

GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 10233	Umoja WBS: SB-018753
SMA IPMR ID: 100215	Grant ID: S1-32GFL-000714
Project Short Title: PA-CIWT Mada	
Project Title: Sustainable Management of Conservation Areas and Improved Livelihoods to Combat Wildlife Trafficking in Madagascar	
Duration months planned:	60
Duration months age:	15
Project Type:	Full Sized Project (FSP)
Parent Programme if child project:	10200
Project Scope:	National
Region:	Africa
Countries:	Madagascar
GEF Focal Area(s):	Biodiversity
GEF financing amount:	\$ 5,763,303.00
Co-financing amount:	\$ 20,472,944.00
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2021-06-10
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2022-02-23
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2022-03-02
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	2023-11-21
Date of First Disbursement:	2023-01-09
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:	\$ 400,000.00
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 375,155.00

Midterm undertaken?:	No
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	2025-12-01
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2027-12-31
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2026-12-31
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2027-12-31

1.2 Project Description

The Project aims to fight illegal wildlife trade (IWT) in Madagascar at national, regional and local levels and specifically conserve endemic biodiversity in the spiny dry ecosystem of the south-east of the country, in the Anosy and Androy Regions, Toleary Province. The Project Objective is conservation of biodiversity in Madagascar through strengthened management of the New Protected Areas (Category V), with active engagement by communities, and enforcement to reduce the rate of IWT and poaching. The Objective will be achieved through implementation of four integrated project strategies (components): Component 1 -National policy and institutional frameworks to address wildlife and forest crime and develop NPAs; Component 2 - Management effectiveness of selected NPAs; Component 3 - Community engagement and poverty reduction for effective NPA management; and Component 4 - Knowledge Management, Gender Empowerment, and Monitoring & Evaluation.

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Ecosystems Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	N/A
Executing Agency (ies)	MEDD (Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development)
names of Other Project Partners	TRAFFIC, Turtle Survival Alliance, ONG Ecart, Ecole Doctorale Université, Missouri Botanical Garden,
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Johan Robinson
UNEP Task Manager(s)	Daniel Pouakouyou
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	George Saddimbah
UNEP Support Assistants	Charles Imbenzi
Manager/Representative	Seheno RAMANANTSOA
Project Manager	Rado Rakotomanana
Finance Manager	Tsiry Raharinjatovo
Communications Lead, if relevant	Tolotra Ratsimandresy

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Thematic: Nature action subprogramme
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	Foundation: Environment Governance
PoW Indicator(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Nature: (v) Positive shift in public opinion, attitudes and actions in support of biodiversity and ecosystem approaches
UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	Objective 1. Vulnerable populations in the intervention areas gain access to income and employment opportunities, improve resilience and contribute to inclusive and equitable growth for sustainable development
Link to relevant SDG Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
Link to relevant SDG Targets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than \$1.25 a day 1.4 By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance 2.1 By 2030, end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round 5.1 End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere 5.5 Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in

	<p>political, economic and public life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.1 Sustain per capita economic growth in accordance with national circumstances and, in particular, at least 7 per cent gross domestic product growth per annum in the least developed countries • 8.3 Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services • 8.9 By 2030, devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products • 10.1 By 2030, progressively achieve and sustain income growth of the bottom 40 per cent of the population at a rate higher than the national average • 13.1 Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries • 15.1 By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements • 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 • 15.6 Promote fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and promote appropriate access to such resources, as internationally agreed • 15.7 Take urgent action to end poaching and trafficking of protected species of flora and fauna and address both demand and supply of illegal wildlife products • 16.5 Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms • 16.6 Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels
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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	
1.2- Terrestrial protected areas under improved management effectiveness	99822	196410	196410	Activities started, but progress cannot yet be quantified
4.1- Area of landscapes under improved management to benefit biodiversity	3000	10000	10000	Activities started, but progress cannot yet be quantified
11- People benefitting from GEF-financed investments	2000	6300	6300	Activities started, but progress cannot yet be quantified

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

Summary of status

Madagascar has received support from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), to implement the project entitled "Sustainable management of conservation areas and improved livelihoods to combat wildlife trafficking in Madagascar." The aim of this project is to strengthen biodiversity conservation in Madagascar through the enhanced management of new protected areas (categories V and VI), with active community involvement and law enforcement to reduce the rate of illegal wildlife trafficking.

