ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2025

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A. PROJECT INFORMATION

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Project Title	Integrated Landscape Management for Sustainable Food Systems, Land Use, and Restoration in Sabah		
Project (Award) ID	01001625	**Output ID**	NA
Project Start and End (Date & Month)	10 September 2024 – 10 September 2030	**Project Extension Date** (if any)	NA
Project Preparatory Grant (PPG)/Project Initiation Plan (PIP) Approval Date (e.g. grants obtained from GEF, if any)	10 September 2024 – 10 September 2030	**Implementing Partner (IP) Name:**	Sabah Forestry Department
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Project Description	The Project aims to strengthen the projection of High Conservation Value (HCV) and High Carbon Stock (HCS) areas in Malaysia's state of Sabah through Integrated Landscape Management (ILM) approaches, sustainable and resilient palm oil value chains, and participatory conservation and restoration. The Project has four interconnected components, which are: Component 1: Development of Integrated Landscape Management systems Component 2: Promotion of responsible value chains for palm oil and smallholder support Component 3: Conservation and restoration of natural habitats through public-private-community partnerships Component 4: Knowledge management and impact monitoring The Project landscape covers 14 districts, which is equivalent to 5,383,200 ha or 73.1% of the total land area of Sabah. The three (3) Key Intervention Areas (KIA) identified in the Project landscape for potential intervention are: KIA 1 – the Kinabatangan-Segama Catchment (Tongod, Kinabatangan, Lahad Datu districts); KIA 2 – Southwest Sabah (Nabawan, Keningau, Tenom districts); and KIA 3 – Lower Sugut (Beluran district).		

	The Project aims to reach at least 54,000 direct benefits (of whom 27,000 are female), 200,000 ha area of land restored, 2,380,763 ha area of landscapes under improved practices, and 10,740,674 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (lifetime direct).		
Target Beneficiaries	Smallholders, medium-sized growers, local communities, indigenous peoples, local authorities, etc.	**Number of Beneficiaries**	Total: 54,000 individuals Male: 27,000, Female: 27,000
Gender Marker	GEN2	**Project Location** (project activities)	Sabah - Within 14 districts – Beluran, Paitan, Kalabakan, Keningau, Kinabatangan, Kunak, Lahad Datu, Nabawan, Sook, Sipitang, Tawau, Telupid, Tenom and Tongod. **Note: Sub-districts - Paitan and Sook were upgraded to district level.*

B. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total Project Budget (USD)	7,368,807.00	**Government Cost Sharing Fund (GCSF) (USD)**	54,062,000 (Sabah Forestry Department)
UNDP Target Resource Assignment from the Core (TRAC) (USD)	n/a	**Others (please specify the name of donor and amount) (USD)**	• WWF: $7,000,000 • Wild Asia (WA): $1,000,000 • IDH: $2,051,144 • UNDP: $1,000,000
Total Approved AWP Budget (USD)	USD 1,264,406.00		
AWP 2025 Amendment (if any)	No	**Total Amended AWP 2025 Budget**	n/a
Actual Expenditure by 15 November 2025 (as per CDR) (USD)	$104,929.30		

C. STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

(Note: To be completed by UNDP)

C.1 National Priority (12MP):	☐ Pillar 1: Resetting the Economy ☐ Pillar 2: Strengthening security, wellbeing and inclusivity ☒ Pillar 3: Advancing Sustainability	**C.2 Policy Enabler (12MP):**	☐ Policy Enabler 1: Developing Future Talent ☐ Policy Enabler 2: Accelerating Technology Adoption and Innovation ☐ Policy Enabler 3: Enhancing Connectivity and Transport Infrastructure ☒ Policy Enabler 4: Strengthening the Public Service
C.3 UNDP SP 2022-2025 Outcome:	☒ Outcome 1: Structural transformation: including green, inclusive and digital transitions: working with countries to effect change in systems and structures that shape a country's sustainable development ☒ Outcome 2: Leaving no-one behind: a rights-based approach centered on empowerment, inclusion, equity, human agency and human development ☐ Outcome 3: Building resilience: strengthening countries and institutions to prevent, mitigate and respond to crisis, conflict, natural disasters, climate and social and economic shocks	**C.4 UNDP SP Output:** (Signature Solutions)	☐ Signature Solution 1: Poverty and Inequality ☒ Signature Solution 2: Governance ☐ Signature Solution 3: Resilience ☒ Signature Solution 4: Environment ☐ Signature Solution 5: Energy ☒ Signature Solution 6: Gender Equality
C.5 UNSDCF Outcome:	☐ Outcome 1: People ☒ Outcome 2: Planet ☐ Outcome 3: Prosperity ☐ Outcome 4: Peace	**Indicators:** Planet Indicator 1: Protected area cover in Malaysia 2030	Although current results are below target and cannot be reported for 2025 due to the recent establishment of the PMU and early stakeholder engagement, the FOLUR project will contribute by restoring ecosystems, expanding protected/conservation area coverage, promoting sustainable land use, reducing

			greenhouse gas emissions, and fostering gender-inclusive livelihoods.
C.6 CPD/CPAP Output:	Output 2.2 Natural resources, biodiversity and ecosystems are sustainably managed, adequately protected and conserved for long-term economic and environmental sustainability	**Indicators:** 2.1.1 Number of analyses/frameworks/tools developed to promote environmentally sensitive budgets and financing frameworks 2.2.1 Area of terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management for conservation and sustainable use 2.2.2 Number of integrated landscape management systems developed for sustainable land use practices 2.2.3 Number of local and indigenous communities benefiting from protection and/or sustainable use of protected areas/High Conservation Value/High Carbon Stocks forests	Although current results are below target and cannot be reported for 2025 due to the recent establishment of the PMU and early stakeholder engagement, the FOLUR project will contribute by restoring ecosystems, expanding protected/conservation area coverage, promoting sustainable land use, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and fostering gender-inclusive livelihoods.

