

GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 10677	Umoja WBS: SB-022592
SMA IPMR ID: 121808	Grant ID: S1-32GFL-000852
Project Short Title: Gambia ABS	
Project Title: Effective Implementation of Access and Benefit Sharing of the Nagoya Protocol and Integration into Planned co-management Arrangements in the Nyambai Forest Park of The Gambia	
Duration months planned:	36
Duration months age:	12
Project Type:	Full Sized Project (FSP)
Parent Programme if child project:	
Project Scope:	National
Region:	Africa
Countries:	Gambia
GEF Focal Area(s):	Biodiversity
GEF financing amount:	\$ 3,074,886.00
Co-financing amount:	\$ 12,898,357.00
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2022-12-20
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2023-04-28
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2023-08-05
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	
Date of First Disbursement:	2024-07-16
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:	\$ 0.00

Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 0.00
Midterm undertaken?:	n/a
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	2025-07-31
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2026-02-28
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2025-12-31
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2026-02-28

1.2 Project Description

Project Objective: (i) Provide technical support for developing ABS policy, legal, institutional and regulatory frameworks for The Gambia; (ii) Undertake piloting of administrative or policy measures to implement community protocols, bioprospecting, and/or biotechnology research; and (iii) Promote ABS-compliant management of protected areas that support improvements in the conditions of biological and genetic resources for the Nyambai Forest Complex. This project aims to invest in a coordinated suite of activities to address the current biodiversity decline across the country, with a focus on genetic resources harvested and used for the medicinal and cosmetic industries, in addition to creating frameworks and supporting institutions to be equipped to implement ABS. Interventions will concentrate on the mechanisms and underlying conditions that can enable long-term use and equitable distribution of benefits for improved livelihoods and biodiversity conservation. Over-harvesting and unsustainable exploitation of genetic resources will be reduced because of the project, allowing species conservation. Through effective community engagement in conservation for sustainable development, The Gambia's capacity to manage access and benefit-sharing will be strengthened

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Ecosystems Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	
Executing Agency (ies)	Office of National ABS Focal Point at the Ministry of Environment; Climate Change and Natural Resources
names of Other Project Partners	
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UNEP Task Manager(s)	Adamou Bouhari
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Paul Vrontamitis
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Project Manager	Nuha Jammeh
Finance Manager	Saffie Njie
Communications Lead, if relevant	

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Thematic: Nature action subprogramme
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	
PoW Indicator(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature: (i) Number of national or subnational entities that, with UNEP support, adopt integrated approaches to address environmental and social issues and/or tools for valuing, monitoring and sustainably managing biodiversity.
UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	<p>United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2017-2021: The project is also in line with the UNDAF) 2017-2021 for The Gambia[1]. This strategic policy document clearly notes that “UNDAF 2017-2021 is underpinned by the central objective of poverty reduction and inclusive growth, ensuring that no one is left behind. In line with these core programming principles of ‘leaving no one behind’ and on ‘sustainable development & resilience’ One strategic result is of particular interest to the current project. This is Strategic Result 3. Sustainable Agriculture, Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change Management. Here, the priority area of interest is that of Integrated agricultural production and productivity as well as commercialization for inclusive growth and food security. Outcome 3.2: Natural Resources & Environment Management Sustainable, inclusive, and integrated natural resource and environment management enhanced for food security, income generation and safe environment. At the center of this integrated production, is the sustainable use, management, and conservation of the country’s genetic resources. The implementation of the Nagoya Protocol therefore supports the achievement of this sustainability goal.</p> <p>[1] United Nations (2016) United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2017-2021. UN House, Banjul, The Gambia. https://gambia.un.org/sites/default/files/2020-10/undaf.gambia.pdf</p>
Link to relevant SDG Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
Link to relevant SDG Targets:	

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	
1.2- Terrestrial protected areas under improved management effectiveness			12,360ha	
11.1- Male			150000	
11.2- Female			150000	

Implementation Status 2023: 1st 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	1st PIR	S	S	L
FY 2023				
FY 2022				
FY 2021				
FY 2020				
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Summary of status

The project agreement was signed in April 2023, however, the executing agency through the Gambia OFP requested UNEP to hold disbursement of the first cash advance until the executing agency completed setting up proper financial management structures. It completed the process and advised UNEP to release the first cash advance in July 2024. Consequently, no project activities have been undertaken that qualify for PIR reporting.

