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PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD[1]: January 2025 to December 2025

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Project Summary Information	
Project Title	Umbrella Programme to Support NBSAP Update and the 7th National Reports
Project ID	01003073
Project Duration	42 months (May 2024- November 2027)
Location	Pan India
CPD Outcome and Outputs	UNDP CPD 2023-27: Output 3.1. Institutional and policy frameworks developed and strengthened to address climate change, enhance green recovery, prevent environmental degradation and promote conservation and circular economy.
Gender marker	GEN 2
Implementing Partner	UNDP
Total Project Budget (USD)	USD 463,547
Donors (funding sources)	GEF
Annual Budget (USD)	USD 200,000 (for 2025)
Funds received during the reporting period (USD & INR)	USD 291,614
Expenditure recorded for the reporting period (USD)	USD 109,038
Expenditure recorded for the total project (USD)	USD 183,460
Project Manager name:	Jeyaram Soundrapandi

1. Executive Summary

[1] Periodicity of this project progress report will be determined based on online input; it can be used quarterly, half-yearly, or annually. The minimum requirement for Project Board to meet at least once to review progress and risks is annual - per policy.

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- *Prepare a **standardized and concise project introduction** including the project objective, key outputs, and geographic landscapes **that can be reused** across all progress reports for the project in each reporting cycle.*
- *Provide a **1–2 paragraph summary of key achievements** during the reporting period.*
- *Briefly mention **any major challenges** encountered.*
- *Tip: Keep this section **crisp and high-level, and absolutely results-oriented (NOT activity oriented);** details will follow in later sections.*

The project aims to support preparation and submission of the Seventh National Report (NR-7) to CBD by February 2026. NR7 will report on India's achievements on the 23 National Biodiversity Targets (NBTs) prepared in alignment with the 23 KMGBF targets and having with convergence with the SDGs. UNDP supported preparation of NBSAP and is supporting preparation of NR7 report.

India's NBSAP was updated and released globally on 30 October 2024, at CBD CoP 16 in Cali, Colombia. A summary of the updated NBSAP was launched for the stakeholders at International Day for Biological Diversity 2025 celebrations at Udaipur with UNDP's support through this project.

Following the preparation of NBSAP, several steps have been taken to prepare NR7. A brochure on NR 7 was launched by MoEFCC at the IDB 2025 celebration at Udaipur to inform diverse stakeholders and gather the data for the National Reporting. Furthermore, a range of workshops and meetings were conducted with NBA and with 32 Ministries/Departments to define objectives, refine data and address any challenges. With the last review meeting convened at NBA from November 24 to 28, 2025, the draft of Seventh National Report was finalized and circulated to MoEFCC and the 32 Ministries/Departments.

2. Progress Review

a) Narrative Reporting

- *Highlight concrete **output-wise (Outcome-wise in case of Vertical Funds) results** to maintain a logical flow. This should be linked to the indicators as outlined in the project results framework in the project document and as per the activities mentioned in the approved AWP.*
- *Include progress towards **gender equality and women's empowerment** in the reporting period. If applicable, highlight achievements in digitalization and innovation.*

Under the NR 7 project, reporting on India's achievements on the 23 National Biodiversity Targets (NBTs) prepared in alignment with the 23 KMGBF targets and having with convergence

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with the SDGs will be done. For example, reporting on NBT 23 will be on work done on ensuring gender equality in the implementation of the Framework through a gender-responsive approach, where all women and girls have equal opportunity and capacity to contribute to the three objectives of the Convention, including by recognizing their equal rights and access to land and natural resources and their full, equitable, meaningful and informed participation and leadership at all levels of action, engagement, policy and decision-making related to biodiversity.

We have achieved Output 1 Indicator 1.1 – India's NBSAP is revised, updated, and released globally on 30 October 2024, at CBD CoP 16 in Cali, Colombia.

The following progress has been made in achieving Output 2 Indicator 2.1:

- Prepared Brochure on NR7: A summary of the updated NBSAP and brochure on NR 7 was launched by MoEFCC for the stakeholders at IDB 2025 celebrations at Udaipur
- Defined objectives, timelines, and responsibilities: A National Inception Workshop was held on September 19, 2025 at the Teesta Conference Hall of MoEFCC, launching the NR7 preparation process, aligning stakeholders on objectives, timelines, and responsibilities.
- Refining data protocols: Consultative Meeting at NBA were organized to refine data protocols and address early hurdles.
- Validating datasets: Two Rounds of In-Person Review Meetings took place at NBA to validate datasets and resolve discrepancies
- Feedback: Two Rounds of Virtual Meetings with 32 Ministries/Departments were conducted. These digital engagements expanded outreach, enabling broader participation and real-time feedback from sectoral representatives.
- Preparation of Final draft: With the last review meeting convened at NBA from November 24 to 28, 2025, NR7 has been finalized and circulated to the MoEFCC for review and comments. Subsequently, the draft has been widely circulated to all 32 Ministries and Departments involved, inviting detailed reviews and comments specifically on the national indicator data they contributed.

a) Indicator and Expenditure Reporting

Output statement	Indicator	Baseline Value	End of the	Actuals achieved	Evidence[2]	Budget as per	Actual Expendi	Remarks (if any)

