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## A. Basic Data

Project Information	
UNDP PIMS ID	5582
GEF ID	9300
Title	CCCD:Strengthening National Capacities to Meet Global Environmental Obligations with the Framework of Sustainable Development Priorities
Country(ies)	Madagascar, Madagascar
UNDP-NCE Technical Team	Climate Strategies and Policy Team
Management Arrangements	CO Support to NIM
Project Implementing Partner	Government
Joint Agencies	<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
Project Type	Medium Size - 2 steps
Implementation Status	5th PIR
GEF Fiscal Year	FY23
Trust Fund	GEF Trust Fund

Project Description
<p>The goal of this project is to help Madagascar meet and sustain obligations under the three Rio Conventions. As a contribution to meeting this goal, the immediate objective of this project is to strengthen a targeted set of national capacities to deliver and sustain global environmental outcomes within the framework of sustainable development priorities. This will be accomplished by five components which will build systemic, institutional, and individual capacities within Madagascar. Among the key activities of the project are the early implementation of an environmental management information system, and the strengthening of institutional structures and mechanisms for mainstreaming and enforcing Rio Conventions compliance. The project's strategy emphasizes a long-term approach to institutionalizing capacities to meet MEA obligations through a set of learn-by-doing activities that lay the foundation for effective decision-making regarding global environmental benefits. Active participation of stakeholder representatives in the full project life cycle facilitates the strategic adaptation of project activities in keeping with project objectives. Moreover, the inclusion of non-state stakeholders contributes to the adaptive collaborative management of project implementation and promotes long-term sustainability of project outcomes.</p>

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**B. Overall ratings**

Overall DO Rating	Moderately Unsatisfactory
Overall IP Rating	Moderately Unsatisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	low

## C. Development Objective Progress

It is mandatory for all reported progress to be substantiated by evidence. Please upload evidence files for each objective/outcome via the DO PROGRESS section in the online PIR platform. If there is no evidence to upload, the Project Manager is required to provide an explanation.

Description					
Objective					
To strengthen a targeted set of national capacities to deliver and sustain global environmental outcomes within the framework of sustainable development priorities					
Description of Indicator	Baseline Level	Midterm target level	End of project target level	Level at 30 June 2022	Cumulative progress since project start
Number of new partnership mechanisms with funding for sustainable management solutions of natural resources, ecosystem services, chemicals and waste at national and/or subnational level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnerships to pursue sustainable development objectives and Rio Convention obligations are almost exclusively based on externally-funded projects and/or as needed during the implementation of the latter.</li> </ul>	<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An inter-agency committee to oversee the implementation of the National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDP) that fully integrates the Rio Conventions (and other MEAs) is formally adopted at the cabinet level. This committee is supported by the institutionalization of technical expert committees that inform the NSDP Coordination Committee</li> </ul>	<p>The National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDP) and the inter-agency committee responsible for overseeing its implementation do not yet exist in Madagascar. However, the draft orientation note of the national sustainable development strategy elaboration process is available, since 06/17/2022, and in phase of validation, expected to be completed by the end of August. This step was deemed necessary by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MESD) because of the strategic and inter-sectoral nature of this process, for which the MESD's leadership needs to be supported.</p> <p>The technical working group and technical committees' involvement in the project's implementation has been strengthened with the participation of NGOs (WWF, MNP, Association Voaharigasy, etc.) and</p>	<p>Achievements under this target can be estimated at 45%.</p> <p>To strengthen the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable development's (MESD) leadership, as the ministry "responsible for the design, coordination, implementation and monitoring-evaluation of the State's policy on the environment and sustainable development" (Cf. Decree No. 2020-206 establishing the MESD's remit), in the process of drawing up the national sustainable development strategy (NSDP), a concept note with a roadmap was developed to justify and frame this process.</p> <p>As the MESD has changed the General Director of Sustainable Development, the decision to proceed with strategy development has not yet been adopted., The concertation process is scheduled</p>

				<p>some relevant partners' projects (RINDRA of the European Union, PAGE 2 of GIZ, Kobaby of French Development Agency, etc.), since 2022 and implemented through various forms of collaboration and technical exchange and experience sharing. The DGTT is operational and contributes to the technical guidance and planning of project activities. During the period covered by this report, the DGTT has already met twice, in November 2021 and in June 2022</p> <p>The partnership with the Platform of Actors in Environmental Education and Sustainable Development, with actors in the field of environmental education and training (universities, private schools, ministries in charge of higher education, national education and technical education, research and training centers, etc.) is underway, since the DGTT meeting held in June 2022, to strengthen the partnership framework already formalized between the MEDD and the Ministry in charge of higher education and scientific research in training needs' analyses in order to integrate the obligations and challenges of the Rio conventions into national educational and training systems, at all levels (Primary, secondary and high educations).</p> <p>Regarding the integration process of</p>	<p>to begin in August 2023, as part of activities entrusted to the consultancy firm in charge of strengthening the coordination and integration mechanisms for the implementation of the Rio conventions, which includes the reinforcement of MESD's leadership. However, in the event that the extension does not take place, and at the end of the consultation process, it is decided to proceed with the development of the strategy, given the time remaining, the project's support will focus on the development of a concerted roadmap and proceed with a donor round table.</p> <p>The note remains, in any case, a reference document for the MESD, with argumentative elements to support its sustainable development stance vis-à-vis other sectoral ministries, particularly the Ministry of Economy and Finance, which is in charge of coordinating the planning and monitoring of the SDGs.</p> <p>In anticipation of the NSDP the project has supported the formulation of the long-term low-carbon development strategy, as a long-term strategic document that can serve as a reference for the mainstreaming of climate change dimensions in development. The document is currently being</p>
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				<p>the obligations, challenges, and key issues of the three Rio conventions into local development plans, regional consultations are underway within the development of a handbook that will help local actors ensure these dimensions' mainstreaming. This process has started in April and expected to be finalized in September. In parallel with this process, during the same period, the elaboration of a handbook for the implementation of the Education for the Environment and Sustainable Development policy in local level is also in the consultation phase.</p>	<p>finalized, with final validation expected in August 2023.</p> <p>The technical working group (DGTT) set up at the outset of the project to serve as a framework for exchange and technical guidance of its activities continues to operate, involving the key actors concerned by the implementation of its various components. The existence of this group will be capitalized on to set up a formal platform for exchange and permanent consultation on issues relating to the mainstreaming of the Rio conventions and MEAs in general (MEAs platform). The formalization and strengthening of this MEAs platform is planned in the 2023 AWP and will be finalized by August 2023.,</p> <p>The involvement of the Platform of Actors in Environmental Education and Sustainable Development in the MEAs platform will be strengthened.</p> <p>A handbook for integrating the obligations, challenges and key issues of the three Rio conventions into local development plans is currently being validated. This guide will serve as a training tool for the mainstreaming process in target regions. Validation is scheduled for July 2023.</p>
(a) Number of additional people	• Beneficiaries	(not set or not	• At least 150	To meet these two indicators, the	The first indicator was achieved

