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- Annual targets:
1. The draft law of the Republic of Belarus "On the Protection and Use of Peatlands" has been elaborated according to the established procedure.
 2. Scientific rationale for the restoration and sustainable use of floodplain Turov and Pogost meadows has been elaborated.
 3. An engineering project for the environmental rehabilitation of the Dokudovskoe depleted peatland using the method of the accelerated restoration of fen mires has been elaborated.

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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4								
Component 1. Institutional, financial and management sustainability of forest and mire protected areas, which are key areas for conservation of globally threatened species, has been improved.													
Output 1.1. Improvement of nature conservation legislation aimed at conservation of globally threatened species and their habitats, as well as of the system of registration of nature protection areas													
Activity 1.1.1 Elaborate the concept and draft of the Law of the Republic of Belarus "On the Protection and Use of Peatlands" establishing legal grounds for the protection and rational (sustainable) management of mires.													
1.1.1.1.	Development of proposals on the composition of the law's draft (chapters): Classification of mires (peatlands), arrangements for the protection and use of mires (peatlands), distribution of mires (peatlands) per areas of use, mires (peatlands) management, management of mires (peatlands)		4800			MNREP	62000	GEF	71300	Local consultants	4 800	PMU	Proposals on the composition of the law's draft have been prepared: Classification of Mires (Peatlands), Regimes for Protection and Use of Mires (Peatlands), Distribution of Mires (Peatlands) per Directions of Use, Rehabilitation of Disturbed Peatlands, Requirements and Scientific Support for the use of Mires (Peatlands), Register of Mires (Peatlands)
1.1.1.2.	Development of proposals on the composition of the chapters of the Law's draft: General Provisions, Mires (Peatlands) Protection and Management Requirements, Integrated Monitoring of Mires (Peatlands), Scientific Support to the Conservation of Mires (Peatlands)		4800			MNREP	62000	GEF	71300	Local consultants	4 800	PMU	Proposals on the composition of the following chapters of the Law's draft have been prepared: General Provisions on Protection of Mires (Peatlands), Protection Regimes, Requirements on Protection and Use of Mires (Peatlands), Comprehensive Monitoring of Mires (Peatlands), Scientific Support to the Conservation of Mires (Peatlands)
1.1.1.3.	Establishing a Coordination Group for the development of the Law's draft composed of the representatives of various organizations and leading experts in mire conservation and management.			500	500	MNREP	62000	GEF	72100	Contract with legal entities	1 000	PMU	Coordination Group for the development of the Law's draft established including representatives of various organizations and leading experts in mire conservation and management; two meetings of the Coordination Group have been conducted for the discussion of the structure of the draft of the normative act being developed and the prepared proposals on its chapters.
1.1.1.4.	Consolidation and finalization of proposals prepared by the project experts regarding the composition of the Draft Law of the Republic of Belarus "On the Protection and Use of Peatlands" submitted by wetland science and biodiversity experts.				4800	MNREP	62000	GEF	71300	Local consultants	4 800	PMU	The proposals submitted by wetland science and biodiversity experts have been consolidated and adapted. Proposals for the chapters General Provisions, Government Control of Mires (Peatlands) Protection and Management, Involvement of Individuals and Legal Entities in Addressing Conservation and Management of Mires (Peatlands), Supervision (Compliance Monitoring) and Dispute Settlement, Responsibility for the Conservation and Management of Mires (Peatlands), Concluding Clause have been prepared. Draft Law of the Republic of Belarus On the Conservation and Management of Mires (Peatlands), a rationale for the adoption of the law, and a financial feasibility study have been prepared. The prepared draft law and respective rationales have been submitted to the MNREP.
Activity 1.1.2. Preparation of proposals on improvement of normative legal acts, regulating issues of registration and management of protected areas.													
1.1.2.1.	Preparation of proposals on improvement of normative legal acts regulating registration and management of protected areas and other issues regarding strictly protected areas.				2300	MNREP	62000	GEF	71300	Local consultants	2 300	PMU	Draft technical regulations on the designation and management of protected areas subject to strict protection (typical and rare natural landscapes and biotopes, habitats of wild animals and plants listed in the Red Data Book of Belarus) have been prepared with due regard for the changes in the nature conservation and forest legislation, agreed with the stakeholders and submitted to the MNREP.
1.1.1.3.	Conduct of a workshop - a meeting on the issues of improving legislation regulating strictly protected areas			1000		MNREP	62000	GEF	72100	Contract with legal entities	1 000	PMU	A workshop on improving the Law of the Republic of Belarus On Strictly Protected Natural Areas and other regulations has been conducted (first quarter 2018), proposals have been elaborated for the revision of the Law and other regulations.
