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1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 5351	Umoja WBS: SB-008641
SMA IPMR ID: 35087	Grant ID: S1-32GFL-000617
Project Short Title: S2NPA	
Project Title: Strengthening the Network of New Protected Areas in Madagascar	
Duration months planned:	60
Duration months age:	79
Project Type:	Full Sized Project (FSP)
Parent Programme if child project:	
Project Scope:	National
Region:	Africa
Countries:	Madagascar
GEF Focal Area(s):	Biodiversity
GEF financing amount:	\$ 3,905,265.00
Co-financing amount:	\$ 45,407,409.00
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2017-09-06
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2017-11-14
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2018-01-03
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	2018-04-12
Date of First Disbursement:	2018-01-04
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:	\$ 2,351,784.00
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 1,846,987.00

Midterm undertaken?:	Yes
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	2021-03-23
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	2021-03-01
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2022-10-31
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	2025-06-30
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2025-09-01
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2024-12-31

1.2 Project Description

The main objective of the S2NPA project is to strengthen the network of new protected areas representing terrestrial, marine, coastal, and freshwater ecosystems with a view to the sustainable conservation of biodiversity and the improvement of the standard of living of the population through the sustainable use of these resources. The project has 3 components:

Component 1: Improvement of PA policy and governance

The component1 includes the development of a capacity-building program on protected area management; technical support to ongoing negotiations to modify the process for establishing permanent PAs from the current NPAs (so that many more sites should be able to obtain permanent status); development of a national system to monitor NPA management and to monitor biodiversity at NPAs; creation of a National Action Plan for mangrove conservation; legal and regulatory changes to strengthen PA management and mangrove protection; and a funding strategy for newly established PA sites.

Component 2: Effective management of new PAs and critical mangrove sites (in existing PAs)

this component will allow the 6 new PAs and the 3 critical mangrove sites within the existing PAs to be managed in a participatory way and generate benefits for biodiversity conservation and livelihoods

Component 3: Knowledge management and Public Awareness

This Outcome will ensure project successes from Components 1 and 2 are sustained and replicated to the many other NPAs in Madagascar. Drawing lessons from both positive and negative experiences, the project will assist national agencies in developing the required tools and instruments, including a mechanism to ensure local conservation knowledge is captured and stored in a format useful for national dissemination. The project will also support the development and monitor the level of user uptake of a range of multi-media outputs that capture and disseminate project successes (websites, documents, videos, conferences, etc.)

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Ecosystems Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	
Executing Agency (ies)	Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development
names of Other Project Partners	Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, The Peregrine Fund, 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 Imbezi
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Finance Manager	Jenny-fer Rasoloson
Communications Lead, if relevant	Rinah Razafindrabe

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Thematic: Nature action subprogramme
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	Healthy and productive ecosystems
PoW Indicator(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature: (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: (iii) Number of countries and national, regional and subnational authorities and entities that incorporate, with UNEP support, biodiversity and ecosystem-based approaches into development and sectoral plans, policies and processes for the sustainable management and/or restoration of terrestrial, freshwater and marine areas • Nature: (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 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
Link to relevant SDG Targets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 15.2 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally • 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

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	
4.1- Area of landscapes under improved management to benefit biodiversity	9	9	9	This is a GEF 5 project and no core or sub indicators targeted by the project were defined at CEO endorsement. However the area of landscape under improved management to benefit biodiversity (4.1) agreed at MTR was reached during the period under review.
3.2- Area of forest and forest land under restoration	100000	354859	354859	A total of total of 200,000 ha of forest and forest land under restoration was reached during the period under review
CCA 1-Total Number of direct beneficiaries	50%	100%	100%	The total number of project beneficiaries has been reached and the investments need to be consolidated and expanded as possible.

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	7th PIR	S	S	M
FY 2023	6th PIR	MS	MS	M
FY 2022	5th PIR	MS	MS	M
FY 2021	4th PIR	MS	MS	M
FY 2020	3rd PIR	MS	MS	M
FY 2019	2nd PIR	MS	MS	M
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Summary of status

The project is currently in its 7th year of implementation and gone through several hurdles which led to the no cost extension until December 2024. The importance of the project to the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD) cannot be overemphasised and it remains one of the pilot projects guiding the improvement of the management of protected areas and mangrove sites across the country.

