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Subject: Submission of Second Quarter Progress Report of 2019

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

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

Reporting Period [month, year] Quarter: January—June 2019

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

UN Agency: UNDP Ethiopia





BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

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





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, 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 bureaus.

Summary of General Status of Implementation of the Project: Quarter 2 2019

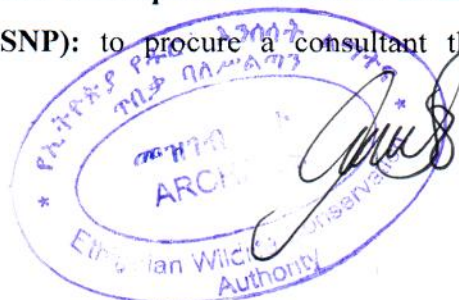
Outcome 1: Improved protected area management effectiveness delivers enhanced protection in the targeted protected areas

- **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 next step is for the team to present their findings to EWCA management and commencing the actual demarcation work.





- **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 to 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 is under preparation and will be submitted soon. Based on their findings they have formulated recommendations on measures to be taken. Their report is expected to be presented to the prime ministry and other concerned government officials soon so as to enable them make appropriate decision in this regard.
- **Development of management plans:** While development of management plan for Chebera Churchura NP is completed at present, it is in the pipeline for Mago national park. So far, situational analysis has been conducted and finalized and stakeholder meeting convened at jinka. The next step is formulation of management objectives, activities and preparation of annual plan, business plan and M&E plan. Meanwhile, bid advert has been made to hire a consultant and applications are under evaluation at present. It is hoped that the winner will be awarded and start the assignment within a week time.
- **Development of promotion and development of tourist facilities in/around Kafta-Sheraro National Park (KSNP):** to procure a consultant the bid document was





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developed, bid announced and applications are under evaluation. It is hoped that the winner will be awarded and start the assignment within a week time.

- **Fire management strategic plan:** To develop fire management plan for KSNP, a consultancy bid document was developed, bid announced and applications are under evaluation. It is hoped that the winner will be awarded and start the assignment within a week time.
- **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 has been going-on and the recruitment process will be completed and awards made soon to undertake the survey.
- **Training on wildlife management:** Four (two female and male experts each) EWCA experts are sent to Tanzania to receiving training on wild animals capturing and relocation techniques.
- **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 invitation of trainees is made. The training is planned to be conducted at Addis Ababa starting from 24 July 2019.





- **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 going-on in all protected areas and EWCA HQs.
- **Development of comprehensive database for EWCA HQs and PAs:** Bid advert has been made to hire a consultant and applications are under evaluation at present. It is hoped that the winner will be awarded and start the assignment within a week time.
- **Supporting site level law enforcement (LE) initiatives:** Negotiations and signing of MOUs among LE agencies at different levels for BES has been made, 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 to strengthen protected area law enforcement.
- **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 started.

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

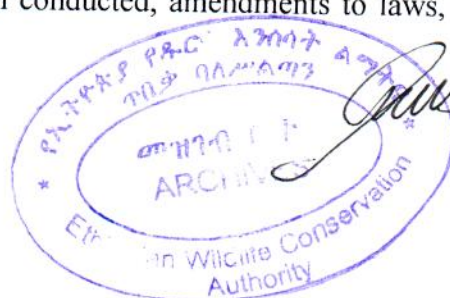
- **Supporting international cooperation on IWT control:** In order to establish and maintain contacts among relevant international LE agencies, support has been provided for two relevant national personnel from EWCA who traveled to South Africa to participate on IUCN meeting. Furthermore, the process 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.

- **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.

- **Establishment and functionality of an Environmental Crime Unit (ECU):** The process of finalizing the establishment of the ECU within the Federal Series Crime Unit (FSCU) has been continued and hoped that it will be completed in the following quarter.
- **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.
- **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. While some 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.

