

# **UNEP GEF PIR Fiscal Year 2023**

1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

## 1- Identification

1.1 Project details				
GEF ID	GEF ID.: 9668	SMA IPMR ID		N/A
Project Short Title	ENDhERI	Grant ID		S1-32GFL-000617
		Umoja WBS		SB-015714
Project Title				
Project Type	▼ Full Sized Project (FSP)	Duration months Planned	1	5 years
Parent Programme if child project		Age		32.8 months
GEF Focal Area(s)	Biodiversity	Completion Date Planned	d -original PCA	30-Sep-24
Project Scope	✓ National	Revised	I - Current PCA	
Region	✓ Asia Pacific	Date of CEO Endorsement/App	roval	23-Jun-20
Countries	Maldives	UNEP Project Approval Date (or	n Decision Sheet)	
GEF financing amount	US\$3,532,968	Start of Implementation (PCA e	entering into force)	22-0ct-20
Co-financing amount	US\$22,934,073	Date of First Disbursement		24-Dec-20
		Date of Inception Workshop, if a	available	15-Oct-20
Total disbursement as of 30 June	USD 897,462	Midterm undertaken?	A	No
Total expenditure as of 30 June	USD 385,161	Actual Mid-term Date, if taken		
		Expected Mid-Term Date, if not	taken	1-0ct-23
		Expected Terminal Evaluation D	Date	30-Sep-24
		Expected Financial Closure Date	e	30-Mar-26

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 Contact

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Division(s) Implementing the project	Biodiversity	Executing Agency(ies)	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology, Maldives

Housing Development Corporation (name changed to Urbanco) Blue Marine Foundation Name of co-implementing Agency N.A. Names of Other Project Partners Six Senses Laamu Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture Maldives Bureau of Statistics Sitki Ersin Esen **EA:** Manager/Representative TM: UNEP Portfolio Manager(s) Lisama Sabry TM: UNEP Task Manager(s) Kavita Sharma EA: Project Manager Mariyam Fazna TM: UNEP Budget/Finance Officer Paul Vrontamitis EA: Finance Manager Samau Wafir TM: UNEP Support/Assistant Serah Shaiya EA: Communications lead, if relevant Ali Nizar

### 2- OVERVIEW OF PROJECT STATUS

Nature action TM: UNEP Current Subprogramme(s) subprogramme (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 TM: PoW Indicator(s) managing biodiversity

TM: UNEP previous Subprogramme(s)

Subprogramme 3: Healthy and Productive Ecosystems

JNEP PoW & UN

EA: UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages

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

EA: Link to relevant SDG Goals

The project is primarily targeting at Goal 14 (life below water) through reducing threats to atoll ecosystems and especially marine biodiversity, it will contribute towards many of the SGDs, including 5 (gender equality), 6 (clean water and sanitation), 12 (responsible consumption and production), 13 (climate action), 15 (life on land) and 17 (partnerships to achieve the goals).

### EA: Link to relevant SDG Targets

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GEF Core or Sub Indicators

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

	Indicators
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1	marine habitat under improved practices to benefit b
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Targets - Expected value								
Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target						
non	86153	86153						
non	5	5						
non	1435	1435						

Materialised to date
2677.35
6
430

Implementation Status

2023

2nd PIR

	PIK#
FY 2023	2nd PIR
FY 2022	1st PIR
FY 2021	
FY 2020	
FY 2019	
FY 2018	
FY 2017	
FY 2016	
FY 2015	

Rating towards outcomes (DO) (section 3.1)	
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Rating towards outputs (IP) (section 3.2)
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Risk rating (section 4.2)
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**EA:** Summary of status (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)

Summary of Project Progress:

Establishment of PMU: The Project Manager, Project Assistant, Communication Specialist and Community Co Management Consultant recruited. The PMU functions as the administrative hub of the project.

Establishment of PIU: Established Project Implementation Unit at Laamu Atoll. The unit comprises a Project Coordinator and a Project Administrative Assistant who are permanently based in Laamu atoll.

Project Inception Workshop: Project held its inception meeting with all the stakeholders of the project. The meeting was inaugurated by the Minister of State for Environment, Climate Change and Technology Dr. Abdulla Naseer. The project workplan was discussed and reviewed during the inception.

