

**Implementation Status & Results
South Asia**

APL on Strengthening Regional Cooperation For Wildlife Protection in Asia (P121210)

Operation Name: APL on Strengthening Regional Cooperation For Wildlife Protection in Asia (P121210) Project Stage: Implementation Seq.No: 3 Status: ARCHIVED Archive Date: 05-Nov-2012

Country: South Asia Approval FY: 2011
 Product Line: IBRD/IDA Region: SOUTH ASIA Lending Instrument: Adaptable Program Loan
 Implementing Agency(ies): Bangladesh Forest Department, Department of Forests, Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Ministry of Environment and Forests

Key Dates

Board Approval Date 07-Apr-2011 Original Closing Date 31-Dec-2016 Planned Mid Term Review Date 02-Dec-2013 Last Archived ISR Date 25-Mar-2012
 Effectiveness Date 29-Jun-2011 Revised Closing Date 31-Dec-2016 Actual Mid Term Review Date

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The project aims to assist the participating governments to build or enhance shared capacity, institutions, knowledge and incentives to collaborate in tackling illegal wildlife trade and other select regional conservation threats to habitats in border areas.

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

Yes No

Component(s)

Component Name	Component Cost
Bangladesh: Component 1: Capacity building for addressing the illegal trans-boundary wildlife trade	8.30
Bangladesh: Component 2: Promoting wildlife conservation in Asia	23.50
Bangladesh: Component 3: Project coordination and communication	4.60
Nepal: Component 1: Capacity building for addressing the illegal trans-boundary wildlife trade	0.90
Nepal: Component 2: Promoting wildlife conservation in Asia	1.60
Nepal: Component 3: Project coordination and communication	0.20

Overall Ratings

	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	High	

Implementation Status Overview

Public Disclosure Authorized
Public Disclosure Copy

Public Disclosure Authorized
Public Disclosure Copy

Bangladesh:

The Project Launch Workshops for the IDA Credit to Bangladesh took place on February 12, 2012. The National Project Steering Committee Chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests has been appointed. An interim Project Director (PD) was appointed by MOEF in December 2011 and a permanent PD who is also the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF) was appointed on August 27, 2012. Considering that reforms/restructuring of the Wildlife Circle (WC) of the Bangladesh Forest Department (BFD) need MOEF sanction, the appointment of the PD from within MOEF is an advantage. The interim PD, who is also the Conservator of Forests in charge of WC/BFD, was appointed as Deputy PD ensuring internalization of the project within BFD. The PMU is almost fully staffed. The Operations Manual was submitted to IDA on May 7, 2012, thereby satisfying all disbursement conditions under the project. Although implementation is moving more slowly than expected, it has picked up momentum over the last six months.

Bangladesh enacted a new Wildlife Act (Security and Conservation Act) on July 10, 2012, which grants more powers to the Wildlife Circle (WC) within BFD and creates a better enabling environment for wildlife management. The Project supports the restructuring of WC to effectively discharge its enhanced mandate under the recently approved Wildlife Act. The Act mandates the creation of three Wildlife Divisions responsible for Protected Area (PA) management, a Wildlife Crime Control Unit (WCCU) for carrying out forensics, quarantine, legal support and assisting Bangladesh in discharging its responsibilities as a signatory to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and a Wildlife Center to undertake training, research, education and awareness, information communication technology, applications and monitoring and evaluation (M&E).

A Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit has been prepared by the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) with the support of CITES, INTERPOL, World Customs Organization and the World Bank. All five agencies form the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC). The toolkit is currently being piloted so Bangladesh would be in a position to demonstrate its commitment to fight wildlife crime by proposing its participation as one of the pilot countries. The toolkit is intended to provide a range of options that will enable each country to create an effective strategy tailored to its unique needs. BFD has planned to request UNODC that the toolkit be piloted in Bangladesh with support from the IDA credit.

Funds would be allocated through a quarterly competitive call for: (i) Window 1 - proposals submitted from respective PAs, Forest Reserves (FR) and National Forests (NF) that promote demand-driven and decentralized approaches to conservation and management of natural ecosystems and would bring about regional conservation benefits; and (ii) Window 2 - proposals submitted for innovative pilot projects with regional applicability that address endangered species conservation, innovative research in wildlife conservation, human wildlife conflict management and ecotourism development, by the implementing agencies of the participating countries either individually, or in collaboration with other stakeholders. A stakeholder workshop was conducted in August 2012 to prepare project concept notes (PCNs) for the first round of projects.

