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Annual Report

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Acronyms

PIR	Biodiversity finance policy and institutional Review
BER	Biodiversity Expenditure Review
FNA	Biodiversity Financial Needs assessment
BFP	Biodiversity Finance Plan
CHM	Clearing House Mechanism
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GBF-EAS	Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support
NBSAP	National Biodiversity strategy and Action Plan
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme

I. Introduction

Egypt is required to finalize its 7th National Report on Biodiversity, in alignment with the CBD COP Decision 15/6 regarding "Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting, and review." This initiative directly supports Egypt in adhering to COP15 guidelines, ensuring the report reflects the country's progress and commitments. The report will cover several critical sections, including an overview of the report preparation process, the status of Egypt's revised National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and assessments of progress toward both national biodiversity targets and the global framework's goals. The report will conclude with a detailed analysis of the implementation of the Convention and the Global Biodiversity Framework.

This process involves utilizing headline and supplementary indicators to measure and report Egypt's progress in implementing its national targets and NBSAP. The deliverables include a comprehensive overview of the report preparation process, an evaluation of the revised NBSAP in light of the Kunming-Montreal Framework, and detailed assessments of achievements toward national and global biodiversity goals. Each component aims to provide clarity on Egypt's current standing and guide future actions to meet the objectives set forth by the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Framework.

Through this effort, Egypt will present a transparent and data-driven account of its progress, challenges, and opportunities in biodiversity conservation. The report will serve as a critical tool for aligning national strategies with international commitments, emphasizing measurable outcomes and the integration of biodiversity considerations into broader planning and development processes. This comprehensive approach underscores Egypt's commitment to global biodiversity goals and the effective implementation of its updated NBSAP.

II. Progress Review January – November 2024

Section 1: Overall progress against Project Dcoument outputs

Project Output 1: Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report is completed.				
Output indicators	Baselines	Targets	Progress against targets	Source/Means of Verification
Process of preparation of the report is completed.	*No process agreed upon*	*Overview of the process of hoe the report will be prepared.*	*Completed*	*SC meeting report*
Project Output 2: Status of the revised or updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan (NBSAP) in the light of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.				
Output indicators	Baselines	Targets	Progress against targets	Source/Means of Verification
Revised or updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan (NBSAP)	*NBSAP 2015-2030*	*NBSAP 2024 – 2030 updated*	*Completed*	*NBSAP*
Project Output 3: Assessment of progress towards national targets are completed.				
Output indicators	Baselines	Targets	Progress against targets	Source/Means of Verification

Progress towards national targets	*No progress prepared yet*	*Progress towards national biodiversity targets (outlined in the updated NBSAP) in Egypt*	*ongoing*	*Final 7th national report on biodiversity*
Project Output 4: Assessment of progress related to the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is completed.				
Output indicators	Baselines	Targets	Progress against targets	Source/Means of Verification
Progress towards GBF targets	*No progress prepared yet*	*Progress towards national biodiversity targets (outlined in the updated GBF)*	*ongoing*	*Final 7th national report on biodiversity*

Section 2: Progress against each output

Project document Outputs	**Annual outputs**	**Status**	**WP Outputs Results**	**Prodoc.output Results**
Project Output 1: ***Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report is completed.***				

	AWP Output 1	*completed*	***overview of the process & steps of preparation of the report is completed and documented in the SC meeting minutes***	
	Output Indicator: *Process of preparation of the report is completed.* **Baseline**: *No process agreed upon* **Target** : *Overview of the process of hoe the report will be prepared.*			
Project Output 2: ***Status of the revised or updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan (NBSAP) in the light of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.***				

	AWP Output 2	*completed*	NBSAP revised and updated	
	Output Indicator: *NBSAP document* **Baseline**: *NBSAP 2015-2030* **Target** : NBSAP revised and updated.			
Project Output 3: ***Assessment of progress towards national targets are completed.***				
	AWP Output 3	*ongoing*	Reports are being prepared by various experts	

	Output Indicator: *Progress towards national targets* **Baseline:** *No progress prepared yet* **Target :** *Progress towards national biodiversity targets (outlined in the updated NBSAP) in Egypt*			
Project Output 4: ***Assessment of progress related to the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is completed***				

	AWP Output 4	*ongoing*	Reports are being prepared by various experts	
	Output Indicator: *Progress towards GBF targets* **Baseline:** *No progress prepared yet* **Target** : *Progress towards national biodiversity targets (outlined in the updated GBF).*			

2.1 Progress towards Outputs (achieved/Not achieved):

Output 1: Overview of the Process for Preparing the National Report

This output has been achieved. An overview of the process and steps for preparing the national report has been completed and formally documented in the minutes of the Steering Committee meeting.

