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In closed with this letter we submitted the progress report of annual 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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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

SUMMARY OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGMENT

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, CheberaChirchura and Kafta-Sheraro National Parks and Babile Elephant Sanctuary. The project is implemented by the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority



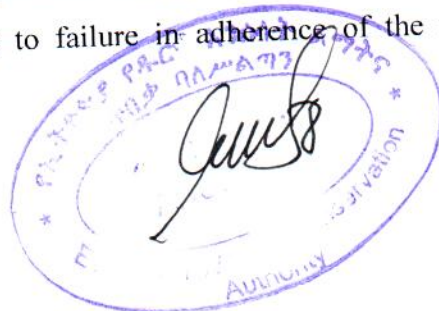
(EWCA; Components 1 and 2) and Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute (EBI; Component 3). The national project office is situated within EWCA HQs and is coordinated by a project management unit (PMU) which is technically overseen by the GEF Programme specialist from UNDP and national project steering committee. 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 Implementation of the Project: Annual, 2019

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

- PA Boundary demarcation:** of Babile Elephant Sanctuary (BES), one of the five project sites, is bounded by two regions: Somali and Oromia regions. To strengthen law enforcement and other management activities, demarcation of boundary of the sanctuary was started three years ago. Although the demarcation work was completed in the Oromia side, this has not been possible on the Somali region side due to recurrent ethnic conflicts. Capitalizing on the resolution of the conflict and relative prevalence of peace and stability in the region, two stakeholder workshops have been conducted with both the regions during the reporting period with aim to finalize the demarcation. In accordance with the endorsement of the stakeholders, demarcation committee/taskforce has been established, action plan developed and preliminary socio-economic and ecological data have been gathered and analysed. The established team presents their findings to EWCA management and they offered four demarcation options. According to the analysis advantages and disadvantages of each options of one option will be selected and demarcation will be implemented in 2020.
- Securing elephant corridor:** To halt the problem associated to blockade of elephant movement corridor between Mago and Omo National Parks, due to ill-planned and execution of the Omo Kuraz Sugar Factory, a national advocacy team has been established and supported. To-date, the team has organized two crucial workshops (at Jinka and Bishoftu towns) whereby a technical team representing relevant government organizations was established. Accordingly, the team has (i) reviewed all relevant policy, legal and scientific/ecological documents concerning the park and the factory, and (ii) made a visit to the area in May 2019 to make on-ground field observations on the current operational areas of the factory in relation to boundary of the park. Overall, preliminary findings of the technical team suggest that the Sugar factory's operations have severely affected ecosystem of the park and most of these impacts are due to failure in adherence of the factory's



management to environmental regulations issued (included in the project document) and operating outside its legally delineated concession boundary.

Detail report on the findings of the trip has been prepared presented and submitted to EWCA, prime ministry and other concerned government officials. Based on their findings they have formulated recommendations on measures to be taken and enable them make appropriate decision in this regard.

National technical team

- **Development of management plans:** Development of management plan for CheberaChurchura NP has completed and regional, zonal, woreda administrators and local communities around the NP validated the management plan by validation workshop held at Tercha. Similarly the development of GMP for Mago National Park also completed by regional, zonal, woreda administrators and local communities around the NP validated the management plan by validation workshop held at Jinka. Development of GMP for Omo national park is in the pipeline. So far, contract agreement has been signed and inception report is presented by the consultant for management and experts of EWCA core processing directorates. The GMP will be developed following the completion of legal framework approval of the boundary.

- **Development of promotion and development of tourist facilities in/around Kafta-Sheraro National Park (KSNP):**

The first phase of the development of promotion and tourist facilities plan for KSNP has been completed and reported by the consultant based on four deliverables I) Presentation of inception report II) presenting one document on tourism development plan III) well designed and informative website for KSNP and IV) guide Book together with a will prepared tourism map for KSNP.



