b>Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)</b>	<p><b>Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage?</b></p> <p>No</p> <p><b>If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?</b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>New social and/or environmental risks</b>	<p><b>Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period?</b></p> <p>Yes</p> <p><b>If yes, describe the new risks or changes?</b></p> <p>There have been instances of vandalism of project signage in some of the sites. Greater engagement of stakeholders is warranted.</p>
<b>Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts</b>	<p><b>Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?</b></p> <p>Yes</p> <p><b>If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken?</b></p>

	<p>In order to implement GRM of the project, a training session was conducted for the stakeholders and community groups during ESMF training on compliance. An online form was circulated to councils and focal points, which was shared with the community. A complaint was received during the course of this reporting period, regarding unavailability of information on project and its grant opportunities.</p> <p>Action Taken: To expand the project's outreach, dedicated social media handles were created on the most commonly used social media platforms, such as facebook, instagram and viber. Further, the information for the grant opportunities were given prior to announcement via face to face workshops, meetings and circulated through Environment Ministry's official social media and island level focal points.</p>
<b>Environmental and social safeguards management</b>	<p>Environment and social management framework has been developed by the project . The purpose of ESMF is to support the assessment of potential environmental and social impacts anticipated during the implementation of the project. This ESMF will ensure the implementation of project activities conform with GEF policy on Environmental Social Safeguard (ESS) Guidelines, UNEP's Environmental and Social Sustainability Framework (ESSF) and environmental and social legislative requirement of government of Maldives (GOM). A workshop was conductedA workshop was held for the Island Councils of Laamu on to to identify and mitigate potential environmental and societal impacts arising from project activities. During the workshop participants were thoroughly informed on the Grievance Redress Mechanisms available to them through the project's ESMF, which sets out the process to address concerns from the communities with transparent decision-making and with involvement of all relevant stakeholders. Information was also provided on the various tools that are utilised alongside the ESMF such as the Stakeholder Engagement Plan, Gender Action Plan and the Communication and Outreach Plan. 18 participants from the atoll's island councils and council secretariats participated in this workshop. Project is currently translating the document to the local language of Dhivehi.</p>

## 2.8. KM/Learning

<b>Knowledge activities and products</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Laamu Environmental KAP Survey Report</li> <li>2. Baseline Report - Waste Management in Laamu Atoll</li> <li>3. Laamu Atoll PPA Zonation Report</li> <li>4. Multi-Stakeholder Workshop On Ecosystem Conservation And Management In Laamu Atoll</li> <li>5. Preliminary Assessment and Mapping of Maavah Mangrove – Report</li> <li>6. Environmental and Social Management Framework – ENDhERI</li> <li>7. ENDhERI Project Sensitization Report Year 1</li> <li>8. Mangrove-Wetland And Nature Park Experience Sharing Tour Report</li> </ol>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Baseline Report On Agricultural Practices in Laamu Atoll</li> <li>10. Scoping Report On Ecosystem Extent and Condition in Laamu Atoll</li> <li>11. Technical Scope Report – Consultancy Service for Development of Natural Capital Accounting</li> <li>12. KAP Survey Report – Survey on Environmental Awareness in Laamu Atoll</li> <li>13. Report on Historical Analysis of Dynamic of Ecosystem</li> <li>14. Marine Ecosystems and their Services: Training of Trainers</li> <li>15. NCA - Technical Report to Mapping Deliverables</li> <li>16. Report of Findings on Habitat Patterns of the ICZM</li> <li>17. Flora and Fauna Soil Assessment Report</li> </ul>
<b>Main learning during the period</b>	<p>While the general population understood the main concerns affecting the local islands, there was a shallow or an incomplete understanding of many other specific environmental issues, environmental conservation work, and relevant laws and regulations. Access to information sources and usage of media is very high, but little effort has been demonstrated in obtaining environmental information.</p> <p>Low uptake of environmentally benefiting activities if they are not linked to financial incentives.</p>

## 2.9. Stories

<b>Stories to be shared</b>	None noted at this time. Social Media Publishing Data (Annex 18)
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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
Objective: To enhance reef ecosystem integrity and resilience through sustainable management, reducing development impacts and integrating natural capital accounting into development planning	Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity (ha; excluding PAs)	Total area of reef and lagoon habitats in Laamu Atoll = 86,153 ha, Of this area, only Six Senses Laamu Resort House Reef is managed for conservation		86,153 ha reef and lagoon habitats in Laamu Atoll included in Sustainable Development plans, and subject to MMA management plan implementation including zoning of land/sea uses, governance arrangements and staffing, sustainable financing and community engagement	2677.35	Project has identify priority sites for biodiversity conservation in Laamu Atoll for habitat and key species assessments. GIS mapping, management zonation and develop management plans for the 6 protected areas is is being developed on the final stage of validation. Baseline study has been established on Fisheries practices and key fisheries site, waste management and agricultural practices.  Total of 2677.35ha of Laamu Atoll has been protected under Environment Act of Maldives	S
	Marine protected areas created or under improved	No established PAs within		Five areas proposed by	6	Ecological significant hotspots has been identified by the project; priority	S

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	management for conservation and sustainable use (hectares)	Laamu Atoll, although five areas have been proposed by the Atoll Council to ME for protection		the Atoll Council are legally protected; other core zone areas of proposed MMA / BR		areas are currently contracted for develop baseline studies of the ESAs to be completed by Oct 2024.6 areas of Laamu atoll protected under Environment Act	
	Number of direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investment			a) 2,500 people (50% female), b) 250 government and teaching staff (50% female), 120 SME / corporate sector staff (50% female)	901 Total (56% female)	This is still evolving and improving under the ongoing project activities: (a & b) Multi-stakeholder Workshop on Ecosystem Conservation and Management – Total number of participants - 65 (48% female) (b) Mangroves, Wetlands and Nature Parks Experience and Knowledge sharing Tour in Addu and Fuahmulah – Total number participants 36 (44% female) (a) Small Grant Information workshop – Total number participants 46 (46% female) Small Grant workshop 2 (Session for shortlisted Candidates)- Total of 11 participants ( 30% female) ESA Validation workshop- A total of 24 participants ( 30% female). Sustainable Agriculture Trainings - 500 participants. Ground water assessment training - 10 participants. Small Grant Cycle 2 Training - 6. Small Grant	S

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						Success and Lessons learnt workshop - 16. Public lecture on Natural Capital Accounting - 51. Marine Ecosystems and Ecosystem Services Workshop for teachers - 189. ACEM Scholarship Awarding - 33.	
Outcome 1.1: Increased sustainability of marine and coastal resource management under a Green Growth Strategy for Laamu Atoll	Indicator 1.1.1: Area (ha) of Marine Managed Area (MMA)/ Biosphere Reserve delineated with agreed incentive-based co-management mechanisms	There is no existing MMA in Laamu Atoll; Six Senses Laamu Resort manages its House Reef, no co-management	Surveys, consultations and draft zoning towards proposed MMA/BR involving total area of Laamu Atoll including terrestrial land	Agreement on MMA/BR including zoning, governance and management - 88,463 ha (total area of Laamu Atoll including terrestrial land)	50%	Ecological significant hotspots has been identified by the project; priority areas ecological baseline assessment is ongoing. The consultant is hired to develop the managements plan for the protected areas of Laamu Atoll - concepts finalized (waiting for validation from stakeholders.	S
	Indicator 1.1.2: Number of island communities with agreed roles in NC-based planning for Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and actively participating in the co-management of a new MMA/BR	0	1	3	50%	The consultant is hired to develop the managements plan for the protected areas of Laamu Atoll. MP concepts finalized, on the final stage of validation with 3 island councils and atoll council.	S
	Indicator 1.1.3: Number of island community agreements with modified land-based production processes and sustainable	0	1	3	50%	Awareness and training conducted for agriculture and fisheries community on sustainable practices.	MS

