

GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 10586	Umoja WBS:SB-026083
SMA IPMR ID:190445	Grant ID:S1-32GFL-000927
Project Short Title: Mauritania IMPADRA	
Project Title: Integrated Management of Protected Areas in the Arid Regions of Mauritania(IMPADRA)	
Duration months planned:	48
Duration months age:	21
Project Type:	Full Sized Project (FSP)
Parent Programme if child project:	
Project Scope:	National
Region:	Africa
Countries:	Mauritania
GEF Focal Area(s):	Biodiversity
GEF financing amount:	\$ 2,639,726.00
Co-financing amount:	\$ 17,726,725.00
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2023-09-26
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2024-07-16
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2024-08-28
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	2025-04-17
Date of First Disbursement:	2025-01-02
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2025:	\$ 400,000.00
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 47,332.00

Midterm undertaken?:	No
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	2027-02-28
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2027-03-30
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2028-09-30
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2029-03-31

1.2 Project Description

The Islamic Republic of Mauritania is situated in the Sahel, a region that grapples with acute development problems and serious humanitarian difficulties. Over the years, repeated food and nutrition crises caused by environmental hazards and climate change (environmental degradation, drought, floods, etc.), poorly functioning markets, low agricultural productivity, poverty, weaknesses in governance and conflicts have severely compromised the ability of people.

The main objective of this project is to enhance the conservation of key species in Mauritania through the creation and sustainable management of a new Protected Area in the arid Wilaya of Adrar.

Component 1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya

Outcome 1: Improved conservation status through the creation and effective management of a terrestrial 200,000 ha PA in Adrar

Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA

Outcome 2: Financial sustainability mechanisms improve and strengthen the sustainable management effectiveness of the PA beyond the life of the project

Component 3: Ensuring knowledge management and gender mainstreaming

Outcome 3: Gender equality and knowledge management effectively support sustainability and inform up-scaling

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Ecosystems Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	
Executing Agency (ies)	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MESD), Mauritania
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2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Thematic: Climate action subprogramme,Thematic: Nature action subprogramme
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	
PoW Indicator(s):	• Climate : (i) Number of national, subnational and private-sector actors that adopt climate change mitigation and/or adaptation and disaster risk reduction strategies and policies with UNEP support. • Climate: (iv) Positive shift in public opinion, attitudes and actions in support of climate action as a result of UNEP action • 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. • Nature: (iv) Increase in territory of land- and seascapes that is under improved ecosystem conservation and restoration • Nature: (vi) Positive shift in the private sector in support of biodiversity and ecosystem approaches
UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	Mauritania's UNDAF notes that environmental hazards and climate change pose a real threat to the Mauritania's growth and sustainable development, which is threatened particularly by drought and floods, heat waves, locust danger and marine incursion (erosion of the dunes). Agriculture, livestock and artisanal fishing, the main sources of livelihood and income for rural people, are all climate- sensitive activities. The loss due to the misuse of natural resources in Mauritania is very high. The evaluation of the global cost of the degradation of natural resources or their misuse reveals a loss of more than 14% of the national wealth (Gross Domestic Product) corresponding to a direct loss of \$192.2 million dollars and a loss indirect linked to the health effects of \$ 23.4 million, which could have been used directly to fight poverty in the absence of environmental losses.
Link to relevant SDG Goals	• Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere • Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture • 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:	• 15.2 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally • 15.3 By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world • 15.5 Take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and, by 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species

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				Remarks
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	Materialized to date	
1- Terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management for conservation and sustainable use	100,000	200000	200000		
3- Area of land under restoration	1,250	2500	2500		
4- Area of landscapes under improved practices (excluding protected areas)		100000	100000		
11- People benefitting from GEF-financed investments	5,000	10,000	10,000		

Implementation Status 2025: 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 2025	1st PIR	MS	MS	L
FY 2024				
FY 2023				
FY 2022				
FY 2021				
FY 2020				
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Progress: Information on progress outcomes of project implementation activities

