



QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Country:	BAHAMAS		
Reporting period:	April - June 2011		
Project number and title:	PIMS 3212 CC EA SNC Bahamas: Enabling Activities for the Preparation of The Bahamas' Second National Communication to the UNFCCC		
Project Duration:	63 months (October 2006 – December 2011)		
Implementing Partner:	Bahamas Environment, Science & Technology (BEST) Commission		
Responsible Parties:	National Climate Change Committee		
Overall Project Coordinator:	Loraine Cox		
Date:	30 June 2011		
Current year Approved Budget:	US\$126,201.63		
Current quarter advance:	US\$48,934.62	Current qtr exp:	US\$20,877.52
Annual expenditure to date:	US\$47,883.57	Current Year Delivery	37.94%

I. QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Work on the V&A and mitigation chapters continues. These chapters were expected last quarter, and their delay has stalled completion of the other information and constraints & gaps chapters. It is expected the work on these chapters will conclude during the next quarter.

The Public Education and Outreach (PEO) Subcommittee concluded working on the PEO strategy. In addition, the comic strip booklet, targeting middle school children, was finalised. Printing the booklet is expected to occur in the next quarter.

The external auditor finished the audit of the project from inception to the end of 2010, and provided the audit report in early June 2011. The audit was conducted along the lines outlined in the guidance document provided by the UNDP Jamaica Office.

The terms of reference for The Bahamas SNC editor were drafted.

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II. RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURE

RESOURCE & EXPENDITURE REPORT BY DONOR - 2011						
DONOR	COMMITTED (US\$) as per the cost sharing	RECEIVED (US\$)	EXPENDITURE (US\$)			Remaining Funds (US\$) Received – Total Expenditure
			Prior to Q2	Q2	TOTAL, i.e. Prior to Q2 + Q2	
GEF	405,000	382,045.44	305,804.42	20,877.52	326,681.94	55,363.50
TOTAL	405,000	382,045.44	305,804.42	20,877.52	326,681.94	55,363.50

Corrected to exclude the bank deductions on incoming wired funds

AND

Corrected to account for missed bank charges

PROJECT EXPENDITURE FOR REPORTING PERIOD					
Activity	Requested US\$	Received US\$	Date Received	Disbursed by IP	Balance US\$
Debt Reduction & Growth Support	48,934.62	48,934.62	17/05/11		76,241.02
2 – V&A				2,048.50	
4 – Programmes Containing Measures				4,334.35	
5 – Other Relevant Information				4,500.00	
6 – Constraints & Gaps				3,250.00	
9 – Project Management				744.67	
10 – Monitoring and Reporting				6,000.00	
Subtotal	48,934.62	48,934.62			
Total	48,934.62	48,934.62		20,877.52	20,877.52
Cash in hand @ end of reporting period					55,363.50
Commitments @ end of reporting period					34,630.17

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III. ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVED RESULTS

Expected Outputs & Indicators	Activities	Results of Activities	Progress Towards Achieving Outputs
OUTPUT 2 – V&A	V&A Consultant met with various local experts to collect outstanding data and information.	V&A Consultant continues to work on chapter revisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter revision continues.
OUTPUT 4 – Programmes containing measures	Modeling work on energy scenarios was finished, and various information needed to draft the chapter were collected.	Drafting of the chapter is underway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter writing is underway.
OUTPUT 5 – Other relevant information	<p>First draft of the chapter was submitted and reviewed.</p> <p>The climate change comic booklet is reviewed by government educators and NGOs.</p>	<p>Feedback was provided on first draft and revisions have begun.</p> <p>The Public Education and Outreach (PEO) Subcommittee finalised the PEO strategy.</p> <p>Text of the climate change comic booklet, targeting middle school children, is finalised by the PEO Subcommittee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second draft of this chapter is nearly complete. Text of the comic booklet is completed and plans for printing are under development.
OUTPUT 6 – Constraints & gaps	First draft of the chapter was submitted and reviewed.	Feedback was provided on first draft and revisions have begun.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second draft of the chapter is nearly complete, awaiting further input from draft V&A and Mitigation chapters.
OUTPUT 10 – Monitoring & reporting	External audit of the project from inception to 31 December 2010 took place.	Auditor submitted findings in June 2011.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The audit, for the period requested by UNDP, was finished. The audit report was forwarded to UNDP.