Activity 1.1.3. Updating data on the number and area of protected areas, optimization of corresponding informational resources (registry of strictly protected areas, databases on Red Data Book species, rare and typical biotopes, etc.). The activity is scheduled for 2019-2020.													
1.1.4.	Conduct of an inception workshop.	3000				MNREP	62000	GEF	72100	Contract with legal entities	3 000	PMU	According to the Project Document requirements, the inception workshop of the project has been conducted. The workshop was attended by the representatives of Project's partner organizations. During the workshop, expected project results, proposals on the implementation of main activities, and possible adjustments of some targets in the project's log frame have been presented and discussed.
Total Output 1.1.											21 700		

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Output 1.2 Improved habitat conditions for the European bison micro population in the Naliboksky Reserve through creation of mosaic meadow grounds among dense forests													
1.2.1.	Activity 1.2.1. Restoration of natural foraging grounds (meadows) of European bison in river floodplains and abandoned amelioration system												
1.2.1.1.	Preparation of the plan of activities to improve the foraging grounds of European bison in place of the ameliorative system (Tyakovo area, 490 ha) and in the forest.		2,000	3,000	2,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	7,000	National Centre for Bioresources	A scientific rationale and plan of activities for the improvement of the foraging grounds of European bison covering 490 ha (including Tyakovo area and plots in the forest) has been prepared. A positive assessment of the governmental environmental expertise has been obtained.
1.2.1.2.	Development of biological justifications, an action plan and a package of documents necessary for the introduction of new pasture species of megaterio fauna (tarpan-like horse, tour-like cattle) to the territory of Belarus in order to restore and sustain the functioning of meadow and marsh ecosystems.		2,000	3,000	2,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	7,000	National Centre for Bioresources	A set of documents necessary for the introduction of new pasture species of megaterio fauna (tarpan-like horse, tour-like cattle) to the territory of Belarus and a biological justification for the introduction of these species into model territories have been prepared.
1.2.1.3.	Study tour of representatives of stakeholders interested in the introduction of the tarpan-shaped horse and tour-like cattle to the territories, where free-range populations of these species were successfully established aiming to landscape management			15,000		MNREP	62000	GEF	71600	Travels	15,000	PMU	Representatives of interested organizations (8 people) got acquainted with the practical experience of creating stable free-living populations of the tartan-like horse and tour-like cattle in open meadows (presumably in the Netherlands) and their influence on landscapes. The experience gained will be used when deciding on the possibility of creating populations of these species in the pilot areas of the project.
1.2.1.4.	Creating food plots for the Naliboksky micro-population of European bison in the forest (removal of shrubs, mowing, planting forage plants, etc.)		4,000		16,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	72100	Contract with legal entities	21,000	PMU	Additional fodder fields have been created for the Naliboksky micro-population of European bison on the territory of at least 40 ha (ameliorative system has been cleared, floodplain meadows have been remediated).
1.2.1.5.	Conducting a press tour for representatives of the mass media on the restoration of natural forage lands of the European bison in the territory of the Naliboksky reserve		950			MNREP	62000	GEF	75700	Training, Workshops and Conferences	950	PMU	A press tour for 17 representatives of the mass media of the Republic of Belarus (newspapers, electronic media, radio, television) was held. During the press tour, a plan of action for the restoration of fodder lands of the European bison in the Naliboksky reserve was presented. According to the results of the press tour, at least 7 information materials have to be published.
1.2.2.	Activity 1.2.2. Maintaining restored foraging meadows in a highly productive state.												
1.2.2.1.	Purchasing machines and equipment to maintain a highly productive state of the food plots for European bison in the best possible state and monitoring of the effectiveness of activities (mower, mulcher, press-picking machine, a trailer for the transportation of rolls, trail cameras, a webcam).		10,000	25,000	10,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	72200	Equipment and Furniture	115,000	PMU	Based on the list of equipment approved by the MNREP, part of the equipment has been purchased to maintain food plots for bison in the best possible state and to monitor the effectiveness of activities.
1.2.2.2.	Maintenance of the created forage meadows in the territory of the Naliboksky reserve in a highly productive state.			3,690	4,200	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	7,890	Naliboksky reserve	The additional created fodder fields for the Naliboksky micro-population of the bison in the territory of at least 40 hectares are supported in a highly productive state
1.2.2.3.	Acquisition of fuel and lubricants for the maintenance of the created meadow meadows on the territory of the Naliboksky radar station in a highly productive state.			610	1,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (73400)	NIM advance payments	1,610		
1.2.2.4.	Acquisition of seeds for creation fodder meadows on the territory of the Naliboksky reserve in a highly productive state.				4,500	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (72100)	NIM advance payments	4,500		
1.2.2.4.	Assessment of the capacity of the partner for concluding the NIM agreement		4,000			MNREP	62000	GEF	72100	Contract with legal entities		PMU	The assessment of the financial and organizational capacity of the partner (Naliboksky Reserve) has been conducted to conclude an agreement on the joint implementation of project activities.
