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General Guidance

Welcome to the 2011 APR/PIR: This is the annual opportunity to check whether individual projects will meet their intended objective and outcomes and to adjust strategies where necessary.

Completing and submitting this APR/PIR on time are **mandatory requirements** of the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Please check with the UNDP Regional Center (RSC or RCU) for specific deadlines.

Changes to the APR/PIR since last year:

- The APR/PIR has been shortened and many data fields and sheets have been removed.
- The <u>blue</u> coloured tabs are generic tabs to be completed by <u>all</u> projects and the <u>red</u> coloured tabs are the GEF Tracking Tools to be completed by <u>some</u> projects depending on whether this is the FIRST APR/PIR, or the midterm APR/PIR or the FINAL APR/PIR.

Additional documents to post in PIMS along with this APR/PIR:

- ATLAS Risk Log
- Mid-term reviews or Terminal Evaluations completed between the period 30 June 2010 to 1 July 2011.

Tips for completing this APR/PIR:

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- Please ensure that quarterly progress monitoring towards annual targets has been done in the on-line UNDP ERBM platform. Guidance on how to do this is posted on the Teamworks site indicated above.
- You must read the GUIDANCE PRESENTATION available on Teamworks before using this 2011 APR/PIR.
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Basic Project Data

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Project Summary: Over the last decade, Bhutan has increasingly become an active player in the global environmental management arena. The country has become Party to all the three Rio Conventions – along with other international environment and sustainable development conventions and agreements. Together, the three Rio Conventions and their instruments collectively set the overall context for Bhutan's global environmental management. The Royal Government of Bhutan has steadily been trying to decentralize power away from the capital, moving parts of its administration to the 20 dzongkhags (districts) and 205 geogs (blocs of villages) with the objective to promote local socio-economic development strategies and initiatives by empowering the people to participate in and make decisions on their own plans and programmes. The Project supports central-level framework to enhance decentralized capacity for environmental managment; enable decentralized institutional framework and personnel for local environmental management and improve on the existing environmental management system to backstop national policy and decision making in response to global environmental management needs as per the provisions set out in the Rio Conventions.

PIMS Number: 3694 Atlas Award Number: 49601 Atlas Project Number (s): 60594 Scope of Project: Single Country Countries: 1 Bhutan 10 11 12 13

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		September 2008
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	Has a Mid-term Review been finalized this reporting period (30 June 2010 to 1 July 2011)?	
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Key Indicators:	2009-2010	2010-2011
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Overall rating of progress toward meeting development objective:	MS – Marginally Satisfactory	
Overall rating of project implementation:	MS – Marginally Satisfactory	
Overall risk rating:	High	
Has the project strategy been adjusted?	Yes	

General Comment (1200 words).

Please address the following points

- 1. Briefly summarize the context of the project, what problem it was designed to address (i.e. threats to the environment), the long term solution to addressing these threats, and the barriers to addressing the solution.
- 2. Summarize the general progress made so far in removing these barriers
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The project has contributed in the overall decentralization process. The Competent Authorities including the District Environment Officers and Districct Environment Committes have streamlined the procedural aspects of the environment assessment (EA) process making it more conducive to both the implementers and the regulators. The training manuals, guidelines and the environmental education and awareness materials proved to be useful in assisting them in discharging their functions more effectively and efficiently. In addition, there is also a tangible result that the project has indirectly contributed towards maintaining environmental records and data including the development of the environmental clearance system (ECS) database.

List the dates of site visits by CO staff to the project in this reporting period. (word limit=200)

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Progress Towards Meeting Development Objective (DO)

Each indicator must be updated for this reporting period in the column "Level at 30 June 2011". Numerical figures must be reported as cumulative from the project start. If there are no changes t report for a given indicator, then enter "N/A" or briefly explain the reason in that column.