<p>benefitting from strengthened livelihoods through solutions for management of natural resources, ecosystems services, chemicals and waste; (b) Number of new jobs created through solutions for management of natural resources, ecosystem services, chemicals and waste.</p>	<p>of sustainable alternative livelihoods through improved natural resource management options are largely through project-based interventions. The baseline for this project is set at zero, to be compared with the number of unique stakeholders benefitting from the project's small grant activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy interventions on natural resource management are undertaken largely by consultants contracted by externally-funded projects that are overseen by the relatively small staffs of the relevant government agencies</li> </ul>	<p><i>applicable)</i></p>	<p>stakeholders have benefitted directly from small grant activities financed under the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Filled government staff positions that are directly relevant to the monitoring and implementation of the Rio Conventions within the framework of the NSDP have increased by 15%</li> </ul>	<p>project adopted a cascade approach to reach the maximum number of people and a partnership approach for greater impact. The project supported the group of women's associations in the Itasy region, which was identified after a series of training sessions initiated by the project for some umbrella structures and organizations (groups and federations of women and youth associations) with a strong public sensitization capacity. The Itasy women's association group includes more than 154 members recognized for their dynamism in environmental actions but have been weakened by the COVID impacts. To this end, the project, since June 2021 (Cf. BTOR ITASY juin 2021) helped the associations to identify the challenges and issues related to the implementation of the three Rio conventions in local context, to conceive a funding request document for resource and partnership development.</p> <p>This process allowed these associations to benefit from financial support opportunity provided by the UNDP post-COVID project, for an amount of USD 50,000 to fund the "seeds for environmental acts" initiative, which covers, the protection of watersheds and water resources, reforestation and forest protection, the control of chemical</p>	<p>thanks to the cascade approach, including the training of federations or groups of associations with a strong capacity for community mobilization from different regions of Madagascar, organized in 2019. This process led to the identification of the Itasy federation of women's associations, with more than 154 women's associations recognized for their dynamism in the environmental field. With the support of the project, these associations were able to benefit from a microgrant of USD 50,000 from the UNDP's post COVID project for the implementation of the "seeds for environmental action" initiative developed in consultation with the women leaders of these associations. More than 2,000 women, members of the target associations, benefited from off-season seeds to help them recover from the impacts of COVID, and from various facilities including 52 composters (liquid, solid, vermicompost) and 23 nurseries with a capacity of 5,000 seedlings each, at the level of 22 fokontany (local grassroots communities) in the region, to enable them to boost their actions in the areas of watershed and water resource protection, the fight against deforestation and the use of chemicals in agriculture, which represent major challenges for the</p>
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				<p>use in agriculture, etc., which were among the major challenges for the sustainability of their livelihoods. The grants has been signed on August 2021.</p> <p>The initiative allowed to install 20 liquid composters, 15 solid composters, 17 lombri-composters, and 23 plant nurseries with a capacity of 5,000 plants each in 22 Fokontany (local grassroot community) for the benefit and under the responsibility of more than 2,000 women grouped in more than 154 associations. Thanks to this initiative, 168,000 seedlings were planted through a reforestation campaign that involved these women.</p> <p>With regard to the indicator relating to the 15% increase in civil servant posts directly linked to the monitoring and implementation of the Rio conventions within the framework of the PNDS, the implementation of the EMIS and the strengthening of sectoral and regional integration mechanisms will contribute to this. In addition, the training of the Environmental Police Offices (06/29/2021) and the sectoral (at the level of the ministries) and regional environmental unit teams (12/02/2021) on the integration of the Rio Conventions will also foster</p>	<p>sustainability of their livelihoods.</p> <p>As for the indicator relating to the rate of increase in the number of civil servants assigned to monitoring the implementation of the Rio conventions, the expected 15% increase has not been achieved yet, but the operationalization of EMIS in the target regions, scheduled for October 2023, and the strengthening of the sectoral and regional integration mechanisms of these conventions will contribute to this.</p>
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				this perspective.	
Extent to which legal or policy or institutional frameworks are in place for conservation, sustainable use, and access and benefit sharing of natural resources, biodiversity and ecosystems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Various policy and legislative instruments are in place, however, many of these are not sufficiently understood nor enforced, nor are there sufficient guidance material and awareness-raising to better interpret and apply policy and legislative instruments for Rio Convention implementation</li> </ul>	<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least three sets of legal texts, e.g., by-laws, have been formulated and approved to catalyze Rio Convention implementation within the framework of the NSDP</li> <li>Awareness-raising activities have been carried out with at least 250 unique stakeholder participants, of which at least half of these are regional or local stakeholders</li> </ul>	<p>For the 2022 target, no legal texts have been redrafted/formulated, but the project is still in the process of analyzing inconsistencies and weaknesses that may impact the Rio conventions' implementation in key sectors, in order to highlight recommendations on reforms to be made. In this perspective, the results of the analysis of legal texts on three sectors (Mining, Petroleum and Local Governance) have been completed and validated in October 2021.</p> <p>After consultation with MEDD, the analysis of legal texts on the water sector, which affects several areas of law linked to the three Rio conventions, is still necessary to complete the analysis stage. However, the studies already conducted have been shared with key stakeholders and serve as a reference for some ongoing reforms (mining code, etc.).</p> <p>They were as well considered for the development of different integration and coordination tools (handbook, EMIS, etc.) and mechanisms (Regional and sectorial units) in course to be developed and reinforced within the project, expected to be finalized in</p>	<p>No legal texts have yet been redrafted in line with this 2022 objective. However, in addition to the studies of the political and legal frameworks for implementing the three Rio conventions, which were completed and validated in 2020, and the analyses of the inconsistencies and weaknesses of the legal texts on the extractive sectors (mining and oil) and on local governance, finalized in October 2021, the analysis of the texts on the water sector, considered by the MESD as a key sector affecting several areas of rights and sectors linked to the three Rio conventions, was completed and validated in December 2022. On the basis of these studies, reform projects, defined in consultation with the sectors concerned, are planned in the 2023 AWP. The process will start in July until October 2023.</p> <p>These studies also served as reference documents for the preparation of various guides (Guide to raising awareness of the Rio Conventions among CSOs and the private sector, Guide to preparing for international days, Guide to integrating the Rio Conventions into local plans, etc.), the preparation of COPs, and</p>

				<p>September 2022. These analyses have also been considered, in collaboration with the UNDP PACARC project, to integrate issues relating to the three dimensions of the Rio conventions (climate change, desertification and biodiversity) into the national meteorological strategy. Efforts are as well underway to integrate those issues in the reform (update) process of the decree for the Environmental compatibility of investments (MECIE).</p> <p>An analysis of legal texts related to the water sector, which encompasses several areas of rights and sectors associated to the three Rio conventions, is underway and will complement the other analyses to feed reflections, decisions and advocacy and capacity building campaigns for required reforms conducive to a coherent legal framework for a better implementation of the Rio conventions, in the perspective of sustainable development. The first draft of the report related to this initiative has been presented and discussed during the DGTT meeting in June 2022. A stakeholder consultation workshop is planned for August 2022 and the document is expected to be completed in September 2022.</p> <p>The updated system incorporating data on the Rio conventions is an</p>	<p>various studies currently underway (Elaboration of a long-term low-carbon development strategy, Reform of the MECIE decree, etc.).</p> <p>Awareness-raising activities were carried out to pass on information on the Rio conventions, with their objectives, issues and challenges in relation to sustainable development. The various consultation workshops organized as part of the project were used to raise awareness through presentations and discussions on subjects related to these three conventions. The international days were also used in this perspective through various communication supports (banner, rollup, etc.), speeches (integration of the conventions in official speeches), exchanges (conferences and debates) and stands. The "seeds for environmental action" initiative with women's associations in the Itasy region was also accompanied by training and awareness-raising activities.</p> <p>The number of stakeholders reached by awareness-raising actions, beyond those carried out during international days, is summarized as follows: 158 in 2019, 142 including 97 from the regions in 2020, 212 including 138 from the regions in 2021 beyond the 2,000 women sensitized in the Itasy region, 135 including 75 from the</p>
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				<p>integral part of EMIS and a strategic tool for strengthening MESD's leadership and coordination capacities. Conjointly with the RINDRA project of the European Union, 34 (14 M, 20 F) regional planning and monitoring-evaluation officers and various stakeholders from Decentralized Territorial Collectivities (Regions, municipalities), NGOs, etc. have been trained on the new system, from the 1st to 4th of December 2021, and have been sensitized on the challenges and the issues at stake of the Rio conventions.</p> <p>In November 2021 (Cf. BTOR CNFEREF Morondava), the two training and research centers of the MESD (CNTFT, CNFEREF) has also been sensitized in the process of including Rio conventions in their training and research programs and materials. More than 39 (19 M, 20 F) stakeholders including teams from the MESD, the Ministry of High education, the UE RINDRA Project, GIZ, etc., were involved in these initiatives.</p> <p>Besides, in September 2021 (Cf BTOR Toamasina MEDD MASUPRES), 55 (38 M, 17 F) leaders from the sphere of doctoral schools and national research centers were sensitized on Rio conventions during a concertation workshop, aimed at identifying the</p>	<p>regions in 2022. During the reporting period, 452 stakeholders, 185 of them from the regions, took part in capacity-building workshops, and in those organized as part of the consultation processes for the development of various training and awareness-raising guides and materials, namely: Training of associations and NGOs on SDG13, in partnership with the ARRUPE center in September 2022 (26 including 20 from the regions: 26/20); Workshop to strengthen MEDD M&amp;E managers (53/24); Development of an awareness-raising guide on the Rio conventions for CSOs and the private sector in 4 regions (116/56); Integration of the Rio conventions into study programs (74/5); Development of an Environmental Education guide for sustainable development at local level (81/65); Analysis of the legal framework for the water sector (35/15); Guide to celebrating international days (18/0); Elaboration of a French-Malagasy Lexicon on the Rio Conventions and sustainable development (19/0); Meeting to present the concept note for drawing up the National Sustainable Development Strategy to MESD staff (29/0).), on July 18, 2022. (Cf. DOP_Indicateur 3 Actions de sensibilisation)</p>
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			<p>potential avenues to promote training and scientific research related to the three Rio conventions and sustainable development.</p> <p>In addition, three meetings of the project's Technical Working Group (TWG) were held during this reporting period (Planning meeting in November 2021, elaboration of ToRs in December 2021, and acceleration planning in June 2022).</p> <p>Thus, the number of actors involved in the planning, monitoring-evaluation, control and training sectors, trained and sensitized on the Rio conventions raised to at least 442, including 34 (14 M, 20 F) from the regions. This corresponds to an increase of 230 people (116 M, 114 F) compared to the previous year, when 212 people were involved. At rural communities, more than 2,000 women were made aware of the challenges and issues of the Rio conventions in their local context, through the "Seeds of Environmental Actions" initiative, particularly with regard to the importance of reforestation, the chemical products use challenges, the watersheds and water resources protection, etc.</p> <p>The project has also developed a partnership with WWF to develop a training and education manual for civil society organizations and the private sector on the Rio</p>	<p>In all, the cumulative total of stakeholders covered by the awareness campaigns amounts to 1,099, of which 495 are from regions.</p> <p>Adding the 2,000 women sensitized within the "Seeds for environmental action" initiative, the total rises to 3,099, including 2,495 from regions</p>
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				conventions. The methodological approach for this initiative has already been approved and the initiative, which is in the AWP validated at the steering committee meeting in December 2021, is underway.	
Extent to which capacities to implement national or local plans for integrated water resource management or to protect and restore the health, productivity and resilience of oceans and marine ecosystems have improved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government agency staffs have basic management capacities to oversee the implementation of various natural resource management plans, but these are largely based on old or outdated approaches</li> </ul>	<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 90% of government technical staffs have actively engaged in the technical trainings on innovative approaches to implement Rio Convention obligations within the framework of the NSDP</li> </ul>	<p>In collaboration with the RINDRA Project of the European Union, about 70% of the regional M&amp;E officers have been trained in integrating the Rio conventions into the MESD's M&amp;E system, in early December 2021,</p> <p>In addition to the 63 Environmental Police Offices (OPJE), and the 212 stakeholders trained on the Rio conventions' concept, challenges, and issues, recorded in the previous report, 230 more people were involved during this reporting year.</p> <p>The mainstreaming guidance handbook of the obligations, challenges, and issues of the Rio conventions into local plans (Regions and Municipalities), is currently being prepared for consultation at the regional level.. This handbook is expected to be finalized in August 2022. A plan for communication, capacity building and close assistance will be implemented to promote the use of</p>	<p>This target's achievements can be approximated at 65%.</p> <p>In fact, beyond the training sessions carried out in 2021 in collaboration with the RINDRA program of the EU, which reached almost 70% of the MEDD regional M&amp;E managers on the new MEDD M&amp;E system, the managers of the central and southern regions, covering 13 of the 22 regions, were strengthened for the 2023 planning and the elaboration of the mapping of achievements for the first semester of 2022, in September 2022.</p> <p>Most of the stakeholders involved in the training courses and consultation actions for national ownership are technical staff from the central and regional levels of the various sectoral ministries, including, the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development. (Cf. DOP_Indicateur 3 Actions de sensibilization)</p>