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	fisheries for reduced impacts to reefs						
Outcome 1.2: Reduction in stressors impacting Laamu Atoll reefs (through implementation of Green Growth and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) practices in the fisheries and agriculture, tourism and construction sectors)	Indicator 1.2.1: %age of annual solid waste load in targeted communities that is collected for recycling and sanitary disposal	Baseline to be established during year 1	80% of all domestic solid waste	100% of all domestic solid waste	50%	With MCEP project and Waste Department of MECCT, project has completed the revision of all Laamu Island Waste and resource management plans and developed the Atoll waste management plan. The plans are currently on validation process. Baseline was conducted on waste management in Laamu atoll.	MS
	Indicator 1.2.2: %age reduction in organic water pollution load at targeted sites (BOD/COD, Total N, Total P, conductivity)	Baseline to be established during year 1	10% over baseline	30% reduction over baseline	50%	Project has conducted awareness and training for sustainable agriculture practices and GAP to reduce excessive use of agro chemicals at Laamu Atoll.	S
	Indicator 1.2.3: Percentage of households in targeted communities that have adopted codes of conduct for sustainable bait, reef and grouper fishing methods as a result of project activities	0	20%	>50%	50%	Project has conducted training to build awareness for fisheries communities.	MS
	"Indicator 1.2.4: Number of businesses adopting codes of conduct for sustainable practices in targeted sites and communities as a result of project activities: a)	"a) 0b) 0c) 0"	"a) 1b) 1c) 1"	"a) 3b) 3c) 3"	"a) 1b) 1c) 0"	A TOR is developed to hire Sustainable development Consultant to conduct training and awareness on sustainable tourism and construction practices to adopt codes of conduct in these sectors at Laamu, and is in the process to hire	MS

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	Agriculture/Foodb) Tourismc) Construction"					the consultation. Agriculture and fisheries training and awareness completed.	
Outcome 2.1: Increased understanding of the values and dependencies on marine natural capital and biodiversity supports improved livelihoods and sustainable development on Laamu Atoll and nationally	Indicator 2.1.1: Increased knowledge and awareness levels of targeted sector industries, civil society and government on coastal and marine NC values and dependencies	Baseline KAP Scores for targeted groups to be determined in Year 1, disaggregated by group		80% increase over baseline scores, (target audiences including >35% women & 20% youth)	NA (A KAP will be conducted at the end of the year)	"KAP survey is conducted to establish a baseline of the current understanding of environmental knowledge and resource usage and conservation practices in the targeted island communities so that appropriate strategies can be formulated towards the project goals. 1112 respondents 10 islands 7.5% of total population queried"	MS
	Indicator 2.1.2: Number of Laamu school students participating in field studies each year after teachers are trained by the project in delivery of coastal and marine biodiversity conservation	0	450 students from 15 primary / secondary schools per year (at least 50% female)	750 students from 25 primary / Secondary schools per year (at least 50% female)	450 students from primary / Secondary schools (58% female), 189 teachers (69% female)	Project sensitizing and environmental awareness training was conducted with Laamu Atoll with a total of 335 students (58% female). 189 Teachers participated in Marine Ecosystems and Ecosystem Services Workshop.	S
Outcome 3.1: Increased institutional capacity, clarified mandates and integration of NCA in marine biodiversity conservation policy and programmes	Indicator 3.1.1: Enhanced national government institutional capacity and coordination for NCA as measured by: Number of government staff trained by the project with new NCA-related responsibilities (disaggregated by agency /	0	"20:[ME/EPA 10; MNPI / NBS 10; Atoll/Island Councils 1] (50% female)"	"40:[ME/EPA 20; MNPI / NBS 20; Atoll/Island Councils 1] (50% female)"	50%	"Training need assessment will be conducted within the scope of consultation. Inception workshop conducted with all stakeholders (Annex 10) Inception workshop: 26 attendees". Final NCA training for government agencies planned to be conducted in the last Q of 2024.	S

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	Indicator 3.1.2: Number of national government policies and/or sector programmes adopted or modified to include NC considerations and targets based on NC Accounts	Existing policies and sector programmes do not specifically include NC considerations or targets based on NC Accounts	Environment – 1	"Environment - 1 Fisheries – 1 Tourism – 1 Agriculture - 1"	50%	Technical Scoping for development of NCA completed. Data sharing protocols developed, to be implemented after discussion from NCA Technical committee. Final NCA creation workshop to be held on last Q of 2024.	S
	Indicator 3.1.3: Number of new fiscal mechanisms benefiting marine/coastal NC, or reduction in disincentives related to NC	Baseline government budget benefiting marine NC includes MECT/EPA, MFMRA/MMRI and LGA/Atoll and Island Council budget portions.	At least two new fiscal mechanisms operational – a) ME Green Fund; b) Laamu Atoll Conservation Fund	At least four new fiscal mechanisms operational - a) ME Green Fund; b) Laamu Atoll Conservation Fund; c) decentralised atoll budget ; d) Import Tax modifications	1	"Financial and governance plan will be developed with the management plans for the Laamu PAs ME Green Fund is operational"	MS
	Indicator 3.1.4: Extent to which annual reporting for national (economic) accounts by the National	NBS has piloted one NC account for water and	NC indicators, methodologies and implementation	Annual reporting for national accounts by	50%	3 pilot accounts consists of Coral Reef, Seagrass and mangroves of Laamu Atoll data collection for the development of NCA completed and approved by the NCA	MS

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	Bureau of Statistics with support from MECT and other agencies integrates NC Accounting	waste management with UN ESCAP support; environmental data provision coordinated by ME.	plan for three NC accounts approved by ME and NBS	NBS, MECT and MFMRA includes NC accounts for freshwater, marine and coastal ecosystems, and selected stocks of key marine species		Technical Committee. Roadmap for NCA developed by MBS.	
Outcome 3.2: Enhanced protection of coral reefs and other marine NC through actions by the corporate fisheries and agriculture, tourism and construction sectors	Indicator 3.2.1: No. of internationally agreed indicators showing progress towards SDG 14 Life Below Water targets	0	2	6	2	2 Marine protected areas in Laamu Atoll, which management plans concepts finalized.	S
	Indicator 3.2.2: Number of company businesses or operational plans that integrate NC values and accounting, with direct benefit to Laamu Atoll proposed MMA reefs	0	1	3	1	Identification mechanisms for integrating NC accounting and into business planning within this year of NCA development project	MS
	Indicator 3.3.1: Percentage increase in the area of Marine Management Area (MMA)* nationally for the sustainable management and protection of reefs and	"Baseline area of MMAs nationally includes:-49 PAs (incl. reefs,	Globally significant biodiversity sites mapped nationally	Proposals for new / extended MMAs covering 25% increase over baseline	86 PAs in Maldives (Total 63588.42 ha)	For Laamu Atoll 6 PAs, management plans will be completed sustainably managed by the Island Councils.Total 86 PAs in Maldives (Total 63588.42 ha)	S

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	other NC through sector development	mangroves, wetlands and islands and core areas of Baa Atoll BR) totalling 27,256 ha. - At the end of 2018 there were 145 registered tourist resort islands that have its own lagoon and reef areas (areas N/A);- In February 2013 MoFA designated 5 marine areas protected for the sustainable management of groupers (areas N/A)"					
	Indicator 3.3.2: No. of national technical inter-	0	- National Natural Capital	- National Natural Capital	- National Natural Capital	NCA Technical Committee Established	S

