

GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 10266	Umoja WBS: SB-012788.05
SMA IPMR ID: 40321	Grant ID: S1-32GFL-000632
Project Short Title: GEF-CW.10266.ISLANDS Global	
Project Title: Coordination, communication and knowledge management (CCKM)	
Duration months planned:	48
Duration months age:	38
Project Type:	Medium Sized Project (MSP)
Parent Programme if child project:	10185
Project Scope:	Global
Region:	
Countries:	
GEF Focal Area(s):	Chemicals and Waste
GEF financing amount:	\$ 2,000,000.00
Co-financing amount:	\$ 10,921,550.00
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2021-03-16
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2021-03-23
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2021-03-30
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	2021-10-19
Date of First Disbursement:	2021-03-31
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:	\$ 1,667,474.00
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 1,467,113.00

Midterm undertaken?:	No
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	2024-07-31
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2025-03-31
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	2025-03-31
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2026-03-31
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2026-09-30

1.2 Project Description

The project aims to coordinate, communicate, and manage knowledge from the ISLANDS Programme (parent programme) to amplify the results of ISLANDS child projects throughout each region. This child project includes a US\$ 2M budget under Component 4 of the parent programme for further enhancement of the overall coordination, communication and knowledge management to be implemented across the programme as a whole. This addresses the concern that effective coordination, communication and knowledge management across the ISLANDS Programme requires funds additional to the country child projects that make up the programme.

The projects aims to achieve its goals through the following **components and outcomes**:

Component 1: Creation of programme visibility, branding, and templates - It will develop a series of guides for use of each regional child project, to facilitate a coordinated, harmonized and consistent approach to execution of child projects under the ISLANDS Programme. These guides will provide clear and concise information on: GEF ISLANDS brand visibility and visual identity; identifying and engaging with stakeholders; and, gender.

Component 2: Providing information and opportunities for exchange among SIDS governments and other SIDS stakeholders to take action technically, legally and through partnerships - It will collect information and resources developed in previous SIDS projects, as well as the regional child projects implemented under this programme. It will curate and disseminate case studies and knowledge products; share knowledge on best practices and technologies related to chemicals and waste management for SIDS; institute and coordinate global private sector partnerships (e.g. on shipping of wastes to recycling markets and environmental insurance), that benefit SIDS participating in each child project, fostering programmatic collaborations.

Component 3: Monitoring and performance assessment of the GEF ISLANDS Programme - This global child project will be responsible for overall monitoring of the GEF ISLANDS Programme, to capture how well the Programme is functioning as an integrated effort and how well all child projects are working together and complimenting each other. This will track the delivery of the original premise of the Programme that “the Programme is more than the sum of the various parts”.

The Green Growth Knowledge Partnership is the executing agency. Key stakeholders include regional child project Implementing Agencies (FAO, IADB, UNDP), Regional child project Executing Agencies (BCRC Caribbean, and SPREP), Private Sector partners (Swire Shipping, Kwoya Shipping, Carnival Cruises, Norwegian Cruise Line, MSC Cruises, Disney Cruises, Royal Caribbean, Cruise Lines International Association), and Civil society, academia and other partners (e.g. Global Mercury Partnership).

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Industry and Economy Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	
Executing Agency (ies)	Green Growth Knowledge Partnership
names of Other Project Partners	
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Kevin Helps
UNEP Task Manager(s)	Ines Benabdallah/Yolanda Cachu
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Edward Aput
UNEP Support Assistants	
Manager/Representative	Elisa Tonda
Project Manager	Fabrice Clavier
Finance Manager	Fuaad Alkizim
Communications Lead, if relevant	Stephanie Widorini

