



GEF-8 REQUEST FOR International Waters enabling activity

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SECTION 1: ENABLING ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Enabling Activity Title

Enabling Activities to Support the ratification and early implementation of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (EA-BBNJ), Phase 3

Country(ies)	GEF Enabling Activity ID
Global	12351
GEF Agency(ies):	GEF Agency Enabling Activity ID
UNDP	10642
Submission Date	Expected Implementation Start
5/21/2026	9/15/2026
Project Executing Entity(s):	Executing Partner Type
UNDP Burundi UNDP Gabon UNDP Honduras UNDP Kyrgyz Republic Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Malawi Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Mauritania UNDP Papua New Guinea UNDP Samoa UNDP Sudan UNDP Uganda UNDP Ukraine UNDP Uzbekistan	GEF Agency GEF Agency GEF Agency GEF Agency Government Government GEF Agency GEF Agency GEF Agency GEF Agency GEF Agency GEF Agency
GEF Focal Area (s)	Expected Duration (In Months)
International Waters	24
Type of Report(s)	Expected Report Submission to Convention
BBNJ Ratification Support	9/15/2026

A. Funding Elements

GEF-8 Program	Trust Fund	GEF Financing (\$)
IW-2	GET	2,100,000.00
Total Enabling Activity Cost		2,100,000.00

Does the enabling activity deviate from typical cost ranges? ☐Yes ☒No

If yes, please describe

B. Enabling Activity Summary

Enabling Activity Objective

The objective of this Enabling Activity (EA) grant is to support countries in: (a) assessing the extent to which their current legal, policy and institutional framework allows for promptly becoming parties to the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement) and enables their implementation of the Agreement; (b) carrying out preparatory work in the context of their ratification, approval, acceptance or accession process towards becoming parties to the BBNJ Agreement; and (c) supporting their readiness to implement the BBNJ Agreement.

Enabling Activity Summary

The UNCLOS, adopted in 1982, sets out the legal framework within which all activities in the oceans and seas must be carried out. Up to now it was supplemented by two implementing agreements. Although UNCLOS contains provisions for the protection and preservation of the marine environment and the sustainable management of ocean resources, the UN General Assembly recognized that there was a need for the comprehensive legal regime under UNCLOS to better address the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity of ABNJ. Ultimately, this recognition culminated in the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction” (the BBNJ Agreement) on 19 June 2023, after nearly two decades of negotiations under various format.

The BBNJ Agreement is the outcome of a long, iterative process that was initiated by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2004. This process, as detailed in GEF Council document GEF/C.64/12/Rev.025, was completed with the adoption of the Agreement at the further resumed fifth session of the Intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under UNCLOS on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, in June 2023. The BBNJ Agreement is the third implementing agreement to the UNCLOS. The Agreement opened for signature on 20 September 2023 and became legally effective on 17th January 2026. The UNGA, in its resolution 78/272, emphasized the importance of effective implementation of the Agreement and on 19th September 2025 the High Seas Alliance called for universal participation urging the remaining countries to join the agreement . To this end, timely support to national processes towards becoming parties to the Agreement and implementation readiness is critical.

This EA will address the need to facilitate the rapid ratification by the remaining States and early implementation of the BBNJ Agreement. The EA builds upon the first phase and previous experiences of the GEF in providing national ratification support to developing countries for several Multilateral Environmental Agreements, including the Nagoya Protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Minamata Convention on Mercury, and in supporting some countries, as part of regular projects and programs for the International Waters focal area, in the context of their efforts to become parties to the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement and the FAO Port State Measures Agreement.

This EA has been developed in line with the GEF-8 Programming Directions and GEF Council Decision 14/2023 and is consistent with the initial guidance document GEF/C.66/07. It will be implemented in parallel with other pre-ratification support provided by the GEF through FAO, UNEP and UNDP through the MSP 'Global and regional support to the BBNJ Agreement ratification process', also developed in line with document GEF/C.66/07.



Supported countries will prepare an initial BBNJ assessment, including, as appropriate to the country: (1) an overview of the country's situation with respect to the conservation and sustainable use of BBNJ and its potential impacts; (2) an overview of the institutions and legal and regulatory frameworks already in place in relation to the BBNJ Agreement; (3) progress towards ratification, approval, acceptance or accession, including the identification of legal or regulatory gaps that need to be addressed prior to ratification, approval, acceptance or accession; and (4) main challenges to ratification, approval, acceptance or accession and future implementation, including priority capacity-building needs, as detected via the overviews required.