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	sectoral bodies leading the integration of an agreed SEEA-based methodology on Spatial Planning		Accounting Technical Committee	Accounting Technical Committee	Accounting Technical Committee		
Outcome 4.1: Improved knowledge management and sharing of lessons learned on Green Growth between local and national levels	"Indicator 4.1.1: • Number of annual stakeholder forums held where lessons are shared;• Number of articles on project-related websites;• Number of stakeholders receiving copies of Project completion report disseminated online and in hard copy"	"1. 02. 03. 0"	"1. 32. 30 3. 0"	"1. 52. 503. 500"	1.4, 2.177	"ENDhERI introductory meeting with Atoll Council and Sensitizations meetings with all islands of Laamu Atoll with Island Councils, WDC, communities and schools Multi-stakeholder. Workshop on Ecosystem Conservation and Management conducted for all stakeholders of Laamu Atoll.Number of posts on project related website and social media – 177 .Number of publications/reports on project page on MCCEE website – 18. All project reports are shared online in MCCEE website, which can be accessible to all"	S
Outcome 4.2: Project monitoring system operates, systematically provides information on progress, and informs adaptive management to ensure results	Indicator 4.2.1: Number of project management reflection meetings convened to integrate lessons learned into project workplans and strategies	0	3	5	4	" - 4 PSC meeting was held - 4 NCA Technical Committee Meeting- Regular monthly project work progress meetings are held with all the project staff including PIU of Laamu Atoll. - Project timeline recorded on ministry website - All reports produced by the project published in ministry website"	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 Green Growth development for Laamu Atoll in the Outputs fisheries and agriculture, tourism and construction sectors	Output 1.1.1: Green Growth Strategy, Marine Managed Area/Biosphere Reserve and Sustainable Development Plans for Laamu Atoll and selected islands implementation advanced through capacity development, participatory planning and operational support	2025-06-30	40%	70%	A community sensitization meeting was held with the Atoll council, all island councils of Laamu Atoll, and schools of Laamu Atoll. Laamu Atoll Council members, Island Councilors, WDC and Council members toured mangroves, wetlands, and nature parks in Addu Atoll and Fuahmulah to gain exposure to best practices in protected area management in the Maldives. Stakeholder consultations were conducted for the development of Management Plans, Sustainable Agriculture, Sustainable Fisheries, Waste Management Plans, and a validation workshop is conducted identified ecologically significant areas in Laamu.	S
	1.1.1.1 Conduct a community engagement process involving community outreach, participatory planning meetings, orientation briefings, visits to other atolls and consultations with all main stakeholder groups in Laamu Atoll during Year 1 to develop understanding of project goals, build a common vision for Green Growth in Laamu Atoll	2022-09-30		100%	- Community sensitization meeting was conducted with Atoll council, all island councils of Laamu Atoll and schools of Laamu Atoll. - Laamu Atoll Council members and Island Councilors and WDC members took tour of mangroves, wetlands and nature parks in Addu Atoll and Fuahmulah to gain exposure and experience on established best practices of protected area management in the Maldives. - Stakeholder Consultation	HS

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					conducted for development of Management Plans, Sustainable Agriculture, Sustainable Fisheries, Waste Management Plans .	
	1.1.1.2 Develop a multi-stakeholder platform to support planning and area management and facilitate incentive-based co-management mechanisms, building on related experiences	2022-09-30		100%	- Validation Workshop to identify Ecological significant areas of Laamu completed - A workshop was conducted for the communities of Laamu to provide information and support in their grant application. - Stakeholder Consultation conducted for development of Management Plans, Sustainable Agriculture, Sustainable Fisheries, Waste Management Plans	HS
	1.1.1.3 Develop, adopt and disseminate the Green Growth Strategy for Laamu Atoll, based on inclusive governance, ICZM principles and incorporating NC assessment and accounting to track and report on resource status	2025-06-30		50%	Technical Scoping for development of NCA and preliminary assessment completed. Data collection completed.	S
	1.1.1.4 Support participatory planning for revision of Atoll and Island Development Plans (currently 2017-2022) taking account of the Green Growth Strategy, proposed MMA/BR, key local sites for biodiversity, spatial data and NC account information, etc	2025-06-30		60%	Management plans for PAs ongoing, completed stakeholder consultations, Market Assessment and Willingness to pay study.	MS
	1.1.1.5 Conduct field schools for community-led planning to sustain biodiversity and natural capital through ICZM, soft engineering and eco-design approaches for coastal infrastructure, horticulture, fisheries, etc.	2025-06-30		25%	- Coral Reef Monitoring Training for ToT and for the community conducted. - Initial consultations conducted with NGOs and WDC, on field schools, but there is a challenge to start the project as there are multiple activities within the project and in island.	MS

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					Initial consultations have been undertaken with NGOs and the WDC. However, commencing the project poses a challenge due to the myriad activities encompassed within the project and activities in the islands.	
	1.1.1.6 Support surveys to fill gaps in baseline knowledge of coastal and marine NC including priority sites for biodiversity conservation in Laamu Atoll and organize existing and new information in an online database	2025-06-30		75%	- Agricultural Practices baseline at Laamu Report.	S
	1.1.1.7 Facilitate a participatory planning process towards the establishment of the proposed MMA/BR for Laamu Atoll of approx. 88,463 ha based on consultation, consensus and feasibility assessment and including FPIC for all local stakeholders.	2024-12-30		50%	- Consultation was conducted by ENDhERI project to identify the resources, resource use, and priority management actions for 6 areas proposed for protection. - Based on preliminary resource use identification provided recommendations to be included in protected area directive. A baseline ecological baseline survey is ongoing. - The preliminary assessment was based on consultation with stakeholder groups, island council, atoll council, WDC, Public and private sector, and NGOs. - Mangrove-Wetland Nature Park Experience sharing trip. The purpose is to enhance the understanding of local councils on management of protected area and current models established for sustainable financing in Maldives.	S

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	1.1.1.8 Develop a management plan for Laamu Atoll MMA/BR through a participatory planning process including habitat and key species assessments, GIS mapping, management zonation, collaborative governance, sustainable financing, monitoring and evaluation, and communications	2024-12-30		70%	- Development management plan for the PAs ongoing, which include, concepts and GIS maps, financial plans, governance plan, a 10-year action plan, monitoring and evaluation plan. The initial Consultations have been conducted. Market Assessment and Willingness to pay study is completed. - Mangrove-Wetland Nature Park Experience sharing trip. The purpose is to enhance the understanding of local councils on management of protected area and current models established for sustainable financing in Maldives.	S
	1.1.1.9 Conduct a training needs assessment and prepare a training plan to support the MMA/BR management, making use of similar experience / training materials used in the Maldives	2025-06-30		50%	- A preliminary assessment was conducted in-house on the potential career opportunities in Laamu based for the training need in the field of environment management. - A course is developed in MNU to start Advance Certificate course in Environment Management at Laamu Gamu Campus. 11 students of Laamu has started the course. - Detailed Training need assessment for Laamu Atoll will be conducted as per ToR to develop management plan for Laamu PAs	MS
	1.1.1.10 Develop a sustainable financing mechanism (i.e. Laamu Atoll Conservation Fund) to support operational management of the MMA/BR informed by learning from comparable sites in the Maldives	2025-06-30		40%	- Management Plan Consultant will develop financial feasibility, market analysis, willingness to pay report and	MS

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					Environment and Social Impact Assessment Report.	
	1.1.1.11 Establish a Headquarters / Environment Office for Laamu Atoll MMA/BR, including permanent management staff from the Ministry of Environment	2025-09-30		25%	PIU will be established in 3 areas of Laamu. Currently working with the consultant to establish management plans, including governance.	MU
	1.1.1.12 Support local-led activities in support of MMA/BR and LMMA development supporting implementation of the Atoll and Island Development Plans through project small grants and facilitating public-private partnership contributions	2025-09-30		50%	- Communications have been sent to island councils to identify priority areas based on their Island development plan for small grants allocation. - Small Grant awarded for 10 islands of Laamu Atoll. Currently under monitoring of completion. - 2nd small grant announced and under evaluation.	S
	Output 1.1.2: Three SEEA-EEA based Natural Capital (NC) Accounts established and operationalized for Laamu Atoll	2025-06-30	30%	70%	An introductory meeting on NC assessment, accounting, and valuation procedures was conducted for MECCT, MBS, and Laamu Atoll Council, followed by an inception workshop with multi-stakeholders and the establishment of an NCA Technical Committee, which has held four meetings. Training was conducted in collaboration with MMRI and BMF, including TOT training for BMF staff and a small grant contracted to Kalaidhoo School. Technical scoping and preliminary data collection for NCA development were completed, with reports published and additional data collection contracted with UNSW, expected to be	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
					completed by the end of 2024.	
	1.1.2.1 Provide introductory training on NC assessment, accounting and valuation procedures for ME, NBS, Atoll and Island Council staff and other collaborators who will implement the NC accounting for Laamu Atoll	2024-06-30		100%	- Introductory meeting on NC assessment, accounting and valuation procedures conducted to MECCT, MBS, Laamu Atoll Council - Inception workshop on development of NCA conducted with multi-stakeholders. - NCA Technical committee established, and 4 meetings conducted.	HS
	1.1.2.2 Build local capacity for conducting the National Coral Reef Monitoring Framework that is being used to standardize monitoring protocols for data on fish assemblages and reef communities and apply it to monitoring of NC and development impacts on coral reefs	2023-12-30		100%	- Training conducted in collaboration with MMRI and BMF. For 7 participants from Laamu community. TOT training conducted to BMF staff.	HS
	1.1.2.3 Small grant support for citizen science projects (e.g. schools, university students, divers and fishermen) in monitoring and reporting on biodiversity and environmental quality	2025-09-30		50%	Small Grant contracted to Kalaidhoo School. Ongoing	MS
	1.1.2.4 Develop the technical scope for the establishment of three natural capital accounts for Laamu Atoll led by ME in collaboration with NBS, MFMRA/MRC and others, taking full account of baseline information management systems	2023-12-30		100%	Technical Scoping for development of NCA and preliminary assessments completed. Data collection surveys completed.	HS
	1.1.2.5 Develop indicators, cost-effective methodologies for data collection, analysis and reporting based on SEEA-EEA, facilitated and technically supported by UN Environment team and other experts including representatives of the related information management systems	2023-12-30		100%	Preliminary data collection completed; reports published	HS
	1.1.2.6 Pilot data collection, analysis and reporting for Laamu Atoll led by ME and NBS	2024-12-30		50%	Contracted data collection with UNSW. Preliminary data collection completed.	S
	1.1.2.7 Conduct a pilot economic valuation assessment for selected NC of Laamu Atoll using existing methods and based on available data	2025-06-30		25%	Will be completed in Q4 of 2024. Currently on data gathering and	MU