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Thematic: Chemicals and pollution action subprogramme
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	
PoW Indicator(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollution: (i) Number of Governments that, with UNEP support, are developing or implementing policies, strategies, legislation or action plans that promote sound chemicals and waste management and/or the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and the existing framework on chemicals and waste • Pollution: (ii) Number of Governments developing or implementing policies, strategies and mechanisms to prevent or reduce waste and ensure environmentally sound waste treatment or disposal, including in the context of disaster or conflict-related environmental emergencies, with UNEP support • Pollution: (iii) Number of policy, regulatory, financial and technical measures developed with UNEP support to reduce pollution in air, water, soil and the ocean • Pollution: Change in action by the private sector and civil society on pollution prevention and control as a result of UNEP action Progress in the chemicals- and pollution-related aspects of the 2030 Agenda on which UNEP focuses its work
UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	N/A - the CCKM is global in nature and while supports the general principles of the UNSDCF, does not make link to national level strategies.
Link to relevant SDG Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
Link to relevant SDG Targets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.4 By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment • 12.5 By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse

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	
11- People benefitting from GEF-financed investments		3,680,047.0	3,680,047.0	6,420.0

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
11.1- Male		1,840,023.5	1,840,023.5	3,500
11.2- Female		1,840,023.5	1,840,023.5	2,920

Implementation Status 2024: 3rd PIR

2.3. Implementation Status and Risks

	PIR#	Rating towards outcomes (section 3.1)	Rating towards outputs (section 3.2)	Risk rating (section 4.2)
FY 2024	3rd PIR	MS	MS	L
FY 2023	2nd PIR	MS	MS	L
FY 2022	1st PIR	S	S	L
FY 2021				
FY 2020				
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Summary of status

Implementation during the reporting period experienced some pauses due to the departure of team members, the Community Engagement Specialist, the Gender Specialist, as well as the Private Sector Specialist and Project Manager. This also impacted the delivery of action points agreed during the Project review Meeting. Efforts have been made in early 2024 to hire the new CCKM Project Manager, which was selected in April and started working in June 2024.

Summary of project activities during the reporting period are as follows:

Component 1: Monitoring of the proper use of the ISLANDS branding and templates has been ongoing.

Component 2: Further work has been done on the seven case studies for best practices, in terms of streamlining the content and structuring it into concise 4 pagers, and then into 2 pagers (only for the Mauritius case study). The last versions of these case studies have been shared with the UNEP GEF Unit on the common Repository. This is still work in progress, however, and will need to be discussed with UNEP GEF for finalisation. The ISLANDS knowledge management system (gefislands.org) has been kept up to date, especially its Knowledge and News sections. On a quarterly basis, the website attracts 2,000 new users, reaches 9,000 page views (with a significant uptick in engagement), and almost 35,000 activities in interacting with the website. The website currently provides 29 news articles, one blog, 15 webinars and 329 knowledge products (covering all key thematic areas but mostly on toxic chemicals, plastics and e-waste). During the reporting period, one webinar was organised on used oil (on 05-05-2023), and a related Community of Practice was created on the Green Forum. Discussions and peer-to-peer knowledge exchange were also maintained on other Community of Practices, namely ELV, e-waste, gender equality, ISLANDS overall, mercury, and plastics. Moreover, the Tide Turners app outreach campaign continued during the Summer 2023, including UNEP publication of a story about the app on 17 July, which was reposted on several websites, and the app was used for the Tide Turners Plastic Challenge in the Caribbean (see Annual Report 2022-2024).

Component 3: Quarterly reports were submitted up for Q3 and Q4 of 2023, although both are still pending clearance from the GEF Unit team due to clarification on a budget line for one staff. With regards to the development of a harmonized programmatic monitoring framework, a second version of proposed indicator framework was shared with the GEF Unit in October, but to no avail. It was therefore concluded that an indicator framework Specialist should be hired to complete this work, which should happen during Q3 of 2024. Finally, the ISLANDS Programme Annual Progress Report for the period 2022-2024 has been developed and is now being finalized.

The ISLANDS CCKM project has a total expenditure to date of \$1,467,113, accounting for 76% of the total budget. The expenditure for the current reporting period of 2023 to 2024 was \$426,339.

A Project Review Meeting took place in July 2023 to take stock of the progress made and to address concerns and to improve planning. Additionally, a Mid-term Review is currently being undertaken and is planned to be completed by Q4 2024.