National-level support to develop this initial BBNJ assessment, carry out the ratification process and support implementation readiness will be provided as a menu of options and could include (1) the determination of national situation with respect to the conservation and sustainable use of BBNJ and potential impact; (2) a national legal, regulatory, and policy gap assessment; (3) drafting of national legislation and regulations; (4) awareness raising and targeted outreach on opportunities, rights and obligations under the Agreement; (5) development of national implementation readiness strategies; and (6) other national-level activities identified by countries that are demonstrably required to support ratification, approval, acceptance or accession and/or implementation readiness in a given national context.

Each national-level grant should not exceed USD 175,000 (including project management costs).

ENABLING ACTIVITY COMPONENTS

Component 1: Creating the enabling conditions for the Agreement's swift entry into force and initial implementation

GEF Enabling Activity Financing (\$): 1,814,844.00

Outcome:

Outcome 1:

Participating countries are better positioned to ratify the Agreement and have implementation readiness

Output:

Output 1.1

A BBNJ initial assessment conducted and reported for each participating country, which will include, as applicable to the specific context:

- i. An overview of the country situation with respect to the conservation and sustainable use of BBNJ and potential impact thereon;
- ii. An overview of the institutions and legislative and regulatory framework already in place in relation to the Agreement;
- iii. Progress towards ratification, approval, acceptance or accession, including identification of legal or regulatory gaps to be addressed prior to ratification, approval, acceptance or accession;

- iv. Main challenges to ratification, approval, acceptance or accession and future implementation, including priority capacity building needs.

Output 1.2

Participating countries may select from a menu of options, which best respond to specific needs, for national support to carry out the ratification, approval, acceptance or accession processes and support implementation readiness. These activities may feed into the development of the Output 1.1 BBNJ initial assessment:

- a. Documented assessment of national situation with respect to the conservation and sustainable use of BBNJ and potential impact thereon (e.g., mapping of relevant stakeholders and activities under the country's jurisdiction or control; of relevant traditional knowledge of Indigenous People and Local communities; inventory of repositories, databases and national research and utilization capacities associated with marine genetic resources in ABNJ).
- b. National legal, regulatory, and policy gap assessment, and/or governance, institutional and administrative capacity gap assessment, and/or scientific, technical and infrastructure capacity gap assessment for the implementation of the country's obligations under the BBNJ Agreement, including with regards to:
 - i. Notification on activities with respect to marine genetic resources and digital sequence information on marine genetic resources of areas beyond national jurisdiction.
 - ii. The fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from these activities, including gender equality considerations.
 - iii. Traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local communities associated with marine genetic resources in areas beyond national jurisdiction.
- iv. Monitoring of activities with respect to marine genetic resources and digital sequence information on marine genetic resources of areas beyond national jurisdiction.
- v. The development of proposals, consultations on and assessment of proposals, and implementation of area-based management tools, including marine protected areas, and related measures.
- vi. The conduct of environmental impact assessments according to the process established by the BBNJ Agreement, and monitoring and review of impacts of authorized activities.
- vii. Monitoring of implementation and reporting.
- c. Drafting national legislation and regulations, including through inclusive and gender-responsive national stakeholder consultation processes, as required by national ratification, approval, acceptance, or accession processes.
- d. Awareness raising and targeted gender-responsive outreach products on opportunities, rights, and obligations under the Agreement, including within the legislative and executive branches of governments. As appropriate, national implementation readiness strategies, for addressing identified needs and gaps for implementation.

e. Other national-level gender-responsive activities/products identified by countries that are demonstrably required to support ratification, approval, acceptance, or accession and/or implementation readiness in a given national context.

M&E

GEF Enabling Activity Financing (\$): 95,508.00

Outcome:

Outcome:

Effective project implementation based on adaptive management and lessons learned.

Output:

Output:

A gender-sensitive project M&E system designed and operational

Component Balances

Project Components	GEF Enabling Activity Financing (\$)
Component 1: Creating the enabling conditions for the Agreement's swift entry into force and initial implementation	1,814,844.00
M&E	95,508.00
Subtotal	1,910,352.00
Project Management Cost	189,648.00
Total Enabling Activity Cost	2,100,000.00

Please provide justification

The PMC has been set at 10%, considering that this Enabling Activity consolidates twelve (12) national Enabling Activity projects, each receiving USD 175,000. This amount allows for the application of the standard 10% PMC rate. This has been the approach across each EA MSPs channeled thru' UNDP, UNEP and FAO given that the content remains strictly identical.

