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GABON - SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF CRITICAL WETLANDS ECOSYSTEMS (P143914)

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Implementing Agencies: REPUBLIC OF GABON, DGEPN

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 27-Mar-2014
Effectiveness Date: 29-Jul-2014
Planned Mid Term Review Date: 15-Feb-2018
Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 02-Feb-2018
Original Closing Date: 30-Apr-2020
Revised Closing Date: 30-Apr-2020

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Development Objective of the proposed operation is to enhance protection of biodiversity in selected forested wetlands on the Ramsar list through knowledge creation and development of conservation measures for sustainable wetlands management.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components

Name
Component 1: Generating Knowledge and Monitoring of Selected Critical Wetlands Ecosystems:(Cost $0.60 M)
Support for Sustainable Management of Selected Critical Wetlands Ecosystems:(Cost $3.11 M)
Strengthening Institutional Framework to support Wetlands Management:(Cost $3.33 M)
Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation:(Cost $0.48 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	Low	Low

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The overall progress in the implementation of the project is satisfactory, as reflected in the progress towards meeting the project's development objective indicators:
Indicator 1 (Ecosystem services valuations are undertaken for each selected site): the assessment reports of the economic potential of the 3 Ramsar sites (Setté-Cama / Loango, Birougou and Bas-Ogooué) were disseminated and published on the project website.

In addition (under Component 1), the project has supported 6 baseline studies that have increased the historical data available for the selected Ramsar sites. It was agreed that the results of all these studies will be presented to policy-makers in accessible language, highlighting the importance of these ecosystems for the country's economy and making the case for conservation measures to be financed by public funds after the project's closure.
Indicator 2 (Management plans are prepared for each selected site and under implementation): the management plans for the Birougou and Loango national parks (incorporating the Birougou, Setté Cama and Petit Loango Ramsar sites) have been developed and anti-poaching activities are regularly financed by the project. The Bas-Ogooué management plan is expected by the end of 2019 as previously reported. Although this plan is not yet available, the project is already supporting management activities (monitoring, population consultation, awareness raising).
In addition (under Component 2), the project has operationalized 2 surveillance antennas for the Bas-Ogooué Ramsar site. The surveillance antennas at Birougou have not yet been constructed, while gold mining in this park is gaining momentum. To address this situation, the implementing agency has decided to revise its surveillance strategy and allocate part of the funds for the antenna works to reinforced surveillance patrols. Therefore, of the 3 planned sites for the antennas, only one will be built at the point most exposed to the intrusion of gold miners. It was agreed that the construction of the retained antenna will be initiated as soon as possible.
Moreover, under Component 2, the project is supporting anti-poaching activities whore periodic reports show satisfactory results on the Birougou Ramsar site; the areas covered by the anti-poaching activities increased by 46% compared to 2017, thanks to the intervention of the project.
In addition, under Component 2, the project is supporting the implementation of 10 Income Generating Activities (IGAs): 3 on tourism, 4 on fisheries, 1 on Non-Timber Forest Product (NTFP) and 2 on agriculture. The financing for the other 4 (2 tourism, 2 fishing) is planned by June 2019.
Indicator 3 (A national wetlands management strategy is developed): as reported in the previous ISR, the results of the studies recently completed under Indicator 1 will be used to develop the strategy in 2019. The TORs for this activity have been developed and the consultant for this task is expected to be recruited by end-March 2019.
In addition, under Component 3, the project has supported the implementation of activities to set up an institutional framework conducive to the sustainable management of wetlands at national and local levels (establishment of the National Ramsar Committee, the Ramsar subcommittees at the selected sites, among others).

