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Subject: Submission of First Quarter Progress Report of 2019

In closed with this letter we submitted the progress report of first quarter of the year 2019 as implemented according to the annual work plan by the Enhanced Management and Enforcement of Ethiopia's Protected Areas Estate Project within the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority.

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Quarterly Monitoring Report for UNDP Funded Projects/Programmes

Project title: Enhanced Management and Enforcement of Ethiopia's Protected Areas Estate Project

UNDAF Pillars: 1. Sustainable Economic Growth and Risk Reduction, 3. Governance and Capacity Development, 4. Women, Youth, and Children

UNDAF/Country Programme Outcome: Outcome 3: By 2020, key government institutions at federal level and in all regions and cities are able to plan, implement and monitor priority climate change mitigation and adaptation actions and sustainable natural resource management.

UNDAF Output(s): Output 1.3: Extent to which national legal, policy, and institutional frameworks are in place for conservation, sustainable use, and access and benefit sharing of natural resources, biodiversity and ecosystems

Reporting Period: Quarter 1 of 2019 March 2019

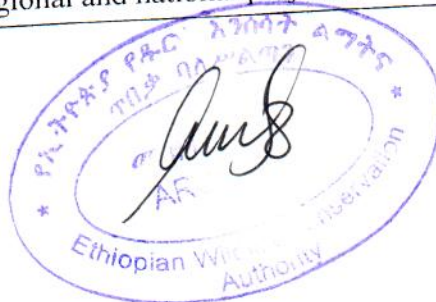
Implementing Partner: Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority, in cooperation with Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute.

UN Agency: UNDP Ethiopia





Brief project description: Although Ethiopia has been taken encouraging measures to ensure the sustainable conservation and utilization of its wildlife resources, most of the iconic species and wildlife protected areas have been severely impacted from human pressures. In addition, driven by low risk and high profitability, the trade in wildlife products and live animals continues to flourish in the country. Ethiopia has been identified as a key transit (as well as source) country for wildlife products and live animals. The proposed project is seeking to implement solutions that will counter the threats to biodiversity and overcome the barriers to effective management of protected areas and to combatting illegal wildlife trade. It seeks to achieve the project's objective: **to build Ethiopia's capacity for biodiversity conservation through increased effectiveness of protected area management and implementation of measures to reduce Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) and poaching.** The objective will be achieved through the implementation of three project components. **Component 1:** *Protected area management and biodiversity conservation.* This component will focus on *demonstrating* how effective management of protected areas in Ethiopia can be achieved by targeting a small number of protected areas, given that the selected pilot sites are those protected areas in which key target species (elephants and big cats) are found. **Component 2:** *Implementation of anti-trafficking measures.* This component will focus on improving different aspects of law enforcement so as to increase the deterrent to illegal wildlife trafficking. **Component 3:** *Landscape approach to forest and agro-biodiversity conservation.* This component focuses on realizing the value of agro-biodiversity for the country and specifically for people living in the vicinity of the protected areas targeted in Component 1. Finally, **Component 4** *Knowledge Management, Gender Mainstreaming, and M&E:* Lessons learned from the project via active participation of all stakeholder groups in the project implementation, gender mainstreaming and M&E will be made available nationally and internationally to facilitate the fight against IWT. Ultimately, the project will contribute to **long-term impacts** or **global environmental benefits** including: i) the recovery of wildlife populations in project sites Ethiopia, specifically targeting elephants, lions and cheetahs: these were selected as GWP flagship species to measure the success of the proposed project, and ii) there is no loss of habitat and agro-biodiversity. This project forms part of the GEF *Programmatic Approach to Prevent the Extinction of Known Threatened Species*, and falls under the GEF Programme *Global Partnership on Wildlife Conservation and Crime Prevention For Sustainable Development (9071)*. Under this programmatic framework, with the coordination through the programme steering committee, coordinated knowledge management and cross-fertilization of the individual regional and national projects will be assured.





Enhanced Management and Enforcement of Ethiopia's Protected Areas Estate Project

Project Progress Report in Quarter 1 of 2019

Summary of General Status of the Project

Implementation of "Enhanced Management and Enforcement of Ethiopia's Protected Areas Estate Project" was launched in January 2018. It is implemented in five selected protected areas of the country; namely, Omo, Mago, Chebera Chirchura and Kafta-Sheraro National Parks and Babile Elephant Sanctuary. The project is implemented by the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority (EWCA; Components 1 and 2) and Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute (EBI; Component 3). The national project office is situated within EWCA HQs and is coordinated by a project management unit (PMU) which is technically overseen by the GEF Programme specialist from UNDP and national project steering committee. The PMU office is headed by the project manager who, together with his team, is responsible to coordinate the day-to-day implementation of the project. Whilst, protected area managers responsible to coordinate project implementation at site level with technical supports provided from the PMU staff and relevant regional bureaux.