SECTION 2: ENABLING ACTIVITY SUPPORTING INFORMATION

C. Eligibility Criteria

Please provide eligibility information for this enabling activity.

The BBNJ Agreement provides that “Eligibility for access to funding under this Agreement shall be open to developing States Parties on the basis of need” (Article 52, paragraph 12). Until the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Agreement, or the Preparatory Commission established by UN General Assembly resolution 78/272 to prepare for the entry into force of the Agreement and the convening of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Agreement, provides guidance to the GEF on eligibility criteria to be applied for the purpose of the BBNJ Agreement, GEF grants are to be in accordance with eligibility criteria stated in paragraph 9(b) of the GEF-8 Instrument.

The GEF support for ratification and implementation readiness will thus be provided upon request, as expressed through a Letter of Endorsement signed by the GEF Operational Focal Point, to developing countries that:

- (a) have signed the BBNJ Agreement, or have taken meaningful steps towards becoming a Party to it, as evidenced by a letter from the relevant minister to the head of the BBNJ Secretariat and, in the interim, to the United Nations Legal Counsel, and to the CEO and Chairperson of the GEF; and
- (b) are eligible for World Bank (IBRD and/or IDA) financing or eligible recipients of UNDP technical assistance through its target for resource assignments from the core (TRAC).

D. Institutional Framework

Describe the institutional arrangements for implementation of the enabling activity.

The government national ministry(s) responsible for BBNJ Agreement ratification, approval, acceptance or accession, or its implementation in each participating country, or otherwise appointed by the Ministry, will be the National Executing Agency (NEA). The NEAs will coordinate the activities of the EA within each country.

Through the Global/Regional MSP “Global and regional support to the BBNJ Agreement ratification process” FAO, UNEP and UNDP, UNDP, in collaboration with the secretariat to be established under the BBNJ Agreement, and in the interim, with the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations (UNDOALOS), will be able to provide technical assistance to the NEAs to enhance States’ implementation readiness capacity and share awareness raising and outreach materials on the BBNJ Agreement.

Countries are expected to involve a wide multi-sectoral group of stakeholders in the various stages of execution of the EA. UNDP will provide the Countries with assistance on stakeholder engagement so that indigenous peoples and local communities (IP&LCs), women, women’s group, gender experts, youth, academia, and other typically marginalized stakeholders are engaged in the stakeholder consultation process from the outset. At a minimum, the following sets of actors should be engaged:

1. Relevant national and local ministries, multi-sectoral government ministries, and other government authorities responsible for the BBNJ Agreement;
2. Non-government national stakeholders including academia, women groups, and civil society organizations;

3. IPLCs;
4. Private sector entities;
5. International governmental and non-governmental organizations

Gender mainstreaming is an important aspect of the BBNJ agreement. UNDP will ensure that key dimensions of gender are integrated into the project, including improving understanding of the gender-related linkages with marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJs) to support more sustainable outcomes; understanding the steps related to gender equality and women's empowerment; identifying opportunities for women that make use of their specific knowledge; and strengthening efforts to involve women in the ratification and implementation of the BBNJ Agreement; and ensuring that the project monitors and regularly reports on gender-specific results/gender dimensions of the project.

During the implementation of the EA, countries will ensure that its implementation benefits all people, including women, equally and equitably. The EA project will address gender mainstreaming by:

1. Ensure that decision-making processes are inclusive and representative of diverse perspectives.
2. Conduct regular gender analyses and monitoring to identify potential impacts on women's lives and livelihoods in all sea-related activities.
3. Develop capacity building and training programs that prioritize gender equality and women's empowerment.
4. Encourage inclusive stakeholder engagement and participation from diverse groups.
5. Address intersectional issues that affect women's lives.
6. Ensure regular monitoring and reports on gender-specific results/gender dimensions.

The role of GEF Agencies in project implementation

The implementing agencies will disburse funds to each country. Each GEF implementing agency will process the proposals, legal instruments and disbursements to the countries according to existing protocols for each implementing agency. Funds will be disbursed upon signature of legal agreements, which will include detailed deliverables, timelines, risk mitigation plans and fiduciary requirements, roles and responsibilities for progress and financial reporting, and detailed descriptions of roles and responsibilities for supervision, monitoring and verification. Funds will be disbursed on a quarterly or semi-annual basis against requests for funds, which are prepared against work plans and budgets, and financial and narrative progress reports.