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	--	Low	Low
Macroeconomic	--	Low	Low
Sector Strategies and Policies	--	Low	Low
Technical Design of Project or Program	--	Low	Low
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	--	Low	Low
Fiduciary	--	Moderate	Moderate
Environment and Social	--	Moderate	Moderate
Stakeholders	--	Low	Low
Other	--	--	--
Overall	--	Low	Low

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Increased knowledge of selected forest wetlands

▸Indicator 1: Ecosystem services valuations are undertaken for each selected site (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	3.00	3.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2018	30-Apr-2020

Conservation measures for sustainable wetlands managemen are developed				
▸Indicator 2: Management plans are prepared for each selected site and under implementation (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	2.00	3.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2018	30-Apr-2020
▸Indicator 3: A national wetlands management strategy is developed (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	30-Jun-2018	30-Apr-2020

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Component 3: Strengthening Institutional Framework to support Wetlands Management				
▸Indicator 3.1: The National Ramsar Committee is in place and functional (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	30-Jun-2018	30-Apr-2020
▸Indicator 3.2: Ramsar subcommittees at the selected sites are in place and functional (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2.00	3.00	3.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2018	30-Apr-2020
▸Indicator 3.3: Ramsar Information Sheets (RIS) are updated (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	9.00	9.00	4.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	30-Jun-2018	30-Apr-2020
▸Indicator 3.4: Environmental audits for extractive industries operating in the selected Ramsar sites are conducted (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target

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Value	0.00	3.00	3.00	4.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	30-Jun-2018	30-Apr-2020

▸Indicator 3.5: Maps including human settlements, industrial activities, and hydrological systems for the selected Ramsar sites are elaborated (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2.00	2.00	3.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	30-Jun-2018	30-Apr-2020

Component 1: Generating Knowledge and Monitoring of Selected Critical Wetlands Ecosystems

▸Indicator 1.1: A research scheme for the three selected Ramsar sites is developed and being implemented (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	30-Jun-2018	30-Apr-2020

▸Indicator 1.2: An ecological monitoring system of wetlands is implemented (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	Yes	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2018	30-Apr-2020

Component 4: Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation

▸Indicator 4.1: Minimum implementation of annual work plan is completed (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	70.50	91.00	100.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2018	30-Apr-2020

▸Indicator 4.2: Project safeguard instruments are diligently implemented (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	30-Jun-2018	30-Apr-2020

Component 2: Support for Sustainable Management of Selected Critical Wetlands Ecosystems

▸Indicator 2.1: Land area where sustainable land management (SLM) practices have been adopted as a result of the project (Hectare(Ha), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	9.00	9.00	10.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	30-Jun-2018	30-Apr-2020

▸Indicator 2.2: Forest area under sustainable forestry management (SFM) (according to forest type) (Hectare(Ha), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	49,873.00	137,280.00	30,000.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2018	30-Apr-2020
Comments:	Surveillance patrols during the period of this ISR (January 1 - June 31, 2018) covered 49,873 ha. By the end of the year, the patrolling will cover the full 54,424 ha. There is a slight decrease relative to the last ISR as this last ISR covered results reported up to the period ending on December 31, 2017.			

▸Indicator 2.3: Scores from the Protected Areas Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT)* for selected wetlands sites (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	30-Jun-2018	30-Apr-2020

◢Scores METT for Monts Birougou site (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	36.00	52.00	52.00	45.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2017	30-Apr-2020

◢Scores METT for Bas Ogooué site (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	13.00	38.00	38.00	20.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2017	30-Apr-2020

◢Scores METT for Setté-Cama (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	36.00	55.00	55.00	45.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2017	30-Apr-2020

◢Scores METT for Petit Loango (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	49.00	66.00	66.00	55.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Mar-2018	31-Dec-2017	30-Apr-2020

▸Indicator 2.4: Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	194.00	194.00	100.00
Date	28-Feb-2014	30-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2018	30-Apr-2020

Comments:	Direct beneficiaries are people or groups who directly derive benefits from an intervention (i.e., children who benefit from an immunization program; families that have a new piped water connection). Please note that this indicator requires supplemental information. Supplemental Value: Female beneficiaries (percentage). Based on the assessment and definition of direct project beneficiaries, specify what proportion of the direct project beneficiaries are female. This indicator is calculated as a percentage.

◢Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	54.60	54.60	30.00

Overall Comments

Significant progress is recorded in the achievement of intermediate results indicators.