Bangladesh will host the first regional coordination meeting in December 2012 in the Sundarbans area.

Nepal:

The Project Launch Workshops for the grant to Nepal took place on November 4, 2011. Despite a slow start, implementation of project activities has progressed well. The contract for providing training to Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC) and Department of Forests (DoF) in areas – such as (i) wildlife crime control; (ii) habitat management and monitoring; (iii) adaptive management; (iv) smart patrolling; (v) wildlife forensics; (vi) tiger conservation; (vii) human elephant conflict management; and (viii) wildlife stockpiles management – has been awarded to the Biodiversity Conservation Center (BCC) on June 11, 2012.

Priority access to Window 2 funding will be provided to PAs and NFs in the Terai region. A call for proposals was made in March 2012, which resulted in the submission of 17 concept notes. The proposal review committee appointed to review the concept notes has selected nine concept notes for development into detailed proposals for funding in FY 2012-2013. The proponents of the selected concept notes participated in a multi-stakeholder workshop in August to develop detailed proposals by September 30, 2012.

Locations

No Location data has been entered

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

Public Disclosure Copy

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
PDO 1: Progress towards the development of sustainable regional mechanisms for addressing illegal wildlife trade and other conservation threats.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		Establishment of Regional coordination forum by Tiger Range Countries
			Date	07-Mar-2011	03-Sep-2012	31-Dec-2016
			Comments		Project level regional coordination mechanism has been established. Discussions towards the establishment of a sustainable regional coordination mechanism through SAWEN are underway.	
PDO 2: Development of at least one protocol each on a common research agenda, knowledge sharing, collaboration and division of labor.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	0.00	1.00
			Date	07-Mar-2011	03-Sep-2012	31-Dec-2016
			Comments		The delay in India's participation in the project resulted in a postponement of the first regional coordination meeting to December2012. Joint regional activities will be discussed at this meeting.	Protocols developed and commencement of their implementation
PDO 3: Agreement among the enforcement agencies on at least two regional protocols, including approaches and solutions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	0.00	2.00
			Date	07-Mar-2011	03-Sep-2012	31-Dec-2016
			Comments		The delay in India's participation in the project resulted in a postponement of the first regional coordination meeting to December2012. Joint regional activities will be discussed at this meeting.	
PDO 4: Implementation of at least three regional pilots or initiatives in wildlife enforcement and conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	0.00	3.00
			Date	07-Mar-2011	03-Sep-2012	01-Feb-2016
			Comments		The delay in India's participation in the project resulted in a postponement of the first regional coordination meeting to December2012. Joint regional activities will be discussed at this meeting.	

Public Disclosure Copy

Intermediate Results Indicators

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Regional 1: Development of a common conservation research program for regional wildlife management with particular emphasis on tiger conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		Yr 3: 100%
			Date	07-Mar-2011	17-Sep-2012	31-Dec-2014
			Comments		National Tiger Recovery Programs prepared by each of the participating countries have identified the broad parameters for a common conservation research program.	Program developed and underway.
Regional 2: Set up a knowledge sharing mechanism among participating countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		Yr 3: 100%
			Date	07-Mar-2011	17-Sep-2012	31-Dec-2014
			Comments		The delay in India's participation in the project resulted in a postponement of the first regional coordination meeting to December 2012. Joint regional activities will be discussed at this meeting.	Knowledge sharing mechanism established and under implementation.
Bangladesh Component 1: Indicator 1: New draft Wildlife Conservation Act giving more powers to the Wildlife Circle approved by Parliament	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0	The Wildlife -Conservation and Security Act 2012, was approved by Parliament on July 10, 2012.	Yr 2 - 100%
			Date	07-Mar-2011	17-Sep-2012	31-Dec-2013
			Comments			Submission to Parliament of new draft.
Bangladesh Component 1: Indicator 2: Specialized human resources in the Wildlife Circle in place with capacity to respond to wildlife crimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	Inadequate capacity to respond to wildlife crimes		
			Date	07-Mar-2011	17-Sep-2012	31-Dec-2016
			Comments		Staff recruitment and initial training completed.	Key staff absorbed in the Wildlife Circle.
Bangladesh Component 1: Indicator 3: Establishment and Operationalizing of Wildlife Crime Control Unit (WCCU) with at least forensic section, legal support arm and wildlife crime bank	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		Yr 5 - 100%
			Date	07-Mar-2011	17-Sep-2012	31-Dec-2016
			Comments		Some staff for WCCU recruited. Formal training will commence with the mobilization of the TA consultants scheduled for October 1, 2012.	WCCU fully operational.