Project Steering Committee meeting: The third meeting of the ENDhERI project's steering committee was held. The meeting was chaired by the Senior Conservation Officer of Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and technology, Ms. Lisama Sabry In her opening remarks Ms. Sabry noted that projects such as this required close cooperation and participation of a large number of agencies, and highlighted the importance of discussions and deliberations that was made possible through the committee. (Annex 1)

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. (Annex 2)

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 3)

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 4)

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 5)

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 6)

Mangroves, Wetlands and Nature Parks Experience and Knowledge sharing Tour in Addu and Fuahmulah: ENDhERI 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 7)

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).(Annex 8)

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 9)

ENDhERI Small Grant: 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 project also intends to provide at risk women extra support in economical betterment through alternative livelihood options. Two workshop sessions were 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.

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.

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.

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.

Coral Reef Monitoring Training: Project has concluded the theory segment of 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. This will be followed up with practical sessions conducted by the Blue Marine Foundation in July. A ToT training session was conducted prior to the theory sessions for the trainiers who would be conducting the practical sessions of the training.

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.

EA: Planned Co-finance

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

US\$22,934,073

EA: Actual to date:

3,076,448.70

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

Blue Marine Foundation has provided the financing commitment information on their co-financing contribution towards the project

**EA:** Date of project steering committee meeting

15th June 2023

Stakeholder engagement involves building and maintaining relationships. It also involves preserving the active support and commitment of the people to the implementation of change, through project delivery. The Project Inception Workshop, Steering Committee, Communication Force (local) comprise of a wide range of stakeholders including government stakeholders from all disciplines: environmental, social and economic.

Inception Workshop - Total 51 participants

• Ith 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 Project Sensitization Meetings

•80th Novermber 2021 - Laamu Atoll Council and all Laamu Atoll Council Presidents

•27th February 2022 to 2nd March - Gan, Isdhoo, Kalaidhoo, Maabaidhoo and Mundoo Island Councils, WDC and community meeting
•33th to 16th March 2022 - Fonadhoo, Maamendhoo, Hithadhoo, Kunahandhoo, Maavah and Dhanbidhoo Island Councils, WDC and community meeting

•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,

Multi-stakeholder workshop - Total of 52 participants

-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, Ihadhdhoo School, Mukurimagu School, Fonadhoo Council, Fonadhoo WDC, Maamendhoo Council, 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

Resource Usage consultations regarding proposed protected areas in Laamu Atoll •2nd October 2021 - Laamu atoll Hithadhoo, Maabaidhoo and Gan.

•knd October 2021 - Laamu atoli Hitnadhoo, Maabaldhoo and Gan.

Mangrove-Wetland and nature experience sharing tour – Total 25 participants

• Ith to 10th February 2022 and 13th to 16th June 2022 − Laamu Atoll Council, Laamu Atoll Island Councils and Laamu Atoll Island WDC

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

2.5. Stakeholder

Small Grant Workshops

- •Information workshop on 30th May 2022 NGOs and WDC of Laamu Atoll
- •Small Grant working session on 19th December 2022 NGOs and WDC of Laamu Atoll

ESMF Workshop

•26th September 2022 - Laamu Atoll Island Councils and WDC

**Development of Natural Capital Accounting** 

•Ihception 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.

- •4th December 2022 NGOs of Laamu Atoll
- •18th January 2023 Meeting with Noo Raajje Team
- 24th January 2023 Meeting with Maldives National University
- -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
- •5th April 2023 Meeting with MNU
- •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.

Ecologically significant areas of Laamu Atoll - Validation workshop - total 31 participants

•8th June 2023 - Laamu Atoll Island Councils

TM: Does the project have a gender action plan?

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No

No

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.

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

Gender

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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 projecs. For the small grant cycle 1 announced in 2022, 70% of the small grants awardees are women led institutions in the islands. Further, it was ensured atleast 50% of the participants for training and awareness programs are women.

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

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



Yes

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



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

There have been instances of vandalism of project signage in some of the sites. Greater engagement of stakeholders is warranted.

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



Yes

TM & EA: If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken.

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 recieved during the course of this reporting period, regarding unavailability of information on project and its grant opportunities.

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.

**EA:** Environmental and social safeguards management

(will be uploaded to GEF Portal)

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

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.

Project is currently translating the document to the local language of Dhivehi.

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

Baseline Report on Agricultural Practices in Laamu Atoll Baseline Report on Waste Management in Laamu Atoll

Please attach a copy of any products

EA: Main learning during the period

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.

Low uptake of environmentally benefiting activities if they are not linked to financial incentives.