Since its official launch in April 2025, the IMPADRA project has made steady progress. A multi-stakeholder Steering Committee is in place, ensuring inclusive governance and coordination. The successful launch workshop engaged key national, local, and international stakeholders, strengthening ownership and alignment around the action plan. Technical groundwork is well underway, including data collection, mapping, needs assessments, and integration of the Geulb Richat protected area into the Ouadane Local Development Plan. Coherence between planning and implementation is evident, with pilot activities and capacity building set to begin. The project has established a strong institutional and technical foundation, with clear next steps identified. These achievements justify a marginally satisfactory this stage.

Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

Coordination Complexity Despite a Steering Committee, aligning ministries, local authorities, NGOs, and partners remains challenging due to overlapping mandates and differing priorities.

Sustaining Local Engagement Ensuring continuous participation of communities—especially women, youth, herders, and traditional leaders—is difficult without immediate, visible benefits.

Environmental Pressures The Geulb Richat area faces overexploitation, poaching, erosion, and unregulated tourism, requiring urgent conservation and enforcement measures.

Delayed and Uncertain Financing Delays in state co-financing and limited private sector engagement hinder implementation and threaten long-term financial sustainability.

Budget Misalignment Initial budget estimates do not fully reflect the project’s complexity, geographic isolation, and operational needs.

Capacity Gaps Local institutions lack sufficient staff, equipment, and funding—putting strain on implementation and sustainability.

Implementation Delays Procurement bottlenecks, slow work plan approvals, and limited local service providers risk slowing field activities and disbursement.

Climate Vulnerability Frequent droughts and desertification increase pressure on ecosystems and livelihoods, underscoring the need for integrated climate resilience.

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$ 1,400,000
Actual to date:	
Progress	Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges: A major operational constraint is the delay in the expected State co-financing, which is essential for: Purchasing a 4x4 vehicle to ensure mobility in a remote, arid, and rugged environment with difficult terrain access; Establishing a project base in Ouadane for better local anchoring and visibility; Constructing surveillance posts within the protected area to monitor and manage environmental threats. These are critical investments to ensure the presence, credibility, and responsiveness of the project on the ground. Without timely co-financing, core operational functions remain limited.

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	2025-04-18
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	The first Steering Committee meeting served as an introductory platform for: Committee members, The Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, The project supervisors from UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme). This initial session allowed participants to: Understand the project context and objectives, Engage in structured dialogue, Review and adopt a budgeted work plan for the remainder of 2025. Although this marks a strong start, sustaining effective coordination among diverse stakeholders remains a key challenge, especially at decentralized levels.

2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	Yes
Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):	Component 3 of the project is specifically dedicated to the development of a gender-sensitive strategy for managing the protected area. This component acknowledges that effective conservation must reflect the roles, needs, and contributions of both women and men in the local context. In preparation for this strategy, a gender-focused study will be launched in the third quarter of 2025, aiming to: - Identify women-led or women-dominated activities in and around the protected area, - Understand how women interact with natural resources and the challenges they face, - Inform targeted interventions that promote gender equity in conservation and sustainable development. Furthermore, the project has already taken concrete steps to promote women's leadership by hiring: A female Administrative and Financial Manager, and A female Gender and Environmental Safeguards Specialist. These actions reflect a clear commitment to mainstream gender equity not only in strategic planning but also in staffing and institutional leadership.