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$ 12,898,357
Actual to date:	20,000
Progress	Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges: Project commenced activities in July 2024. However, the EA and national Natural Resources Committee have conducted various consultation meeting and dedicated some resources for initial action on the agreement development and follow up and stakeholders consultations on the project institutional setting.

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	EA and national Natural Resources Committee have conducted various consultation meeting and dedicated some resources for initial action on the agreement development and follow up and stakeholders consultations on the project institutional setting.

2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	Yes
Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):	Project commenced activities in July 2024, therefore nothing to report at this stage on th gender mainstreaming.

2.7. ESSM

Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)	Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage? No If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?
New social and/or environmental risks	Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period? No If yes, describe the new risks or changes?
Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts	Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period? 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	Project commenced activities in July 2024, therefore nothing to report at this stage.

2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	Project commenced activities in July 2024, therefore nothing to report at this stage.
Main learning during the period	Project commenced activities in July 2024, therefore nothing to report at this stage.

2.9. Stories

Stories to be shared	Project commenced activities in July 2024, therefore nothing to report at this stage.
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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
Provide technical support for developing ABS policy, legal, institutional and regulatory frameworks for The Gambia; (ii) Undertake piloting of administrative or policy measures to implement community protocols, bioprospecting, and/or biotechnology research; and (iii) Promote ABS-compliant management of protected areas that support improvements in the conditions of biological and genetic resources for the Nyambai Forest Complex.	Indicator 1: Gender responsive national law on ABS strengthens the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge.	No National ABS Law exists. Some individual laws address specific types of GR access that could be integrated into a national ABS framework.	Gap analysis complete for defining needs for ABS legal and regulatory frameworks and draft ABS policy under discussion	Draft national law on ABS enacted into law and implemented	0%	Project started activities in July 2024, nothing to report.	S
	Indicator 2: Increased level of institutional and professional capacity for implementation of the national ABS framework	Only one (1) national level institution (DPWM) has a minimal ability to effectively implement and coordinate ABS activities and frameworks.	At least two (2) institutions at national, subnational and community levels are able to effectively implement ABS processes	At least four (4) institutions at national, subnational and community levels are able to effectively implement ABS processes	0%	Project started activities in July 2024, nothing to report.	S
	Indicator 3: National ABS Clearing-House Mechanism (ABS-CHM) and Checkpoints established,	ABS-CHM and checkpoints do not exist	ABS-CHM website online and potential checkpoints	ABS-CHM website online with updated information and	0%	Project started activities in July 2024, nothing to report.	S

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
	operational and regularly monitored for compliance		identified	validated by the CBD Secretariat, checkpoints selected and included in the draft law			
	Indicator 4 (GEF Core Indicator 1.2): Terrestrial protected areas under improved management effectiveness	There are currently areas in the country under management, but ABS-compliant approaches to conserved area management do not exist	Management plans are revised for PA totaling 12,360 ha in the NFP complex to incorporate ABS-compliance	The 12,360 ha of protected areas in the NFP complete are fully implementing ABS-compliant conservation management approaches	0%	Project started activities in July 2024, nothing to report.	S
Outcome 1.1 The Government of Gambia adopts a National ABS policy and supportive regulatory frameworks	Indicator 5: National ABS regulatory frameworks in place and operational Targets: At least three (3) regulatory frameworks (ABS, CFM and Revenue Sharing) guidelines and regulations in place ABS Administrative Measures in place and posted on the ABS-CHM Online permit	Existing legal framework are insufficient and not in full compliance with the Nagoya Protocol provisions and obligations There is also no electronic	Two regulatory frameworks (regulations, guidelines and policy) are developed and/or updated An online permit management system compliant with the Nagoya Protocol is	At least three (3) regulatory frameworks (ABS, CFM and Revenue Sharing) guidelines and regulations in place ABS Administrative Measures in place and posted on the ABS-CHM Online	0%	Project commenced activities in July 2024. Nothing to report so far.	S