The overall aim of the project is to strengthen the strategic and operational management capacities of the environment sector and to ensure that the main parameters of sustainable development are taken into account in sectoral policies. This will enable vulnerable populations in the project areas to access income and employment opportunities, improve their resilience, and contribute to inclusive and equitable growth for sustainable development.

The Objective will be achieved through implementation of four integrated project strategies (components): Component 1 -National policy and institutional frameworks to address wildlife and forest crime and develop NPAs; Component 2 - Management effectiveness of selected NPAs; Component 3 - Community engagement and poverty reduction for effective NPA management; and Component 4 - Knowledge Management, Gender Empowerment, and Monitoring & Evaluation. The project was really launched in November 2023 in order to initiate collaboration with project partners and stakeholders, share information about the project, through its four components, the organization of related activities and field implementation at project sites.

Given the delay in project implementation, in particular the completion of activities planned for the technical implementing partners, the current level of expenditure is being closely monitored to ensure that the project is completed within the approved budget. In line with the current work plan, some activities are on schedule, despite some delays affecting all four project components. However, the initial budget has been revised to facilitate project execution.

With regard to strengthening the policy, institutional framework, and capacity to support effective wildlife crime control and protected area management, a number of steps have been initiated and completed, namely the drafting of the call for expressions of interest and the terms of reference for the recruitment of two consultants to develop the national wildlife crime control strategy and the national strategic guideline for protected area management, which have been drawn up and published or disseminated in newspapers. Subsequently, the two groups of consultants were recruited and made operational in compliance with all the necessary processes and the inception reports submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD) and the Project Management Unit (PMU).

By examining the operationalization of target PAs to effectively combat wildlife and forest crime, potential actors are identified and consulted (TSA Madagascar, MBG, ECART, and the university) to develop the documents required for PA management in the project intervention regions. Collaboration protocols are then drawn up with the relevant frameworks. Meetings are held at the national and local levels to reinforce synergy between the group of actors.

To operationalize the regional teams, the office of the PMU team at the Regional Directorate for Environment and Sustainable Development (RDESD) Anosy has been refurbished, and the technical reception has been completed.

With regard to improved, diversified, and sustainable livelihoods for local communities in the PAs, implementing partners are identified, planning is drawn up, and the project is implemented.

Information and consultation meetings are held with the Androy and Anosy Regional Directorates for the Environment and Sustainable Development (RDESD) and with communities in the project's three target PAs.

With regard to raising awareness of wildlife crime and improving knowledge management and gender mainstreaming to combat wildlife and forest crime, a number of important actions were carried out, including virtual information and exchange meetings with the GWP project's gender specialist, the drafting of the gender consultant's terms of reference, the sharing of the gender terms of reference with UNEP for comment and validation, and the evaluation of some of the project's communication tools.

Meetings with the MEDD's Department of Planning and Monitoring-Evaluation and regional NGOs, as well as regional governorates and prefectures, are held to ensure that the project is in line with the priorities of the state and the MESD.

The Ministry's planning and the project's partners have integrated the involvement of women in all project actions.

To ensure project communication, an article was published in the MADA VERT magazine, and a project Facebook account was created. Finally, a consultation meeting with the Communication and Information Systems Department (CISD) team to draw up the communication strategy ensured that the project's progress was shared with the GWP network in Kenya.

Project organization procedures have been defined. Virtually all aspects are covered, from planning to the implementation of activities, as well as change management. Practical experience with the procedures in question to date has led the project team to the conclusion that more emphasis should be placed on some procedures and less on others. Similarly, in light of this experience, some procedures are now being refined or simplified.

