



PDF IMPLEMENTATION REPORT



GEFSEC PROJECT ID: 1028

UNDP PROJECT ID: 1878

COUNTRY: Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Jordan, Lebanon,
Palestinian Authority, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen

PROJECT TITLE: Mainstreaming conservation of migratory soaring birds
into key productive sectors along the Rift Valley/Red Sea flyway

OTHER PROJECT EXECUTING AGENCY (IES): BirdLife International

GEF FOCAL AREA: Biodiversity

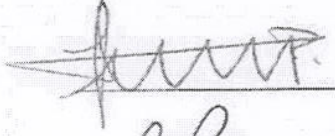
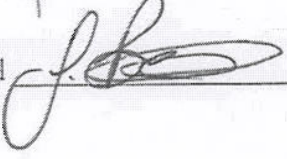
GEF OPERATIONAL PROGRAM: OP1 - Arid and semi-arid Zones
Ecosystems; OP2 - Coastal, marine and freshwater ecosystems

STARTING DATE: 01/04/2002

ESTIMATED DATE OF OPERATIONAL CLOSURE: 31/12/2006

ESTIMATED DATE OF FINANCIAL CLOSURE: 31/12/2006

Signatures:

Organization	Name	Title	Date
UNDP		Resident Representative	8 February 2007
BirdLife International		PROGRAMME & PROJECTS MANAGER	08/02/07

PART I - PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

A- SUMMARY OF ACTUAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF PREPARATORY PHASE (OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES), AND EXPLANATION OF ANY DEVIATIONS FROM EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The PDF successfully delivered the planned outcome “*National NGOs and Government entities in the eastern sector of the Africa-Eurasia flyway system elaborate a project brief aiming to conserve migrating soaring birds within this globally important flyway system*”, together with the 6 associated outputs relating to the project management; production of a flyway map; analysis of the threats and root causes to biodiversity loss; strategy for mainstreaming biodiversity concerns into national and local government policies and practices; capacity assessment and financial needs; and production of the project document itself.

This preparatory phase therefore delivered as expected within a tight deadline and within the available budget. The Full Project Document with commitments of support from 11 countries and 6 partner projects for a novel approach of “double mainstreaming” conservation of migratory soaring birds into other sectors was the output of a participatory dialogue with all key stakeholders as detailed below. There were no major deviations from plans or outcomes, although the 2006 conflict in Lebanon significantly delayed several of the final stages of the submission following Council Approval in November 2005.

Table 1: Completion status of Project Activities

Approved			Actual			
Proposed Activities at Approval	GEF Financing	Co-financing *	Completion status	GEF financing	Co-financing *	Uncommitted GEF funds
Appoint Key Staff and procure essential equipment	5,610	0	Completed	5,462		148
Establish PSC, Launch project and hold PSC meeting	29,535	0	Completed	29,535		0
Project coordination, Management, technical reporting & support at regional & Flyway level	150,500	0	Completed	150,500		0
Training	30,800	0	Completed	30,800		0
Problem Analysis	21,450	0	Completed	21,450		0
Workshops	17,600	0	Completed	17,600		0
Policy and legislation review	15,400	0	Completed	15,400		0

Sector reviews and analysis	20,900	0	Completed	20,900		0
Capacity and needs assessment	22,000	0	Completed	22,000		0
Design education and communications strategies	5,500	0	Completed	5,500		0
Funding strategy design and fund raising	13,750	0	Completed	13,750		0
National reviews and threat analysis	90,200	0	Completed	90,200		0
Planning workshop	22,000	0	Completed	22,000		0
Preparing Brief and PD	4,455	0	Completed	4,455		0
Surveys and threat analysis	25,300	0	Completed	25,300		0

* Co financing was in-kind, and cannot be represented by activity.

B – RECORD OF STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT IN PROJECT PREPARATION

Various participatory approaches were employed, as appropriate, in each of the 11 project countries during the PDF-B stage, to identify and involve project stakeholders (both beneficiaries/supporters and those who may be opposed to the project or consider that it may have a negative impact on them). National stakeholder workshops were held in 8 countries (in most cases these dealt with the initial problem analysis for the project; in one case, Syria, the focus was on education and awareness and participants included representatives from education and other sectoral ministries including agriculture, electricity, tourism and others). In other countries (e.g. Egypt) aspects of project preparation, including the problem analysis, were carried out as desk exercises. In all countries, there was extensive consultation with relevant Ministries, their agencies and other identified stakeholders at various stages of the project preparation (through bilateral meetings, circulation of draft national reports for review and comment, provision of relevant information and feedback on project development from key stakeholders). Due to the “mainstreaming” nature of the project, these consultations involved a very wide range of organisations and sectors, including productive sectors identified as having actual or potential negative impacts on MSBs (agriculture, hunting, energy, waste management) and sectors with potentially positive impacts on MSBs conservation (tourism, education). Project partners carried out national analyses, identifying for each stakeholder: their current role; priorities; expected or potential role in the project; nature of involvement in PDF-B phase; “readiness” and “power” to contribute; in some countries a ranking as “essential”, “supporting” or possible “conflicting” relationship with the project. Capacity and training needs assessments were also carried out for each relevant

sector. A Stakeholder Involvement Plan is provided in Section IV / Part IV of the Project Document.

PART II - PDF FINANCIAL DELIVERY

TABLE 2 – PDF INPUT BUDGET – APPROVALS AND COMMITMENTS

Input Description*	Approved			Committed		
	Staff weeks	GEF funds	Co-finance	Staff weeks	GEF funds	Co-finance
Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local consultants	0	0	0	0	0	0
International consultants	450	336,818	187,475	475	356,021	187,475
Training		0	0		0	0
Travel		80,200	0		68,450	0
Office equipment		14,800	0		7,235	0
Executing Agency Fee		43,182	0		43,146	0
Miscellaneous		0	0		0	0
Total		475,000	187,475		474,852	187,475

Additional information as relevant:

- Indicate PDF delivery rate (funds disbursed at time of operational closure as percentage of total GEF allocation)
 - 99.9%
- Indicate whether it is expected that there will be unspent PDF funds at the time if financial closure
 - \$148 unspent
- Provide justification for major deviations of actual disbursement from what was planned
 - No major deviations

TABLE 3 : ACTUAL PDF CO-FINANCING

Co-financing Sources for Project Development Preparation (PDF)				
Name of Co-financier (source)	Classification	Type	Amount	
			Expected (\$)	Actual (\$)
BirdLife International	NGO	In kind	187,475	187,475
Total co-financing			187,475	187,475

Additional information as relevant:

- Provide explanation for major deviations from what was planned
 - No major deviations.