				<p>these guidebooks in the four target regions of the project, to ensure that their development plans incorporate issues related to the three Rio conventions.</p> <p>The Environmental Management Information System (EMIS), which integrates the MESD's monitoring and evaluation system and considers the results of the data needs and the existing information system analysis, is currently being validated. In fact, the restitution of this report is planned for July 2022. This mechanism is conceived to improve monitoring and assessment of global environmental impacts and trends at the national level. It aimed also at strengthening the leadership and intersectoral coordination capacity of the MESD, mandated for sustainable development issues.</p> <p>The draft concept note, which gathers the necessary rationale and framing arguments on issues related to the possible development of the national sustainable development strategy, is currently available for the validation process. This document will serve as well as an advocacy tool for the MESD to enable this ministry to take the lead in this process. The note is expected to be presented to the MEDD staff in July 2022, and to be finalized in August 2022.</p>	<p>The presentation of the concept note for the arguments and framework for the process of drawing up the national sustainable development strategy integrating the Rio conventions at the MESD staff meeting, in the presence of the Minister, on July 18, 2022, was an opportunity to talk about the CCCD-Rio project and the Rio conventions.</p>
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				The support provided by the project has enabled 156 women's associations with more than 2,000 members to benefit from small grants financed by the UNDP Post-COVID project, within the "seeds for environment actions" initiative.	
Number of direct project beneficiaries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beneficiaries of sustainable alternative livelihoods through improved natural resource management options are largely through project-based interventions. The baseline for this project is set at zero, to be compared with the number of unique stakeholders benefitting from the project's small grant activities (same as in indicator 2)</li> </ul>	<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 150 stakeholders have benefitted directly from small grant activities financed under the project (same as in indicator 2)</li> </ul>	Through the project's support, more than 150 women's associations in the Itasy region, with more than 2,000 members, have benefitted directly from a small grant activity financed in partnership with the UNDP post-covid project, through the "Seeds for Environment activities" initiative. The initiative allowed to install 20 liquid composters, 15 solid composters, 17 lombricomposters, and 23 plant nurseries with a capacity of 5,000 plants each in 22 Fokontany (local grassroot community).	<p>Target achieved.</p> <p>Through the project's support, more than 150 women's associations in the Itasy region, with more than 2,000 members, have benefitted directly from a small grant activity financed in partnership with the UNDP post-covid project, through the "Seeds for Environment activities" initiative. The initiative allowed to install 20 liquid composters, 15 solid composters, 17 lombricomposters, and 23 plant nurseries with a capacity of 5,000 plants each in 22 Fokontany (local grassroot community).</p>
Increased number of policy interventions that specifically cite fulfillment of Rio Convention obligations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring the extent to which Rio Convention obligations are being fulfilled is undertaken almost exclusively within the framework of GEF-funded enabling activity projects. While</li> </ul>	<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The strengthening of the Environmental Management Information System includes indicators and associated methodologies for national sectoral plans to include in their</li> </ul>	At the current stage of the project's progress, the draft of the system's structure, considering the results of the data needs and the existing information system studies, is being validated by the stakeholders. this draft will be the subject of a stakeholder consultation meeting scheduled in July 2022	<p>The level of achievement is estimated at 55%, but the approach adopted to accelerate activities will enable at least 80% of the expected results to be achieved by the end of this year.</p> <p>In fact, the structure of the Environmental Management Information System and the results</p>

	<p>national development and sectoral plans may reference the Rio Conventions, they do not include indicators to monitor their fulfillment.</p>		<p>respective monitoring and evaluation plans. The NSDP will include a full set of these indicators. At least one sectoral plan includes these indicators.</p>	<p>This system, expected to be installed in October 2022, integrates the MESD's Planning and Monitoring-Evaluation System, appropriate for the monitoring of some indicators relating to the Rio conventions. The project contributes, in collaboration with other partners, including the European Union's RINDRA project, to strengthen this system.</p> <p>In parallel with the EMIS development process, that is already underway, consultants are being recruited to conduct compiling and collating activities of a set of indicators that will improve the determination of global environmental benefits delivered by development interventions. This initiative is expected to start in August 2022. These indicators will respond to both the need to monitor and assess achievements under the three Rio Conventions as well as the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>In collaboration with the National Institute of Statistics the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES) will be updated in consideration of these indicators.</p>	<p>of the information needs and inventory of existing information systems were validated by stakeholders in 2022, and the process of implementing the model, including hardware installation (currently being acquired) and user capacity building, is one of the work packages entrusted to one of the consulting firms as part of the acceleration approach.</p> <p>The analysis and compilation of indicators will be undertaken in parallel with the implementation of EMIS from July, with the same consultancy firm currently being recruited. The launching of these activities is scheduled for August 2023.</p>
<p>The progress of the objective/outcome can be described as:</p>	<p><b>On track</b></p>				

Evidence uploaded:	YES				
<b>Outcome 1</b>					
<b>A national sustainable development strategy/plan fully integrates Rio Convention obligations</b>					
Description of Indicator	Baseline Level	Midterm target level	End of project target level	Level at 30 June 2022	Cumulative progress since project start
A national sustainable development plan that fully integrates Rio Convention obligations is developed	A national sustainable development plan that fully integrates Rio Convention obligations is developed	<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive policy and legislative analysis of environmental governance completed by month 7</li> <li>• Updated legislative texts finalized by month 24</li> <li>• Mainstreaming of the Rio Conventions in regional and sector development policies and plans is piloted by month 42</li> <li>• 15% of local development plans revised to integrate environmental concerns by year 42</li> <li>• Stakeholders (including at least 40% women) are trained on how to apply planning methods that reflect the global environment</li> </ul>	<p>Achievements under this component include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An analysis of the current set of national policies and legal instruments that include the assessment of the linkages, gaps, and inconsistencies between policies, laws, and strategies with the three Rio Conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), the situational analysis report of each convention is available, since October 2020. Legal framework weakness and coherence analysis relating to mines and petroleum sectors, and to the local governance, have also been completed, since October 2020.</li> </ul> <p>The analysis of the legal framework of the water sector, as it covers several areas of law and sectors affecting the implementation of Rio conventions' obligations, has been initiated. The draft of the intermediary report on the findings is available and will be subject to consultation with stakeholders, planned for August 2022 before validation, planned for September</p>	<p>The following achievements under this component, estimated at about 45%, can be noted :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyses of the policy and legal frameworks for implementing the three conventions have been made, and the analysis of inconsistencies and weaknesses in legal texts has been completed on the extractive (mining and oil), water and local governance sectors.</li> <li>- Updating of the legal texts scheduled in the 2023 AWP and will begin in July, within the accelerating strategy.</li> <li>- The draft guide to integrating the Rio conventions into local plans is available for validation, scheduled for July. Based on this guide, the four pilot regions (17% of the existing 23) will be trained, as scheduled from August to October 2023, and supported to integrate these dimensions into their plans.</li> <li>- The concept note on the process of drawing up the national sustainable development strategy is</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NSDP and operational roadmap is mainstreamed, approved and adopted by all stakeholders by month 54</li> </ul>	<p>2022.</p> <p>Recommendations resulting from these analyses will be considered in an advocacy and training plan, planned to be implemented during the last quarter of 2022. The implementation of this plan will be supported by the project in order to stimulate reflections on how they can be taken into account in possible ongoing reforms (mining code, update of the decree on the compatibility of investments with the environment, etc.) and the needs for improvement in legal terms.</p> <p>- The mainstreaming guidebook of the Rio conventions' obligations, challenges and issues into local development plans is in the consultation phase at the regional level. Four Regions (Vakinankaratra, Boeny, Itasy and Atsinanana), representing 17% of the 23 existing Regions, will be supported by the project as pilot regions to update their plans based on this tool.</p> <p>The draft concept note on the Sustainable Development National Strategy development process integrating Rio conventions, which provides rationales on its relevance, with proposed roadmap on how to proceed is available for the validation process, including the MEDD Staff validation expected to be held in July 2022</p>	<p>available, and the process of drawing up the concerted roadmap, under the leadership of the new Director General of MESD's Sustainable Development Department, is scheduled for September; .Anticipating the official decisions to this regards, the preparation of the long-term low-carbon development strategy has been supported, at MEDD's request, as a long-term strategic framework document for taking climate change into account in sectoral and local development initiatives. The document is currently being finalized, with final validation expected in August 2023.</p>
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<b>The progress of the objective/outcome can be described as:</b>	<b>On track</b>				
<b>Evidence uploaded:</b>	YES				
<b>Outcome 2</b>					
<b>The mobilization of financial resources is more sustainable</b>					
<b>Description of Indicator</b>	<b>Baseline Level</b>	<b>Midterm target level</b>	<b>End of project target level</b>	<b>Level at 30 June 2022</b>	<b>Cumulative progress since project start</b>
Resource mobilization strategy is developed to provide long-term financing for the EMIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government agencies responsible for the Rio Conventions have limited budgetary funds</li> <li>Monitoring of financial resources is currently characterized as unsatisfactory and insufficient to meet the requirements of the three Rio Conventions</li> <li>Inadequate long-term financing is accessible to ensure the institutional sustainability of existing information systems</li> </ul>	<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RMS is adopted by key stakeholders and formally approved by month 54</li> <li>Resource mobilization strategy includes good practices for raising and allocating funds to achieve global environmental targets through decentralized decision-making</li> <li>Monitoring and tracking system established and fully operational by month X</li> <li>Revenue stream of EMIS tested by month 54</li> </ul>	<p>The resource mobilization strategy document is available and technically validated in July 2021. It includes the financing stocktaking in environmental sector that highlights problems, issues and challenges of the financing system, the inventory of funding channels opportunities from internal, external, and innovative sources, the priority areas of action, and the institutional system for an integrated funding, with monitoring and evaluation mechanism.</p> <p>It aims at securing the financial sustainability of development interventions that produce global environmental benefits. The strategy was subject to different stages of consultation and validation process, including the consultation workshop of the concerned component's technical committee (March 2020), the independent</p>	<p>Achievements in this component, estimated at 60%, include :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The resource mobilization strategy document is available and technically validated. It includes, with other items, an analysis of the funding situation and funding channels, priority areas for action and strategic and operational approaches, with institutional arrangements for an integrated funding mechanism and a monitoring-evaluation mechanism,</li> <li>Presented to MEDD staff, the strategy was the subject to some recommendations that will be taken into consideration when developing and implementing its operationalization plan with a set of clear operational guidelines and innovative financing tools, expecting to start in August 2023, and expected to be finalized in October</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government agencies responsible for the Rio Conventions have limited budgetary funds</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 10% of funding requirements in the RMS have been mobilized by month 55</li> <li>50 stakeholder representatives have participated in a resource mobilization workshops</li> <li>A set of clear operational guidelines and innovative financing tools strengthen the systemic capabilities needed to ensure the legitimacy, resilience and long-term sustainability of fund for global environmental governance</li> <li>Mid-term investments to ensure the stability of central and local structures and decision-making mechanisms</li> <li>Technical support structures have sufficient financial and human resources</li> </ul>	<p>group of experts' review (12/03/2020), and the technical validation of the extended technical working group (June 2021), and proposed to the MEDD staff in December 2021. The whole process mobilized more than 60 stakeholders including representatives of sectoral ministries, NGOs and projects funded by key technical and financial partners (European Union, WWF, USAID, GIZ).</p> <p>A consultant is being recruited to develop a plan for the operationalization of the strategy with a monitoring and tracking system. The recruitment has been lunched since April 2022 (when the budget was allocated., The implementation of the mechanism for testing the revenue stream of EMIS. A set of clear operational guidelines and innovative financing tools will be also developed within this process.</p>	<p>2023.. (Planned in the 2023 AWP)</p> <p>- This process will also include a capacity-building package in the target regions in October 2023.</p>
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<b>Outcome 3</b>					
<b>An Environmental Management Information System is established for improved monitoring and assessment of global environmental impacts and trends at the national level</b>					
<b>Description of Indicator</b>	<b>Baseline Level</b>	<b>Midterm target level</b>	<b>End of project target level</b>	<b>Level at 30 June 2022</b>	<b>Cumulative progress since project start</b>
Environmental Management Information System is developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is an inadequate system for information and knowledge management and poor information sharing between or within sectors despite the existence of various committees and environmental units</li> <li>Madagascar's environmental governance framework is weak in terms of financial sustainability and institutional memory</li> <li>The ability of key actors to</li> </ul>	<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline assessment of current database and management information systems completed by month 6</li> <li>Environmental and sustainable development indicators finalized by month 48</li> <li>Data collection and monitoring methodologies standardized by month 24</li> <li>Best practices for conducting environmental impact and strategic environmental</li> </ul>	<p>On this component, the following achievements are noted:</p> <p>The draft of the consolidated report of the baseline assessment of current database and management information systems with needs assessments and the proposal of the EMIS structure is available for technical validation, planned to be available in July 2022, before proceeding with the design phase of the computer application and the EMIS operationalization tools and frameworks, scheduled to end in October 2022. The installation of the system, which will begin in October 2022, and the test of its operability, which will be conducted in January 2023, for any eventual necessary adjustments actions until October 2023.</p> <p>Relating to the environmental and</p>	<p>Achievements under this component, estimated at about 60%, can be summarized as listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The consolidated report on the inventory of needs and existing information systems with the proposed EMIS structure is available and technically validated. However, the EMIS, with its standardized data collection model, has not yet been implemented. Planned in the 2023 AWP, this process, which is part of the work packages entrusted to consultancy firms currently being recruited, is expected to be completed in October 2023.</li> </ul> <p>Besides, the operationalization of the MESD planning, monitoring and evaluation system has been supported through some training</p>