- **Fire management strategic plan:** The first phase of the development of fire management strategic plan for KSNP according to the contract agreement data collection and processing has been completed. The development of final document is on developing. The project also offered financial supported for wildfire prevention and wildlife disease happen on Grater Kudu.
- **Biodiversity assessment:** To finalize biodiversity assessment, including threats socio economic studies, researchers have continued their field work. One scientific research has completed at Babile Elephants Sanctuary by EWCA research experts focusing on the current status of elephants in comparison to their status in the last 10 years. Although the findings are to be validated through independent scientific reviewers (by submitting to scientific journals), preliminary findings show that their population size have been fluctuating and current population seems to be in good condition.
- **Aerial survey:** Procurement of International consultancy to carryout aerial survey of Elephant, threats and other big mammals in project sites the TOR has revised and sent to UNDP because of the request of the cost for the aerial survey is exceeded the allocated budgetand the process will be completed and awards made soon to undertake the survey.
- **Developing standard operation procedures:**One international consultancy was procured in 2018 and developed SOP for EWCA HQ and for protected areas human resource management, financial procedures and procurement and finalized the document.
- **Training for PA staff on use and implementation of the SOP manuals:** A group of trainers organized from EWCA and trained A total of 108(17 females) staffs of four protected areas KaftaSheraroOmo, Mago National Parks and Babele Elephants Sanctuary are trained on the developed SOP basically on human resource management, financial procedures and procurement, and how revenue and expenditures are recognized in PAS. This training helps the staffs to perform their responsibilities effectively and will help to follow legal procedures.



- **Training on wildlife management:** Four (two female) EWCA experts are finalized their training and back to Ethiopia after the success completion of their training at Tanzania on wild animals capturing and relocation techniques. The training was theoretical and more practical and this is very necessary for technical activities for researches in protected areas.
- **GIS training:** As per our consultation and negotiation made with Wondo Genet College of Forestry and Natural Resource Management, two trainer experts are appointed and trained a total of 25(2 females) experts from EWCA, Project sites, regional and federal administered PAS and invited partner trainees. The training has conducted at Addis Ababa the theoretical training and included practical training at Awash National Park to make it more applicable in protected areas.
- **Establishment of communication system:** Specific need assessment was conducted both at the project sites and EWCA HQs and deals were made with Ethio telecom to provide communication systems such as telephone line, fax services, internet, etc. Accordingly, installation of the systems has been finalized in all protected areas and EWCA HQs.
- **Negotiate among LE agencies at different levels for BES:** For the case of re-demarcation of BES and to prevent illegal activities in the sanctuary more than three negotiations were made b/n different levels of LE agencies and administrators around BES and have scored free released from prisoned one scout and agreed to prevent illegal activities and to work together with EWCA and BES for the re-demarcation of the sanctuary.
- **Supporting site level law enforcement (LE) initiatives:** Negotiations and signing of MOUs among LE agencies and integrative LE and quarterly meetings among LE agencies and stakeholders of all project sites has been conducted through the support of the project. Support for maintenance and improvement of facilities and infrastructure which assists effective LE of project sites has been made, and 5 vehicles are procured and delivered to PAS and appropriate directorates of EWCA to strengthen protected area law enforcement



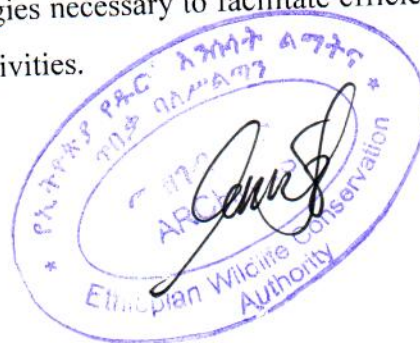
and other activities. This activity creates owner fillings for communities and illegal activities reduced intensively in PAS specially Elephant killings.

Collaborative Patrolling

- **Training of mentoring and LE staffs:** Theoretical and practical training has been given for a total of 80 (8 females) scouts to improve capacity and physical fitness, skills and knowledge on using low-risk approaches to LE works to minimize the risk of life-loss during their routine patrolling activities at Adama Police College for one month. The trainees are from project sites and other Pas including Federal and regional administered PAs which are not trained before any training in this regard. This training will help the scouts to have Knowledge and effective LE activities and reduce the illegal activities in PAs. The training also included additional contents such as first aid, Patrolling, recording and reporting animal disease and legal affairs of PAs by different experts and directors of EWCA and invited trainers from other government bodies.
- Carry out analysis of available options of tools/technologies of efficient and effective law enforcement activities:

To carrying out analysis of available options of tools/technologies necessary to facilitate efficient and effective law enforcement in the five selected Ethiopia's Wildlife Protected Areas a contract agreement has been signed between the project and one individual consultant for assessment of trends in wildlife crime incidences and intelligence analysis in Ethiopia and developing effective systems. The consultant started his first phase data collection according to the developed TOR and report to the project and the final document will be submitted in the next fiscal year.