The project has made good progress, and most indicators were achieved during the period under review. In particular, the 12% of the surface of the country to be covered in protected areas was achieved, and the coverage of the coastal and littoral zones is increasing in line with the current policy to triple the surface of Marine PAs. The monitoring of the site continued and in the Morondava delta, 196 mangrove schooners and 25 poles were seized during a control mission. The government has deployed all the necessary means in the application of the law through the policy of “zero tolerance”. In Bombetoka, control missions were carried out by DREDD Boeny. Four people have been arrested and are under investigation for collecting illegal timber and manufacturing illegal charcoal in peripheral areas of the protected area. At Pointe a laree there was the popularization of texts relating to the management of natural resources (Ordinance 60-127, Ordinance 60-128; Law 2015-005 and Decree 2017-415 on COAP; and the application of the "Dina ".) and following control activities, an offender was arrested.

In relation to building the capacity of key institutions, the project has carried out the self assessment of the teams and additional work is needed to improve the performance of this indicator. Six decrees creating NAPS in the project areas were promulgated. The development of the national mangrove conservation plan is in

progress, but efforts to develop a protected area funding strategy (c) is delayed. However, beyond the application of the METT, a system for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the governance and management of each PA is under development using a participatory and inclusive approach as in the case of the PA Business plan. The progress in finalizing the key official documents and local community projects that use TEK has been slow, and the data are being compiled at the time of reporting. Accurate information will be available during the next reporting cycle. The project participated in conferences and stands during the celebrations of various events to share these achievements. This sharing will be reinforced during the coming period.

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$ 45,407,409
Actual to date:	7,458,119
Progress	<p>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</p> <p>The project struggled to mobilized co-financing owing in parts to those partners which committed funds during the project design and finally left the partnership. In addition to the several other causes of delays, inadequate reporting to the implementing agency also led to significant delays in the release of funds. The amount reported up to this period as mostly secured from the Regional Directorates of the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development to ensure control activities in the S2NAP sites. A proper management response is being prepared and will be submitted as soon as available.</p>

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	2024-02-05
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	Stakeholders at all levels participate in the implementation of the project thanks to the leadership of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development. The project implementation partners are the Regional Directorates of Environment and Sustainable Development (DREDD) and the Managers of Protected Areas and Priority Mangrove Sites as part of this project. A charter of responsibilities relating to the management structure of each protected area represents the framework which allows dialogue between all stakeholders. This institutional framework makes it possible to mobilize political will and integrate concerns related to biodiversity and development. The DREDDs represent the ministry at the level of decentralized local authorities and coordinate actions relating to the sustainable management of protected areas and mangrove sites. Site managers are institutions with bases in the project intervention sites or entities specialized in certain specific activities planned by the project. The UGP is located within the Directorate in charge of

	<p>protected areas to better coordinate and monitor interventions in the management of natural resources, biodiversity and protected areas. This department works with programs, projects, technical and financial partners working in the above-mentioned areas to achieve the related national objectives. The S2NAP project works in collaboration with the now closed COKETES project, which worked on the conservation and management of key species. Additionally, as DAPRNE technical teams, PMU members participated in design work, technical meetings and associated field missions. Interministerial bodies (CSAPM, Mine-Forest Committees, Forest-Territory Committee, etc.) in close connection with the Directorate in charge of protected areas exist and ensured synergy of actions at certain sites and/or resolve intersectoral conflicts. In addition, farmer associations at project sites and local communities participated in conservation activities such as ecological monitoring, restoration and patrols.</p>
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2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	Yes
Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):	The project has already carried out a study on the gender approach. Following this study, the activities follow the recommendations relating to this approach. On average, women's participation is around 25%. The standardization of all attendance sheets used, taking into account gender criteria, made it possible to assess the participation and number of women, men and young beneficiaries within the framework of the project. Several actions were undertaken to promote the equal participation of women in IGAs and in environmental education and awareness activities, the active participation of women in reforestation and restoration activities, and in the creation of tree nurseries, and the involvement of women in community patrols and participatory ecological monitoring.

2.7. ESSM

Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)	Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage? No If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?
New social and/or environmental risks	Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period? No If yes, describe the new risks or changes?
Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts	Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period? No If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken? The safeguard plans available to protected areas are integrated into the Environmental and Social Impact Study which was carried out when the protected area was created. Currently, the updating of these backup plans is underway within the S2NPA project. Community consultation meetings and group discussions were organized to identify promising sectors and the needs of communities around protected areas and mangrove sites. In addition, capacity building of local communities, in accordance with the safeguard plans, was carried out.