Output 2: Status of the Revised National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

This output is also completed. The NBSAP has been successfully revised and updated in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). This aligns with the project's intended output indicator of having a finalized NBSAP document. The previous baseline was the 2015–2030 NBSAP, which has now been brought up to date to reflect the evolving global biodiversity agenda and national priorities.

Output 3: Assessment of Progress Toward National Biodiversity Targets

This output is currently ongoing. Various national experts are in the process of preparing the relevant assessment reports in the following:

Topic	Status
1. Protected areas.	ongoing
2. Rehabilitation and restoration of ecological areas and ecosystems.	Not started
3. Invasive Alien Species (IAS)	completed
4. Biodiversity Mainstreaming.	completed
5. Sustainable Use of Natural Resources.	ongoing
6. Reducing plastic pollution impacts on biodiversity.	ongoing
7. Reducing the negative impacts of climate change on biodiversity.	completed
8. Capacity-Building, Education, and Awareness.	ongoing
9. Biological safety.	ongoing
10. Access and Benefit Sharing.	ongoing
11. Financial resources mobilization.	ongoing

These will evaluate Egypt's progress toward achieving the updated national biodiversity targets outlined in the revised NBSAP. The baseline for this output was the absence of any formal progress assessment, and the target is to provide a comprehensive and evidence-based progress report.

Output 4: Assessment of Progress Toward the Goals and Targets of the Kunming-Montreal GBF

This output is also in progress. Similar to Output 3, technical experts are preparing detailed assessments to measure progress against the GBF targets. At baseline, there was no available progress tracking in this area. The target is to produce a structured assessment reflecting Egypt's current status in achieving the nationalized GBF targets, as a key input to future reporting and planning processes.

From 11 to 14 october a consulataion workshop took place in Alexandia to on the components of Egypt's Seventh National Biodiversity Report, reviewing the outputs achieved during previous phases and engaging participants in the consultations planned for the upcoming stage. The workshop fostered a shared understanding and mutual insights on policy and institutional alignment, and to review existing policies to ensure coherence at the national level in achieving biodiversity conservation and sustainable management. The workshop gathered stakeholder perspectives and recommendations within this framework, confirm their contributions to the ongoing process, and encourage their active participation in developing new approaches and reinforcing technical and institutional coherence in line with sustainable development objectives.





2.2 Please provide additional comments on targeting of beneficiaries, sustainability of results, strengthening national capacities.

Targeting	*In preparing Egypt's Seventh National Report on Biodiversity, the project ensured inclusive engagement by involving key stakeholders across government, NGOs, academia, and technical experts. Special focus was placed on sectors most impacted by biodiversity policies, ensuring the report reflects a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.*
Sustainability	*The report preparation process aligned closely with Egypt's updated NBSAP and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), embedding national commitments within the broader SDG framework. This ensures that the outcomes of the report feed directly into sustainable planning and implementation mechanisms.*
National capacities	*National experts and institutions are leading the drafting of the report's key components, including the assessment of national targets and GBF-aligned goals. This hands-on process significantly strengthened national capacities in monitoring, policy alignment, and reporting under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).*
Innovation	*The report applied data-driven approaches to ensure clarity, consistency, and usability of findings.*
South-South Cooperation	*Facilitating exchange with regional peers, the project shared learning and best practices among countries in the region facing similar biodiversity challenges.*
Knowledge Products	*The process generated knowledge products the Seventh National Report but also serve as lasting resources for future biodiversity planning and reporting.*

2.3 Gender reporting: please provide additional details on Gender Development Results

Gender Marker 2

The projects give due consideration to the integration of gender into the project meetings and events, and the preparation of the studies/reports and the implementation of its activities.

Describe key results achieved and corroborate with evidence
Key results have been achieved in integrating gender considerations across project meetings, events, and activities, with a strong emphasis on women's participation and perspectives. In line with gender inclusivity goals, topics relevant to women and biodiversity have been incorporated into workshop agendas, ensuring that gender issues are consistently addressed in discussions. Additionally, women-focused organizations, such as the National Council for Women, were actively invited to consultation workshops, where they provided valuable insights into gender-responsive approaches to biodiversity. Their participation helped shape the project's studies and reports, embedding gender perspectives into the research and recommendations.

