



## Natural Resources Governance Project in CAR (P161973)

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

**Key Dates****Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 12-Mar-2018

Effectiveness Date: 27-Jul-2018

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 28-Mar-2023

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 Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High



## Implementation Status and Key Decisions

A mission to CAR was held between November 1st to 11th. The mission focused on reviewing all aspects of the project and meeting the PIU. The team had a field trip to the town of Ngotto, one of the beneficiaries of the local development planning activity. In all, the project shows improvement in certain areas- project management is much improved, particularly in terms of communications with the Bank, follow up, and proactivity. The change in coordinator has been good for the project. In addition, the pace of implementation has picked up, and the implementation of activities under component 1 have made decisive improvements. For example, of the two studies to be implemented under component 1, one is complete and the second is approximately 50% complete. Component 2 is also approximately 25% completed. Component 3 and 4 continue to progress well although still slowly and the finalization of the Mining Code is still delayed.

While there are significant signs of progress overall, there are also some issues highlighted in the Aide Memoire: procurement as mentioned earlier has led to significant delays. This is currently being resolved by the replacement of the procurement specialist though so far, this has not brought about significant improvement and we are expecting that when the new specialist is up to speed, this will change. In addition, the GEF component has been slow to begin in earnest. At the moment this was recently improved with the disbursement of some of the GEF funds to WWF to begin their operations. Component 6 of the GEF which finances community NRM and Agriculture activities is still lagging, and only recently began to reach the tail end of a very long procurement process.

## Risks

### Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	High	High	High
Macroeconomic	High	High	High
Sector Strategies and Policies	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Technical Design of Project or Program	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	High	High	High
Fiduciary	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Environment and Social	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Stakeholders	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Other	--	--	--
Overall	High	High	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	5.00	5.00	11.00



Date	28-Feb-2018	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	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.			
<b>► Land area under sustainable landscape management practices (CRI, Hectares) (Hectare(Ha), Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	780,573.00
Date	25-Jan-2021	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024
<b>► Greenhouse gas emissions mitigated (Metric ton) (Metric ton, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,536,223.00
Date	25-Jan-2021	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024

<b>Improve the governance and strengthen capacity in the mining sector</b>				
<b>► Days required from diamond extraction to diamond export (Number, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	90.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Date	28-Feb-2018	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024
<b>► Registered artisanal and small mining entities accessing small grants (of which 30% must be female) (Number, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Date	28-Feb-2018	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024
<b>□ Female recipients (Number, Custom Breakdown)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	28-Feb-2018	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024
<b>□ Male recipients (Number, Custom Breakdown)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00



Date	28-Feb-2018	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024
<b>▶ Regulatory framework operational for mining that adheres to international best practices (Yes/No, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2018	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024
<b>□ Established mining policy and mining working group (Yes/No, Custom Breakdown)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2018	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	28-Jun-2019
<b>□ Improved artisanal miner registration system (Yes/No, Custom Breakdown)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2018	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	30-Mar-2021
<b>□ Revised mining code and regulations (Yes/No, Custom Breakdown)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	No	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2018	--	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024
<b>▶ Revised mining code and regulations (Yes/No, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	No	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2018	--	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024

### Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Component 1 - Institutional support: Strengthen the fiscal and governance framework of the forest sector				
<b>▶ Institutional forest and environment administration capacity strengthened (Yes/No, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes



Date	15-May-2019	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024
Comments:	Year 1: from effectiveness to May 15, 2019 - 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 Year 2: from May 16, 2019 to May 21, 2020 - 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			
<input type="checkbox"/> Berberati regional office (Yes/No, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2018	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024
<input type="checkbox"/> M'Baiki regional office (Yes/No, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2018	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M'Baiki regional office (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2018	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024
<b>► Of which indigenous people are (Percentage, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
Date	25-Jan-2021	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024
<b>► Forestry operators receiving technical assistance on improved sustainable practices (Number) (Number, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
Date	25-Jan-2021	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	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	26-Jul-2022	15-Feb-2023	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	27-Jan-2022	15-Feb-2023	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	27-Jan-2022	15-Feb-2023	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	24.00	24.00	29.00
Date	17-Mar-2021	27-Jan-2022	15-Feb-2023	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	27-Jan-2022	15-Feb-2023	18-Mar-2024