1.2.3.	Periodic monitoring through field visits to project sites	600	600	600	500	MNREP, UNDP, PMU	62000	GEF	71600	Travels	2,300	PMU	About 6 monitoring visits to the territory of Naliboksky National Landscape Reserve have been organized to assess the progress and effectiveness of project activities.
Total Output 1.2.											182,250		
Output 1.3 Profitable use of cranberry reserves as an effective way of mire ecosystem conservation.													
1.3.1.	Activity 1.3.1. Support to local businesses engaged in the collection and processing of organic products made from cranberries collected by the local people at natural mire ecosystems												
1.3.1.1.	Developing local businesses engaged in the production of organic products made from cranberries collected by the local people at natural mire ecosystems		1,000	3,000		MNREP	62000	GEF	72100	Contract with legal entities	8,000	PMU	To improve the marketing capacity of Arzhanitsa company a labelling machine and drying cabinet has been purchased and transferred to final user

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1.3.1.2.	Develop a marketing strategy for promoting products, produced as a result of cranberry processing, to the entire territory of Belarus and beyond			1,500	7,500	MNREP	62000	GEF	72100	Contract with legal entities	9,000	PMU	In accordance with the provisions of the approved project document, a marketing strategy has been prepared for the distribution of ODO PKF "Arzhanitsa" products, produced as a result of cranberry processing, to the entire territory of Belarus and beyond, in terms of implementing a responsible attitude to the use of resources in bog ecosystems and promoting the principle of non-depleting economically justified use of bogs.
1.3.1.3	Prepare and implement a program of actions for training of wild berries harvesters to methods and principles of sustainable use of natural resources by bog ecosystems. Conduct an information campaign among local residents of Glubokoe, Sharkovshchina and Miory districts, including pupils, on requirements for sustainable use of natural resources of bog ecosystems.			1,000	3,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	72100	Contract with legal entities	4,000	PMU	In order to practically implement responsible attitude to the use of the resources of the mire ecosystems and to promote the principle of non-depleting economically feasible use of bogs, information stands (at least 6 pieces) are established at the harvesting sites on the permitted dates and methods of berries collection in the Glubokoye, Sharkovshchina and Miory districts. In the schools of these districts, students were given information and educational activities are undertaken on the need to ensure the conservation of wetland ecosystems (approximately 300 students took part in the activities).
1.3.1.4.	Periodic monitoring through field visits to project sites		300	300		MNREP, UNDP, PMU	62000	GEF	71600	Travels	600	PMU	Two travels of the project staff to project sites have been organized to coordinate the activities and monitor their implementation
1.3.2.	Activity 1.3.2. Sustainable use of cranberry reserves in Olmany Mires Reserve. The activities are scheduled for 2019-2022.												
Total Output 1.3.											21,600		
Output 1.4 Financially self-sustaining wetland biomass harvesting and processing program launched at two PAs (Sporovsky and Zvanets) in partnership with local businesses.													
1.4.1.	Activity 1.4.1. Purchasing necessary equipment for the sustainable and profitable mowing of reeds, shrubs and grass.												
1.4.1.1.	The list of equipment for Sporovsky and Zvanets Reserves has been prepared and agreed with the MNREP. Part of equipment has been purchased.		10,000	50,000	60,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	72200	Equipment and Furniture	297000	PMU	Based on the list of equipment approved by the MNREP, terms of reference have been prepared and part of equipment and necessary goods have been purchased. The purchased equipment has been transferred to the Sporovsky and Zvanets Reserves according to the Project Document.
1.4.2.	Activity 1.4.2. Annual mowing and cutting shrubs and reeds at Sporovsky and Zvanets Reserves.												
1.4.2.1.	Annual mowing and cutting shrubs and reeds at Sporovsky Reserve.			7,274	12,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	19274	Sporovsky Reserve	Mowing and cutting shrubs have been performed at Sporovsky Mire: without the collection of biomass - total area of 380 ha; with the collection of biomass - total area of 500 ha (about 2,000 tones). Report prepared
1.4.2.2.	Purchase of fuel for grass mowing and removal of shrubs			7,026	10,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (73400)	NIM advance payments	17026		
1.4.2.3.	Purchase of consumables for maintenance of machinery when mowing grass and removing shrubs (filters, belts, etc.)			1,700	2,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (73400)	NIM advance payments	3700		
1.4.2.4.	Annual mowing and cutting shrubs and reeds at the Zvanets Reserve.			4,600	6,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	10600	Zvanets Reserve	480 ha of mire have been cleared of shrubs and reeds (without the collection of biomass) at the Zvanets Reserve. Report prepared.