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





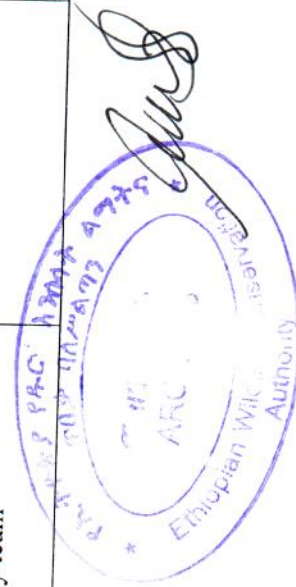
- **Information sharing:** Reports of project progress and lessons learnt have been shared with relevant stakeholders, including with GWP throughout the Quarter. In addition, information published as brochures and booklets on selected practices of the project are compiled.
- **Project M&E system:** Framework of project M&E system and indicator data are reviewed and draft reports produced. The next step is updating the framework and indicators.
- **Gender mainstreaming:** Preliminary discussions have been made with EWCA Gender Affairs directorate and other relevant stakeholders to carry-out detailed analysis of gender mainstreaming needs and develop strategies for implementation.





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

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	Indicators and Annual Targets	Results achieved during these quarters (Q1 & 2)	Cumulative results achieved since [the start of] Q1	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 1.1.1: Complete the demarcation of Babile Elephant Sanctuary	Number of PAs demarcated (= 01 PA)	02 stakeholder workshops have been conducted; demarcation committee (taskforce) established; action plan developed; and preliminary socio-economic and ecological data have been gathered	02 stakeholder workshops have been conducted; demarcation committee (taskforce) established; action plan developed; and preliminary socio-economic and ecological data have been gathered		
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)	01 advocacy team established and started functioning	01 advocacy team established and started functioning		





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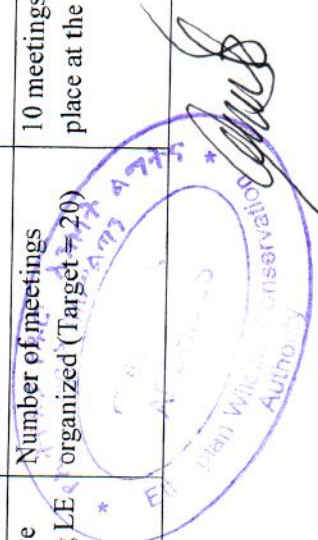
Activity 1.1.3: Development of management plan for project sites (Omo, Chebera Churchura and Mago National Parks)	Number of protected areas that have developed and approved management plans (Target = 02)	01 completed for Chebera Churchura NP, and that for Mago NP is undergoing.	01 completed for Chebera Churchura NP, and that for Mago NP is undergoing.
Activity 1.1.4: Support promotion and development of tourist facilities in/around Kafta Sheraro National Park	Number of tourist facilities constructed (Target = 05)	Consultant recruitment is in the process to be completed to implement the activity	Consultant recruitment is in the process to be completed to implement the activity
Activity 1.1.5: Develop fire management plan for Kafta Sheraro and Chebera Churchura National Parks	Number of protected areas that have plan (Target = 02)	Consultant recruitment is in the process to be completed to implement the activity in the Kafta-Sheraro NP	Consultant recruitment is in the process to be completed to implement the activity in the Kafta-Sheraro NP
Activity 1.1.6: Finalize biodiversity assessment, based on ground survey, (Vegetation and mammals etc) in each project site.	Number of completed study reports (13)	13 progress reports have been received and all are expected to finalize in the coming two quarters	13 progress reports have been received and all are expected to finalize in the coming two quarters
Activity 1.1.8: Carryout aerial survey for project sites on Elephant, threats and other big mammals.	Number of protected areas surveyed (Target = 05)	On the process to procure International consultancy.	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 trained in wild animal capturing (Target = 04)	04 experts are receiving training in Tanzania	04 experts are receiving training in Tanzania





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Activity 1.2.4: Train experts in application of technologies, including GIS and remote sensing, in wildlife management		Number of experts trained (Target = 20)	Trainers and 20 identified and invited, and training place and date fixed	Trainers and 20 identified and invited, and training place and date fixed	
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			
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 in the process to be completed to implement the activity	
Output 1.3 Site level law enforcement (LE) initiatives are supported.					
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	02 MoU signed between BES and 01 each with Somali and Oromia regions LE agencies	
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)	10 meetings have been taken place at the five protected areas.	10 meetings have been taken place at the five protected areas.	