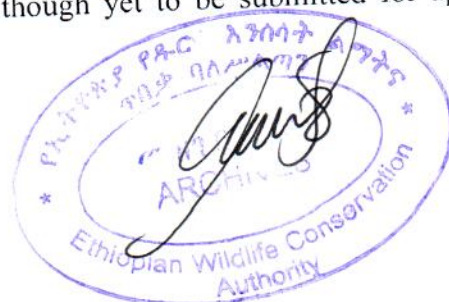
At the same time the process of bid advertisement has been finalized and the technical evaluation of the bidder is accomplished for the recruitment of consultancy service to carry out analysis of available options of tools/technologies necessary to facilitate efficient and effective wildlife Illegal trafficking law enforcement activities.



- **Procurement of vehicles:** Five vehicles are procured and delivered to PAs and appropriate directorates of EWCA to strengthen protected area law enforcement and other activities. Currently EWCA and Protected areas have faced for high problems of vehicles and got difficulties for day to day patrolling activities to prevent illegal activities, the vehicles solved this problem partially.
- **Human-Elephant conflict mitigation:** The possibility to apply 'Chili fencing' as a method to reduce the prevailing human-elephant conflicts in/around Chebera Cheruchura NP has been completed. This method can made practically reduce the human elephant conflict in/around the NP.

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

- **Supporting international cooperation on IWT control:** In order to establish and maintain contacts among relevant international LE agencies, support has been provided for three relevant national personnel from EWCA who traveled to South Africa to participate on IUCN meeting. Furthermore, the process of recruitment of an international consultant, who would function to establish a pertinent system and modality for implementing agreed terms of reference, is in pipeline. This was not done on time due to absence of qualified applicants.
- One international consultant recruited to the project technical consultant for the establishment of pertinent system and modality for implementing agreed terms of reference
- The project financially support for one participant on international wildlife trade conventions who travel to participate on international wildlife trade conventions
- One TOR has been refined and mandate for IWT SC considering the participation of international partners
- **Strengthening National IWT Steering Committee:** Existing draft TOR and mandate for the national IWT SC have been refined, although yet to be submitted for approval and



implementation. Nonetheless, quarterly meetings of IWT SC have been organized upon which to information on IWT issues discussed and exchanged. Training on wildlife policy, current issue of IWT, strategy, legislations and implementation was provide for IWT SC and high level government authorities, including some relevant parliamentary members. Finally, the process of “*Establishing Canine Unit at Bole International Airport*” has been started. As such, MoU agreement has signed between EWCA and relevant authorities (Federal police, Customs and Attorney General) at the Skylight Hotel for controlling illegal wildlife products trafficking through Bole International using sniffer dog facilities.

- **Establishment and supporting the functionalities of IWT Task Forces in pilot regions:** Although the IWT RTFs have been established, quarterly meetings have not been conducted due to the current stability problems that draw the attention of the taskforce members.
- **Developing legislation guidance and improving wildlife legislation:** Analysis of all applicable laws (including customs authorities and tax laws) for prosecuting illegal activities in/around PAs and IWT cases locally, nationally and internationally have been achieved. The result of this work is sent for publication as a handbook of all applicable laws. Once published, it will be disseminated to all LE actors (Federal, regions, local and PAs of the country). The next step also includes training relevant actors (e.g., PA authorities, police, the judiciary, the customs authorities, etc.) in legal law to prosecute perpetrators of wildlife crimes. Similarly, assessment and review of the gaps in wildlife laws of Ethiopia has been conducted, amendments to laws, and regulations drafted and submitted to relevant parliamentary members who will, in turn, submit to the councils of ministries for their endorsement.
- Provide training for IWT SC and high level government authorities on wildlife policy, current issue of IWT, strategy, legislations and implementation at busheftu and 90 percent of the IWT SC members were participated.



- **Establishment and functionality of an Environmental Crime Unit (ECU):** One national Environmental Crime Unit /ECU/ established within the Federal Series Crime Unit (FSCU) and the unit will start its functions soon.
- The project support for the establishment of Canine Unit at Bole International Airport and one MOU has been signed with key stakeholders
- **Developing a management system for wildlife products:** The process of developing management system for wildlife products and live animals that are confiscated seized and/or collecting in the field has been going on. As such, draft report on review of best practice for managing wildlife products and live animals is produced. Furthermore, store/building design is developed for the construction storage facilities in the Chebera Churchura National Park and construction will be started very soon. Finally, national inventory of wildlife products have been conducted across Somali and Southern Nations Nationalities and Peoples regions.
- Awareness raising Training on IWT has been given to influential artists and media professionals composed from different media organizations, Oromya TV, South TV, AmharaTV, Fana BC, EBC, Hagere, Hagereseb, Medea Forum , Mountain Medea, EBC Radio at Busheftu. A total of 45(9 female) trainees are participated and this type of training help to develop IWT concepts of those artists and media workers for their contribution.
- A meeting was conducted with relevant higher officials from Somali and South National Regional States. During the event, EWCA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on RTF matter with both two regional states on September 2019.