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? Yes If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN? The environmental sensitivity of the protected area, The institutional and logistical complexities of operating in a remote desert region, The importance of effectively managing social and gender safeguards, And the potential implementation delays due to multi-stakeholder coordination and financial dependencies. As such, the project requires robust risk mitigation, strong field presence, and adaptive management to ensure objectives are met without adverse environmental or social impacts
New social and/or environmental risks	Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period? Yes If yes, describe the new risks or changes? Despite a well-structured launch and solid foundations, several concrete risks have been observed during the first months of implementation following the official launch in April 2025. 1. Delay in State Co-financing The national co-financing, which is crucial for essential logistical and operational expenses (e.g., vehicle, local office in Ouadane, surveillance posts), has not yet been mobilized. This

	delay is currently affecting:Field mobility,The physical presence and visibility of the project in the intervention zone,The implementation of key field activities. 2. Delays in Field Activity ImplementationWhile preliminary studies have started, on-the-ground implementation is lagging, particularly in:Infrastructure setup,Community awareness and engagement campaigns,Environmental protection measures.These delays may create a gap between local expectations and tangible results, weakening project momentum. 3. Absence of a Local Operational BaseThe project still lacks a functional local office in Ouadane, which limits:Visibility and proximity to local populations,Regular field monitoring and coordination,Institutional anchoring in the target area. 4. Limited Local Technical CapacityLocal decentralized services and partners often face:Human resource shortages,Lack of equipment and logistics.This weakens their ability to effectively support and implement project activities. 5. Risk of Community DisengagementThe absence of visible short-term benefits, combined with operational delays, may lead to a loss of community interest or engagement, which is critical to the project's long-term success. 6. Risk of Underutilization of Available FundsDue to administrative and operational bottlenecks, there is a risk of low financial disbursement in 2025, which could:Undermine the project's credibility,Lead to budget reallocations or reduced future financing,Slow down field progress. 7. Slow and Fragmented Institutional EnvironmentDecision-making and validation processes involving multiple institutions are lengthy, leading to administrative inertia and affecting the agility of project planning and response. 8. Safeguards Monitoring Still at an Early StageWhile a Gender and Environmental Safeguards Specialist has been recruited, the social and environmental safeguards monitoring system is still under development.This poses a risk of non-compliance with safeguard policies if certain field activities are initiated without proper mitigation measures in place.
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? No 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	not yet established

2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	not yet established
Main learning during the period	Not yet produced

Reflows

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
Outcome 1.1. Improved conservation status through the creation and effective management of a terrestrial 200,000 ha PA in Adrar	Terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management for conservation and sustainable use	No IUCN Category VI PA	Processes, including stakeholder consultations finalized leading to the gazetting of 100,000 ha for an IUCN Category VI PA	Fully fledged IUCN Category VI 200,000 ha PA	0	Not started	Not Rated
Outcome 1.1. Improved conservation status through the creation and effective management of a terrestrial 200,000 ha PA in Adrar	% of women participating in technical support and capacity development for MESD and other strategic partners to carry out scientific research and to prepare documentation for the creation of the PA in Adrar	None	Women inclusion plan in technical support and capacity development for MESD and other strategic partners is in plan and at least 20% of participants constitute women.	42% of women participating in technical support and capacity development	0	Not started	Not Rated

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Outcome 1.1. Improved conservation status through the creation and effective management of a terrestrial 200,000 ha PA in Adrar	Number of ha of degraded habitats and ecosystems restored	0	1,250	2,500	0	Not started	Not Rated
Outcome 1.1. Improved conservation status through the creation and effective management of a terrestrial 200,000 ha PA in Adrar	Number of long-term monitoring and enforcement systems in place	No monitoring system currently in place to enhance the conservation of key species within IMPADRA catchment area.	Processes, including procurement finalized for establishing the monitoring and enforcement system	One (1) long-term monitoring and enforcement system in place	0	Not started	Not Rated
Outcome 1.1. Improved conservation status through the creation and effective management of a terrestrial 200,000 ha PA in Adrar	Number of platforms for information sharing and intelligence gathering established between PA authority and the local communities and supported to be fully functional	No platforms for information sharing and intelligence gathering within IMPADRA catchment area.	Processes, including consultations with key stakeholders, including women finalized for establishing platform for information sharing and intelligence	One (1) platform for information sharing and intelligence gathering established between PA authority and the local communities and supported to be fully	0	Not started	Not Rated

