

Brief Description

Cabo Verde has set ambitious targets for the expansion of its tourism industry. The achievement of these targets relies on long term competitiveness, which for a significant proportion of the tourism on offer depends on good environmental quality standards and the effective conservation of the country's landscape and biodiversity assets. This project will support 'mainstreaming' biodiversity considerations into the tourism sector, while strengthening the conservation of Cabo Verde's important biodiversity by operationalising a critical new subset of Protected Areas (PAs). These are located in four priority islands – Santiago, Sal, Boa Vista and Maio – where immediate pressure is greatest and urgent action is required that can be replicated more widely in the future. Under Component 1 the project will develop and put into place coherent and effective enabling frameworks (i.e. legal, policy, regulatory and institutional) for enhanced multi-sectoral strategic land-use planning at the landscape level, focusing on the tourism and associated real estate/construction sectors. The project will support the development of new national standards on sustainable tourism and the uptake of international certification systems that are aligned with Global Sustainable Tourism Criteria while promoting destination-based sustainable tourism standards and their operationalisation. It will also help define economic/fiscal and other incentives and penalties to advance the adherence of private sector and local community businesses to best-practice standards and related certification systems. Under Component 2, the project will spearhead the operationalization of 8 PAs based on the development of management and ecotourism plans and associated regulations. The identification of new potential MPA sites for inclusion in the national PA system will also be supported, as well as the definition and piloting of co-management and conflict resolution mechanisms. Cost-effective PA revenue generation mechanisms will be developed and tested in conjunction with tourism sector stakeholders. An environmental monitoring program to track the impacts of tourism and fisheries in PAs will be installed and Information Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns implemented to promote the role of PAs and sustainable tourism in Cabo Verde.

Programme Period:	CPD 2012-2016
Atlas Award ID:	00090563
Project ID:	00096274
PIMS:	4256
Start date:	2015
End Date:	2020
Management Arrangements:	NIM
PAC Meeting Date:	TBD 2016

Total budget:	USD 13,711,831
• Regular UNDP	US\$ 450,000
• GEF	US\$ 3,664,640
Other:	
• MAHOT (GovCV)	US\$ 5,266,431
• DGMR (GovCV)	US\$ 4,275,760
• AECID	US\$ 55,000

Agree by Government:

Ney Cardoso/National Director of Political Affairs and Cooperation

Date: 24/02/16

Signature: _____

Agree by Implementing Partner:

Moisés Borges/Directorate General of Environment

Date: 23/03/16

Signature: _____

Agree by UNDP:

Ulrika Richardson/Resident Representative

Date: 28/03/2016

Signature: _____