MOU agreement with RTF: Two regional taskforces /RTF/ has been formalized and quarterly meetings were arranged together with the protected areas to discuss on issues related to IWT and exchange of information on poaching.



- In three PAS integrative and cooperative systems between Pas were established to ensure effective implementation of an integrative and cooperative systems between Pas.
- One handbook developed and published to facilitate analysis of all applicable laws for prosecuting illegal activities in/around PAs and IWT cases
- The project supported participation of two people in the 18th Conference of Parties (CoP 18) of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered species of wild fauna and flora, which was held in Geneva Switzerland from 16 -28 August 2019. We have been greatly benefited from being participating in this global meeting. CoP18 has covered 107 agenda items and 57 species listings proposals, including proposals to add giraffe in CITES Appendix
- CoP18 also addressed some difficult and contentious issues where divergent approaches exist amongst CITES Parties on matters, for example, trade in elephants and their ivory as well as rhino horn, with proposals on the table designed to further restrict commercial trade, and counter-proposals intending to remove trade restrictions.
- Capacity building Training on CITES has been delivered to relevant EWCA staff, its stockholders and one participant from Somalia in Bishoftu at Adulala Resort from 7-11 October 2019 by EWCA members participated on CoP18 and two invited members of CITES secretariat. 42 (5 female) people are attended the training.
- Following this at EWCA one day CITES training has been given for 32(8 female) experts and directorates of the authority by the presenters participated at Busoheftu.
- **Studies of CITES Appendix species:** 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. Whilesome draft documents has submitted and some other studies are still in progress.



- **Awareness raising campaign:** As per the Contract agreement signed last year, transmission of educational messages via Fana TV and radio programs has been continued in four local languages throughout the country.
- The Government of Ethiopia via EWCA and the Republic of Somalia via Somalia Wildlife has communicated on 7th October 2019 in Addis Ababa and discussed on the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be signed between the two countries to strengthen existing cooperation in fighting illegal wildlife trafficking
- EWCA in collaboration with the Somaliland Ministry of Environment rescued one young female lion which was confiscated in Hargessa town from a suspect from Ethiopia. The lion is now transferred to Holeta rescue center in Ethiopia.

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

- **Information sharing:** Reports of project progress and lessons learnt have been shared with relevant stakeholders, including with GWP throughout the Quarter. In addition, information published as brochures and booklets on selected practices of the project are compiled.
- **Project M&E system:** Framework of project M&E system and indicator data are reviewed and draft reports produced. The final draft document of the M&E System of the project has been produced.
- **Gender mainstreaming:** in combination of EWCA Gender Affairs directorate, former Gender Affairs directorate director and experts and from PMU one team has been organized to develop Gender mainstreaming strategy. The Gender mainstreaming strategy is finalized.



1. Major Challenges Faced

- Persistent anthropogenic impacts on protected areas
- Human wildlife conflicts
- Capacity limitations
- Security
- Natural and manmade hazards
- Implementation of micro credit scheme
- Lengthy procurement procedures

2. Actions taken to tackle challenges

- Integrated law enforcement
- Measures to mitigate HWC
- Extensive awareness campaigns
- Fire management plan
- Logistic support and capacity building
- Repeated discussions with authorities

Key Lessons Learnt

- Participatory and bottom up approach for development of management plans
- Extensive awareness campaigns
- Integrated law enforcement initiatives in protected areas
- Adoption of new approaches to enhance community engagement in conservation
- The project's involvement in knowledge exchange and experience sharing platforms at international level through the global wildlife program



Table 1: Summary of project progress in log-frame form

PLANNED ACTIVITIES		Indicators and Annual Targets	Results achieved during these quarters (Q1, 2& 3)	Cumulative results achieved annual	Expenditure reported (Annual)	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 1.1.1: Complete the demarcation of Babile Elephant Sanctuary	Number of PAs demarcated (= 01 PA)	01 The demarcation committee gathered preliminary socio-economic and ecological data have been submitted report to EWCA, But decided to in reach with more information	01 advocacy team established and finalized the report and submitted for decision makers	Socioeconomic & ecological studies completed and boundary options submitted Result in percentage 90	01 advocacy team established and started functioning	
Activity 1.1.2: Secure elephant corridor between Mago and Omo NPs, by establishing and supporting a national advocacy team	Number of functional advocacy team established (target = 01)	03 CheberaChurchura NP validated, for Mago NP consolidated and for Omo NP undergoing	02 completed for CheberaChurchura NP, and that for Mago NP One on progress Omo NP	Result in percentage 90%		
Activity 1.1.3: Development of management plan for project sites (Omo, CheberaChurchura and Mago National Parks)	Number of protected areas that have developed and approved management plans (Target=02)					