1.4.2.5.	Purchase of fuel for grass mowing and removal of shrubs			3,650	5,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (73400)	NIM advance payments	8,650		
1.4.2.6.	Purchase of consumables for maintenance of machinery when mowing grass and removing shrubs (filters, belts, etc.)				750	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (73400)	NIM advance payments	750		
1.4.2.7.	Conducting the seminar "Management of ecosystems of the Zvanets bog".		3,200			MNREP	62000	GEF	75700	Training, Workshops and Conferences	3200	PMU	A seminar was held with the involvement of international experts in collaboration with the Life project "Aquatic Warbler". In the course of the seminar, an assessment was made of the measures implemented in 2007-2017 to increase the stability of the population of the aquatic warbler in the Zvanets bog. Based on the results of the seminar, recommendations were prepared on the activities planned for the Wetlands and Aquatic Warbler projects in 2018-2022 to increase the stability of its local population.

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1.4.2.8.	Conducting a press tour for representatives of the mass media on the issue of increasing the resilience of the aquatic warbler populations in Belarus.			1,000		MNREP	62000	GEF	75700	Training, Workshops and Conferences	1000	PMU	A press tour was conducted in the project's pilot area Servetch to present project activities aimed at increasing the sustainability of the populations of the globally endangered species of aquatic warbler in Belarus. As a result of the press tour, no less than 5 information materials have been prepared
1.4.2.9.	Assessment of the capacity of the partners for concluding the NIM agreement					MNREP	62000	GEF	72100			PMU	The assessment of the financial and organizational capacity of the partners (Sporovsky and Zvanets Reserves) has been conducted to conclude an agreement on the joint implementation of project activities. Report prepared
1.4.3.	Activity 1.4.3. Develop business plans for the Sporovsky and Zvanets Reserves for the profitable use of the mire vegetation biomass in accordance with the results of practical works and dissemination of the experience to other protected areas. The activities are scheduled for 2020-2022.												
1.4.4.	Periodic monitoring through field visits to project sites	300	600	700	700	MNREP, UNDP, PMU	62000	GEF	71600	Trips	2300	PMU	Six monitoring visits to the project implementation sites on the territory of Zvanets and Sporovsky Reserves to agree the project's activities and monitor their implementation have been conducted.
Total Output 1.4.											363,500		
Output 1.5 Improved financial sustainability of measures for conservation of floodplain meadows (key habitats of globally threatened species) through introduction of technology of sustainable use of meadows for mowing and grazing and through development of ecological tourism													
1.5.1	Activity 1.5.1. Test methods of the sustainable management of floodplain meadows (Turov Meadow, Pogost Meadow) for the conservation of unique biodiversity habitats												
1.5.1.1.	Development of a scientific rationale and a technology for the restoration and sustainable management of Turov and Pogost floodplain meadows, monitoring of the effectiveness of activities.		3,000	7,000	7,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	17,000	Scientific and Practical Centre on Animal Husbandry	A scientific rationale and the technology for the restoration and sustainable management of Turov and Pogost floodplain meadows, and the programme of monitoring the effectiveness of the implemented activities to ensure sustainable management of floodplain meadows have been developed. The first cycle of monitoring has been completed.
1.5.1.2.	Assessment of the capacity of the partners for concluding the NIM agreement					MNREP	62000	GEF				PMU	The assessment of the financial and organizational capacity of the partners (Scientific and Practical Centre of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus on Animal Husbandry) has been conducted to conclude an agreement on the joint implementation of project activities.
1.5.1.3.	Purchasing equipment for the sustainable management of floodplain meadows: a mulcher for removing shrubs, disc mowers, a press-picking machine, mobile equipment and systems for the free range grazing of cattle, purchasing seeds, veterinary drugs.		8,000	20,000	12,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	72200	Equipment and Furniture	92,000	PMU	Based on the list of equipment approved by the MNREP, terms of reference have been prepared and part of equipment and necessary goods have been purchased. The purchased equipment has been transferred to the Turovshchina OAO according to the Project Document.
1.5.1.4.	Periodic monitoring through field visits to project sites		200	200	200	MNREP, UNDP, PMU	62000	GEF	71600	Travels	600	PMU	Three monitoring visits to the project implementation sites on the territory of Zvanets and Sporovsky Reserves to agree the project's activities and monitor their implementation have been conducted
1.5.2.	Activity 1.5.2 Based on the project's experience develop technology of ecologically effective and economically profitable use of meadows for raising cattle for beef. The activity is scheduled for 2020-2022.												