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$ 10,921,550
Actual to date:	2,755,000
Progress	Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges: IETC is not participating in the project anymore, but all its resources have been included on gefislands.org and are now available for SIDS across all regions

	to use. GGKP co-finance has also been fully realized, providing the backbone and backend to facilitate the efficient web development of gefislands.org (which is built on the existing GGKP architecture). Swire shipping co-financing partially realized at the attendance of Swire Shipping at the ISLANDS Global Launch. The project will also seek to engage new con-financing partners as execution continues.
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2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	2023-11-02
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	<p>Several stakeholder engagement activities have been undertaken to date as part of different project outputs.</p> <p>Output 1.2: The ISLANDS Stakeholder Handbook, the CCKM Stakeholder Engagement Plan and the Stakeholder Engagement Plan Template were finalised and shared with EAs in the previous PIR reporting period. A draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan was drafted for the Pacific region.</p> <p>> <u>For this reporting period:</u> Messaging Guidelines have been developed to accompany the ISLANDS Communications Strategy and is intended to guide and align messaging across all the ISLANDS regional projects to ensure consistency in the communication of the Programme. It includes key messages for each stakeholder group.</p> <p>Output 2.2: On the international coalition of cruise lines (Activity 2.2.1), World Tourism and Travel Council (WTTC), which has access to cruise operators, was contacted and expressed high interest for collaboration and facilitating partnership with cruise operators, but of course, the willingness to engage on their part will very much depend on what is expected of them. On the international shipping coalition (Activity 2.2.2), Swire Shipping (based in Singapore) has been very committed, as part of the Moana Taka Partnership.</p> <p>> <u>For this reporting period:</u> With regards to engaging additional international financial institutions (IFIs) (Activity 2.2.3), the concept for a shorter, or longer study on this topic was presented at the ISLANDS a side event to the Minamata Conference of the Parties (COP) in October 2023. GGKPalso proposed to introduce the I-Go tool to SMEs in SIDS and make linkages between different waste streams and other research areas covered by the tool, triangulating IDB, ISLANDS and I-Go. Initial webinars were convened experiencing good level of participation and interest.</p> <p>Output 2.4: The ISLANDS Communication Strategy was developed (see https://www.gefislands.org/guidance/islands-communications-strategy).</p>



	<p>> <u>For this reporting period:</u> A communication training package was developed. It now awaits to be delivered to the communication focal points of the different child projects.</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):	<p>No new activities related to gender mainstreaming have been undertaken within the current reporting period as there were changes in the project team. A new gender expert will be recruited for Q4 2024.</p> <p>Previous gender mainstreaming include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISLANDS CCKM has developed an ISLANDS Programme Gender Mainstreaming Plan. • Delivery of a gender equality training to ISLANDS Pacific child project and national focal points • Organization of the ISLANDS Webinar: Women’s Leadership in SIDS Chemicals and Waste Management • Launch of the ISLANDS Gender Equality Community of Practice and identification of a Community Champion • Gender Stakeholders mapping and creation of a ISLANDS gender stakeholders contact list • Organization and roll out of the “Enhancing Gender Equality in Technology in SIDS” community campaign • Ongoing gender review of ToRs, communication material and other outputs (e.g. Tide Turners app content) • Drafting of the gender mainstreaming checklist

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>No</p> <p>If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?</p> <p>No</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> <p>N/A</p>
Complaints and grievances	Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?

related to social and/or environmental impacts	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?
Environmental and social safeguards management	The CCKM project is a coordination, communication and knowledge management project. It does not have activities on the ground in ISLANDS SIDS.