D. PROJECT PROGRESS AND STATUS

D1. OBJECTIVE, OUTCOME AND OUTPUT-LEVEL RESULTS

Project Objective	To strengthen the projection of high conservation value (HCV) and high carbon stock (HCS) areas in Sabah through integrated landscape management (ILM) approaches, sustainable and resilient palm oil value chains, and participatory conservation and restoration.			
Description of Indicator	**Baseline and End of Project Target**	**Milestone/Progress to Target (By Nov 2025)**	**Description of Data Collection/Others**	**Source of Evidence**
Indicator 1: Area of land restored (hectares)	**Baseline:** Limited systematic approaches for the restoration and rehabilitation initiatives being implemented in the Project landscape by government, civil society, and private sector stakeholders. **Mid-term Target:** 200,000 ha identified through management plans, intervention plans, partnership agreements, MoUs, etc. **End of project Target:** 200,000 ha undergoing restoration, which includes: Sub-indicator 3.1: 50,000 ha Sub-indicator 3.2: 150,000 ha	Very few activities have been implemented this year as the Project Management Unit (PMU) only became fully staffed in early November. However, Community District Mobilizers (CDM) have been deployed to their respective intervention districts and have initiated stakeholder engagements to identify key actors on the ground.	Review of management plans, ground truthing, monitoring records, and GIS maps of intervention sites.	Management plans, field observation reports, intervention plans, MoUs spatial data and maps, SFD forest datasets

Indicator 2: Area of landscapes under improved practices (excluding protected areas) (hectares)	**Baseline:** HCV/HCS areas mapped in Sabah but not yet incorporated into planning mechanisms; Malaysia has pledged to maintain 50% forest cover. **Mid-term Target:** 2,380,763 ha (excluding protected areas) identified through mainstreaming the ILM Framework in the three (3) Key Intervention Areas (KIAs) and the estimate of HCV forest loss avoided confirmed. **End of Project Target:** 2,380,763 ha (excluding protected areas) which includes: Sub-indicator 4.1: 2,366,763 ha Sub-indicator 4.4: 14,000 ha	The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the contracted partner responsible for developing the Integrated Landscape Management (ILM) Framework has been finalized and is currently being advertised. This partner will support the project in designing and promoting the ILM framework as an initial step toward its adoption and implementation.	Review of management plans, set-aside agreements, estimation and review of forest cover change	Management plans, MoUs or agreements with private sector stakeholders, spatial data, maps
Indicator 3: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mitigated (metric tons of CO2e).	**Baseline:** Not applicable. **Mid-term Target:** Estimated end target of 10,740,674 tons CO2e (lifetime direct) confirmed through verification of assumptions and approved restoration plans. **End of Project Target:** 10,740,674 metric tons CO2e (lifetime direct) CO2e avoided in	No activities conducted	Ex-Ante Carbon-balance Tool (EX-ACT), mapping and review of restoration and rehabilitations areas, estimation and review of forest cover	EX-ACT, restoration and rehabilitation plans and reports

	the AFOLU sector (Sub-Indicator 6.1).			
Indicator 4: Direct Project beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co -benefit of GEF investment (individual people)	**Baseline:** Not applicable. **Mid-term Target:** 10,000 direct beneficiaries (of whom 5,000 are women) benefiting from Project-supported interventions. **End of Project Target:** 54,000 direct beneficiaries (of whom 27,000 are women)	Very few activities have been implemented this year as the Project Management Unit (PMU) only became fully staffed in early November. However, Community District Mobilizers (CDM) have been deployed to their respective intervention districts and have initiated stakeholder engagement to identify key actors on the ground, including local communities.	Annual review of direct project beneficiaries through training attendance records	Training reports (by PMU, consultants, contracted partners)
Project Outcome **Outcome 1:** Intra-governmental coordination and multi-stakeholder collaboration enabled for effective landscape management	The intended outcome for this is one multi-stakeholder Integrated Landscape Management (ILM) platform established at landscape level and State or local government unit incorporates ILM actions into planning process. Although no progress has been made so far, activities are expected to accelerate in 2026 through the creation of coordination platforms, multi-stakeholder engagements, and joint action plans.			
Project Output **Output** 1.1: Enabling environment for integrated, multi-stakeholder collaborative approaches strengthened by introducing systems-leadership skills and developing guidelines for integrated landscape management in accordance to UNDP's social and environmental standards (SES).	No available outputs to date. Under Output 1.1 of the project, the following activities have been completed so far: a) Engaged a Safeguards Consultant to provide technical guidance on the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) and other project safeguard measures. b) Developed and advertised the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Contracted Partner responsible for conducting the SESA. c) Developed and advertised the TOR for recruiting an International Facilitation Consultant to support multi-stakeholder collaborative actions. Activities are expected to commence in 2026.			

Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	The MY-FOLUR officially began with the endorsement of its 2024 Annual Work Plan on 10 September 2024, following the appointment of the National Project Director and Project Manager on 14 June 2024. Key governance milestones included a courtesy visit to the Sabah State Secretary on 14 February 2025 and the Project Inception Workshop on 19–20 March 2025. This reporting period focused on establishing the Project Management Unit (PMU) rather than implementing component-level activities. The priority was setting up and hiring the PMU to ensure the project has the right team, structure, and capacity before interventions and activities can begin. Recruitment of the PMU started in May 2025 after JPAN *(Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam Negeri Sabah - Public Service Department)* approval and this concluded in mid-November 2025, forming a complete team comprising of a Chief Technical Officer, Sustainable Production Officer, Project Assistant, Community District Mobilizers (CDMs), Safeguard and Gender Officer, and Communications Officer. An International Safeguard Consultant to provide strategic guidance on assessing and managing social and environmental risks was appointed in July 2025, while other hiring processes for international consultants and contracted partners are currently ongoing. Orientation and onboarding sessions for the PMU were held from September to October 2025, followed by technical meetings with partners (WWF, Wild Asia, JASPO). CDMs were deployed to the respective districts on 3 November 2025, i.e., Keningau-Sook-Nabawan Districts; Beluran-Paitan Districts; Keningau-Sook-Nabawan Districts; Tenom-Sipitang Districts and Kalabakan-Kunak-Lahad Datu Districts. The first PMU and Project Board, also known as the Project Steering Committee, meeting were conducted on 14 and 20 November 2025, respectively.
Project Output 1.2: Data sharing platforms and protocols harmonized in	No outputs have been delivered to date. The team is currently developing a TOR to recruit a Contracted Partner who will conduct a gap analysis of existing data-sharing platforms and provide training on recommended improvements to support participatory Integrated Landscape Management (ILM). The advertisement for this consultancy is expected to be released in December 2025, with activities anticipated to begin in 2026.	

support of integrated landscape management		
Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation. The PMU only became fully staffed in early November, and activities are now expected to commence in 2026.
Project Output 1.3: Integrated landscape management framework developed and mainstreamed through multi-stakeholder collaboration	No outputs have been delivered to date. The team is currently developing a TOR to recruit a Contracted Partner who will conduct a gap analysis of existing data-sharing platforms and provide training on recommended improvements to support participatory Integrated Landscape Management (ILM). The advertisement for this consultancy is expected to be released in December 2025, with activities anticipated to begin in 2026.	
Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation. The PMU only became fully staffed in early November, and activities are expected to commence in 2026.

Description of Indicator	Baseline & End of Project Target	Milestone/Progress to Target (By November 2025)	Description of Data Collection/Other Comments	Source of Evidence
Indicator 5: (a) Number of gender-responsive multi-stakeholder ILM platforms established (b) Number of gender-responsive multi-stakeholder ILM platform strengthened	**Baseline:** Currently, there are limited multi-stakeholder ILM platforms in Sabah **Mid-term Target:** Systems leadership training delivered to (a) the ILM platform established for the project and (b) the existing	No activities conducted in 2025	N/A	N/A

	platform for the Kinabatangan-Segama intervention area **End of Project Target:** (a) One Project level ILM platform established (b) The platform for the Kinabatangan-Segama intervention area strengthened.			
Indicator 6: Number of State or local government units mainstreaming ILM priority actions into respective planning processes.	**Baseline:** Integrated approaches are reflected in State policies and strategies. However, State and local government units have limited experience in implementing ILM. **Mid-term Target:** Two state or local government units trained in the process and importance of ILM. **End of Project Target:** Two state or local government units incorporate ILM actions into their planning processes.	As a follow-up of the FOLUR Regional Dialogue on Palm Oil (10hb-13hb June 2025), Sabah Town & Regional Planning Department (TRPD) arranged a consultation session with SFD (NPD & PM) on the 28 July 2025 to discuss collaboration on Collaborative District Plan Revision for the districts of Sipitang, Tenom, Nabawan/Pensiangan and Kalabakan.	Review of official documents, training attendance records	Sector plans, local development plans, budgetary frameworks, training report

Project Outcome: **Outcome 2:** Emerging approaches and incentive mechanisms leading towards effectively managed high conservation value areas socialized	The intended outcome is that high conservation areas in Sabah are effectively managed through mechanisms that recognize Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs) and by developing sustainable financial solutions, to support the long-term management of High Conservation Value (HCV) areas. However, in 2025, no results have been recorded as activities are expected to commence in 2026.	
Project Output **Output 2.1:** Roadmap for recognizing and strengthening the management of conservation areas (including OECMs) in production landscapes and local community sites in Sabah developed and socialized	No outputs have been delivered to date. The team has developed a TOR to recruit two Contracted Partners who will: 1. Prepare and socialize roadmap for recognizing and establishing conserved areas; undertaking consultations with relevant stakeholders supporting 4-6 mini workshops to facilitate operationalization of Conserved Areas 2. Mentoring and implementation of action plans The advertisement for this consultancy has been released in November 2025, with activities anticipated to begin in 2026.	
Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation. The PMU only became fully staffed in early November, and activities are expected to commence in 2026.

Project Output **Output 2.2:** Fiscal and economic instruments explored, and recommendations formulated for facilitating ILM finance with a focus on incentivizing effective management of HCV forests in conservation areas across production landscapes and community sites	No outputs have been delivered to date. In 2026, one contracted partner will be engaged to support the achievement of key deliverables, specifically: 1. Carrying out analysis of existing fiscal and economic instruments and incentivizing the management of private and community conserved areas, preparing recommendations for fiscal and economic instruments, developing strategies for mobilizing CSR allocations, and convening stakeholder workshops. The ToR for this contracted partner has been finalized. Recruitment is currently pending, and once completed, it will accelerate the implementation of project activities under this output.	
Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation. The PMU only became fully staffed in early November, and activities are expected to commence in 2026.

