



The GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project Project Progress Report

Reporting Period **From:** 1 November / 2015 **To:** 8 June / 2016

1. PROJECT GENERAL INFORMATION

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| National Project Code & Title: | Timor-Leste National Facilitating Committee TL5 - 2138.1 | | |
| Project Partner(s): | National Directorate for Biodiversity Protection and Restoration, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment (MCIE), Timor-Leste | | |
| Location (country, region/ district and commune/ city/ village/ region etc.) | Dili, Timor-Leste | | |
| Of which areas under protection (please indicate the name and size of protected areas or locally managed marine areas, if applicable) | N/A | | |
| Project start date | October 2015 | Project intended completion date | September 2018 |

2. PROJECT PROGRESS

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

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

National level

- Identified the stakeholders who could become National Facilitating Committee (NFC) members. The roles of the stakeholders are advising and guiding the implementing partners working on Dugong and Seagrass conservation activities in Timor-Leste. The NFC members can also support and facilitate some activities related to their responsibilities.
- Communicated with the identified NFC stakeholders.
- More than 20 different stakeholders were identified and invited to attend the first NFC meeting/workshop. Key stakeholders invited were from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of State Administration, Ministry of Planning and Strategic Investment, Ministry of Infrastructure and so on. Aside from that, 2 national NGOs; Haburas Foundation and HASATIL were also invited because these 2 NGOs concentrate on environmental activities at the national level. The first National Facilitating Committee meeting was convened on 13 January 2016 in Dili, Timor-Leste (appendix 2).
- Total participants attending the first NFC meetings were 48 people from various stakeholder organizations that were identified including staff of National Directorate for Biodiversity Protection and Restoration.
- Formed the National Facilitating Committee under National Directorate for Biodiversity Protection and Restoration. Most of the identified stakeholders are willing to work and contribute to the project based on their field of work and responsibilities.
- Routine meetings with the Project Manager for component TL4 and TL1 to discuss activities based on the work plan. Discussed with Blue Venture and CI on the status of their activities related to component TL2 and TL3. CI also will implement 70% of TL1 activities based on a recommendation from Fisheries Directorate.
- Routine meetings with NDBPR and chief departments to discuss activities that should be implemented by the Project Manager for TL4 and TL1.
- Coordinated with Blue Venture in Dili, Timor-Leste to have a technical meeting within Blue Venture team and Biodiversity Directorate to discuss technical activities under TL2 and TL4.
- Advised TL4 Project Manager on how to make financial and technical report based on the workplan under TL4.
- Meeting with National Director for Fisheries Resource Management to discuss on potential location of Dugong and Seagrass conservation in Timor-Leste. The meeting was attended by the TL4 Project Manager, Chief of Department from Biodiversity Directorate and 2 technical staff from the Fisheries Resource Management Directorate.
- Organized a meeting with the Project Manager of TL-4 to discuss on producing brochures and leaflets regarding Dugong and Seagrass conservation.
- Participated in the event of Blue Ventures ecotourism launch with the Director General for Environment and Director and the staffs of NDBPR. The event was held in Dili on 22 March 2016 and 7 foreign volunteers were dispatched to Atauro Island.
- Facilitated the work of NDBPR and TL-4 project manager by providing quotations for a new car based on TL-4 budget allocation.
- Participated in the workshop climate change adaptation and biodiversity conservation in Timor-Leste organized by the cabinet Director General for Environment. The project facilitator was invited as one of the speakers on Biodiversity Protection and Conservation which included updating the participants regarding the progress of the Dugong and seagrass conservation project in Timor-Leste. During the presentation many participants were informed and increased their understanding of the importance of Dugong and seagrass conservation in the country. The participants also recommended to the line Ministries to reduce environmental destruction caused by forest fires, deforestation and mining activities that are leading to high sedimentation and other pollution to the coastal areas which affects seagrass as a main food source for Dugong.
- Attended the Biodiversity International Day workshop organized by NDBPR with the UNPAZ (Private University) in Dili, Timor-Leste. The

Project Facilitator was invited as one of the speakers to present on the importance of biodiversity protection and conservation, UNCBD activities, biodiversity policies and regulations in Timor-Leste.

International Level

- Under the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD), Timor-Leste was invited to participate East Asia meeting on ecologically and Biologically Marine Significant Areas (EBSA) in Xiamen, China from December 13 to 18, 2015. The project facilitator also has a responsibility as National Focal Point for UNCBD attended the meeting. During the meeting the delegate from Timor-Leste proposed 2 significant marine areas: Atauro Island Marine Protected Area and Nino Konis Santana Marine Protected Area as future marine protection and conservation areas (EBSA) at the national level. These two areas are important for Dugong and conservation as well because there are areas with seagrass there. The proposal will be discussed under SBSTTA 20 meeting in Montreal, Canada, April 2016 by the UNCBD parties.
- Participated in the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 20) meeting in Montreal Canada, April 25-30, 2016. In the meeting Ecological or Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs) were discussed. During the meeting the Project Facilitator was invited to share experience on EBSAs in Timor-Leste. Some of the information shared with the audience was regarding the Dugong and Seagrass conservation project in Timor-Leste. The project facilitator recommended to the Secretariat of Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD) to facilitate and assist in terms of technical and financial support-from the donors to scale-up or replicate after the existing project has ended. In response to this the Secretariat of CBD has a plan to conduct a 4-day-technical workshop on EBSAs in Timor-Leste around August or September 2016.

