



## The GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project Project Progress Report

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

### 1. PROJECT GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>National Project Code &amp; Title:</b>	LK2 - 2128 Improving communication and collaboration amongst all relevant stakeholders in Sri Lanka to enhance seagrass and dugong conservation		
<b>Project Partner(s):</b>	DWC		
<b>Location (country, region/ district and commune/ city/ village/ region etc.)</b>	Sri Lanka, North Western and Northern provinces, Puttalam/Mannar/Jaffna District		
<b>Of which areas under protection (please indicate the name and size of protected areas or locally managed marine areas, if applicable)</b>	Bar Reef Marine Sanctuary- 30670ha		
<b>Project start date</b>	June 2015	<b>Project intended completion date</b>	September2018

## 2. PROJECT PROGRESS

### 2.1. Narrative of project progress during the past semester by Project Activity<sup>1</sup>

Marine conservation unit has been established within the DWC with required manpower. Dugong and Seagrass conservation activities are directly handled by the unit. Marine Sector Conservation Plan has been developed. This will be the overall plan of marine sector conservation. Training need assessment was done and accordingly one batch of DWC officers was trained on diving and snorkelling. A mobile base application for the communication network is developed and the equipments for the network has been short listed and submitted for purchasing. Institutions which will be the part of the communication network have been identified and they will be trained in the activities. Site to establish Dugong conservation coordination centre was selected and field inspection was done to assess the suitability for establishing communication centre within the site. Marine mammal tourism guidelines were reviewed yet to finalize. Final validation workshop scheduled to be held within 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the year.

### 2.2. Project implementation progress<sup>2</sup>

Outputs & Activities <sup>3</sup>	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of end of reporting period expressed in %	Describe any problems in delivery and any changes/mitigation action required.
<b>Output 1.1</b>			
<b>Activity 1:</b> Partners for communication network identified	July 2016	80%	
Activity 2 Marine mammal tourism guidelines reviewed	June 2016	80%	2 workshops were held with the participation of relevant stake holders
Activity 3	June 2016	0%	Field centre not yet started

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

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

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

<b>Outputs &amp; Activities <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Expected completion date</b>	<b>Implementation status as of end of reporting period expressed in %</b>	<b>Describe any problems in delivery and any changes/mitigation action required.</b>
At least 5 local people recruited			
Output 3.3			
Activity 1 Maintenance of a database	September 2016	0%	
Activity 2 Collecting information through communication network			
<b>Output 4.1</b>			
Activity1 National Plan of Action	December 2016	0%	
Activity 2 Policy framework	December 2016	0%	
<b>Output 4.2</b>			
Activity 1 Initial meetings, Discussions on national project planning	July 2015	100%	
Activity 2 Staff Training	March 2017	20%	One batch was trained
Activity 3 Equipment and infrastructure for communication network	July 2016	20%	Needy equipments and programmes have been short listed and to be purchased. Mobile application hs been developed

**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.

<b>Risk group</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Risk level (Low/ Medium/ High)</b>	<b>Mitigation measures</b>
<b>Project Management</b> (team capacity, internal communication, co-financing, budget, financial management, reporting, etc.)	Non		

<b>Socio-cultural issues</b> (external communications, capacity of and work with stakeholders, cultural aspects)	Communication to the different cultural groups	Low	Communicate through local community leaders
<b>Political risks</b> (Political stability in country, political impacts on the project)	Non		
<b>Environmental risks</b> (severe weather events/ disasters, natural causes negatively affecting project areas, habitats and species)	Non		
<b>Other (please specify)</b>			

### 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.

Progress has been monitored in regular progress monitoring meetings of the DWC.

### 4. OTHER INFORMATION

#### 4.1. Meetings<sup>4</sup>

Meeting type <sup>5</sup>	Title	Venue	Dates	Convened by	Organised by	No. of participants	Report issued	Language	Dated
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<sup>4</sup> Expand table as necessary

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

							Y/N		
Management committee meeting	Marine conservation unit	DWC	14-01-16	Marine Unit	Marine Unit	07	N	English/Sinhala	
Expert group meeting	Revision of the guideline on Marine mammal tourism	DWC	12-02-16	DWC	Marine Unit	22	y	English/Sinhala	
Stake holder consultation	Training need assessment	DWC	14.03.2016	DWC	Marine Unit	18	Y	English/Sinhala	
Expert group meeting	Revision of the guideline on Marine mammal tourism	DWC	22-03-16	DWC	Marine Unit	20	y	English/Sinhala	
Management Committee Meeting	Marine conservation unit	DWC	09-05-16	Marine Unit	Marine Unit	08	N	English/Sinhala	
Management Committee meeting	Introduction of Communication network and mobile app	DWC	13-06-16	Marine Unit	Marine Unit	10	N	English/Sinhala	
Management Committee	Project Progress	DWC	28-06-16	DWC	DWC	06	N	English/Sinhala	

#### 4.2. List(s) of meeting participants<sup>6</sup>

No.	Name of participant	Nationality
1	1. Mr. Chandrasiri Bandara – DG 2. Mr. WSK Pathirathne - DO 3. Mr. Manjula Amaratthne – DD 4. Mr. MGC Sooriyabandara - DD 5. Dr. Lakshman Peiris – AD/NF	Sri Lankan and GEF project executing agency

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Mr. Channa Suraweera – AD</li> <li>7. Mr. Eranda Geetharuwan</li> </ul>	
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4	Members from stake holder institution	Sri Lankan
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Sumith Pilapitiya – DG</li> <li>2. Dr. Tharaka Prasad – Director</li> </ul>	Sri Lankan

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

No	Type <sup>7</sup>	Title	Author(s) Editor(s)	Publisher	ISBN	Publication date

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

<b>Name of Project Manager. Laskshman Peiris</b>		<b>Name of Project Manager Supervisor:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:09 – 07 – 16</b>	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>