



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

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 Satisfactory	● 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 17-21, 2019. Key findings of the mission are: the 2nd contract of registration of forest and pastures in 42 municipalities is under full implementation, the preliminary analyses of 2018 National Forest Inventory (NFI) field data was done in March 2019 and 2019 field measurements started in May, the administrative and technical evaluation of 2nd round of IPARD-like contracted forestry grants has been finalized, the development of the Albanian Forest Information System (AIFIS) software and Interim Database for forest and pasture management plans has advanced, and AIFIS hardware equipment have been purchased and delivered. The evaluation for the selection of consultants for preparation of forest and pasture management plans (FPMPs) for 4 municipalities is finalized. In December 31, 2018, the Forest Policy Document was approved by the Council of Ministers, while the drafting process for the new forest law is advanced. The Government of Sweden approved an additional funding of 2.0 million Euro equivalent to ESP in April 27, 2019. The overall disbursement percentage is about 45%, while funds are committed at about 40%.



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


PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

To support sustainable land management practices in targeted project areas				
►Land area where sustainable land mgt. practices were adopted as a result of proj (Hectare(Ha), Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	5,893.00	5,893.20	7,500.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	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.			

To increase communities' monetary and non-monetary benefits in targeted project areas				
►People in forest&adjacent community with monetary/non-monetary benefit from forest (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2,170.00	2,170.00	2,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	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	682.00	682.00	1,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	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	1.00	1.00	10.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	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
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019
Comments:	This indicator was recommended to be dropped during the MTR mission. Although the request to revise the Results Framework was officially submitted to the Ministry of Finance by the Ministry of Tourism and Environment, the MOF has not sent the request to the Bank yet. Given that the Project could be extended, all the agreed changes will be addressed during the restructuring.			



▲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	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019
►People in targeted communes with increased monetary or non-mentary benefits from agricultural lands. (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	23-Nov-2018	30-Sep-2019
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	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
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Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	23-Nov-2018	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	2,170.00	2,170.00	2,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	23-Nov-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	682.00	682.00	1,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	23-Nov-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	1.00	1.00	10.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	23-Nov-2018	30-Sep-2019

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components


Component 1. Strengthening Institutional Capacity to improve environmental services from integrated landscape management
►Forest and Pasture Areas Registered (Hectare(Ha), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	250,687.00	298,035.00	870,000.00
Date	04-Dec-2017	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019

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

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1,732.00	1,752.00	2,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019

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

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1,273.00	1,279.00	2,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	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	631.00	634.00	800.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019

▲Individual famers trained (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	276.00	297.00	1,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019

▲Female farmers trained (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	154.00	164.00	500.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019

▲Ministry staff trained (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	168.00	189.00	700.00



Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019
▲Female land management specialists and users trained (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	695.00	703.00	800.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019

Component 2. Planning and Provision of IPARD like Grants to improve land management
►% of grant applications fulfill the requirements (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	46.00	46.00	60.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019

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

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	40.70	42.30	100.00
Date	29-Jan-2015	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019

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

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.90	12.70	15.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019

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

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	10.00	1.10	20.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	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	38.00	41.20	82.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019

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

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
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Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	70,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019
Comments:	The actual target is zero. The client has launched the competitive selection of consultants to prepare forest and pasture management plans for 4 municipalities.			
►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	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019
Comments:	The actual target is zero. The client has launched the competitive selection of consultants to prepare forest and pasture management plans for 4 municipalities.			

Component 3. Introducing Payment for Environmental Services

►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	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	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	23-Nov-2018	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

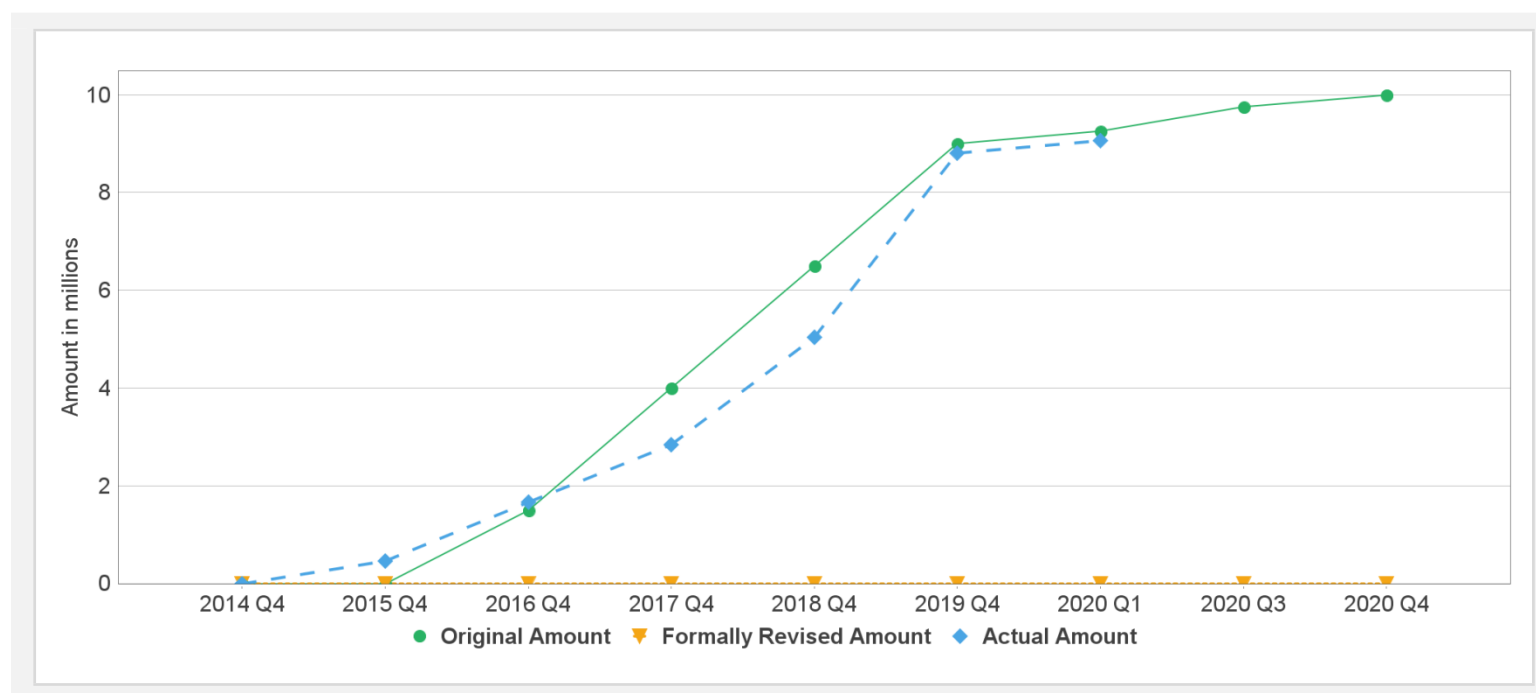
Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P130492	IBRD-84010	Effective	USD	10.00	10.00	0.00	4.11	5.08	<div><div></div></div> 45%
P128412	TF-17364	Effective	USD	2.88	2.88	0.00	1.17	1.71	<div><div></div></div> 41%
P130492	TF-18238	Effective	USD	7.96	7.31	0.65	3.81	3.50	<div><div></div></div> 52%



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-Sep-2019

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

Level 2 Approved on 25-Feb-2016

Related Project(s)

P128412-ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ,P150450-Environmental Services Project