GEF-8 Umbrella Programme - National Progress Self-assessment

The Umbrella Programme, funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), supports the update of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and the preparation of Seventh National Reports in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF). UNDP, in partnership with UNEP, the CBD Secretariat, and the GEF Secretariat, provides technical and financial support to participating countries. The Global Project Management and Technical Support Unit (GMPTSU) will consolidate information from UNDP-supported countries to monitor progress and inform reporting to the GEF, CBD Secretariat, and Project Board, as well as to strengthen Party-driven technical support. We invite national teams to complete a National Progress Self-Assessment by 30 June 2026. This will serve as the main instrument for annual reporting under the project. **Only one submission should be completed per country,** led by the government entity with support from the UNDP Country Office. Responses should be submitted via this online form. If available, please kindly share any deliverables or documents developed under this programme with Martina Echaniz at martina.echaniz@undp.org. For any questions, please contact Martina Echaniz via the same email address.

National project arrangements

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- (•) National technical expert (UNDP CO)
- ( ) Other

7. Please select your country: *

Bhutan

National Progress Toward Key CBD Milestones

Countries are requested under CBD Decision 15/6 to revise and update their national biodiversity targets (NBTs) and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), and to submit their 7th National Reports. The questions below focus on national planning and reporting, expected timelines, and any barriers to completion.

8. What is the current status of your country's NBTs? *

- (•) Submitted to the CBD Secretariat
- ( ) Finalized
- ( ) Under review
- ( ) Under development
- ( ) Inception phase

- ○ Not yet started

9. What is the current status of your country's revised or updated NBSAP? *

- ◉ Submitted to the CBD Secretariat
- ○ Finalized
- ○ Under review
- ○ Under development
- ○ Inception phase
- ○ Not yet started

10. Please share any high-level challenges that have affected or are affecting NBT and NBSAP update processes (select all that apply) *

- ☐ Coordination across ministries
- ☐ Limited technical capacity
- ☐ Consultant delays
- ☐ Procurement delays
- ☐ Limited financial resources
- ☐ Political transitions or elections
- ☐ Conflict or instability
- ☐ Limited availability of national data
- ☐ Extreme weather or disasters
- ☐ Long national review and validation processes
- ☐ Other

- [x] None

11. If you selected “Other”, please specify:

Enter your answer

12. What is the current status of your country’s 7th National Report? *

- (•) Submitted to the CBD Secretariat
- ( ) Finalized
- ( ) Under review
- ( ) Under development
- ( ) Inception phase
- ( ) Not yet started

13. Please share any high-level challenges that have affected or are affecting 7th National Report processes (select all that apply): *

- [ ] Coordination across ministries
- [ ] Limited technical capacity
- [ ] Consultant delays
- [ ] Procurement delays
- [ ] Limited financial resources
- [ ] Political transitions or elections
- [ ] Conflict or instability
- [ ] Limited availability of national data

- [ ] Extreme weather or disasters
- [ ] Long national review and validation processes
- [ ] Other
- [x] None

14. If you selected “Other”, please specify:

Enter your answer

Review of implementation progress

Under each GEF 8 project component, please select the response that best indicates national progress to achieve the desired output for the activities that your government selected in the workplan.

15. Please select the best responses for the following Outputs under Component 1: *

- Completed – The activity has been fully carried out and the expected output is available.
- In progress – Work on this activity has started and is ongoing.
- Planned – Preparations for this activity have begun (e.g., initial discussions, early planning steps, or intention confirmed), but implementation has not yet started.
- Not started – No work has begun and the activity is not currently scheduled or being prepared.
- Output not selected – Your country did not select this output for implementation under the program.