### Performance-Based Conditions

#### Data on Financial Performance

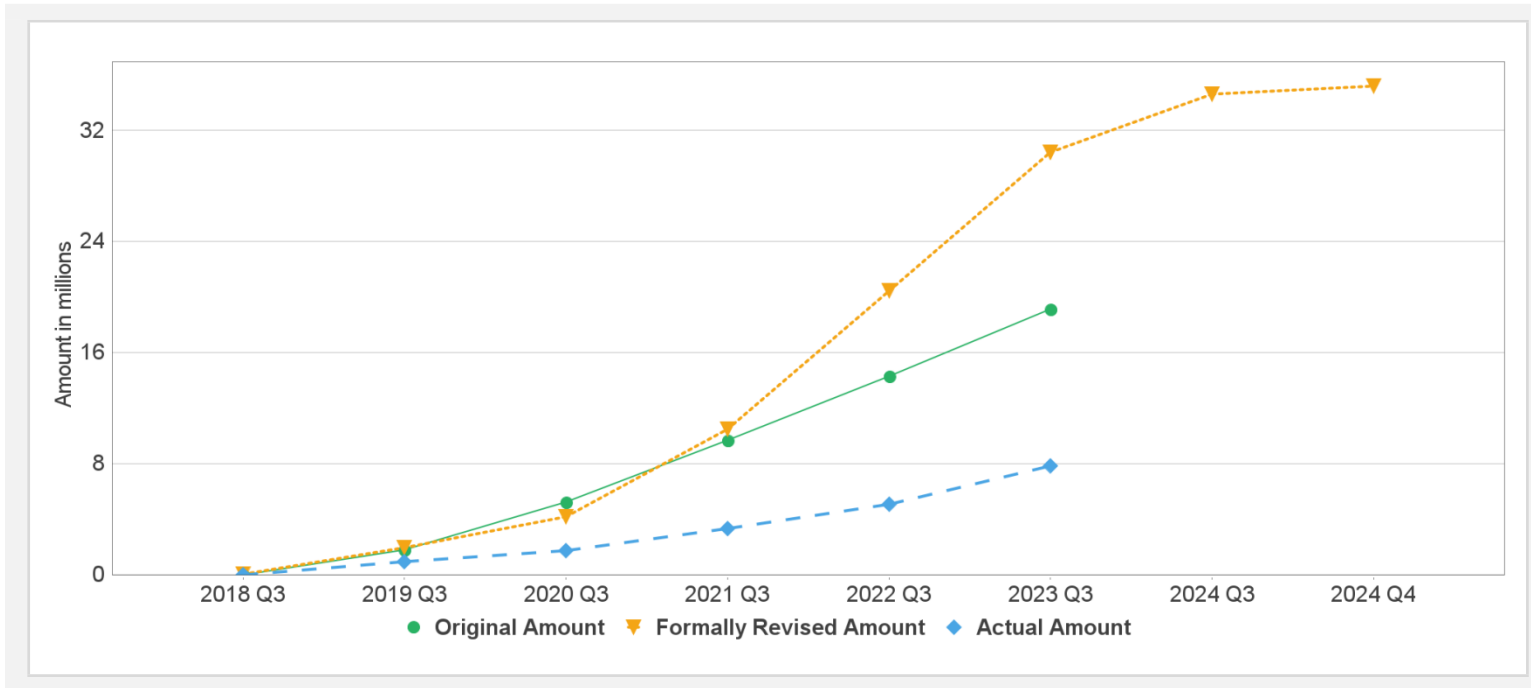
#### Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P161973	IDA-D2780	Effective	USD	10.00	10.00	0.00	6.55	3.19	67%
P171723	TF-B5613	Effective	USD	7.61	7.61	0.00	1.30	6.31	17%

#### 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-B5613	Effective	05-May-2021	28-Jun-2021	11-Apr-2022	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2024

#### Cumulative Disbursements



### Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

### Related Project(s)

P171723-Additional Financing for the Natural Resources Governance Project