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	2. Approved and funded training curriculum and related Action Plan	No training curriculum or Action Plan
	for DECs on how to implement, comply with, and monitor Bhutanese commitments to the Rio Conventions	
	Training of trainers learning materials for environmental management awareness and training workshops for DEC members developed.	No learning materials produced
	4. NECS and line Ministries conducting/leading training of trainers	No training of trainers currently taking place
Outcome 2 Enabled decentralized institutional framework and personnel enhance local environmental management, which include implementation of the Rio Conventions' provisions	I. Institutional structure for DECs established in all Districts.	DECs established, but without proper executive support
	Technical environmental management capacity established in each Dzongkhag	Four officers sent for Master's degree training under EUSPS funding in early 2006. Minimal technical capacity exists in some DEC members
	Increased capacity amongst DEC members to carry out decentralized environmental management	Initial environmental awareness training carried out by NECS with all DECs in 2005. However, environmental capacity is still rudimentary
	4. DECs funding decentralized environmental management activities	No funding currently taking place

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rating by early 2008		Commission (NEC) Secretariat

Training curriculum and Action Plan to be established by early 2008	No training curriculum or Action Plan (still to be established)	* Training plan as part of the overall HR plan developed under the new Organizational Development System; * Preparation of a synthesized guideline for the implementation of the Rio Conventions underway
Training curriculum and Action Plan to be established by early 2008	Local consultant identified to develop a training manual on environment management. Draft manual shared with DEC for their comments and feedback. The training manual will be printed and distributed to all stakeholders during the 3rd quarter 2009	* Environmental management training manual printed and distributed to all 20 districts; * Environmental education and awareness materials (calendars) produced and distributed to 20 districts
Training initiatives taking place by early 2008	One national level stakeholder consultation workshop on local environmental management conducted.	* Lead Training of Trainers programme for 35 officials conducted, including district environment officers and environmental focal persons from line ministries/agencies in Manila, Philippines. * Training of DEOs and focal persons from line ministires/agencies on environmental management and environment assessment process conducted
Executive support for all 20 DECs in place by the end of 2008.	20 DEOs provided with basic office equipment and tool kits to support their daily functioning	* Institutional support provided to 20 DEOs; * Terms of Reference for DEOs discussed and revised; * 20 DEOs provided with basic office and monitoring equipment for day-to-day functions.
Fully trained Environmental Officers to be in place by the end of 2008	20 DEOs underwent short-term training programs on EIA and Environmental Clearance procedures. The NEC started conducting an annual DEO conference.	* 20 DEOS underwent training program on environmental management and environmental assessment processes; * Proceedings of the annual DEO conference streamlined
DECs to be functioning as self-contained regulatory agencies by 2009	Basic training on environmental assessment, including internship at NEC, carried out for 10 DEOs	No significant progress compared to last year; Basic training on environmental assessment, including internship at NEC, carried out for 10 DEOs
Actual disbursement of District-level funds by end of 2008	Training for DEOs and relevant stakeholders on preparation of funding proposals is in the planning stage	No significant progress compared to last year; Training for DEOs and relevant stakeholders on preparation of funding proposals is in the planning stage

	Activities under this outcome are being planned for the second year of the project. Data collection and validation of the existing EIMS are underway	* EIMS formally launched following upgradation and validation; * National level consultation workshop for EIMS carried out involving all relevant stakeholders; * GPS handsets procured and 20 DEOs and relevant stekholder
		agency staff trained on the use of GIS and its integration with EIMS.
Quantitative reporting to be in place by mid-2007, along with functioning Environmental Information Management System	Activities under this outcome are planned in the third year of the project	* Synthesized guidelines for the implementation of the 3 Rio Conventions are under preparation.

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Level at 30 June 2011 The activities planned under the project geared towards achieving the project goal are completed except for the training of the local government officials on local environmental management. Although the formal training is yet to be conducted, the project has carried out all preparatory works such as the production of awareness and learning materials, identification & training of trainers for the core group. The project has also established formal institutional linkages with three partner institutions in providing environmental management related trainings on a longterm basis.