	<p>translate environmental information into decision-making is weak and scattered across many organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The collection and use of up-to-date environmental management information is poorly coordinated</li> <li>There is limited exchange of information and communication between different administrative levels</li> </ul>		<p>assessments identified and demonstrated by month 51</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrated EMIS is under full implementation by month 53</li> <li>The EMIS will meet the objectives of the Rio Convention, including recommendations to rationalize and harmonize data and information management systems</li> <li>A clearing-house mechanism within the EMIS for data collection on the three Rio conventions is established</li> <li>Assessment of users' information needs for indicators</li> </ul>	<p>sustainable development indicators, the consultant is still being recruited. The recruitment has been underway since April 2022, when the budget was approved. However, the project has accompanied the operationalization of the MESD's planning and monitoring-evaluation system, and has contributed, in collaboration with the European Union's RINDRA project, to the training of the MESD's monitoring and planning officers at regional level. This system makes it possible to track key indicators for monitoring the situation of the environment sector, including some issues related to the three Rio conventions. This system is an integral part of the EMIS.</p>	<p>sessions, within the implementation of the capacity building plan of the MESD Regional Monitoring officers, on this new system. The first one, organized in 2021 conjointly with the RINDRA program of the European Union, aimed to ensure the control of the contents of the updated SPSE system, including the responsibility charter, software usage, and related indicators and planning, monitoring and evaluation tools. The second one, held in September 2022, was particularly focused on applying the system in 2023 planning.</p> <p>This system is of particular importance in dealing with some key monitoring indicators of the state and evolution of the environment sector's situation, including issues relating to the three Rio conventions. This system is an integral part of EMIS.</p>
<b>The progress of the objective/outcome can be described as:</b>	<b>On track</b>				
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<b>Outcome 4</b>					
<b>Institutional structures and mechanisms strengthened for mainstreaming and enforcing Rio Conventions compliance within sector and regional development</b>					

planning frameworks					
Description of Indicator	Baseline Level	Midterm target level	End of project target level	Level at 30 June 2022	Cumulative progress since project start
Rio Convention mainstreaming mechanisms are developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is little inter-ministerial coordination on the implementation of natural resource and environmental policies.</li> <li>Data collected is not done in a standardized manner resulting in difficulties in compiling data for a country-wide report.</li> <li>There is poor harmonization of legislation and ambiguity regarding the scope and responsibility for enforcement.</li> <li>There is considerable confusion over responsibilities and mandates</li> <li>Requirements of the Rio Conventions are not adequately</li> </ul>	<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-depth institutional analysis of environmental governance completed by month 6</li> <li>Inter-ministerial committee on MEAs strengthened by 10 and meetings held twice a year</li> <li>Inter-directorate coordinating technical committees established by month 10 and meet twice a year</li> <li>Monitoring and compliance arrangements fully operational by month 48</li> <li>Rio Convention mainstreaming mechanisms are developed starting in month 25, used through learning-by-doing exercises, and fully institutionalized</li> </ul>	<p>The internal strategic reflection session at the MESD's Directorate General for Sustainable Development, on the Ministry's leadership position related to the sustainable development issues, held in June 2021 the process of strengthening sectoral and regional environmental integration structures, and the process of developing the national sustainable development strategy, stated the need to carry out a more in-depth institutional analysis of MESD and the sectoral and local integration structures.</p> <p>This analysis will capitalize on studies already completed within the project and will be enriched by a broad consultation of stakeholders, especially at the regional level, in order to better identify in detail, the various institutional, technical and operational bottlenecks and challenges that the environmental dimensions' coordination and mainstreaming mechanisms face at sectoral and regional level. The consultation process on this respect is already underway and the final document is expected to be available in August 2022.</p> <p>Related to the concept note for a</p>	<p>IFor this component, the following achievements, estimated at 55%, can be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition to the preliminary analyses carried out in 2020, the detailed institutional analysis report of the MESD and the sectoral and regional integration structures of the Rio conventions is available for the validation process, scheduled for July 2023.</li> <li>The technical working group (TWG), with representatives from the various technical ministries, is operational. During the period under review, the TWG met only once, but a meeting is scheduled to take place in July for the framing of the consulting firms' work and the official launch of their activities. Formalizing this group into an inter-ministerial committee on AMEs is one of the work packages entrusted to a consultancy firm currently being recruited, scheduled to start in July 2023.</li> <li>The capacities of key regional monitoring teams have been strengthened on MESD's monitoring-evaluation system with the corresponding indicators.</li> </ul>