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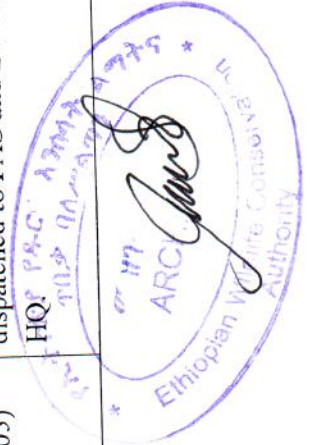
Activity 1.2.2: Training for PA staff on use and implementation of the SOP manuals (60% males and 60% females)		70 % of staff trained Result in percentage >100 %		
Activity 1.2.3: Support training of experts on wild animals capturing and relocation	Number of experts trained in wild animal capturing (Target = 04)	04 experts are receiving training in Tanzania Result in percentage 100 %		
Activity 1.2.4: Train experts in application of technologies, including GIS and remote sensing, in wildlife management	Number of experts trained (Target = 20)	25 experts trained Result in percentage >100 %		
Activity 1.2.5: Establish the communication system (e.g., telephone line, fax services, ect) of project sites and the headquarter at EWCA	Number of technologies/applications used for PAM Target 3	In 05 PAS installation of network lines finalized. In 3 PAS finalized Result in percentage 60 %		
Activity 1.2.6: Develop comprehensive database for EWCA HQs and PAs (including annual budget allocation and utilization; HR, equipments including vehicle infrastructure development; outreach; research activities, wildlife Utilization, tourism activities and revenue, etc	Number of comprehensive database established (Target = 09)	Consultant recruitment is in the process to be completed to implement the activity	Consultant recruitment is finalized Result in percentage 25 %	
Output 1.3 Site level law enforcement (LE) initiatives are supported.				

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Activity 1.3.1: Negotiate MOUs among LE agencies at different levels for BES	Number of MoUs signed (Target = 02)	02 MoU signed between BES and 01 each with Somali and Oromia regions LE agencies	04 MoU signed between BES and 01 each with Somali and Oromia regions LE agencies (All done) Result in percentage 100 %	
Activity 1.3.2: Support integrative LE and quarterly meetings among LE agencies and stakeholders of all project sites	Number of meetings organized (Target = 20)	15 meetings have been taken place at the five protected areas.	4 meetings in each PAS total 20 have been taken place at the five protected areas. Result in percentage 100 %	
Activity 1.3.3: Training and mentoring of LE staff and agencies, mainly focusing on use of legal manual (40% females and 60% males)	Number of LE personnel trained of which 40% female and 60% male (Target = 80)	Contract agreement has been developed and will be signed soon with Oromia police college for the training of 80 scouts.	80 LE staffs trained Result in percentage 100 %	
Activity 1.3.4: Carry out analysis of available options of tools/technologies necessary to facilitate more efficient and effective law enforcement in the five selected pilot Pas, with a recommendation on the one that is most applicable to the	Number of protected areas (percentage of communication problems solved) (Target =03)	Consultant recruitment HAS been finalized and contract agreement will be signed soon	Consultant recruitment is finalized and first phase (done On progress) Result in percentage 50 %	



Ethiopian context					
Activity 1.3.5: Negotiate contracts to deliver best LE solutions and tools /technologies that are identified to be more applicable to Ethiopian context, Procurement of other materials and equipments needed for LE such as GPS, digital camera, computers, tents, sleeping bags	Number of protected areas (percentage of communication problems solved) (Target =03)	Not done due to delay in implementation of Activity 1.3.4	Not done due to delay in implementation of Activity 1.3.4		
Activity 1.3.6: Based on the selected technologies and softwares, Build LE IT solutions (internet access) and establishing LE databases and link them with the central database at EWCA HQ	Number of protected areas (percentage of communication problems solved) Target 3	Not done due to delay in implementation of Activity 1.3.4 and 1.3.5	Not done due to delay in implementation of Activity 1.3.4 and 1.3.5		
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 facilities and infrastructure for LE activities (Target = 05) Number of vehicles procured (Target = 05)	03 protected areas have received supports to improve facilities and infrastructure for LE activities	03 protected areas have received supports to improve facilities and infrastructure for LE activities		
Activity 1.3.8: Procure 5 vehicles to strengthen protected area law enforcement		05 vehicles procured and dispatched to PAS and EWCA HQ	05 vehicles procured and dispatched to PAS and EWCA HQ	05 vehicles procured Result in percentage 100 %	