Environmental and social safeguards management	The project updated the environmental and social safeguard management plans developed at the time of the creation of the protected areas. During the period under review, the ESMP of Tsimembo Manambolomaty site was carried out and is being implemented. This plan contains the analysis of the issues and impacts of the project to set up these New Protected Areas, the proposal for concerted mitigation measures, the identification of the people affected by the project and the planning of actions relating to these measures. attenuation. In addition, meetings to raise awareness and bring together stakeholders were conducted to raise awareness of the potential of Ambaro Bay as well as the challenges and benefits of the sustainable management of natural resources in this bay and the challenges of establishment of a protected area in this area.
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2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	Capitalizing on lessons learned is essential for the project to be considered a catalyst for strengthening PA management. Good practices mainly concern the importance of local leaders in the management of protected areas and mangroves. Their integration into the steering and monitoring committee improved the participation of local stakeholders and the mobilization of communities in conservation activities, such as patrols, ecological monitoring, aerial layering, multiplication of species in nurseries, production and use of compost, enrichment, restoration, etc. The knowledge collected will be integrated into component 3 of the project.
Main learning during the period	It is always important to keep all the stakeholders involved in the execution of project activities. It is particularly challenging to keep the interest of partners, especially those that committed to provide co-financing, to keep to their promises and provide support through the project cycle.

2.9. Stories

Stories to be shared	Success stories : Beyond preserving our precious biodiversity, the S2NPA project aims to transform the lives of local communities through innovative incentives. By focusing on improving the standard of living of populations through support for livelihoods, the project reduces pressure on our natural resources and contributes to combating the effects of climate change. The results are palpable: residents of protected areas see their economic resilience increase thanks to income-generating activities which subsequently have positive repercussions on conservation.
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3 Performance

3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
Madagascar's strengthened network of PAs provides enhanced protection and better representation of key ecosystems, and deliver economic and environmental benefit to local communities	1. Representation of key ecosystems in the permanent Protected Area Network (% of total area covered by PAs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Dry Forest - 24.4 • South Western Dry Spiny Forest Thicket - 39.5% • Wetlands - 25.9% • Mangroves - 35.2% • Western Sub-Humid Forest - 9.3% • Tapia Forest - 21.1% • Littoral Forest - 38.0% • Western Humid Forest - 52.3% • South Western Coastal Bushland - 0.6% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Dry Forest - 25.5 • South Western Dry Spiny Forest Thicket - 39.5% • Wetlands - 26.1% • Mangroves - 35.25% • Western Sub-Humid Forest - 9.3% • Tapia Forest - 21.1% • Littoral Forest - 38.0% • Western Humid Forest - 52.3% • South Western Coastal Bushland - 0.6% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Dry Forest - 25.6 • South Western Dry Spiny Forest Thicket - 39.5% • Wetlands - 26.5% • Mangroves - 38.25% • Western Sub-Humid Forest - 9.5% • Tapia Forest - 21.1% • Littoral Forest - 38.27% • Western Humid Forest - 52.3% • South Western Coastal Bushland - 1.2379% 	100%	The indicators defined at the time of the project design were reached during the period under review and 12% of the surface of the country in protected areas was reached. Additionally, the coverage of the coastal and littoral zones is increasing in increasing in line with the current policy to triple the surface of Marine PAs.	HS
	2. Level of protection of the New PAs: a) Total annual number of patrols b) Total annual number of discovered violations	a) To be established at project inception = 36 annual patrols b) Total annual number of discovered violations	a) MT targets to be established at project inception = 54 annual patrols	a) EOP Target to be established at project inception = 72 annual patrols	100%	The sites have continued monitoring and control activities despite the delay in funding. In the Morondava delta, 196 mangrove schooners and 25 poles were seized during a control mission. The government has deployed all the	HS