Description of Indicator	Baseline & End of Project Target	Milestone/Progress to Target (By November 2025)	Description of Data Collection/Other Comments	Source of Evidence
Indicator 7: Number of conservation areas (including OECMs, Community Conserved Areas or privately managed conservation areas) recognized (with encouragement of women participation)	**Baseline:** Limited pathways available to recognize the participation of local communities and private sector stakeholders in the conservation of HCV forests **Mid-term Target:** Two management plans for conservation areas under	The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the contracted partner responsible for preparing and socializing roadmap for recognizing and establishing conserved areas has been finalized and is currently being advertised. This partner will support the project in the development of management plans for conservation areas as well as its recognition. n	Database for recognized conservation areas (if any), stakeholder consultations, attendance list	Management plans, reports, meeting minutes or stakeholder consultation reports

	preparation (with the encouragement of women participation), in accordance with the roadmap completed under Output 2.1 **End of Project Target** Two conservation areas (CCAs, OECMs or privately managed conservation areas) recognised (e.g., management plan in place) (with the encouragement of women participation)			
Indicator 8: Number of policy recommendations for incentive mechanisms to support ILM practices formulated and advanced for adoption	**Baseline:** Limited incentive mechanisms available to support ILM practices **Mid-term Target:** Two (2) policy recommendations developed for incentive mechanisms to support ILM practices **End of Project Target:** Two (2) policy recommendations for incentive mechanisms submitted to relevant agencies (e.g., Ministry of Finance, Department of Lands and Surveys, etc.) for consideration	No activities conducted in 2025	N/A	N/A

Outcome 3: Value chains for sustainable palm oil strengthened through multi-stakeholder collaboration	The intended outcome is that high conservation areas in Sabah are effectively managed through mechanisms that recognize Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs) and by developing sustainable financial solutions, to support the long-term management of High Conservation Value (HCV) areas. However, in 2025, no results have been recorded as activities are expected to commence in 2026.	
Project Output **Output 3.1:** Multi-stakeholder collaboration processes strengthened	The Project Team has begun building partnerships to strengthen multi-stakeholder collaboration for sustainable palm oil, including engagement with Wild Asia and an alignment workshop with JASPO. An MoU with Wild Asia is underway to formalize joint activities (expected in 2026), and TORs are currently being prepared for a consultant and contracted partner to support the Jurisdictional Approach for Sustainable Palm Oil (JASPO) Initiative in Sabah. Delays in recruitment and budget delivery have limited activities, with output falling below target. Progress is expected to accelerate once the AWP 2026 budget is secured and consultants onboarded, ensuring timelines are reviewed and monitored to keep tasks aligned with project objectives and deliverables	
Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation. The PMU only became fully staffed in early November, and activities are expected to commence in 2026.
Project Output **Output 3.2:** Strengthened linkages and collaboration through the value chain	Although direct engagement with the value chain actors has not yet been initiated; the Sustainable Production Officer (SPO) participated in programs under the coordination of palm oil actors such as JASPO, IDH, Sawit Kinabalu and MPOB, facilitating indirect engagement and knowledge exchange. To date, The TOR for Consultant for Private Sector Engagement to facilitate engagement with the value chain actors has been prepared. Recruitment is currently pending, and once completed, it will accelerate the implementation of project activities under this output commencing 2026.	
Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation. The PMU only became fully staffed in early November, and activities are expected to commence in 2026.

	☐ N/A - not applicable	
Project Output **Output 3.3:** Traceability of oil palm in Sabah strengthened to facilitate responsible sourcing	No outputs have been delivered to date. In 2026, one contracted partner will be engaged to assess existing oil palm database and traceability tools, provide recommendations to strengthen MSPO Trace, and support stakeholders in adopting and implementing these improvements. Once the contracted partner has been hired, these activities will move forward, with full implementation expected to commence by Q2 in 2026. The Project has also identified WAGSAPP as a potential traceability system that FOLUR can support through its partnership with Wild Asia.	
Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation. The PMU only became fully staffed in early November, and activities are expected to commence in 2026.
Project Output **Output 3.4:** Open innovation challenge introduced to identify solutions that can be scaled to address key sustainability issues in the palm oil sector.	No results have been recorded to date. Activities are expected to commence in 2026.	
Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation. The PMU only became fully staffed in early November, and activities are expected to commence in 2026.

Description of Indicator	Baseline & End of Project Target	Milestone/Progress to Target (By Nov 2025)	Description of Data Collection/Other Comments	Source of Evidence

Indicator 9: Number of Signals-of-Change (SoC), demonstrating strengthened multi-stakeholder collaborative action.	**Baseline:** Baseline Signals-of-Change assessment at Project inception. **Mid-term Target:** Two (2) new Signals of Change reported in the midterm assessment. **End of Project Target:** Five (5) new Signals-of-Change reported in the end-of project assessment	N/A. Next SoC is expected to be conducted at the mid-term of the project.	SoC survey, assessment	Analysis report of SoC
Indicator 10: a) Percentage of certified hectarage for MSPO (Revision 1 and 2) b) Percentage of hectarage achieving RSPO readiness	**Baseline:** a1) 94% for MSPO Revision 1; (a2) To be determined at Project Inception for MSPO Revision 2 (no information available during PPG Phase); (b) 26.96% for RSPO (416,000 ha) certification **Mid-term Target:** (a1) 100% for MSPO Revision 1; (a2) 50% for MSPO Revision 2; (b) 30% achieving RSPO readiness (this does not mean receiving the certification, but it shows that 26.96% from the baseline is ready because they are already certified) **End of Project Target:** (a1) 100% for MSPO Revision 1;	Activities have not been conducted	Annual review of MPOB records	MPOB Reports, database, records