	incorporated in sectoral development planning		<p>by month 48</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental mandates updated and streamlined by month 24</li> <li>• An evaluation of good practices, manuals and regional guidelines for environmental integration in the EMIS is prepared</li> <li>• Government and other stakeholders align the mandates and operational plans of major agencies and committees (at national and regional levels)</li> <li>• Key stakeholders report improved coordination, collaboration and delegation of responsibilities</li> <li>• Three, internationally recognized, successful demonstration exercises are conducted in targeted communities</li> </ul>	<p>concerted process of development of the national Sustainable Development strategy integrating the Rio conventions, the draft document is already available for the validation process, that will include the presentation at the MEDD staff, planned for July 2022.</p> <p>The inter-ministerial committee on MEAs, which is the Project's Technical working group, met three times during the reporting period. (Planning meeting in November 2021, elaboration of ToRs in December 2021, and acceleration planning in June 2022)..</p>	<p>- Capacity building for the sectorial and regional of Rio conventions' coordination and integration mechanisms is also included in the work packages entrusted to consultancy firms, scheduled to start in July 2023.</p>
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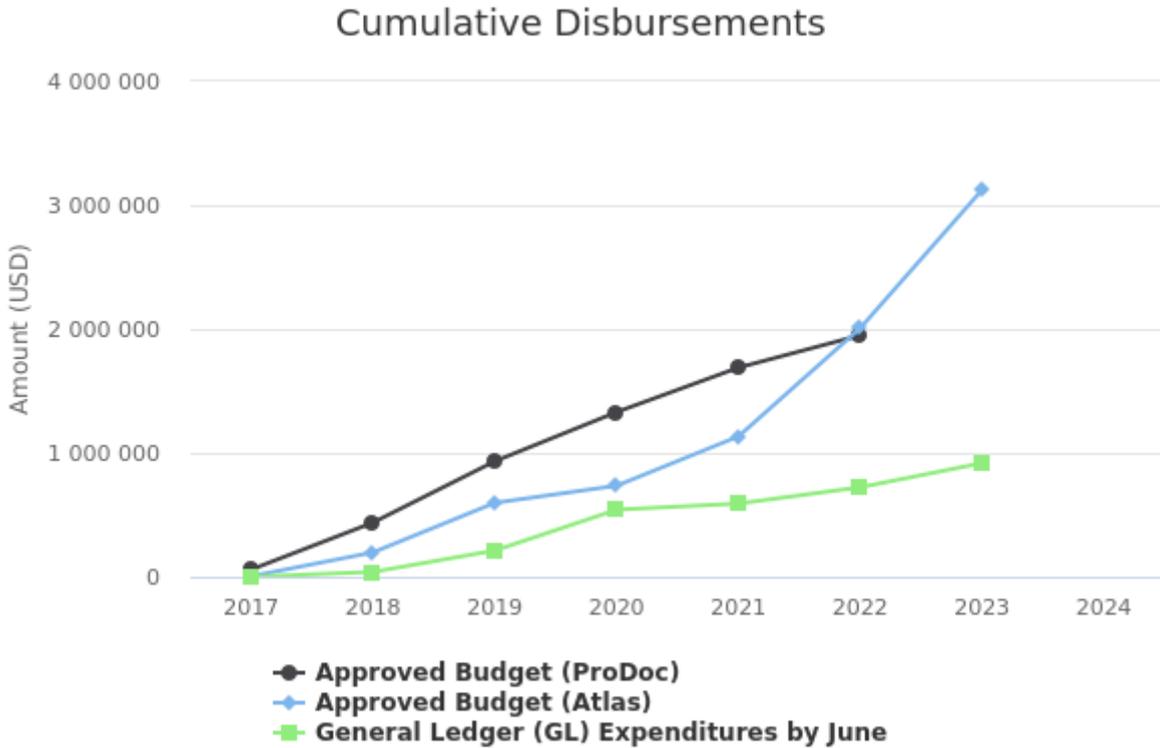
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<b>Outcome 5</b> <b>Public awareness and sensitization on Rio Convention mainstreaming</b>					
Description of Indicator	Baseline Level	Midterm target level	End of project target level	Level at 30 June 2022	Cumulative progress since project start
Skillssets and raised awareness of global environmental values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The general public remains generally unaware or unconcerned about the contribution of the Rio Conventions to meeting and satisfying local and national socio-economic priorities</li> <li>Awareness of Rio Convention mainstreaming is limited, with stakeholders not fully appreciating the value of conserving the global environment.</li> </ul>	<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Launch and Results Conference held by months 5 and 56</li> <li>A statistical analysis of baseline and end-of-project awareness indicates that stakeholders' knowledge and the linkage between global environmental conservation and sustainable socio-economic development has improved by at least 15%</li> <li>Review of training needs to operationalize Rio Conventions completed at month 9, 35, and 51</li> </ul>	<p>On this component, the following achievements are recorded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-In addition to the training sessions carried out, in 2019 on behalf of media professionals (11 radio and television stations) and unions of women and youth associations from different regions of Madagascar, the project has, in partnership with the training center ARUPE, trained young leaders from about twenty associations on the challenges related to the integration of Sustainable Development Goal 13, especially on measures to combat climate change, and on how to better integrate them in their respective organizations' activities, in April 2022.</li> <li>- A partnership with WWF has been established to mobilize the civil society and the private sector through the production of training and awareness-raising tools related to Rio conventions, and the</li> </ul>	<p>The following achievements, with an estimated completion level of 60%, were recorded under this component:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected to start in July 2023, the recruitment of the consulting firm in charge of the final evaluation of the project, which will highlight the progress made in integrating environmental conservation into sustainable socio-economic development, is in the process of being contracted.</li> <li>- The report on the detailed institutional analysis of the MESD and the sectoral and regional environmental integration structures is available for the validation process. The implementation of the capacity-building plan that will emerge from it is also among the work packages entrusted to consultancy firms, planned to start in July 2023.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rio Convention mainstreaming training programme, curricula, materials and training modules finalized by month 48</li> <li>• Training courses on best practice analytical methodologies and skills for measuring global environmental impacts and trends, the final held by month 52</li> <li>• Cooperative agreement among training institutions</li> <li>• Public awareness campaign, implementation plan, and materials</li> <li>• Local stakeholder constituent public dialogues and workshops</li> <li>• At least 8 workshops held by month 29 with at least 50 local/regional representatives.</li> <li>• Internet</li> </ul>	<p>implementation of a series of training of trainers in the project intervention areas (Itasy, Atsinanana, Boeny, Vakinakaratra). This initiative will contribute to build the capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) and the private sector on the challenges and issues of the biodiversity and its conservation, the climate change, and the desertification threat. It aims as well at involving CSOs and the private sector and helping them to better influence on key issues such as the integration of RIO conventions into the country's development sectors, and the adoption by leaders and elected officials of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The training sessions are scheduled for the last quarter of 2022, after the completion of the guidebook, that is underway. In fact the Handbook is expected to be finalized in September 2022.</p> <p>-In order to take advantage of the world days and to ensure that their celebration can have more impact, a guidebook for the organization of these events and a lexicon on the Rio conventions are being developed, to better harmonize messages. The project also supported and took part in the celebration of the World Environment Day 2022. It was an opportunity to talk about the Rio</p>	<p>- With regard to issues relating to the Rio Convention integration training program, curricula, training materials and modules, the process of integrating the Rio Conventions is underway in collaboration with the Ministry of National Education. The integration strategy has been adopted within this framework, and the development of the corresponding teaching aids, integrated into the work packages entrusted to consultancy firms, will also start in July 2023. The updating and integration of topics relating to the three Rio Conventions into the reference and training curricula of MESD's training centers (The National Center for Training, Study and Research in Environment and Forestry and the National Training Center for Forestry Technicians) is also planned as part of the same work packages that will start in July.</p> <p>- With regard to training and awareness-raising activities on the Rio conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A training handbook for CSOs and the private sector has been drawn up and finalized in partnership with WWF.</li> <li>• An implementing handbook for the policy on environmental education for sustainable development at local level is available for validation process,</li> </ul>
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			<p>visibility of good practices for mainstreaming Rio Convention obligations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and awareness raising workshops, dialogues, and other similar events are implemented by month 52</li> <li>• A public dialogue of at least 50 stakeholder representatives takes place</li> <li>• Reported improved regional access to best practices and best available knowledge</li> </ul>	<p>conventions' issues through different conference-debates on topics relating to the challenges and opportunities of alternative energy, the management of pollution and the valorization of waste, the deforestation and land degradation issues, and through the exhibition stand that were as well an opportunity for best practices sharing.</p> <p>Awareness raising at the grassroots level, through the "seeds for environmental actions" initiative, touched more than 2000 women in the Itasy region.</p> <p>On the analysis of training and awareness-raising needs on the Rio conventions in perspective of their integration into the national educational and training system, workshops were held in the circle of doctoral schools (November 2021) and national research centers (October 2021), on the one hand, and at the level of MEDD training and research centers (CNFEREF and CNFTF), on the other. The involvement of the platform of environmental education actors and the Center for Research in Environmental Education (CREE) of the Ministry of Higher Education is being formalized.</p> <p>-The guidebook for the implementation of the Policy of</p>	<p>scheduled for July.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An handbook to help celebrate World Environment Days has been produced ;</li> <li>• A lexicon on the Rio conventions and sustainable development has also been drawn up to harmonize training, communication and awareness-raising messages.</li> <li>• In partnership with the ARRUPE center, training courses on "integrating SDG 13 into the activities of NGOs and associations" were organized in April 2022 and November 2022. (Cf. Outcome 5-7 Rapport formation ARRUPE)</li> </ul> <p>In addition to the training sessions held in 2019 and 2021 for CSOs and journalists, a series of training, advocacy and awareness-raising sessions is also scheduled to start in August 2023 targeting: journalists and media professionals, the teams from the ministries in charge of population and youth, the Environmental Judicial Police Offices, parliamentarians, those in charge of environmental education for sustainable development and communication for development in the target regions, etc.</p>
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				Education for the Environment and Sustainable Development (PErEDD) at the local level is also being developed to capitalize on existing education and awareness tools, particularly on issues related to the Rio conventions. This document is expected to be available in August 2022.	
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<b>Evidence uploaded:</b>	YES				

## D. Implementation Progress



Cumulative GL delivery against total approved amount (in prodoc):	47.09%
Cumulative GL delivery against expected delivery as of this year:	47.09%
Cumulative disbursement as of 30 June:	918,222

### Key Financing Amounts

PPG Amount	50,000
GEF Grant Amount	1,950,000
Co-financing	11,200,000

### Key Project Dates

Project duration	60 months
PIF Approval Date	Apr 20, 2016
CEO Endorsement Date	May 18, 2017
Project Document Signature Date (project start date):	Nov 27, 2017

Date of Inception Workshop	Jan 25, 2018
First Disbursement Date	Jan 17, 2018
Expected Date of Mid-term Review	<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
Actual Date of Mid-term Review	Mar 31, 2021
Expected Date of Terminal Evaluation	Feb 27, 2024
Original Planned Closing Date	Nov 27, 2022
Revised Planned Closing Date	May 27, 2024

**Dates of Project Steering Committee/Board Meetings during reporting period (30 June 2022 to 1 July 2023)**

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**Project Manager: Please provide comments on delays this reporting period in achieving any of the following key project milestones outlined in the above 'Key Project Dates' table. Include comments on COVID-19 related challenges, delays and impact. If there are no delays, please indicated 'not applicable'.**

The disruptions associated with the transition to the new Quantum system and difficulties in migrating data, particularly from PIMS to Quantum. The unavailability of the project's Administrative Assistant for health reasons and the cumbersome recruitment process were also among blocking factors affecting the implementation of activities. To deal with these issues, the approach of grouping activities into work packages for execution by one consultancy firm per work package was adopted, in consultation with the stakeholders of the project's technical working group and approved by the steering committee, in order to avoid the time-consuming recruitment and workshop preparation procedures. The project's 2023 Annual Work Plan has been designed according to this approach.