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						necessary means in the application of the law through the policy of "zero tolerance". In Bombetoka, control missions were carried out by DREDD Boeny. Four people have been arrested and are under investigation for collecting illegal timber and manufacturing illegal charcoal in peripheral areas of the protected area. At Pointe a laree there was the popularization of texts relating to the management of natural resources (Ordinance 60-127, Ordinance 60-128; Law 2015-005 and Decree 2017-415 on COAP; and the application of the "Dina ".) and following control activities, an offender was arrested	
	3. Number (%) of local people benefiting from new PAs via CBNRM, alternative sources of income and ecosystem Restoration	0	50% of Persons Affected by the Project (PAPs)	100% of PAPs	100%	Most targeted beneficiaries have been reached and the project will conduct a socio-economic survey at each site to finalize the numbers. Income-generating activities identified have been prioritized for beekeeping and ecotourism	HS
1. Strengthened policy, governance, and financing frameworks for PA management, including for conservation of biodiversity	1. Capacity of MEEF, SAPM Commission, and Inter-ministerial Committee to manage and develop PA Network	Capacity scoring to be carried out at inception stage	Increase of 10% in each agency's capacity score	Increase of 35% in each agency's capacity score	35%	The project has only carried out the self assessment of the teams and additional work is needed to improve the performance of this indicator.	U

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and mangrove ecosystems	(measured using the UNDP Capacity Scorecard)						
1. Strengthened policy, governance, and financing frameworks for PA management, including for conservation of biodiversity and mangrove ecosystems	2. Number of government decrees enacting the permanence of the target Pas	0	3	6	6	The 6 decrees of creation are all promulgated for the 6 NAPS of the projectPoint a Larree: Decree No. 2015-773 of April 28, 2015Makirovana: Decree N 2015-768 of April 28, 2015Tsimembo Manambolomaty: Decree N 2015-715 of April 21, 2015Bemanevika: Decree N 2015-782 of April 28, 2015Lac Alaotra: Decree N 2015-756 of April 28, 2015Ranobe PK 32: Decree N 2015-808 of May 05, 2015	HS
	3. National conservation policy documents approved and implemented by government: a) Monitoring system for PA biodiversity and management effectiveness b) National mangroves conservation plan c) PA funding strategy	a) None b) None c) None	a) Approved b) Approved c) Approved	a) Implemented b) Implemented c) Implemented	60%	Indicator (a) has been achieved during the period under review. The indicators on the development of the national mangrove conservation plan is in progress, but efforts to develop a protected area funding strategy (c) is delayed. However, beyond the application of the METT, a system for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the governance and management of each PA is under development using a participatory and inclusive approach as in the case of the PA Business plan	MS
2. 6 new PAs and 3 critical mangrove sites within	1. METT Scores for 9 new Protected Areas (6 NPAs	•Bemanevika (38) • LacAlaotra (33)	10% improvement in METT score at each	30% improvement in METT score at each	100%	The following scores were achieved at each site:•Bemanevika (41) •	HS

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existing PAs are managed in a participatory manner and generating BD conservation and livelihoods benefits	and 3 mangrove sites)	•Makirovana - Tsihomanaomby (50) • Ranobe/PK 32 (26) • Pointe à Larrée (44) •Ambaro Bay (20) •Tsimembo - Manambolomaty (46) •Boanamaro Bayis (19) • Morondava (19)	site •Bemanevika (41) • LacAlaotra (34) •Makirovana - Tsihomanaomby (75) • Ranobe/PK 32 (28) • Pointe à Larrée (68) •Ambaro Bay (25) •Tsimembo - Manambolomaty(65) •Boanamaro Bayis (22) • Morondava (22)	site •Bemanevika (45) • LacAlaotra (34) •Makirovana - Tsihomanaomby (75) • Ranobe/PK 32 (30) • Pointe à Larrée (68) •Ambaro Bay (25) •Tsimembo - Manambolomaty(65) •Boanamaro Bayis (24) • Morondava (24)		LacAlaotra (34) •Makirovana - Tsihomanaomby (75) • Ranobe/PK 32 (28) • Pointe à Larrée (68) •Ambaro Bay (25) •Tsimembo - Manambolomaty(65) •Boanamaro Bayis (65) • Morondava (24)The 30% target has been reached	
	2. # of Integrated Management Plans (IMPs) and area (ha) under approved and implemented IMPs	0 / 0	5 IMPs / 100 000 ha	9 IMPs / 354 859 ha	80%	6 IMPs/317450 HaThis refers to the area of the target 6 NAPs, with an area of 317,450 ha. Those for the mangrove sites are being developed	HS
	3. Number of sustainable small business and CBNRM projects developed by local communities in cooperation with the PAs	0	20	40	40	The Activities were postponed later due to the delay in the release of funds	MU
3. Increased public awareness and policy integration of TEK and biodiversity conservation	1. Number of official documents and local community projects that use TEK	0	3	10	45%	The progress in finalizing the key official documents and local community projects that use TEK has been slow and the data are being compiled at the time of reporting. Accurate information will be available during the next reporting	MU

