

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Project ID:	10799
Project Name:	Regional Initiative for Water and Environment in the transboundary basin of the Mono River (RIWE-Mono)
Countr(ies):	Regional, Benin, Togo
Implementing Agency:	IUCN

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Regional Initiative for Water and Environment in the transboundary basin of the Mono River (RIWE-Mono)

Country

Regional, Benin, Togo

GEF ID

10799

Implementing Agency

IUCN

Executing Entity

Mono Basin Authority (MBA), Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS), Global Water Partnership West Africa (GWP-WA); National Focal Points (MEEM; MEHV)

Trust Fund

GET

Project Type

FSP

PIR Submission

9/20/2025

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2025 , Less than 1 year Implementation

Objective

To ensure the sustainable development and ecological resilience of the Mono River Basin ensured through the strengthening of the IWRM governance and capacity, participatory planning by communities and enhanced cooperation between Togo and Benin.

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Satisfactory

Development Objective

Satisfactory

Overall risk

Moderate Risk

Project Financing

5,450,000.00

Cumulative Disbursement

163,734.00

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

12/15/2023

Agency Approval

12/15/2023

Implementation Start 12/5/2024	First Disbursement 12/5/2024
Expected MTR	Actual MTR
Expected Completion	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

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

Component 1: Mono River Basin water resources, ecological and economic development assessment and planning

Outcome 1.1: The threats and potentials of the ecological and economic functions of the Mono basin are assessed and their management planned in an integrated and concerted manner

Output 1.1.1: A Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), including groundwater, is performed, published and agreed by the two countries

01 international consultant and 04 national consultants currently being recruited

Outcome 1.2: Pilot Integrated interventions to enhance suitable use of the basin resources, economic development as well as environment protection and population adaptation and resilience to climate change

Output 1.2.1: Pilot activities on the integration of CC into IWRM, pollution control at source, co-management of transboundary protected areas, conservation of biodiversity of global interest, local community mobilization and knowledge management for IWRM in the Mono River Basin are conducted and lessons learned.

Recruitment of the consultant responsible for drafting the detailed terms of reference and the call for proposals for pilot activities is underway, drawing on the services of the recruited consultants.

46 local stakeholders, including 12 women, have been trained in Lomé on Nature-Based Solutions.

13 participants, including the PMU, MBA, OSS, and GWPAO, have been trained on ESMS, GEF standard indicators, and the completion of the PIR.

Component 2: Institutional and technical capacity strengthening

Outcome 2.1: The technical and institutional capacities of the MBA and key partners are strengthened to enable actions for water and soil conservation, and restoration and protection of Mono basin ecosystems

Output 2.1.1: Capacity building and training of MBA Executive Directorate and main stakeholders in IWRM regulation, management of Protected Areas as well as the animation of the CLE

Recruitment of a consultant to develop a guide on the water management development process, describing the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders, is underway.

Procurement of two vehicles for the project is underway.

Installation of national coordination units in Benin and Togo.

Recruitment of a national consultant to strengthen the capacities of Local Water Committees (CLEs) in Togo.

Recruitment of a national consultant to develop and update action plans for the CLEs and the ACCB

Output 2.1.3: Institutional and technical capacities of CSOs/CBOs operating in the Mono Basin are increased for better engagement in transboundary management of shared resources

Recruitment of a national consultant to train CLEs and CSOs/CBOs involved in Mono is underway.

Recruitment of a national consultant to conduct an inventory of POSC/Mono and organize capacity-building sessions for stakeholders is underway.

Outcome 2.2 Improved governance and cooperative framework of the Mono basin to support water-related challenges and transboundary flooding risk reduction

Output 2.2.1: The statutory bodies of the MBA are established and operational

The MBA Technical Committee of Experts meeting was held in Cotonou in April 2025, bringing together 26 participants from Togo and Benin. This was an opportunity to present the RIWE-Mono project to the participants.

Output 2.2.3: A regulatory framework for the sustainable and collaborative management of transboundary natural resources in the Mono River Basin is developed and submitted for approval

Component 3 -Knowledge Management, Monitoring and Evaluation and Communication

Outcome 3.1: Project implementation is improved

Review and consolidation of draft 1 of the project monitoring and evaluation strategy and action plan

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

Weaknesses in the technical capacities of implementing agencies at the start of the project

Understanding the project was one of the major challenges for the implementing agencies at the beginning of this project. We organized several explanations of the project and financial management for the PMU, MBA, OSS and GWP-WA.

Reporting on activities that have just started

The bulk of the activities planned for this first year of the project are primarily carried out by consultants. This reporting period coincides with the start of their activities. Therefore, it is somewhat difficult to highlight the major results of the project.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

We are still in the first year and the current level of execution of the project does not allow us to discover this section at the moment.

D. Gender Equality

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E. Knowledge Management

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III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	
Components and Cost	
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	
Implementation Schedule	
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	

Minor Project Objective Change	
Safeguards	
Risk Analysis	
Increase of GEF Financing up to 5%	
Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

V. ANNEX

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