



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PROJECT (P130492)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Environment

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:08-Jul-2014

Effectiveness Date:29-Jan-2015

Planned Mid Term Review Date:04-Dec-2017

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:04-Dec-2017

Original Closing Date:30-Sep-2019

Revised Closing Date:30-Sep-2019

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to support sustainable land management practices and increase communities' monetary and non-monetary benefits in targeted Project areas which are mainly in erosion prone rural upland areas. This PDO is to be achieved through the support of alternative livelihoods and provision of environmental services and through sustainable utilization of wood and pasture products in the long term. The Project will particularly focus on enhancing the financial, economic, and institutional sustainability of land use and natural resources management, and will help build capacities of Albania farmers, community organizations and government institutions to efficiently use EU funding.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Global Environmental Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

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Has the Global Environmental Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components

Name

Component 1. Strengthening Institutional Capacity to improve environmental services from integrated landscape management:(Cost \$9.70 M)

Component 2. Planning and Provision of IPARD like Grants to improve land management:(Cost \$8.00 M)



Component 3. Introducing Payment for Environmental Services:(Cost \$1.32 M)

Component 4. Supporting Project Implementation:(Cost \$1.17 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	● Moderately Satisfactory	● Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	● Moderately Unsatisfactory	● Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	● Moderate	● Moderate

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

A joint implementation support mission of the World Bank and Swedish International Development Agency (Sida) was conducted between June 4-8, 2018. The most notable progress since the mid term review mission (December 2017) has been made in the implementation of the National Forest Inventory (NFI), first registration of forest and pastures (completed for 19 municipalities) and the IPARD-like contracted forestry grants (investments for 63 contracted grants under the first call have been completed). While agreed actions were completed, not all of them were completed on the approved timeline. This was due to the delayed approval of administrative procedures and project related documentation and payments, caused by the most recent changes of key officials and authorizing signatures in the Ministry of Tourism and Environment (MTE), lead implementing agency, the Agency for Rural Development and Agriculture (ARDA) and the Immoveable Property Registration Office (IPRO) and its local offices. The most critical actions for the upcoming months are the undertaking of NFI field measurements and launching of procurement process for the 2nd registration contract and the Albanian Forest Information System (AIFIS). The disbursement rates are IBRD loan 19%; GEF Grant 21%; and Sida Grant 37%. The Implementation Progress is upgraded to MS. The NFI field measurements were launched as per the agreement during the mission on June 16.







Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	--	● Substantial	● Substantial
Macroeconomic	--	● Substantial	● Substantial
Sector Strategies and Policies	--	● Substantial	● Substantial
Technical Design of Project or Program	--	● Low	● Low
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	--	● High	● High
Fiduciary	--	● Low	● Low
Environment and Social	--	● Low	● Low
Stakeholders	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Other	--	● Low	● Low
Overall	--	● Moderate	● Moderate

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

► Land area under sustainable landscape management practices (Hectare(Ha), Corporate)

Baseline

Actual (Previous)

Actual (Current)

End Target



Value	0.00	6,380.00	1,241.00	7,500.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

Comments

At mission time, out of 63 contracted grants, payments were authorized for 23 contracts. Thus the figure on land areas refers only to those investments that have been paid.

► People in forest&adjacent community with monetary/non-monetary benefit from forest (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	220.00	2,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

▲ People in forest and adjacent community with benefits from forest-female (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

▲ People in forest&adj. commy with benefit from forest-Ethnic minority/indigenous (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

► People in targeted communes with increased monetary or non-monetary benefits from agricultural lands (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
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Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	04-Dec-2017	30-Sep-2019

▲ Females in targeted communes with increased monetary and non-monetary benefits from agricultural lands (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	04-Dec-2017	30-Sep-2019

Overall Comments

The mid-term survey consultant will be hired by end of June and more data (disaggregated) will be reported in the next mission. The survey will cover the beneficiaries of the first- round grants.