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					collection on identified gaps.	
	1.1.2.8 Facilitate the use of NC datasets, results of the pilot economic valuation (previous activity) and conduct scenario analysis of the present and various alternative development options to inform the development and implementation of the Green Growth Strategy for the Atoll, Atoll / Island Development Plans, MMA plan and sector agency plans.	2025-06-30		25%	Ongoing pilot data collection, NC data will be added to accounting tables on various scenarios by end of 2024.	MU
	Output 1.2.1: Targeted island communities sensitized and increasingly apply eco-technologies for sustainable food production and disposal of domestic waste	2025-06-30	25%	60%	Training and awareness materials on alternative agricultural methods have been developed, with training to be completed. Baseline Assessment of groundwater completed, and a value chain for farming communities has been created through a small grant initiative. Waste management plans for Laamu Atoll Islands are being reviewed and revised, with a consolidated atoll waste management plan to be completed by Q3 of 2024.	MS
	1.2.1.1 Build awareness of the health and environmental risks of uncontrolled use of agrochemicals and excessive groundwater abstraction in targeted areas, and of alternative agricultural production options.	2024-06-30		100%	- A training, awareness and alternative agricultural methods training materials developed, training completed.. -Baseline grounds water testing completed and report shared with stakeholders.	HS
	1.2.1.2 Facilitate pilot projects demonstrating sustainable agriculture methods in three areas severely affected by over-use of agrochemicals (such as Isdhoo, Kalaidhoo and Dhanbidhoo) with guidance from MFMRA and other partners.	2024-12-30		75%	- A training, awareness and alternative agricultural methods training materials developed, training completed. Demonstration of alternative agriculture conducted, harvesting Q4 of 2024.	S

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	1.2.1.3 Support cooperative work to develop at least one value chain from farming communities to suitable markets.	2025-06-30		50%	- Value chain for farming communities is created through small grant initiative. Report pending.	MS
	1.2.1.4 Facilitate the improved collection and management of domestic waste (especially plastic waste) and installation of septic tanks where needed on three islands.	2024-12-30		75%	- Revision of Laamu Atoll island waste management plans completed with council endorsements. Atoll Waste management plan ongoing.	MS
	1.2.1.5 Provide capacity building support and small grants to women's groups to contribute towards sustainable agriculture, food processing, waste management and related activities	2025-09-30		50%	Small Grant contracted to Isdhoo WDC. Monitoring report pending.	MS
	1.2.1.6 Conduct cost-benefit analysis of appropriate eco-technology pilots to inform their further adoption and replication.	2024-12-30		50%	- Contracted with Riyan Pvt Ltd. This activity will be completed in the Q4 of 2024 after the 1st harvest from the demonstration plot.	S
	Output 1.2.2: Adoption of sustainable tuna baitfish and demersal reef fisheries in conformity with the draft Maldives Fisheries Master Plan	2025-06-30	20%	50%	The fisheries practices baseline report has been completed. MRR has been contracted to build local fishermen's capacity and raise awareness on sustainable practices, trainings for Councils, tuna and reef fishing communities is completed. Hotspots in Laamu have been identified, and ecological surveys started to be completed by end of this year.	MS
	1.2.2.1 Support MFMRA cooperative establishment plan. Provide capacity development support for their operations to enhance benefits to local fishermen.	2024-12-30		75%	- Fisheries practices baseline report completed. - Contracted MRR to build local capacity of fisherman and awareness on sustainable practices. Trainings and awareness sessions	S

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					completed.	
	1.2.2.2 Facilitate the adoption of local codes of conduct for more sustainable fishing practices, especially for grouper, demersal reef fish and tuna bait-fish, through engagement targeting 100 fishing households, with demonstration of sustainable practices supported by small grants.	2024-12-30		75%	- Fisheries practices baseline report completed. - Trainings conducted by MRR to build local capacity of fisherman and awareness on sustainable practices.	S
	1.2.2.3 Based on research in Laamu and nationally, support species level resource use mapping and pilot participatory management mechanisms to safeguard and monitor spawning and aggregation sites for grouper species	2025-06-30		50%	- Hotspots of Laamu have been identified. - Ecological baseline survey of ESAs ongoing.	S
	1.2.2.4 Work with local businesses to strengthen coordination between local fisheries, sustainable aquaculture development, tourism and diving, and island communities.	2025-06-30		25%	- Meeting conducted with the guest house and tourist resorts of Laamu on the possible collaborative activities during the sensitization of the project activities.	MU
	Output 1.2.3: Partnership, policy and implementation standards for Green Growth established with the Atoll Council, national construction firms and tourism operators on Laamu Atoll, and registered nationally	2025-09-30	10%	20%	A meeting was held with the Ministry of Tourism to discuss project activities, resulting in the development of a TOR for sustainable best practices awareness and training in the tourism industry. Collaboration with MNPFI led to a similar TOR for sustainable construction practices, with MNACI. Initial multiparty discussions covered fisheries, agriculture, waste, and water consultations. Ecological surveys is ongoing on identified hotspots in Laamu, and reporting requirements will be established within the development of	MU

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					management plans for Laamu MPAs, Training ongoing on sustainable agriculture and fisheries.	
	1.2.3.1 Facilitate the identification of sustainable tourism best practices with MoT and Maldives Tourism Institute, and the participation of Laamu tourist resorts and operators in the implementation of sustainable development plans, waste management, landscaping and soil erosion control, and marine conservation in line with the Fourth Tourism Master Plan, including Public-Private Partnerships with the Atoll and Island Councils.	2025-09-30		5%	- Meeting held with Ministry of Tourism on the related project activities. - In collaboration with MoT a TOR was developed to conduct awareness and training on the sustainable best practice on tourism industry. On the process of contracting.	U
	1.2.3.2 Pilot the implementation of a moratorium on lagoon reclamation for resort development in Laamu Atoll.	2025-09-30		5%	- Incorporated in the TOR developed to establish with consultation. - MoT suggested to draft a proposal on the moratorium. Which can be a bit challenging on the approval.	U
	1.2.3.3 Conduct awareness raising on defining environmental sustainability in construction practices, make resources available to MNPI and the industry, improve understanding of cost-benefit assessments in the context of environmental sustainability requirements.	2025-09-30		10%	- In collaboration with MNPHI a TOR was developed to conduct awareness and training on the sustainable best practice in construction. -MNACI is consulted and is part of the technical committee in the development of NCA,	MU
	1.2.3.4 Develop and apply a code of conduct for environmentally sustainable construction practices in Laamu Atoll in collaboration with MNPI, Ministry of Tourism, MITDC, Atoll Council and construction companies based on existing government codes for infrastructure development and best practice examples, including attention to marine pollution and coastal erosion impacts.	2025-09-30		5%	- TOR is developed to draft the code of conduct on environmentally sustainable construction practices. in the process of contracting with the consultation.	U
	1.2.3.5 Work with EPA, MNPI, MoT and MITDC to strengthen EIA regulations and procedures in order to reduce and mitigate the	2025-09-30		20%	- Meeting held with multiparty on the initial discussions, on various	MU

