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The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority

United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Ethiopia Country Office

Addis Ababa

Subject: Submission of FACE report

As part of the Enhanced Management and Enforcement of Ethiopia's Protected Area Estate project we have attached the second quarter FACE report for ETB **8,261,882.00 (Eight million two hundred sixty one thousand eight hundred eighty two Ethiopian Birr)**. Together with the report we have also submitted a FACE request of **10,958,510.10 (Ten Million Nine Thousand Fifty Eight Five Hundred Ten and 10 cents Ethiopian Birr)** for the third quarter of 2018 to be transferred to our account A/C number 0101221040002 to National Bank of Ethiopia.

Thank you for your continued support to the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority.

Sincerely Yours,

Arega Mekonnen
Project Manager
Enhanced Management &
Enforcement of Ethiopia's
Protected Area Estate Project



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Quarterly Monitoring Report for UNDP Funded Projects/Programmes

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

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

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

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

Reporting Period: Quarter 2 of 2018 [reported in July 2018]

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

UN Agency: UNDP Ethiopia

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



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

Project Progress Report in Quarter 2 of 2018

Summary of General Status of the Project

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

The general status of the project can be summarized as follows:

- PMU was established, with office provided by EWCA and project staff has been done.
- The two implementing institutions have prepared procurement plan for 2018 and procurement process is in progress.

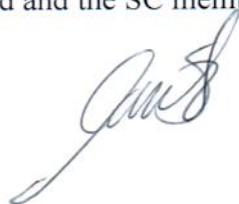


- Two national project steering committee meetings have been organized where issues related to project management/coordination and implementation at different levels have been discussed and possible were suggestions sought for.
- The national inception workshop had taken place in Addis Ababa, in the presence of a number of key stakeholders. On this workshop project document was presented and discussed in detail. Important inputs were provided by participants of the workshop for successful implementation.
- Draft General Management Plan (GMP) has been developed for Kafta Sheraro National Park and the process for the preparation of GMP for Mago National Park has been started. For example, ToR for a consultancy service is developed, recruitment and assignment of working groups has been completed and collection of preliminary information needed to develop the GMP
- 15 Wardens and Senior wildlife experts were trained in Tanzania, College of African Wildlife Management, on protected area management techniques, wilderness skills, planning protected area conservation, application of technology in wildlife management, protected area operations, infrastructure development and human wildlife conflict,
- An action plan has been developed to start the demarcation of Omo National Park and Babile Elephant Sanctuary; the actual work will start soon,
- Collection of baseline data has been started in Chebera Churchura, Omo and Mago National Parks on the threats facing the conservation of these protected areas
- A ToR is being developed to recruit a consultant to work on the Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) for the project sites; the recruitment will take place within few weeks period,
- In Kafta Sheraro National Park law enforcement agencies have been identified, workshop organized and park management consultative committee has been established at wereda level. The weredas incorporated under this law enforcement initiative workshop include; Kafta Sheraro, Tahtay Adeabo and Welkayt. Two types of committee were established on this workshop; the administrative committee and the technical committee. Roles and responsibilities have been formulated and agreed among the law enforcement agencies at



this level. The next step will be establishment of similar law enforcement and park management committees at kebele level. The administrative bodies at the zonal and regional levels will have the responsibility to oversee the committees established at wereda and kebele level.

- An action plan has been prepared to do the same activity in the rest of the project sites and preparations are completed to carryout quarterly meetings among law enforcement agencies in Mago, Omo, Chebera Churchura National Parks and Babile Elephant Sanctuary,
- In Babile Elephant Sanctuary training has been organized for rangers and experts to mitigate human elephant conflict
- National wildlife conference was held at babille sanctuary to optimize stakeholders participation and collaboration in effective conservation of the sanctuary. Similar conference is planned to be taken pace at Omo, Chera and Mago National Parks
- Contacts has been made and meetings organized with the Horn of Africa Wildlife Enforcement Network (HAWEN) that comprises Ethiopia, Kenya, Somaliland, Djibouti, South Sudan, Sudan representatives to discuss on issues of wildlife trafficking in the region and measures to be taken to halt the problem. Similarly, the project has supported contacts between the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority and the China CITES management group on issues to discuss on how the two countries work collaboratively to wildlife products trafficking, as well as to reduce demand. An agreement has been done between the authorities of the two countries to have another round meeting to formally sign MOU for strengthening their collaboration to reduce trafficking and demand on wildlife products, especially Ivory trade.
- The project has supported the 18th CoP of the African Elephant Coalition (AEC) Summit, which was hosted by EWCA and took place at Addis Ababa between 1-3 June 2018. Lessons learnt were valuable input for the EMEPA project.
- The project supported quarterly meetings of the illegal wildlife trafficking steering committee and proposed a mandate to be enriched and agreed for the upcoming meetings. On this meeting the project plan with regard to wildlife and wildlife products trade and trafficking has been presented and the SC members well aware and oriented.