2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best practices: Further work has been done on the seven case studies for best practices, in terms of streamlining the content and structuring it into concise 4 pagers, and then into 2 pagers (only for the Mauritius case study). This is still work in progress, however. • ISLANDS knowledge management system: gefislands.org has been kept up to date, especially its Knowledge and News sections. On a quarterly basis, the website attracts 2,000 new users, reaches 9,000 page views (with a significant uptick in engagement), and almost 35,000 activities in interacting with the website. The website currently provides 29 news articles, one blog, 15 webinars and 329 knowledge products (covering all key thematic areas but mostly on toxic chemicals, plastics and e-waste). • Webinars and Communities of Practice (CoPs): A webinar was organised on used oil on 05-05-2023, and a related CoP was created on the Green Forum. Discussions and peer-to-peer knowledge exchange were also maintained on other CoPs, namely ELV, e-waste, gender equality, ISLANDS overall, mercury, and plastics. • Tide Turners app: The outreach campaign continued during the Summer 2023, including UNEP publication of a story about the app on 17 July, which was reposted on several websites, and the app was used for the Tide Turners Plastic Challenge in the Caribbean.
Main learning during the period	<p>Best practices guides: A strong <u>methodology</u> needs to be developed in agreement with UNEP GEF Unit and the GEF Secretariat before any work starts. The <u>scope</u> should cover all SIDS (not only those of the programme) and starts with active <u>consultation</u> with the IAs, EAs and other relevant partners of the different child projects, not least to determine their needs and to get their inputs and insights on best practices and related case studies. Clear <u>criteria</u> need to be agreed on how to define 'best practices' and the selection process (e.g. strongest contribution to the programmatic indicators, sufficient duration of application to guarantee sustainability, no trade-offs towards other SDGs that could offset the total impact). The <u>approach</u> could be made more relevant to the child projects pilots that the best practices are meant to inform, using a step-by-step approach in selecting and describing the most relevant best practices, such as: 1) develop a list of best practices identified, based on the agreed criteria, and present them to the key stakeholders for determining which are more appropriate to their needs and context, and most relevant for potential pilot testing; 3) provide more technical details as</p>

	<p>well as case studies for illustration for the best practices selected by the multi-stakeholder consultation; 4) present the results and provide related trainings and coaching for turning them into pilots.</p> <p>Communities of Practice (CoP): Participation in CoPs and the quality of the knowledge exchanges leave a wide room for improvement. Improvements could be: 1) <u>how to use</u> them to facilitate what we need to deliver (e.g. knowledge management, CoP as a tool to collect inputs from EAs); 2) see it as <u>a holistic approach</u>, linking with webinar, SAICM CoPs, etc. - how to interlink our platform with others (BRS, Minamata, SAICM), how make sure everyone use ISLANDS website and the Green Forum as the 'go to' place to place for info/inputs; 3) have a <u>technical expert facilitate</u> the discussions on the CoPs and offer technical assistance and insights (e.g. 'ask the expert' online events or clinic for coaching in implementing into respective project activities the knowledge learned during trainings/webinars); 4) use of a <u>chatbot</u> (using AI) for technical assistance or questions from participants; etc.</p>
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2.9. Stories

<p>Stories to be shared</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New app helps young people turn tide on plastic pollution: https://www.gefislands.org/news/new-app-helps-young-people-turn-tide-plastic-pollution • A series of "shorts" (videos) have been developed and can be accessed here: https://www.gefislands.org/shorts
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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
1. ISLANDS SIDS implement Programme activities following best practices identified, and in a harmonized and consistent way	No. of child projects implementing harmonized approaches to ISLANDS Programme visibility, gender, stakeholder engagement and programmatic reporting.		4 child projects implementing harmonized approaches to ISLANDS Programme visibility, gender, stakeholder engagement and programmatic reporting	5 child projects (that is including the additional child project), implementing harmonized approaches to ISLANDS Programme	60%	Four child projects out of six, including: three ISLANDS Caribbean projects (GEF ID 10279, GEF ID 10472 and GEF ID 10258) , and ISLANDS Pacific (GEF ID 10267) are implementing ISLANDS Programmatic harmonised visibility, gender and stakeholder engagement guidance. The Visibility training has also been conducted with country based Indian Ocean (GEF ID 10261) teams and Atlantic (10848) Executing Agency.	MS
2. SIDS governments and communities share, access and use information, technical materials, guidance, partnership opportunities and lessons learned to assist the development and implementation of activities in SIDS.	Number of governments engaged in CCKM through participation in digital platform, adopting behaviors, through communicating and sharing knowledge	Information from past and current projects in SIDS currently scattered and unavailable for easy use of other SIDS. As such, lessons are not learned, meaning		>40 SIDS governments/communities participating actively in the digital platform of the ISLANDS Programme	85%	ISLANDS CCKM supports 7 Communities of Practice on the Green Forum, a community engagement platform powered by GGKP. CCKM coordinates activities to ensure community building, stakeholder communication and information sharing towards action. Further, the communities provide ISLANDS with a channel to listen to its stakeholders and capture stories and experiences. 34 SIDS' governments	MS

