



Natural Resources Governance Project in CAR (P161973)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Water, Forests, Hunting and Fisheries (MWFHF), Ministry of Economy, Planning and Cooperation, Ministry of Mines and Geology (MMG)

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 12-Mar-2018

Effectiveness Date: 27-Jul-2018

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 20-Jul-2022

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

Original Closing Date: 30-Jun-2023

Revised Closing Date: 30-Jun-2024

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The project will aim to improve governance and strengthen capacity in the forest and mining sectors in the Central African Republic.

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

No

Components Table

Name

Component 1 - Institutional support: Strengthen the fiscal and governance framework of the forest sector:(Cost \$1260000.00 M)

Component 2 - Local development: Support forest communities in planning and financing their development priorities:(Cost \$2420000.00 M)

Component 3 - Technical assistance to improve mining sector policies and institutional governance:(Cost \$1810000.00 M)

Component 4 - Local development -Formalization of the Artisanal Mining Sector:(Cost \$1980000.00 M)

Project Preparation Advance for the development of the safeguards instruments:(Cost \$300000.00 M)

Component 5-Strengthening the governance and management frameworks for the Mbaéré Bodingué National Park (MBNP) and corridor to the Dzanga-Sangha Protected Areas (DSPA):(Cost \$2530000.00 M)

Component 6-Local Development:(Cost \$4380000.00 M)

Component 7-Project Management:(Cost \$696881.00 M)

Overall Ratings

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

Implementation Status and Key Decisions



The implementation progress is slow and delayed and this has resulted in a downgrade in the project's rating for implementation progress. This has been because of project management issues and procurement delays. In December 2022 a new coordinator was recruited to manage the project and his tenure has just began. We anticipate that the next six months will see marked improvement in the delivery of project results.

In terms of progress,

Component 1: (*Institutional support*). Activity 1.1, *analysis of the forestry tax system and support for implementation of recommendations*. This work should start before March, 2022. Activity 1.2 (*development of a national information system for the collection of forestry market data and the issuance of tax notices*) is well underway and the consultant has delivered his first two reports, including delivery of the database system.

Component 2 (*Support to Forest Communities*) is under implementation. The firm TERE is working with NGOs to develop local development plans in 11 communities. Some of these local development priorities will then be funded by the Bank. Approximately 5 of the 11 communities now have Local Development Plans.

Component 3 (*Mining Institutional Support to the Ministry of Mines and Geology*): The Mining sector working group was established in 2020 and has revised the 2012 Mining Policy. This has been drafted within the Ministry and has yet to be ratified. The project plans to recruit a consultant to support the Ministry of Mines to complete a mining policy and the Minister of Mines has given his approval. Terms of Reference have been sent to the Minister of Mines for his validation. Once validated, a notice will be issued to recruit the consultant to review what the working group has proposed. A

Component 4: (*Mining Local development (mines)*): Ongoing support to the KPPS has helped support their operational budget by paying for the salaries and equipment of KP focal points stationed in the compliant zones. Ongoing support for the KPPS is planned for 2022.

The Appui à la Professionnalisation des Coopératives Minières (APCM) project has made progress in 2021 following insecurity in Bogangone in Q1 2021. APCM has provided much needed institutional training to pre-cooperatives (and local entities) in the subprefectures of Nola and Bogangone. Technical training modules have been provided to representatives of 14 entities (exceeding the target number of 3 per the project design) and these groups are testing the taught techniques in the field (SMARTER mining, improved resource recovery, better exploration, improved hygiene, improved environmental performance). Workshops were held with the Ministry of Mines and Geology. The PGRN project will be supporting APCM in delivering a small grants program in 2022.

Component 5: GEF Additional Financing *Institutional Support: Strengthening the Governance and Management Frameworks of the Mbaéré-Bodingué National Park (MNP) and the Corridor to the Dzanga-Sangha Protected Areas (DSPA)*. A contract for WWF to commence work in the project zone will be signed imminently.