	(a2) 100% MSPO Revision 2; (b) 50% achieving RSPO certification.			
Project Outcome **Outcome 4:** Smallholder and medium-sized growers support systems strengthened for participation in sustainable farming and commodity supply chain	The intended outcome is that capacity and support systems for smallholder and medium-sized growers are strengthened, enabling their active participation in sustainable farming practices and integration into responsible commodity supply chains. However, in 2025, no results have been recorded as activities are expected to commence in 2026.			
Project Output **Output 4.1:** Capacity building delivered, and durable systems put in place to support smallholder farmers and medium-sized growers on the promotion of and increase uptake of sustainable production practices and farming systems	No capacity building has been delivered yet. However, a foundational partnership with Wild Asia has been established to discuss strengthening of capacity-building for smallholders and growers, with an MoU currently being finalized to formalize this collaboration. Terms of Reference (TORs) for consultancy and contracted partner have also been developed to deliver farmer support training and guide the creation of High Conservation Value (HCV) compensation and remediation frameworks. The consultant and contracted partner are expected to be hired in 2026.			
Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation. The PMU only became fully staffed in early November, and activities are expected to commence in 2026.		

Project Output **Output 4.2:** Interventions on restoration of degraded cropland, adoption of good agricultural practices, formation of cooperatives, crop diversification and implementation of upstream smallholder management plans	No outputs have been delivered to date. Coordination with Wild Asia has commenced to design interventions focused on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and the restoration of degraded cropland. Pilot sites have been identified within the FOLUR landscape, and detailed groundwork planning will follow upon the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the IP and Wild Asia. Meanwhile, a ToR is being developed for a contracted partner who will provide investment support for sustainable agricultural initiatives. Once the partner is appointed, implementation of these activities is expected to commence in 2026.	
Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation. The PMU only became fully staffed in early November, and activities are expected to commence in 2026.
Project Output **Output 4.3:** Smallholders supported to access state crop assistance schemes and rural diversification activities.	Activities under this Output have not yet commenced, as the Project is still in its initial phase. Community District Mobilisers (CDMs) have been deployed to their respective districts to identify potential smallholders within the FOLUR landscape. A TOR is currently being developed for a Contracted Partner to conduct a gap analysis of existing assistance schemes and provide recommendations for improvement and scalability.	
Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation. The PMU only became fully staffed in early November, and activities are expected to commence in 2026.

Description of Indicator	Baseline & End of Project Target	Milestone/Progress to Target (By Nov 2025)	Description of Data Collection/Other Comments	Source of Evidence

Indicator 11: Number of new upstream smallholder Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) including engagement plans that include support for smallholder livelihood diversification and containment of oil palm expansion under NDPE policies (gender disaggregated).	**Baseline:** Not applicable. **Mid-term Target:** Ten (10) Upstream-smallholder Management Plans prepared (with five (5) that enhance women's empowerment in agriculture). **End of Project Target:** Ten (10) Upstream-smallholder MoUs agreed (with five (5) that enhance women's empowerment in agriculture).	Activities have not been conducted	N/A	N/A
Project Outcome Outcome 5: High conservation value areas protected, restored and rehabilitated and connected	The intended outcome is that degraded and fragmented ecosystems are restored and connected, with HCV and HCS integrated into management plans through partnerships with communities and plantation companies. However, in 2025, no results have been recorded as activities are expected to commence in 2026.			

Project Output **Output 5.1:** Degraded and fragmented ecosystems restored-rehabilitated to regain ecological functions, including connected HCV/HCS and creating wildlife corridors, and mainstreaming connectivity principles into existing restoration-rehabilitation schemes through gender responsive approaches and partnerships with communities and the private sector	CDMs were deployed to their respective districts on the 3 November this year; whereby potential intervention sites and communities are actively being identified and mapped which include degraded riparian areas and forest edge areas. Proposed ecological corridors will strengthen landscape connectivity through coordinated planning with relevant agencies, laying out the foundation for ROAM-based restoration. These findings will guide community validation and restoration planning commencing in 2026. In addition, a contracted partner will be engaged in 2026 to implement participatory restoration, rehabilitation, and conservation initiatives, supporting agroforestry for enhancing community livelihoods.	
Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation. The PMU only became fully staffed in early November, and activities are expected to advance in 2026.
Project Output **Output 5.2:** Plantation companies and communities engaged on integrating HCV/HCS into management plans	This activity has not commenced as the project is still in the early stages. The Project's CDMs are actively working to identify and gather data on their respective target groups. This critical step ensures that the capacity-building content is thoughtfully designed and tailored to meet the needs of Sustainable Forest Management License Agreement (SFMLA) Holders and GLC Partners. These findings will guide the development of practical learning modules. Meanwhile, the Capacity Building Work Plan is currently under development, with a focus on creating strategies that are comprehensive and relevant.	

Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation. The PMU only became fully staffed in early November, and activities are expected to fully commence in 2026.
Project Output **Output 5.3:** Partnerships strengthened with tertiary and research institutions, contributing to the development of the next generation of experts in Sabah on ecosystem restoration and community co-management	Networking at the Borneo's Green Heart Conference included UMS researchers, WWF, DoF, SFMLA licensees, and eco-tourism operators. Many potential partners were briefed on the MY-FOLUR Project, its concept, and grant opportunities, sparking strong interest from both academia and the private sector. Lecturers and postgraduate students specializing in community development, land use, and restoration committed to exploring future collaboration and grant applications for on-ground restoration and community initiatives. The Project will further engage with these potential partners in 2026.	
Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation.
Project Output **Output 5.4:** An online platform developed for data sharing focusing on restoration	The spatial land use data of the potential target areas within the KIAs are currently being collected and will be compiled for comprehensive site profile/mapping, including site coordinates, land use maps and degraded areas. All of this information will be required for the development of online platform data for ILM and restoration. A ToR for hiring a Contracted Partner, for developing the online database/platform on restoration initiatives, identifying strategic action opportunities, and securing the long-term host entity is currently being finalized.	

Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation.

Description of Indicator	**Baseline & End of Project Target**	**Milestone/Progress to Target (By Nov 2025)**	**Description of Data Collection/Other Comments**	**Source of Evidence**
Indicator 12 Number of restoration and rehabilitation planning frameworks developed and adopted at the Project's three (3) Key Interventions Areas (KIAs	**Baseline:** Limited feasibility studies or systematic approaches undertaken in the planning of restoration and rehabilitation efforts. **Mid-term Target:** Three restoration and rehabilitation planning framework drafted for the project key intervention areas (including pathways for women participation). **End of Project Target:** Three restoration and rehabilitation planning framework adopted for the project key intervention areas (including pathways for women participation).	No activities have been conducted	N/A	N/A

Indicator 13 An Agreement with one or more host/funding entities to operate and maintain an online restoration platform after Project closure	**Baseline:** Not applicable. **Mid-term Target:** Online platform established and functioning, with information on project funded restoration initiatives uploaded **End of Project Target:** Agreement in place in one or more host/funding entities to operate and maintain the platform after the Project closure	N/A	N/A	N/A
Project Outcome **Outcome 6:** Adaptive management and sustainability facilitated through impact monitoring and evaluation and knowledge shared across Malaysia and FOLUR programme	The intended outcome is effective management and long-term sustainability of the project, supported by monitoring, evaluation, and knowledge-sharing through the FOLUR global platform. This is being achieved through coordinated implementation, reporting processes, and accessibility to shared resources, and progress is already underway.			
Project Output **Output 6.1:** Project implementation and results monitored, evaluated and reported	The Project Inception Workshop was conducted in March 2025, and this signifies a critical milestone and opportunity at the start of the project to validate the project document including review of multi-year work plan, project results framework, stakeholder engagement plan and safeguard frameworks. The Inception Workshop report has been prepared and disseminated to the Project Board members. Two independent evaluations will be conducted, i.e. midterm review (2027) and terminal evaluation (after project closure in 2030).			
Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☒ OT - on target ☐ BT - below target	Output is on target, as above.		

	☐ N/A - not applicable	
Project Output **Output 6.2:** Knowledge sharing for replication of best practice nationally and internationally through FOLUR global platform and UNDP Green Commodities Programme, and participation in the Global Impact Programme events and activities.	In June 2025, the PMU co-hosted the 'Regional Dialogue: Promoting Sustainability in Palm Oil Value Chains' with the FOLUR Global Platform, organized by the World Bank. This dialogue provided an opportunity for FOLUR countries to exchange knowledge across commodities and share experiences, fostering collaboration and learning between nations. Later, in October 2025, the PMU focused on increasing project visibility at the state level during the Borneo's Green Heart Conference (21–23 October). The MY-FOLUR Project was showcased in a three-day exhibition, raising awareness among conservationists, industry players, and the public.	
Output Status	☐ ET - exceed target ☐ OT - on target ☒ BT - below target ☐ N/A - not applicable	As noted above, activities remain below target due to delays in project implementation.

Description of Indicator	Baseline & End of Project Target	Milestone/Progress to Target (By Nov 2025)	Description of Data Collection/Other Comments	Source of Evidence
Indicator 14 No. of systems developed or strengthened (gender disaggregated), including: (a) knowledge products, (b) communication pieces/stories, (c) written and/or audio-visual records of traditional knowledge practices	**Baseline:** Not applicable. **Target:** (a) Ten (10) knowledge products (four highlighting gender mainstreaming), (b) Twenty (20) communication	No activities conducted	N/A	N/A

	pieces/stories (i.e., EXPOSURE stories and PANORAMA solutions) (c) Four (4) written and/or audio-visual records of traditional knowledge practices			
Indicator 15 No. of (a) country documents, (b), events, and (c) press promoting FOLUR	**Baseline:** Not applicable. **Target:** (a) Two (2) country documents (b) Ten (10) events, (c) Ten (10) press reports	No activities conducted	N/A	N/A

D2. PROJECT MEETINGS

Date	PMU/TWC/NSC	Key Decisions/Summary
19th - 20th March 2025 at SICC, Kota Kinabalu	Project Inception Workshop	1. Introduction to the MY-FOLUR Project to stakeholders 2. Changes to the Project ProDoc. 3. Endorsement of the AWP 2025.
10th -18th June, 2025 at Shangri-La Tanjung Aru, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia	FOLUR Regional Dialogue on Palm Oil and Technical Workshop on Restoration	1. Introduction to the MY-FOLUR Project by NPD. 2. Meeting with other FOLUR countries on potential for South-South cooperation with countries that have similar food systems, such as Indonesia and Papua New Guinea (PNG).
24th - 26th September 2025 at Sabah Hotel, Sandakan	Project On-boarding Meeting with UNDP	1. Project overview and Project implementation arrangements by Project Manager. 2. MY-FOLUR Project landscape and the 3 key intervention areas by Mr. Alex Hastie, Head of GHG Unit, FSP Division.