Some comments below on the data of two indicators:

Indicator 2.2 (forest area under sustainable forest management) is typically informed by the activity reports of the anti-poaching activities. However, this data is not making it possible to effectively inform this indicator. As such, it has been decided to rely on the report of activities on the monitoring of gold mining activities.

Indicator 2.3: METT scores are from end-2017 as the update of METT scores is not scheduled until end-2019, in line with its reporting frequency.

Data on Financial Performance

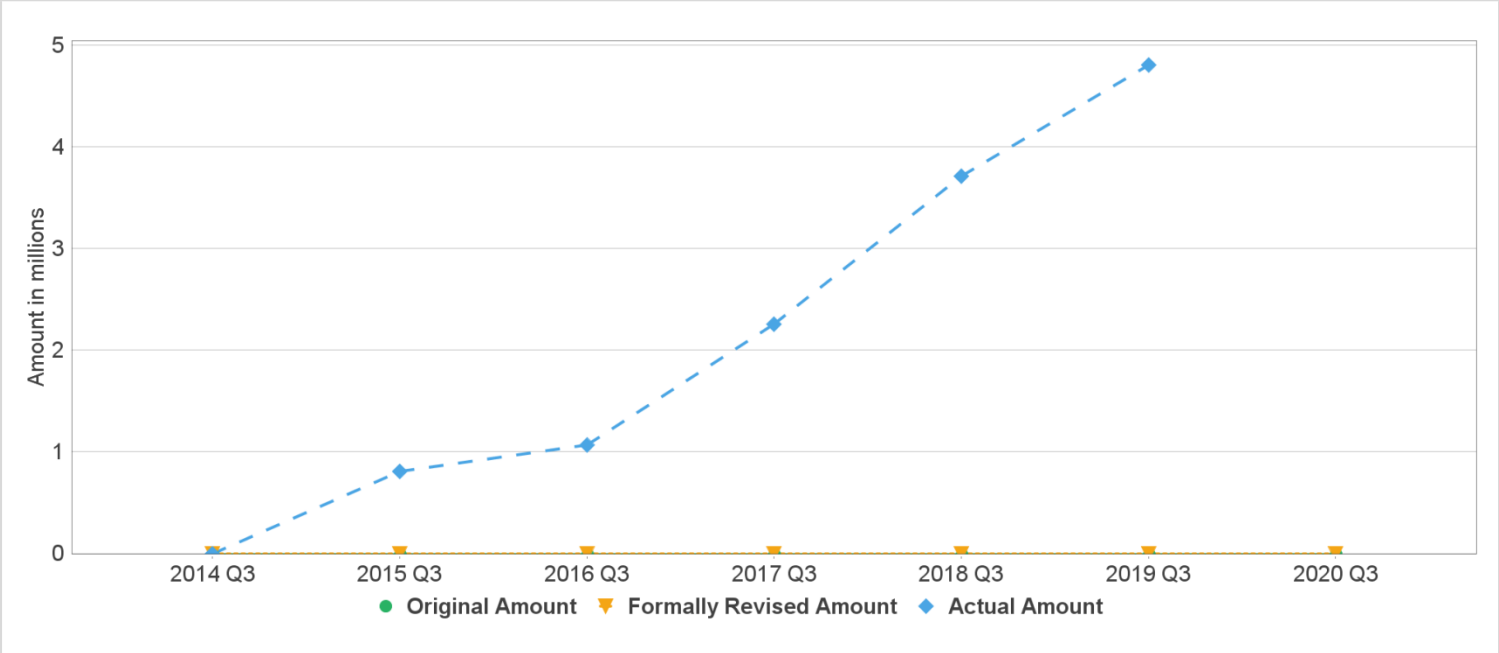
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P143914	TF-16689	Effective	USD	7.52	7.52	0.00	4.80	2.72	64%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P143914	TF-16689	Effective	09-Apr-2014	09-Apr-2014	29-Jul-2014	30-Apr-2020	30-Apr-2020

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.