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$ 20,472,944
Actual to date:	2,224,321
Progress	<p>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</p> <p>When the project was launched in Q4 2023, co-financing letters updates were proposed due to the delayed implementation. New co-financing partners has been identified for 2024. However, partners contracts are still awaiting for signature. To date, co-financing from the MEDD and FAPBM are mobilised (2,224,321 USD).</p>

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	2023-11-22
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	The project technical committee has been set up in december 2023. The Technical Committee in the project area will ensure project coordination among all local stakeholders and their involvement in the participatory project M&E and management under PMU guidance. The Committee will directly ensure access of local community to GRM channels. The Technical Committees' recommendations will be reviewed and taken into consideration by the PSC at its meetings as well as by the PMU. The locations of Technical Committees' meetings will be determined during the project implementation in the project area. The Technical Committee will consist from local representatives of MEDD, DREDD, target NPAs staff, COBAs and local community representatives, and NGOs.

2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	No
Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):	To implement gender mainstreaming, the project will develop and implement an effective Gender Mainstreaming Strategy (Output 4.1) as a part of the ESMP. The strategy will guide the project implementation to build project partner capacity to mainstream gender and bring along strategies that empower women as agents rather than as victims of wildlife and forest depletion, habitat degradation, and climate change. This strategy will also facilitate a multi-stakeholder analysis of the gender issues with a clear set of measurable gender indicators.

2.7. ESSM

Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)	<p>Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?</p> <p>SS 2: Climate Change and Disaster Risks SS 4: Community Health, Safety and SecuritySS 6: Displacement and Involuntary ResettlementSS 8: Labor and working conditionsThis is a moderate risk project and risk areas are clearly identified in the SRIF. The project is committed to carry out the ESIA and ESMP, which should be disclosed together with the Gender Action Plan and the Stakeholder Engagement Plan.</p>
New social and/or environmental risks	<p>Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, describe the new risks or changes?</p>
Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts	<p>Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken?</p>
Environmental and social safeguards management	<p>The project will design ESMP for the three intervening sites - Protected Areas (PA Behara-Tranomaro, PA Sud Ouest Ifotaky and PA Angavo) in 2024-2025.</p>

2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	<p>The project has experienced delays in knowledge activities and products. This work stream is scheduled for the second half of 2024 and will reported against in the next PIR</p>
Main learning during the period	<p>The PMU took part in the following webinars/meetings topics by GWP program:</p> <p>21-sept-23: Workshop on Media and its impact on human-wildlife conflict perceptions</p> <p>17-oct-23: Social Research for Conservation Insight and Impact</p>

	02-nov-23: "Countering Corruption in Wildlife Trade & Conservation" 09-nov-23: Women as Catalysts for Change in Conservation Gender in evidence-based conservation 25-janv-24: Human-wildlife conflict and media, Understanding the process of media engagement from GWP project and country experiences 14-mars-24: Understanding climate change and social drivers of human-wildlife conflict 04-avr-24: Presentation Skills Series: Successful Public Speaking & The Art of Storytelling 23-avr-24: Early Warning Systems for Human-Wildlife Conflict, Zoonotic Spillover, and Other Conservation Challenges 23-mai-24: Lessons from Countering Wildlife Trafficking in Ethiopia and Thailand 30-mai-24: How to Create a Suitable Message for Impactful Behavior Change
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2.9. Stories

Stories to be shared	PMU, by his Protected Areas Officer, took part in GWP conference, in Kenya - 2024 and shared a presentation: "Scalable solutions on Enabling Environment" focused on:
	- Capitalizing on what has been achieved, make the most of the knowledge and lessons learned from other projects, and coordinate the activities of the various Protected Areas managers,
	- Strengthening the creation and management of category V and VI PAs to combat Wildlife trafficking,
	- Implementing sustainable livelihoods projects for local communities that are very dependent on natural resources.