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	environmental impacts of infrastructure construction projects and tourism development projects in line with Strategy 2.7 of the Fourth Tourism Master Plan; review the results of EIAs for previous projects to identify ways to improve environmental outcomes. Seek to include the costs of EIA compliance monitoring as part of development costs (polluter pays principle) and investigate the possibility to include local multi-stakeholder committee involvement.				consultations in fisheries, agriculture, waste, and water	
	1.2.3.6 Work with MoT, MRC and EPA to integrate monitoring of biophysical parameters and pollutants into Green Growth and ICZM practices in Laamu Atoll.	2025-09-30		30%	- Ecological surveys ongoing on the identified hotspots in Laamu.	MS
	1.2.3.7 Build capacity for systematic reporting by Laamu Atoll Council on Green Growth and ICZM practices in relation to established plans – integrate with current reporting through the Laamu Koshaaru portal and facilitate the financing of permanent staff position(s) to conduct data entry and reporting through MNPI / LGA / ME.	2025-09-30		50%	- Reporting requirements will be identified during the development of management plans for Laamu MPAs, where the required reporting and trainings will be conducted. - Agriculture training completed - Fisheries related training ongoing.	MS
2 Building social capital for a green economy	Output 2.1.1: Biodiversity conservation and Green Growth in Laamu Atoll and nationally supported by increased awareness among targeted groups and a National Biodiversity Knowledge Centre	2025-09-30	20%	70%	The project, in collaboration with MNU, has launched an Advanced Certificate of Environment Management course at L.Gan campus and conducted public lectures on NCA. Key initiatives include a KAP survey in Laamu Atoll to assess environmental awareness, ongoing sustainable practices training, and the installation of awareness sign boards and videos in protected areas. Despite delays in the Knowledge Centre development, a new location is now proposed by HDC	S

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	2.1.1.1 Develop a supportive partnership with schools, MNU, NGOs and private sector CSR programmes to develop the knowledge outreach, education and training materials and provide capacity building support to address sustainability issues concerning island and reef biodiversity and NC.	2025-09-30		50%	- NCA public lecture was held for the students of MNU and general public in collaboration with MNU- An Advance certificate of Environment management course is developed in collaboration with MNU and 11 Laamu Atoll students has started the course at L.Gamu campus.	S
	2.1.1.2 Establish the Task Force on Outreach and Communications involving stakeholders with experience of environmental outreach programmes to guide and inform the development and implementation of the Outreach and Communications Plan.	2024-06-30		100%	- Com's taskforce established, and communications and outreach plan formulated. Continuous during project period.	HS
	2.1.1.3 Conduct a Scoping Study including stakeholder analysis to describe existing communications and players engaged in similar efforts and determine how the project can add value and avoid duplication of effort.	2022-12-30		100%	- KAP survey conducted at Laamu Atoll for community's understanding environmental awareness. KAP would be repeated at Project closing.	HS
	2.1.1.4 Collate baseline information on trends of NC loss, and gaps and weaknesses that need to be addressed in current agency policies and plans	2023-12-30		100%	- Preliminary survey conducted for ecosystem extent and condition of Laamu Atoll. - Data gap identified and data collection completed.	HS
	2.1.1.5 Develop the Outreach and Communications Plan based on the above consultations, scoping study and baseline information	2023-06-30		100%	- Communications and Outreach plan has been developed. Activities will be revised annually	HS
	2.1.1.6 Implement the Plan through a programme of meetings, workshops, seminars, materials etc, and monitor participation and results to inform adaptive management	2025-09-30		100%	- Ongoing throughout project period	HS
	2.1.1.7 Evaluate the effectiveness of the programme in changing knowledge, attitudes and practices (KAP), by conducting project baseline and completion KAP assessments for samples of the selected target groups.	2025-09-30		50%	- KAP survey conducted at Laamu Atoll for community's understanding environmental awareness. KAP would be repeated at Project closing	S

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	2.1.1.8 Provide support for Green Growth Strategy implementation by compiling and presenting information on current and alternative development pathways across the Maldives	2025-09-30		75%	- Different alternative sustainable practices awareness and training ongoing for fisheries, agriculture, and waste	S
	2.1.1.9 Provide support for development of the MMA/BR in Laamu Atoll by collating information, media and maps on Laamu Atoll natural and cultural heritage sites, ecosystems, habitats, and species and present it in a central display for public access as well as online.	2025-09-30		50%	- 7 boards installed in the PAs of Laamu to share the information. -3 videos developed for the PAs and shared on social media. Continuing.	S
	2.1.1.10 Develop information on MMA/BR concepts (see Appendix 19) and management arrangements and present examples of best practices for MMA/BR development across the Maldives to inform the process in Laamu Atoll. Make the information available online, through interpretation and in presentations for communities and schools.	2025-09-30		50%	- Laamu atoll Council and WDC members have taken trips to nature parks in Addu and Fuaahmulah and gather a lot of the information required to fulfil this component. - Concepts for Projected area management completed. Management plans 1st draft completed.	S
	2.1.1.11 Develop interpretation signage for use at an initial suite of at least three key sites	2024-12-30		100%	-7 boards installed in the PAs of Laamu. More boards are planned to be installed in Q4 of 2024.	HS
	2.1.1.12 Provide information support for mainstreaming biodiversity conservation into targeted sector practices through making materials available, and creating short videos on local sustainability issues	2025-09-30		100%	- All the project activities and awareness videos are shared in the social media and ministry website as per the coms plan. Ongoing throughout project period.	
	2.1.1.13 Technical assistance towards the preparation of a development plan for the Centre with HDC, Ministry of Heritage and other partners	2025-09-30		10%	- Several meetings conducted with HDC on the planning and development of Knowledge Centre. - Recent update is a new location is allocated to KC by HDC. Experience sharing trip arranged by MMRI to California Academy.	U
	2.1.1.14 Technical assistance for the development of online and	2025-09-30		5%	- A new location has been allocation by	U

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	physical knowledge resources, opportunities for applied research, and documentation of traditional knowledge on genetic resources at the NBKC				HDC. Currently no update on the development.	
	2.1.1.15 Capacity development for preparing environmental interpretation and curation of museum specimens	2025-09-30		5%	- A new location has been allocated by HDC. Staff not identified for the training.	U
	Output 2.1.2: Increased capacity for cross-curricular delivery of coastal and marine ecology and natural capital in national schools, and incorporation of natural capital accounting in natural sciences and environmental management curricula at MNU	2025-09-30	25%	60%	A training needs assessment will be conducted in Laamu for developing management plans for Laamu PAs. A teacher training on NCA by UNSW has been conducted, training materials will be made available to all schools. An environmental awareness session was conducted for all schools in Laamu Atoll, and will continue this year. Despite delays in starting the MNU Masters program, the project will plans to provide grants for research students.	S
	2.1.2.1 Confirm needs for teacher training, field activities and supporting materials in consultation with the Ministry of Education, Laamu schools and environmental NGOs, and develop an implementation plan for applying these activities to all schools across the Atoll	2024-12-30		75%	- Teachers training on NCA conducted by UNSW. Training materials will be made available to all schools. Training need assessment will be conducted for Management of Laamu PAs	S
	2.1.2.2 Provide teacher training on coastal and marine ecology and natural capital concepts for schools in Laamu	2024-06-30		100%	- Teachers training on NCA conducted by UNSW. Training materials will be made available to all schools..	HS
	2.1.2.3 Facilitate development of a programme of field activities through school environment clubs to strengthen delivery of school curricula dealing with the natural environment, and implementing the	2025-09-30		50%	- An environment awareness session was conducted to all school of Laamu atoll. To be continued this year	S