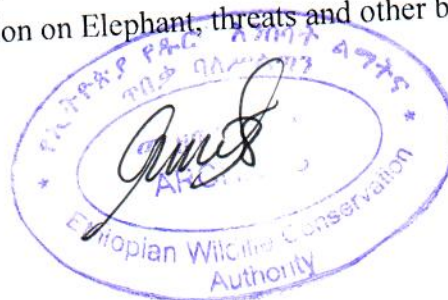


Summary of General Status of the Project

Quarter 1 2019

Outcome 1: Improved protected area management effectiveness delivers enhanced protection in the targeted protected areas

- To secure elephant corridor between Mago and Omo NPs one comprehensive stakeholder meeting had organized at jinka and decided to discuss with "sugar project" later to ensure elephant corridor of two protected areas.
- Development of management plan for Mago national park is continuing by data collection at Mago national park by field work from communities and relevant stakeholders.
- Development of management plan for Chebera Churchura NP is started at Shashemene by establishing core team and SWOT Analysis is finalized on four pillars. The next step of the GMP development stakeholder meeting will be organized as soon.
- In the development of promotion and development of tourist facilities in/around kafta sheraro national park MOU document has been prepared by the consultant and commented by legal affairs directorate then the document will be signed soon.
- Finalizing of biodiversity assessment based on vegetation, mammals and socio economic survey etc. of Chebera Churcura National Park has continued in this quarter by supporting two researchers (students) of EWCA and the researchers are at field work.
- Procurement of International consultancy to Carryout aerial survey for project sites is on the process to identify updated information on Elephant, threats and other big mammals.





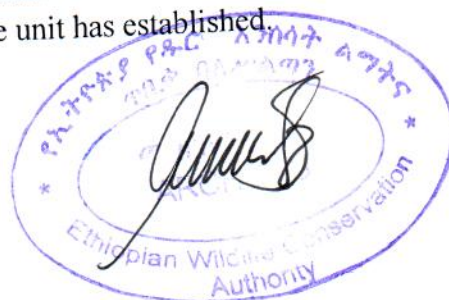
- For all project sites an action plan has been prepared to carryout LE activities in collaboration of Kebele, Woreda and zonal administrative and established LE body LE actions were undertaking throughout the quarter and also preparations are completed to carryout quarterly meetings among law enforcement agencies in, Chebera Churchura National Parks and Babile Elephant Sanctuary. And also Quarterly meeting were undertaking in Mago, Omo and Kaftasheraro National parks.
- Field materials (Photograph camera, GPS, tent, office materials,) were procured and distributed for project sites to assist effective LE activities For effective LE activities.

Outcome 2. Strengthened national and local capacity for conservation of endangered fauna and flora through implementation of anti-trafficking measures

- The IWT project steering committee conducted meeting and discussed the existing draft TOR and mandate for the national IWT steering committee discussed and refined via the active participation of members of the steering committee.
- The IWT project steering committee conducted its regular meeting and members discussed and exchange information on IWT current issues

Output 2.3: Establishment of IWT Task Forces in pilot regions is supported

- TOR has been developed for quarterly meetings of the regional IWT RTF together with the protected areas to discuss on issues related to IWT and it is appointed soon for the preparation the meeting.
- Establish integrative and cooperative systems between wildlife institutions and the IWT RTF to ensure effective implementation
- The establishment of environmental crime unit (ECU) has started last year and key activities including identifying relevant institutions and the brain storming have been done . And the environmental crime unit has established.





- Finalizing studies that assess the current status of CITES Appendix species in and around the pilot project PAs through the involvement of universities has been continued and the draft document has submitted and it will be finalize after the comment is included.
- contract agreement has been signed for TV Transmission of with FANA TV and the radio programs continued with in four local languages throughout the country.
- The project has audited 2018 annual year financial and physical activities by the consultancy (external auditor) and field visit at Chebera Churcura national park. The Audit exit meeting was arranged and comments were given by the consultant.





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Table 1: Summary of project progress in log frame form

Planned Activities	Indicators and Annual Targets	Results achieved during this quarter Q.1	Expenditure reported	Issues/challenges
Outcome 1: Improved protected area management effectiveness delivers enhanced protection in the targeted protected areas				
Output 1.1. The formulation of PA management plans and initial implementation supported				
Activity 1.1.2: Secure elephant corridor between Mago and Omo NPs, by establishing and supporting a national advocacy team	Established advocacy team Target = 1	One stockholder meeting had taken place and one team is established.		
Activity 1.1.3: Development of management plan for project sites (Omo, Chebera Churchura and Mago National Parks)	Number of protected areas that have developed and approved management plans Target = 2	GMP for Mago NP is continued and for CCNP has started		
Activity 1.1.4: Support promotion and development of tourist facilities in/around Kafta Sheraro National Park	Number of tourist facilities constructed Target 5	An agreement document has prepared		
Activity 1.1.6: Finalize biodiversity assessment, based on ground survey, (Vegetation and mammals etc) in each project site.	Compiled report on biodiversity assessment Target = 5	Two researchers (students) continued their research at CCNP. And elephant survey had engaged at Babile elephants sanctuary.		