III. Monitoring and Evaluation

MONITORING SCHEDULE				
Monitoring Action *(Description)*	**Due by**	**Completion date**	**Comments**	**Responsibility**
two Steering Committee (SC) meetings		*04 August 2025* *24 September 2025*	- *Provides strategic guidance.* - *Facilitating both the alignment with, and feeding into national policy processes.* - *Formally endorses work-plans and validates reports.* - *Debates the specific national objectives and targets.* - *Facilitate access to the information and provide subsequent guidance on its use.*	*Project Coordinator*

3.1 EVALUATIONS

The project has not undergone any evaluation during the year.

IV. Key Challenges, Lessons Learned and Recommendations

Key Challenge:

The recruitment of the national coordinator and technical experts for preparing Egypt's Seventh National Report faced delays due to limited national expertise in CBD reporting and a low number of qualified applicants responding to the advertisement. This affected the initial timeline and required additional efforts to identify suitable candidates.

Lesson Learned:

Early and wider dissemination of Terms of Reference (ToRs), including through professional networks, regional platforms, and targeted outreach, is essential to attract a strong pool of qualified candidates. Clear communication of the technical requirements and the importance of the assignment also improves response quality.

Recommendation:

For future biodiversity reporting and related assignments, it is recommended to initiate the recruitment process well in advance and engage relevant ministries, academic institutions, and technical partners in outreach efforts. Consider maintaining a roster **of pre-**screened national and regional experts to expedite future mobilization and ensure timely delivery.

V. Update on risks and mitigation measures

Risks	Mitigation Measures

N/A	N/A

VI. Partnerships and Sustainability

Efforts to achieve effective partnerships and sustainability focus on fostering cross-sectoral collaboration, building institutional capacity, and ensuring ongoing financial support. These efforts create a strong foundation for enduring biodiversity conservation.

VII. Financial Summary

Table 1: Overview of available resources for the reporting period
(Total funds received from different donors)

Donor	Opening Balance	Allocations/ funds received in 2025	Total for 2025
Global Environment Fund Truste	463,547USD	170,943USD	170,943USD
Total	463,547USD	170,943USD	170,943USD

Table 2: Overview of budget and expenditure per output
(For multi-donor projects, show the cumulative total)

Output	Budget				Expenditures				Balance
	Global Environment Fund Truste		Donor 3	Total	Global Environment Fund Truste		Donor 3	Total	
Activity 1	127,943			127,943	34,175.23			34,175.23	93,767.77
Activity 2	38,000			38,000	14,296.32			14,296.32	23,703.68
Activity PMC	5000.00			5000.00	1,694.00			1,694.00	3,306.00
Total	**170,943**			**170,943**	**50,165.55**			**50,165.55**	**120,777.45**

Table 3: Overview of expenditures per category

Category	Amount (USD)
Training-75700	-446.26
International-71200	10,500.00
Local-71300	14,154.70
Training-75700	2,563.66
Foreign-76100	30.24
Local-71300	6,176.74
Training-75700	1,196.15
Local-71300	14,296.32
Miscellaneous-74500	1,694.00
Total	**50,165.55**

Annex I: Progress Review: detailed matrix of activities and results

Output 1	Indicators	Baseline	Target	Progress
Overview of the Process for Preparing the National Report	*Process of preparation of the report is completed.*	*No process agreed upon*	*Overview of the process of hoe the report will be prepared.*	*Completed*

Planned Activities	Status
Overview of the Process for Preparing the National Report	*Completed*

Output 2	Indicators	Baseline	Target	Progress
Status of the revised or updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan (NBSAP) in the light of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	*Revised or updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan (NBSAP)*	*NBSAP 2015-2030*	*NBSAP 2024 – 2030 updated*	*Completed*

Planned Activities	Status
Status of the revised or updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan (NBSAP) in the light of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	*Completed*

Output 3	Indicators	Baseline	Target	Progress
Assessment of progress towards national targets are completed	*Progress towards national targets*	*No progress prepared yet*	*Progress towards national biodiversity targets (outlined in the updated NBSAP) in Egypt*	*ongoing*

Planned Activities	Status
Assessment of progress towards national targets are completed	*ongoing*

Output 4	Indicators	Baseline	Target	Progress
Assessment of progress related to the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is completed.	*Progress towards GBF targets*	*No progress prepared yet*	*Progress towards national biodiversity targets (outlined in the updated GBF)*	*ongoing*

Planned Activities	Status
Assessment of progress related to the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is completed.	*ongoing*

Annex II: Updated Risk and Issues Logs

PROJECT RISKS AND ISSUES **UPDATED PROJECT RISKS:** *(as in the project document)*								
#	**Description**	**Date Identified**	**Type**	**Impact & Probability**	**Countermeasures/ Mngt Response**	**Owner**	**Last update**	**Status**