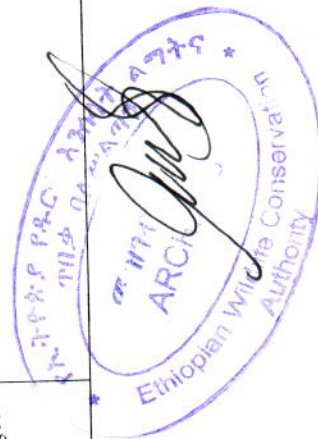


Activity 1.3.10: Support mitigation measures to reduce human elephant conflicts in the project sites	Number of protected areas where mitigation measure applied (Target 01)	01; Chili fence method is being applied at CCNP	01; Chili fence method is being applied at CCNP Result in percentage 100 %
Outcome 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 2.1.1 Establish and maintain contacts among relevant international LE agencies			3 neighboring countries contacted Result in percentage 75 %
Activity 2.1.3: Recruit an international consultant to establish a pertinent system and modality for implementing agreed terms of reference			1 international consultant recruited. Result in percentage 100 %
Activity 2.1.4: Provide support for relevant national personnel who travel to participate on international wildlife trade conventions			1 supported Result in percentage 100 %
Activity 2.2.1: Refine existing draft TOR and mandate for the national IWT SC, while considering the participation of international partners	Number of refined TOR and mandate for the national IWT SC (Target = 01)	01 TOR and mandate for the national IWT SC has been refined	01 TOR mandate for the national IWT SC has been refined Result in percentage

(e.g., US and UK Government representatives based in Addis Ababa), and submit for approval and implementation			100 %	
Activity 2.2.2: Organize quarterly meetings of IWT SC to discuss and exchange information on IWT issues	Number of meetings organized (Target = 04)	03 meetings organized	05 meetings organized Result in percentage >100 %	
Activity 2.2.3: Establish integrative and cooperative systems between the national IWT SC and other GWP projects to ensure effective implementation for IWT SC via updating the existing strategies of global wildlife crimes			Done Result in percentage 100 %	
Activity 2.2.4: Provide training for IWT SC and high level government authorities on wildlife policy, current issue of IWT, strategy, legislations and implementation	Percentage of members trained	90 percent of members trained	75% of IWT SC members trained Result in percentage 83 %	
Activity 2.2.5: Establish Canine Unit at Bole International Airport	Number of MoU Signed	01 MoU signed	1 MOU signed with key stakeholders Result in percentage 100 %	



Activity 2.2.6: Provide sniffer dog facilities for controlling wildlife products trafficking through Bole International Airport					
Activity 2.2.7: Facilitate training for the Canine Unit to be established					
Activity 2.2.8: Build database of wildlife crime (poaching/trafficking) to monitor the anti-trafficking activities of IWT SC actors				progressing -----	
Activity 2.2.9: Measure the anti-trafficking activities of IWT SC actors, gather statistics and report findings					
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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 meetings of IWT regional task forces (RTF) organized (Target = 08)	03 IWT RTF conducted	8 meetings organized Result in percentage 100 %		



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)	The consultations have been made and the process is going on	Done in 3 PAS Result in percentage 100 %	
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 in/around PAs and IWT cases locally, nationally and internationally	Number of analysis documents (Target = 01)	01 document produced and in the process of publication	01 document produced	
Activity 2.4.2: Publish and disseminate a handbook of all applicable laws to all LE actors (Federal, regions, local and PAs of the country)	Number of handbooks published (Target = 01) and number of copies disseminated (Target = 500)	01 handbook sent for publication, which will be disseminated in the next quarters	1 hand book developed but not yet published Result in percentage 75 %	
Activity 2.4.3: Train relevant actors (e.g., PA authorities, police, the judiciary, the customs authorities, etc) in legal law to prosecute perpetrators of wildlife crimes	Number of trainees (Target = 150)	125 people have been trained	>500 relevant actors trained Result in percentage >100 %	
Output 2.5: Support the development of proposals for improving wildlife legislation based on the gaps				