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
			gathering	functional			
Outcome 1.1. Improved conservation status through the creation and effective management of a terrestrial 200,000 ha PA in Adrar	Number of Regional Offices to ensure the management of the new PA.	No Regional Office exist within IMPADRA catchment area for PA management	Processes, including consultations that involve women, procurements finalized for Office establishment	One (1) Regional Office fully capacitated established for the new PA.	0	Not started	Not Rated
Outcome 1.1. Improved conservation status through the creation and effective management of a terrestrial 200,000 ha PA in Adrar	Number of long-term ecological monitoring system established for the PA and adjacent areas	No ecological monitoring system currently in place to enhance the conservation of key species within IMPADRA catchment area	Processes, including stakeholder consultations that duly include women, procurements finalized for Office establishment	One (1) long-term ecological monitoring system established for the PA and adjacent areas	0	Not started	Not Rated
Outcome 1.1. Improved conservation status through the creation and effective management of a terrestrial 200,000 ha PA in Adrar	Number of PA management plans developed, board-approved and under implementation	No management plan currently exists for the PA to be created to enhance the	Processes, including stakeholder consultations that duly include women,	One (1) a PA management plan developed, board-approved and under implementation	0	Not started	Not Rated

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
		conservation of key species within IMPADRA catchment	procurements finalized for Office establishment				
Outcome 1.1. Improved conservation status through the creation and effective management of a terrestrial 200,000 ha PA in Adrar	The creation and effective management of PA	0	creation PA	effective PA	30 %	The creation of the protected area was adopted by a government decree adopted in the Council of Ministers. All the conditions for the organization and operation of this protected area still need to be put in place.	MS
Outcome 2.1 Financial sustainability mechanisms improve and strengthen the sustainable management effectiveness of the PA beyond the life of the project							0
Outcome 2.1 Financial sustainability mechanisms improve and strengthen the sustainable management effectiveness of the PA beyond the life of the project	Level of management effectiveness in terms of METT for the new PA	No existing data on management effectiveness within the Guelb Er Richat	25% METT increase from the established value at creation	50% increase management effectiveness in terms of METT achieved for the new PA	0	Not started	Not Rated
Outcome 2.1 Financial sustainability mechanisms improve and strengthen the sustainable management effectiveness of the PA beyond the life of the project	Number of national level PA platform established to showcase best PA management practices, eco-tourism potential, investment potential and	No national level PA platform currently exists.	Stakeholder consultations that duly include women, data collection tools	One (1) national level PA platform established to showcase best PA	0	Not started	Not Rated

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
	biodiversity statusIndicator 4: Area of landscapes under improved practices		of best PA management practices and data for eco-tourism and biodiversity status finalized, and PA platform under way.	management practices, eco-tourism potential, investment potential and biodiversity status 100,000 ha under sustainable land management in production systems in landscapes adjacent to the new PA			
Outcome 2.1 Financial sustainability mechanisms improve and strengthen the sustainable management effectiveness of the PA beyond the life of the project	Number of direct beneficiaries of Community-based biodiversity enterprises as alternative income generating activities for local communities GEF Core Indicator 11: Number of direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investment	None currently within IMPADRA catchment area	5,000 direct beneficiaries of Community-based biodiversity enterprises as alternative income generating activities for local communities	10,000 direct beneficiaries of Community-based biodiversity enterprises as alternative income generating activities for local communities	0	Not started	Not Rated

