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Enclosed with this letter, we submit the progress report of first quarter of the year 2020 as implemented according to the Annual Work Plan by the Enhanced Management and Enforcement of Ethiopia's Protected Area Estate project within the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority.

With Best Regards

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ENHANCED MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF ETHIOPIA'S PROTECTED AREAS ESTATE PROJECT

FIRST QUARTER PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT: OF 2020



March, 2020

Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority, Addis Ababa



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—March 2020

Implementing Partners: 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, CheberaChrchura 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 1 2020

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

- **Complete the demarcation of Babile Elephant Sanctuary**
 - For the demarcation of Babele Elephant Sanctuary four options was reported by EWCA expert's team last year. EWCA delegation group lead by VDG of EWCA has discussed with regional and zonal administrative officials and ready for stakeholder consultation
- **Develop legislation for demarcated PAS**
 - Demarcation of Omo National Park was completed late 2019 and the legislation of the PA started in this quarter. One team of experts from EWCA legal affairs directorate and other directorates organized and finalized the first review of the demarcation. The development of legislation will continue in collaboration with the demarcation developer directorate and the final legislation document will produced soon.
- **Secure elephant corridor between Mago and Omo NPs,**
 - This activity was started last year and continued in this year, based on the established one national technical advocacy team report, one EWCA expert's team in collaboration with PAS members visited the bridge constructed on canals. This is to redesign the bridge on canals and reduce the threats on the protected area.
 - The former FDRE prime minister his Excellency AtoHailemariamDesalegne and regional and zonal higher officials with

EWCA DG and Project manager with two PAS wardens visited the two PAS Omo and Mago NPS in this regard and discussed with Sugar project administrators for the sustainable solutions of the threats cause by Kurazomo sugar project on the elephant corridors.

- Elephant corridor has been amicably secured for Omo National Park and Mago National Park as well together with the high level delegate from the office of the prime minister

- **Development of management plan for Omo National Park:**

- Development of GMP for Omo national park it 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 last year. core planning team from the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority established TOR has developed and the team is ready for field work for data collection for the development of situational analysis of the national park.

- **Support implementation of GMP.**

- Areas of support for initial implementation of approved general management plans has been prioritised and discussed with the relevant implementers and ready for further intervention.
- Development of promotion and development of tourist facilities in/around Kafta-Sheraro National Park (KSNP): The second phase of the document is submitted to the project and it is on the process of finalizing the document according to the agreement.



- Fire management strategic plan: To develop fire management plan for KSNP, the consultant is on process to finalize the strategy.
- **Biodiversity assessment:**
 - To finalize biodiversity assessment, including threats/ socio economic studies, researchers have continued their field work. Payment is done for the soil sample analysis at Cebera Curcura National Park. According to the agreement signed b/n project and Mekele university second phase is started at KSNP
- **Aerial survey:**
 - For Procurement of National consultancy to carryout aerial survey of Elephant, threats and other big mammals in project sites, TOR has developed and two bid documents (UN individual consultancy for technical leader and aircraft rent) has finalized and evaluated and approved by EWCA procurement approval committee. The next step isadvertising it and it will be done soon.
- **Establish the communication system**
 - For Kafta sheraro national park office broadband internet service was processed but not finalized. For the up to start the broadband the office started to use wifi internet service and the broadband service will developed soon. For CCNP to implement Viasat technology the tower design work is finalized and will be implementing soon.
- **Supporting site level law enforcement (LE) initiatives:**



- Integrative LE and quarterly meetings among LE agencies and stakeholders of all project sites has been conducted through the support of the project. This includes the collaborative patrolling among PAS scouts and local communities discussions and LE activities were strengthen in this activity.
- **Development of manual on Human-Elephant conflict mitigation measures**
 - A manual is on the pipeline to finalize on the human- Elephant conflict mitigation measures by EWCA community development and conservation education directorate.
 - The project supported 4 university students of EWCA and South Nation Nationalities Tourism and Sport bureau staffs for their researches which focuses their researches on project sites

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

- Contacts have been made with the wildlife authorities of neighbouring countries on how to establish and strengthen cooperation to combat illegal wildlife trade and trafficking.
- An international consultant has recruited to establish a pertinent system and modality for implementing agreed terms of reference and started work at project management unit office.
- One day training carried out by the an international consultant for 16 participants from Project PAs and EWCA experts to implement Management



Effectiveness Tracking Tool /METT / score for project sites for the readiness of mid-term evaluation of the project.