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
Conservation of biodiversity in Madagascar through strengthened management of the New Protected Areas (Category V), with active engagement by communities, and enforcement to reduce the rate of IWT and poaching	Populations of key species in the target NPAs: a) Radiated Tortoise: b) Spider Tortoise: c) Ring-tailed Lemur: d) Verreaux Sifaka:	a) T BE on Year 1 b) T BE on Year 1 c) T BE on Year 1 d) T BE on Year 1	a) > mid-term b) = baseline c) > mid-term d) > mid-term	a) >= mid-term b) >= mid-term c) >= mid-term d) >= mid-term	0	The preparation to set up the baseline is completed pending implementation. The delay after receiving the first disbursement on 06/01/2023 was compounded by the challenges faced to set up the project team.	U
	Total area of tree cover in 3 NPAs (ha):	116,590 (2019)	>=116,590	>=116,590	0	Same as above	U
1. Strengthened policy, institutional framework, and capacity support effective wildlife crime control and NPAs management	Capacity of MEDD (DGEF, DIREDD) to enforce wildlife and forest crime and manage NPAs (UNDP Capacity Scorecard, Appendix 16): CR1 – Capacity for engagement CR2 – Capacity to generate, access and use information and knowledge CR3 – Capacity for strategy, policy and legislation	CR1 = 56% CR2 = 40% CR3 = 44% CR4 = 50% CR5 = 17%	CR1 >= 60% CR2 >= 44% CR3 >= 48% CR4 >= 55% CR5 >= 20%	CR1 >= 65% CR2 >= 48% CR3 >= 52% CR4 >= 60% CR5 >= 23%	0	All the activities are on course to achieve the intended results, but cannot be quantified at this stage	U

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
	developmentCR4 – Capacity for management and implementationCR5 – Capacity to monitor and analyse						
	Total number of officers in Antananarivo and Toliary Province applying skills on wildlife crime investigation and prosecution after project mentoring:	0	>=10 (from 15 officers trained)	>= 20 (from 30-35 officers trained)	0	All the activities are on course to achieve the intended results, but cannot be quantified at this stage	U
	Total number of wildlife crime enforcement policies and frameworks initiated by the project and endorsed/implemented by the Government of Madagascar	0	>= 1	3 (National Wildlife Crime Law Enforcement Strategy; National Strategic Guidelines on NPA management; and ASYCUDA eCITES BaseSolution)	60%	Two wildlife crime enforcement policies and frameworks initiated by the project	MS
2. Operationalized target NPAs combat wildlife and forest crime effectively	Averaged METT score for 3 target NPAs (see Appendix 15):	20	30	40	40	METT score revisited for the 3 target NPAs and will serve as baseline	MS
	Total area of operationalized NPAs (all mandatory documents/plans/staff in place), ha	0	99822	196410	0	All the activities have been planned and implementation started	U

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
	Annual tree cover loss in 3 NPAs (ha/year)	560 (2019)	less than or equal to 230	0	0	Same as above	U
3. Local communities in target NPAs benefit from improved, diversified and sustainable livelihoods	Total number of people producing food and income from CBNRM and alternative livelihood:	0	>=2,000 (at least 50% women)	>=6,000 (at least 50% women)	0	Activities have been planned and implementation started	U
	Area of landscapes under improved practices to benefit biodiversity (excluding protected areas) (total ha)	0	>=3,000	>=10,000	0	Activities not yet started	U
4. Strengthened wildlife crime awareness and improved Knowledge Management and gender mainstreaming to address wildlife and forest crime	Total number of people reporting wildlife and forest crime as a result of the national wildlife crime and biodiversity awareness program	0	>=100	>=300	0	Activities not yet started	U
	Total number of the project lessons learned and best practices, including gender mainstreaming, applied by other projects and programs	0	>= 2	>= 4	0	Activities not yet started	U

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 National policy and institutional frameworks to address wildlife and forest crime and develop NPAs	Output 1.1. National Wildlife Crime Enforcement Strategy and National Strategic Guidelines for NPAs Management are developed, agreed with stakeholders and submitted for approval to the Madagascar Government	2024-12-31	N/A	40	ToR for consultants developed, consultants are hired and are working, approaches and methodologies are presented to the MESD. Next step: Data collection, capitalization and follow-up to consultancy work	MS
	Output 1.2. ASYCUDA eCITES BaseSolution is introduced in Madagascar to manage legal wildlife trade and detect IWT	2026-12-31	N/A	0	UNCTAD convention with MEDD is developed in 2021 MESD will liaise with UNCTAD to reach an agreement on the introduction of the eCITES solution and IWT database in Madagascar. Afterwards, it can carry out the needs assessment and authorization process, start-up and deployment missions, training of the MEDD eCITES project team. Training workshops by the MEDD's eCITES @ASYCUDA project team and customs officers in key ports and airports around the country are planned to use the eCITES authorization system.	U
	Output 1.3. Inter-agency Wildlife Crime Unit, MEDD, and Ministry of Justice, are provided with comprehensive mentoring on wildlife crime investigation and prosecution and with law enforcement equipment	2026-12-31	0	0	Activities delayed and not yet started due partly to the political challenges faced and the delay in kick starting the activities on time as initially scheduled	U