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		mistakes are often repeated, and successes not transferred from one SIDS to other SIDS. There is growing acknowledgement of the need to make information and knowledge products accessible and to inform SIDS governments and communities about their availability.				are registered on the Green Forum and participating in one or more communities of practice, namely all SIDS of the ISLANDS child projects, except for Sao Tome and Principe, plus governments from Aruba and Jamaica. Efforts will be made to engage with stakeholders from Sao Tome and Principe to close the gap, such as providing Portuguese interpretation during webinars and meetings. The ISLANDS community group is designed to strengthen Programme stakeholder ownership and engagement. It has 6 additional and related groups: End-of-Life Vehicles, E-waste, Gender Equality, Mercury, Plastics, and Used-Oil.	
2. SIDS governments and communities share, access and use information, technical materials, guidance, partnership opportunities and lessons learned to assist the development and implementation of activities in SIDS.	No. of activities replicated from one SIDS to another.			>10 activities replicated from one SIDS to another	0%	This activity has not started.	0
2. SIDS governments and communities share, access	No. of cruiselines involved in project			>3 cruiselines involved in cruise partnership	0%	No cruiseline yet involved in the partnership. Consultations have been	MS

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and use information, technical materials, guidance, partnership opportunities and lessons learned to assist the development and implementation of activities in SIDS.	partnership					initiated with Caribbean SIDS national focal points, port authorities and other national level cruise stakeholders, in collaboration with BCRC Caribbean. The shape, or approach to a partnership with the cruise sector is under discussion with the IA. Progress for this indicator has encountered challenges due to the change of Project Manager.	
2. SIDS governments and communities share, access and use information, technical materials, guidance, partnership opportunities and lessons learned to assist the development and implementation of activities in SIDS.	No. shipping companies members of shipping partnership			>15 shipping companies member of ISLANDS shipping coalition	20%	The project has been working actively with Swire Shipping to engage additional shipping companies to join a coalition of shipping partners committing to offering free back haul on voyages from SIDS to recycling markets. ONE Shipping and Kwoya Shipping have committed to join. Progress for this indicator has encountered challenges due to the change of Project Manager.	MS
3. SIDS governments and communities replicate successes and use ISLANDS lessons	No. of annual lessons applied to new projects and activities by governments and communities	Currently no lessons in chemicals and waste activities shared between SIDS in a systematic and ongoing way to facilitate continuous	2 annual lessons learned publications	4 annual lessons learned publications	40%	The first annual report with lessons learned for 2021-2022 was published in late 2023. The annual report for the period 2022-2024 is currently being finalized.	MS

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		improvement.					

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 Creation of programme visibility, branding, and templates	1.1 The GEF ISLANDS Programme visibility guideline is finalized and disseminated and executed	2025-12-31	80%	85%	Visibility guidelines available for 6 regional child projects namely Caribbean (GEF ID 10279, GEF ID 10472, GEF ID 10258), Pacific (GEF ID 10267), Indian Ocean (10261) and Atlantic (10848). Training with executing partners on the use of the visual identity materials is complete for all child projects. Monitoring is ongoing for the duration of the project. Comms Coordinator has monitored and provided support to EAs on the use of assets and - together with KM Specialist - to PMUs on the use of templates.	S
1 Creation of programme visibility, branding, and templates	1.2 The GEF ISLANDS programmatic stakeholder engagement plan is finalized and executed	2025-12-31	50%	60%	CCKM prepared the ISLANDS Stakeholder Engagement Handbook (https://www.gefislands.org/knowledgeTheHandbook). This has been distributed to Implementing and Executing Agencies. Four regional child projects are applying the programmatic stakeholder	MS