		3. Gender Analysis and Action Plan Gender Advisor/Regional – Ms Imelda, UNDP 4. Communications, Knowledge Management and Impact Monitoring by Ms Imelda, UNDP. 5. Project communication and visibility – Lesson learnt from the EU REDD+ Project by Mr Joseph Pirin, Project Officer and Mr Alex Minsong, Project Manager, Kg. Gana, Kota Marudu. 6. Community Engagement -Community's motivation in participating Community-based Conservation; village dynamic (elite, capacities, land ownership, collective-decision) and Concept of FPIC, Sistem Adat, boundary broker etc. 7. Presentation by the Project Milestones and Key Intervention Area I, II & III by respective Community/District Mobilisers.
1st October - 30th October 2025 at SFD HQ, Sandakan	Project On-boarding Workshop	1. 1st - 3rd October 2025: Project ToC (Teory-of-Change); Project 15 indicators (4 objective indicators and 11 outcome indicators); Project 15 indicators (4 objective indicators and 11 outcome indicators). 2. 6th - 10th October 2025: AWP 2026; presentation on SFD, UNDP & GCP III/JASPO; WA; WWF; IDH/SK. 3. 13th - 17th October 2025: Project Strategic Mapping & Planning - KIA1, KIA2 & KIA3. 4. 21st - 24th October 2025: MY-FOLUR Booth at Borneo Green Heart Conference. 5. 27th - 30th October 2025: CDMs reporting by their KIAs.
31 October 2025 at Belian Meeting Room, SFD HQ, Sandakan.	Project Technical Meeting to SFD i.e., the PPWs & DFOs	1. Brief introduction on MY-FOLUR Project to PPW and DFO by NPD. 2. Brief introduction to MY-FOLUR Project Indicators & Key Intervention Areas (KIAs) by PM.

		3. Introduction of the Project Community-District Mobilisers to the respective PPW and DFO as they will be reporting duty on 3rd November 2025.
14 November 2025 at Belian Meeting Room, SFD HQ, Sandakan.	1st Project Management Meeting (PMU)	1. Report on Project activities progress for AWP 2025 by PM inclusive of updates from CTA & CDMs. 2. Report on Project activities progress for AWP 2026. 3. Matters on the preparation for the 1st Project Board (PB) Meeting, i.e., endorsements of MY-FOLUR relevant documents i.e., (i) ToR of the Project Board members; (ii) Changes in the Project ProDoC as in the Project Inception Report; and (iii) AWP 2026.
20 November 2025, Mantanani Meeting Room, Natural Resources Office, Menara Kinabalu,Kota Kinabalu	1st Project Board Meeting	1. Report on Project activities and budget progress for AWP 2025. 2. Endorsement of the ToR of the Project Board (PB), amendments to the project document (ProDoc), and Annual Work Plan (AWP), and budget 2026. 3. Administrative on the (i) Placement of the Sustainable Production Officer (SPO) at the Natural Resources Office (NRO); and (ii) the assignment of the Community District Mobilisers at the respective districts within the MY-FOLUR landscape area

E. RISK MANAGEMENT

E.1. HARMONISED APPROACH TO CASH TRANSFER (HACT)

(Note: To be completed by UNDP)

Total Approved AWP Budget	USD 1,264,406.00		**Total Actual AWP Expenditure** (year-to-date)	USD 104,929.30	
HACT Activity Completed in the last 12 months (Micro Assessment/ Audit/Spotcheck)	**Completion Date**	**Summary of Recommendations**	**Status of Action Plan Implementation**	**Target/Actual Completion Date**	**Actions Taken**
No HACT activity was conducted before November 2025.			Choose an item		
IP Risk Rating	Low	**Micro Assessment Date**	November 2021		
Planned Spotcheck/Audit date 2025 (if applicable)	The Implementing Partner, Sabah Forestry Department is expected to undergo a spot check in December 2025 to January 2026, depending on the availability of Jabatan Audit Negara.				

E.2. RISK LOG

(Note: To be completed by UNDP)

Note: This section requires reporting on risks identified with a "Substantial" and "High" Risk Level only. Retain the entry of all risks related to this project and its statuses, including those which have been resolved by Treatment Plans.

Risk Category	Description of Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Risk Level	Treatment Plan	Has the Treatment Plan resolved the risk?	Risk Log updated?

Organizational	Difficulty in finding suitable candidates with the required experience and expertise for consultancy work could lead to delays in project execution, which may ultimately impact the project timeline and financial delivery.	3 Intermediate	3 Moderately Likely	Moderate	To address recruitment delays, the consultancy positions have been advertised across multiple platforms and TORs have been widely shared within UNDP's network and beyond to attract a broad pool of applicants	☐ Yes ☒ No – on-going	☐ Yes ☒ No
Social and Environmental	As a result of the new approaches to land management and changes to land tenure agreements could result in changes to the current access to or use of resources and/or loss of informal or customary land tenure rights. There is a risk that people without registered legal entitlement to the land they currently farm will be affected which will potentially lead to temporary or permanent and economic displacement, or exclusion from Project benefits.	4 Extensive	3 Moderately Likely	Substantial	Further SESP screening and, where required ESIAs, will assess the risk at each intervention site, and will prescribe avoidance, minimization, or compensation strategies, where necessary through a Livelihood Action Plan (LAP). The LAPs will be developed in accordance with applicable law (national law, and obligations under international law) and requirements described under Standard 5 in UNDP's SES Policy and Guidance Note. Mitigation measures will be commensurate with the magnitude of the displacement and agreed upfront with the displaced people. Activities which may cause economic	☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Yes ☐ No

