



Integrated Forest Ecosystem Management (P151102)

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA | Kyrgyz Republic | Environment, Natural Resources & the Blue Economy Global Practice | IBRD/IDA | Investment Project Financing | FY 2016 | Seq No: 8 | ARCHIVED on 23-Jul-2019 | ISR36003 |

Implementing Agencies: State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry of the Kyrgyz Republic, Ministry of Finance

Key Dates

Key Project Dates

Bank Approval Date: 24-Nov-2015

Effectiveness Date: 28-Apr-2017

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 10-Jun-2019

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 03-Jun-2019

Original Closing Date: 30-Sep-2021

Revised Closing Date: 30-Sep-2021

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Project Development Objective is to strengthen the capacity of government institutions and communities to improve sustainable forest ecosystem management through investments in management planning, ecosystem restoration, and infrastructure.

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

No

Components

Name

Forest Sector Institutional Reform:(Cost \$0.88 M)

Strategic Investments and Piloting of Sustainable Management Approaches:(Cost \$11.38 M)

Information and Monitoring and Evaluation:(Cost \$2.78 M)

Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation:(Cost \$1.07 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	● Substantial	● Substantial

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The Mid Term Review (MTR) of the Integrated Forest Ecosystem Management Project (IFEMP) was conducted during June 3-14, 2019. The MTR mission confirmed the relevance of the PDO and adequacy of project design to achieve expected results. The mission assessed it would be possible that IFEMP activities complete by the Closing Date in 2021 and the PDO is achieved, provided that State Agency for Environmental



Protection and Forestry (SAEPF) provides appropriate institutional support and ensures close monitoring of the new sequenced implementation plan. The mission agreed on a detailed plan of action until December 2019 which timely implementation would be decisive for achieving the completion of all proposed strategic investments.

Key project achievements to date include: development and approval of INRMPs for 13 participating Leskhozoes (forestry enterprises); identification of Leskhozoes boundaries; finalization of function review of SAEPF; identification of 100 strategic sub-projects and 20 microprojects to implement the INRMP; launching of the NFI, finalization of the first phase of FMIS, 356 ha of forest, nuts and fruit trees planted by Leskhozoes as part of their contribution. The recently approved Concept for the Development of Forestry Sector is the demonstration of Government's commitment towards forest sector reforming and of the significance of the project supported activities to implement this vision and ensure sustainability. Field visits and stakeholders' consultations confirmed the high relevance of the IFEMP activities and underlined the commitment of Leskhozoes and municipalities, and the interests of direct beneficiaries in these activities.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Strengthened capacity of public institutions for sustainable management of Leskhozoes				
▶ Govt institutions provided w/ capacity buildg to improve mgt of forest resources (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	14.00	13.00	52.00
Date	01-Oct-2015	16-Jan-2019	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2021
Comments:	The number of institutions has changed from 52 to 46. Since the project started there has been a re-organization of Leskhozoes and forestries (sub-units in Leskhozoes) with the merger of some			



Leskhozoes. As a result, the total number in the country is 39, of which 13 are included in the project. The new target of 46 also includes the SAEPF, and six participating municipalities (including their associated self-government bodies).

Land area brought under sustainable management practices				
►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	0.00	864,175.00	616,000.00
Date	01-Oct-2015	16-Jan-2019	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2021
Comments:	The reported figure refers to plantations carried out by Leskhozoes during March 2019 as part of their own contribution to the Project. The definition of this indicator includes areas in Leskhozoes benefiting (directly and indirectly) from investments of sustainable land management in INRMPs that have been implemented with project support. The proposed target is expected to be smaller than the original. The original target captured the entire area of Leskhozoes, but with some areas where sustainable land management (SLM) practices would not have been adopted. The indicator also includes the areas in municipal forests in which SLM practices are adopted with support from the project.			
►Forest area brought under management plans (Hectare(Ha), Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	161,000.00
Date	01-Oct-2015	16-Jan-2019	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2021
Comments:	This indicator is the total area of Leskhozoes brought under integrated natural resource management plans, and under municipal forest operational plans. As a result, the end target is expected to be larger than the original. To date 864,175 ha refers to the planned areas for investment to implement the approved Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans, while the municipal plans are not prepared yet and the target is not yet determined but will be added to this indicator.			