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

None noted at this time. Social Media Publishing Data (Annex 12)



### 3. RATING PROJECT PERFORMANCE

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

Project objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	EA: Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	TM: Progress rating
	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	EA to fill	EA to fill  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 contracted to be finished by April 2024. 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
	Indicator 0.2:						
enhance reef ecosystem integrity and resilience ough sustainable management, reducing relopment impacts and integrating natural ital accounting into development planning	Marine protected areas created or under improved management for conservation and sustainable use (hectares)	No established PAs within Laamu Atoll, although five areas have been proposed by the Atoll Council to ME for protection		Five areas proposed by the Atoll Council are legally protected; other core zone areas of proposed MMA / BR	6	Ecological significant hotspots has been identified by the project; priority areas will be conducted with surveys.  6 areas of Laamu atoll protected under Environment Act	S
	Indicator 0.3:						

	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)	30%	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)	\$
	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 total including terrestrial land)	25%	Ecological significant hotspots has been identified by the project; priority areas will be conducted with surveys  The consultant is hired to develop the managements plan for the protected areas of Laamu Atoll, which will be completed in 10 months	\$
Outcome 1.1: Increased sustainability of marine and coastal resource management under a Green Growth Strategy for Laamu Atoll	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	20%	The consultant is hired to develop the managements plan for the protected areas of Laamu Atoll. During the duration of the consultancy, surveys, meetings and stakeholder consultation workshops will be held to formulate and identify site specific management model for each protected area with engagement of LTF, ensuring the equal participation of men and women, vulnerable and minority groups within the community.	s.

	Indicator 1.1.3: Number of island community agreements with modified land-based production processes and sustainable fisheries for reduced impacts to reefs	0	1	3	10%	A TOR is developed to build awareness and training for agcirulture and fishries communities, and is in the process to hire the consutation	MS
	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	20%	With MCEP project and Waste Department of MECCT, project is in the process to hire a consultant to review the waste managements plans of all islands of Laamu and develop the Atoll waste management plan.  Baseline was conducted on waste management in Laamu atoll.	MS
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 1.2.2: %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	20%	A TOR is developed to build awareness and training for agcirulture to reduce excessive use of agro chemicals, and is in the process to hire the consutation.  Baseline Report on Agricultural Practices at Laamu has indicated excessive use of agrochemicals in agricultural islands of Laamu.	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%	5%	A TOR is developed to build awareness and training for fishries communities, and is in the process to hire the consutation	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)Agriculture/Food b)Tourism c)Construction	a)0 b)0 c)0	a)1 b)1 c)1	a)3 b)3 c)3	5%	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 for agcirulture and fishries communities, and is in the process to hire the consultation and is in the process to hire local consultants.	MS
Outcome 2						VIIII	
Outcome 2.1: Increased understanding of the values and dependencies on marine natural capital and biodiversity supports improved livelihoods and sustainable development on Laamu Atoli 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	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)	335	Project sensitizing and environmental awareness training was conducted with Laamu Atoll with a total of 335 students (58% female)
Outcome 3		1				V
	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 / unit)	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)	10%	Training need assesment will be conducted within the scope of consultation. Inception workshop conducted with all stakeholders (Annex 10)  Inception workshop: 26 attendees
	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	10%	Technical Scoping for development of NCA completed (Annex 11)
Outcome 3.1: Increased institutional capacity, clarified mandates and integration of NCA in marine biodiversity conservation policy and programmes	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 indudes MECT/EPA, MFMRA/MMRI and LGA/Atoll and Islanc 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 MS
	Indicator 3.1.4: Extent to which annual reporting for national (economic) accounts by the National Bureau of Statistics with support from MECT and other agencies integrates NC Accounting	NBS has piloted one NC account for water and waste management with UN ESCAP support; environmental data provision coordinated by ME.	NC indicators, methodologies and implementation plan for three NC accounts approved by ME and NBS	Annual reporting for national accounts by NBS, MECT and MFMRA includes NC accounts for freshwater, marine and coastal ecosystems, and selected stocks of key marine species	25%	3 pilot accounts consists of Coral Reef, Seagrass and mangroves of Laamu Atoll Technical Scoping for development of NCA completed and approved by the NCA Technical Committee
Outcome 3.2: Enhanced protection of coral reefs and other marine NC through actions by the	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 will be developed within this year
corporate fisheries and agriculture, tourism and construction sectors	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	0	Identification mechanisms for integrating NC accounting and into business planning within this year of NCA development project