					displacement cannot begin until the LAP is agreed and in place, as detailed in the ESMF.		
Social and Environmental	The project may have adverse impacts on the rights, lands, resources and territories of Indigenous Peoples, who might not be fully involved in project design and therefore not engaged in, supportive of or benefit fully from project activities.	4 Extensive	3 Moderately Likely	Substantial	-SESA and ESIAs will identify affected Indigenous Peoples and, where impacts are found, conduct FPIC consultations to secure initial consent, building on earlier consultations. -SESA and ESIAs, with input from Indigenous groups, will assess impacts of proposed policies or activities on IP rights, lands, and livelihoods, and develop impact management plans. The findings will guide the development of Indigenous Peoples Plan(s), including a process framework project activities are conducted with FPIC.	☐ Yes ☒ No – on-going	☒ Yes ☐ No
Social and Environmental	As a result of indirect job creation at the field level brought about through project activities and intensification of the palm	4 Extensive	3 Moderately Likely	Substantial	Scoped ESIAs will incorporate labour-related issues, including reviews of labour standards, and a gap analysis between	☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Yes ☐ No

	oil sector, there is a risk that might inadvertently lead to breaches of human rights and international labour standards, which will impact in wage fairness, child and forced labour				RSPO/MPSO requirements and UNDP Standard 7, and identify the drivers of the risks, whether they are systemic, procedural or operational, and will make recommendations as to how best to incorporate the requirements of Standard 7 into Project's outputs, through guidelines, training and multi-stakeholder platforms. -Field-level activities will be subject to ground-truthing and, where this risk is found to occur, scoped and site-specific ESIAs will be conducted, specifically targeted at the drivers of risk identified, and will develop appropriate mitigation strategies to be incorporated into site management plans and activities design. The Project will work closely with Project Partners, including NGOs and corporations, to explore ways of promoting compliance with Standard 7 at the field level.		

F. GENDER MAINSTREAMING

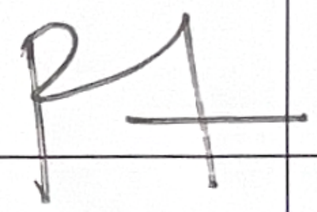
F.1 Gender Analysis	☒ Yes The FOLUR project gender analysis highlights the underrepresentation of women in decision-making and their significant yet undervalued role in agriculture and household economies. It emphasizes integrating gender considerations into project frameworks, ensuring equal representation, targeted training, and appointing a Gender and Safeguards Officer to enhance women's empowerment, aligning with Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Source: ProDoc – Annex 10 Gender Analysis and Gender Action Plan)
	☐ No
F.2 Women and Girls are Project Target Beneficiaries	☒ Yes One of the GEF core indicators for this project is Indicator 11, which measures the number of direct beneficiaries. The target for this project is to reach a total of 54,000 individuals, with a commitment to ensuring gender balance—specifically, 27,000 of these beneficiaries will be women over the next five years.
	☐ No
F.3 Achievements in Mainstreaming Gender Equality	At present, the PMU consists of 6 male and 8 female staff members.

G. CHALLENGES, LESSONS LEARNED & BEST PRACTICES

G.1 Strategic Alignment	The FOLUR project is strategically aligned with Malaysia's national priorities and international commitments. It supports the objectives outlined in the 12th Malaysia Plan, NBSAP, and the NDC under the UNFCCC. Additionally, it contributes to the goals of the UNCCD, the national REDD+ strategy, Heart of Borneo Initiative, and the MSPO certification scheme. Through these linkages, FOLUR promotes green growth, combats land degradation, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, addresses climate change, and fosters sustainable and certified palm oil production. Furthermore, the project is directly relevant to several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 15 (Life on Land), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

G.2 Objective, Outcome and Output-Level Results	The project is still in its early stage; challenges, lessons learned, and best practices are being identified and will be further explored.
G.3 Risk Management	The project remains in its initial phase despite delays in the timeline. To maintain progress and ensure the budget is delivered, implementation of activities will be closely monitored between the implementing partner and UNDP. Particular attention will be given to procurement activities, especially in the upcoming year, including consultant and contracted partner recruitment, to reduce the risk of further delays. When required, timelines will be reviewed and monitored carefully to ensure that all tasks stay aligned with the overall project plan and duration.
G.4 Gender Mainstreaming	Gender mainstreaming is a key priority for the project. The initiative is currently in its initial phase, with efforts underway to integrate gender mainstreaming into planning and design. As the project progresses, gender-responsive approaches will be strengthened across all activities to ensure equitable participation and benefits for all stakeholders.
G. 5 Partnerships, Financing and Innovation	Potential partners with ongoing initiatives such as the Sabah's Jurisdictional Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (JCSPO, HoB Initiative, Living Landscape Project by WWF and relevant initiatives through the Halatuju Sama Maju Jaya (SMJ) at the landscape level present good opportunities for collaboration. Additionally, Sabah stands at the forefront of climate action, where its rich forest landscapes form the foundation of resilience, sustainability, and future prosperity. Sabah's integrated approach to combating climate change through sustainable forest management, conservation innovation, and inclusive partnerships. By aligning policies, science, and community-driven actions, Sabah is shaping for a low-carbon, climate-resilient future that balances the needs of people, planet, and profit.
G.6 South-South Cooperation	There is potential for South-South cooperation with countries that have similar food systems, such as Indonesia and Papua New Guinea (PNG).

H. PROGRESS REPORT APPROVAL

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ANNEX

No.	Item	Attachment	Remarks (if any)
1	AWP	FOLUR AWP 2026_1001625.xlsx	
2	COMBINED DELIVERY REPORT by 15 November 2025 (unsigned)	CDR Report By Activity_FOLUR_Jan to Nov 2025.xlsx	
4	PROCUREMENT PLAN	As per FOLUR AWP FOLUR AWP 2026_1001625.xlsx	
5	PROJECT BOARD/NSC MEETING MINUTE	Project Board Meeting Minutes	

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