- TOR has been developed and invitation letters were distributed for quarterly meetings of IWT SC to discuss and exchange information on IWT issues, but because of current issues the meeting canceled and postponed for another time.
- At the beginning of the first quarter two meetings have been conducted with regional task forces of the illegal wildlife trafficking and agreements made on how to develop a joint action plan and capacity building schedules through the rest of the year
- The so far established environmental crime unit in 2019 has been formalized and agreements made to make plans and start implementation of plans
- TOR has been developed and invitation letters were distributed for meetings of the regional IWT RTFs together with the protected areas to discuss on issues related to IWT and exchange of information on poaching, but because of current issues the meeting canceled and postponed for other time.
- To innovating wildlife product store at Cebera Curcura National park the base of the store is re-constructed and the next step is finalizing it by the golden standard.
- Wildlife products are collected from protected areas to minimize the risk of loss and ready to avoid.
- The project delegated the process of experience sharing to visit on implementation of wildlife policies and laws in Tanzania. But not further progress is not done because of the current international pandemic.



- TOR developed and completes the process of finalizing the established Environmental Crime Unit and support its functionality, But not further progress is not done because of the current international pandemic.
- Compilation of main articles in wildlife crimes has performed by 5 experts of EWCA appropriate directorate.
- One researcher team of three members from EWCA wildlife research directorate established, TOR developed and assess on two species (leopard and leopard tortoise) on the current status of CITES Appendix species in and around the pilot project PAs. The team assesses on the two species at Awash NP, Halygege proposed NP, Afar region chefra and Afamu, Oromya region sororotorgom, Babelo Elephant Sanctuary error and Bedesasomalyregon Belete forest and Bedele area. A finding on leopard tortoise is increasing but affected by fake information of the community. For leopard decreasing trained. The scientific report will developed by the researchers.
- According to the signed agreement b/n EWCA and FANA BC weekly programs are transmitting on every Saturday and Sunday for 20 and 10 minutes respectively on the title of "Yedur Hiwot"
- According to the signed agreement b/n EWCA and EBC the finalized the radio program coverage of 30 minutes weekly program by Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporate every Wednesday. These programs help to create awareness for communities and is helps to gate emphasis on the wildlife threats for decision makers and higher officials.
- Educative materials and production of documentary films supported for the



- **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: 2019 annual report and 2020 AWP has been presented by project manager for project steering committee, for EWCA reports of project progress and lessons learnt have been shared with relevant stakeholders.
- 2019 financial activities has Audited by external audit recruited by UNDP and the result is good way of financial activities performed by the project.
- Quarterly M&E has performed on three of the PAS Chebera Churcura, Mago and Omo NPS.
- 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 and validation will be organized following the presentation of the document with relevant directorates and PMU.
- 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 team finalizing data collection process in and around the project sites and the final phase of the document is on finalizing process. In addition the project supported for one event " World Women's Day " deliberated at Chebera Churcura National Park.