Activity 2.5.1: Organize a national workshop to review the gaps in wildlife laws of Ethiopia		No of workshops organized	1 workshop	Two workshops organized Result in percentage >100 %	
Activity 2.5.2: Drafting amendments to laws, regulations or directives as necessary on participatory way		Number of draft amendment policy documents (Target = 01)	01 draft amendment policy document produced and submitted to prime minister's office	01 draft amendment policy document produced and submitted to prime minister's office Progressing as planned Result in percentage 60 %	
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)	01 ECU Formal establishment is in the pipeline and appointed for NOV30/2019 by IWT SC.	1 ECU formalized Result in percentage 100 %	
Activity 2.6.2: Develop ECU strategy and action plan; implement (facilitated by project)		No of strategy developed	01 strategy development on process	1 strategy developed Result in percentage 100 %	
Output 2.7: A management system developed for wildlife products and live animals that are confiscated, seized and/or collecting in the field					

Activity 2.7.1: Complete review of best practice for managing wildlife products and live animals	Number of document (Target = 01)	01 review document on best practice for managing wildlife products and live animals developed	50% of hotspot areas assessed Result in percentage 67 %	
Activity 2.7.2: Organize training for PAs' and EWCA HQs on best management systems of wildlife products	Number of training (Target = 01)	01 training has accomplished	01 training has accomplished Result in percentage 100 %	
Activity 2.7.3: Construct and/or renovate storage facilities in the Omo and CheberaChurchura National Parks and put management system in place	Number of storages constructed (Target = 02)	01 storage facility is under construction at Chebera Churchura NP	01 storage facility is under construction at Chebera Churchura NP Result in percentage 25 %	
Activity 2.7.5: Carry out national inventory of wildlife products across regions	Number of regions where inventory took place (Target = 02)	02 inventories have been conducted in two regions (Somali and SNNP regions)	02 inventories have been conducted in two regions (Somali and SNNP regions) Result in percentage 100 %	
Output 2.8 Capacity development support to the national CITES management and scientific authorities				
Activity 2.8.1: Design capacity development process for CITES management and scientific authorities in Ethiopia	No of staffs trained (Target 08)		More than 40 relevant staff and stakeholders trained in CITES implementation Result in percentage >100 %	



Activity 2.8.2: In collaboration with CITES international, provide training for relevant officers and experts on implementation of CITES regulations	Number of training organized (01)	01 training has been organized (01) 74 experts trained in CITES training.	01 training has been organized (01) Result in percentage >100 %	
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	No of species assessed			
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 (Target = 01)	01 contract signed PR campaign is going on by Fana TV and radio programmes	Three medias contracted to work on awareness Result in percentage >100 %	
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	Number of aware raising campaign manual developed (Target = 01)	01 draft manual developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01 draft manual developed supported to strengthen public awareness Documentary films, manuals and brochures developed 	



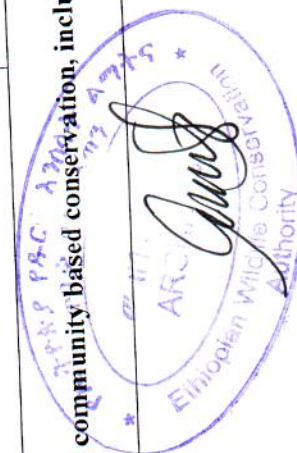
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Activity 2.9.4: Complete the establishment and support the functionality of an enabled wildlife conservation campaign unit for EWCA,	Number of unit established (Target = 01)	01 unit established and the project has provided appropriate supports	01 unit established and the project has provided appropriate supports Result in percentage >100 %	
Activity 2.9.5: Complete the establishment and support the functionality of an enabled wildlife conservation campaign unit for EWCA,			Several extensive campaigns and dialogues conducted Result in percentage >100 %	
Activity 2.9.5 Train public relation personnel and media workers in communication techniques in conservation	Number of training events (Target = 02)	01 training event was organized and 45 media workers and artists has been trained in communication techniques in conservation	> 25 Media workers, artists and PR experts trained Result in percentage >100 %	
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				

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Output 4.1. M&E provides sufficient information for adaptive management, gender mainstreaming and learning via active participation of key 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	4 lessons documented and shared Result in percentage 80 %	
Activity 4.1.2: Create project website that will be established for the purpose of updating stakeholders on project progress and sharing lessons learnt on the project implementation	Number of website created (01)		
Activity 4.1.3: Complete survey of flagship species of concern that include Elephant, lion, leopard cheetah in the project areas	Number of species surveyed		
Activity 4.1.4: Perform quarterly monitoring on project implementation activities and results, analyses and use the information for improving the project management strategies	Frequency of monitoring to gather information for adaptive management Target 04	Frequency of monitoring to gather information for adaptive management Result in percentage 100 %	