Total Output 1.5.											109,600		
Output 1.6. Output 1.6 Ecological tourism developed at key protected areas, resulting in improved financial sustainability of protected areas and raised awareness about importance of globally biodiversity conservation													
1.6.1.	Elaborating the plan and strategy for the development of ecotourism at project's target PAs: activities to improve and establish tourist infrastructure and develop tourist routes.		6,000	12,000	12,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	27,000	Belarusian Research Centre "Ecologia"	The strategy and plan for the development of ecotourism at project's target PAs (Olmany Mires, Turov Meadow, Servech, Zvanets, Sporovsky) have been developed: improvement and establishment of tourist infrastructure, development of tourist routes, preparation of promotional items (posters, booklets, maps, etc.). Respective report prepared.
1.6.2.	Elaborating activities to organize sustainable ecotourism focused on the demonstration of European bison and other wild animals of the Naliboksky Puscha.		1,000	1,000	1,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	3,000	National Centre for Bioresources	Activities to organize sustainable ecotourism focused on the demonstration of European bison and other wild animals of the Nalibokskaya Puscha have been elaborated and coordinated with the Ministry of Forestry.
1.6.3.	Equipping information and educational centers, construction and re-equipment of ecotrails, construction of watching towers, manufacturing and installation of billboards, creating infrastructure for watching European bison.			5,000	5,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	72100	Contract with legal entities	10,000	PMU	In accordance with the strategy and plan of the development of ecotourism at the project's target PAs, one watching tower has been constructed, and two billboards have been manufactured and installed.
1.6.4.	The representative of the Ministry of Natural Resources participated in the work of the 6th session of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	4400				MNREP	62000	GEF	71600	Travels	4,400	PMU	In order to increase the capacity of the national executive agency in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, the representative of the Ministry of Natural Resources participated in 6th session of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. The gained experience will be used in the planning and implementation of project activities related to economically sustainable use biodiversity resources of Belarus.
Total Output 1.6.											44,400		

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3.5.	Insuring project vehicle / equipment		1,300			MNREP	4000	UNDP	74500	Contract with legal entities	1300	PMU	Project vehicle insured
3.6	Fuel and maintenance of the vehicle	400	2,000	1,500	600	MNREP	4000	UNDP	73400	servicing other equipment	4500	PMU	Project activities implemented in full in accordance with the work plan
3.7.	Translation/interpreting services	400	400	300	300	MNREP	4000	UNDP	71300	Local consultants	1500	PMU	Project documents translated
3.8.	Printed matter and information products/materials		2,000	3,000	3,000	MNREP	4000	UNDP	74200	Contract with legal entities	8000	PMU	Project's brief has been prepared and printed in the Russian (100 copies) and English (50 copies) languages. The project's branded materials have been manufactured (promotional textile, folders, notebooks, pens, etc.) Products with the project's logo have been manufactured for public events.
3.9.	Purchase of petty goods	400			200	MNREP	4000	UNDP	72500	Stationery and other	600	PMU	
3.10.	Communication and Internet expenses	200	200	200	200	MNREP	4000	UNDP	74500	other expenditures	800	PMU	
1.7.	Organizing the activity of the Project Management Unit (PMU)	6,620	6,620	6,620	6,621	MNREP	62000	GEF	71400	Service contracts - individual	26481	PMU	The functioning of the project management team is ensured within the budgetary framework of the approved project document.
Subtotal Component 1.											786,231		
Output 2.1 Forest biotopes, subject to special protection, are identified, approved and sustainably managed at an area of 150,000 ha													
2.1.1.	Activity 2.1.1. Harmonize forest and nature conservation legislation with respect to designation of protection status for biodiversity-valuable forest plots by ensuring that such plots can be transferred to protected biotopes under the legislation.												
2.1.1.1.	Preparation of proposals to harmonize forest and nature conservation legislation with respect to designation of protection status for biodiversity-valuable forest plots by ensuring that such plots can be transferred to protected biotopes under the legislation.				3,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	71300	Local consultants	3,400	PMU	The forest and nature conservation legislation has been analyzed, and proposals on its harmonization with respect to designation of protection status for biodiversity-valuable forest plots by ensuring that such plots can be transferred to protected biotopes under the legislation have been prepared. Development of proposals to amend regulations TKP 17.12-06-2014 (02120) "Rules of Designating and Protecting Typical and Rare Biotopes, Typical and Rare Natural Landscapes" with due regard for the established practice.
2.1.2.	Activity 2.1.2. Inventory taking, preparation of passports and conservation obligations for the transfer of land plots and/or bodies of water with rare and typical biotopes subject to strict protection and situated in forests (150,000 ha) under the protection of land users so that they organize their protection and sustainable management.												
2.1.2.1.	Inventory of rare and typical biotopes in the territory of Dyatlovo, Ivye, and Beshenkovich Forestry, development of proposals on integrating the system of their sustainable management into the projects on the organization of forest management.		15,000	20,000	17,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	52,000	Institute of Experimental Botany of the Academy of Sciences of Belarus	The inventory of rare and typical biotopes in the territory of Dyatlovo, Ivye, and Beshenkovich Forestry has been conducted, proposals on integrating the system of their sustainable management into the projects on the organization of forest management have been developed. Respective report prepared.