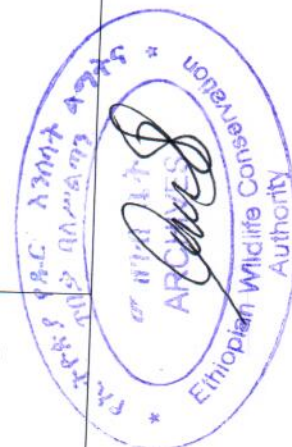
Table 1: Summary of project progress in log-frame form

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	Indicators and Annual Targets	Results achieved during these quarters (Q1)	Cumulative results achieved Q1	Expenditure reported ETB	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)	One discussion organized = on process		316,500	
Activity 1.1.2: Develop legislation for demarcated PAs and submit for approval	Number of legislation for demarcated PAs for approval (target = 03)	For Omo NP started = on process			
Activity 1.1.3: Secure elephant corridor between Mago and Omo NPs, by supporting the established national advocacy team	Number of functional advocacy team established (target = 01)	3 main field visits has been done = on process		221,550	
Activity 1.1.4: Development of management plan for project sites (Omo National Park)	Number of protected areas that have developed and	TOR developed and core team organized for situational analysis on process		316,500	

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	approved management plans (Target =01)			
Activity 1.1.5: Submit management plans for approval (Mago and Omo NPs)	Number of protected areas management plans submitted for approval (Target =02)			
Activity 1.1.6: Support implementation of GMP for project sites based on prioritized need assessment document such water and power supply	Number of protected areas supported (Target =03)	Chebera chureura and Kafta Sheraro NPS supported = 2	506,400	
Activity 1.1.7: Establish species diversity of vegetation and mammals for each project site and publish all biodiversity assessment results	Number of completed study reports (10)	One research field work finalized and the report is on process	126,600	
Activity 1.1.8: Conduct aerial survey for Mago and Omo National Parks	Number of protected areas surveyed (Target = 02)	Bid documents are developed, evaluated and approved= on process		
Output 1.2. Tools and systems for PA management developed and initial operationalization supported				
Activity 1.2.1: Training for at least 40 PA staff on use and implementation of the SOP manuals (60% males and 40%	Number of staff trained in SOP (Target = 40)		163,520	

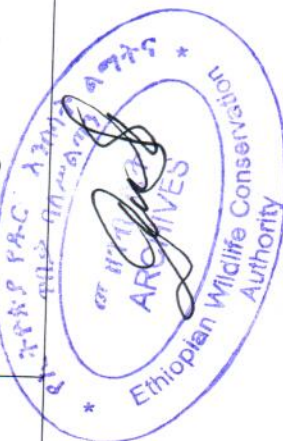


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Activity 1.2.2: Procurement of drones and training on the use of drones	Number of drones procured (target = 06) & Number of staff trained on the use of drones (Target = 20)			
Activity 1.2.3: Establish the communication system (e.g., radio, telephone line, fax services, etc.) of project sites and the headquarter at EWCA	Number of technologies/applications used for PAM Target 5	Chebera churcra on process and Kafta Sheraro NP implemented wifi = 2	633,000	
Activity 1.2.4: Procure IT equipment that help to develop tools and systems for effective PA management	Number of procured key it equipment (Target = 09)			
Output 1.3 Site level law enforcement (LE) initiatives are supported.				
Activity 1.3.1: Provide financial and technical support for strengthening of integrative LE and facilitation of quarterly meetings among LE agencies and stakeholders for all project sites	Number of meetings organized (Target = 20)	5 pas organized meetings and quarterly patrolling	949,500	



Activity 1.3.2: Provide financial and technical support for maintenance and improvement of facilities including procurement of necessary equipment which assist effective LE of project sites as part of implementing approved GMPs		Number of PAs Financially and technically supported (Target = 05)		
Activity 1.3.3: Develop a manual on Human-Elephant conflict mitigation measures		Number of manual developed (Target = 01)	1 manual on process	158,250
Activity 1.3.4: Train at least 50 members of local communities (60 male and 40 female) on the use of manual for HEC mitigation		Number of local communities trained of which 40% female and 60% male on the use of developed manual (Target = 50)		
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	Number of international LE contacts (Target = 05)	Contacts have been made with the wildlife authorities of neighbouring countries		