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
2 Management effectiveness of selected NPAs	Output 2.1. Target NPAs have all mandatory planning and management documents including functional zoning for conservation and development goals and are officially operationalized by MEDD	2025-12-31	20	58%	Partners are identified, convention under signature Potential stakeholders are identified, framed and consulted to develop the documents required for PA management in the project's areas of intervention. Collaboration protocols drawn up with partners and in the process of being signed Meetings are held at national and local level to strengthen synergy between stakeholders.	MU
	Output 2.2. Target NPAs have sufficient and trained staff for PA management, wildlife and forest crime enforcement, and biodiversity monitoring	2026-12-31	N/A	0	Capacity building for PA-CIWT project partners aims to establish the processes by which actors, organizations and partners increase their ability to carry out their tasks, solve problems, define objectives, understand and address development needs in order to achieve the project's objectives in a sustainable manner. Coordinating wildlife surveys of all species present in the 03 PA-CIWT target protected areas, with the aim of advancing taxonomic and chorological knowledge and better understanding of ecological communities will start in the coming years.	U

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
	Output 2.3. Target NPAs have essential equipment and infrastructure for sustainable management and law enforcement	2025-12-31	N/A	40	Two Vehicles acquired, DRESD office restored and used by PMU as main office, process for acquiring motorbikes (MESD agents and fields) are initiated	MS
3 Community engagement and poverty reduction for effective NPA management	Output 3.1. Rural Communes at the target NPA have functional Natural Resource Management Committees and Commune's Natural Resource Management Plans	2025-12-31	N/A	10	Villages for Natural Ressources Management Transfer are identified by the team PMU, RDESD in Q1-Q2 2024	U
	Output 3.2. Local communities implement pilot CBNRM and alternative sources of income projects developed based on the Commune's Natural Resource Management Plans	2026-12-31	N/A	20	Consultation meetings with the Androy and Anosy RDESDs on the implementation of TNRM pilot projects and the strategy for supporting communities in the implementation of alternative sources of income activities were initiated during Q1 and Q2.	U
4 Knowledge management, Gender Empowerment, Monitoring & Evaluation	Output 4.1. Gender empowerment strategy developed and used to guide project implementation	2026-12-31	N/A	15	Currently under consultation with MEDD and UNEP Virtual exchange meetings with the GWP project's gender specialist were held during the Q1 and Q2 periods. The Project team drew up the terms of reference for the Gender Consultant and shared it with UNEP for comment, validation and publication on the website. The project database was maintained by the PMU team, and project communication tools were produced and evaluated (x-banner, bandole, roll-up etc).A meeting with the DPSE (Direction	U

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					de Planification et suivi-évaluation) of the MESD is held to align the project with the priorities of the Government and the MESD.	
	Output 4.2. Participatory M&E and learning framework developed and implemented for the project	2026-12-31	N/A	10	Currently under consultation with MEDD and UNEP The PMU initiated the development of the project's baseline and the feeding/updating of the database.	U
	Output 4.3. Nationwide public awareness program on biodiversity value and negative impact of wildlife and forest crime targets at least 15,000 people and encourages general public and local communities to report the crime	2026-12-31	N/A	30	The Communication plan will be developed in accordance to the Strategy of MESD (with "Direction de la Communication et des Systèmes d'Information") At the PMU level, communication tools such as x-banners, banners, roll-up, business cards, Project Factsheet, Project logo were produced in Q1 and Q2. The Ministry and the project partners planning have integrated women's involvement into the project's actions.	U
	Output 4.4. Lessons learned from the project are used nationally and shared internationally (including through GWP network)	2026-12-31	N/A	20	PA-CIWT project shared his progress with international participants in GWP conference in Bangkok (2023) and Kenya (2024)	U

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
					<p>The project produced an article in the MEDD magazine VERT to ensure visibility. A consultation meeting was held with the DCSI team to draw up a communication strategy. This also include webinar/meetings and capacity building topics by the GWP team.</p>	