* DEC focal point fully operational with additional achivement in the form of maintaining records and reporting to the NEC Secretariat on

a quarterly basis

* Identified and established formal and longterm linkages with three partner institutions to impart environment related trainings * development of synthesized guidelines for the implementation of Rio Conventions and learning materials for environmental management tools and techniques completed * Production of environmental education and awareness materials on the three thematic area of biodiversity, climate change & land degradation completed. * production of brochure on emerging environmental issues completed * coordination works with the Policy and Planning Services of the NECS completed - mainly to coordinate and conduct all the relevant trainings for the DEOs and local government officals in a coordinated and conserted manner in order to save time and resources * functional issues with the existing DEO and DEC setup was put up to 32 NEC Commission meeting and directives issued by the Commission to work on a longterm plan with the aim to decentralize the EA process - proposal on establishment of Regional Environment Offices was agreed in principle *Training program on environmental management (sector spefific)including the DEOs , DECs and locaal government leaders and environment officers from the line ministries/agencies planned in Qtr * established formal institutional linkages with three partner institutes for conducting trainings on environmental management on a longterm basis * identified core group of trainers for conducting training program for local government officials Training on the development of funding proposals on environmental related projects at community level planned with UNDP-SGP for the last two gtr of the year

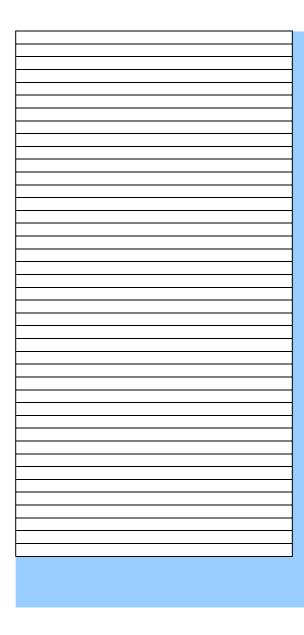
Data on Environmental Clearnce System (ECS) updated - the web based ECS is fully functional and the data/statistics from the ECS will be fed into the existing EIMS data. Basic training on use of GPS handsets and GIS conducted for all the 10 DEOs and staff from NECS
synthesized guidelines on Rio Conventions published coordination and harminization within the Rio focal persons to be onducted on a bi-annual basis and any reporting to these conventions to be endorsed by the NEC Commission as mandated in the National Environment Protection Act 2007

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Meeting Development Objective (DO)

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The project has been successful in implementing most of the critical activities that contribute towards fulfilling the targeted outcomes such as the development and formulation of training manuals, environmental management guidelines and education and awareness materials in addition to the training and identification of the resources persons from line agencies to help NECS in environmental related trainings programs in a sustainable way.
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The project has been rated marginally satisfactory. Most project activities are on tract except for the training on environment management covering 20 districts involving local leaders, District environment officers and committees, district administration officer and sector staff etc was delayed due to the local government elections held in May 2011. The project idue for closing in June however the project team has proposed a project board meeting in August to present the project progress and also request for project extension by 2-3 qtrs. It was felt that due to several upcoming events namely the Round
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Implementation Progress (IP)

List maximum 4 key outputs delivered this reporting period only. Please complete the cells with white background colour only.

Project Outcomes Outcome 1	Key Outputs this reporting period
	DEC focal points have started to report their progress quarterly to NEC Commission through the Secretariat
	Identified and established longterm linkages with two partner institutions for training on environmental related subjects - target gro
	includes DEOs, environmental officers from line ministries/agencies and proponents
	Developed and published the learning materials on environmental management tools and techniques and the implementation guid for the Rio Conventions
Outcome 2	
	Functional issues with exisitng DEC/DEO setup resolved through the directives of the NEC Commission - NECS to plan and work toward establishment of regional environment offices
	Decentralization of EA process initiated - NECS to target and decentralize more activities to the DECs and the Competent Authorities
	within the line ministires/agencies
Outcome 3	
Outcome 3	Data validation of the existing EIMS synced with the establishment of the environmental clearance system (ECS). Data on the ECS up
	on daily basis
	Basic training on the use of GPS handsets and GIS conducted for all the 20 DEOs
	Rio Convention focal points meet bi-annualy and any reporting to these conventions are endorsed by the NEC Commission before
	submission to the respective Conventions
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Rating Definitions

Highly Satisfactory (HS)



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Comments

Major activities for the project completed except the training of local government officials which was delayed due to the late LG election process and completion of the awareness brochure on CC,BD and LD. In terms of achivements, the project was able to deliver the planned outputs such as the production of environmental education and awareness materials, reference guide for Rio Conventions, environmental management tools and techniques, upgradation & syncronization of the existing EIMS with the environmental clearance system and training of the trainers on local environmental management.