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
Outcome 2.1 Financial sustainability mechanisms improve and strengthen the sustainable management effectiveness of the PA beyond the life of the project	Number of female direct beneficiaries of Community-based biodiversity enterprises as alternative income generating activities for local communities	None currently within IMPADRA catchment area	500 female direct beneficiaries of Community-based biodiversity enterprises as alternative income generating activities for local communities	1,000 female direct beneficiaries of Community-based biodiversity enterprises as alternative income generating activities for local communities	0	Not started	Not Rated
Outcome 3.1 Gender equality and knowledge management effectively support sustainability and inform up-scaling							0
Outcome 3.1 Gender equality and knowledge management effectively support sustainability and inform up-scaling	New PA gender mainstreaming strategy and action plan developed and implemented across components	None currently exists as the PA itself is not yet established	Stakeholder consultations that duly include women finalized and development of the gender mainstreaming strategy and action plan under way	One (1) new PA gender mainstreaming strategy and action plan developed and implemented across components	0	Not started	Not Rated
Outcome 3.1 Gender equality	Number of communication	No	Two (2)	Four (4)	0	Not started	Not

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
and knowledge management effectively support sustainability and inform up-scaling	strategies and tools developed	communication strategies and tools currently exist relevant to the PA to be created.	communication strategies or mechanisms and tools developed	communication strategies or mechanisms and tools developed			Rated
Outcome 3.1 Gender equality and knowledge management effectively support sustainability and inform up-scaling	Number of biodiversity conservation awareness campaigns conducted	No biodiversity conservation awareness campaigns to enhance conservation in IMPADRA catchment area.	Two (2) biodiversity conservation awareness campaigns	Four (4) biodiversity conservation awareness campaigns	0	Not started	Not Rated
Outcome 3.1 Gender equality and knowledge management effectively support sustainability and inform up-scaling	Number of Knowledge management plans developed and implemented	None in the project area	Stakeholder consultations that duly include women finalized and development of the knowledge plan under way	One (1) knowledge management plan developed and implemented	0	Not started	Not Rated

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 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	1.1.1 Collection of detailed biodiversity data and technical support provided to MESD to enable the KBA assessment, designation and registration process of the entire new PA in line with current Global KBA criteria	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	1. Create a highly participatory process, involving local communities and relevant stakeholders, as part of site-based planning in accordance with the ecosystem approach, and use relevant ecological and socio-economic data required to develop effective planning processes for the PA	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	2. Support the actual KBA assessment and registration process	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	3. Promote interdisciplinary research, to improve understanding of the ecological social and economic aspects of PA, including methods and techniques for valuation of goods and services from the PA	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	4. Support towards a comprehensive assesement of the site-planning process an analysis of opportunities for the PA to contribute to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity at local, Wilaya and national levels as well as an analysis of threats and means of addressing them	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	5. Identify appropriate measurable biodiversity conservation targets for the new	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated

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
Wilaya	PA					
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	6. Assess key threats to the new PA and develop and implement strategies to prevent and or mitigate such threats.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	7. Develop tools of ecological connectivity, such as ecological corridors, linking together water and grazing points within the PA to support wildlife conservation	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	8. Capacity development of key stakeholders in the creation of the PA	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	1.1.2 Technical support and capacity development provided to MESD and other strategic partners to carry out scientific research and to prepare documentation for the creation of the PA in Adrar	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	9. Train 500 staff ensuring they are skilled properly and appropriately equipped, and supported, to carry out their fundamental role in the management and conservation of protected areas	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	10. Develop and adopt appropriate methods, standards, criteria and indicators for evaluating the effectiveness of the new PA management and governance, and set up a related database, taking into account the IUCN-WCPA framework for evaluating management effectiveness, and other relevant methodologies which reflect the	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated

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	Mauritanian local context					
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	11. Use the principles of ecosystem approach to engage local communities and relevant stakeholders in participatory planning and governance of protected areas.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	1.1.3 Land use plans to facilitate the identification and demarcation of priority areas for conservation in compliance with the gazetting process and for 100,000 ha for sustainable land management in production systems in the surrounding landscape developed and under implementation.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	12. Develop land use plans for the PA and adjacent landscape – the activity will also include supporting stakeholder consultations for the development of Land use plans to facilitate the identification and demarcation of priority areas for conservation	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	13. Rehabilitate and restore habitats and degraded ecosystems, as appropriate, as a contribution to building ecological networks, ecological corridors and/or buffer zones – 2,500 ha.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	14. Identify appropriate and effective management opportunities based on i) the biodiversity attributes of concern with the new PA; ii) landscape connections to delineate particular locations with strong ecological interactions between the	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated