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	activities in Laamu Atoll schools in collaboration with partners					
	2.1.2.4 Convene a review workshop of completed school activities in conjunction with Ministry of Education and partners to identify lessons learned and steps required to upscale the tested approaches to other areas of the Maldives.	2024-06-30		100%	- Teachers training on NCA conducted by UNSW. Training materials will be made available to all schools.	HS
	2.1.2.5 Work with Ministry of Higher Education and MNU Faculty of Science to develop teaching materials and provide training to staff on natural capital accounting for inclusion in MNU courses on environmental management, marine science, and related subjects.	2025-09-30		50%	- Introduction to NCA public lecture held at MNU. -There is a delay in starting MNU Masters students' program, alternatively project decides to provide small grant for research students.	S
	2.1.2.6 Make small grants available for student projects that will research aspects of natural capital accounting and marine conservation and monitoring in line with project goals, and facilitate student placements with project partner organizations	2025-09-30		10%	- Introduction to NCA public lecture held at MNU. -There is a delay in starting MNU Masters students' program, alternatively project decides to provide small grant for research students of Maldives.	MU
3	Output 3.1.1: Institutionalized capacity programme implemented and national methodology on NC Accounting established – based on the SEEA-EEA framework, for national NC-responsive statistics, policies, plans and budgeting	2025-12-30	40%	50%	The computer and software requirements, identified and under procurement. ,Ongoing work with the UNSW on NCA development in consultation with stakeholder and Technical Committee., and three pilot accounts data collection completed.	S
	3.1.1.1 Establish and facilitate the operations of a National Natural Capital Accounting Technical Committee and Expert Group on NCA	2023-06-30		100%	- NCA Technical committee established, 4 meetings conducted.	HS
	3.1.1.2 Provide ME with updated computer hardware, GIS and remote sensing analysis software, and training for data management staff. Provide NBS with updated computer hardware and training for data	2024-12-30		25%	- The Computer and Software requirement identified, to be procured by Q4 of 2024	MU

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	management staff.					
	3.1.1.3 UN Environment to facilitate the development and implementation of a Road Map for NCA: (i) conduct a scoping study in collaboration with UN-ESCAP and UN Statistics, (ii) provide introductory guidance by developing a Quick Start Guide book on SEEA to help NBS and ME develop the Road Map towards SEEA-based NC Accounts and Valuation, and (iii) support the initial steps towards adoption of SEEA-EEA through technical coaching and guidance.	2024-06-30	100%	100%	- Technical Scoping of the NCA conducted by the Consultant UNSW - Roadmap for NCA developed by MBS	S
	Output 3.1.2: NC objectives integrated into government finance, development planning and policy informed by datasets and valuation of development scenarios through the NC Accounts	2025-03-30	20%	50%	The report on the historical analysis of the ecosystem dynamics and services under current ICZM intervention management is complete, with training scheduled . The baseline preliminary study has been completed, and ongoing work continues with the consultants.	S
	Output 3.2.1: NC flows and values, footprint analysis, and biodiversity protection targets established and reported on for three sector businesses or operational plans	2025-09-30	20%	30%	The KAP assessment on environmental awareness and baseline studies for agricultural and fisheries practices in Laamu Atoll have been completed. Preliminary surveys on the ecosystem extent and condition, as well as an NCA assessment for Laamu, have also been completed. Meetings were held with all island councils and WDC of Laamu Atoll to discuss KAP findings, and NCA reports were approved by the Technical Committee. Development of NCA ongoing with UNSW, data collection completed.	MS
	Output 3.3.1: NC-based spatial planning governance framework	2025-09-30	5%	50%	Protocols for data sharing between	S

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	established				agencies, addressing access, copyright, security, and technical issues, are being developed, and survey completed.	
	3.1.1.4 Develop and seek agreement for a National Roadmap for NCA aligned with the forthcoming ten year National Strategy for Developing Statistics.	2024-06-30		100%	- MBS has developed roadmap for NCA.	HS
	3.1.1.5 Enable ME, NBS, MFMRA and MoT to build institutional capacity through international and national training inputs, MNU and peer support and technical workshops, forge national and Laamu Atoll partnerships, and expand the national accounts with NBS based on Natural Capital Accounting, using SEEA-EEA methodology.	2025-09-30		25%	- Ongoing work with the Consultant, will be finalized and decided with the stakeholders and Technical Committee Consultation.	MS
	3.1.1.6 Three selected NC Accounts, initially for Laamu Atoll, will be linked to the national accounts maintained and reported on by the NBS and data provided through the integration of existing systems as far as possible.	2025-03-30		50%	- Pilot 3 accounts identified and data collection completed.	S
	3.1.2.1 Provide training in NC valuation and development scenario analysis for key MNPI/NBS and ME staff.	2024-12-30		25%	- Data collection completed. Training on establishment of accounts scheduled for last Q of 2024.	MS
	3.1.2.2 Provide TA for the integration of NC valuation and development scenario analysis into national planning including detailed TOR development, review of budgets and fiscal measures impacting NC, and identification of key weaknesses in targeted sector policies.	2024-12-30		50%	- Baseline preliminary study completed.	S
	3.1.2.3 Design and implement a NC valuation and development scenario analysis pilot study for Laamu Atoll linked to the MMA/BR, led by national experts.	2025-03-30		25%	- Baseline preliminary study completed	MS
	3.1.2.4 Conduct a feasibility study for the introduction of NC valuation and development scenario analysis into national planning for blue/green Atoll development, based on the pilot study results.	2025-03-30		25%	- Ongoing, working with the consultants.	MS

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	3.1.2.5 Based on the outcomes of the above, identify fiscal policy reforms and changes in national government policies and/or sector programmes.	2025-03-30		25%	- Ongoing, working with the consultants	MS
	3.2.1.1 Conduct SEEA-based review studies to assess the dependencies and impacts/footprints of the fisheries, agriculture, tourism and construction sectors on biodiversity and marine/coastal natural capital, based on development scenarios for these sectors.	2025-09-30		50%	- KAP assessment completed on Environment awareness for Laamu Atoll, Agricultural practice baseline study completed- baseline of Fisheries practices baseline completed. -Preliminary survey conducted for ecosystem extent and condition of Laamu Atoll- Preliminary assessment for NCA for Laamu completed. - Data collection for NCA completed.	S
	3.2.1.2 Convene national sector roundtables to discuss and adopt the findings of these reviews, and identify entry points and opportunities for mainstreaming NC values into at least four corporate business plans and the adoption of sustainability reporting by at least two corporations.	2025-09-30		50%	- Meetings were held with all islands of Laamu atoll councils and WDC and discuss the findings of the KAP. -All NCA reports produced is discussed and approved by NCA Technical Committee meeting. Island Waste Management plans validation workshop completed at Laamu atoll.	S
	3.2.1.3 Based on the identified environmental footprints of the identified sector businesses, establish specific biodiversity protection targets in business plans to be achieved through measures such as: reduction of biodiversity impacts arising from operations.	2025-09-30		25%	A TOR developed to survey the impacts on fisheries and other marality cause due to coral bleaching in Laamu atoll.	MS
	3.2.1.4 Convene round table discussions to review how to improve EIA procedures especially in the tourism and construction sectors, based on analysis of various development paths in these sectors, and consider the introduction of Strategic Environmental Assessments	2025-09-30		10%	Once the accounts are established, stakeholder meetings will be held lead by the NCA Technical committee.	MU

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	(SEA) for sector policies and programmes.					
	3.2.1.5 Facilitate the development of in-service training courses that will assist sectors to respond to the outcomes and recommendations of the round table discussions, incorporation of NC values into sector business plans, and requirements of the Laamu Green Growth Strategy and MMA management plan.	2025-09-30		20%	Working to contract to develop in-service course on the identified sector.	MU
	3.2.1.6 Facilitate partnership support from MNU experts, with master's level student projects / internships contributing to environmental footprint analyses for targeted sectors, reviews of EIA processes, identification mechanisms for integrating NC accounting and biodiversity targets into sector business planning. Provide grants to support MNU Masters student projects / internships on these subjects.	2025-09-30		5%	- There is a delay in starting the Masters level course at MNU, project is working with HR to give grant to the Ministry staff for Masters course.	U
	3.3.1.1 Work with the National Natural Capital Accounting Technical Committee (3.1.1) to facilitate the integration of an agreed SEEA-based methodology in spatial planning.	2024-12-30		25%	- Working with the NCA Technical committee to implement the SEEA on different related policies.	MU
	3.3.1.2 Develop protocols for data sharing between agencies in order to address mutual concerns regarding access, copyright, security and technical issues.	2024-12-30		50%	- Data sharing survey questionnaire developed and completed by the related agencies. Data sharing protocols identifies and recommendations provided. Plan to implement the plan with MBS.	S
	3.3.1.3 Provide training and TA on the use of the NCA GIS/database and modelling/scenario analysis for ME and MNPI/NBS staff, to support the development of the Draft National Spatial Plan for 2021-2030.	2024-12-30		25%	- Training scheduled for Q4 for 2024.	MS
	3.3.1.4 Facilitate a collaborative process involving ME, EPA, MRC and NGOs to develop a national GIS map showing all PAs, environmentally sensitive areas, known biodiversity hotspots, and key areas sustaining marine production.	2023-12-30		100%	MCCEE has established a map and website to show all PAs of Maldives. <a href="https://protectedareas.environment.gov.mv/en/protected-areas">https://protectedareas.environment.gov.mv/en/protected-areas</a>	HS

