

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Project ID:	10217
Project Name:	Leveraging Eco-Tourism for Biodiversity Protection (LETBP)
Countr(ies):	Dominica
Implementing Agency:	World Bank

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Leveraging Eco-Tourism for Biodiversity Protection (LETBP)

Country

Dominica

GEF ID

10217

Implementing Agency

World Bank

Executing Entity

Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Ministry of
Environment, Rural Modernisation and Kalinago Upliftment
(MERMKU)

Trust Fund

GET

Project Type

FSP

PIR Submission

9/5/2025

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2025 , 3rd PIR

Objective

The Project Development Objective is to improve management of Dominica's three national parks and the Waitukubuli trail.

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Moderately Unsatisfactory

Development Objective

Moderately Unsatisfactory

Overall risk

Moderate Risk

Project Financing

3,850,000.00

Cumulative Disbursement

1,165,995.00

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

3/4/2022

Agency Approval

6/29/2022

Implementation Start 6/29/2022	First Disbursement 4/26/2023
Expected MTR 1/15/2025	Actual MTR 4/17/2025
Expected Completion 4/30/2027	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Progress: Information on progress and outcomes of project implementation activities

Refer to the MTR module

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

Refer to the MTR module

C. Stakeholder Engagement

Refer to the MTR module

D. Gender Equality

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E. Knowledge Management

Refer to the MTR module

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	Limited progress toward PDO; most indicators remain at baseline; Cabrits NP management plan completed, others under preparation.
Components and Cost	Component allocations confirmed: C1 US\$0.84M, C2 US\$1.75M, C3 US\$0.75M, C4 US\$0.16M; total US\$3.52M.
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	PIU under-staffed; Project Manager part-time, M&E Officer not recruited, procurement support delayed.
Financial Management	Rated satisfactory; CSU maintains adequate FM arrangements; reports and audits submitted on time.
Implementation Schedule	Activities delayed; trail equipment delivered, e-ticketing system under development, Kalinago livelihoods just starting.
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	

Minor Project Objective Change	
Safeguards	ESRC rated Substantial; ESS1–8 relevant and rated satisfactory; GRM operational, no grievances received.
Risk Analysis	Overall risk upgraded to Substantial; Institutional Capacity and E&S risks Substantial, others Moderate.
Increase of GEF Financing up to 5%	
Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	
others	Cabinet approval requirement for all TORs and staff recruitment identified as key source of delay.

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

V. ANNEX

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