	Completed	In Progress	Planned	Not started	Output not selected
Implementing comprehensive NBSAP stakeholder engagement to promote whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches. (Output 1.1)	◉	○	○	○	○

	Completed	In Progress	Planned	Not started	Output not selected
Enabling gender mainstreaming within consultation processes and within the NBSAP. (Output 1.2)	○	◉	○	○	○
Identifying and prioritizing gaps and inconsistencies between the NBSAP and achieving the GBF. (Output 1.3)	◉	○	○	○	○
Strengthening biodiversity policy alignment, coherence, and mainstreaming into key sectors. (Output 1.4)	◉	○	○	○	○
Strengthening readiness for NBSAP implementation, including potential environmental and social impacts and risks. (Output 1.5)	○	○	○	○	◉
Undertaking as needed integrated spatial planning for the NBSAP. (Output 1.6)	○	◉	○	○	○
Developing, as needed, action plans to support the NBSAP. (Output 1.7)	○	◉	○	○	○

	Completed	In Progress	Planned	Not started	Output not selected
Undertaking, as needed, planning processes for capacity development, resource mobilization, and monitoring and evaluation. (Out put 1.8)	○	◉	○	○	○

16. Have you undertaken additional national activities to support the NBSAP updating process? *

In Bhutan the NBSAP update progress was conducted through a series of consultative process across the country engaging participants from Government and Non Government sectors as well as private sectors.

17. What types of additional support would help position your country to achieve the outputs under Component 1?

Enter your answer

18. Has your country developed any of the following materials as part of Component 1? Please kindly email any document outputs to martina.echaniz@undp.org *

(Please select all that apply. "Assessment" refers to the analytical work; "Plan" refers to the resulting recommendations or action plan.)

- [ ] Stakeholder analysis
- [ ] Stakeholder engagement plan
- [ ] Gender analysis
- [x] Gender action plan
- [x] NBSAP gap assessment
- [x] Policy coherence assessment

- [ ] Policy coherence plan
- [ ] Spatial analysis/maps
- [ ] Spatial action plan
- [ ] Action plans supporting NBSAP, not mentioned otherwise.
- [ ] Capacity/resource mobilization/M&E assessment
- [x] Capacity/resource mobilization/M&E plan
- [x] NBSAP
- [ ] NBTs
- [ ] Other
- [ ] None

19. Please select the best responses for the following Outputs under Component 2 (*Completion of the 7th National Report)*: *

- Completed – The activity has been fully carried out and the expected output is available.
- In progress – Work on this activity has started and is ongoing.
- Planned – Preparations for this activity have begun (e.g., initial discussions, early planning steps, or intention confirmed), but implementation has not yet started.
- Not started – No work has begun and the activity is not currently scheduled or being prepared.
- Output not selected – Your country did not select this output for implementation under the program.

	Completed	In Progress	Planned	Not started	Output not selected
Preparing 7th National Reporting process, including stakeholder engagement. (Output 2.1)	◉	○	○	○	○

	Completed	In Progress	Planned	Not started	Output not selected
Analyzing alignment of the NBSAP with the KMGBF, including the monitoring framework. (Output 2.2)	◉	○	○	○	○
Assessing progress towards national targets. (Output 2.3)	◉	○	○	○	○
Assessing progress towards the goals and targets of the KMGBF. (Output 2.4)	◉	○	○	○	○
Identifying key messages and conclusions. (Output 2.5)	○	◉	○	○	○

20. Have you taken additional national activities to support preparation of the 7NR? *

Following submission of the 5th NBSAP, a few activities were implemented such as developing a dashboard to track the progress of the NBSAP and a monitoring plan for the NBSAP. Although this was not used for the current 7th NR fully, it will support the development of future national reports.