**CO Programme Officer: Please include specific measures to manage the project's implementation performance**

A monthly project monitoring mechanism, based on a quarterly projection plan, has been instituted at UNDP to promote project performance. For the CCCD-Rio project, the focus was on how to catch up with the delay accumulated since the beginning of the project, due to factors of a technical (delayed recruitment, prolonged vacancy of the coordinator's post, unavailability of the project team, already limited in number), environmental (COVID-19 epidemic) and political (Frequent turnover in MESD, hesitation in strategic decisions), nature. This mechanism, which involves teams from the operational unit, has proved to be a good approach to resolve certain bottlenecks.

However, 2022 was marked by a number of factors that continued to sustain delays in the implementation of the project's annual work plan. Firstly, the late allocation of the 2022 budget, granted only in April, affected the implementation of project activities. Secondly, the entry into force of the new UNDP programming cycle, with its associated additional workload affecting particularly the Operations Unit, disrupted the timely provision of procurement and financial services.

In view of this reality, UNDP has recommended that activities be grouped into work packages, and that their implementation be entrusted to consulting firms.

The Monthly coordination meetings of the governance unit, to which the project is now attached due to its strategic nature, has as well been reinforced in order to accelerate and monitor the timely completion of the consulting firms' activities.

**NCE RTA: Please include specific measures to manage the project's implementation performance.**

During the 2022 PIR reporting period, the project requested for 12 months extension due to implementation and budget allocation delays since second half of 2021. The first extension request was granted on 28 May 2022 and the operational closure of the project was updated to 27 Nov 2023. At the end of June 2023, the project requested for a second extension request for 6 additional months due to delays to initiate the TE process (original expected date 30 Sept 2023), as well as persistent delays on the implementation project activities. The revised operational closure date is now updated to 27 May 2024.

The project has entered the last year of its implementation and the cumulative delivery is 46.99% (as of August 2023) only. While project management adapted to changed circumstances, the project board has decided to regroup activities into work lots to be rolled out by consulting firms. The AWP has been structured in this way. The recruitment of consulting firms for the activities regrouped in two lots and for the final evaluation, and the procurement of informatics materials for the implementation of EMIS, correspond to more than 70% of the 2023 AWP.

The second extended period should allow to leverage current results and to take advantage of the project resources to obtain a more complete and robust EMIS system. However, it is clear that the implementation progress over the final months will be critical to make up for lost time as the project is expected to have its Terminal Evaluation in February 2024.

RTA measures to manage the project's IP will include regular follow-up with CO and project teams on the procurement processes, timely execution of the work plan and completion of activities planned for the extended period, and of the M&E plan, i.e. Terminal Evaluation. In line with UNDP guidelines, at the end of the extended period the project will need to operationally and financially close and any remaining project grant will be returned to the Vertical Fund.

## E. Project Governance

<b>Dates of Project Board Meetings during reporting period (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023). Please also upload all meeting minutes using the FILE LIBRARY button.</b>
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## F. Ratings and Overall Assessments

Role	2023 Development Objective Progress Rating	2023 Implementation Progress Rating
UNDP-NCE Technical Adviser	Moderately Unsatisfactory	Moderately Unsatisfactory
UNDP Country Office Programme Officer	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Unsatisfactory

Role	2023 Overall Assessment
UNDP-NCE Technical Adviser	<p>Progress toward Development Objectives (Moderately Unsatisfactory):</p> <p>The project objective is to strengthen a targeted set of national capacities to deliver and sustain global environmental outcomes within the framework of sustainable development priorities.</p> <p>The progress toward development objectives is rated as MU (moderately unsatisfactory). This is the 5th PIR for this project and the sixth year of implementation (duration originally planned for five years). Last year, the project requested the first extension and the revised expected closure was on 27 Nov 2023. This rating represents a significantly lower rating than last year's Satisfactory rating due to the lack of progress and continuity on the main project activities and significant adaptive management will be required for the project to achieve its expected end-of-project targets by project closure.</p> <p>Under outcome 1, there was limited progress since the principal deliverable, the National Sustainable Development plan (NSDP) is still not developed since the last reporting period. So far, a concept note that justify the plan/strategy elaboration process is available. The analysis of the legal framework of the water sector was completed and a draft guide to integrate the Rio conventions into local plans is available for validation (expected on July 2023).</p> <p>Under outcome 2, there was no progress. The Resource Mobilization Strategy (RMS) was technically validated since July 2021. Since then, its operationalization plan is pending, along with clear operational guidelines and innovative financing tools that are expected to start in August 2023.</p> <p>Under outcome 3, the contribution was the conversion of the draft into the consolidated report of the analysis of needs and existing information systems after its validation. Also, a training for capacity-building of the regional MESD monitoring officers for the 2023 planning of the system was held in September 2022. However, the Environmental Management Information System (EMIS) has not yet been implemented, neither the environmental and sustainable development indicators have been developed. This work will be entrusted to consultancy firms currently under recruitment process as part of the 2023 AWP (completion expected in October 2023).</p> <p>Under outcome 4, a complementary institutional analysis report of the MESD and the sectoral/regional structures of the Rio Conventions is available for validation. Since most of the targets are still pending to be addressed, the upcoming work will be also allocated to the consulting firm as part of the 2023 AWP.</p> <p>Under outcome 5, four main deliverables have been finalized during this reporting period: a) handbook for the policy on environmental education for sustainable development at local level (validation pending); b) handbook to celebrate World Environmental Days; c) glossary on the Rio Conventions and</p>

sustainable development; and d) awareness-raising guide for CSOs and the private sector. The capacity-building plans and training programs (curricula, materials, modules) are still pending to be carried out and will be part of the work package assigned to the consulting firms for the second half of 2023. However, the targets related to internet visibility of good practices and reported improved regional access to best practices and best available knowledge are still lacking of progress and additional efforts are needed for this last months of implementation.

I have reviewed the evidence uploaded, which substantiate the progress so far. The main products for this reporting period under outcome 1 include the concept note of the NSDP, the analysis of the water sector and the draft guide for the local plans integration. Under outcome 2 no progress on the indicators is reported, for outcome 3 attendance list of the training was uploaded and for outcome 4 a mid-term report of the institutional analysis was uploaded. Under outcome 5, the two handbooks, the glossary and the awareness-raising guide were uploaded as evidence.

Implementation Progress (Moderately Unsatisfactory):

The Implementation Progress rating for this year is rated MU (Moderately Unsatisfactory). This represents a decrease of last year rating of Moderately Satisfactory. The cumulative delivery rate is 46.99% (as of August 2023). The delivery increased from 38.69% during the previous reporting period, however it is still low since this is the last year of implementation, which financial delivery for 2023 is 7%. One of the reasons in delays is associated with the closing of UNDP programming cycle and preparation of the new one, however same point was raised for the previous year and it would have been expected that the Operations Unit was able to prevent it in order to allow timely provision of procurement and financial services this year. Likewise, the 2022 budget was allocated in April, which represents at least 14 months before the end of the current period, and more progress in the recruitment of consultants would have been expected.

Project monitoring has been very limited and its reinforcement is needed. The evidence of co-financing from the MEEF and UNDP has been provided, but mobilization from GIZ, which contributed the highest amount, is still needed. Strong capacity within the UNDP Country Office is essential given that the Ministry has insufficient technical capacity and hesitation in strategic decisions.

To deal with the delay in project execution and to accelerate the project's implementation, in consideration of the lessons learned from the past years on difficulties linked to the recruitment, the project board decided to regroup activities into work lots to be rolled out by consulting firms. The AWP was structured in this way. The activities have been regrouped into two lots: 1st lot integrates outcomes 1, 2, 4 y 5; and 2nd lot corresponds to outcome 3 EMIS system. The recruitment of consulting firms for those two lots, with the corresponding accompanying expenses (additional workshops, communication, etc.), the consulting firm for the final evaluation, and the procurement of informatics materials for the implementation of EMIS, correspond to more than 70% of the 2023 AWP. The recruitment process is now underway, and activities are scheduled to start late in August. In addition, after the Steering Committee planned to be held on July 5th, the second extension request for 6 additional months was recommended and was recently granted. Currently, the revised date of the operational closure will be 27 May 2024.