Component 6: GEF Additional Financing *Local Development: Promotion of management models and economic activities that contribute to the sustainable use and regeneration of natural resources in the MNP buffer zone and the corridor to the DSPA*. The procurement of NGOs/Firms to lead this work is underway.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High
Macroeconomic	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High
Sector Strategies and Policies	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Technical Design of Project or Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High
Fiduciary	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Environment and Social	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Other	--	--	--
Overall	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High



Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Improve the governance and strengthen capacity in the forest sector				
▶ Forest communities with access to local development package (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	5.00	11.00
Date	28-Feb-2018	17-Jun-2021	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024
Comments:	Work on Local Development Plans (LDP) have resumed. This indicator will only show results after LDPs are developed and approved in Municipalities, with at least 2 of the projects identified in LDPs are finalized.			
▶ Land area under sustainable landscape management practices (CRI, Hectares) (Hectare(Ha), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	780,573.00
Date	25-Jan-2021	17-Jun-2021	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024
▶ Greenhouse gas emissions mitigated (Metric ton) (Metric ton, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,536,223.00
Date	25-Jan-2021	17-Jun-2021	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024

Improve the governance and strengthen capacity in the mining sector				
▶ Days required from diamond extraction to diamond export (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	90.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Date	28-Feb-2018	14-Dec-2020	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024
▶ Registered artisanal and small mining entities accessing small grants (of which 30% must be female) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00



Date	28-Feb-2018	14-Dec-2020	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Female recipients (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	28-Feb-2018	14-Dec-2020	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Male recipients (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Date	28-Feb-2018	14-Dec-2020	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024
► Regulatory framework operational for mining that adheres to international best practices (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2018	14-Dec-2020	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Established mining policy and mining working group (Yes/No, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2018	14-Dec-2020	27-Jan-2022	28-Jun-2019
<input type="checkbox"/> Improved artisanal miner registration system (Yes/No, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2018	14-Dec-2020	27-Jan-2022	30-Mar-2021
<input type="checkbox"/> Revised mining code and regulations (Yes/No, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	No	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2018	--	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024
► Revised mining code and regulations (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	No	--	No	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2018	--	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Component 1 - Institutional support: Strengthen the fiscal and governance framework of the forest sector				
▶ Institutional forest and environment administration capacity strengthened (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	15-May-2019	17-Jun-2021	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024
Comments:	<p>Year 1: from effectiveness to May 15, 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - number of field trips arranged with the view to controlling the sound implementation of forest management plans: 14 to be compared to the baseline set at 8.17 (+71%) - number of events arranged with the view to fighting poaching: 5 to be compared to the baseline set at 3.25 (+54%) - number of records of offenses registered dealing with fauna: 1 to be compared to the baseline set at 0.75 (33%) - number of records of offenses registered dealing with illegal logging: 0 <p>Year 2: from May 16, 2019 to May 21, 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - number of field trips arranged with the view to controlling the sound implementation of forest management plans: 10 to be compared to the baseline set at 8.17 (+22%) - number of events arranged with the view to fighting poaching: 20 to be compared to the baseline set at 3.25 (+515%) - number of records of offenses registered dealing with fauna: 1 to be compared to the baseline set at 0.75 (33%) - number of records of offenses registered dealing with illegal logging: 0 			
□ Berberati regional office (Yes/No, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2018	17-Jun-2021	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024
□ M'Baiki regional office (Yes/No, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2018	17-Jun-2021	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024
▶ National forest taxation information system established and operational (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	29-Jun-2018	17-Jun-2021	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024
► Of which women (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Date	17-Mar-2021	17-Jun-2021	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024
► Of which indigenous people are (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
Date	25-Jan-2021	17-Jun-2021	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024
► Forestry operators receiving technical assistance on improved sustainable practices (Number) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
Date	25-Jan-2021	17-Jun-2021	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024

Component 2 - Local development: Support forest communities in planning and financing their development priorities

► Forest communities with improved capacity in local development planning (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.00
Date	28-Feb-2018	17-Jun-2021	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024

Component 3 - Technical assistance to improve mining sector policies and institutional governance

► Centralized data management system for the mining sector established and operational (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1.00	1.00	1.00	6.00
Date	28-Feb-2018	17-Jun-2021	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024



Component 4 - Local development -Formalization of the Artisanal Mining Sector

► Women-led mining cooperatives (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	40.00	40.00	40.00	100.00
Date	28-Feb-2018	17-Jun-2021	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024

Component 5-Component 5-Strengthening the governance and management frameworks for the Mbaéré Boding

► MBNP with improved management effectiveness (Number) (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	24.00	0.00	24.00	29.00
Date	17-Mar-2021	17-Jun-2021	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024

Component 6-Local Development





► Local communities particularly adjacent to MBNP with increased monetary income and non-monetary benefits from improved natural resources management, agricultural and training activities. (Number) (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,880.00
Date	17-Mar-2021	17-Jun-2021	27-Jan-2022	18-Mar-2024