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Adjustments to Key Project Milestones and Project Strategy

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Key Project Milestones

Have significant delays occurred in the project start, inception workshop, Mid-term	Review, Terminal Evaluation or project duration? If the changes have not been reported in pre-
table below.	

	Scope of Delay (in months):	Briefly Describe Change or Reason for Change
Project Start (i.e. project document signature date)		
Inception Workshop		
Mid-term Review		N/A



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Source that approved this change where relevant (e.g. Mid-term Review, field visit, project board meeting, etc.):

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Financial information: cumulative from project start to June 30 2011

	decimals or fractions. All figures should be in US\$. For example, 50,000 would be entered as 50000 not as 0.05.
DISBURSEMENT OF GEF GRANT FUNDS How much of the total GEF grant as noted in Project Document Estimated cumulative total disbursement as of 30 June 2011. (i.e.CDR information up to 20 June 2011). Add any comments on GEF Grant Funds. (word limit=200)	plus any project preparation grant has been spent so far? 325,629
ACTUAL CO-FINANCING How much of the total co-financing as committed in the Project If the MTR or TE have not been undertaken this reporting period,	
Estimated cumulative actual co-financing as verified during Midterm Review (MTR) or Terminal Evaluation (TE).	
	Co-financing from the government in the form of office space, monthly salary, utilities such as electricity charges, telecommunications etc.
ADDITIONAL LEVERAGED RESOURCES Have additional resources that were not included in the project	documents as co-financing been realized since project document signature? If so, how much?
Estimated cumulative leveraged resources as of 30 June 2011.	
Add any comments on Leveraged Resources. (word limit=200)	
Other Fire and Hardware Av	
Other Financial Instruments Does the project provide funds to other Financial Instruments?	
If yes, please discuss developments that occurred this reporting period only. (word limit=200)	

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Communications and KM

Please complete the 3 sections of this tab.

Tell the Story of Your Project and What has been Achieved this Reporting Period

This text will be used for external communications in the UNDP Success Story summary and may be posted on the UNDP public website. (word limit=200)

Over the last decade, Bhutan has increasingly become an active player in the global environmental management arena. The country has become Party to all the three Rio Conventions – along with other international environment and sustainable development conventions and agreements. Together, the three Rio Conventions and their instruments collectively set the overall context for Bhutan's global environmental management. The Royal Government of Bhutan has steadily been trying to decentralize power away from the capital, moving parts of its administration to the 20 dzongkhags (districts) and 205 geogs (blocs of villages) with the objective to promote local socio-economic development strategies and initiatives by empowering the people to participate in and make decisions on their own plans and programmes. The Project supports central-level framework to enhance decentralized capacity for environmental management; enable decentralized institutional

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Partnerships

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Civil Society Organisations/NGOs	The project has effectively engaged two national NGOs, namely the Royal Society for Protection of Nature and Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation. These NGOs are working in the field of environmental conservation, and they have been actively engaged in the core team as well as in the design of the training module.
Indigenous Peoples	
Private Sector	
GEF Small Grants Programme	
	The GEF Small Grants programme and UNDP participated in a forum organized by RSPN an Environment NGO that extended support to Local Support Groups led by District Environment Officers from six districts. Information was shared about the GEF Small Grants and the mandate to support local community actions that address global environmental concerns such as biodiversity loss, adverse climate change, pollution of international waters and land degradation or desertification. Brochures and website information was also shared with the participants. Similar forum targetting a larger audience particularly District Environment officers and committees will be planned in Qtr 3 of the project

Other Partners	

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Gender

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Has a gender or social needs assessment been carried out? Note: If yes, please ensure that this assessment is posted in PIMS.

No

Does this project specifically target women or girls as key stakeholders?

No

Please discuss any of the points above further or provide any other information on the project's work on gender equality. Some points to consider: impact of project on daily workload of women, # of jobs created for women, impact of project on time spent by women in household activities, impact of project on primary school enrolment for girls/boys, increase in women's income, etc. Be as specific as possible and provide real numbers (e.g. 100 women farmers participating in sustainable livelihoods programme).



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The project has not created any job however in the area of capacity building and traning opportunities planned at the local level both men and women will be strongly encouraged. There has been active engagement particularly from the women District Environment officers during traning programmes and workshops