



Leveraging Eco-Tourism for Biodiversity Protection in Dominica (P170846)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Blue and Green Economy Agriculture and National Food Security, Ministry of Environment Rural Modernisation and Kalinago Upliftment, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Tourism and Culture

Key Dates**Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 29-Jun-2022

Effectiveness Date: 13-Dec-2022

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 02-Dec-2024

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

Original Closing Date: 30-Jun-2027

Revised Closing Date: 30-Jun-2027

Project Development Objective (PDO)

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

Project Development Objective is to improve management of Dominica's three national parks and the Waitukubuli trail

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

No

Components Table

Name
C1 Protected Area Planning:(Cost \$0.84 M)
C2 Biodiversity and Sustainable Ecotourism Operations:(Cost \$1.75 M)
C3 Sustainable Livelihoods:(Cost \$0.75 M)
C4 Project Management:(Cost \$0.16 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The Project became effective in December 2022 and is in too early a stage to report on progress towards its development objective. The project has been focusing on putting the processes and procedures in place in order to properly initiate implementation activities of all project activities. As of March 2023, the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) is fully staffed and trained. In line with the Work Program for first year of implementation, the PIU focused on development of various terms of references (TORs) and initiated the procurement process for those activities. Efforts are being made to accelerate the implementation of project activities and ensure that they are keeping pace with the updated Annual Work Plan, with better coordination among key project delivery partners.



Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Improve management of Dominica's three national parks and the Waitukubuli trail				
▶ National Parks (Protected Areas) under improved management effectiveness as a result of the project (score) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	46.00	46.00	46.00	70.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	23-Sep-2022	31-May-2023	29-Jun-2027
Comments:	Improved management is evidenced by an improvement in the Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT) score, consistent with the GEF's BD PA tracking tool requirements. The Protected Areas include the three National Parks supported by this project, including Morne Trois Pitons National Park, Morne Diablotin National Park, and Cabrits National Park. Corresponds to GEF Core Indicator 1.2			
Area of the Waitukubuli National Trail (WNT) under improved management as a result of the project (k				
▶ Area of the Waitukubuli National Trail (WNT) under improved management as a result of the project (km) (Kilometers, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	184.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	23-Sep-2022	31-May-2023	29-Jun-2027



Comments:

Improved management is designed as active and participatory management of the trail in compliance with the WNT Management Plan. The WNT Management Plan will include approaches to improve biodiversity conservation. This indicator will measure the length of the Waitukubuli trail and feeder trails. Corresponds to GEF Core Indicator 4.1.

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Protected Area Planning				
▶ Area of terrestrial protected areas under improved management effectiveness (Hectare(Ha), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	10,850.00	10,850.00	10,850.00	10,850.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	23-Sep-2022	31-May-2023	29-Jun-2026
Comments:	During the project implementation the management effectiveness of the PA will improve not the size of it. This will be measured through the METT tool. At the baseline, there is 10,850.00 Ha under protection which will have improved management through project activities, and at the closure this will be 10,850.00 Ha + B Ha (B Ha being the area where the METT score is improved as a result of the better management).			
▶ Area of the Morne Diablotin National Park demarcated as a result of the project (hectares) (Hectare(Ha), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	23-Sep-2022	31-May-2023	29-Jun-2027
Comments:	The management Plan and the Buffer-Zone report will be prepared for the Morne Diablotin National Park and will include demarcation area and social-economic analysis			
▶ Improved Management Plans adopted for Dominica's three National Parks and the WNT as a result of the project (Number) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	23-Sep-2022	31-May-2023	29-Jun-2027
Comments:	Existing Management Plans for Morne Diablotin and Morne Trois Pitons National Parks and the WNT will be revised and improved and the Management Plan will be developed for Cabrits National Park.			
▶ Beneficiaries trained in sustainable and gender inclusive National Park Management (Number, 50% male, 50% female); reports will be disaggregated by gender) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	23-Sep-2022	31-May-2023	29-Jun-2027
Comments:	This indicator - corresponding to GEF Core Indicator 11 - is a subset of the people trained under indicator 5. This indicator will disaggregate the number of people that receive training on gender inclusion in National Park Management. Number of people will be disaggregated by gender when reported.			
▶ GHG emissions mitigated in project life (20 years) (tCO2e) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	748,417.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	23-Sep-2022	31-May-2023	29-Jun-2027
Biodiversity and sustainable ecotourism operations				
► Eco-tourism infrastructure and interpretation improved (Number) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	23-Sep-2022	31-May-2023	29-Jun-2027
Comments:	Improvement of National Parks and WNT eco-tourism infrastructure and interpretation will be consistent with the management plans for three national parks and the WNT. Eco-tourism infrastructure will include basic infrastructure (benches, river bridges, shelters etc.), interpretation facilities, installation of signage, and other dissemination approaches for information on the National Parks and WNT.			
► National Park and WNT visitor management system is in place (Fully/ Partially/No) (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	01-Jul-2022	23-Sep-2022	31-May-2023	29-Jun-2027
Comments:	National Park and WNT e-ticketing system will be considered fully functional when people can purchase tickets to enter National Parks or WNT electronically, through e-ticketing machines or online, and tickets can be validated by park personnel which enables the real-time reporting system.			
► Beneficiaries trained in gender-inclusive eco-tourism and trail management (Number; 50% female, 50% male) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	23-Sep-2022	31-May-2023	29-Jun-2027
Sustainable livelihoods				
► Area of Kalinago territory under improved land management as a result of the project (hectares) (Hectare(Ha), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,700.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	23-Sep-2022	31-May-2023	29-Jun-2027
Comments:	Management plan for sustainable land use and watershed management for the whole territory will be performed. Corresponds to GEF Core Indicator 4.1. Performance on this indicator is behind due to longer than initially anticipated time for the developing a revised management plan. Currently terms of reference are being endorsed for this project activity.			
► Beneficiaries of livelihood opportunities through the cooperative and propagation center (Number; 50% female, 50% male; reports will be disaggregated by gender) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	23-Sep-2022	31-May-2023	29-Jun-2027