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

4 Risks

4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

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

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

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

4.2 Table B. Risk-log

Implementation Status (Current PIR)

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

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
Covid-19 pandemic may disrupt and delay the project implementation due to travel and meeting restrictions	Outcome 1	H	L	L					↓	COVID-19 no longer applicable
Covid-19 pandemic may continue to disrupt	Outcome 3	H	L	L					↓	COVID-19 no longer applicable

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
the country's economy and may negatively impact Government co-financing commitments to the project										
Covid-19 pandemic may continue to disrupt international supply chain integrity and lead to increased prices for equipment and services planned for delivery in the project framework	Outcome 4	H	L	L					↓	COVID-19 no longer applicable
Low MEDD capacity for effective project management may result in implementation delays and incomplete achievement of project Outcomes		M	M	M					=	Unchanged
Insufficient national and local capacity for complete delivery of the project Outputs and sustainability of the project Outcomes		H	H	H					=	Unchanged
Mal-governance and endemic corruption at national and local levels can undermine achievement of the project Outcomes		M	M	M					=	Unchanged
Risk of attacks on project staff and project stakeholders from organised crime syndicates and local bandits (dahalo)	Outcome 1. 2 and 3	M	M	M					=	Unchanged
Benefits provided by the project to local communities through NPA co-management and sustainable livelihood may be insufficient to draw them from poaching. illegal wildlife trade and other destructive practices	Outcome 3	M	M	M					=	Unchanged
COBAs will not be able to obtain land titles and TGRN agreement to participate in the	Outcome 3	M	M	L					↓	So far. no local land conflict in the project sites

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
NPAs co-management due to competing land use priorities. insufficient local governance capacities. and lengthy bureaucratic procedures.										
Conservation and sustainable livelihood models introduced by the project in the target NPAs may be destroyed or degraded by the effect of climate change (mainly by increased duration and frequency of draughts)	Outcome 3	M	M	M					=	Unchanged
Multiple moderate social project risks can have significant negative impact on local communities in the project area	Outcome 3	M	M	M						Unchanged
		M	M	M					=	

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

Additional mitigation measures for the next periods

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
Low MEDD capacity for effective project management may result in implementation delays and	Project at early stage	Improve planning	Improve workplanning and budgeting	January 2024	Project Management team with support from TM

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
incomplete achievement of project Outcomes					
Insufficient national and local capacity for complete delivery of the project Outputs and sustainability of the project Outcomes	None	Awareness raising about the Project at national and local level	Awareness raising	2024-2027	PMU. MEDD. RDESD. Partners
Mal-governance and endemic corruption at national and local levels can undermine achievement of the project Outcomes	None	Development of national Strategy to combat wildlife trafficking in Madagascar	National Strategy to combat Illegal Wildlife Trafficking	2024-2025	MEDD. Consultants and Partners
Benefits provided by the project to local communities through NPA co-management and sustainable livelihood may be insufficient to draw them from poaching. illegal wildlife trade and other destructive practices	None	Planification of socio economic studies and IGA Identification in 2024	Socio economics Study to identify IGAs	2024-2025	Partners. RDESD
Conservation and sustainable livelihood models introduced by the project in the target NPAs may be destroyed or degraded by the effect of climate change (mainly by	None	adaptation of IGA and agricultural activities resilient to climate change	agreement for socioeconomic studies	2024-2025	PMU. Partners: ONG Ecart. TSA

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
increased duration and frequency of draughts)					
Multiple moderate social project risks can have significant negative impact on local communities in the project area	None	Meeting held with others projects in/near the intervening sites: Pipeline in Mandrare Valley	Pipeline in Mandrare Valley	2024-2027	Worldbank project
Risk of attacks on project staff and project stakeholders from organised crime syndicates and local bandits (dahalo)	None	Gendarmerie officers accompanying staff during sporadic missions in sensitive areas	Field missions	2024-2027	PMU staff

