

The GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project

Project Progress Report

Reporting Period **From:** 1 July 2016 **To:** 31 December 2016

1. PROJECT GENERAL INFORMATION

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

- Organized second NFC meeting in Dili, on 10 June 2016.
- Prepared minutes of the second National Facilitating Committee (NFC) based on the recommendations from the stakeholders, implemented activities under each component.
- Held routine meetings with the Director of Biodiversity Protection and Restoration on TL4 activities based on the TL4 action plan.
- Participated in Timor-Leste's Public Service Expo during 3 days (11 – 13 July 2016) to promote and disseminate environmental activities including promoting the importance of Dugong and Seagrass conservation in Timor-Leste and at the regional level (please see annexed pictures).
- Conducted a Municipal workshop on Climate Change and Biodiversity issues including Dugong and Seagrass conservation in the Autonomic Region of Oecusse, Timor-Leste. The workshop was attended by local authorities, students, civil society and the community. Some community members reported that they had seen Dugong while they were fishing and traditionally Dugong is protected by the community.
- Attended national workshop on Blue Economy Assessment and Preparation of the National State of the Ocean and Coast Report. The project facilitator was invited to give a presentation on the Impact of Climate Change on Marine Biodiversity. Dugong and Seagrass conservation was one of the issues discussed during 2 days workshop.
- Participated in the National Seminar on Terrestrial and Marine Survey Project of Atauro Island, organized by Conservation International with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in Timor Plaza, Dili. The survey identified several terrestrial and marine species. The rapid assessment in 2016 identified 652 marine species from 52 families. Marine species in Atauro Island per site is one of the highest species found to date. The identified species also including seagrass and corals.
- Facilitated and organized the Sustainable Ocean Initiative National Workshop in Dili, Timor-Leste, with the UNCBD Secretariat. This workshop was a capacity building workshop for Timorese national stakeholders which was facilitated and coordinated by the project facilitator as Timor-Leste's National Focal Point for UNCBD. The workshop was organized by the *Secretariat of the UNCBD* and *CSIRO Australia*, together with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment. The workshop was financially supported by the Government of the Republic of Korea, contributed by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment, the Government of Timor-Leste. The aim of this workshop was considered as an important opportunity for interactive discussions and coordination among different sectors and stakeholders in Timor-Leste to discuss:
 - a. Main priorities of different stakeholders for the marine resources of Timor-Leste;
 - b. How different stakeholders value and use the marine resources of Timor-Leste;
 - c. How different pressures affect the marine resources of Timor-Leste;
 - d. What management options are available to address these pressures;
 - e. How an understanding of these different values, uses, pressures and management options can support the development of a marine spatial planning process in Timor-Leste; and
 - f. Potential first steps for developing a marine spatial planning process in Timor-Leste.During this workshop important EBSA's (Ecologically or Biologically Marine Significant Areas) were identified taking into account Seagrass and dugong distribution.
- Assisted and guided the TL4 Project Manager to implement activities related to TL4.
- Guided and provided inputs to the TL4 Project Manager before attending Dugong and Seagrass meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, November 2016.

International Level

- Participated in the Conference of Parties (COP 13) of Biological Diversity in Cancun, Mexico, 4 – 17 December 2016. During the meeting the Project Facilitator was invited to share national experience of National Capacity building on the Sustainable Ocean Initiative during an EBSA (Ecologically or Biologically Marine Significant Areas) side-event. The Project Facilitator was nominated by H. E. Minister for Commerce, Industry and Environment as Head of Delegation to attend the COP13 meeting. Delegates from Timor-Leste consisted of 6 people working in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the National University of Timor-Leste (UNTL). Delegates actively participated in the meetings discussing issues related to biodiversity including EBSA. The outcome of the COP13 was the Cancun Declaration to mainstream biodiversity into various sectors such as Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Tourism.
- The Project Facilitator attended the Conference of Parties (COP22) on UNFCCC in Marrakech, Morocco with other delegates from Timor-Leste. One of the sectoral issues discussed in COP22 was “Biodiversity and Climate Change”. Delegates were discussing how climate change is affecting the coral reefs and marine biodiversity due to unsustainable industrial activities, infrastructure and population growth. In response to this issue one of the outcomes from this meeting is the implementation of the Paris Agreement by the Parties.

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			
Activity 1 (relevant to output 4.3): 1. Coordinate and organize Sustainable Ocean Initiative with the Secretariat of UNCBD and National Directorate of	September 2016	100%	None

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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<p>Biodiversity Protection and Restoration in Dili, Timor-Leste</p> <p>2. Workshop on Dugong and Seagrass project parallel with Climate Change activities in the Oecusse Municipality. The number of participants attending the workshop was about 90 people from various stakeholders such as local authorities, Municipal civil servants, civil society and students.</p> <p>3. Attending Conference of Parties (COP 13) in Cancun, Mexico, on the matter of agriculture, forestry, fisheries and tourism biodiversity</p>	<p>August 2016</p> <p>December 2016</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>100%</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>
<p>Activity 2:</p> <p>4.3.3 Conducted second 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.</p>	<p>10 June 2016</p>	<p>100%</p>	<p>The second 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.</p>

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 (external communications, capacity of and work with stakeholders, cultural aspects)			
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.

- According to the participants of the National Capacity Building workshop on the Sustainable Ocean Initiative, it is important to continue the workshop so that they can learn more on marine spatial planning as the 3 days workshop supported by the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD) was not enough to learn about how to properly implement the spatial planning process.
- In the second NFC meeting the stakeholders suggested enhancing existing coordination within the government stakeholders to address the issue of Dugong and Seagrass conservation in Timor-Leste.

- Implementing partners such as Blue Ventures should have licence from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries before implementing activities at the local level. Coordination among Blue Ventures and Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries should be enhanced to avoid miss communication that may challenge project activities in the field.

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	COP 13	Cancun, Mexico	4 -17 December 2016	UNCBD Secretariat and Government of Mexico	UNCBD Secretariat and Government of Mexico		CBD website	English	

4.2. List(s) of meeting participants⁶

No.	Name of participant	Nationality
	See attached document (List of participants; appendix 1)	Based on appendix 1

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

No	Type ⁷	Title	Author(s)	Publisher	ISBN	Publication
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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.

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





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


			Editor(s)			date
	None	None	None	None	None	None

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Appendices

1. List of Participants-Second NFC Meeting, Dili, 10 June 2016

<p style="text-align: center;">SECOND NATIONAL FACILITATING COMMITTEE MEETING WORKSHOP DIUGONG AND SEAGRASS CONSERVATION PROJECT IN TIMOR-LESTE CRS - Dili, 10 June 2016</p>				
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2. Second NFC Stakeholders, Dili, June 2016



3. Public Service Expo, Dili, July 2016



Dugong and Seagrass Capacity Building Workshop-Autonomic Region of Oecusse, August 2016



National Capacity Building workshop on Sustainable Ocean Initiative, Dili, 6 – 8 September 2016



Conference of Parties UNFCCC (COP22-Marrakech-Morocco, Nov 2016) and UNCBD (COP13, Cancun-Mexico, 4 – 17 Dec 2016)