Overall Comments

The Mission reviewed the project Results Framework (RF) for relevance of indicators and targets particularly given the implications of delays in implementation. Key recommendations of the MTR were: to revise the current RF as follows: (i) reduce the target for PDO indicator 1 to reflect Government re-organization of Leskhozoes and Forestries since the project started ii) change the area targets for PDO indicators 2 and 3 that cover project-supported sustainable land used (SLM) practices and forest management plans to better reflect the outcomes of project interventions; and iii) to replace 12 of the 13 original intermediate results indicators and respective targets with 10 new indicators and targets that better capture outputs resulting from project activities. For PDO indicator 2, the area affected by investments needs to be estimated. Similarly, for indicator 2, the area under municipal forests operational plans needs to be estimated. Revision of the targets for PDO indicators will call for Project restructuring and requires an official request from the Ministry of Finance (MOF). The mission developed and discussed a theory of change (ToC) for the project with the PIU (see Annex 2 in the attached Aide Memoire). The PIU will review and finalize the ToC and revised RF indicators within July 2019. Upon receipt of MOF request the RF will be revised through the Project restructuring.



Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Forest Sector Institutional Reform				
►Reforms in forest policy, legislation or other regulations supported (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	01-Oct-2015	16-Jan-2019	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2021
Comments:	<p>The MTR mission recommended to revise this indicator to read "Number of Leskhozoes and SAEPF that have operationalized four project supported instruments/interventions (Forest Code, Standardized costs, Pasture Committee MoUs, and Leskhozoe boundaries mapped)".</p> <p>Revised indicator provides specific detail on types of interventions, and targets reflect adoption in project and other Leskhozoes for the remainder of project duration. Forest Code (1 - SAEPF), Standardised costs (13 – project Leskhozoes), Pasture MoUs (one for each 39 Leskhozoes), and boundaries mapped (39 Leskhozoes).</p>			

Strategic Investments and Piloting of Sustainable Management Approaches				
►Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00
Date	01-Oct-2015	16-Jan-2019	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2021
Comments:	<p>The MTR mission recommended to revise this indicator to read: "Number of persons in project sites provided with access to assets and services as a result of participating in project interventions (disaggregated by gender)".</p> <p>The revised indicator will capture persons participating in micro projects, able to collect NTFPs, trained, receiving equipment, planting materials and other assets, employed in project activities, benefiting from irrigation, etc. Data to be collected through project M&E system and supported through the survey on engagement which will also examine ways in which participants consider themselves better off as a result. A procedure will be developed to minimize double counting of persons.</p>			
▲Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
►Area restored or re/afforested (Hectare(Ha), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	356.00	161,000.00



Date	01-Oct-2015	16-Jan-2019	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2021
Comments:	The original indicators were confusing and targets for re/afforested and restored did not reflect the total area given. The three indicators are replaced with one that captures all areas planted and under assisted regeneration. the MTR mission recommended to revise them to read: "Area of forest planted and under assisted regeneration through project interventions".			
▲Area re/afforested (Hectare(Ha), Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Date	01-Oct-2015	16-Jan-2019	16-Jan-2019	30-Sep-2021
▲Area restored (Hectare(Ha), Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Date	01-Oct-2015	16-Jan-2019	16-Jan-2019	30-Sep-2021
▶Number of participating leskhozoes collecting baseline resource data and making it available for management plans (Number) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
Date	01-Oct-2015	16-Jan-2019	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2021
Comments:	The MTR recommends the revision of this indicator to read: "Number of Leskhozoes reporting confidence in ability to generate income for re-investing into sustainable forest ecosystem management". Given the current context of government budgeting, it was considered difficult to measure the original indicator. However, it was considered still worth looking at potential to reinvest so the indicator is revised. Subsection of capacity survey to be filled by Directors would assess their confidence to re-invest Leskhoz income into SFEM. Expected values are standardized costs and boundaries mapped for 13 project participating Leskhozoes.			
▶Citizens and/or communities involved in planning/implementation/evaluation of integrated ecosystem management plans (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Oct-2015	16-Jan-2019	16-Jan-2019	30-Sep-2021
▶Number of lezhozoes conducting semi-annual/annual public hearings where information about leskhoz ecosystem management plans and budgets are disclosed (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
Date	01-Oct-2015	16-Jan-2019	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2021
Comments:	The MTR mission recommended that a number of indicators related to this (male, female, citizens and communities)are replaced with an indicator that looks at the response to engagement. This			



indicator should be revised to read: "The Proportion of public in project areas satisfied with citizen engagement processes in planning and management of leskhoz lands".
Data will be collected through a survey on awareness and engagement, which can also disaggregate data by gender and other factors.

►Male forest resource user participation at public hearings at leskhoz level (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Date	01-Oct-2015	16-Jan-2019	16-Jan-2019	30-Sep-2021

►Female forest resource user participation at public hearings at leskhoz level (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Date	01-Oct-2015	16-Jan-2019	16-Jan-2019	30-Sep-2021

►Number of participating leskhozoes reinvesting self-generated income into sustainable ecosystem management (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
Date	01-Oct-2015	16-Jan-2019	16-Jan-2019	30-Sep-2021

Information and Monitoring and Evaluation

►National forest inventory updated for Kyrgyz Republic (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	01-Oct-2015	16-Jan-2019	14-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2021

Comments: All fieldwork, data input is completed, analyzed and NFI is housed in GUKLOU.