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					engagement plan, namely Caribbean (GEF ID 10279, GEF ID 10472, GEF ID 10258) and Pacific (GEF ID 10267). Indian Ocean (GEF ID 10261) and Atlantic (GEF ID 10848) just had their regional inception workshops in early 2024, and consultation and training should take place in Q3 or Q4 2024. Evaluation of stakeholder engagement across child projects in advance of planning for 2024 scheduled for January 2024 did not take place due to the change in Project Manager. New evaluation should be done in Q3 2024.	
1 Creation of programme visibility, branding, and templates	1.3 The GEF ISLANDS programmatic Gender action plan is finalized and executed	2025-12-31	40%	67%	Programmatic Gender Action Plan is available: https://www.gefislands.org/knowledge . Consultation with regional child projects GEF ID 10261 Indian Ocean and 10848 Atlantic regional project inception workshops on the gender action plan will be scheduled in Q4 2024 as the new Gender Specialist is recruited.	MS
1 Creation of programme visibility, branding, and templates	1.4 Programmatic reporting templates are finalized and used	2024-12-31	30%	30%	Programmatic templates being re-developed as it became clear the reporting format was not fit for the requirements of the CCKM project programmatic monitoring. An Indicator Specialist will be hired for that purpose by Q4 2024. Implementing	MU

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					Agencies will validate proposed indicators. These regular reports provided by Implementing Agencies will serve as the basis for monitoring and assessing the performance of the ISLANDS Programme.	
2 Providing information and opportunities for exchange among SIDS governments and other SIDS stakeholders to take action technically, legally and through partnerships	2.1 Global best practice for recycling from SIDS key sectors is developed (in e-waste recycling, end of life vehicles, and used oil) and made available to all participating SIDS	2024-12-01	25%	25%	No best practice guidance documents complete yet. Desktop research included a survey of 33 SIDS, to identify which SIDS are actively working on ELVs and e-waste management. The research on plastics and used oil is yet to be completed and will be completed in 2024. The 7 most relevant case studies were selected from the study, and the results were streamlined by the GGKP team and turned into 4 page documents.	MS
2 Providing information and opportunities for exchange among SIDS governments and other	2.2 Opportunities for private sector collaboration with SIDS for chemical and waste management are negotiated, facilitated and fostered	2025-06-01	20%	20%	No private sector partnerships established. However, consultations have taken place to identify and engage potential partners for international cruise and shipping coalitions, as well as collaboration with IFIs. A mapping was done of C&W projects financed by IFIs in SIDS in the last 3-5 years, to	MU

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SIDS stakeholders to take action technically, legally and through partnerships					identify gaps and opportunities. The concept was presented at the ISLANDS side event during the Minamata COP in October 2023. Some initial discussion took place with IDB for potential collaboration. The GEF Secretariat suggested to focus on investment opportunities instead (from IFIs and the private sector).	
2 Providing information and opportunities for exchange among SIDS governments and other SIDS stakeholders to take action technically, legally and through partnerships	2.3 ISLANDS knowledge is synthesized, developed, packaged and managed	2025-12-31	20%	50%	329 knowledge products curated, none synthesized. The website www.gefislands.org , provides an extensive overview of the GEF ISLANDS Programme, including Programmatic Global Environmental Benefits and regional webpages that offer access to country-specific technical and legal information and resources focused on SIDS. Additionally, it facilitates linkage to online communities of practice for information sharing and knowledge exchange on the Green Forum. The knowledge section is organized by the project key thematic areas and each of these themes has a dedicated page. The project has established 7 Communities of Practice (CoPs), on the Green Forum, a community engagement platform powered by GGKP. The ISLANDS CoP is designed to strengthen	MS