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 3.3.1: Percentage increase in the area of Marine Management Area (MMA)* nationally for the sustainable management and protection of reefs and other NC through sector development	Baseline area of MMAs nationally includes: -49 PAS (incl. reefs, mangroves, wetlands and islands and core areas of Baa Atoll BR) totalling 27,256 haAt 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)	Globally significant biodiversity sites mapped nationally	Proposals for new / extended MMAs covering 25% increase over baseline	79	For Laamu Atoll 6 PAs, management plans will be developed for sustainably managed by the project 79 PAs (Total 54314.37 ha)	s
	Indicator 3.3.2: No. of national technical inter-sectoral bodies leading the integration of an agreed SEEA-based methodology on Spatial Planning	0	- National Natural Capital Accounting Technical Committee	- National Natural Capital Accounting Technical Committee	1	NCA Technical Committee Established	s
Outcome 4					1		
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	1.0 2.0 3.0	1.3 2.30 3.0	1.5 2.50 3.500	1.3 2.61	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 – 61  Number of publications/reports on project page on MECCT website – 9  All the project reports are shared online in MECCT website, which can be assessible to all	s

systematically provides information on progress,	Indicator 4.2.1: Number of project management reflection meetings convened to integrate lessons learned into project workplans and strategies	0	3	5	3	- 3 PSC meeting was held - 1 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

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

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

Output	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%) (Towards overall	Implementation status as of 30 June 2023 (%) (Towards overall	EA: Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	TM: Progress rating
ler COMPONENT 1: Green Growth development for La	aamu Atoll in the Outputs fisheries and agriculture, tourism and constr	project targets) uction sectors	project targets)		
Output 1.1.1: Green Growth Strategy, Marine Managed Area/Biosphere Reserve and Sustainable Development Plans for Laamu Atoll and selected slands implementation advanced through capacity development, participatory planning and operational support	Apr-24	20%	40%	Baselines established, meetings and way forward with the activities for capacity development discussed and TORs developed, development of managements plans awarded to the consultant. Ecological hotspots idendified.	s
Output 1.1.2: Three SEEA-EEA based Natural Capital (NC) Accounts established and operationalized for Laamu Atoll (freshwater; marine & coastal ecosystems; key marine species)	Sep-24	5%	30%	Consultants hired. Inception workshop conducted. Technical Scope completed	s
Output 1.2.1: Targeted island communities sensitized and increasingly apply eco-technologies for sustainable food production and disposal of domestic waste	Apr-24	10%	25%	Project Sensitization meeting completed with all islands of Laamu Atoll – with Island Councils, WDC, Communities and Schools.  Baseline studies completed for waste management, agricultural practices of all islands	S
Output 1.2.2: Adoption of sustainable tuna paitfish and demersal reef fisheries in conformity with the draft Maldives Fisheries Master Plan	Jun-24	5%	20%	Project Sensitization meeting completed with all islands of Laamu Atoll – with Island Councils, WDC, Communities and Schools.  Baseline studies completed for fisheries practices of all islands of Laamu Atoll	S
Output 1.2.3: Partnership, policy and mplementation standards for Green Growth established with the Atoll Council, national construction firms and tourism operators on .aamu Atoll, and registered nationally	Apr-24	5%	10%	TOR developed on sustainable development consultation, in the process to hire consultation	S
ler COMPONENT 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	Sep-25	10%	20%	Multi-stakeholder workshop conducted on Ecosystem Conservation Management in Laamu Atoll.  Workshop was held to identify and prioritize the ecological hotspots at Laamu Atoll.	S
Output 2.1.2: Increased capacity for cross- curricular delivery of coastal and marine ecology and natural capital in national schools, and ncorporation of natural capital accounting in natural sciences and environmental management curricula at MNU	Nov-24	5%	25%	Working with UNSW establish NCA module for Master students at MNU  A public lecture on the role of Natural Capital Accounting in the development of marine and coastal ecosystem policies were held at MNU.	S
<u> </u>	counting into fisheries and agriculture, tourism and construction secto	ors			
Dutput 3.1.1: Institutionalized capacity or orgramme implemented and national methodology on NC Accounting established — based on the SEEA-EEA framework, for national NC-responsive statistics, policies, plans and budgeting	Dec-23	5%	40%	Technical Scoping of NCA development completed and report submitted by the consultant.	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	Sep-24	5%	20%	NCA Inception report and Technical Scoping of NCA development completed and report submitted by the consultant. NCA Technical Committee established with multiple stakeholders	
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	Sep-24	5%	20%	Prelimiary survey of ecosystem extend and condition in Laamu Atoli completed, in preparation for the NCA accounting	Ç
Output 3.3.1: NC-based spatial planning governance framework established	Sep-24	5%	5%	Not yet due, in the process with the NCA conultants	9
Under COMPONENT 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	Throughout Project period	20%	40%	All the ongoing project works are captured and publicised on project page on website and on social media.	S
Output 4.2.1: Capacity established for participatory and efficient monitoring and evaluation and adaptive management	Throughout Project period	10%	20%	All the project staff are established and tasked with proper guidelines under project manager.	S