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	protected area and its surrounding landscape; and iii) socioeconomic dynamics that determine current and future use of land resources in and around the protected area.					
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	1.1.4 Enforcement and surveillance system strengthened in the new PA in Adrar through (i) a long-term monitoring and enforcement system in place and a platform for information sharing and intelligence gathering established between PA authority and the local communities and supported to be fully functional, and (ii) appropriate mechanisms and incentives in place to report illegal activities.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	15. Encourage the establishment and establishment use of new technologies including geographic information system and remote sensing tools for monitoring protected areas.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	16. Develop and implement an efficient, long-term monitoring system of the outcomes being achieved through protected area systems in relation to the goals and targets of this work programme.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	17. Encourage development and use of appropriate technology, including technologies of local communities with their participation.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated

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 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	18. Draw upon monitoring results to adapt and improve protected area management based on the ecosystem approach	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	1.1.5 Established operational capacity at the new PA in Adrar through (i) a newly established Regional Office for the newly created PA with deployed and capacitated staff; (ii) an established long-term ecological monitoring system for the protected and adjacent areas; and (iii) a board-approved management plan under implementation in the PA.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	19. Conduct the PA capacity needs assessments, and establish capacity building programmes on the basis of these assessments including the creation of curricula, resources and programs for the sustained delivery of PA management training.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	20. Promote an enabling environment (legislation, policies, capacities, and resources) for the involvement of local communities and relevant stakeholders in decision making, and the development of their capacities and opportunities to establish and manage the PA.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	21. Harmonize sectoral policies and laws to ensure that they support the conservation and effective management of the protected	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated

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
	area system.					
1 Component 1: Establishment of a new Protected Area (PA) in Adrar Wilaya	22. Develop necessary mechanisms for institutions with responsibilities for conservation of biological diversity at the regional, national and local level to achieve institutional and financial sustainability	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	2.1.1 Financial mechanisms established and operational with necessary institutional capacity and processes in place for the financial sustainability of PA conservation	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	23. Conduct a national-level study of the effectiveness in using existing financial resources and of financial needs related to the national system of protected areas and identify options for meeting these needs through a mixture of national and international resources and taking into account the whole range of possible funding instruments, such as public funding, debt for nature swaps, elimination of perverse incentives and subsidies, private funding, taxes and fees for ecological services	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	24. Improve the capacity of the PA allied institutions and stakeholders to develop sustainable financing through fiscal incentives, environmental services and other instruments as deemed feasible.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability	25. Support the establishment and implementation of country-level sustainable	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated

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mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	financing plan that will render support to the new PA in Adrar, including necessary regulatory, legislative, policy, institutional and other measures.					
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	26. Mainstream PA management into Adrar Wilaya, regional and national (as applicable) development and financing strategies and development cooperation programmes.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	2.1.2 One national level PA platform established showcasing best PA management practices, eco-tourism potential, investment potential and biodiversity status to be managed by the National Tourism Office of Mauritania	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	27. Identify and foster economic opportunities and markets at local, national and international levels for goods and services produced by the new PA, consistent with the PA objectives and promote the equitable sharing of the benefits.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	28. Integrate protected area management needs into national and, where applicable, regional development and financing strategies and development cooperation programmes.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	29. Facilitate and support peer-to-peer learning building on lessons from successful User Associations.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated