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					stakeholder ownership and engagement on sustainable low and non-chemical development in SIDS. There are six additional and related CoPs: End-of-Life Vehicles; E- waste; Gender Equality; Mercury; Plastics; and Used-Oil. In addition, 15 webinars accessible on gefislands.org/webinars (10 of which organised by ISLANDS) covering e-waste, Hg, gender, plastics, private sector, used oils, ELV. The website provides a summary of discussions for each webinar. 3 side events organised, at BRS COPs (2022, 2023) and Minamata (2023).	
2 Providing information and opportunities for exchange among SIDS governments and other SIDS stakeholders to take action technically, legally and through partnerships	2.4 ISLANDS is communicated to a broad audience	2025-12-31	30%	40%	1 ISLANDS Communication Strategy complete. CCKM developed an Excel-based communication plan and shared it with the Caribbean (GEF ID 10258, 10279 and 10472) and Pacific (GEF ID 10472) child projects. Training package on communication has been developed and will be delivered by the new Communication Coordinator (to be hired in Q3 2024) to communication focal points in Q4 2024. Regional Child Projects communications plans will also resume when the new Communication Coordinator is on board. As this output deals with communication, most activities are ongoing for the duration	MS

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
					of the Programme.	
3 Monitoring and performance assessment of the GEF ISLANDS Programme	3.1 Status of project execution monitored regularly and adaptive management applied when necessary	2026-09-30	20%	30%	Lessons learned captured via quarterly reports, PIRs and programmatic annual reports. Quarterly financial and progress reports have faced delays. PIRs are up to date. Programmatic reporting templates are being revised, as it became clear the reporting format was not fit for the requirements of CCKM. An Indicator Specialist is planned to be hired in Q3 2024 for that purpose. Besides, programmatic annual reports have been developed. The 2021-2022 one was published, and the 2022-2024 one is about to be finalized.	MU
3 Monitoring and performance assessment of the GEF ISLANDS Programme	3.2 Synthesis of the Midterm Reviews shared with GEF ISLANDS stakeholders and corrective actions taken	2026-09-30	0%	0	The first MTR, for GEF ID 10266, is currently on going. Therefore this activity is not scheduled for this reporting period.	

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	Moderate	Low
2 Governance structure - Oversight	Moderate	Low
3 Implementation schedule	Moderate	Moderate
4 Budget	Moderate	Low
5 Financial Management	Moderate	Moderate
6 Reporting	Moderate	Moderate
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
The programme fails to reach and impact the behaviours of key chemicals users. meaning demand for chemicals continues as do chemicals imports.	All Outcomes/Outputs	M	M	M	M				=	A higher number of beneficiaries needs to be reached to meet impact targets. and their actual behaviour change needs to be more closely

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										monitored. This will be carefully considered in the next reporting period.
Lessons from regions are not shared effectively with SIDS in other regions	All Outcomes/Outputs	M	L	L	L				=	Meetings, webinars and related CoPs have been a good way to share lessons between SIDS. However, a more consistent approach needs to be agreed with the project partners for internal communication and sharing of knowledge. For instance, the finalisation of the work on best practices to identify and inform pilots in the regions (output 2.1) should be very useful in this regard.
High cost of environmental insurance precludes the shipping of recycling and hazardous waste from SIDS	Output 2.2	H	L	L	L				=	Consultation with Swire Shipping and related P&I clubs have indicated Partnership shipments will not attract additional insurance premiums.
Cruise lines not serious about making a concerted effort at improving waste management for the benefits of SIDS	Output 2.2	M	M	M	M				=	Some concerns were raised within UNEP about reputation risks in partnering with certain companies who have been previously criticised for environmental pollution. Need to follow scrupulous due diligence when identifying partners as well as UNEP's private sector engagement guidelines when partnering
SIDS communities feel uninvolved, excluded, or prevented from participating in ISLANDS	Output 2.4	L	L	L	L				=	Communities have shown good participation in ISLANDS activities.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
activities.										such as webinars and Tide Turners Challenge
ISLANDS activities are scattered and impact impossible to monitor nor evaluate	Outcome 3	L	L	L	L				=	Reporting of activities has been possible due to the engagement with Regional Child Projects and Implementing Agencies who provide regular updates to CCKM.
Financial Management - financial reporting		N/A	N/A	M	M				=	Financial reporting has experienced delays mainly because of changes in EA staff (e.g. change in Project Manager) but also because the EA's timeline for registering expenses does not fully align with the IA's reporting times.
Reporting - Programmatic reporting requires improvement		N/A	N/A	M	M				=	Programmatic reporting has not been possible. as design of current reporting templates proved unsuitable for the project's reporting requirements. Re-designed templates have been requested to the EA and should be done by the end of 2024
		M	L	L	L				↑	Risks have remained constant during project implementation with moderate risks being managed following the recommendations of the project review meeting of July 2023.