PROJECT RISKS AND ISSUES

UPDATED PROJECT ISSUES: *(Issues arising during implementation of the project)*

#	Description	Date Identified	Type	Countermeasures/ Mngt Response	Last update	Status
1	Achieving effective coordination across different sectors	Inception	Operational	An integrated approach involving all relevant sectors early in the process has been adopted.	Regular checked	Reducing

Annex IV: Asset's inventory

SECTION 7: ASSETS LIST									
Asset ID	**Description**	**Type**	**Serial No.**	**Tag No.**	**Model**	**Location**	**Acquisition Date**	**Currency**	**Cost**
No Assets to date									

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Date: November 6, 2025

Key:

Asset ID	Starts at 1 and increases
Description:	Short description of the asset eg: Dell Optiplex 660X
Type:	Electrical, Furniture, Vehicle
Serial No. :	For vehicle it is the chassis, for electrical equipment it is the serial number from the manufacturer
Tag No. :	Furniture need a tag number to stick on the item (chose the numbering)
Location:	The room the asset is in
Acquisition Date:	When it was bought

Annex V: Markers

[Resources] Analyze how the level of resources and composition of resources (core, government cost sharing, bilateral/multilateral resources, vertical funds, private sector funding, IFI funding, etc.) contributed to the achievement of planned results – what worked well and why. *The project is funded by the GEF only. There are no other donors.*	**[Resources]** Analyze how the level of resources and composition of resources (core, government cost sharing, bilateral/multilateral resource, vertical funds, private sector funding, IFI funding, etc.) hindered the achievement of planned results – what did not work well and the way to correct the course of action. *To date, the project activities has not been hinderd due to level or/and composition of resources.*
[Hows] Analyze what types of UNDP's interventions worked well and why. *UNDP is directly implementing the project.*	**[Hows]** Analyze what types of UNDP's interventions did not work, why and the way to correct the course of action. -
[Whos] Describe positive impact on target beneficiaries. Analyze what worked well and how it helped leave anyone behind. *All stakeholders are involved in the implementation of the project.*	**[Whos]** Describe no or negative impact on target beneficiaries. Analyze what did not work, why and the way to correct the course of action not to leave anyone behind. *The MoE is closely involved in the implementation of the project activities. There is no negative impact on our target beneficiary.*
[Partnerships] Analyze what partnerships worked well and why. *No partnership yet.*	**[Partnerships]** Analyze what partnerships did not work, why and the way to correct the course of action. *No partnership yet.*
[Joint Programming] Analyze positive impact of joint programming, including for the implementation of the common chapter. Analyze what worked well and why. *N/A*	**[Joint Programming]** Analyze no or negative impact of joint programming, including for the implementation of the common chapter. Analyze what did not work well, why and the way to correct the course of action. *N/A*

[SSC/TrC] Describe positive impact of south-south and/or triangular cooperation on the CPD output. Analyze what worked well and why. *NO SSC yet.*	**[SSC/TrC]** Describe no or negative impact of south-south and/or triangular cooperation on the CPD output. Analyze what did not work, why and the way to correct the course of action. *NO SSC yet.*
[Humanitarian] Describe UNDP's contribution to integrate long-term aid and humanitarian assistance (development and humanitarian nexus). Analyze what worked well and why. *N/A*	**[Humanitarian]** Describe key challenges in integrating long-term aid and humanitarian assistance (development and humanitarian nexus). Analyze what did not work, why and the way to correct the course of action. *N/A*

Annex VI: innovative tools and methodologies

Innovative tools and mechanisms for financing biodiversity will be directed by the BFP.

Output ID	Output Name	Testing in progress	successfully piloted	successfully scaled	Select applicable innovative tools and methodologies
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Alternative Finance (including Social Impact Bonds and Investment / Pay for Success)
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Artificial Intelligence
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Behavioural Insights
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Blockchain
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Challenge Prizes
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Crowdfunding
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Foresight
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Games for Social Good
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Human-Centered Design
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Innovation Lab
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Micronarratives
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Mobile-Based Feedback Mechanism
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Positive Deviance
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Big Data (including New and Emerging Data)
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Randomized Controlled-Trial / Parallel Testing
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Real-Time Monitoring
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Remote Sensing/ Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs, drones)
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Not Applicable
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Alternative Finance (including Social Impact Bonds and Investment / Pay for Success)
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Artificial Intelligence
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Behavioural Insights
XXXX		☐	☐	☐	Blockchain