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

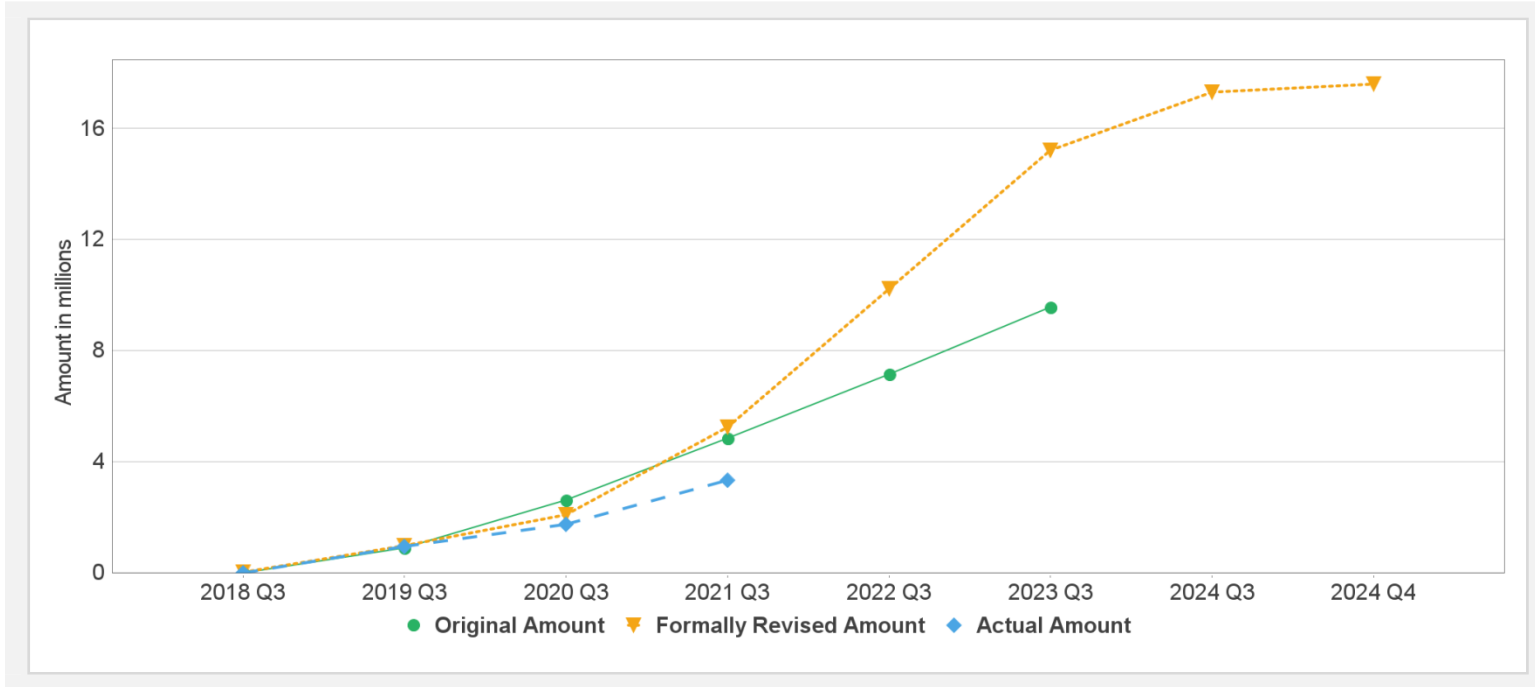
Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed		% Disbursed
P161973	IDA-D2780	Effective	USD	10.00	10.00	0.00	4.65	5.28		47%
P171723	TF-B1289	Closed	USD	0.18	0.12	0.06	0.12	0.00		100%
P171723	TF-B5613	Not Effective	USD	7.61	7.61	0.00	0.00	7.61		0%

Key Dates (by loan)



Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P161973	IDA-D2780	Effective	12-Mar-2018	31-Mar-2018	27-Jul-2018	30-Jun-2023	30-Jun-2024
P171723	TF-B1289	Closed	07-Oct-2019	26-Nov-2019	26-Nov-2019	30-Sep-2020	30-Sep-2020
P171723	TF-B5613	Not Effective	05-May-2021	--	--	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2024

Cumulative Disbursements



PBC Disbursement

PBC ID	PBC Type	Description	Coc	PBC Amount	Achievement Status	Disbursed amount in Coc	Disbursement % for PBC
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Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

P171723-Additional Financing for the Natural Resources Governance Project