Activity 2.1.2: Recruit an international consultant to establish a pertinent system and modality for implementing agreed terms of reference	Number of recruited an international consultant (Target = 01)	1 international consultant recruited					
Activity 2.1.3: Provide financial support for relevant national personnel who travel to participate on international wildlife trade conventions including CITES	Number of participant have got financial support (Target = 01)						
Output 2.2: Proposals to strengthen the (existing) National IWT Steering Committee are developed							
Activity 2.2.1: Organize quarterly meetings of IWT SC to discuss and exchange information on IWT issues	Number of meetings organized (Target = 04)	The process started but not undertaken				47,475	
Activity 2.2.2: Provide training for IWT SC and high-level government authorities on wildlife policy, current issue of IWT, strategy, legislations and implementation	Number IWT SC and high-level government authorities trained (Target = 30)						
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)	The process started but not undertaken	63,300
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 process started but not undertaken	63,300
Output 2.4: Legislation guidance for law enforcement agencies is developed			
Activity 2.4.1: Disseminate 500 copies of hand books and train at least 30 relevant actors (e.g., PA authorities, police, the judiciary, the customs authorities, etc.) of which 60% male and 40% female in legal law to prosecute perpetrators of wildlife crimes	Number of relevant actors trained (Target = 30) Number of copies of hand books disseminate (Target = 500)		
Activity 2.4.2: Experience sharing visit on implementation of wildlife policies and laws in Tanzania	Number of experience sharing visit (Target = 01)	The process started but not undertaken	

Activity 2.4.3: Conduct midterm evaluation of the project	Number of evaluation of the project (Target = 01)			
Output 2.5: Support the development of proposals for improving wildlife legislation based on the gaps				
Activity 2.5.1: Finalize Drafting amendments to existing wildlife laws, as necessary, and submit to concerned government bodies for endorsement	Number of draft amendment policy documents (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 and support its functionality	Number of establishment of Environmental Crime Unit (Target = 01)	The process started but not undertaken		31,650
Activity 2.6.2: Develop ECU strategy and action plan; implement (facilitated by project)	Number of strategy and action plan developed (Target = 01)			
Activity 2.6.3: Recruit personnel, material procurement and training for ECU	Number of personnel recruited (Target = 01)			
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: Provide financial support for the renovation and improvement of storage systems and facilities for confiscated wildlife products		Number of storages have got renovation and improvement (Target = 02)			
Activity 2.7.2: Train at least 15 store workers and auditors (50 % male and 50 % female) at head quarter and site level on best practices of managing wildlife products		Number of store workers and auditors trained (Target = 15)			
Activity 2.7.1: Complete review of best practice for managing wildlife products and live animals		Number of document (Target = 01)			
Output 2.8 Capacity development support to the national CITES management and scientific authorities					
Activity 2.8.1: 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 assessment report (Target = 01)	One research field work finalized and the report is on process			126,600
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	Number of contract	2 existing campaigns (radio			633,000



to carry out PR campaign; design & implement	signed to carryout PR campaign (Target = 01)	and TV programs)continued	
Activity 2.9.2: Prepare short textual and/or video messages in relevant local languages and broadcast them on 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 short textual and/or video messages broadcasted (Target = 05)	On process	348,150
Activity 2.9.3: Provide training for relevant PR experts on the manual prepared for multi-stakeholder awareness raising on wildlife conservation and IWT	Number of training events (Target = 02)		
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: Perform quarterly monitoring on project implementation activities and results, analyses and use the information for improving the	Frequency of monitoring to gather information for adaptive management (Target 04)	CCNP, Omo and Mago NPS	158,250



project management strategies					
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: Lessons learnt documented and shared using different platforms including i) symposia and workshops that will be carried out expressly local or abroad for sharing the information and lessons, and ii) through the GWP network	Number of lessons learnt document shared (Target = 04)				15,825
Activity 4.2.2: Publish brochures and booklets on selected best practices of the project	Number of brochures published (Target = 01), and of copies disseminated (Target = 500)				
Activity 4.2.3: Conduct training to enhance gender mainstreaming in the project sites	Number of training events to enhance gender mainstreaming (Target = 02)	One event organized			63,300



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