2.1.2.2.	Assessment of the capacity of the partners for concluding the NIM agreement					MNREP	62000	GEF				PMU	The assessment of the financial and organizational capacity of the partners (Institute of Experimental Botany of the Academy of Sciences of Belarus) has been conducted to conclude an agreement on the joint implementation of project activities. Respective assessment prepared.
2.1.3.	Activity 2.1.3. Integrating the system of the sustainable management of rare and typical biotopes subject to strict protection into the projects on the organization of forest management of state-run forestries. The activity is scheduled for 2020-2022.												
2.1.4.	Activity 2.1.4. Education of foresters, responsible for development and implementation of forest management plans, in identification and sustainable use of biotopes subject to special protection.												
2.1.4.1	Creation of pilot sites of rare and typical biotopes at the project territory of Dyatlovo Forestry.			2,000	2,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	4,000	Institute of Experimental Botany of the Academy of Sciences of Belarus	At least 6 pilot sites of rare and typical biotopes have been created at the project territory of Dyatlovo Forestry. Report prepared
2.1.4.2.	Conducting a training workshop on identification and sustainable use of rare and typical biotopes with the participation of workers developing (10 participants) and implementing forest management projects (35 forestries).				1,500	MNREP	62000	GEF			1,500	Institute of Experimental Botany of the Academy of Sciences of Belarus	Representatives of 35 forestries and other organizations involved in the development and implementation of forest management projects were trained at a seminar on the identification and sustainable use of rare and typical biotopes.
2.1.4.3.	Preparation of an information clip for television about the dangers of uncontrolled spring and autumn grassy fires				2,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	72100	Contract with legal entities	2,000	PMU	Using infographic and animation methods a 30 second movie on damage to ecosystems caused by uncontrolled autumn and spring grassy fires is prepared for showing on national television. The video was transferred to the Ministry of Natural Resources for further demonstration on national television as a social advertisement.
2.1.5.	Periodic monitoring through field visits to project sites		250		250	MNREP, UNDP, PMU	62000	GEF	71600	Travels	500	PMU	Two monitoring visits have been made to Dyatlovo Forestry where project activities are implemented to coordinate activities and participate in the training workshop
Total Output 2.1.											63,400		

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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4								
Output 2.2. Avoided degradation of inefficiently drained forest peatlands (260,000 ha) as a result of development and implementation of the Scheme of Sustainable Use of Drained Forest Peatlands, defining ways of use of each peatland. Demonstration of approaches for the ecological rehabilitation of inefficiently drained peatlands at an area of about 12,456 ha.													
2.2.1.	Activity 2.2.1. Implement a complex inventory of forest hydro ameliorative systems with evaluation of their economic and ecological value based on specially developed and approved criteria. Development of proposals on the ways of their use (260,000 ha).												
2.2.1.1.	Analysis of the available departmental and scientific information on the functioning of forest hydro ameliorative systems in the Republic of Belarus. Development and testing at four forestries of the methodology and criteria for the assessment of the cost efficiency and environmental efficiency of forest hydro ameliorative systems and their influence on forest and mire ecosystems (biodiversity, productivity, state). Determining ways of the further use of the forest hydro ameliorative systems at pilot forestries.			25,000	25,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	25,000	Institute of Experimental Botany of the Academy of Sciences of Belarus	Analysis of the available departmental and scientific information on the functioning of forest hydro ameliorative systems in the Republic of Belarus has been performed. The methodology and criteria for the assessment of the cost efficiency and environmental efficiency of forest hydro ameliorative systems and their influence on forest and mire ecosystems (biodiversity, productivity, state) have been developed and tested based on the inventory of forest hydro ameliorative systems of four forestries. Ways of the further use of the forest hydro ameliorative systems at pilot forestries have been determined. A report has been prepared.
2.2.2.	Activity 2.2.2. Development and acquiring approval of the ways of the further use (reconstruction, re-wetting, etc.) of forest hydro ameliorative systems (260,000 ha) based on their integrated assessment. The activity is scheduled for 2020-2022.												
2.2.3.	Activity 2.2.3. Develop and implement engineering projects on the environmental rehabilitation of forest hydro ameliorative systems (12,456 ha).												
