





PROTECTING DUGONGS CONSERVING SEAGRASS CHANGE FOR COMMUNITIES



The GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project Project Progress Report

Reporting Period	From:	April 2016	То:	June 2016
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1. PROJECT GENERAL INFORMATION

National Project Code & Title:	TL1-2135 - Identificati	on of priority sites for conservation of dugongs a	and seagrasses in Timor-Leste
Project Partner(s):	Ministry of Agriculture ar	nd Fisheries	
Location (country, region/ district and commune/ city/ village/ region etc.) Of which areas under protection (please indicate the name and size of protected areas or locally managed marine areas, if applicable)	Timor-Leste		
Project start date	1 July 2015	Project intended completion date	30 September 2018

2. PROJECT PROGRESS

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

- Project presentations have been made to 3 communities (Com, Tutuala, Lore), District Officers (Administration, Environment, Fisheries, Agriculture) and Forest & Beach Guards
- CMS Survey has been adjusted for Timor-Leste to include data collection for seagrass, turtles and cetaceans.
- Survey has been translated into Tetum
- Discussions have been held with UNITAL for students to carry out project activities to provide field based experience opportunities
- Agreement between CI and Fisheries to support the current government led seagrass mapping project
- Reguests have been sent to Northern Territory Herbarium, Charles Darwin University, and scientists for copies of data sets

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 1.2: Capacity developed for community-based stewardship (conservation and monitoring of dugongs & seagrass) Activity 1:	November 2017	0%	This Output will begin once Output 3.1 has achieve at least 50%
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Output 1.3: Integrated community management plans (conservation and monitoring of dugong and seagrass ecosystems) developed and piloted	April 2018	0%	This Output will begin once Output 1.2 has achieve at least 50%
Activity 3:			
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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.

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Output 3.1: Critical knowledge gaps (dugongs and seagrass ecosystems) identified and surveys initiated/ completed	December 2017	10%	The Project Agreement was signed on 21st April 2016. The delay in signing meant that the planned activities clashed with the current field program of the team, so there has been a delay in some project Activities being started
Activity 3.1.4: Community based dugong and seagrass survey implemented	January 2017	5%	The team chose to use the Short CMS survey as a printed questionnaire. A number of questions were added which related to turtles and cetaceans generally. This was then translated into the national language of Tetun and has been approved by Fisheries staff. Only one community has received the survey so far.
Activity 3.1.5: Volunteers are trained in seagrass identification, boundary mapping for meadows and carry out ongoing survey's	November 2016	5%	Due to the project teams' commitment to complete a marine survey in June, this activity has been delayed. It is expected for full training to begin in August 2016
Output 4:			
Activity 6: Activity 7:			

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.)			
Socio-cultural issues	Communities are unwilling to carry out monitoring	Low	Maintaining open and honest
(external communications,	over the long term		communication with communities, and

capacity of and work with stakeholders, cultural aspects)	No community agrees to set aside an key dugong or seagrass area for protection	Low	working in partnership with government, will offset any perceived risk
Political risks			
(Political stability in country,			
political impacts on the project)			
Environmental risks			
(severe weather events/ disasters,			
natural causes negatively affecting			
project areas, habitats and			
species)			
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.

The project has presented progress reports at both National Coordinating Committee meetings to an audience of stakeholders. Reports were received well.

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 Meeting	Whole Project Inception meeting	Sri Lanka	10 th & 11 th Sept 2015	MBZ	MBZ	100+	Y	English	
National Steering Committee Meeting	Inception Meeting	Conservation International	13 th Jan 2016	Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Environment	Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Environment	20+			
Partner meeting	BV staff	Conservation International	15 th Feb 2016	Conservation International	Blue Ventures	8	N		
Stakeholder meeting (Com)	Project introduction meeting	Com community	26 th April 2016	Com Conservation Group	Conservation International	30+	N		
Stakeholder meeting (Los Palos)	Project introduction meeting	Government Agency (District)	27th April 2016	Ministry of Ag & Fisheries	Conservation International	20+	N		
Stakeholder meeting (Lore 1)	Project introduction meeting	Lore 1 community	3 rd May 2016	Lore 1 Conservation Group	Conservation International	20+	N		
Stakeholder meeting (Tutuala)	Project introduction meeting	Tutuala community	4 th May 2016	Tutuala Conservation Group	Conservation International	30+	N		
Partner meeting	Project communications	Conservation International	25 th May 2016	Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Environment	Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Environment	5	N		
National	1st Stakeholder	Conservation	10 th Jun	Ministry of	Ministry of	20+			

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.

Steering Committee Meeting	Meeting	International	2016	Commerce, Industry, and Environment	Commerce, Industry, and Environment		

4.2. List(s) of meeting participants⁶

No.	Name of participant	Nationality

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 date

Name of Project Manager:		Name of Project Manager Supervisor:			
Anslemo Amaral		Trudiann Dale			
Signature:	Date: 21/07/2016	Signature:	Date: 21/07/2016		

 ⁶ Expand table as necessary
 ⁷ Documents and printed material types: e.g. technical publication, meeting report, technical/substantive report, brochures, media releases, etc.