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- The project has supported EWCA in revising its wildlife policy and strategy, so as to incorporate currently emerging global wildlife crime strategies into existing wildlife laws of the country,
 - The need and importance of establishing an environmental crime unit has been communicated to concerned high level government officers and further meetings are planned to discuss on how to establish and define their mandates,
 - A national assessment on the stock reserve of wildlife products has been started, so far conducted at EWCA's HQs and Babile Elephant Sanctuary.
 - Lessons have been learnt using the online knowledge exchange platform organized by the Global Wildlife Program (GWP) on different issues of wildlife management such as crime prevention, law enforcement, engaging communities, working with national and international agencies etc.
 - The Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority has been sending representatives from the institution for experience sharing in different countries such as Gabon, India, Sri Lanka and Mozambique. This experience sharing program is also organized by the GWP
 - The project has made an extensive awareness and discussion with regard to the project plan and its implementation both at head quarter and site level

Summary of Progress in Quarter 2 of 2018

The progress in implementation of project activities in Q2 of 2018 can be summarized as follows:

- Draft General Management Plan (GMP) has been developed for Kafta Sheraro National Park and the process for the preparation of GMP for Mago National Park has been started. For example, ToR for a consultancy service is developed, recruitment and assignment of working groups has been completed and collection of preliminary information needed to develop the GMP
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- Collection of baseline data has been started in Chebera Churchura, Omo and Mago National Parks on the threats facing the conservation of these protected areas
- A ToR is being developed to recruit a consultant to work on the Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) for the project sites; the recruitment will take place within few weeks period,
- In Kafta Sheraro National Park law enforcement agencies have been identified, workshop organized and park management consultative committee has been established at wereda level. The weredas incorporated under this law enforcement initiative workshop include; Kafta Sheraro, Tahtay Adeabo and Welkayt. Two types of committee were established on this workshop; the administrative committee and the technical committee. Roles and responsibilities have been formulated and agreed among the law enforcement agencies at this level. The next step will be establishment of similar law enforcement and park management committees at kebele level. The administrative bodies at the zonal and regional levels will have the responsibility to oversee the committees established at wereda and kebele level.
- An action plan has been prepared to do the same activity in the rest of the project sites and preparations are completed to carryout quarterly meetings among law enforcement agencies in Mago, Omo, Chebera Churchura National Parks and Babile Elephant Sanctuary,
- Training on wildlife law enforcement [Ethiopian wildlife laws and wildlife crime (globally as well nationally)] has been provided to 5000 new police officers. In addition, similar LE training has been arranged for 100 scouts
- In Babile Elephant Sanctuary training has been organized for rangers and experts to mitigate human elephant conflict
- Two national wildlife conferences (one at Jigjiga and the other at Babile towns) was held at Babille sanctuary to discuss on the current challenges and the way forward and



facilitate stakeholders participation and collaboration in effective conservation of the sanctuary. Similar conference is planned to be taken place at Omo, Chera and Mago National Parks

- Contacts have been made and meetings organized with the Horn of Africa Wildlife Enforcement Network (HAWEN) that comprises Ethiopia, Kenya, Somaliland, Djibouti, South Sudan, Sudan representatives to discuss on issues of wildlife trafficking in the region and measures to be taken to halt the problem. Similarly, the project has supported contacts between the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority and the China CITES management group on issues to discuss on how the two countries work collaboratively to wildlife products trafficking, as well as to reduce demand. An agreement has been done between the authorities of the two countries to have another round meeting to formally sign MOU for strengthening their collaboration to reduce trafficking and demand on wildlife products, especially Ivory trade. Finally, the project has supported and staff has attended the 18th CoP of the African Elephant Coalition (AEC) Summit, which was hosted by EWCA and took place at Addis Ababa between 1-3 June 2018. The AEC unites 29 States under the belief that African elephants should be granted the highest level of protection, and that this is only possible if international and domestic trade in ivory are prohibited. On the summit, a summary of the AEC's achievements at the last CITES Conference of the Parties (CoP17) and Standing Committee meeting (SC69) with respect to elephants and ivory trade were presented and discussed upon and future action plans developed. Lessons learnt were valuable input for the EMEPA project.
- Quarterly meetings of the national level illegal wildlife trafficking steering committee and proposed a mandate to be enriched and agreed for the upcoming meetings. On this meeting the project plan with regard to wildlife and wildlife products trade and trafficking has been presented and the SC members well aware and oriented.
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 - Lessons have been learnt using the online knowledge exchange platform organized by the Global Wildlife Program (GWP) on different issues of wildlife management such as crime prevention, law enforcement, engaging communities, working with national and international agencies etc.
 - The project has made an extensive awareness and discussion with regard to the project plan and its implementation at EWCA headquarter, regional and site levels