In terms of project governance, there was one Project Board meeting (11 January 2023) very significant in terms of the project's strategy and work plan, along with the decision taken to regroup the activities in two lots to be rolled

	<p>out by consulting firms. A second PB meeting, that happened just after this reporting period ended (5 July 2023), was organized to discuss the second extension request in order to allow additional time to complete the terminal evaluation while supporting on the improved progress of project activities.</p> <p>Gender mainstreaming is supported by the project activities through the active participation of more women on project staff roles and project board members, along with the involvement of women in trainings and awareness-raising activities.</p> <p>The project progress on knowledge management and communications this reporting period was represented by the development of guide's documents as decision-making tools. The same suggestion as for the two previous PIR will apply for the current one, an important effort will have to be carried out to have all project activities well documented. Since this component is the one that more achievements has accomplished with several trainings, workshops, awareness-raising activities, tracking and gathering all best practices and lessons learned have to be prioritized over the final months.</p>
<p><b>UNDP Country Office Programme Officer</b></p>	<p>The project can be considered to be on track to achieve its objectives, even if delays were encountered for both political and operational reasons, such as the frequent turnover and hesitation in strategic decisions within the MESD, as well as the work overload of the UNDP operational unit, consecutive to the closure of the UNDP programming cycle in 2021, the adoption of the new cycle in 2022, and the transition to quantum system, whose adaptation process took time.</p> <p>Many efforts have been made to activate the process within the UNDP, including the recruitment of an international environmental and governance experts, the adoption of a system of monthly monitoring meetings and quarterly project projections, regular quantum training and the integration of the CCCD-Rio project into the governance unit to harmonize institutional capacity-building actions at national, sectoral and local levels, and foster synergy of actions with the environment governance initiatives of UNDP.</p> <p>For further details on each component, the following achievements can be considered:</p> <p>Component 1: A national sustainable development strategy/plan fully integrating the obligations of the Rio Convention</p> <p>Madagascar does not yet have a national sustainable development strategy. Referring to its mandate, the MESD, is supposed to play a key role in the drafting of such a strategy, but its capacity to effectively lead this multi-sectoral process still needs to be strengthened, especially for a better consideration of the global environmental obligations, including the Rio conventions. The project's support in this perspective has led to the following achievements :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalization of the concept note, justifying and framing the sustainable development strategy elaboration process. The Ministry therefore deemed it rational to prioritize the establishment of a concerted framework for the formulation of the national sustainable development strategy, in consultation with all stakeholders. It is within this issue that the note was drawn up with the support of the project. The note can also be used to strengthen MEDD's positioning and leadership on issues relating to the promotion of sustainable development. (Cf. Outcome# 1-1 Conceptuel Note SNDP)</li> <li>- Finalization of the analysis of inconsistencies and weaknesses in legal texts relating to the water sector, which will complement the studies carried out on</li> </ul>

the legal and policy frameworks of the three conventions, and the analysis of legal texts on the extractive sectors (mining and oil) and local governance. These studies will guide the process of reforming the texts scheduled for 2023, and can serve as a reference for the activities of the MEDD's technical departments and national focal points involved in implementing the Rio conventions. (Cf. Outcome# 1-2 Rapport d'analyse secteur eau)

-An handbook to guide integrating the Rio conventions into local plans has also been drawn up and is available for the validation process, scheduled for July 2023. (Cf. Outcome#1-4 Draft guide integration dans les plans locaux)

Component 2: The mobilization of financial resources is more sustainable.

The strategy for mobilizing financial resources for the environment, which has been drawn up, technically validated and presented to MEDD staff, has been the subject of a number of recommendations that will be taken into account in the operationalization plan. The development and implementation of this plan, which could not begin in 2022, have been regrouped in the first work lot. of the 2023 AWP, for which the consultancy firm, currently being recruited, is scheduled to start its assignment late in July.

The strategy's implementation plan will be the subject of an advocacy campaign to secure the commitment of technical and financial partners.

Component 3: Environmental Management Information System (EMIS)

This component advocates an integrated or networked environmental management information system as a cost-effective approach to facilitating access to the data and information needed to inform environmentally-friendly development actions. Within this framework, the design and implementation of an Environmental Management Information System is underway. The report on the analysis of needs and existing information systems is already available and has been technically validated by the relevant stakeholders.

The project has also helped to build the capacity of MEDD's regional monitoring managers to use the Ministry's programming and monitoring-evaluation system, which is already an important source of information on key indicators relating to the Rio conventions.

Component 4: Institutional structures and mechanisms strengthened for mainstreaming and enforcing Rio Conventions compliance

This component focuses on strengthening inter-ministerial and inter-directorate coordination to improve monitoring and compliance with environmental policies and best practices for delivering and sustaining global environmental results.

Within this framework, in addition to the preliminary diagnostic analysis of the MEDD, the Comité Interministériel de l'Environnement (CIME), the Cellules Environnementales sectorielles (CES) and Cellules Environnementales régionale (CER), a complementary institutional analysis of these structures has been carried out, and the report is available for the validation process scheduled for July 2023.

Under this component, the following activities are planned in the 2023 AWP, under the first work lot of activities entrusted to a consultancy firm responsible for institutional strengthening and structures for coordination and sectoral and regional integration of the Rio conventions.

Component 5: Public awareness and sensitization on Rio Convention mainstreaming.

- Finalization of the guide to celebrating international environment days and the lexicon on the Rio conventions and sustainable development, which will

	<p>help communication and awareness-raising actors to better harmonize messages and have greater impact in their activities. (Cf. Outcome 5-2 Guide JME) The development of a handbook for the implementation of the Policy on Environmental Education for Sustainable Development, which is already available for the validation process, will also contribute to this (Cf. Outcome 5-1 Draft Guide pratique PErEDD_Conventions Rio). The same applies to the finalization of the awareness-raising guide for CSOs and the private sector, drawn up in collaboration with WWF, which is already finalized. (Cf. Outcome 5-4 WWF - Guide de sensibilisation OSC, sect privé).</p>
<p><b>Project Manager/Coordinator</b></p>	<p>In general, the project remains on target. even, some delays occurred in the achievement of some project's objectives due to some disruptive factors, including the slow responsiveness of the administration to needs for clarification on issues related to the technical framing of interventions, strategic orientation decisions, and feedback on consultant's deliverables, is delaying the implementation of some activities. This is the case for the first component where the decision whether or not to undertake the NSDP development process is still pending. Slow feedback on intermediate deliverables from consultants linked to the various components also delayed the finalization of these documents. This is the case, for example, of the Guide for the Rio conventions' integration into local plans, for component 4, and the Guide for the implementation of the PErEDD for component 5.</p> <p>At operational level, the preparation and launch of UNDP's new 2022-2024 programming cycle and the adoption of the new Quantum system have disrupted and delayed the processing of the project's financial and procurement operations. With the growing involvement of the technical working group and the strengthening of the UNDP environmental team, the project has recorded the following achievements:</p> <p>For the first component, the main achievement is the finalization of the concept note with a roadmap to justify and frame the process of drawing up the national sustainable development strategy (NSDP). Unfortunately, with the replacement of the General Director of the Sustainable development department, this process is still pending. The completion of the analysis of the legal coherence and weaknesses of the water sector was also among the key achievements of this component. The project has also supported the identification of additional information needed to finalize the long-term low-carbon development strategy.</p> <p>On the second component, the project has identified and incorporated into the Consulting firm's ToR detailed activities and provisions to be considered for achieving the component's objectives.</p> <p>Under Component 3, the project continued to support capacity-building for regional MESD monitoring officers, as part of the operationalization of the MESD planning, monitoring and evaluation system, an integral part of the EMIS system, through a training workshop. The session, held in September 2023, was particularly focused on the application of the system in planning for 2023,</p> <p>Relating to component 4, the guide to integrating the Rio conventions into local plans has been drafted and in process of validation. The institutional analyses of MESD as well as the sectorial and regional integrated structures is also in process of validation, scheduled in august 2023.</p> <p>For the component 5, achievements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The strategy for the integration of Rio conventions within the national training program has been adopted, and served to develop some training</li> </ul>

	<p>materials (Cf. Outcome 5-6 BTOR Majunga MEN MEDD) ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sensitization and training handbook for CSOs and the private sector (Cf. Outcome 5-4 WWF, guide sensibilization OSC, Sect privé);</li> <li>- World Environment Days celebration Handbook (Cf. Outcome 5-2 Guide JME)</li> <li>- lexicon on the Rio conventions and sustainable development (Cf. Outcome 5-3 Lexique)</li> <li>- Rio conventions training kit (Cf. Outcome 5-5 Kits de formation sur les conventions de Rio)</li> </ul> <p>Despite these difficulties, the project, conjointly with the technical working group, formulated the AWP on the basis of the approach recommended by the UNDP and adopted jointly with the national side, which consists of grouping activities into lots and encouraging the mobilization of consultancy firms for the execution of each lot. This approach will speed up project implementation, given the time available. On the basis of this , the ToR for the recruitment of consulting firms have been drawn up and discussed with the ministries' technical departments. The recruitment process was initiated, with an estimated completion in late July.</p> <p>In consideration of delays in the project implementation, steps to request a second six-month extension are being initiated by the project's implementing partner.</p>
<b>GEF Operational Focal point</b>	<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
<b>Project Implementing Partner</b>	<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
<b>Other Partners</b>	<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>

## G. Minor Amendments

<b>A) Results Framework</b>
No
<b>Provide a description of the change(s) to the 'Results framework'</b>
<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
<b>B) Components and cost</b>
No
<b>Provide a description of the change(s) to 'Components and cost'</b>
<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
<b>C) Institutional and implementation arrangements</b>
No
<b>Provide a description of the change(s) to 'Institutional and implementation arrangements'</b>
<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
<b>D) Financial management</b>
No
<b>Provide a description of the change(s) to 'Financial Management'</b>
<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
<b>E) Implementation schedule</b>
Yes
<b>Provide a description of the change(s) to 'Implementation schedule'</b>
The project, initially scheduled to end in November 2022, benefited from an initial 12-month extension agreement which postponed the end of the project to November 2023, due to COVID impacts which disrupted the project implementation. It should be noted that a request for a second 6-months extension was issued at the IP's request due to the disruptions associated with the migration into Quantum.
<b>F) Executing Entity</b>
No
<b>Provide a description of the change(s) to 'Executing Entity'</b>
<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
<b>G) Executing Entity Category</b>
No
<b>Provide a description of the change(s) to 'Executing Entity Category'</b>