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2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	30. Regular provision of information on the PA financing to relevant institutions and mechanisms within Mauritania and other regional and international fora.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	31. Strengthen, and where necessary, establish information mechanisms directed at target groups such as the private sector, policy makers, development institutions, community-based organizations, the youth, the media, and the general public.	2027-01-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	2.1.3 Community-based biodiversity enterprises as alternative income generating activities for local communities identified and supported in line with sustainable agricultural and livestock practices identified in the land use plan for the PA and adjacent landscape.	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	32. Identify and foster economic opportunities and markets at local, national and international levels for goods and services produced by the new PA, consistent with the PA objectives and promote the equitable sharing of the benefits.	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	34. Establish benefit sharing mechanisms for socioeconomic benefits accruing from PA management to contribute to poverty reduction, consistent with protected-area management objectives.	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing	35. Conduct assessment to identify	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not

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
financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	economically viable and socially responsive and acceptable community-based biodiversity enterprises and their value chains, and establish sharing mechanisms as required for social and economic benefits generated from the PA to support poverty reduction, consistent with protected-area management objectives.					Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	36. Capacity development of 4,500 stakeholders, including tourism market literacy for community-based organisations (co-operatives and associations) in the areas relevant to economically viable and socially responsive and acceptable Community-based biodiversity enterprises and their value chains.	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	37. Provide training for community-based organizations, private sector and civil society representatives in the areas relevant to economically viable and socially responsive and acceptable Community-based biodiversity enterprises and their value chains.	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
2 Component 2: Establishing financial sustainability mechanisms for sustainable and effective management of the PA	38. Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation strategies into sectoral planning and budgeting for sustainable agricultural and livestock production and rural development in Adrar Wilaya.	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
3 Component 3: Ensuring	3.1.1 Gender mainstreaming strategy and	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not

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
knowledge management and gender mainstreaming	action plan implemented across project components					Rated
3 Component 3: Ensuring knowledge management and gender mainstreaming	39. Carry out a participatory review of the status, needs and context-specific mechanisms for involving stakeholders, ensuring gender and social equity, in protected areas policy and management, at the level of national policy, protected area systems and individual sites.	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
3 Component 3: Ensuring knowledge management and gender mainstreaming	40. Support the adoption of gender-responsive budgeting to reflect the specific needs and interests of both women and men in the management of the PA when conceiving and implementing budgets at Adrar Wilaya level.	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
3 Component 3: Ensuring knowledge management and gender mainstreaming	3.1.2 M&E plan implemented in a timely fashion to facilitate adaptive management and lesson learning	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
3 Component 3: Ensuring knowledge management and gender mainstreaming	41. Establish effective mechanisms to document existing knowledge and experiences on protected area management, including traditional knowledge.	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
3 Component 3: Ensuring knowledge management and gender mainstreaming	42. Strengthen the capacities of institutions to establish cross-sectoral collaboration for protected area management at the regional, national and local levels.	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
3 Component 3: Ensuring knowledge management and gender mainstreaming	43. Establish mechanism and evaluate the impacts of communication, education and public awareness programmes on	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated

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	biodiversity conservation to ensure that they improve public awareness, change behaviour and support the achievement of protected area objectives.					
3 Component 3: Ensuring knowledge management and gender mainstreaming	3.1.3 Knowledge management and communication strategy, including toolkits and radio programs developed to raise awareness about biodiversity conservation	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started	Not Rated
3 Component 3: Ensuring knowledge management and gender mainstreaming	44. Develop and strengthen working partnerships with appropriate organizations and institutions which undertake research studies leading to an improved understanding of biodiversity in the new PA.	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
3 Component 3: Ensuring knowledge management and gender mainstreaming	45. Document and make available to different stakeholders and partners appropriate technologies for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity of the PA and its sustainable management.	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
3 Component 3: Ensuring knowledge management and gender mainstreaming	46. Assess needs for relevant technologies for protected area management involving local communities and stakeholders such as the, research institutions, non-governmental organizations and the private sector.	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
3 Component 3: Ensuring knowledge management and gender mainstreaming	47. Develop a knowledge management plan and implement it with lessons disseminated to relevant stakeholders to promote replication of the biodiversity conservation approaches in arid areas in Mauritania.	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not Rated
3 Component 3: Ensuring	48. Establish a stakeholder platform to	2027-12-31	N/A	0	Not started.	Not