2.2.3.1.	Development of scientific justifications for environmental rehabilitation of inefficiently drained forest peatlands (hydro-forest reclamation systems), acts of selection of sites and technical specifications for development of engineering projects for their re-waterlogging (4 project areas)".		10,000	10,000	10,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	30,000	Institute of Experimental Botany of the Academy of Sciences of Belarus	Developed: (i) scientific substantiation of ecological rehabilitation of inefficiently drained forest peatlands (hydro-forest reclamation systems), (ii) acts of site selection and design specifications for four territories: Berezovik in the Vileika District of the Minsk Region, Zhada in the Miory and Sharkovshchinsky Districts of the Vitebsk Region; "Ostrovo" in the Smorgon district of the Grodno region, Verech in the Gorodoksky district, Vitebsk region; (project areas can be changed while retaining the total area as agreed with local land users). (iii) Water level sensors (8 sensors) were purchased and installed in the pilot areas. A report has been prepared.
Total Output 2.2.											55,000		
2.3.	Organizing the activity of the Project Management Unit (PMU)	6,620	6,620	6,620	6,620	MNREP	62000	GEF	71400	Service contracts - individual	26,481	PMU	The functioning of the project management team is ensured within the budgetary framework of the approved project document.
Subtotal Component 2.											144,881		
Component 3. Increased experience and knowledge of innovative measures for habitat restoration and elimination of the most significant threats to globally threatened species; monitoring of efficiency of the project's measures. Monitoring performance of project activities.													
Output 3.1 Restored habitats (about 1,820 ha) of globally threatened species (Aquatic warbler, Greater spotted eagle, Great snipe, Black-tailed godwit) within the most important protected areas (Servech, Dikoe) through control of vegetation succession (control of the spread of shrubs and reeds) and optimization of hydrological regime.													
3.1.1.	Activity 3.1.1 Restore key aquatic warbler habitats at Dikoe fen mire and Servech fen mire. The activity is scheduled for 2019-2021.												
3.1.2.	Activity 3.1.2. Environmental rehabilitation of the depleted Dokudovskoe peatland.												
3.1.2.1.	Organization, coordination and scientific support of preparatory works for the environmental rehabilitation of the disturbed Dokudovskoye peatland including: (i) preparation of an act of selecting a site for re-waterlogging; (ii) the preparation of an appropriate scientific justification; (iii) developing a methodology for accelerated restoration of wetlands, (iv) coordinating the preparation of an engineering project.		6,000	7,000	7,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	25,000	National Centre for Bioresources	Cycle of preparatory works for the environmental rehabilitation of the disturbed Dokudovskoye peatland organized, coordinated, scientifically substantiated and supported, including preparation of the following documents: (i) an act of selecting a site for re-waterlogging; (ii) scientific justification; (iii) development of a method for accelerated restoration of wetlands, (iv) terms of reference for design; (v) engineering design. A report has been prepared.
3.1.3.	Activity 3.1.3. Develop and test method of creation of new aquatic warbler populations through relocation of young birds from Zvanets Reserve to restored habitats in Zuvintas Reserve (Lithuania). All works for the resettlement of aquatic warbler will be co-financed by the Life project.												
Total Output 3.1.											25,000		
Output 3.2. Program on exchange of individuals across micro-populations to improve the genetic status of the Naliboksky micro population of the European bison developed and realized. The activities under this Output are scheduled for 2019-2022.													
Output 3.3. Targeted measures to stabilize populations of insufficiently studied globally threatened species.													
3.3.1.	Activity 3.3.1. Undertake an inventory of key habitats of globally threatened species.												

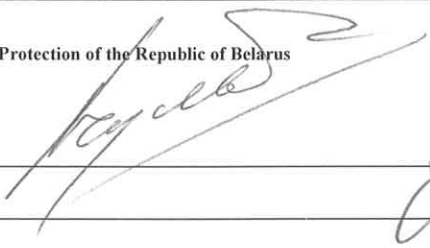
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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4								
3.3.1.	Inventory taking of key habitats of the globally threatened species in Brest and Gomel Oblasts and the assessment of the state of their populations.		10,000	15,000	15,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	40,000	National Centre for Bioresources	The inventory of key habitats of the globally threatened species in Brest and Gomel Oblasts and the assessment of the state of their populations have been completed. A report have been prepared.
3.3.2.	Activity 3.3.2. Change land use status of the habitats of globally threatened species to the protection category.												
	Prepare passports and conservation obligations for land plots and/or water bodies for transfer to land users for protection and sustainable use and organization of the sustainable management of the identified key habitats of globally threatened species.		1,500	2,000	1,500	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	5,000	National Centre for Bioresources	Passports and conservation obligations (40 passports) for land plots and/or water bodies for transfer to land users for protection and sustainable use and organization of the sustainable management of the identified key habitats of globally threatened species have been prepared and transferred according to the established procedure. A report have been prepared.
3.3.3.	Activity 3.3.3. Develop and implement priority measures to address targeted threats to the most important populations of globally threatened species.												