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		Number of updated framework of project M&E system (Target = 01)	01 draft framework of project M&E system developed	One manual developed to implement project M&E system Result in percentage 100 %	
Activity 4.2.2 Publish brochures and booklets on selected practices of the project		Number of brochures published (Target = 01), and of copies disseminated (Target = 500)	03 brochure, directives, logo are developed and sent for publishing	01 brochure published Result in percentage 33 %	
Activity 4.2.3: Internal review and organisation of indicator data		Number of review documents (Target = 01)	01 draft review document produced	01 draft review document produced	
Activity 4.2.5: Carry-out detailed analysis of gender mainstreaming needs and develop strategies for implementation		Number of documents (Target = 01)	Implementation of this activity is in progress	Strategy developed for gender mainstreaming Result in percentage 100 %	
<p>Lessons Leant (Optional): Activity description: Activity 2.9.3: Awareness raising campaign that will result in attitudinal changes for the public in order to support wildlife conservation and reducing wildlife crimes</p> <p>As part of implementation of this activity, a Contract agreement was signed and regular transmission of educational messages have been conveyed via Fana TV and radio programs in four local languages throughout the country. In addition to this, however, the project has consulted several public and private media workers and artists (singers, writers, architects), and trained them and organized field trips for them to visit to project sites and have first-hand experiences about the situation of wildlife and their protected areas in the country. The result of this work has been featuring of wildlife issues at unprecedented on most of public and private media (Radios and TVs), magazines and newspapers, and other social media, including blogs and Facebook. Such achievement has not been seen in the history of Ethiopia's wildlife conservation. Thus, considering and involving various media workers and artists, as key stakeholders, in the implementation of project activities is a great lesson should be learnt for future similar projects.</p>					

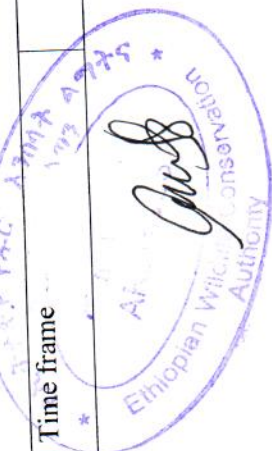
Activity 1.3.1 & 2: Supporting site level law-enforcement (LE) initiatives

In Ethiopia, protected area LE staffs (scouts) are always blamed for any kind of action they take against people found engaged in illegal activities in the PAs. This is believed to be due to lack of collaboration between protected areas and local level (kebele and woreda) law enforcement agencies such as police, judiciaries, kebele militiamen and others are identified as one critical challenges in practicing effective conservation and protected area management. In order to strengthen collaborative site level law enforcement activities, through the support of the project, MOUs were signed among LE agencies at each protected area, integrative LE activities being implemented, and quarterly meetings among LE agencies have been made. A lesson learnt from implementation of these activities came from Kafta-Sheraro National Park. Recently, a team of LE people (local communities and park scouts) were deployed for patrolling in the park. They came across many people, mostly armed, engaged in gold mining in the park. Then, a conflict broke-out between the two groups (i.e., LE people and miners). Sadly, three people were killed by the LE people while defending themselves. The incidence was dealt with and settled with the support of local government officials and communities. Although such incidence is not encouraged and should be avoided/minimized, the best lesson learnt from this story is that the process how the issue was handled by the regional government and local communities, who advocated for and in favour of the LE staff. This is in contrary to what was happening in the Kafta-Sheraro NP in the past and still happening at other protected areas of the country.

Innovation (optional):

Activity description: Activity 1.1.3: General Management Plan Preparation for PAs

The main reason why previous management plans for many of Ethiopia's protected areas are due to flaws in the approaches used to develop the plans. For example, conventionally management plans are developed by consultant firms, be it national or international, who seldom involve implementers, and management components are pre-conceived by the experts. Thus, the plans become unrealistic, unclear and unachievable. Despite this, an interesting lesson is learnt from the process of management plan developed for CheberaChurchura NP. For this task, a facilitator/planner was contracted and tasked to lead the process while implementers (national experts) were made source planning ideas. Further, unlike the conventional approaches, the present process used the "pillars of sustainability = social, environmental, economic and governance" to interrogate the dynamics influencing management of the protected area and to identify the relevant stakeholders (situational and stakeholder analysis). The process has ensured that the GMP produced is as relevant, robust and complete as possible, and is cost-effective (time and money). In short, key lessons learnt were: the process of approaching (the use of sustainability pillars, stakeholders active involvement in the GMP process), inclusion of realistic (calculated detailed activity-based cost approach) business/financial plan and funding sources [this helps implementers simply pick up their annual/quarter plans instead of developing from the management plans].

Recommended Actions	Time frame	Responsible
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