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
	management system in place and operational- Electronic system for monitoring compliance to the Nagoya protocol in place and operational	system for monitoring compliance to ABS framework and permits can only be applied for within the country	developed · Electronic system for monitoring compliance to the Nagoya protocol developed	permit management system in place and operational · Electronic system for monitoring compliance to the Nagoya protocol in place and operational			
	Indicator 6: A financial mechanism designed to reinvest revenues for ABS agreement to support biodiversity conservation Target All provisions for ABS financial mechanism are functioning and supporting conservation and sustainable use of biological resources	No financial mechanism exists for reinvestment of ABS revenues for biodiversity conservation	At least one set of provisions for financial mechanism created and a financial mechanism effectively created supporting conservation and sustainable use of biological resources	All provisions for ABS financial mechanism are functioning and supporting conservation and sustainable use of biological resources	0%	Project commenced activities in July 2024. Nothing to report so far.	S
	Indicator 7: Institutional framework compliant with the Nagoya Protocol in place and	Government agencies at both national and sub-	Potential checkpoints to monitor the utilization of	Checkpoints to monitor the utilization of genetic resources	0%	Project commenced activities in July 2024. Nothing to report so far.	S

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
	operationalTarget Checkpoints to monitor the utilization of genetic resources in The Gambia selected and included in the draft ABS law	national levels are not fully implementing their responsibilities and obligations under the Nagoya Protocol due to inadequate capacity and skills. In addition, there is no ABS CHM for information sharing in the Gambia and checkpoints to ensure monitoring and surveillance of the utilization of the genetic resources and therefore compliance with the NP.	genetic resources identified	in the Gambia selected and included in the draft ABS law			
Outcome 1.2 Relevant actors from public, private, academic,	Indicator 8 (GEF Core Indicator 11): Number of	Given the limited	At least 300,000 stakeholders	At least 400 scientists, social	0%	Project activities commenced July 2024. Nothing to report.	S

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
scientific, technical, society, and indigenous people take measures to strengthen implementation and enforcement of the National ABC policy and regulatory framework.	direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investmentTargets: Out of 3,000 beneficiaries, at least 400 scientists, social workers and lawyers [200 men and 200 women] are trained and have knowledge and skills in articulating and negotiating PIC and MAT. A 45% increase in capacity across the board as measured by UNDP ABS scorecard	experience in the implementation of ABS in The Gambia, it is assumed that capacities for ABS implementation is low – the exact level will be assessed at project inception	[150,000 men and 150,000 women] (including scientists, social workers and lawyers) are trained and have knowledge & skills in articulating and negotiating PIC and MAT. A 15% increase in capacity across the board as measured by UNDP ABS scorecard	workers and lawyers [200 men and 200 women] are trained and have knowledge and skills in articulating and negotiating PIC and MAT. A 45% increase in capacity across the board as measured by UNDP ABS scorecard At least 220,000 local population use ABS entry points to manage the local forests			
	Indicator 9: Level of public awareness in the communities adjoining the NFP complex on issues and processes related to ABSTargets: At least 80% of the general public (50% men and 50% women) are aware of ABS issues and	Less than 1% of the Gambia's population are aware of issues and processes related to access to genetic resources and	At least 50% of the public (50% men and 50% women) are aware of ABS issues and processes	At least 80% of the general public (50% men and 50% women) are aware of ABS issues and processes	0%	Project activities commenced July 2024. Nothing to report.	S