[2] Means of verification will require evidence, links, reference, photos, transcripts from exit interviews, feedback surveys, call center reports, phone verification, etc. All methods and means used to collect and report on the results should be described, and links prepared for future

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			project target	**against target for the indicator**		**AWP (USD)**	**ture (USD)**	
Output 1 Revision and updating of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Indicator 1.1 GBF-aligned NBSAP is developed	0	*1*	1 .	Evidence pictures uploaded. PIB and tweets available.	171,500	78,277	
Output 2 Complete 7th National Reports on Biodiversity	Indicator 2.1 National Report on Biodiversity are completed	0	*1*	0	Evidence pictures uploaded. PIB and tweets available.	24,500	27,839	
Monitoring and Evaluation Cost						NA	NA	
Project Management Cost						4000	2921	
Total AWP Budget and and Actual Expenditure (USD)						200,000	106,116	
Co-financing Materialized for VFs (USD)								

3. Challenges encountered, project risks and mitigation measures

- *Define key challenges and risks noted/materialized, whether new/recurrent/persistent.*
- *Describe new risks identified and propose ways to correct a course of action and agreed with responsible members to address these and the timelines. Describe if escalation is required for Project Board or other mechanisms. Update the project risk register accordingly.*

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reference, spot checking, and verification by independent teams when necessary. It also means that the same expectation will apply when third-party monitors are used.

If the data source involved meetings, then details of meeting participants and matters discussed and agreed actions should be documented as part of the evidence/data source.

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- *Latest version of Offline **Project Risk register must be attached as an annex** to the report.*

1. Risk: There is a risk that government counterparts may require additional time to fully engage and lead the consultative process for achieving GBF alignment.
Cause: This is due to complex national processes, such as coordination among relevant sectors.
Impact: This could impact the project timeline, potentially delaying the implementation of planned activities.
Mitigation measures: Establish regular coordination meetings with government counterparts and sector representatives to streamline the consultative process and address any emerging issues promptly. Implement periodic monitoring and progress reporting to quickly identify potential delays and provide real-time updates.

2. Risk: There is risk of availability of data in the required format for formulating the NR7.
Cause: Difficulty in getting updated data from various stakeholders in a timely manner.
Impact: Inability to report the progress made and actions taken
Mitigation measures: Ministry to establish a multi stakeholder committee to guide on the data drafts

3. Risk: Lack of availability of adequate resources for implementation
Cause: There might be lack of adequate resources to undertake NBSAP implementation due to less budgetary allocation by the Government
Impact: Non achievement of targets
Mitigation measures: Resource mobilization through innovative funding mechanisms such as BIOFIN. The Biodiversity Finance Plan is going to be updated to facilitate resource mobilization for biodiversity conservation

4. Social and Environmental Standards (SES) Reporting (Applicable for moderate, substantial, and high risk projects)

- *Describe the SES risks (existing and new) identified for the project via the SESP.*
- *Has the SESP been updated during the reporting period? If yes, provide a brief description of new risks added and proposed mitigation measures.*
- *Provide an update on the SES risk assessment and management plans recommended as per the SESP.*
- *Provide an update on the Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM) under the project*
- *Has any issue been reported under the project during the reporting period through GRM or any other reporting mechanism? Provide status update.*

Existing risk rating : Moderate

The project operates under a global SESP, with no India-specific SES risks triggered. Accordingly, a separate country-level SESP has not been required. Notwithstanding this, the project continues to closely monitor potential context-specific risks through regular implementation oversight, partner coordination, and ongoing stakeholder engagement.

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5. Communications and Visibility

Please provide URLs specific to this project (for example, project websites, social media sites, media coverage, etc.) as far as this is applicable. Note that some of these links would be the evidence and data sources for point no. 3 above.

- A brochure on NR 7 work has been launched at IDB 2025 celebrations at Udaipur.
- A website for capacity building, awareness generation, reporting, receiving input etc. for development of NR 7 work is in the process of being developed.
- Knowledge products- NBSAP summary for stakeholders in English and Hindi, other merchandise on National Biodiversity Targets have been developed and widely circulated to generate awareness to support NR 7 work.

6. Partnerships

Provide details of new partnerships (financial/non-financial) realized during the reporting period.

LOE signed with Wildlife Institute of India to report on India's progress in achieving the 23 NBTs and support in preparing the final draft of NR7.

7. Lessons Learned and Way Forward

Document any lessons that will be applied to address challenges or improve the implementation pace. Outline any good practices, as applicable. Based on the above, mention key issues which need to be addressed/prioritized for next reporting period

India was a frontrunner globally in launching the NBSAP updated as per the KMGBF at CoP 16 in Cali. While most countries still have not/ are in the process of updating/ preparing their NBSAPs, India has the updated NBSAP along with 23 NBTs that are no ready for the 7th National Reporting. Further, India adopted a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to update its NBSAP and same will be done for 7th National Reporting.

Way Forward:

The progress towards the achievement of the National Biodiversity Targets (NBTs) is reported as NR7 which should be submitted to the CBD by February 2026

The process of drafting the report is monitored and managed by the National Biodiversity Authority and the reporting under 23 targets against 142 indicators has been devoluted to various individuals / WII

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- Validation workshop (planned for Jan 18-21)Submission of the NR7 document to CBD

8. Annexures

*Provide **CO SharePoint/public website links** to the sources of evidence.*

Risk Registers