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. |
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| 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 | | | |
| Activity 1: | November and | 95% | Changes in Government Institutions can also affect the |

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. |
|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| 4.3.1 Identify and designate permanent National Facilitating Committee (NFC) members from relevant Directorates General and National Directorates in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment and the Ministry for Agriculture and Fisheries and other relevant institutions as well as Non-Government Organisations | December of 2015 | | indicated directorates for NFC stakeholders specifically when the key persons in these institutions are replaced who have been listed as NFC members. |
| Activity 2: 4.3.2 Formal establishment of NFC | November and December 2015 | 100% | Based on the TL5 work plan the NFC should have been formed in October and November of 2015 but it was not realized on time because the project Facilitator was contracted by the National Directorate for Biodiversity Protection and Restoration started from November 2015, so it was established between November and December 2015. |
| Activity 3: 4.3.3 Conduct first semi-annual NFC meeting (appendix 2) with the relevant stakeholders to share updates about project implementation and NFC activities related to dugong and seagrass conservation. | 13 January 2016 | 100% | The first meeting/workshop was conducted based on the work plan however some stakeholders did not attend the meeting due to other activities implemented by their institutions. |
| Additional activities: | | | |
| 1. Attending East Asia meeting on Ecologically and Biologically Marine Significant Areas (EBSA) in Xiamen, China from December 13 to 18, 2015. | December 13 to 18, 2015 | 100% | Timor-Leste proposed 2 significant marine areas such as Atauro Island Marine area and Nino Konis Santana Marine Protected Areas to be considered by the UNCBD Secretariat. |

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 | Mitigation measures |
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| | | (Low/ Medium/ High) | |
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| Project Management (team capacity, internal communication, co-financing, budget, financial management, reporting, etc.) | Some of the stakeholders did not attend the first NFC meeting even though they were invited for the meeting. | Medium | Without serious involvement of the stakeholders the success of the project implementation can be negatively affected. |
| Socio-cultural issues (external communications, capacity of and work with stakeholders, cultural aspects) | None | | |
| Political risks (Political stability in country, political impacts on the project) | None | | |
| Environmental risks (severe weather events/ disasters, natural causes negatively affecting project areas, habitats and species) | Solid waste management is one of main environmental issues in Timor-Leste, especially in Dili the capital of Timor-Leste as well as the municipalities in the country. | Medium | Most of the domestic solid waste is disposed of into the streams, rivers and the coastal areas. During the rainy season it will end up in the sea polluting the seagrass, corals and other marine 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.

Based on the first National Facilitating Committee meeting the stakeholders suggested enhancing coordination within the government institutions because development activities from the government and private sectors can affect Dugong and seagrass conservation in Timor-Leste. The stakeholders argued that waste management, deforestation, infrastructure and others should be discussed within the government institutions and the private sectors because most of the coastal areas are polluted with liquid and solid waste, sedimentation and some residues from the domestic and industrial activities.

According to the recommendations from the meeting with the National Directorate for Fisheries Resource Management it is important for the government to give attention to the issue of diving insurance for the national staff in case the divers have an accident on duty. It is important for the Director General from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment and Ministry of Tourism to discuss this issue before they delegate the staff for the diving training.

Based on the progress activities on Dugong and Seagrass conservation in Timor-Leste implementing partners indicated that there is a need to enhance coordination and cooperation among the partners that are implementing each of the TL components to avoid miss communication and enhance sharing of information related to Dugong and Seagrass activities in the country. The Project Facilitator was facilitating a meeting with the implementing partners with the aim to find a solution on how information provided by the partners should be shared with other partners to avoid duplication of activities that have been implemented by other government institutions or implementing partners.

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 |
|---------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------|----------|-------|
| International meeting | East Asia meeting on Ecologically and Biologically Marine Significant Areas (EBSA) | Xiamen, China | 13-18 December 2015 | UNCBD Secretariat | The Chinese government | 31 | CBD website | English | |
| International meeting | Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 20) meeting in Montreal Canada, April 25-30, 2016 | Montreal, Canada | 25 – 30 April 2016 | UNCBD Secretariat | UNCBD Secretariat and Government of Canada | More than 500 | CBD website | English | |
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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.

4.2. List(s) of meeting participants⁶

| No. | Name of participant | Nationality |
|-----|---|-------------------------|
| | List of participants _ First NFC meeting (appendix 1) | National and foreigners |

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 |
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| Name of Project Manager: | | Name of Project Manager Supervisor: | |
| Signature: | Date: | Signature: | Date: |

⁶ Expand table as necessary

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

Appendices










1. List of Participants for First NFC Meeting, January 13, 2016


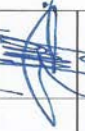











LIST OF PARTICIPANTS














FIRST NATIONAL FACILITATING COMMITTEE MEETING/WORKSHOP

DUGONG AND SEAGRASS CONSERVATION PROJECT IN TIMOR-LESTE

CRS - Dili, 13 January 2016

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2. Figures: First National Facilitating Committee, 13 January 2016



3. Figures: Regional EBSAs Meeting in Xiamen, China



4. Figures: SBSTTA 20, Montreal, Canada, 25-30 May 2016

