

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: 5 Status: ARCHIVED Archive Date: 31-May-2013

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 31-Dec-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)	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	Substantial	Substantial

Implementation Status Overview

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Bangladesh: Overall implementation is delayed due to the fact that although the project was declared effective on June 29, 2011, the disbursement conditions for Component 2 (66% of the overall credit amount) were complied with only on July 17, 2012. The project's governance structure and the project management and monitoring arrangements are in place and operating, however, the frequent transfer of key officials—Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF) and Project Director—have resulted in slow implementation progress. Capacity building activities have commenced with 26 training courses undertaken with 735 participants from Bangladesh Forest Department (BFD) exposed to training under the project. Wildlife monitoring activities have commenced for tigers and sea turtles. The Wildlife Crime Control Unit (WCCU) within the Wildlife Circle has been established and operational with several prosecutions to their credit. However, the award of the key technical assistance consultancy which is aimed at reforming the Wildlife Circle of BFD to comply with the provisions of the new Wildlife (Security and Conservation) Act of July 2012 and institutional strengthening was delayed by almost 6 months due to delays in obtaining requisite approvals from MOEF to sign the contract. A similar delay was encountered in the award of the Architectural and Engineering Consultancy as well. Both contracts were awarded in May 2013 and work should commence soon. Since major disbursements depend on the outcome of these two consultancies, it is anticipated that disbursements would pick up in FY 14. The first round of sub-project concept notes for funding windows (i) and (ii) were received and the preparation of full proposals are underway. Four proposals under funding window (ii) supporting “innovative pilot projects with a regional dimension” have been approved for implementation in May 2013.

Nepal: Overall implementation was delayed due to the fact that although the project was declared effective on July 20, 2011, the disbursement conditions for Component 2 (50% of the overall credit amount) were complied with only on May 2, 2012. However, despite a slow start, implementation of project activities has progressed well. Commendable progress has been made with regard to the implementation of competitive funding window 2 (innovative pilot projects with a regional dimension). MoUs for 6 projects (Strengthening Wildlife Protection by Implementing MIST-based Smart Patrol System in Chitwan National Park, Habitat Management in Padampur, Chitwan National Park, Grassland and Water Resource Management in Parsa Wildlife Reserve, Strengthening Wildlife Protection in Shuklaphanta Wildlife Reserve, Improving Management of Bardia National Park through habitat and human wildlife conflict management, and Strengthening Wildlife Crime Control and Wildlife Protection in the Kathmandu Valley) were signed on February 22, 2013. Implementation is expected to commence in May, 2013. The training to staff of the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC) and the 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, will commence in May 2013 through the Biodiversity Conservation Center (BCC).

Locations

No Location data has been entered

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

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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	The First regional coordination meeting of the Tiger Range countries in South Asia was scheduled for December 2012. No progress towards a regional meeting could be made as India (who has common borders with Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal) is yet to formally participate in the regional program. However a meeting of the three participating countries will be held in September 2013.	Establishment of Regional coordination forum by Tiger Range Countries		
			Date	07-Mar-2011			14-May-2013	31-Dec-2016
			Comments					
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	14-May-2013	31-Dec-2016		
			Comments		The First regional coordination meeting of the Tiger Range countries in South Asia was scheduled for December 2012. No progress towards a regional meeting could be made as India (who has common borders with Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal) is yet to formally participate in the regional program. However a meeting of the three participating countries will be held in September 2013.	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	14-May-2013	31-Dec-2016		
			Comments		The First regional coordination meeting of the Tiger Range countries in			

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					South Asia was scheduled for December 2012. No progress towards a regional meeting could be made as India (who has common borders with Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal) is yet to formally participate in the regional program. However a meeting of the three participating countries will be held in September 2013.	
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	14-May-2013	01-Feb-2016
			Comments		The First regional coordination meeting of the Tiger Range countries in South Asia was scheduled for December 2012. No progress towards a regional meeting could be made as India (who has common borders with Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal) is yet to formally participate in the regional program. However a meeting of the three participating countries will be held in September 2013.	
Areas brought under enhanced biodiversity protection (ha)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hectare(Ha)	Value	0.00	0.00	
			Date	07-Dec-2012	14-May-2013	31-Dec-2016
			Comments		The areas brought under enhanced biodiversity protection can be determined only after all funding window proposal activities have been identified and funds committed.	

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Intermediate Results Indicators

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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	A National Tiger Recovery Plan has been prepared. Research areas have been identified in the plan.	Yr 3: 100%
			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-Dec-2014
			Comments			Program developed and underway.
Regional 2: Set up a knowledge sharing mechanism among participating countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0	The First regional coordination meeting of the Tiger Range countries in South Asia was scheduled for December 2012. No progress towards a regional meeting could be made as India (who has common borders with Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal) is yet to formally participate in the regional program. However a meeting of the three participating countries will be held in September 2013.	Yr 3: 100%
			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-Dec-2014
			Comments			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	14-May-2013	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	Twenty Six national training programs completed with 735 officials of BFD trained. More sophisticated training to be undertaken inFY 14 and 15.	Key staff absorbed in the Wildlife Circle.

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			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-Dec-2016
			Comments			
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	Some staff for WCCU recruited. Formal training will commence with the mobilization of the TA consultants which although scheduled for October 1, 2012 took place in May 2013.	Yr 5 - 100%
			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-Dec-2016
			Comments			WCCU fully operational.
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	Contract staff recruited and initial training provided. Deputed staff from BFD has not been deployed yet, although a head for WC has been appointed by BFD. Procurement process for the Architectural and Engineering Consultants were delayed and awarded only in April 2013.	
			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-Dec-2016
			Comments			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	14-May-2013	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	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-Dec-2016
			Comments		No progress yet.	Yr 5 - Process of regularising the guidelines initiated.