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
	processes	sharing of benefits arising from their utilization					
	Indicator 9: Level of public awareness in the communities adjoining the NFP complex on issues and processes related to ABS Targets: At least 80% of the general public (50% men and 50% women) are aware of ABS issues and processes	Less than 1% of the Gambia's population are aware of issues and processes related to access to genetic resources and sharing of benefits arising from their utilization	At least 50% of the public (50% men and 50% women) are aware of ABS issues and processes	At least 80% of the general public (50% men and 50% women) are aware of ABS issues and processes	0%	Project activities commenced July 2024. Nothing to report.	S
	Indicator 10 (GEF Core Indicator 1.2): Terrestrial protected areas under improved management effectiveness Target: 12,360 ha of biodiversity conservation initiatives being undertaken by local communities or biodiversity focused common initiative groups (such as TRAHASS) are supported to achieve	Enhanced protected area management in The Gambia suffers from limited attention to long-term sustainability	12,360 ha of protected areas have adopted, and are implementing improved management practices	12,360 ha of protected areas have adopted, and are implementing improved management practices and at least two biodiversity conservation initiatives being	0%	Project commenced activities in July 2024. Nothing to Report.	S

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
	enhanced management.			undertaken by local communities or biodiversity focused common initiative groups (such as TRAHASS) are supported to achieve enhanced management			
	Indicator 11: Biodiversity management plan for in-situ conservation and management of biological resources integrated into pilot agreement Target: All three protected areas in the NFP complex are implementing biodiversity management plan of in-situ conservation	No such plan exists as no ABS related initiatives have been piloted in The Gambia	At least one draft biodiversity management plan of in-situ conservation developed and tested for one of the protected areas in the NFP complex	All three protected areas in the NFP complex are implementing biodiversity management plan of in-situ conservation	0%	Project commenced activities in July 2024. Nothing to Report.	S
Outcome 3.1: Partnerships for commercial and non-commercial bioprospecting opportunities strengthened by stakeholders and actions taken to establish ABS contracts at the community-level (FPIC,	Indicator 12: Number of ABS pilot agreements negotiated and implemented enabling equitable sharing of benefits between users and providers Target: At least three ABS agreements	No officially approved ABS agreements	Local communities enter into at least one ABS agreement approved in accordance with the legal	At least three ABS agreements developed and operationalized for initial commercialization of at least 3 trial products	0%	Project commenced in July 2024. Nothing to report.	S

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
MAT)	developed and operationalized for initial commercialization of at least 3 trial products incorporating PIC, MAT and fair and equitable benefit sharing provisions		framework to provide access to genetic resources and commercialization of at least one product	incorporating PIC, MAT and fair and equitable benefit sharing provisions			
	Indicator 13: Number of potential ABS products identified and tested for potential commercial application Target At least 2 ABS products identified and tested benefit from project support for value chain development towards commercial application	Bioprospecting and biodiscovery in The Gambia is still at its infancy – there are no formal processes being implemented that can reap the benefits offered to local populations though ABS mechanisms Several potentials for markets for ABS compliant value chain development and market	At least 5 ABS products identified and tested for potential commercial application	At least 2 ABS products identified and tested benefit from project support for value chain development towards commercial application	0%	Project commenced in July 2024. Nothing to report.	S

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
		potential have been identified during the project preparation, but not analyzed					
	Indicator 14: Gender-smart and ABS compliant value chain for identified genetic resources mapped. Target: At least two analyzed value chains are supported with project investments with attention to gender balance (50% women and 50% men)	Several potentials for markets for ABS compliant value chain development and market potential have been identified during the project preparation, but not analyzed	At least three value chains analyzed, and a strategic road map for their development completed	At least two analyzed value chains are supported with project investments with attention to gender balance (50% women and 50% men)	0%	Project commenced in July 2024. Nothing to report.	S