Global Environmental Objective Indicators

► Land area under sustainable landscape management practices (Hectare(Ha), Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	1,241.00	7,500.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	09-Dec-2016	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019
<p>Comments</p> <p>At mission time, out of 63 contracted grants, payments were authorized for only 23 contracts. thus the figure on land areas refers only to those investments that have been paid.</p>				



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	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	220.00	1,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	09-Dec-2016	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

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Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	09-Dec-2016	09-Dec-2016	30-Sep-2019

► People in forest&adjacent community with monetary/non-monetary benefit from forest (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	09-Dec-2016	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

▲ People in forest and adjacent community with benefits from forest-female (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	09-Dec-2016	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019



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	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	09-Dec-2016	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

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Intermediate Results Indicators

► Forest area brought under management plans (Hectare(Ha), Corporate)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	114,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

Comments

The actual target is zero. To date the guidelines on preparation of management plans have been finalized awaiting approval of the Minister. The government is selecting 4 municipalities that will be supported based on agreed selection criteria. The selection process for the preparation of management plans is expected to be launched within July 2018.

► Pasture area brought under management plans (Hectare(Ha), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	70,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	24-Apr-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

Comments

The actual target is zero. To date the guidelines on preparation of management plans have been finalized awaiting approval of the Minister. The government is selecting 4 municipalities that will be supported based on agreed selection criteria. The selection process for the preparation of management plans is expected to be launched within July 2018.



► % of the grant budget disbursed (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Date	29-Jan-2015	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

▲ % of grants budget disbursed to female applicants (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	10.00	15.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	24-Apr-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

▲ % of grants budget disbursed to farmers (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	04-Dec-2017	30-Sep-2019



▴ % of grants disbursed to Forest and Pasture Users' Associations (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	80.00	50.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

▴ % of grant applications fulfill the requirements (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	50.00	46.00	60.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

▴ Land management specialists and users trained (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1,000.00	1,509.00	2,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

▴ Members of Forest Pasture Users' Associations trained (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1,090.00	1,090.00	2,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019



▷ Female members of Forest and Pasture Users's Associations trained (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	697.00	697.00	800.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

▲ Individual famers trained (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	216.00	597.00	1,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

▷ Female farmers trained (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	146.00	247.00	500.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

▲ Ministry staff trained (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	84.00	133.00	700.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019



Female land management specialists and users trained (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	679.00	146.00	800.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

Number of contracts for environmental services provided as part of Payment for Environment Services (PES) pilot (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

Percentage of estimated sediment delivery to reservoirs in pilot areas covered by PES (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	04-Dec-2017	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

Forest and Pasture Areas Registered (Hectare(Ha), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	194,612.00	870,000.00
Date	04-Dec-2017	04-Dec-2017	08-Jun-2018	30-Sep-2019

Overall Comments

One of the key recommendations of the MTR was to revise the Result Framework by: dropping the outcome indicator (iii) related to benefits from agricultural lands; revising one intermediate indicator on payment for environmental services; adding a new indicator on forest and pasture registration; and correcting a few numerical errors in the targets. A detailed explanation on the agreed changes to the Result Framework and Monitoring and the relevant justification was provided in the MTR report, but to initiate the revision of the framework indicators a request from the Ministry of Finance and Economy should have been sent to the WB, as this calls for project restructuring. To date this request has not been received. The mission agreed to introduce two more intermediate indicators to fulfill WB corporate requirement on citizen engagement: (i)



beneficiaries participating in project consultation activities during implementation (number, disaggregated by gender); and (ii) % of forest and pasture users' associations reporting that forest and pastures management plans represented the views of the community. The results framework will be updated accordingly once the restructuring is completed.