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	3.1.1.3 UN Environment to facilitate the development and implementation of a Road Map for NCA.	2024-06-30		100%	- Technical Scoping of the NCA conducted by the Consultant UNSW. - Roadmap for NCA developed by MBA.	HS
	3.1.2.6 Sectors conduct biannual sustainability reporting in line with data requirements against SDG Indicators through the National Statistical System of the Maldives.	2025-09-30		100%	SDG indicator reporting done annually.	HS
4 Knowledge management and M&E	Output 4.1.1: Project lessons captured and disseminated to project stakeholders and to other GEF and non-GEF projects and partners	2025-06-30	40%	100%	The project page on MCCEE's website has been established and is regularly updated with project details, main activities, and publications, including reports, guides, and infographics. Ongoing efforts include a multi-stakeholder workshop on ecosystem conservation in Laamu Atoll, a workshop on the Small Grant Initiative focusing on its objectives and sustainability, and regular press briefs and social media posts to keep the public informed. All project activities are published online on the ministry's website and social media platforms.	HS
	4.1.1.1 Establish and maintain a project website for sharing project progress, news, reports, lessons learned, and knowledge resources. This should include a catalogued resource tab leading to a digital resource library.	2025-09-30		100%	- Project page established within MECCT's webpage and updated with project details and main activities up to now. Publications such as reports, guides and infographics would also be collected here. - Continuing throughout project period.	HS
	4.1.1.2 Capture, document and share project lessons at annual	2025-09-30		100%	- Multi-Stakeholder Workshop on	HS

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	stakeholder forums on Laamu and in Male.				Ecosystem Conservation and Management in Laamu Atoll. - Workshop on Small grant initiative, its objective, training on writing in and consideration of sustainability of the projects proposed - Continuing throughout project period.	
	4.1.1.3 Issue press releases on stakeholder forums and other project events and publications.	2025-09-30		100%	- Press briefs issued and social media posts. Continuing throughout project period.	HS
	4.1.1.4 Compile case studies on the mainstreaming of marine biodiversity and ecosystem services into sectors and target areas through NC Accounting and share them at annual forums.	2025-09-30		100%	Shared on multiple national platforms.	HS
	4.1.1.5 Additional approaches should encourage multi-directional learning, and can include seminars, webinars, web- pages, databases, meetings, e-learning forums, knowledge networks, newsletters, and technical reports.	2025-09-30		100%	- All project activities are published online on ministry website and social media - Continuing throughout project period.	HS
	Output 4.2.1: Capacity established for participatory and efficient monitoring and evaluation and adaptive management	2025-06-30	20%	100%	Monthly meetings with project staff are conducted for updates on tasks and progress, with project monitoring activities highlighted in section 3 of this document. The fourth project steering committee meeting was held in May 2024. More than 50% of participants in project activities are women and members of vulnerable communities.	HS
	4.2.1.1 Provide orientation for project management staff at all levels to ensure adequate capacity for project coordination, results-based management, monitoring and evaluation, gender mainstreaming and application of social and environmental safeguards during	2025-09-30		100%	- Meetings with Project staff are held monthly for project and tasks updates. -Continuing throughout project period.	HS

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
	implementation.					
	4.2.1.2 Annual project reflection meetings convened for project staff after project progress/National SC meetings or stakeholder forums to integrate lessons learned into project workplans and strategies.	2025-09-30		100%	- 4th project steering committee meeting was held on May 2024.	HS
	4.2.1.3 Implement the project M&E Plan including: project inception workshop, project steering committee and technical task force meetings, annual stakeholder forum meetings, data collection and reporting on Results Framework indicators.	2025-09-30		70%	- Project Monitoring activities ongoing throughout project period.	S
	4.2.1.4 Implement and report on gender mainstreaming activities and indicators in line with the Gender Analysis and Action Plan	2025-09-30		100%	- More 50% of participants in project activities are participated women and vulnerable communities. ESMF is implemented.	HS
	4.2.1.5 Prepare a project Exit Plan for discussion during the Mid Term Review in Year 3 and subsequent PSC approval for implementation during the second half of the project and post-project in order to ensure the sustainability of the project outcomes.	2025-09-30		5%	- Exit plan was highlighted and recommended by MTR for the year 2024.	MU

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	Substantial	Substantial
4 Budget	Moderate	Moderate
5 Financial Management	Low	Low
6 Reporting	Low	Low
7 Capacity to deliver	Moderate	Substantial

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
Risk 1: Possible shifts in government priorities and/or policy changes that may reduce project impacts. including the issue of decentralization of natural resource	Outcome 1-3	L	L	L	L				=	

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
management governance										
Risk 2: Under global climate change forecasts. increasing frequency of severe El Nino events is likely. resulting in repeated coral bleaching events that impact coral reef ecosystems and related uses of reef resources (tourism. fisheries)	Outcomes 1 and 2	S	H	H	H				=	The 2015/16 El Nino caused extensive damage to coral reefs in the Maldives through bleaching. Rating remains the same (H) given. there is possibility that the recent 2022 bleaching events observed by CSIRO for the Great Barrier Reef in Australia will also (soon) apply to the reefs in the Maldives- yet that has yet to be confirmed. The project will reduce land-based and marine -based stressors and optimize environmental conditions in favor of healthy coral reefs so that they are more resilient to future bleaching events and more able to recover assisted by human intervention through marine zonation and protection. awareness building. adoption of more sustainable economic sector operations. as well as training on NCRM at Laamu Atoll. Project will conduct a survey to Identify the effects of bait fishery and reef fishery on Coral Bleaching and Associated Mortality in Laamu.
Risk 3: Limited institutional and community understanding and capacity in Laamu Atoll to embrace changes towards more	All outcomes	M	M	M	L				↓	It be a challenge once we start to recruited participant for trainings and new recruitment for the future

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
sustainable fishing, agriculture, tourism and other NRM practices including local management of marine resources and reef protection; potential difficulty in recruiting qualified local project staff										projects in Laamu Atoll. In collaboration with MNU. ACEM course has been started and 12 participants are currently enrolled in the course. to address this risk.
Risk 4: Continued uncontrolled exploitation of marine ecosystems / biodiversity by island communities, especially reef fisheries and bait fishing as common resources	Output 1.2	L	L	L	L				=	
Risk 5: Program partners unable or unwilling to incorporate Biodiversity or NC criteria, targets and reporting in their operations	Outcome 3	M	M	M	M				=	The project will undertake awareness raising and capacity building about the ways in which biodiversity / natural capital benefits are critical for most if not all productive sectors, in part by using targeted awareness raising tools, sector round tables and training directed at a range of government and civil society and industry stakeholders, hence existing local expert in this area in all sectors are limited.
Risk 6: The project is very ambitious for a relatively limited budget and therefore vulnerable to delays or failure in co-financing delivery, partnerships and coordination with other initiatives	All outcomes	M	M	M	M				=	The PMU will monitor the delivery of co-financing contributions on an annual basis and follow up through the Project Steering Committee as necessary to ensure timely and complete delivery.
Risk 7: Possible restrictions on access to land or use of resources that are sources of	Outcome 1	L	L	L	L				=	

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
livelihood (ESERN Risk)										
Risk 8: The project may bring unequal economic and gender-based benefits to a limited subset of the target group (ESERN Risk)	All outcomes	L	L	L	L				=	
Implementation schedule	All outcomes	N/A	N/A	S	S					Some changes are proposed and approved by PSC with the proposed project extension of 1 year.
Budget	All outcomes	N/A	N/A	M	M					Project is at a moderate Medium risk (of not attaining its set outcomes and results).; mostly due to delay in procurement.
Capacity to deliver	Outcome 4	N/A	N/A	M	M					Project is at a moderate Medium risk mostly due to delay in procurement of experts due to lack of local expertise in understanding and implementation of some of the project components. especially on establishing the national framework and NCA accounts.
		N/A	M	M	M				=	Project is at a moderate Medium risk (of not attaining its set outcomes and results).; mostly due to delay in procurement of experts due to lack of local expertise in understanding and implementation of some of the project components, especially on establishing the national framework

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										and NCA accounts. Project also has a delay in providing technical support and funding related to Knowledge Centre due to overall plan change from HDC. HDC has now proposed a new location.