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 Outcome 1.1. The Government of Gambia adopts an updated National ABS policy and regulatory framework. Outcome 1.2. Relevant actors from public, private, academic, scientific, technical, society, and indigenous people take measures to strengthen implementation and enforcement of the National ABS policy and regulatory framework.	1.1.1. Programming and institutional alignment established of selected line government agencies on policy application of ABS	2026-02-27	0	0	Project activities commenced in July 2024, nothing to report.	S
	2.1.1 Valorisation of biodiversity of native genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge in Nyambai Forest Park, supported by the project to comply with The Gambian ABS national legislation and Nagoya Protocol throughout the value chain.	2026-02-27	0	0	Project activities commenced in July 2024. Nothing to report.	S
	3.1.1. Partnership management mechanisms established and piloted in Nyambai Forest Park to support and regulate commercial and non-commercial bioprospecting opportunities through a national partnership platform	2026-02-27	0	0	Project commenced July 2024, nothing to report.	S
	1.1.2. Policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks governing ABS drafted and approved by the legislature, including the appointment of a National Focal Point and ABS Competent National Authority	2026-02-27	0	0	Project activities commenced in July 2024, nothing to report.	S
	2.1.2 Benefits derived from the use of genetic resources and traditional knowledge in the Nyambai Forest Park, are identified, classified, and assessed to strengthen the expertise and capacity of national authorities, including setting the basis for future negotiations.	2026-02-27	0	0	Project activities commenced in July 2024. Nothing to report.	S
	3.1.2. National inventory and pre-feasibility for bioprospecting projects established, leading to a new collaboration and ABS contracts (PIC, MAT) in Nyambai Forest Park	2026-02-27	0	0	Project commenced July 2024, nothing to report.	S
	1.1.3 Developed and adopted the national guidelines on ABS, reflecting intellectual property rights, traditional knowledge, gender, and benefit-sharing contracts, to complement the ABS framework and facilitate implementation by all relevant actors	2026-02-27	0	0	Project activities commenced in July 2024, nothing to report.	S

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
	2.1.3 Commercial and non-commercial utilization of native genetic resources and benefit-sharing of selected genetic resources are researched, legislated, and included in the test for The Gambian national ABS monitoring system.	2026-02-27	0	0	Project activities commenced in July 2024. Nothing to report.	S
	3.1.3. Developed a provider-user model agreement mechanism in high biodiversity Nyambai Forest Park to test proposed national ABS co-management regulations of biodiversity resources.	2026-02-27	0	0	Project commenced July 2024, nothing to report.	S
	1.2.1. Awareness-raising activities (using existing informative materials, and new ones when needed) on the Nagoya Protocol directed towards government officials, academics, researchers, society, communicators, and the general public.	2026-02-27	0	0	Project activities commenced in July 2024, nothing to report.	S
	1.2.2. Interactive training modules, including negotiation skills designed and directed for specific target groups to facilitate access to genetic resources, based on the national law and the Nagoya Protocol. Special attention will be put on strengthening of indigenous research and development capabilities.	2026-02-27	0	0	Project activities commenced in July 2024, nothing to report.	S
	1.2.3 Online information system on ABS developed (including information on species) and operational in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders	2026-02-27	0	0	Project activities commenced in July 2024, nothing to report.	S

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	Low	Low
2 Governance structure - Oversight	Low	Low
3 Implementation schedule	Moderate	Moderate
4 Budget	Low	Low
5 Financial Management	Low	Low
6 Reporting	Low	Low
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
Local communities. indigenous people and stakeholders are not fully committed	All	M	L							The project will coordinate efforts to ensure that the awareness-raising activities in ABS integrate key stakeholders. The strengthening and

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										the adequacy of ABS- related norms (e.g.. PIC. MAT. sustainable biodiversity. and protection of traditional knowledge) will further contribute to the involvement of all stakeholders. Additionally. the project will develop a stakeholder participation plan to ensure that local communities. indigenous people. and other stakeholders participate in all stages of the project (design. planning. implementation. and evaluation) in order to promote their commitment to the project and ABS.
Possible shifts in government priorities and policy changes could hinder the establishment of an ABS regime and/or constrain the development of public-private partnerships on biodiversity and genetic resources.	All	M	L							The project will strengthen political commitment and support by raising the awareness of decision makers. institutions. and communities on the capacity of biodiversity and genetic resources to provide economic benefits to resource owners / stewards and to commercial partners. and to contribute to science and national research capacities generally. The project also will strengthen the capacity and understanding of decision makers. institutions. and communities on the potential benefits of an ABS regime