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
The programme fails to reach and impact the behaviours of key chemicals users. meaning demand for chemicals continues as do chemicals imports.	Apply stakeholder engagement guidance and constant communication with project stakeholders.	Stakeholder engagement activities have been put on hold since the previous Project Manager left.	1. Consolidate stakeholder mapping and engagement through the regional stakeholder engagement plans.2. Improve the publicity/visibility of gefislands.org. webinars. CoPs and Tide Turners app to increase users / participants via increased usefulness through needs assessment and high capacity building value.3. Provide additional knowledge products responding to needs.3. Launch the podcast.	1. No later than Q1 2025.2. Continuous.3. Continuous.4. By Q1 2025.	EA Project Team
Cruise lines not serious about making a concerted effort at improving waste management for the benefits of SIDS	Conduct consultations with cruise lines carefully. considering their waste storage constraints.	Consultations with cruise lines have been put on hold since the previous Project Manager left.	1. Settle the internal issue within UNEP about cruise partnership.2. Identify additional potential partners and carry out proper due diligence.3. Revive the discussion with potential partners	1. Q3 2024.2. By Q4 2024.3. From Q4 2024 onward.	EA Project Team

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
Financial Management - financial reporting	Maintain close coordination between EA FMO and Project Coordinator to expedite reporting as much as possible according to EA's financial practices.	The situation within the EA has not fundamentally improved during the reporting period. but parties are aware of the issue and trying to resolve it.	Maintain close coordination between EA FMO and Project Coordinator to expedite reporting as much as possible according to EA's financial practices.	Continuous.	Project Coordinator. IA. EA and IA FMOs
Reporting - Programmatic reporting requires improvement	1. Develop new programmatic reporting templates.2. Develop programme-wide indicators and a harmonized programmatic monitoring framework.3. Provide training to EAs.	As revision iterations did not meet the IA's satisfaction. it was agreed to hire an external specialist to do it. but this has been put on hold since the previous Project Manager left.	1. Hire and supervise a competent specialist to develop the new programmatic reporting framework and templates. 2. Provide training to EAs for reporting against programmatic indicators.	1. By the end of 2024.2. By early 2025.	Project Coordinator
Implementation schedule - New risk	Changes in project team members. especially Project Manager. impacted the delivery schedule	New Project Manager recruited who has built strong connections with Regional child projects and is working on revised work-plan agreed by Implementing Agencies.	Approve revised workplan during Project Coordination Group meeting for 2024	During Q4 2024	Project Coordinator and UNEP GEF C&W Unit

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

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
Original Legal Instrument		2021-03-30	2021-03-30	2026-03-31	Internal Agreement with Green Growth Knowledge Partnership
Amendment 1	Revision	2022-08-19	2022-08-19	2026-03-31	No-cost budget revision as result of COVID-19 Pandemic

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
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	10.66668	-61.51889	3573890	Capital of participating country in the ISLANDS Caribbean child project 10279	
Apia, Samoa	-13.83333	-171.76666	4035413	Capital of participating country in the ISLANDS Pacific child project 10267	
Morioni, Comoros	-11.70216	43.25506	921772	Capital of participating country in the ISLANDS Indian Ocean child project 10261	
Praia, Cabo Verde	14.93152	-23.51254	3374333	Capital of participating country in the ISLANDS	

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
				Atlantic child project 10848	

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

[Annex any linked geospatial file]

Additional Supporting Documents:

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