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IV. IMPLEMENTATION CONSTRAINTS, RISKS AND LESSONS LEARNT

Implementation Constraints	Significance	Response/Action
The project can be impacted negatively if disbursements are not made in a timely manner. If disbursements are sent promptly upon request, then the project can be successfully completed by the end of 2011.	High	
The V&A Consultant is late in finishing the revisions to the V&A chapter. Without this chapter, the project cannot finish successfully.	High	Discussions are held with the V&A Consultant. Some hurdles have been cleared, and work continues. Chapter delivery is expected July 2011. BEST is closely monitoring the progress.
As the project end date has changed to December 2011, funds for a project manager are depleted. The BEST Commission (Designated Institution) has assumed this role for the remainder of the project.	Medium	
Risks	Response/Action	
As with many Small Island Developing State (SIDS) countries, The Bahamas has issues related to capacity and resources - both of which are limited with many priorities competing for attention and commitment. Climate change will have to compete as well. The economy is dependent on touristic development with large-scale projects existing or planned in coastal areas.	Medium - High	The outputs of the project will enable the National Climate Change Committee (NCCC) to increase awareness of this important issue amongst all sectors of society, particularly decision-makers. There has been engagement with Government agencies on this issue through various workshops and meetings.
Awareness and understanding of climate change is limited across all sectors of society.	Medium	A part of the project will be to increase awareness and understanding of climate change through outputs such as V&A assessment, GHG inventory and mitigation options report. Members of the NCCC have participated in events to increase public awareness of this issue. The PEO Subcommittee finalised a PEO Strategy and continue to work on the comic booklet as an inaugural initiative to raise the level of consciousness on climate change.
As a low-lying SIDS, The Bahamas is faced with the reality that it can do its best to adapt, but climate change as a threat cannot be addressed without commitment of countries with high GHG emissions.	High	The Bahamas Government has been active and vocal on this issue at UNFCCC meetings, including COPs.
LESSONS LEARNT:		
Positive:		
Negative: The V&A consultant is behind schedule, which adds pressure to conclude by December 2011. Part of the delay is due to not getting the outputs from the climate model runs in a timely manner. An investigation revealed the data storage equipment available is insufficient for the outputs generated from the model runs. A technical needs assessment, conducted prior to the start of the project, may have identified the need to procure additional or more sophisticated equipment.		

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V. PLANNED ACTIVITIES (NEXT QUARTER – JULY – SEPTEMBER 2011)

Expected Outputs	Planned Activities	Timeframe			Responsible Party	Planned Budgets		
		M1	M2	M3		Source of Funds	Budget Description	Amount
2. Vulnerability & Adaptation	2.1.3 Develop climate baseline, synthesize data and information	X			BEST, V&A Expert	GEF	71200	426.52
	2.1.4 Range of options defined	X			BEST, V&A Expert	GEF	71200	2,000.00
	2.1.5 Adaptation response measures developed	X			BEST, V&A Expert	GEF	71200	2,000.00
	2.2.4 Modify V&A draft chapter	X	X		BEST, V&A Expert	GEF	71200	6,000.00
	2.2.5 Finalise the V&A chapter		X	X	BEST, V&A Expert	GEF	71200 71300	6,008.41
4. Mitigation	4.1.1 Range of mitigation options	X			BEST, Mitigation Expert	GEF	71200	500.00
	4.1.2 Least cost options identified	X			BEST, Mitigation Expert	GEF	71200	3,420.01
	4.1.3 GHG inventory analysed	X			Mitigation Expert	GEF	71200	3,892.50
	4.1.8 Draft and finalise the Mitigation chapter		X	X	BEST, Mitigation Expert	GEF	71400 74200	7,315.42
5. Other Information	5.1.1 Information relevant to Article 6 synthesized	X	X		BEST, NCCC, PC, Local consultants	GEF	71400	1,125.00
	5.1.2 Information on integration of climate change into socio-economic and environmental policies synthesized	X	X		BEST, NCCC, PC, Local consultants	GEF	71400	1,125.00
	5.1.3 Synthesize and provide information on research and systematic observation systems	X	X		BEST, NCCC, PC, Local consultants	GEF	71400	1,125.00
	5.1.4 Synthesize and provide information on ongoing programmes and projects relevant to climate change	X	X		BEST, NCCC, PC, Local consultants	GEF	71400	1,125.00

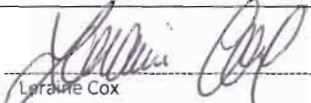

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6. Constraints & Gaps	6.1.2 New constraints and gaps for thematic areas identified	X	X		BEST, NCCC, Local consultants	GEF	71400	750.00
	6.1.3 New constraints and gaps for Article 6 identified	X	X		BEST, NCCC, Local consultants	GEF	71400	750.00
	6.1.4 Summarise constraints, gaps and needs identified	X	X		BEST, NCCC, Local consultants	GEF	71400	750.00
	6.1.5 Distribute synthesis report for feedback	X	X		BEST, NCCC, PC, Local consultants	GEF	71400	500.00
	6.1.6 Finalise draft chapter		X	X	BEST, NCCC, PC, Local consultants	GEF	71400	500.00
8. SNC Production	8.1.1 Compile draft SNC	X			BEST		-----	0.00
	8.1.2 Circulate draft for comments	X	X		BEST		-----	0.00
	8.1.3 SNC document endorsed by NCCC			X	BEST		-----	0.00
	Provide draft SNC to final editor			X	BEST		-----	0.00
9. Project Management	Project coordination continues	X	X	X	BEST		-----	0.00
	Miscellaneous costs and activities carried out in relation to project	X	X	X	BEST, NCCC, Local consultants	GEF	71400 74100 74500	6,817.31
TOTAL								46,130.17
Comments:								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The V&A consultant is behind schedule, which adds pressure to conclude by December 2011. Part of the delay is due to not getting the outputs from the climate model runs in a timely manner. An investigation revealed the data storage equipment available is insufficient for the outputs generated from the model runs. Search must begin for a final editor. Final editing is rescheduled to October 2011, due to V&A consultant delay. 								

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