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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)	In pipeline	In pipeline
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 Ethiopian context	Number of protected areas (percentage of communication problems solved) (Target = 03)	Consultant recruitment is in the process to be completed to implement the activity	Consultant recruitment is in the process to be completed to implement the activity
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 = 03)	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





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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)	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		Number of vehicles procured (Target = 05)	05 vehicles procured	
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	
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 international partners (e.g., US and UK Government representatives based in Addis Ababa), and submit for approval and implementation		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	
Activity 2.2.2: Organize quarterly meetings of IWT SC to discuss and exchange information on IWT issues		Number of meetings organized (Target = 04)	02 meetings 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 meetings of IWT regional task forces (RTF) organized (Target = 08)	02 IWT RTF conducted	02 IWT RTF conducted
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	The consultations have been made and the process is going on

Output 2.4: Legislation guidance for law enforcement agencies is developed


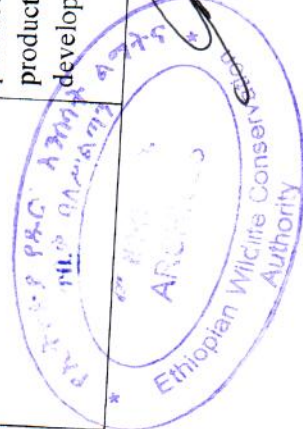
Activity 2.4.1: Facilitate analysis of all applicable laws (including customs authorities and tax laws) for prosecuting illegal activities in/around PAs and IWT cases locally, nationally and internationally	Number of analysis documents (Target = 01)	01 document produced	01 document produced
Activity 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	01 handbook sent for publication, which will be disseminated in the next quarters





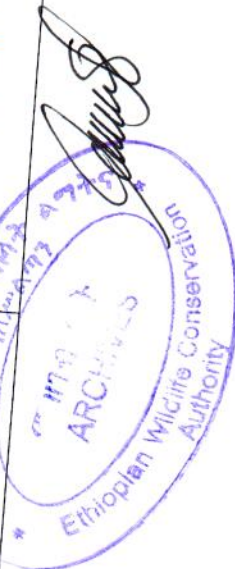
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Activity 2.4.3: Train relevant actors (e.g., PA authorities, police, the judiciary, the customs authorities, etc) in legal law to prosecute perpetrators of wildlife crimes	Number of trainees (Target = 150)	75 people have been trained	75 people have been trained
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 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
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 is provisionally established with developed mandate and well documented resource needs. However, formal establishment is in the pipeline.	01 ECU is provisionally established with developed mandate and well documented resource needs. However, formal establishment is in the pipeline.
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	01 review document on best practice for managing wildlife products and live animals developed



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Activity 2.7.2: Organize training for PAs' and EWCA HQs on best management systems of wildlife products		Number of training (Target = 01)			
Activity 2.7.3: Construct and/or renovate storage facilities in the Omo and Chebera Churchura 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	
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)	
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			
Output 2.9 An information campaign to increase public knowledge and responsiveness regarding wildlife and wildlife crime is implemented		Target 8			
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	01 contract signed PR campaign is going on by Fana TV and radio programmes	





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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	01 draft manual developed
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	
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 by the project for EWCA PR personnel and media workers in communication techniques in conservation	01 training event was organized by the project for EWCA PR personnel and media workers in communication techniques in conservation	
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 key stakeholders in the project implementation				
Activity 4.1.1: Lessons learnt documented and shared using different platforms	Number of lessons and experiences shared			





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Target 5		Target 04		Target 04	
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	Frequency of monitoring to gather information for adaptive management	Frequency of monitoring to gather information for adaptive management	Frequency of monitoring to gather information for adaptive management	Frequency of monitoring to gather information for adaptive management
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 updated framework of project M&E system developed	01 draft updated framework of project M&E system developed	01 draft updated framework of project M&E system developed	01 draft updated framework of project M&E system developed
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)	01 brochure is developed and sent for printing	01 brochure is developed and sent for printing	01 brochure sent for printing	01 brochure sent for printing
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	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	Implementation of this activity is in progress	Implementation of this activity is in progress	Implementation of this activity is in progress
Lessons Leant (Optional):					

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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*

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, architectures), 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.

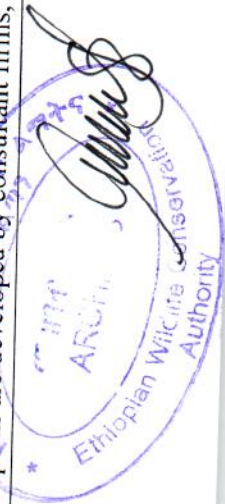
Activity 1.3.1 & 2: Supporting site level law-enforcement (LE) initiatives

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 Kafila-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 Kafila-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 Chebera Churchura 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].

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