### 4 Risk Rating

### 4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

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

Risk Factor		EA's Rating		TM's Rating
Management structure - Roles and responsibilities	A	Low: Well developed, stable Management Structure and Roles/responsibilities are clearly defined/understood. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.	A	Low: Well developed, stable Management Structure and Roles/responsibilities are clearly defined/understood. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.
2 Governance structure - Oversight	A	Low: Steering Committee and/or other project bodies meet at least once a yearand Active membership and participation in decision-making processes. SC provides direction/inputs. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.	A	Low: Steering Committee and/or other project bodies meet at least once a yearand Activ membership and participation in decision-making processes. SC provides direction/input. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.
3 Implementation schedule	A	Substantial: Some changes in project work plan but without major effect on overall timetableor Measures taken are not always adequate and weak adaptive management. Significant likelihood of negative impact on the project delivery.	A	Substantial: Some changes in project work plan but without major effect on overall timetableor Measures taken are not always adequate and weak adaptive management. Significant likelihood of negative impact on the project delivery.
4 Budget	A	Moderate: Activities are progressing within planned budgetand Balanced budget utilisation including PMC. Moderate likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.	A	Moderate: Activities are progressing within planned budgetand Balanced budget utilisatic including PMC. Moderate likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.
5 Financial Management	A	Low: Funds are correctly managed and transparently accounted forand Audit reports provided regularly and confirm correct use of funds. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.	A	Low: Funds are correctly managed and transparently accounted forand Audit reports provided regularly and confirm correct use of funds. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.
6 Reporting	A	Low: Substantive reports are presented in a timely manner and Reports are complete and accurate with a good analysis of project progress and implementation issues. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.	A	Low: Substantive reports are presented in a timely manner and Reports are complete an accurate with a good analysis of project progress and implementation issues. Low likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery.
7 Capacity to deliver	A	Moderate: Sound technical and managerial capacity of institutions and other project partners and Capacity gaps were addressed before implementation or during early stages. Moderate likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery	A	Moderate: Sound technical and managerial capacity of institutions and other project partners and Capacity gaps were addressed before implementation or during early stage:  Moderate likelihood of potential negative impact on the project delivery

### 4.2 Table B. Risk-log

Implementation Status (Current PIR)

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

	Risk
	Risk 1: Possible shifts in government priorities and/or
	policy changes that may reduce project impacts, including the issue of decentralization of natural resource
l	management governance

	servering), previous varient inis, and withis. Ose the last line to propose a suggested consonauted ruting.										
Risk affecting:			Risk Rating					Variation respect to last rating			
Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	PIR 6	Δ	Justification		
Outcome 1-3	L	L	L					=			

Risk 2: Under global climate change forecasts, increasing requency of severe El Nino events is likely, resulting in epeated coral bleaching events that impact coral reef ecosystems and related uses of reef resources (tourism, isheries)	Outcomes 1 and 2	н	Н	н			=	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.
Risk 3: Limited institutional and community understanding and capacity in Laamu Atoll to embrace changes towards more sustainable fishing, agriculture, tourism and other NRM practices including local management of marine esources and reef protection; potential difficulty in ecruiting qualified local project staff	All Outcomes	L	L	М			Î	It be a challenge once we start to recruite participant for trainings and new recruitment for the future projects in Laamu Atoll
Risk 4: Continued uncontrolled exploitation of marine ecosystems / biodiversity by island communities, especially eef fisheries and bait fishing as common resources	Output 1.2	L	L	L			=	
Risk 5: Program partners unable or unwilling to incorporate Biodiversity or NC criteria, targets and reporting in their pperations	Outcome 3	М	М	М				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 oudget and therefore vulnerable to delays or failure in co- inancing delivery, partnerships and coordination with other nitiatives	All Outcomes	М	М	М			-	The PMU will monitor the delivery of cofinancing contributions on an annual basis and follow up through the Project Steering Committee as necessary to ensure timely and complete delivery. The Mid Term Review of the project will also assess cofinancing delivery performance and provide recommendations for project management as appropriate.
Risk 7: Possible restrictions on access to land or use of esources that are sources of livelihood (ESERN Risk)	Outcome 1	L	L	L			=	
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			=	
Consolidated project risk		Not Applicable	М	М				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 and NCA accounts. Project also has a delay in providing technical support and funding related to Knowledge Centre due to overall delay from Urbanco on the development of Cultural Island.