Public Disclosure Copy

Public Disclosure Copy

Public Disclosure Copy

Bangladesh Component 1: Indicator 4: Establishment and operationalizing of Wildlife Center with capacity to facilitate research, education, awareness, communication and M&E	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		
			Date	07-Mar-2011	17-Sep-2012	31-Dec-2016
			Comments		Contract staff recruited and initial training provided. Deputed staff from BFD has not been deployed yet. Procurement process for the Architectural and Engineering Consultants is at an advanced stage.	Completion of at least 50% medium term activities in the Wildlife Center's Plans.
Bangladesh Component 2: Indicator 1: Identification of core breeding habitats of flagship species and promoting inviolate areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	0.00	
			Date	07-Mar-2011	17-Sep-2012	31-Dec-2016
			Comments		No progress yet.	Yr 5 - Process completed for declaring core breeding habitats of flagship species as inviolate areas.
Bangladesh Comp 2: Ind. 2: Management of wildlife corridors & buffer zones according to principles of smart green infrastructure & practices to ensure socio-economic activities are biodiversity friendly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	0.00	
			Date		17-Sep-2012	31-Dec-2016
			Comments		No progress yet.	Yr 5 - Process of regularising the guidelines initiated.
Bangladesh Component 2: Indicator 3: Development of models based on research information for tiger and elephant conservation to reduce conflict with humans	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		Yr 2 to 5 - Testing of models.
			Date		17-Sep-2012	01-Jan-2016
			Comments		Action Plans have been prepared. Tiger response teams are in place. The Elephant status study is being undertaken in Bangladesh.	
Bangladesh Component 2: Indicator 4: Identification of suitable models, and development of replication strategy and master plan for mitigating THC and HEC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		
			Date		17-Sep-2012	31-Dec-2016
			Comments		No progress yet.	Replication strategy and master plan developed.
Bangladesh Component 2: Indicator 5: Development and implementation of ecotourism plans to enhance the revenue earning opportunities of PAs and affected communities by 20%	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		
			Date		17-Sep-2012	31-Dec-2016
			Comments		Potential ecotourism sites have been identified.	Twenty percent increase in revenue earning opportunities.

Public Disclosure Copy

Public Disclosure Copy

Bangladesh Component 3: Indicator 1: Establishment of Regional Policy Steering Committee & Operational Steering Committee for Regional Coordination (OSCRC); and made operational	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		
			Date	07-Mar-2011	17-Sep-2012	31-Dec-2013
			Comments		A project level regional coordination mechanism has been established. Establishment of the RPSC and OSCRC will be on the agenda for the first regional meeting of the participating countries scheduled for December 2012 in Bangladesh.	Both structures are fully operational.
Bangladesh Component 3: Indicator 2: Development and implementation of project communication plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		
			Date	07-Mar-2011	17-Sep-2012	31-Dec-2013
			Comments		No plan has been developed as yet; as a joint agreement is needed. This will be on the agenda for the first regional meeting of the participating countries scheduled for December 2012 in Bangladesh.	Operationalization of plan is underway.
Nepal Comp 1: Indicator 1: Review of key policy and legislation to identify and rectify their implementation challenges	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		
			Date	07-Mar-2011	17-Sep-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments	Nepal currently has -National Parks and Wildlife conservation Act, Forest Act and Forest rules	No progress yet.	Updated policies and regulations fully operational.
Nepal Comp 1: Indicator 2: Establishment and operationalizing of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau with at least forensic section, legal support arm, wildlife crime units and wildlife crime bank	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		
			Date		17-Sep-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments		A Wildlife Crime Control Bureau has been established, but training for staff has not yet taken place.	WCCB fully operational.
Nepal Comp 1: Indicator 3: Establishment of legislation for effective compliance of CITES and set up of national CITES secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		
			Date		17-Sep-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments		Not commenced yet.	Legislation completed.