Comments:	Beneficiaries include people selling products through the co-operative for Farine and crafts as well as those benefitting from the resources of the propagation center in Salybia (e.g., generating income, using plants, etc.). Beneficiaries are expected to be predominantly Kalinago women. Number of people will be disaggregated by gender when reported. Corresponds to GEF Core Indicator 11.			
► Beneficiaries trained in Kalinago entrepreneurship and traditional knowledge (Number, reports will be disaggregated by gender) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	76.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	23-Sep-2022	31-May-2023	29-Jun-2027
Comments:	People trained on various traditional Kalinago skills and knowledge under Component 3, namely: - crafts and customs (e.g., Farine, Toloman, canoe making, basket weaving, etc.), - Kalinago Youth Empowerment program (Kalinago language, culinary arts etc.) - Kalinago traditional agriculture practices, including the model farm. Corresponds to GEF Core Indicator 11.			
4: Project Management and Monitoring & Evaluation				
► Number of actions proposed by beneficiaries during consultation and/or stakeholder engagement events that have been incorporated into project implementation (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	23-Sep-2022	31-May-2023	29-Jun-2027
Comments:	Feedback from beneficiaries will be received through processes described in the project's Stakeholder Engagement Plan. Actions may be proposed and documented through these processes. Incorporation of actions must be formally documented.			

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

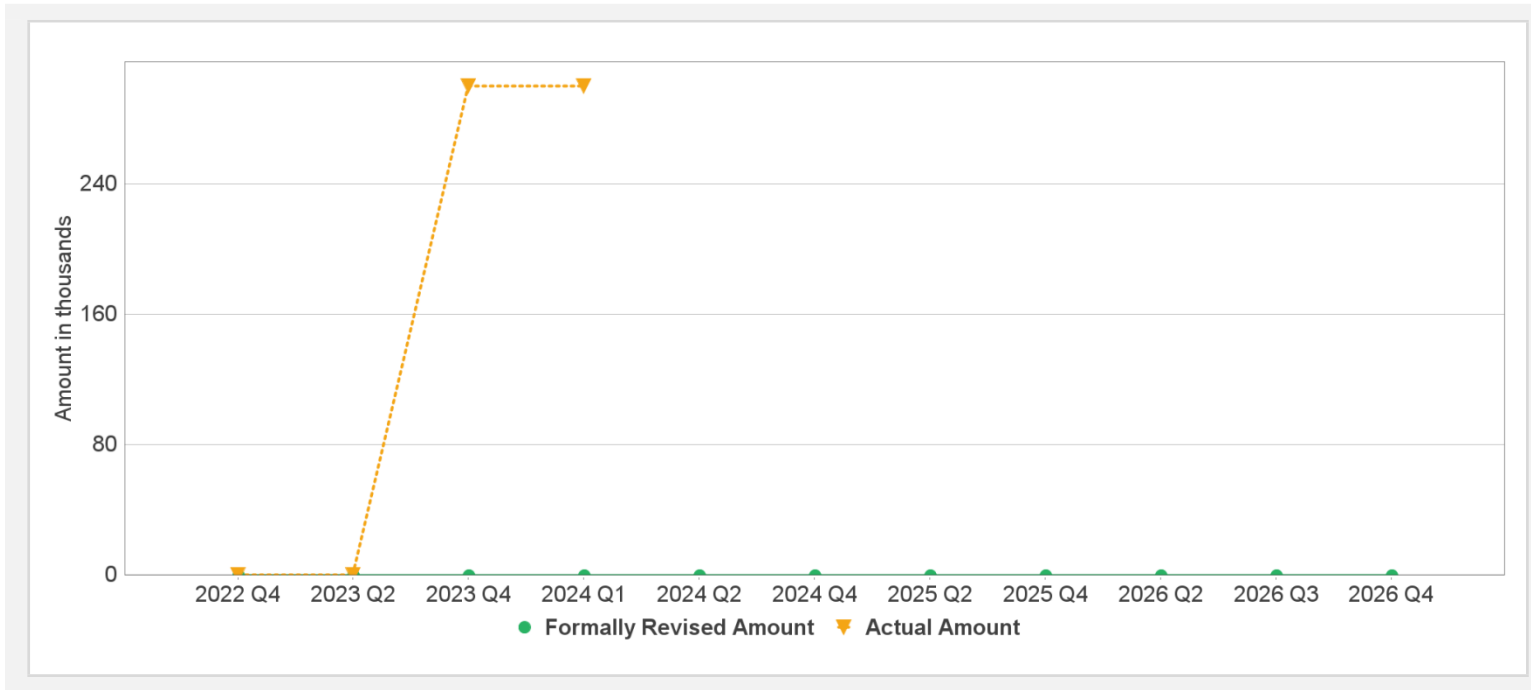
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P170846	TF-B9551	Effective	USD	3.52	3.52	0.00	0.30	3.22	8.5%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P170846	TF-B9551	Effective	29-Jun-2022	07-Oct-2022	13-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2027	30-Jun-2027

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.