21. What types of additional support would help position your country to achieve the outputs under Component 2?

Enter your answer

GEF-8 Project Beneficiary Tracking, Stakeholder engagement and Gender Responsiveness

The project results framework for this programme aims for each country to reach a minimum of 1,000 beneficiaries. Disaggregated by gender, the aim is for 500 of these beneficiaries to be women (50%). "Beneficiaries*" can include those participants attending stakeholder engagement events, trainings, workshops, meetings, and accessing technical tools. Stakeholders engaged through whole-of-government, and whole-of-society approaches can also be recorded. Lastly, those benefiting from KMGBF alignment of national biodiversity targets, the NBSAP, or the 7th National Report can also be reported along with justification. To help track national progress towards these goals, please answer the following questions:

22. How many beneficiaries have you reached towards the national project target of 1,000 people? *

- ○ 0 - 50
- ○ 50 - 100
- ◉ 100 - 500
- ○ 500 - 1.000
- ○ 1,000 - 5,000
- ○ 5,000+

23. How many of these beneficiaries are women? Please select the option that gets closest to the approximate number: *

- ○ 0-50
- ◉ 50-100
- ○ 100-200
- ○ 200-300
- ○ 300-400
- ○ 400-500
- ○ 500

24. Select all the stakeholders that your country has involved so far under the GEF 8 programme (please select all that apply): *

- [x] National focal points for Cartagena Protocol of the CBD
- [x] National focal points for Nagoya Protocol of the CBD
- [x] National focal points for the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
- [ ] National focal points for the UN Convention to Combat Desertification
- [ ] National focal points for other related conventions
- [x] National government ministries, outside of the Ministry of Environment or equivalent
- [ ] Subnational governments
- [ ] Indigenous Peoples
- [x] Local community organizations
- [ ] Research and academic bodies
- [x] Sectors that directly impact biodiversity: agriculture, forestry, fisheries, tourism, mining, energy, transport, manufacturing
- [x] Sectors that indirectly impact biodiversity: planning, finance, health, education, poverty reduction sectors
- [x] Environmental management bodies
- [x] Non-profit and non-governmental organizations
- [x] Women's organizations
- [x] Civil society
- [x] Academic institutions (e.g. universities, research and academic entities, Colleges...)
- [x] Sustainable development and poverty eradication groups
- [ ] Youth organizations/ Youth-led non-profit organizations, youth groups (e.g. Schools, Universities, Student-led advocacy groups...)

- [ ] Other

25. If you selected other, please specify:

Enter your answer

26. What method does your country use to count beneficiaries? *

A participant list is prepared for all meetings and consultations workshops.

27. What challenges, if any, does your country face in reaching the planned number of beneficiaries? (Select all that apply) *

- [ ] Reaching rural/remote populations
- [ ] Reaching women and gender-diverse groups
- [ ] Reaching Indigenous people or local communities
- [ ] Resource limitations
- [ ] Lack of facilitators
- [x] Stakeholder availability
- [x] Competing national priorities
- [ ] Socio-political situation
- [ ] Language constraints
- [ ] Monitoring challenges
- [ ] Other

- [ ] None

28. If you selected other, please specify:

Enter your answer

29. Have actions been taken to account for the downstream impacts of revised NBSAPs on access to land or resources, particularly by Indigenous peoples and local communities those living in poverty, and/or other vulnerable or marginalized groups? *

- ( ) Yes
- (•) No

30. Have actions been taken to account for other inequitable or discriminatory impacts on affected populations, or of potential conflicts that may arise among stakeholders when NBSAPs are implemented? *

- ( ) Yes
- (•) No

31. If you selected yes to either question 29 or 30, please describe: *

No

32. Has your country conducted a screening of NBSAP activities to identify potential downstream social and environmental risks associated with their implementation? *

- ( ) Yes

- (●) No

33. Has your country developed a country-level stakeholder analysis? *

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

34. Has your country developed a stakeholder engagement plan? *

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

35. Has your country used any specific engagement strategies where Indigenous Peoples are present? *

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No
- (●) Not Applicable

36. If yes, could you please describe?

Enter your answer

37. What measures has your country taken to ensure inclusive participation and a whole-of-society approach? *

For all consultation meetings and NBSAP implementation, the National focal point ensures that all sectors from Government and Non-Government sectors as well as Academia are included. For that matter, the Technical Working Group comprised of members from CSOs, and Government agencies outside the Environment Sector and agencies that impact Biodiversity such as

38. What additional support would help your country engage beneficiaries more effectively? *

A dedicated stakeholder engagement plan would be beneficial to help engage more beneficiaries and more flexibility in terms of activity to conduct more awareness activities through such as campaigns, competitions(to allow small prices)

39. To what extent do you agree with the following statements? *

(Please select between strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree or strongly disagree).