Public Disclosure Copy

Nepal Comp 1: Indicator 4: Effective training programs conducted to increase capacity of staff on wildlife conservation and management and respond to illegal wildlife trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage	Value			
			Date	07-Mar-2011	17-Sep-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments	Assessment of capacity of DNPWC and DOF staff conducted during Yr 1	Contract for Training awarded to BCC. Training programs under preparation.	50% greater satisfactory capacity assessment against baseline based on survey.
Nepal Comp 2: Indicator 1: Interventions put in place to improve protection and conservation of key flagship species	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	0.00	
			Date	07-Mar-2011	17-Sep-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments		No progress yet.	Outcome assessments are linked to regional conservation benefits.
Nepal Comp 2: Ind 2: Models developed to manage wildlife corridors & buffer zones on principles of Smart Green Infrastructure & practices to ensure socio-economic activities are biodiversity friendly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	0.00	
			Date	07-Mar-2011	17-Sep-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments		Workshop on Smart Green Infrastructure has been conducted.	Process of institutionalising the models initiated.
Nepal Comp 2: Ind 3: Develop of models based on research information for tiger, rhino & elephant conservation to reduce conflict with humans thereby ensuring long term conservation of these species	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		Yr 2 - 5 testing of models.
			Date		17-Sep-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments		Proposals under development.	
Nepal Comp 2: Ind. 4: Identification of suitable models, and development of replication strategy and master plan for mitigating tiger human conflict, human elephant conflict & the rhino human conflict	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		Strategy and masterplan developed.
			Date	07-Mar-2011	17-Sep-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments		Not commenced yet.	
Nepal Comp 2. Indicator 5: Development and implementation of ecotourism plans to enhance the revenue earning opportunities of PAs and affected communities by 20%	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		
			Date		17-Sep-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments		Not commenced yet.	Twenty percent increase in revenue earning opportunities.
Nepal Comp 3: Indicator 1: Establishment of Regional Policy Steering Committee & Operational Steering Committee for Regional Coordination; and made operational	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0		
			Date		17-Sep-2012	30-Jun-2013
			Comments		Completed.	RPSC and OSCRC fully operational.

Data on Financial Performance (as of 01-Aug-2012)

Financial Agreement(s) Key Dates

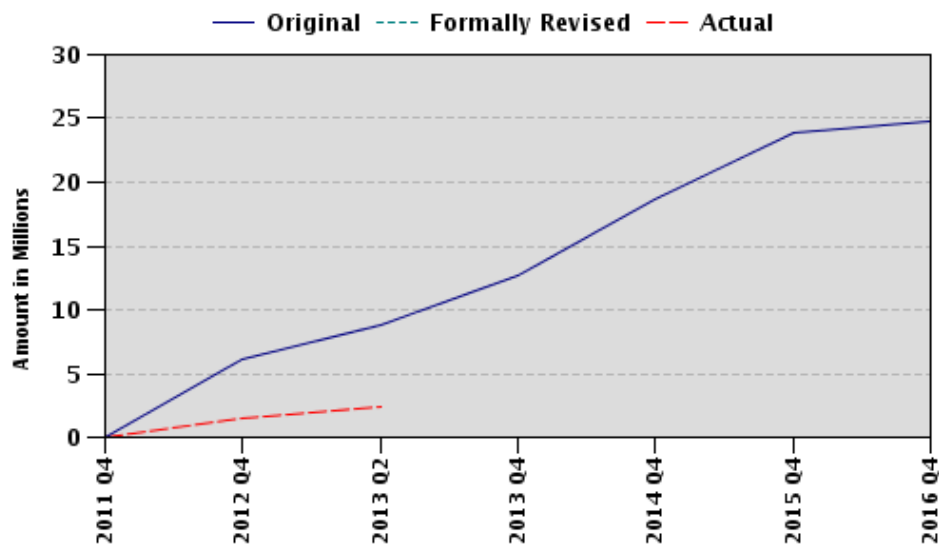
Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Original Closing Date	Revised Closing Date
---------	----------	--------	---------------	--------------	--------------------	-----------------------	----------------------

Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Original Closing Date	Revised Closing Date
P121210	IDA-49090	Effective	07-Apr-2011	02-Jun-2011	29-Jun-2011	31-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2016
P121210	IDA-H6660	Effective	07-Apr-2011	27-Jun-2011	20-Jul-2011	31-May-2016	31-May-2016

Disbursements (in Millions)

Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P121210	IDA-49090	Effective	XDR	22.90	22.90	0.00	1.95	20.95	9.00
P121210	IDA-H6660	Effective	XDR	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.51	1.49	26.00

Disbursement Graph



Key Decisions Regarding Implementation

There are no key decisions for disclosure.

Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Projects

There are no related projects.