Financial management of GEF resources is carried out in accordance with the rules and procedures of the agencies. The NEA are responsible for achieving the agreed project results and for the effective use of funds provided by the Agencies. Financial management and reporting of the transferred funds will be carried out by the executing partners in accordance with the terms, conditions, formats and requirements of the Agencies, as detailed in the contractual agreements. The management of funds received from the Agencies by the EAs shall be carried out in accordance with its own financial regulations, rules and procedures, which shall provide for adequate controls to ensure that the funds received are properly managed and expended. The EAs shall keep accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards.

E. Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

Describe the budgeted M&E plan.

The EA will implement a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) Plan that adheres to GEF and the FAO/UNDP/UNEP requirements, enables effective evaluation of project progress and impact, reflects the needs of women, youth, IP&LCs, and other stakeholder groups, and will effectively monitor social and environmental safeguards risks. These activities will ensure that the project monitoring system operates effectively, systematically provides information on progress, and informs adaptive management to ensure that the intended outcomes are achieved.

The following section details the M&E requirements of each GEF Agency, that will be applied according to the choice of the countries in term of Implementing Agency.

UNDP

Project-level monitoring and evaluation will be undertaken in compliance with UNDP requirements as outlined in the UNDP POPP (including guidance on GEF project revisions) and UNDP Evaluation Policy. Each UNDP Country Office is responsible for ensuring full compliance with all UNDP project M&E requirements including project monitoring, UNDP quality assurance requirements, quarterly risk management, and evaluation requirements.

Additional mandatory GEF-specific M&E requirements will be undertaken in accordance with the GEF Monitoring Policy and the GEF Evaluation Policy and other relevant GEF policies. The M&E plan and budget included below will guide the GEF-specific M&E activities to be undertaken by this project.

In addition to these mandatory UNDP and GEF M&E requirements, other M&E activities deemed necessary to support project-level adaptive management will be agreed – including during the Project Inception Workshop - and will be detailed in the Inception Report.

Minimum project monitoring and reporting requirements as required by the GEF:

Inception Workshop and Report: A project inception workshop will be held within 2 months from the First disbursement date, with the aim to:

- a. Familiarize key stakeholders with the detailed project strategy and discuss any changes that may have taken place in the overall context since the project idea was initially conceptualized that may influence its strategy and implementation.
- b. Discuss the roles and responsibilities of the project team, including reporting lines, stakeholder engagement strategies and conflict resolution mechanisms.
- c. Review the results framework and monitoring plan.
- d. Discuss reporting, monitoring and evaluation roles and responsibilities and finalize the M&E budget; identify national/regional institutes to be involved in project-level M&E; discuss the role of the GEF OFP and other stakeholders in project-level M&E.
- e. Update and review responsibilities for monitoring project strategies, including the risk log; SESP report, Social and Environmental Management Framework (where relevant) and other safeguard requirements; project grievance mechanisms; gender strategy; knowledge management strategy, and other relevant management strategies.
- f. Review financial reporting procedures and budget monitoring and other mandatory requirements and agree on the arrangements for the annual audit.
- g. Plan and schedule Project Board meetings and finalize the first-year annual work plan. Finalize the TOR of the Project Board.
- h. Formally launch the Project.

Monitoring Plan: The project results, corresponding indicators and mid-term and end-of-project targets in the project results framework will be monitored by the Project Management Unit annually, and will be reported in the GEF PIR every year, and will be evaluated periodically during project implementation. If baseline data for some of the results indicators is not yet available, it will be collected during the first year of project implementation. Project risks, as outlined in the risk register, will be monitored quarterly.

Monitoring Activity							
	Results Monitoring	Indicators	Targets	Description of indicators and targets	Frequency	Responsible for data collection	Means of verification
Track results progress	Project objective: To support countries in: (a) assessing the extent to which their current legal, policy and institutional framework allows for promptly becoming parties to the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement) and enables their implementation of the Agreement; (b) carrying out preparatory work in the context of their ratification, approval, acceptance or accession process towards becoming parties to the BBNJ Agreement; and (c) supporting	Indicator 1 # direct project beneficiaries disaggregated by gender (individual people)	Midterm: XX End of projects: XX	Number of persons that participate in activities and meetings (e.g., training, technical assistance) of the project (disaggregated by sex).	Permanent recording giving special emphasis to gender results/dimensions. Annual reporting in progress giving special emphasis to gender results/dimensions.	PMU	Records of all project activities and meetings.