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
knowledge management and gender mainstreaming	specifically facilitate technology transfer and cooperation to improve protected area management.					Rated

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	Low	Low
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
Weak and poor coordination with ongoing biodiversity conservation processes affecting stakeholder engagement and participatory processes that underpin co-	All outcomes	M	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M		

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
management regulations and plans										
Technical risk: Conservation private sector entities not found. The private sector will contribute to project sustainability through capacity building/trainings of local communities in value chains – which will be meant to improve and expand socio-economic opportunities to reduce community exploitation of natural resources. Additionally, through potential eco-tourism activities, the private sector will be critical	Outcome of component 2: Financial sustainability mechanisms improve the management effectiveness of the PA in Adrar	M	M					M		
Political risks: Changes in political circumstances and government priorities	Outcome 1: Improved conservation status through the effective management of a terrestrial 200,000 ha PA in Adrar	L	L					L		
Social risks: Communities turn down the project and refuse to be engaged	Outcome 1: Improved conservation status through the effective management of a terrestrial 200,000 ha PA in Adrar	L	L					L		
Lack of technical and institutional capacities for the management of natural resources in Adrar	Outcome 1: Improved conservation status through the effective management of a terrestrial 200,000 ha PA in Adrar	M	M					M		
Local socio-cultural practices prevent the inclusion of women, and slow down the adoption of conservation practices	Outcome of component 3: Gender equality and knowledge management effectively support sustainability and inform up-scaling	H	H					H		

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
COVID-19 pandemic continues during implementation	Outcome 1: Improved conservation status through the effective management of a terrestrial 200,000 ha PA in Adrar	H	H					H		
Climate change (additional information included on climate change in the section below)	Outcome 1: Improved conservation status through the effective management of a terrestrial 200,000 ha PA in Adrar	H	H					S		
Security issues that may emerge from terrorist attacks or any other form of insurgency	Outcome of component 2: Financial sustainability mechanisms improve the management effectiveness of the PA in Adrar	L	L					L		
Involuntary displacement due to PA establishment and land use planning	All outcomes	L	L					L		
Corruption and nepotism	All outcomes	M	M					M		
		M	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M		

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
Weak and poor coordination with ongoing biodiversity conservation processes affecting	N/A	Not yet started			

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
stakeholder engagement and participatory processes that underpin co-management regulations and plans					
Technical risk: Conservation private sector entities not found. The private sector will contribute to project sustainability through capacity building/trainings of local communities in value chains – which will be meant to improve and expand socio-economic opportunities to reduce community exploitation of natural resources. Additionally, through potential eco-tourism activities, the private sector will be critical.	N/A	Not yet started			
Lack of technical and institutional capacities for the management of natural resources in Adrar	N/A	Not yet started			
Local socio-cultural practices prevent the	N/A	Not yet started			

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
inclusion of women, and slow down the adoption of conservation practices					
COVID-19 pandemic continues during implementation (a section on the COVID-19 situation in Mauritania included below)	N/A	Not yet started			
Climate change (addition information included on climate change in the section below)	N/A	Not yet started			
Corruption and nepotism	N/A	Not yet started			

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

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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
Ouadane, Wilaya Adrar-Mauritanie	20.93175	-11.62004	2377339		In the east of the Adrar massif in Mauritania, the Guelb er Richât is a remarkable topographic formation, unique in Africa and exceptional in its size. The concentric shape of the cliffs, clearly visible from space, earned the Richât the nickname of the eye of Africa. Many scientific missions were necessary to understand the geological history of this site and it was the French naturalist and explorer Théodore Monod who devoted the largest number of trips to it

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
					between 1934 and 1998. Near the Guelb er Richât is the oasis of Ouadane, one of the four famous medieval library cities in Mauritania (The city of Ouadane is classified by UNESCO World Heritage Site).

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

[Annex any linked geospatial file]