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Gender considerations are effectively integrated into project activities.	○	◉	○	○	○
Gender is reflected in national project meetings and workplans.	○	◉	○	○	○
The national project team is aware of available gender mainstreaming support.	○	◉	○	○	○

40. What progress is being made on the following gender-related activities? *

(Completed / In progress / Planned / Not started / Not applicable)

	Completed	In progress	Planned	Not started	N/A
Engagement of women's groups and gender ministries	◉	○	○	○	○
Development of a gender analysis	◉	○	○	○	○
Development of a gender action plan	◉	○	○	○	○
Integration of gender considerations in NBSAP revision	◉	○	○	○	○
Identification of gender data gaps	○	◉	○	○	○
Gender mainstreaming in policy alignment	○	○	◉	○	○
Participation of women in technical support activities (training, exchanges, webinars)	○	◉	○	○	○

41. Is there any additional information you would like to share on gender or inclusion?

A gender focal representing the National Commission for Women and Children Secretariat was part of the TWG. This helped ensure the mainstreaming of Gender into the NBSAP. Learning from the past NBSAP, a dedicated National Target 15 looks at ensuring gender responsive approach in biodiversity actions has also been developed

42. Please respond to the following questions. *

	Yes	No	Not Applicable
Did the project support the mainstreaming of nature into national development plans, spatial plans, sectoral plans, or related gender strategies?	◉	○	○
Did the project support the development or strengthening of governance systems to help operationalize the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable envi ronment?	◉	○	○
Did the project directly or indirectly support efforts to reduce biodiversity finance gaps?	◉	○	○
Did the project support women's leadership in natural resource management or help reduce gender gaps in access to or control over natural resource s?	◉	○	○
Did the project contribute to delivering multidimension al benefits across biodiversity, climate, and sustainable development agendas?	◉	○	○

Global Knowledge & Technical Support

The UNDP Global Project Management and Technical Support Unit (GPMTSU) provides technical and administrative support to the 69 UNDP-supported countries towards achieving their planning and reporting commitments to the CBD and GEF 8 Umbrella Programme outcomes. Examples of GPMTSU support include the in-person help desk at CBD events, side events, webinars, peer-to-peer sessions, on-demand review of expert review of materials, bilateral meetings, and guidance materials, among others.

43. How satisfied are you with the GPMTSU and the technical and administrative support they provide? *

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Not Satisfied — Very Satisfied

44. To what extent has your country accessed and applied support from the GPMTSU? *

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Fully — Unaware of available support

45. Are there any types of support from the GPMTSU that have been particularly helpful? If so, what? *

We have shared the NBSAP draft for expert review to the GPMTSU and also requested technical support for alignment of NBSAP with the NDC. Apart from that for operational support as well we have reached out to the Global Coordinator. Learning sessions have also been shared and have shared information with regards to help desks at CBD side events which has been availed for by

Concluding thoughts

46. Are there any notable achievements or success stories that your country wants to highlight? If so, please share below. *

Bhutan has developed a real time dashboard for NBSAP reporting and training sessions has also been conducted to all relevant stakeholders.

47. What aspects of project implementation remain challenging?

The lack of financial support for implementation of the NBSAP has been a challenge raised by the Government. However, for Bhutan since the NBSAP was updated and submitted with majority of the funding from the EAS project, there was possibility to realign some of the budget to implement some of the activities to support the NBSAP progress

48. Do you have media, communications, or visibility materials related to project activities that you would like to share? Please provide links to all media materials about the project including news articles, videos, press releases, and photos.

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49. Do you have any additional comments?

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