### 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
Risk 2	The project will reduce land-based and marine - based stressors and optimize environmental conditions in favor of healthy coral reefs so that they are more resilient to future bleaching events and more able to recover assisted by human intervention through marine zonation and protection. awareness building. adoption of more sustainable economic sector operations. as well as	Project will develop a baseline Assessment for the five Environmentally Significant Areas of Laamu Atoll in line with IUCN “Guidelines for coral reef and small island vegetation surveys in the Maldives”. Project also has identified coral reef bleaching and has initiated to Conduct Survey on the Effects of Coral Bleaching and Associated Mortality on Bait Fishery and Reef Fishery in Laamu Atoll.	Develop Baseline Assessment for Environmentally Significant Areas at Laamu. Conduct Survey on the Effects of Coral Bleaching and Associated Mortality on Bait Fishery and Reef Fishery in Laamu Atoll	Currently ongoing. Q4 of 2024.	ENDhERI Project in consultation with MRR.ENDhERI project with the Consultant.

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
	training on NCRM at Laamu Atoll.				
Risk 2		Provide sustainable tourism and construction practices. support to the project team. Island Councils and the communities of Laamu Atoll on implementing Tourism and Construction projects	Sustainable Development practices and awareness for Tourism and Construction industry	Q4 2024	ENDhERI Project MOT and MHLUD
Risk 5	National Natural Capital Accounting Technical Committee will be established to facilitate the integration agreed SEEA-based methodology on reporting	National Natural Capital Accounting Technical Committee is established to facilitate the integration agreed SEEA-based methodology on reporting. UNSW has completed the inception and technical scoping of NCA.	Project has contracted UNSW who is also the affiliating partner of GOAP to fast-track the development of NCA under the project.This will involve agree on methods. national partnership framework as well as initiating pilot testing of the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting in Laamu Atoll.	Completed by Nov 2024	MCCEE. MBS. UNSW and other stakeholders
Risk 3	Provide capacity building support for various areas of the project to Laamu community.	Various capacity building provided and ongoing during project period.	Sustainable agriculture training provided.Sustainable fisheries training and awareness ongoing.Waste management capacity	currently ongoing	By ENDhERI Project with MNU and Consultants.

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
			building for Island and atoll councils and other agencies of Laamu.ACEM course in collaboration of MNU at Laamu Gamu Campus.Training need assessment and provide training for for PA management.		
Risk 6	Biodiversity conservation and Green Growth in Laamu Atoll and nationally supported by increased awareness among targeted groups.	Various awareness activities are currently ongoing during project period.	Reports and training materials publication.	Throughout project period.	Communications Specialist
Implementation schedule		Changes are proposed and approved by PSC with the proposed project extension of 1 year.	No cost extension	July 2024	PMU
Budget		Changes are proposed and approved by PSC with the proposed project extension of 1 year.	No cost extension with budget revision	July 2024	PMU
Capacity to deliver		Capacity building on the and awareness for the PMU. PIU and ministry on the Understanding of NCA	NCA Technical committee established. Capacity building training with experts.	Ongoing	NCA Consultant and NCA Technical committee

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

## 5 Amendment - GeoSpatial

### Project Minor Amendments

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

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

Minor Amendments	Changes
Results Framework:	Yes
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

Recommended changes at MTR for the Result framework (Approved by PSC and UNEP):

1. Indicator (s) for output 1.1: "Area (ha) of Marine Managed Area (MMA)/ Biosphere Reserve delineated with agreed incentive-based co-management mechanisms" changed to "Percentage Increase in proposed BR core zone (baseline 6 PAs areas target- increased through ESAs or other)"
2. Indicator 1.1.2: "Number of island communities with agreed roles in NC-based planning for Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and actively participating in the co-management of a new MMA/BR" changed to "No. of PAs with management and financial plans that incorporate natural capital considerations - target 6"

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Justification: Since project inception the Ministry has declared six PAs in Laamu and have prioritised the vision to form a Biosphere reserve. These six areas will form the core zone of the biosphere reserve. The project will contribute to the nomination of BR by ensuring the relevant information and criteria are met for nomination such as management plans for the PAs etc. Island development plans are revised every 5 years. The current plans 2022-2026, were revised in 2021/2022 at the beginning of the project execution. The project was designed in 2017 and approved/commenced implementation in 2020/2021. The lengthy time between project design and approval/implementation meant that that the timeframe had shifted as to where the project would be when development plan revisions were due. Since the new island development plans are up for revision in 2025/2026 – the projects timeframe is no longer aligned with the development of these plans, which may affect island community agreements. However, island communities’ agreements for ICZM and sustainable practices will be attained through the PA management planning process and BR consultations and management.

1. Indicator 1.2.4: "Number of businesses adopting codes of conduct for sustainable practices in targeted sites and communities as a result of project activities:" changed to "Number of businesses committed to adopting codes of conduct for sustainable practices in targeted sites and communities as a result of project activities"

Justification: Verifying whether business adopt code of conducts will require evidence from business operations/reports. The timeframe for creating awareness, identifying best practices, and building capacity in business for sustainable practices and business incorporating and implementing these into their operations may be beyond the project’s timeframe realistically. Therefore, it is recommended to rather assess the number of businesses committed to adopting codes of conduct determined by for e.g. signed declarations of their commitment etc.

1. Output 1.2.2: "Adoption of sustainable tuna bait and demersal reef fisheries in conformity with the draft Maldives Fisheries Master Plan" changed to "Capacity built for engaging in sustainable fisheries"
2. Output 1.2.3: "Partnership, policy and implementation standards for Green Growth established with the Atoll Council, national construction firms and tourism operators on Laamu Atoll, and registered nationally" to "Partnership, policy, and implementation standards for Green Growth established with the Atoll Council, national construction firms and tourism operators on Laamu Atoll, and if possible registered nationally"

Justification: Sustainable tuna bait and demersal reef fisheries practices and a finalised Maldives Fisheries Master Plan was developed by the Ministry of fisheries prior to project commencement. Therefore, the project has adapted to changing circumstances and is therefore working to build capacity in island communities for sustainable fisheries

In 2023, a new government administration was inaugurated. At the time of the MTR the full extent of the new government’s commitment to all intended outcomes and outputs of the project are not clear. There does however appear to be a high priority for infrastructure development even if at the expense of key biodiversity areas (e.g. see paragraph 83). As such it is recommended to place “if possible” as a caveat as there may be a shift in priorities from previous administrations at a national level with regard to infrastructure development.

1. Output 2.1.1: "Biodiversity conservation and Green Growth in Laamu Atoll and nationally supported by increased awareness among targeted groups and a National Biodiversity Knowledge Centre" changed to "Biodiversity conservation and Green Growth in Laamu Atoll and nationally supported by increased awareness among targeted groups"

Justification: Urbanco a project co-financing partner has faced several delays in the development of knowledge centre. Firstly, there has been numerous changes to the main Farukolhufushi Master Plan by Urbanco, which includes the Knowledge Centre (KC) development, budget for the civil works regarding the KC has also been delayed

and currently therefore Urbanco is seeking a private investor. As a result, since works have not commenced at all on the island, the construction of the KC will not be completed and questionable if even commenced, within the project's timeframe even with the NCE. The project and Urbanco have adapted to this by looking at existing infrastructure for use temporarily. These delays have been outside the projects control and the project maintains regular communication with Urbanco for developments.

1. Indicators for Outcome 3.3: "Percentage increase in the area of spatially delineated Marine Management Area (MMA)\* nationally for the sustainable management and protection of reefs and other NC through sector development" changed to "Percentage increase in the area-based conservation measures nationally for the sustainable management and protection of reefs and other NC through sector development".

Justification: Since the declaration of 6 PAs outside the project's activities and the government's prioritisation of a Biosphere reserve over an MMA. It is recommended to change the wording to area-based conservation to allow for advances in PAs, BR zonation and ecological sensitive areas or other areas where sustainable management measure may be applied.

These changes will be reflected in the next PIR reporting.

## 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

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
Laamu Atoll - Maldives	1.9333	73.4167		Haddhunmathi Atoll	

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

Annex 20

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