Overall Comments

Under this component, the MTR mission recommended to add one indicator "Number of Leskhozoes making use of FMIS". The new indicator to assess roll-out of the FMIS to all Leskhozoes (LH), and access by LH staff to FMIS to support forest operations and decision-making. Able to assess use of FMIS from central server in SAEPP.



Data on Financial Performance

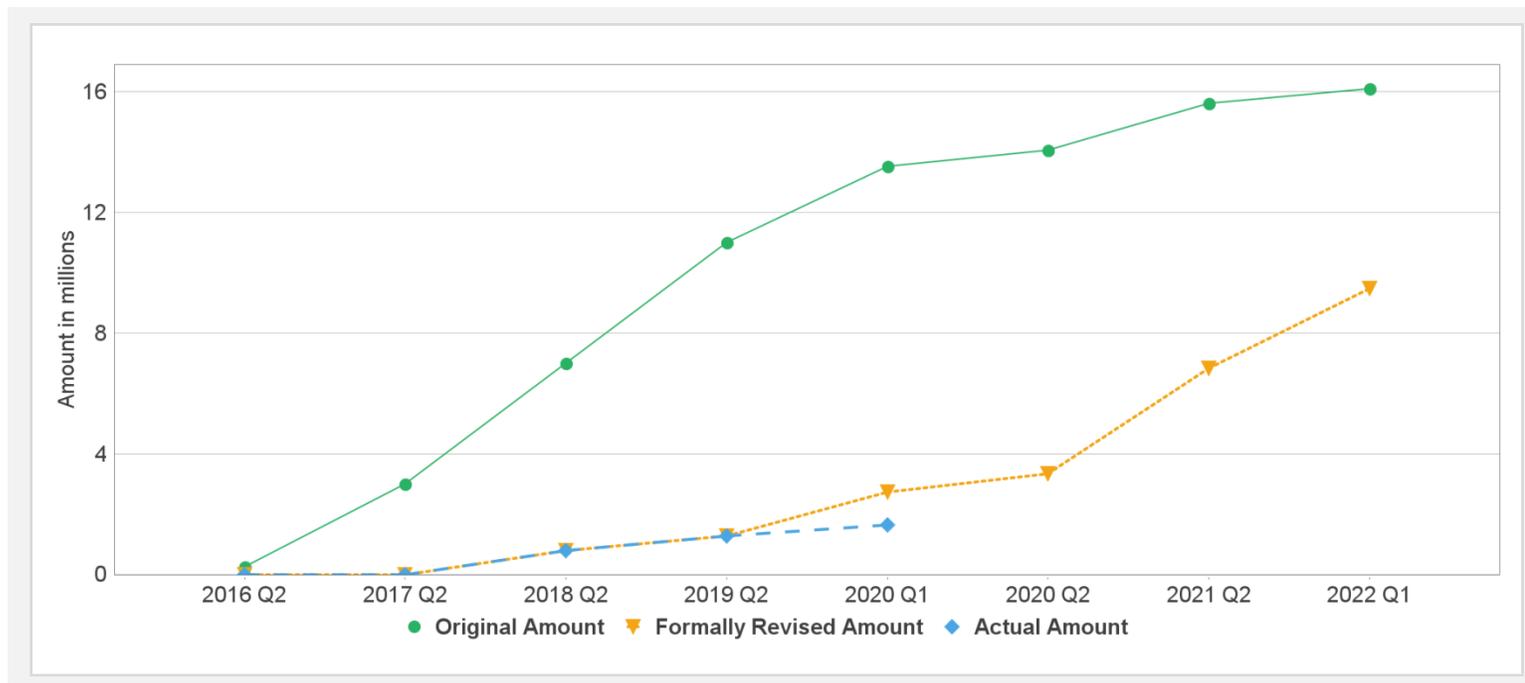
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P151102	IDA-57430	Effective	USD	6.60	6.60	0.00	0.00	6.56	0%
P151102	IDA-D0950	Effective	USD	5.40	5.40	0.00	0.83	4.59	15%
P153721	TF-A0750	Effective	USD	4.11	4.11	0.00	0.81	3.30	20%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P151102	IDA-57430	Effective	24-Nov-2015	18-Jan-2016	28-Apr-2017	30-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2021
P151102	IDA-D0950	Effective	24-Nov-2015	18-Jan-2016	28-Apr-2017	30-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2021
P153721	TF-A0750	Effective	18-Jan-2016	18-Jan-2016	28-Apr-2017	30-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2021

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History



There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

P153721-Integrated Forest Ecosystem Management