	Elaborating pilot activities to eliminate threats to the most significant populations of globally threatened species and optimization of the key habitats of globally threatened species.		1,000	1,000	1,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	3,000	National Centre for Bioresources	Species and territories have been identified where the implementation of pilot activities is planned, the cost of activities has been calculated, necessary approvals and permits have been acquired. Based on the above, pilot activities have been elaborated to eliminate threats to the most significant populations of globally threatened species and optimization of the key habitats of globally threatened species to be implemented in 2019-2020. A report have been prepared.
Total Output 3.3.											48,000		
Output 3.4. Monitoring the efficiency of implementation of project measures (monitoring of globally threatened species, soil and ground water table, carbon emissions avoided and carbon sequestered).													
3.4.1.	A study of the current state of the populations of the globally endangered species (European bison, Large spotted eagle, Aquatic warbler, Great snipe, Curlew, Black-tailed godwit, Lapwing, Meadow pipit and others) in the pilot areas of the project prior to the start of the project.		10,000	16,000	16,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	29,000	National Centre for Bioresources	Data were obtained on the number and condition of the populations of the globally endangered species prior to the implementation of the project activities (European bison, Large spotted eagle, Aquatic warbler, Great snipe, Curlew, Black-tailed godwit, Lapwing, Meadow pipit and others) in the pilot territories (Naliboksky, Zvanets, Sporovsky, Dikoe, Olmansk bogs, Turovsky meadow, Pogost). A report has been prepared.
3.4.2.	The study of the dynamics of vegetation in the project areas prior to the implementation of measures to optimize and restore disturbed ecosystems										10,000		Vegetation maps, correlation of areas of plant associations were prepared and their condition was investigated in the project areas (Zvanets, Sporovsky, Servech, Dikoe, Turovsky meadow, Pogost) prior to the implementation of the project activities. A report has been prepared.
3.4.3.	Monitor ground water levels.										3,000		Data were obtained on the dynamics of water levels in 2018 before the start of the project activities. A report has been prepared.
3.4.4.	Activity 3.4.4. Assess efficiency of measures on the improvement of foraging conditions for European bison.												
3.4.4.1.	Assess the baseline situation on the use by European bison of the foraging grounds (spatial distribution, frequency of visiting food plots and agricultural lands).		1000	1000	1000	MNREP	62000	GEF	NIM advance payments (distribution per accounts: 71300, 72500, 71600, 72400, 73100, 72800, 74500)	NIM advance payments	3000	National Centre for Bioresources	The assessment of the spatial distribution of European bison in the Naliboksky Reserve, the frequency of visiting food plots and agricultural lands prior to the beginning of the project.
3.4.5.	Activity 3.4.5. Apply the METT and UNDP-GEF financial scorecard to monitor management effectiveness and financial sustainability at target PAs. The activities are scheduled for 2020 and 2022.												
3.4.6.	Monitor carbon benefits. The activity is scheduled for 2019 and 2022.												

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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4								
Total Output 3.4.											45,000		
3.11.	Organizing the activity of the Project Management Unit (PMU)	6,620	6,620	6,620	6,621	MNREP	62000	GEF	71400	Service contracts - individual	26,481	PMU	The functioning of the project management team is ensured within the budgetary framework of the approved project document.
Subtotal Component 3.											144,481		
4. Project management													
4.1	Organization of the activity of the Project Steering Committee			2000		MNREP	62000	GEF	72100	Contract with legal entities	2000	PMU	At least two meetings of the Project Steering Committee have been conducted
4.2	Purchasing office equipment	2,000	1,000			MNREP	62000	GEF	72400	Audio and video prod.	5000	PMU	Office equipment has been purchased for the project staff (display, photo camera, GPS, 3 VHF radio transceivers, LCD projector, quadcopter, and other equipment)
4.3.	Organizing the activity of the Project Management Unit (PMU)	4,945	4,946	4,945	4,945	MNREP	62000	GEF	71400	Service contracts - individual	19731	PMU	The functioning of the project management team is ensured within the budgetary framework of the approved project document.
4.4.	Preparation of project progress reports and submitting them to the MNREP, UNDP and the Ministry of Economy in accordance with the approved schedule and in the prescribed form	in accordance with the approved schedule				MNREP						PMU	Project progress reports prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Nature, UNDP and the Ministry of Economy in accordance with the approved schedule and in the prescribed form
4.5.	Monitoring of the progress made in line with the UNDP procedures					UNDP, PIU	62000	GEF				PMU	Periodic updating of the data on project progress in the ATLAS system
4.6.	Project administration costs	4,000	6,000	7,000	5,000	MNREP	62000	GEF	74599	Operational costs	22000	PMU	The reimbursement of UNDP operational expenses for project administration has been ensured according to the established rates.
Subtotal Component 4.											48,731		
TOTAL											1,124,324		
GEF											1,107,624		
UNDP											16,700		

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