

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: 2 Status: ARCHIVED Archive Date: 21-Sep-2011

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 21-Sep-2011
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	Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	High	High

Implementation Status Overview

The Project Launch Workshops for the IDA grant to Nepal and IDA credit to Bangladesh took place on November 4, 2011 and February 12, 2012, respectively.

Progress has been made in setting up the project's governance structure. The project management and monitoring arrangements in Bangladesh and Nepal are in place. In Bangladesh, the Project Director has been appointed and staffing of the Project Management Unit (PMU) is partially completed. In Nepal, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation (MOFSC) and the National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC) was signed and led to the creation and functioning of the Project Coordination Unit (PCU) within NTNC. The respective implementing agencies in both countries prepared their first year work plans and related procurement plans. The Operations Manual for the project in Nepal has been submitted to IDA while the final version of the Operations Manual for the project in Bangladesh is awaiting IDA's clearance.

Although implementation is moving more slowly than expected, disbursements are proceeding for activities under Component 1: Capacity building for addressing the illegal trans-boundary wildlife trade and Component 3: Project coordination and communication. In early February 2012, a dedicated web page for the project was launched in Nepal.

Locations

No Location data has been entered

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

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	0	Establishment of Regional coordination forum by Tiger Range Countries	
			Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Feb-2012		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	12-Feb-2012	31-Dec-2016	
			Comments			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	12-Feb-2012	31-Dec-2016	
			Comments				
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	12-Feb-2012	01-Feb-2016	
			Comments				

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	0	Yr 3: 100%
			Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Feb-2012	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	0	Yr 3: 100%
			Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Feb-2012	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		Yr 2 - 100%
			Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Feb-2012	31-Dec-2013
			Comments		Not yet due	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	12-Feb-2012	31-Dec-2016
			Comments		Too early a stage to report on progress	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	0	Yr 5 - 100%
			Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Feb-2012	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	0	
			Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Feb-2012	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	12-Feb-2012	31-Dec-2016
			Comments			Yr 5 - Process completed for declaring core breeding habitats of flagship species as inviolate areas.

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Bangldsh 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		12-Feb-2012	31-Dec-2016
			Comments			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	0	Yr 2 to 5 - Testing of models
			Date		12-Feb-2012	01-Jan-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	0	
			Date		12-Feb-2012	31-Dec-2016
			Comments			Twenty percent increase in revenue earning opportunities
Bangladesh Component 2: Indicator 4: Identification of suitable models, and development of replication strategy and master plan formitigating THC and HEC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0	0	
			Date		12-Feb-2012	31-Dec-2016
			Comments			Replication strategy and master plan developed
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	0	
			Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Feb-2012	31-Dec-2013
			Comments			Both structures are fully operational
Bangladesh Component 3: Indicator 2: Development and implementation of project communication plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0	0	
			Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Feb-2012	31-Dec-2013
			Comments			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	0	
			Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Feb-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments	Nepal currently has -National Parks and Wildlife conservation Act, Forest Act and Forest rules		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	0	
			Date		12-Feb-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments			WCCB fully operational

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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	0	
			Date		12-Feb-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments			Legislation completed
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	12-Feb-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments	Assessment of capacity of DNPWC and DOF staff conducted during Yr 1	Too early a stage to report on progress	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	12-Feb-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments			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	12-Feb-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments			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	0	Yr 2 - 5 testing of models
			Date		12-Feb-2012	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	0	Strategy and masterplan developed
			Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Feb-2012	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	0	
			Date		12-Feb-2012	31-May-2016
			Comments			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	0	
			Date		12-Feb-2012	30-Jun-2013
			Comments			RPSC and OSCRC fully operational

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Data on Financial Performance (as of 18-Jan-2012)

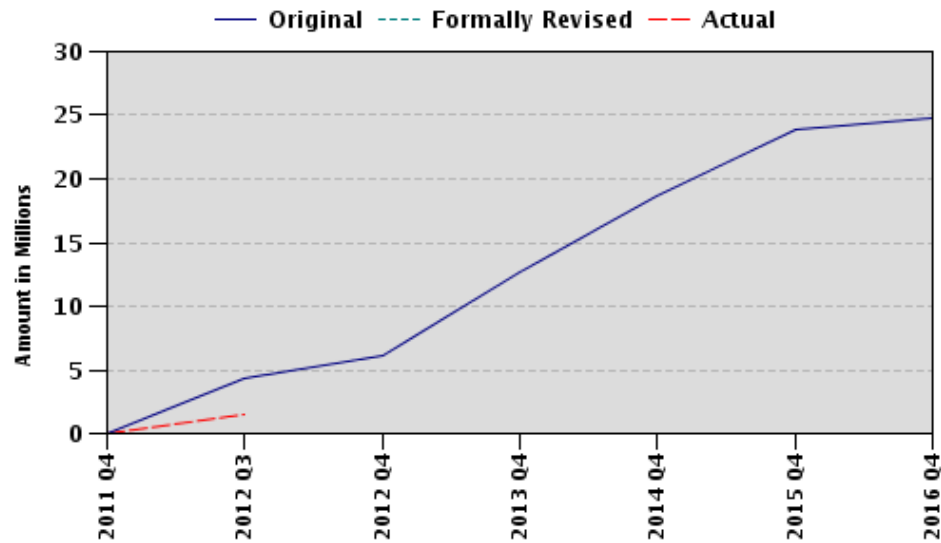
Financial Agreement(s) Key Dates

Project	Loan No.	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Closing Date
P121210	IDA-49090	Effective	07-Apr-2011	02-Jun-2011	29-Jun-2011	31-Dec-2016
P121210	IDA-H6660	Effective	07-Apr-2011	27-Jun-2011	20-Jul-2011	31-May-2016

Disbursements (in Millions)

Project	Loan No.	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P121210	IDA-49090	Effective	XDR	22.90	22.90	0.00	1.39	21.51	6.00
P121210	IDA-H6660	Effective	XDR	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.11	1.89	5.00

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.