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						cycle.	
	2. Number of project lessons on PA management and CBNRM used by other projects and PAs	0	2	6	80%	The project participated in conferences and stands during the celebrations of various events to share these achievements. This sharing will be reinforced during the coming period.	HS
	3. Percentage of population in the project sites that understands PA value and approves their activities	0	1	1	60%	The performance provided during this period will be confirmed after socio economic survey underway to update baseline surveys conducted at the beginning of the project.	MS

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 Improvement of PA policy and governance	1.1.1: National PA agencies (DAPT, DREEF, CIREEF, CEEF, and CSAPM) have increased capacity to develop and manage the PA system	2024-12-31	80%	92%	The S2NPA Project mandated a consultant to strengthen the capacity of the SAPM commission. The main objective of the service is to update the roles and responsibilities of the SAPM commission. The specific objectives are as follows: Conduct reflections on the vision, objectives and management policy of Protected Areas Update the TOR of the SAPM Commission for its better operationalization Strengthen the SAPM commission in order to achieve the objectives of its establishment Revitalize and operationalize the SAPM Commission Establish the responsibility charter for all stakeholders	HS
	1.1.2: Management instruments for PAs and mangroves are developed, discussed with stakeholders and submitted to the Government for approval	2024-12-31	75%	80%	The finalization of protected area management tools is currently underway. The Project Management Unit (PMU), in collaboration with the Directorate of Protected Areas, developed the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the consultation intended for the design of the management tools package	HS
	1.1.3: Monitoring and evaluation tools to measure the management effectiveness of PAs are identified and introduced to PA agencies	2024-12-31	75%	75%	The six New Protected Areas are jointly adopting the METT tool. The METT is not yet officially presented, improvements	S

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					have been made.	
	1.1.4: National Action Plan for mangrove conservation is formulated	2024-12-31	60%	68%	The S2NPA project supports the finalization of strategic documents and the national action plan on mangroves. This initiative aims to strengthen the sustainable management of mangroves in Madagascar, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development and the Ministry of Fisheries and Blue Economy	S
	1.1.5: Legal and regulatory amendments to ensure permanent protection of mangroves and effective PA management are developed	2024-12-31	60%	63%	The inter-ministerial decree establishing the management of mangroves on a transitional basis has been updated to find the balance between the conservation and use of this ecosystem.	MS
	1.1.6: Funding strategy for new PAs is developed	2024-12-31	10%	40%	The S2NPA project is committed to supporting the development of protected area management tools in Madagascar. In this context, a draft of the Protected Areas Business Plan guide is already available at the level of the Department in charge of protected areas. However, to finalize this strategy, the S2NPA project will mandate an expert consultant soon to carry out this task.	MU
2 Effective management of new PAs and critical	2.1.1: Integrated Management Plans for 9 PAs are developed	2024-12-31	60%	68%	In addition to those that already exist, the project was able to carry out 2 PAGS. The S2NPA project finances six protected areas in Madagascar, with the	MU

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mangrove sites (in existing PAs)					aim of strengthening the management and conservation of these essential areas for biodiversity. Among these protected areas, Tsimembo Manambolomaty and the new Bombetoka-Belemoka protected area have succeeded in updating their development and management plans (PAG) as well as their management and environmental protection plans. The other sites are in the process of updating their PAGs and public consultations	
	2.1.2: PA staff with increased capacity for PA management in collaboration with local communities	2024-12-31	70%	73%	The UGP team has already developed the terms of reference (TOR) of the consultant for the evaluation of capacity building actors according to the REPC competency standard. This study will be launched soon. The skills standard, developed in collaboration with the REPC	MU
	2.1.3: Local communities in areas adjacent to PAs and mangrove micro-sites have improved ability to participate in CBNRM, development of alternative sources of income and ecosystem restoration	2024-12-31	65%	66%	. All the support for the People affected by the project, beneficiaries of the measures of alternatives to pressure and economic incentives in the Protected Area of the Tsimembo Manambolomaty Complex, converge above all towards the improvement of food security and also the diversification and increase people's incomes by ensuring economic resilience and	MU

