



The GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project Project Progress Report

Reporting Period **From:** January / 2016 **To:** June / 2016

1. PROJECT GENERAL INFORMATION

National Project Code & Title:	SB5 Strengthening provincial and national capacity for project implementation in the Solomon Islands		
Project Partner(s):	WorldFish		
Location (country, region/ district and commune/ city/ village/ region etc.)	Solomon Islands		
Of which areas under protection (please indicate the name and size of protected areas or locally managed marine areas, if applicable)	not applicable		
Project start date	March 2016	Project intended completion date	September 2018

2. PROJECT PROGRESS

2.1. Narrative of project progress during the past semester by Project Activity¹

The key outcome of the SB5 project component during the past semester was the establishment of the National Facilitating Committee (NFC). Issues addressed include;

- To inform key stakeholders of the projects
- setup NFC and agree on TOR
- Endorse 2016 workplan
- Completion of GEF 5 IUCN Tracking tool
- NFC establishment press release
- World environment day press release
- Planning of 2nd NFC meeting

An elevator pitch for the project has been drafted by the WorldFish Communications Officer and will be finalised/endorsed at the second NFC meeting.

Planning for second NFC meeting at the end of July now underway.

2.2. Project implementation progress²

Outputs & Activities ³	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of end of reporting period expressed in %	Describe any problems in delivery and any changes/mitigation action required.
Output 4.3 Capacity for national and regional networking and contribution to global policy for effective dugong and seagrass conservation in Indian and Pacific Ocean basins			

¹ Briefly describe progress made during the previous six months highlighting major outcomes/benchmarks achieved during the period.

² Information provided in “Quarterly Expenditure Report” should be in line with output/activity progress reported in this table.

³ Outputs and activities as described in the project proposal or in any updated project revision. Expand table as necessary.

Outputs & Activities ³	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of end of reporting period expressed in %	Describe any problems in delivery and any changes/mitigation action required.
Activity 4.3.1 Courtesy meeting with Premier, Malaita Provincial Government	March 2016	100% completed	The Premier was not available due to other commitments; instead, we met with the Provincial Secretary.
Activity 4.3.2 Planning meeting with implementing agencies	April 2016	100% completed (1 st NFC meeting)	None
Activity 4.3.3 Conduct four National Steering Committees per year	September 2018	25% completed	No major problems apart from locking in dates for the NFC meetings due to travel of NFC members.
Output 4.1 Policy, planning and regulatory gaps reviewed (conservation of dugongs and seagrass ecosystems) and recommendations developed			
Activity 4.1.1 Develop the National Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Strategy	July 2018	0% complete	In the very earliest discussion stage of the process.

2.3. Risk and risk management

Please describe internal and external risks (examples included in brackets) that could affect successful implementation of project activities and the proposed risk mitigation measures.

Risk group	Description	Risk level (Low/ Medium/ High)	Mitigation measures
Project Management (team capacity, internal communication, co-financing, budget, financial management, reporting, etc.)	None	Low	
Socio-cultural issues (external communications, capacity of and work with stakeholders, cultural aspects)	Difficulties in communications with project partners and NFC may be an issue	Low	Encourage direct contact via phone or face to face meetings with Honiara based members should communications be an issue.

Political risks (Political stability in country, political impacts on the project)	None	Low	Promote and work in partnership with related Government line ministries rather than political figures to ensure neutral project stand.
Environmental risks (severe weather events/ disasters, natural causes negatively affecting project areas, habitats and species)	There is not much of a concern in terms of environmental risks	Low	
Other (please specify)			

3. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

3.1. Please describe activities for monitoring and evaluation carried out during the reporting period.

Examples include: baseline data collection, stakeholder surveys, field surveys, steering committee meetings to assess project progress, peer review of documentation to ensure quality, mid-term review, etc.

Do not include routine project reporting.

Nothing to report as yet as second NFC meeting is to happen at the end of July 2016.

4. OTHER INFORMATION

4.1. Meetings⁴

Meeting type ⁵	Title	Venue	Dates	Convened by	Organised by	No. of participants	Report issued Y/N	Language	Dated
Project Steering Committee Meeting	National Facilitating	Ministry of Fisheries and		Agnetha Vave-	WorldFish, SICCP,	12	Y	English	31 st March

⁴ Expand table as necessary

⁵ Meeting types: e.g. expert group meeting, project inception workshop, training workshop/seminar, partners consultation workshop, project Steering Committee meeting etc.

	Committee (NFC) setup meeting	Marine Resources (MFMR) Conference room, Honiara		Karamui	MECDM, MFMR				2016
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4.2. List(s) of meeting participants⁶

No.	Name of participant	Nationality/Organization
1	Senoveva Maui	SICCP
2	Alec Hugh	SICCP
3	Corzzierrah Posala	SICCP
4	Agnetha Vave-Karamui	MECDM
5	Ezekiel Leghunau	ECD, MECDM
6	Rosalie Masu	MFMR
7	Duta Bero	MFMR
8	Peter Kenilorea	MFMR
9	Delvene Boso	WorldFish
10	Chrisanto Daokalia	WorldFish
11	Berris Olitisa	WorldFish
12	Lysa Wini	IUCN/MECDM


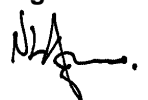
4.3. Documents, other printed materials, videos, and soft products (such as CDs or websites)

No	Type ⁷	Title	Author(s) Editor(s)	Publisher	ISBN	Publication/Submission date
1	Meeting Report	National Facilitation Committee Setup meeting	WorldFish, MECDM			1 st April 2016
2	Media release	Solomon Star – Dugong and Seagrass	WorldFish, SICCP, MECDM	Solomon Star Newspaper		2 nd April 2016
3	Media release	World Biodiversity Day/Launching of Dugong and Seagrass Website	PCT, WorldFish,	Solomon Star Newspaper		27 th May 2016

⁶ Expand table as necessary

⁷ Documents and printed material types: e.g. technical publication, meeting report, technical/substantive report, brochures, media releases, etc.

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