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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	Sub-project proposals for human elephant conflict management and elephant conservation have been approved and would commence implementation in June 2013.	Yr 2 to 5 - Testing of models.
			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	01-Jan-2016
			Comments			
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	Plans under preparation.	Replication strategy and master plan developed.
			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-Dec-2016
			Comments			
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	A sub-project proposal for development of ecotourism plans and visitor carrying capacity studies have been approved and will commence implementation in June 2013.	Twenty percent increase in revenue earning opportunities.
			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-Dec-2016
			Comments			
Areas brought under enhanced biodiversity protection (ha)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hectare(Ha)	Value	0.00	0.00	
			Date	07-Dec-2012	14-May-2013	31-Dec-2016
			Comments	Core sector indicator - Bangladesh: Component 2: Indicator 6	The areas brought under enhanced biodiversity protection can be determined only after all funding window proposal activities have been identified and funds committed.	
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	First meeting to be held in September 2013.	Both structures are fully operational.
			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-Dec-2013
			Comments			
Bangladesh Component 3: Indicator 2: Development and implementation of project communication plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0	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	Operationalization of plan is underway.

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					countries scheduled for September 2013.	
			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-Dec-2013
			Comments			
Nepal Comp 1: Indicator 1: Review of key policy and legislation to identify and rectify their implementation challenges	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	Nepal currently has -National Parks and Wildlife conservation Act, Forest Act and Forest rules	No progress yet	Updated policies and regulations fully operational.
			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-May-2016
			Comments			
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	A - Training Needs Assessment- will be undertaken and training plan developed.	WCCB fully operational.
			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-May-2016
			Comments			
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	Not commenced	Legislation completed.
			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-May-2016
			Comments			
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	14-May-2013	31-May-2016
			Comments	Assessment of capacity of DNPWC and DOF staff conducted during Yr 1.	Contract for development and conducting training programs signed with the Biodiversity Conservation Center and training will commence in May 2013.	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	14-May-2013	31-May-2016
			Comments		Sub-project proposals to address this have been approved and will commence implementation in June 2013.	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	14-May-2013	31-May-2016
			Comments		Workshop on Smart Green Infrastructure has been conducted.	Process of institutionalising the models initiated.

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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	A proposal on HEC has been approved and would commence implementation in June 2013 while other proposals are under development.	Yr 2 - 5 testing of models.
			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-May-2016
			Comments			
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	Not commenced yet.	Strategy and masterplan developed.
			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-May-2016
			Comments			
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	Sub-project proposals to address this are under preparation.	Twenty percent increase in revenue earning opportunities.
			Date	07-Mar-2011	14-May-2013	31-May-2016
			Comments			
Areas brought under enhanced biodiversity protection (ha)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hectare(Ha)	Value	0.00	0.00	
			Date	07-Dec-2012	14-May-2013	31-May-2016
			Comments	Core sector indicator- Nepal: Component 2: Indicator 6	The areas brought under enhanced biodiversity protection can be determined only after all funding window proposal activities have been identified and funds committed.	
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	First meeting to be held in September 2013.	RPSC and OSCRC fully operational.
			Date		14-May-2013	30-Jun-2013
			Comments			

Data on Financial Performance (as of 06-May-2013)

Financial Agreement(s) Key Dates

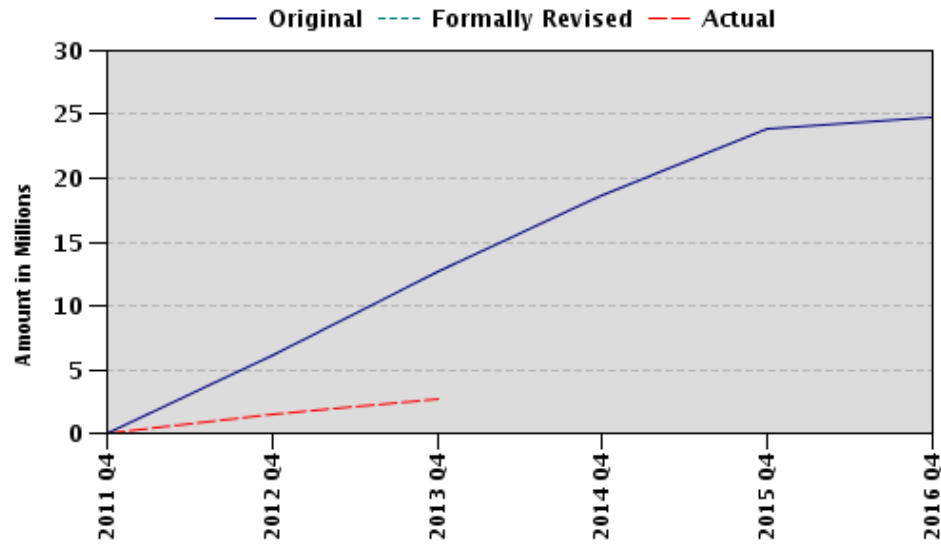
Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Original Closing Date	Revised Closing Date
P121210	IDA-49090	Effective	07-Apr-2011	02-Jun-2011	29-Jun-2011	31-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2016
P121210	IDA-H6660	Effective	07-Apr-2011	27-Jun-2011	20-Jul-2011	31-May-2016	31-May-2016

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	2.21	20.69	10.00
P121210	IDA-H6660	Effective	XDR	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.51	1.49	26.00

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Disbursement Graph



Key Decisions Regarding Implementation

The project has satisfied all disbursement conditions on July 17, 2012 and May 2, 2012 for Bangladesh and Nepal respectively.

Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

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Related Projects

There are no related projects.