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

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

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period			Additional mitigation measures for the n	ext periods
	(PIR-1, MTR, etc.)			What	When	By whom
Risk 2: H	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.	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.		NCRMF Training at Laamu Atoll	Jul-23	MMRI, Blue Marine Foundation with ENDhERI Project
		Project will conduct awareness session of the health and environmental risks of uncontrolled use of agrochemicals and excessive groundwater abstraction to the communities and schools of Lampu Atoll to reduce the excessive usse of agrochemicals in farming.	-	Awareness and training on sustainable agriculture	Sep-23	Hired consultant with ENDhERI Project
Risk 5: M	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.	Nov-22	MECCT, MBS, UNSW and other stakeholders
Risk 6: M	Project will be in coordination with several Co-financing partners in delivering the Project outputs in relation to co-financing partners.	Project is meeting with co-financing partners on delivering of the Project outputs as per work schedule, to overcome the delays from Urbanco on the development of Cultural Island.		Meeting with co- financing partners on delivering of the Project outputs. Project has also seek the guidance from PSC on the wayford	Throughout the project	MBS, MFMRA, Blue Marine Foundation, Six Senses Laamu, MECCT, Urbanco

Risk 7 & 8: ESERN safeguard risks: L	Formulation and awareness on ESMF	ESMF has been developed, an awareness workshop conducted Project will translate the document to local language for more understanding on social and environment safeguard measures	Project has formulated ESMF Next step is to translate the documents to local language and conduct community awareness sessions on Environmental Social Management Ethics of the Project and to implement the grievance mechanism	Next 6 months	Community Co-Management Consultant of the Project

High Risk (H): There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks.

Significant Risk (S): There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that assumptions may fail to hold and/or the project may face substantial risks.

Moderate Risk (M): There is a probability of between 26% and 50% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks.

Low Risk (L): There is a probability of up to 25% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks.



#### **Project Minor Amendments**

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

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

Minor amendments	Changes
Results framework	No
Components and cost	No
Institutional and implementation arrangements	No
Financial management	No
Implementation schedule	Explain in table B
Executing Entity	No
Executing Entity Category	No
Minor project objective change	No
Safeguards	No
Risk analysis	No
Increase of GEF project financing up to 5%	No
Co-financing	No
Location of project activity	No
Other	Yes

## Minor amendments

There is a slight delay in project schedule since the PCA in October 2020. The start of project execution has encountered a delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and there was a delay in establishing the Project Management Unit, which the first recruitment finalized on 21st March 2021, and there was several restrictions on travelling to travel sites and conducting the required in-person meetings. There were delays 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. Project also has a delay in providing technical support and funding related to Knowledge Centre due to overall delay from Urbanco on the development of cultural Island.

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

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

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

#### **GEO Location Information:**

The Location Name, Latitude and Longitude are required fields insofar as an Agency chooses to enter a project location under the set format. The Geo Name ID is required in instances where the location is not exact, such as in the case of a city, as opposed to the exact site of a physical infrastructure. The Location & Activity Description fields are optional. Project longitude and latitude must follow the Decimal Degrees WGS84 format and Agencies are encouraged to use at least four decimal points for greater accuracy. Users may add as many locations as appropriate. Web mapping applications such as OpenStreetMap (https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=4/2.1.84/82.79) or GeoNames(http://www.openames.org/) use this format. Consider using a conversion tool as needed, such as: https://coordinates-converter.com Please see the Geocoding User Guide by clicking here(https://gerportal.worldbank.org/App/assets/general/Geocoding%20User%20Guide.docx)

Location Name Required field	Latitude Required field	Longitude Required field	Geo Name ID Required field if the location is not an exact site	Location Description Optional text field	Activity Description Optional text field
Laamu Atoll - Maldives	1.9333	73.4167	Haddhunmathi Atoll		

Places provide any further geo-referenced information and man where the project interventions is taking place as appropriate

Annex 13

[Annex any linked geospatial file