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

5 Amendment - GeoSpatial

Project Minor Amendments

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

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

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

Minor amendments

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
Antananarivo	-18.91368	47.53613		Project Management Unit Office Antananarivo	PMU. Partners and consultants meetings 2023-2024
Antananarivo	-18.8791	47.5219		Hotel IBIS Antananarivo	National inception workshop
Antananarivo	-18.8791	47.5219		Hotel IBIS Antananarivo	Steering Committee meeting
Fort Dauphin	-25.0291	46.9883		DREDD Anosy Office and PMU regional office	Courtesy visit to the DREDD
Fort Dauphin	-25.02777	46.9980		Region Anôsy Office	Courtesy visit and technical meeting with the Regional Project Coordinator
Fort Dauphin	-25.02777	46.9980		Region Anôsy Office	Courtesy visit to the Préfet
Fort Dauphin	-25.02777	46.9980		Region Anôsy Office	Courtesy visit to the Gouvernor
Fort Dauphin	-25.0341	46.9838		Ankoba beach Ambinanikely	Regional inception workshop

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Fort Dauphin	-25.02572	46.9896		Hotel le Port Esokaka	Project Technical committee meeting
Ambovombe	-25.17263	46.1007		DREDD office Androy	Courtesy visit to the DREDD
Ambovombe	-25.17848	46.0868		Region Androy Office	Courtesy visit to the DID
Ambovombe	-25.1786	46.0866		Prefecture Ambovombe Office	Courtesy visit to the Prefecture
Antanimora	-24.85156	45.77313		Angodobo - AP Angavo	Communities meeting
Ifotaka	-22.8061	46.1197		Bekiria. AP Sud-Ouest Ifotaky	Communities meeting
Behara	-24.9533	46.3858		Behara. AP Behara-Tranomaro	Communities meeting
Tranomaro	-24.60243	46.47574		Municipality Office of Tranomaro	Courtesy visit to the Mayor and Municipality staff
Amboasary	-24.6023	46.47576		District Office	Courtesy visit to the District
Ambovombe	-24.18416	45.67555		Beraketa	International forests Journey Androy
Ambovombe	-25.19361	46.23888		Maroalopoty	International forests Journey Androy
Ambovombe	-25.17263	46.1007		DREDD Androy Office	Technical meeting with DREDD Staff
Ambovombe	-25.17848	46.0868		Region Androy Office	Courtesy visit to the Gouvernor/DID and General Secretary of the Region
Ambovombe	-25.17900	56.0883		Municipality office of Ambovombe	Technical meeting with UNDP regional staff
Antanimora	-24.81482	45.65972		Cantonement Office	Technical meeting
Antanimora	-24.79844	45.83489		Municipality Office Antanimora	Technical meeting
Antanimora	-24.79839	45.83492		Analave	Community meeting

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Antanimora	-24.85156	45.77313		Angodobo	Community meeting
Antanimora	-24.89672	45.67726		Andriamarina Nord	Community meeting
Ifotaka	-24.80084	46.13576		Ifotaka Municipality Office	Technical meeting
Ifotaka	-24.78417	46.05177		Bekiria	Community meeting
Tranomaro	-24.60243	46.47574		Municipality Office Tranomaro	Technical meeting
Tranomaro	-24.67259	46.51152		Tsilamà	Community meeting
Tranomaro	-24.6398	46.47843		Andropilany	Community meeting
Behara	-24.95511	46.38698		Municipality Office Behara	Technical meeting
Behara	-24.95491	46.38715		Municipality Office Behara	Community meeting
Behara	-24.98678	46.31332		Andavabazaha	Community meeting
Behara	-24.97938	46.36084		Helibondro	Community meeting
Bangkok	13.7285	100.5690		Sukhumvit	GWP annual conference Thailand
Khao Yai	14.3147	101.5306		Khao Yai National Park	GWP field visit Thailand
Thap Lan	14.2181	101.9015		Thap Lan National Park	GWP field visit Thailand
Nairobi Karen	-1.3425	36.7058		Nairobi	GWP conference 2024 Kenya
Toliara	-23.3471	43.6713		Toliara	Toliara MESD Mission (Trafic)
Morombe	-21.7425	43.3580		Morombe	Morombe MESD Mission (Trafic)
Antananarivo	-18.9130	47.5345		WWF office	Meeting with WWF Madagascar
Antananarivo	-18.9188	47.5354		MBG office	Meeting with MBG Madagascar

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

[Annex any linked geospatial file]

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