	<i>their readiness to implement the BBNJ Agreement.</i>						
	Project Outcome 1 Participating countries are better positioned to ratify the Agreement and have implementation readiness	<i>Indicator 1: number of country reports</i>	<i>Midterm: 12 draft country reports</i> <i>End of project: 12 country reports finalized</i>	Number of country reports prepared	Permanent recording giving special emphasis to gender results/dimensions. Annual reporting in progress giving special emphasis to gender results/dimensions.	PMU	Records of all project activities and meetings.
	Project Outcome 2 Effective project implementation based on adaptive management and lessons learned.		<i>Midterm: 12 inception workshops reports and 12 programmatic/financial progress reports</i> <i>End of project: 12 programmatic/financial progress reports finalized</i>	Number of inception workshop reports prepared. Number of programmatic/financial progress reports prepared	Permanent recording giving special emphasis to gender results/dimensions. Annual reporting in progress giving special emphasis to gender results/dimensions.	PMU	Records of all project activities and meetings.

SECTION 3: INFORMATION TABLES

F. GEF Financing Resources Requested by Agency, Country and Programming of Funds

GEF Agency	Trust Fund	Country/Regional/Global	Focal Area	Programming of Funds	GEF Enabling Activity Financing (\$)	Agency Fee (\$)	Total (\$)
UNDP	GET	Burundi	International Waters	International Waters: IW-2	175,000.00	16,625.00	191,625.00
UNDP	GET	Gabon	International Waters	International Waters: IW-2	175,000.00	16,625.00	191,625.00
UNDP	GET	Honduras	International Waters	International Waters: IW-2	175,000.00	16,625.00	191,625.00

UNDP	GET	Kyrgyz Republic	International Waters	International Waters: IW-2	175,000.00	16,625.00	191,625.00
UNDP	GET	Malawi	International Waters	International Waters: IW-2	175,000.00	16,625.00	191,625.00
UNDP	GET	Mauritania	International Waters	International Waters: IW-2	175,000.00	16,625.00	191,625.00
UNDP	GET	Papua New Guinea	International Waters	International Waters: IW-2	175,000.00	16,625.00	191,625.00
UNDP	GET	Samoa	International Waters	International Waters: IW-2	175,000.00	16,625.00	191,625.00
UNDP	GET	Sudan	International Waters	International Waters: IW-2	175,000.00	16,625.00	191,625.00
UNDP	GET	Uganda	International Waters	International Waters: IW-2	175,000.00	16,625.00	191,625.00
UNDP	GET	Ukraine	International Waters	International Waters: IW-2	175,000.00	16,625.00	191,625.00
UNDP	GET	Uzbekistan	International Waters	International Waters: IW-2	175,000.00	16,625.00	191,625.00
Total GEF Resources					2,100,000.00	199,500.00	2,299,500.00

Sources of Funds for Country Star Allocation

GEF Agency	Trust Fund	Country/ Regional/ Global	Focal Area	Sources of Funds	Total(\$)
Total GEF Resources					0.00

G. Rio Markers

Climate Change Mitigation	Climate Change Adaptation	Biodiversity	Desertification
Significant Objective 1	No Contribution 0	Significant Objective 1	No Contribution 0

H. Record of Endorsement of GEF Operational Focal Point(s) on Behalf of the Government(s):

Please attach the *Operational Focal Point endorsement letter(s)* with this template.

Name	Position	Ministry	Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
Emmanuel Niyungeko	Permanent Secretary	Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Burundi	2/27/2026