Data on Financial Performance

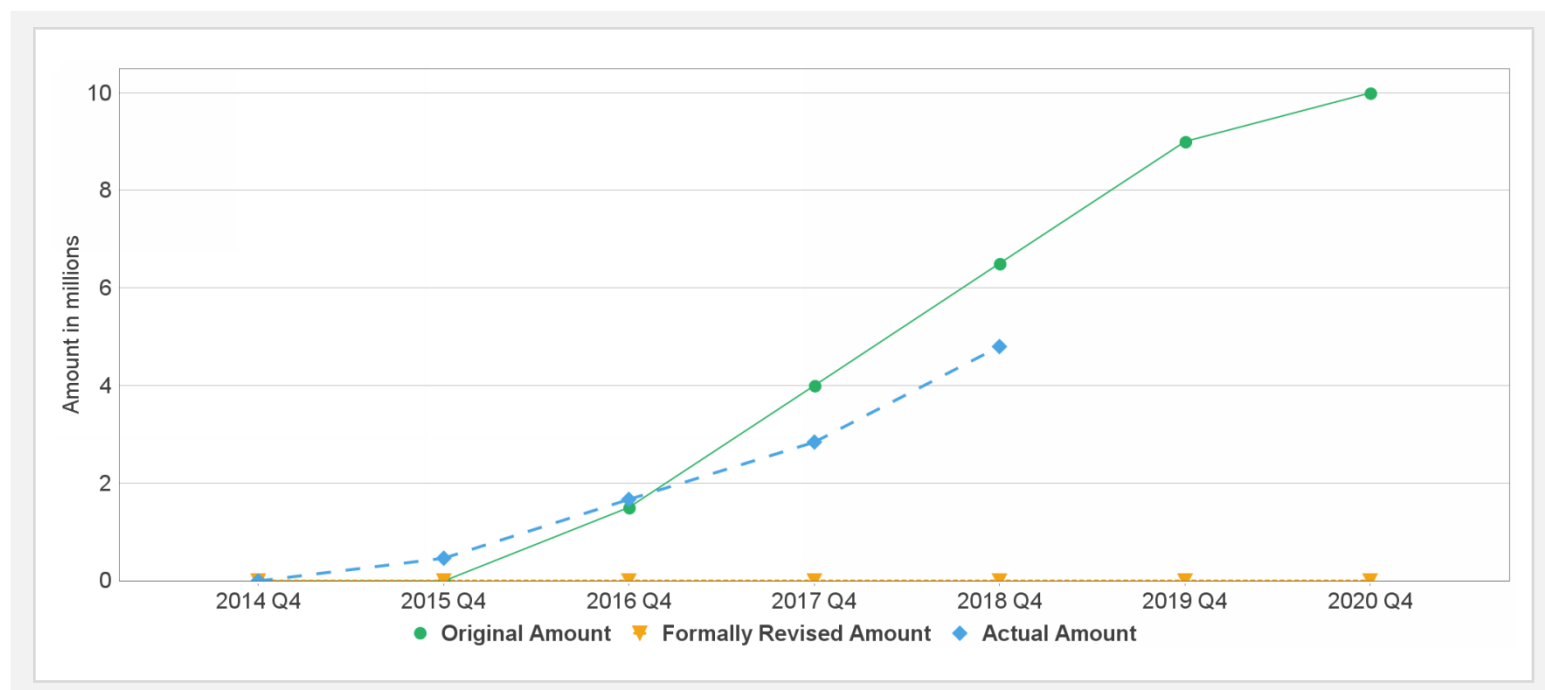
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P130492	IBRD-84010	Effective	USD	10.00	10.00	0.00	1.54	8.13	16%
P128412	TF-17364	Effective	USD	2.88	2.88	0.00	0.61	2.27	21%
P130492	TF-18238	Effective	USD	7.96	7.31	0.65	2.67	4.64	36%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P130492	IBRD-84010	Effective	08-Jul-2014	25-Jul-2014	29-Jan-2015	30-Sep-2019	30-Sep-2019
P128412	TF-17364	Effective	25-Jul-2014	25-Jul-2014	29-Jan-2015	30-Sep-2019	30-Sep-2019
P130492	TF-18238	Effective	10-Oct-2014	27-Jan-2015	29-Jan-2015	30-Jun-2019	30-Jun-2019

Cumulative Disbursements





Restructuring History

Level 2 Approved on 25-Feb-2016

Related Project(s)

P128412-ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ,P150450-Environmental Services Project