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Activity 1.1.8: Carryout aerial survey for project sites on Elephant, threats and other big mammals.	Number of protected areas have compiled report by aerial survey Target = 5	On the process to procure International consultancy.	
Output 1.2. Tools and systems for PA management developed and initial operationalization supported			
Activity 1.2.3: Support training of experts on wild animals capturing and relocation	Number of experts at EWCA who have trained in wild animal capturing Target = 5	TOR has been developed.	
Output 1.3 Site level law enforcement (LE) initiatives are supported.			
Activity 1.3.2: Support integrative LE and quarterly meetings among LE agencies and stakeholders of all project sites	Number of minutes organized Target = 20	Five meetings were take place at five protected areas.	
Activity 1.3.7: Support maintenance and improvement of facilities and infrastructure which assist effective LE of project sites	Number of protected areas have improved LE activities Target = 05	LE activities were done in five project sites	
Outcome 2. Strengthened national and local capacity for conservation of endangered fauna and flora through implementation of anti-trafficking measures			
Output 2.1. International cooperation on IWT control is supported			
Activity 2.2.1: Refine existing draft TOR and mandate for the national IWT SC, while considering the participation of	Number of refined TOR Target = 05	One tor has been refined	



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international partners (e.g., US and UK Government representatives based in Addis Ababa), and submit for approval and implementation

Activity 2.2.2: Organize quarterly meetings of IWT SC to discuss and exchange information on IWT issues

Number of meetings organized
Target = 04

01 meeting organized

Output 2.3: Establishment of IWT Task Forces in pilot regions is supported

Activity 2.3.1 : Arrange quarterly meetings of the regional IWT RTFs together with the protected areas to discuss on issues related to IWT and exchange of information on poaching

Number of IWT regional task forces (RTF) established in the pilot regions.
Target = 02

01 meeting organized

Activity 2.3.2: Establish integrative and cooperative systems between wildlife institutions and the IWT RTF to ensure effective implementation

Number of protected areas cooperating with regional IWT taskforces
Target = 03

Output 2.4: Legislation guidance for law enforcement agencies is developed

Activity 2.4.1: Facilitate analysis of all applicable laws (including customs authorities and tax laws) for prosecuting illegal activities

Evidence of publication of the handbook on applicable wildlife laws



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in/around PAs and IWT cases locally, nationally and internationally		Target = 01	
Output 2.5: Support the development of proposals for improving wildlife legislation based on the gaps			
Activity 2.5.2: Drafting amendments to laws, regulations or directives as necessary on participatory way	Number of amended and new articles drafted to improve wildlife legislation.	Target = 01	
Output 2.6: Establishment and functionality of an Environmental Crime Unit (ECU) within the Federal Series Crime Unit (FSCU) supported			
Activity 2.6.1 Complete the process of establishment of Environmental Crime Unit within the Federal Crime Serious Unit.	Number of formally established FECU with developed mandate and well documented resource needs.	Target = 01	
Output 2.8 Capacity development support to the national CITES management and scientific authorities			
Activity 2.8.3: Finalize studies that assess the current status of CITES Appendix species in and around the pilot project PAs through the involvement of universities	Number of experts trained on CITES management and systems and principles	Target 8	





Output 2.9 An information campaign to increase public knowledge and responsiveness regarding wildlife and wildlife crime is implemented

Activity 2.9.1 Contract company to carry out PR campaign; design & implement	Number of contract signed to carryout PR campaign.		
Activity 2.9.3: Develop awareness raising campaign manual and prepare short messages for different local languages using local TVs, radios, websites, Ethiopian airlines etc. that will result in attitudinal changes for the public in order to support wildlife conservation and reducing wildlife crimes	Percentage of the public and government leaders who are aware responsive and supportive to reduce wildlife crimes Target 30%		

Outcome 4. Lessons learned by the project through participatory M&E, including gender mainstreaming, are used to fight poaching and IWT, and promote community based conservation nationally and internationally

Output 4.1. M&E provides sufficient information for adaptive management, gender mainstreaming and learning via active participation of ke stakeholders in the project implementation

Activity 4.1.1: Lessons learnt documented and shared using different platforms	Number of lessons and experiences shared Target 5		
Activity 4.1.4: Perform quarterly monitoring on project implementation activities and results, analyses and use the	Frequency of monitoring to gather information for adaptive management	01 performed	





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information for improving the project management strategies	Target 04:		
Output 4.2. Lessons learned from law enforcement strategies and community based conservation, including gender mainstreaming, are shared on national and international levels			
Activity 4.2.1: Updating the framework of project M&E system and train site level implementers to adopt it			
Activity 4.2.3: Internal review and organization of indicator data			
Activity 4.2.5: Carry-out detailed analysis of gender mainstreaming needs and develop strategies for implementation	Number of gender mainstreaming needs analysis carried out and implemented strategy		
	Target 01		

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