Judicaël Léonce Eugène ANVANE-OBAME	General Directorate for Environment and Nature Protection	Ministry of Waters and Forests, Environment, Climate, in charge of Human- Wildlife conflict, Gabon	5/6/2026
Luis Fernando Lezama Bárceñas	Director of External Cooperation and Resource Mobilization	Secretariat of Natural Resources and Environment, Honduras	3/20/2026
Almaz Musaev	Deputy Minister	Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology, and Technical Supervision, Kyrgyz Republic	4/16/2026
Mphatso Martha Kalembe	Chief Environmental Officer	Environmental Affairs Department, Malawi	3/27/2026
Sidi Mohamed El Wavi	In Charge of Mission	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Mauritania	5/12/2026
Jude Tukuliya	Managing Director	Conservation and Environment Protection Authority, Papua New Guinea	3/27/2026
Lealaisalanoa Frances Brown Reupena	Chief Executive Officer	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa	4/21/2026
Suliman Elboni Suliman	Secretary General	Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources, Sudan	3/12/2026
Patrick Ocailap	Deputy Secretary to Treasury	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda	2/5/2026
Olha YUSHKEVYCH	Deputy Director, of the Department of Economic Cooperation with the EU and the World and Head of the EU Cooperation Division	Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture, Ukraine	2/24/2026
Javokhir Abdukhalikov	Deputy Head of International Cooperation and Rankings Department	National Committee on Ecology and Climate Change, Uzbekistan	3/13/2026

ANNEX A: RESPONSES TO STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Describe how the enabling activity has addressed comments from stakeholders, including Council Members, Convention Secretariats, and STAP (if applicable).

ANNEX B: PROJECT BUDGET TABLE

Attach the project budget table.

PIMS 10642 BBNJ Phase 3 GEF Budget

This project budget is presented as an example national BBNJ Enabling Activity budget plus a total estimated budget for this GEF umbrella Enabling Activity that includes 12 countries and a global coordination position. Actual national activities and associated budget will be defined by each country and the GEF Implementing Agency at the disbursement stage based on national context and need and in line with GEF Council Document [GEF/C.66/07](#). The specific activities and associated budget will be reflected in the GEF project grant agreement between the GEF Implementing Agency and the GEF grant recipient.

Expenditure Category	Detailed Description	Component (USDeq.)			Total (USDeq.)	Number of Participating Countries	Umbrella EA Total	Responsible Entity
		Component 1	M&E	PMC				(Executing Entity receiving funds from the GEF Agency)[1]
Goods	Costs for publishing national BBNJ Initial Assessment report (layout, printing). Estimated cost for each country.	3,000			3,000	x 12 countries	36,000	UNDP Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Malawi
Subtotal Goods		3,000			3,000		36,000	
Contractual Services - Individual	Local consultant: Administrative Assistant or operational support services, depending on national level implementation arrangement.			4,304	4,304	x 12 countries	51,648	UNDP Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Malawi

	Local consultant for project management and monitoring and evaluation to ensure sufficient for day-to-day implementation of project acquisition processes, administration, adaptive management and timely reporting.		4,550	8,500	13,050	x 12 countries	156,600	UNDP Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Malawi
	Local consultants carry out initial assessments (overview of country situation, progress towards ratification, main challenges, etc) on BBNJ in country and are responsible for day-to-day implementation of the project, acquisition processes, administration and activity management .	59,306			59,306	x 12 countries	711,666	UNDP Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Malawi

	Local consultants to be engaged in providing local technical coordination, other technical services, or to supplement the staff capacity of existing national staff (based on the needs of each country) to identify biodiversity finance gaps and opportunities for resource mobilization. Total estimated cost for each country.	11,000			11,000	x 12 countries	132,000	UNDP Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Malawi
Subtotal Contractual Services - Individual		70,306	4,550	12,804	87,660		1,051,914	
Training, Workshops, Meetings	National inception workshop and final project workshop, including monitoring and evaluation of project. Cost for each country.		3,409		3,409	x 12 countries	40,908	UNDP Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Malawi

	National workshops and meetings to ensure strong stakeholder engagement across national level efforts for the BBNJ ratification support and implementation readiness. Cost for each country.	57,495			57,495	x 12 countries	689,940	UNDP Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Malawi
Subtotal Training, Workshops, Meetings		57,495	3,409		60,904	0	730,848	
Travel	Cost of travel for technical data gathering, stakeholder consultations, etc. Estimated cost for each country.	20,437			20,437	x 12 countries	245,238	UNDP Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Malawi
Subtotal Training, Workshops, Meetings		20,437			20,437	0	245,238	
Other Operating Costs	Audit			3,000	3,000	x 12 countries	36,000	UNDP Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Malawi
Subtotal Other Operating Costs				3,000	3,000	x 12 countries	36,000	
Grand Total		151,237	7,959	15,804	175,000		2,100,000	

ANNEX C: ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS

Attached any screening documents or other ESS related documents (if applicable). ESS screening is not required for EAs but should be included if its available.

☐ Check this box is ESS screening is not required per Agency's regulations

Title

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