<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
<b>H) Minor project objective change</b>
No
<b>Provide a description of the change(s) to 'minor project objective change'</b>
<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
<b>I) Safeguards</b>
No
<b>Provide a description of the change(s) to 'Safeguards'</b>
<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
<b>J) Risk Analysis</b>
No
<b>Provide a description of the change(s) to 'Risk Analysis'</b>
<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
<b>K) Increase of GEF project financing up to 5%</b>
No
<b>Provide a description of the change to GEF project financing up to 5%</b>
<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
<b>L) Co-financing</b>
No
<b>Provide a description of the change(s) to 'Co-financing'</b>
<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
<b>M) Location of project activity</b>
No
<b>Provide a description of the change(s) to project location activity</b>
<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>
<b>Other</b>
No
<b>Please provide a description of other types of minor amendments that do not fall under any of the above categories. For example, minor changes to the project's Gender Action Plan and/or gender activities can be captured here.</b>
<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>

**Upload any supporting documentation related to responses in this section.**

Communication with RBX on the second extension of the project.msg

## H. Gender

### Progress in Advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

<p><b>1) Please review the project's Gender Analysis and Action Plan. If the document is not attached or an updated Gender Analysis and/or Gender Action Plan is available please upload the document below or send to the Regional Programme Associate to upload in PIMS+. Please note that all projects approved since 1 July 2014 are required to carry out a gender analysis and all projects approved since 1 July 2018 are required to have a gender analysis and action plan.</b></p>
<p><i>(not set or not applicable)</i></p>
<p><b>Quantum Gender Marker Rating</b></p>
<p><b>GEN2:</b> gender equality as significant objective</p>
<p><b>2) Please indicate in which results areas the project is contributing to gender equality (you may select more than one results area, or select not applicable):</b></p>
<p>Contributing to closing gender gaps in access to and control over resources: No</p>
<p>Improving the participation and decision-making of women in natural resource governance: Yes</p>
<p>Targeting socio-economic benefits and services for women: No</p>
<p>Not applicable: No</p>
<p><b>3) Please specify results achieved this reporting period that focus on increasing gender equality and the empowerment of women.</b></p>
<p><b>Please explain how the results reported addressed the different needs of men or women, changed norms, values, and power structures, and/or contributed to transforming or challenging gender inequalities and discrimination.</b></p>
<p>-Total number and percentage of full-time project staff who are women: 1 out of 3, or 33%.</p> <p>-Total number and percentage of project board members who are women: 21 out of 46, or 46%.</p> <p>-Number of women who attended training on integrating SDG 13 into the activities of associations and NGOs: 11 out of 26, or 42%.</p> <p>Involving women in training and awareness-raising activities allows the specific needs and concerns of women to be taken into account. In the analysis of the coherence of texts relating to the water sector, for example, women argued strongly to take into account the protection of drinking water.</p>
<p><b>4) Please describe how work to advance gender equality and women's empowerment enhanced the project's environmental and/or resilience outcomes.</b></p>
<p>Women are more at ease in associations, especially women's associations, where they acquire skills and take part in environmental awareness-raising activities in Madagascar. The involvement of women in training on the integration of MDG 13 into the activities of associations and NGOs is in line with this logic. One women's association was among those trained in this initiative.</p>

## I. Risk Management

### A) Review of Risks outlined in Risk Register and PIMS+ risk tab

<b>CO Programme Officer: Has the Atlas/Quantum Risk Register been updated during this reporting period?</b>
Yes
<b>NCE RTA:</b>
Please provide an assessment of project risk management (including risks reported in Risk Register and risks included in the project's risk tab in PIMS+ ) undertaken in the reporting period and summarize the key risk management measures to be taken in the coming year. This text will be pulled into the risk management action plan in this project's risk tab in PIMS+.
Project is under No Risk category in PIMS+ Risk Rating Dashboard. The Risk register in Quantum was last updated in July 2023, with no critical risks identified.

### B) Social and Environmental Standards (Safeguards) Risks

<b>For reference, please find below the project's safeguards screening (Social and Environmental Screening Procedure (SESP) or the old ESSP tool); management plans (if any); and its SESP categorization above. Please note that the SESP categorization might have been corrected during a centralized review (GEF-6 projects only).</b>
If the project has updated its SESP during implementation, then please upload that file below. Note that any change to the project's SESP categorization should be confirmed by the Project Board and by the NCEW PTA (and NCEW safeguards team).
<i>(not set or not applicable)</i>

## J. Knowledge Management & Communications

The **Project Manager** must complete the three questions below.

<p><b>1) Please provide progress on the implementation of the project's Knowledge Management approach approved at CEO Endorsement/Approval. If there is no KM approach/strategy, please comment on how the project is capturing and disseminating best practices and lessons learned.</b></p>
<p>The project's approach to knowledge management, as stated in the project document, focuses on building widespread awareness through the creation and dissemination of decision-support tools. The approach is also based on partnerships development, so that collaborations will catalyze the transfer of knowledge and skills between actors and stakeholders.</p> <p>During the period covered by this report, the project focused on mobilizing partnerships and developing decision-making tools, such as EMIS, and guides to support the various players and structures involved in planning and environmental education. We can mention for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Guide to implementing environmental education policy for sustainable development in Madagascar (awaiting validation);</li> <li>- Guide for integration of the Rio conventions in local development plans (awaiting validation);</li> <li>- Guide for the CSO and private sector sensitization on Rio conventions.</li> </ul> <p>Without a communications officer since October 2022, after the resignation of the person who had held this position from January 2022, communications initiatives had trouble to progress as planned. However, with the approach of regrouping activities, communication and knowledge management actions will be part of the essential activities of the first lot entrusted to a consultancy firm and estimated to start in August 2023.</p>
<p><b>2) Please provide URLs specific to this project in the relevant field below. Please categorize the URLs appropriately (for example: project websites, social media sites, media coverage, etc.)</b></p>
<p>UNDP Transparency Portal: <a href="https://open.undp.org/projects/00104056">https://open.undp.org/projects/00104056</a></p>
<p><b>3) In the PIR platform, please upload any supporting files, including the project's Communications Strategy, photos, videos, stories and other communication/knowledge materials.</b></p>
<p>DOP_Indicateur 3 Actions de sensibilisation.pdf</p>

## K. Stakeholder Engagement

**(A) Provide an update on progress, challenges and outcomes related to stakeholder engagement based on the description in the Stakeholder Engagement Plan or equivalent documentation submitted at CEO Endorsement/Approval.**

**(B) Upload all available documentation of the project's stakeholder engagement, including surveys, FPIC reports and others using the FILE LIBRARY button in the upper right corner of the PIR.**

**(C) If the project's Stakeholder Engagement Plan has been updated during the reporting period, please upload that file using the FILE LIBRARY button above.**

Up to now, the project has much more developed tools and materials for coordination (Resource mobilization strategy, Environmental texts database, currently being installed on the MESD portal, etc.), integration and awareness-raising with regard to the Rio conventions. The partners, including GIZ, mobilized at the project's board meeting were informed of the consultancy firms' ToRs and were made aware of the need to strengthen synergies between interventions with possible frameworks for partnerships in the field.

## L. Annex - Ratings Definitions

### Development Objective Progress Ratings Definitions

(HS) Highly Satisfactory: Project is on track to exceed its end-of-project targets, and is likely to achieve transformational change by project closure. The project can be presented as 'outstanding practice'.

(S) Satisfactory: Project is on track to fully achieve its end-of-project targets by project closure. The project can be presented as 'good practice'.

(MS) Moderately Satisfactory: Project is on track to achieve its end-of-project targets by project closure with minor shortcomings only.

(MU) Moderately Unsatisfactory: Project is off track and is expected to partially achieve its end-of-project targets by project closure with significant shortcomings. Project results might be fully achieved by project closure if adaptive management is undertaken immediately.

(U) Unsatisfactory: Project is off track and is not expected to achieve its end-of-project targets by project closure. Project results might be partially achieved by project closure if major adaptive management is undertaken immediately.

(HU) Highly Unsatisfactory: Project is off track and is not expected to achieve its end-of-project targets without major restructuring.

### Implementation Progress Ratings Definitions

(HS) Highly Satisfactory: Implementation is exceeding expectations. Cumulative financial delivery, timing of key implementation milestones, and risk management are fully on track. The project is managed extremely efficiently and effectively. The implementation of the project can be presented as 'outstanding practice'.

(S) Satisfactory: Implementation is proceeding as planned. Cumulative financial delivery, timing of key implementation milestones, and risk management are on track. The project is managed efficiently and effectively. The implementation of the project can be presented as 'good practice'.

(MS) Moderately Satisfactory: Implementation is proceeding as planned with minor deviations. Cumulative financial delivery and management of risks are mostly on track, with minor delays. The project is managed well.

(MU) Moderately Unsatisfactory: Implementation is not proceeding as planned and faces significant implementation issues. Implementation progress could be improved if adaptive management is undertaken immediately. Cumulative financial delivery, timing of key implementation milestones, and/or management of critical risks are significantly off track. The project is not fully or well supported.

(U) Unsatisfactory: Implementation is not proceeding as planned and faces major implementation issues and restructuring may be necessary. Cumulative financial delivery, timing of key implementation milestones, and/or management of critical risks are off track with major issues and/or concerns. The project is not fully or well supported.

(HU) Highly Unsatisfactory: Implementation is seriously under performing and major restructuring is required. Cumulative financial delivery, timing of key implementation milestones (e.g. start of activities), and management of critical risks are severely off track with severe issues and/or concerns. The project is not effectively or efficiently supported.