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										through targeted training modules and access to best practice tools and ABS success stories. The benefits and costs of ABS implementation. based on case studies from other countries. will be highlighted during the project inception phase in order to increase support by decision-makers.
Possible shifts in government priorities and policy changes could hinder the establishment of an ABS regime and/or constrain the development of public-private partnerships on biodiversity and genetic resources.	All	M	L							The project will strengthen political commitment and support by raising the awareness of decision makers. institutions. and communities on the capacity of biodiversity and genetic resources to provide economic benefits to resource owners / stewards and to commercial partners. and to contribute to science and national research capacities generally. The project also will strengthen the capacity and understanding of decision makers. institutions. and communities on the potential benefits of an ABS regime through targeted training modules and access to best practice tools and ABS success stories. The benefits and costs of ABS implementation. based on case studies from other countries. will be highlighted during the project

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										inception phase in order to increase support by decision-makers.
Uncontrolled exploitation of forests and other natural ecosystems at field survey sites continues to negatively impact marine and terrestrial ecosystems and their genetic resources.	All	M	N/A							By establishing ABS regulations and by building in-country capacity for bioprospecting, the project aims to generate monetary and non-monetary benefits to The Gambia and its communities. These benefits (e.g., increased knowledge of the value of genetic resources, income from locally developed products) are expected to provide incentives for the protection of natural ecosystems (e.g., reefs and forests). The project is thereby expected to reduce the pressure of encroachment and conversion to other destructive purposes. If a genetic resource of interest is found and grown for commercial purposes, the project will make sure that its harvest is sustainable and does not negatively affect ecosystems, based on the know-how and experience of MAF and other project partners.
Limited coordination / communication between sectorial agencies and/or ministries	All	M	L							The project will support the development of inter-agency collaboration protocols by building on existing structures and initiatives.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										Under Output 1.2.2. the project will also consider the establishment of a Biodiversity Working Group to discuss and follow up on activities related to biodiversity. including genetic resources. It will also seek to get all sectorial agencies with responsibilities related to biodiversity and genetic resources to be designated as Competent Sector Authorities (CSAs) and to incorporate ABS into their routine responsibilities.
Local communities and holders of traditional knowledge do not agree to share information and grant access to their genetic resources.	All	M	L							A fair and clear process needs to be designed and followed as part of the Community Protocols and the PIC/MAT agreements to gain the trust and long-term partnership of the communities. This will be facilitated by project partners that have experience in community engagement and co-management arrangements. in particular Conservation International and MAF. Additionally. an independent legal expert will be made available to the communities by the project team to provide independent advice and guidance to the communities.
Climate change impacts	All	M	L							Climate change is expected to have

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										<p>adverse impacts on ecosystems and communities of The Gambia. in particular through increased droughts. more intense rainfall events leading to erosion and landslides. and rising sea temperatures. These changes may negatively affect project stakeholders and limit their capacity to participate in project activities. Climate change. combined with other factors. is also expected to have negative impacts on biodiversity and genetic resources in The Gambia. which could affect the value and diversity of genetic resources in the future. On the other hand. some species found in The Gambia may prove to be valuable resources due to their climate resilience. In order to mitigate this risk. the project will collaborate closely with the National Directorate for Climate Change and climate change related initiatives implemented in The Gambia. in particular with regard to its commitments under the UNFCCC.</p>
		L	L							

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
Implementation schedule	Engaging with all stakeholders	Engagement with key stakeholders	Continuous engaging all stakeholders and engage in the project planning for the first year of implementation. inception and first steering committee	During the coming cycle	Project Team in collaboration with UNEP and national authorities

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

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
Nyambai Forest Park	13.2999988	-16.66833066		Nyambai Forest Park	
Kabafita Forest Park	13.2999988	-16.6499974		Kabafita Forest Park	
Bamba Forest Park	13.3031	-16.6778		Bamba Forest Park	
Kiang West National Park	13.3833	-15.9167		Kiang West National Park	

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

[Annex any linked geospatial file]