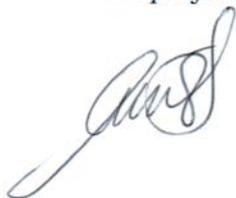
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Challenges

- The project didn't commence on the time that has been originally planned to start it and this created some delay on the progress of implementation in the first quarter
- Integration has not yet been fully established between the different implementing partners at national and local level as the project is just started and some time is needed to bring everyone to action
- Delays of procurement such as vehicles and field materials created a problem to implement the project as required

Measure to be taken

- Establish integration and cooperation between the various implementers including EWCA and EBI
- Speed up procurements to accelerate project implementation

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Funding Authorization and Certificate of Expenditures

UN Agency : UNDP

Date : 06/07/2018

Country: Ethiopia

Type of Request:

Programme Code & Title:

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Currency: Birr

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REPORTING

REQUESTS/AUTHORIZATIONS

Activity Description From AWP with Duration	Coding for UNDP	Authorised Amount A	Actual Project Expenditure B	Expenditures accepted by Agency C	Balance D= A-C	New Request Period & Amount E	Authorised Amount F	Outstanding Authorised Amount G= D + F
Activity 1.1.1: Preparation of TOR to develop management plans for 3 project sites		27,598.80	27,598.80			0.00		
Activity 1.1.2: Recruitment and assignment of working groups for preparation of management plans		27,598.80	27,598.80			0.00		
Activity 1.1.3: Train wardens and senior experts on management and conservation of protected areas in Tanzania						0.00		
Activity 1.1.4: Preparation of need assessments for PAs which include staffing, logistics, infrastructure, facilities, materials, use technology like IT solutions, etc						0.00		
Activity 1.1.5: Demarcation of Ono National Park and Bahle Elephant Sanctuary		551,976.00	551,976.00			414,049.50		
Activity 1.1.6: Develop the management plan of Mago National Park		965,958.00	255,000.00			276,033.00		
Activity 1.1.7: Support studies preferably university students of EWCA who focus on collecting baseline data in the project sites		137,994.00	137,994.00			138,016.50		
Activity 1.1.8: Carry out overall resource assessment including fauna, flora, habitat mapping, physical resources, distribution of wildlife and threats in the project sites						0.00		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accomplish aerial survey assessment Carry out ground survey 						414,049.50		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support habitat, land cover mapping and make inventory of physical resources Establish data on species diversity 		551,976.00	551,976.00			0.00		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put all the results together to establish a resource base document and publish 		275,988.00	275,988.00			276,033.00		
Activity 1.2.1: Prepare TOR and recruit an international consultant to develop standard operation procedures manual						0.00		



Activity 1.2.2 Carry out collection of information from protected areas as an input for SOP preparation; taskforces and working groups will be established for this purpose				137,994.00	137,994.00					138,016.50		
Activity 1.2.3 Develop protected area standard operation procedure (SOP) manual, organize consultation for all sections, completion, validation and publish the manual										0.00		
Activity 1.2.4 Train implementers including experts and officers at EWCA head quarter and PA level (40 % female and 60%male) on how to use the SOP and PA management systems for effective PA management.										0.00		
Activity 1.3.1 Identify LE agencies for selected project sites, develop and negotiate MOUs and sign agreements				551,976.00	551,976.00					0.00		
Activity 1.3.2 Facilitate and execute regular meetings and cooperative actions among LE agencies and stakeholders to plan, implement and evaluate cooperative actions in the selected protected areas				1,103,952.00	1,103,952.00					1,104,132.00		
Activity 1.3.3 Training and mentoring of at least 300 LE staff of which 30% Female and 70% male				1,241,946.00	1,241,946.00					1,242,148.50		
Activity 1.3.4 Analysis of capacity and resource needs for optimal law enforcement; negotiate contracts to deliver best law enforcement solutions; stakeholder negotiation, dialogue and sign agreements				827,964.00	827,964.00					0.00		
Activity 1.3.5 Procurement of four field vehicles										0.00		
Activity 1.3.6 Procurement of materials and equipments such as GPS, cyber tracker, camera, computers, tents, sleeping bags										0.00		
Activity 1.3.7 Ensure technical support through recruiting companies dealing with IT solutions for strengthening law enforcement efforts of protected areas; procure computers				413,982.00	154,000.00					552,066.00		
Activity 1.3.8: Undertake training for SMART, camera trapping, cyber tracking to enhance law enforcement and conservation endeavours of the selected protected areas										0.00		
Activity 1.3.9 : Organize study tour on LE best practices for effective protected area management and wildlife conservation										0.00		
Activity 1.3.10: Develop workable plans and implement to mitigate and reduce human elephant conflicts in the project sites				193,191.60	193,191.60					193,223.10		

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