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					reducing poverty. In terms of the gender approach, measures provide for actions in favor of women and young people to create pleasant environments for their economic and cultural development. Thus, in the market gardening sector, 40% of beneficiary women will receive production kits made up of improved seeds and small agricultural tools.	
	2.1.4: Pilot projects on CBNRM, alternative sources of income and ecosystem restoration are developed and under implementation	2024-12-31	60%	60%	More than 75 ha of area have been reforested. And through reforestation and restoration activities, we have seen the strong involvement of communities in all activities relating to the management of natural resources.	MU
3 Knowledge management and public awareness	3.1.1: Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) database is developed and introduced to decision makers and local communities	2024-12-31	10%	40%	The S2NPA project carried out a study on the state of traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) in the protected areas of Madagascar and a case study on the Lac Alaotra protected area, Alaotra Mangoro region. Recognizing the essential importance of traditional ecological knowledge in the management of natural resources in Madagascar, the S2NPA Project is committed to promoting and enhancing this knowledge within its target protected areas.	MU
	3.1.2: Lessons learned by the project are disseminated by different means at national and international levels	2024-12-31	10%	40%	The project participated in conferences and stands during the celebrations of various events to share these	MU

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
					achievements. The capitalization of good practices has started justifying the progress achieved during the period under review.	
	3.1.3: Awareness raising campaign on conservation of mangroves and other ecosystems is developed and implemented	2024-12-31	60%	87%	Apart from participation in the celebration of world environment days, the project was also able to start the other awareness and communication activities planned.	MU

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

4 Risks

4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

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

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

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
Implementation schedule		N/A	S	S	M	M	M	M	=	The delays incurred after the MTR has continued despite the changes applied.
Budget		N/A	M	M	S	S	L	H	↑	A significant amount of the co-

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										financing pledged by the partners has not materialized
Reporting		S	S	S	M	M	L	S	↑	The quality of reporting has deteriorated owing in part to language barriers
Capacity to deliver		L	L	M	M	M	L	M	↑	The inability of the project to hire and retain good consultants to deliver on specific activities has been a major challenges during the period under review
		L	L	M	M	M	M	S	↑	

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
Implementation schedule	Needs identified to hire quality consultants to support the project implementation	A few consultants were hired and the delays in disbursing funds led to their departure.	Head hunting for quality national consultants	June 2024	Project Manager
Budget and co-financing	The project decided to broaden the partnership base and to bring in new partners	Efforts to draw in new partners that can contribute co-financing proved unproductive	Reach out to potential new partners able to bring in additional co-financing. Additionally, there is an urgent need to develop a mechanism to capture and report on the in-kind co-	June 2024	Project Manager

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
			financing contribution.		
Reporting	The challenge is mostly due to language barrier with only one staff members able to write in English. It was recommended to hire bilingual staff where possible	The only bilingual staff left and the new one was hired late during the year	Hire bilingual staff or interpreter	June 2024	Project Manager with possible support from TM
Capacity to deliver	Decision taken to hire quality consultants	A few consultants were hired and the delays in disbursing funds as the result of inadequate reporting led to their departure.	Hire competent national consultants where available	June 2024	Project Manager

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:	
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:	

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
	Extension	2023-10-27	2023-10-30	2024-12-31	Rescheduling of some project activities

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	1070940	Bureau de l'Unité de gestion du projet	
Alaotra Région de Mangoro	-17.900	48.400	7670851	Région du site du Lac Alaotra	
Région Boeny	-16.300	46.100	7670849	Région du site de Boanamary	
Région de Diana	-13.500	49.000	7670842	Site de la région de la baie d'Ambaro	
Région de la Sava	-14.200	49.800	7670846	Région du site de Makirovana	
Région d'Analanjirifo	-16.500	49.500	7670848	Région du site Point à Larrée	
Région de Sofia	-15.200	48.400	7670847	Région du site de Bemanevika	
Région Melaky	-17.600	44.800	7670852	Région du Tsimembo Site de	

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
				manambolomatie	
Région du Menabe	-20.200	45.070	7670902	Site Région du Delta de Morondava	
Atsimo Région d'Andrefana	-23.200	44.400	7670913	Région du site PK 32 Ranobe	

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

[\[Annex any linked geospatial file\]](#)